

## **Borough of Cheltenham**

**At an Annual Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Town Hall in the said Borough on Monday, 9th November, 1936, at 11.30 a.m. Present :**

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward) in the chair.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Sawyer; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., and Dr. Curling Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S.

1—Election of Councillors—The Town Clerk reported the Election on the 2nd instant of the following as Councillors:-

Mr. George Britt Compton for St. Peter's Ward.

Mr. Kenneth John Fisher for St. Paul's Ward.

Mr. Henry Olwyn Barnett for Pittville Ward.

Mr. Charles Morris for All Saints' Ward.

Mr. Ernest William Moore for College Ward.

Mr. Ben Leigh James for Park Ward.

Mr. Percy Tyler Smith for Lansdown Ward.

Mr. Arthur James Bettridge 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.

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

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

Alderman Margrett St. Peter's Ward.

“ Pates St. Paul's Ward.

“ Pruen Pittville Ward.

“ Taylor All Saints' Ward.

“ Clara Frances Winterbotham... College Ward.

“ Sawyer Park Ward.

“ Moore Lansdown Ward.

“ Capt. Trye St. Mark's Ward.

5—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 30th 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.

6—Appointment and Duties of Committees—**Public Health Committee**—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year :—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

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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, Infections 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, the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, and the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board Act, 1936 (Sanitary and Drainage Provisions).

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 59, the sections relating to nuisances and unsound meat, also sections 62, 70, 120, 121, 123, 124, 126, 127, 128 and 129, and Sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17 and 51 of the Housing Act, 1936.

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 Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Fisher, Garland, 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.

**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, Garland, Grimwade, Howell, and Leigh James, ; Mrs. E. Booy, Mrs. Lewis Grist, Mrs. E. C. Gurney, Mrs. W. L. Mellersh, Miss Ratcliffe and Mrs. Leonard Wood.

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**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 and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Avery, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Davis, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, 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, The Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board Act, 1936, 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.

**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.

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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 Town Hall and Winter Carden, the Alstone and Spa Baths (including the Medical Baths thereat), and St. Peter's Recreation Ground, 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 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 Bendall, Davis, Howell, Leigh James, Ben .Tames, 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 and Pates ; Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward, Miller, E. W. Moore 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, and Part VIII of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board Act, 1936.

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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 Local Government Act, 1933, and to consider and report upon all matters arising in connection with the Petroleum Acts, and the Police : To control and manage the letting of the Athletic Ground (except during months of May to August) : 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 :—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Davis, Fisher, Garland, 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 and Montpellier Gardens), the Athletic Ground during months of May to August, 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 :—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Davis, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith Messrs. F. W. Clarkson, E. H. Carter and E. M. Yeend (representing

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the interests of occupiers of allotments) and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Allotments owned or rented by the Corporation under the Allotments Acts.

**Rating Committee**--- Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Rating Committee for the ensuing year :—The 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 Acts, 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 Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Convey- Ireland, Garland, 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. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris, W. N. Weech, C. E. Walsh, B.A., and F. Vernal, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Public Library and all matters relating thereto, subject to the proceedings of the Committee being submitted from time to time for confirmation by the Council.

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**Art Gallery and Museum Committee**- Resolved, That the following do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Margrett and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Avery, Bendall, Garland, Howell, Leigh James 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, 1937, 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 Ross M. Logan.

7—**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 Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Compton, Garland, Grimwade, Howell, Leigh James, E. W. Moore and Morris.

8—**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, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Miller, Moore and Rogers.

9—**Delancey Hospital**—Resolved, That Alderman Margrett ; Councillors Davis and Grimwade ; Dr. R. Davie, and Mr. T. A. D. Clarke be appointed members of the Delancey Hospital Trustees for a term of three Years expiring on the 9th November, 1939. Resolved, also, That Councillor Howell be appointed a member of the Trustee, for a term of three years expiring on the 9th November, 1939.

D. L. LIPSON, Chairman

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 7th December, 1936.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th November, 1936.** Present—Aldermen Moore and Pruen; Councillors Barnett, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, 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 for the ensuing year, and that a meeting of this Sub-Committee be called for Wednesday the 25th inst. at 3 p.m.

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

4—Sewer Foreman—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. F. Hopkins, sewer foreman, whose service had been extended until 26th May, 1937, wished to retire at the end of the present year owing to ill-health. RESOLVED, That on his retirement he be paid a retaining fee of 5s a week for giving information as to the position of sewers etc., the retainer to be terminable at any time by one week's notice.

5—Flooding—Moorend Park Road District—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had asked the G.W.R. Co. for permission to sink trial holes in the slopes of the Railway cutting below Moorend Crescent in order to determine the position and condition of the existing sewer. The Railway Company had granted permission subject to the usual Indemnity Form being given. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Indemnity.

6—Culvert, Ashford Road to Upper Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that upon investigation he had found that some properties were still connected with this culvert, which the Council had decided in July last to have bricked off, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to lay a new drain to pick up these connections and brick up the disused portion of the culvert.

7—Insanitary Property at (a) 55 and 56 Tewkesbury Road ; 27 Albert Place ; and 3 St. Paul's Terrace—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—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Mr. C. J. Pearce on behalf of the Owner of these premises asking the Committee to accept payment of the sum of £49 18s. 0d. in respect of the works carried out at these premises by monthly instalments of £1. 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 £1 within a period not exceeding five years with interest at the rate of £4 per cent. per annum until the whole amount is paid.

(c) 1 and 2 Elmdale Cottages—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 14th September last the works specified to be done at these premises had now been carried out to his satisfaction by Mr. F. Booy at a cost of £7. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Owner for payment.

(d) 40 Owen Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had failed to comply with the Notice served on him on the 20th April last under Sub-Section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, requiring him to execute the works necessary to render the house fit for human habitation, Mr. Midwinter appeared on behalf of the Owner and stated that the Owner was unable to comply with the Notice as he could not obtain possession owing to the provisions of the Rent Acts. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken until the owner is in a position to obtain possession of the house

8—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 qrs. 26 lbs. Beef ; 5 cwt. 9 lbs. Pork 10 lbs. Mutton ; 21 ½ lbs. Poultry ; 1 qr. 20 lbs. Rabbits.

9—Milk and Dairies Order—RESOLVED, That Mr. H. N. G. Attwood be registered as a Retail Purveyor of milk at 3 St. George's Street.

10—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-366 and 367 High Street—RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

11—Shops Acts, 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.
170a High Street	Mrs. A. Green,
317 “	A. V. C. Paynter.
330a “	A. T. Payton.
338 “	A. Bassett.

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 granted accordingly in respect of the said shops.

12—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 51, 60, and 61 Brunswick Street South—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these premises had failed to carry out their covenant with the Corporation to demolish them. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Owners requiring this to be done.

(b) 30 and 31 Tivoli Street ; 10 Tivoli Terrace ; 2 Queen Street ; Fir Tree Cottage, Shurdington Road—The Chief 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.

(c) Halsey House, Pittville (basement) ; 10 Regent Street (basement) ; 5 and 6 Waterloo Street ; 4 Queen Street 11 Sherborne Street ; 18 Jersey Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the Owners to carry out the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit, be accepted.

(d) 22 King Street—It was reported that Mr. Savage had recently purchased these premises in respect of which a Demolition Order had been made and was prepared to undertake to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Demolition Order be rescinded and Mr. Savage's Undertaking accepted.



(e) 44 Duke Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertaking given by the Owner to carry out the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation be accepted.

(f) 13 Imperial Square ; 7 Ormond Terrace; 5 Bayshill Terrace—The Committee further considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the basement rooms of these premises. The Owners had consented to the making of such Orders. 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, 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.

(g) 170 St. Paul's Road ; 6 and 20 Hereford Place ; 124 Tewkesbury Road ; Caravan opposite "The Moors," Tewkesbury Road ; Hill View Cottage—The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above mentioned premises 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 works or the future user of the houses will be considered at a meeting of this Committee to be held on the 11th January, 1937.

(h) 6 Brandon Place ; 32 and 33 Worcester Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses be adjourned for one month in the case of 6 Brandon Place and for two months in the case of 32 and 33 Worcester Street.

(i) 1 Granville Street—The Rota Sub-Committee reported that they had been unable to obtain admission for an inspection of the interior of these premises. RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order be adjourned until the Sub-Committee have completed their inspection.

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(j) 44 New Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he was not satisfied with the way in which the Owner was carrying out the works required at these premises. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Owner pointing out that she has undertaken to carry out the works to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector and that the premises must not be relet until they have been inspected by the Inspector.

(k) Park Gate, St. Stephen's Road--The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the basement rooms of these premises. RESOLVED, That no action be now taken.

(l) 19 Bath Parade, basement—The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the basement rooms of these premises. RESOLVED, That ; the Council are satisfied that the above mentioned part of the said building is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and is unfit for human habitation, and is not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and that notice be served upon the person having control of the house, Owner thereof, and 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 11 th January, 1937.

13--Undertakings Not Carried Out-9 and 9a Hewlett Place ; 68 Brunswick Street ; 43 and 45 St. James' Street ; 34 Fairview Road ; 12 Townsend Street ; 16 to 19 Waterloo Street ; and 46 Brunswick Street South—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in breach of Undertakings in respect of these premises be adjourned for one month in the case of 12 Townsend Street and for two months in all other cases

14—Housing Act, 1935—(a) 24 and 25 Queen Street ; 17, 18 and 26 Brunswick Street South ; and 2 Queen Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these houses had carried out to his satisfaction works which in his opinion would with reasonable care and maintenance render them fit for human habitation for a period of at least 10 years. RESOLVED, That Certificates be issued to the Owners under Section 55 of the Housing Act, 1935 that the houses are fit for human habitation and will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of ten years.

(b) 23 and 24 King Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of these houses had in accordance with the provisions of Section 55 (1) of the Housing Act 1935 submitted a list of proposed works with a request in writing that the Council shall inform him whether in their opinion the houses would after the execution of those works or of those works together with any additional works be in all respects fit for human habitation and would with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of at least five years. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to submit to the Owner a list of the additional works which he considers should be carried out before a Certificate could be given

15—Health Week --The Medical Officer of Health reported that Health Week for next year had been fixed from the 13th to 18th September, 1937.

16—District Nursing Association—Read, application from the Chairman of the Cheltenham District Nursing Association for a subscription to the funds of the Association under the provisions of Section 64 (1) of the Public Health Act 1925 RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to

17—Offensive Trade--Fish Fryer—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. Barrell for renewal of permission to carry on the business of a Fish Fryer at 134 Fairview Road be granted for another year.

18—Common Lodging Houses—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 of Mrs. A. A. Evans in respect of Cumberland Cottage, Rowton House and The Shamrock, Grove Street and The Nelson, High Street for renewal of their registration as Common Lodging House Keepers be granted subject, in the case of 4 Grove Street and Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street, to termination on the Clearance Orders made in respect of the same being confirmed by the Ministry of Health and becoming operative

19—Cottage at Hayden Green—The Town Clerk reported that an Order had now been made by the Cheltenham Rural District Council for the demolition of this cottage occupied by Charles Mason.

20—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 16th ult. from the Ministry of Health as to the contents and arrangement of the annual reports of Medical Officers of Health for 1936 RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

21—Health Department—(a) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 17th ult. from the Ministry of Health approving of the increases of the salaries of Messrs. C. W. Clifford, F. Keene and J. F. Ursell resolved upon at the Special Meeting of the Committee on 30th September last.

(b) The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted particulars of three applications for the appointment of District Sanitary Inspector which he had selected out of those received as having the necessary qualifications RESOLVED, That the Flooding Sub-Committee be asked to interview the applicants and to recommend an applicant to the Council.

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22—National Rat Week—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 26th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries asking for a Report on the operations in the Cheltenham area RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to make a Report.

23—Extension of Sewage Works—The Town Clerk reported that the Gas Company had now approved the Draft Agreement for contributing towards the cost of the additional filter beds. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement,

24--Montpellier Conveniences--RESOLVED, That for a period of six months no charge be made for admission to one of the conveniences provided for women at Montpellier on the side open to the public, and that when a charge is made for admission to the Montpellier Gardens no charge be made for admission to one of the conveniences provided for women on the side open to the Gardens.

25—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936—The Town Clerk submitted a circular letter of 5th inst. from the Ministry of Health enclosing a revised edition of the Ministry's Memorandum No. 139 with regard to bacteriological tests for graded milk. RESOLVED, That the circular letter and memorandum be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

26—Sewers, Christ Church Terrace and Windsor Street----Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Ministry of Health suggesting that the cost of laying these sewers be defrayed out of current revenue, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to press for a loan to be sanctioned.

27—County of Gloucester Isolation Hospital Scheme—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask for a Local Inquiry to be held before approving of the Scheme made by the County Council.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th November, 1936.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Bettridge, Lt.-Col, Biggs, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Moore and Morris.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Alderman Pates be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year 2—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—(a) RESOLVED, That the following be appointed the **Selection**

**of Tenants and View Sub-Committee** for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Pates and Taylor ; Councillors Bettridge, Compton, Courcy-Ireland, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Moore and Morris.

(b) Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 10th inst. They recommended, inter alia, that the Sub-Committee be authorised to appoint a man and wife (tenants on the Moors Estate) as Caretaker for the Estate, the woman to render assistance to the old people occupying flats when they are ill.

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

3—**Repairs Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Councillors Fisher, Moore and Morris be appointed the Repairs Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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

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5—**New Houses**—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that tenders had been invited for the first contract of 162 houses to be erected at Whaddon Farm Estate. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Lt.-Col. Higgs, Fisher, Grimwade, Moore and Morris be appointed a Sub-Committee to open the tenders and to recommend a tender for acceptance at a special Meeting of the Committee to be held on the 30th inst.

(b) **Steel Skirtings**—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the decision of the Committee not to use steel skirtings for the new houses. Read, letter from Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co. Ltd. stating that tau steel skirtings are normally fixed by joiners Read also, letter from Mr. H. Addis asking the Committee to adhere to their previous decision not to use steel skirtings and urging the Committee to continue to use tiles. The Sanitary Inspector reported that in his opinion steel skirtings would not be so satisfactory as tiles in preventing the risk of vermin infestation. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to use steel skirtings.

(c) **Lay-out**—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative schemes for amended lay-out on the north-west corner of the estate to provide for the Recreation Ground being situate on back land as suggested by the Ministry of Health. Scheme 1 provided for a circular Recreation Ground and Scheme 2 for a rectangular Recreation Ground. Both Schemes would necessitate taking a portion of the allotments for the Recreation Ground. The two Schemes would enable 350 and 346 houses respectively to be provided without taking any of the allotments. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Grimwade, Moore and Morris be appointed to consider the alternative lay-outs and report to the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the Education Secretary be asked to communicate with the Board of Education to ascertain whether an area less than 2 acres for a school site would not suffice in view of the site adjoining the proposed Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, also, That as all the houses required for Slum Clearance and Over-crowding purposes can be provided on the Whaddon Farm Estate, purchase of the land at Elmfield, Swindon Road and the remainder of the Moors Estate be not entertained.

(d) **Whaddon Farm Estate**—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives that they had received information that electricians were working Saturday afternoons and

Sundays on the new houses. Read, also, letter of 12th inst. from Mr. C. Sansom that no electrical work had been executed on Saturday afternoons but on two Sunday afternoons during the preceding six weeks his electrician had carried out repairs to two defects to enable the tenants to have light and for which no payment was made. RESOLVED, That the Federation be informed accordingly.

6—Planning—The Borough Surveyor submitted a report on the Ministry of Health's model plans of interchangeable type houses. RESOLVED, That consideration of the Borough Surveyor's report be referred to the above Sub-Committee.

7—Housing Manager's Report—The Monthly Report of the Housing Manager was submitted.

8—Tramway Cottages—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of No. 1 Tramway Cottages, Leckhampton Hill, for permission to use the adjoining Cottage which was now vacant for laundry purposes be granted at a rent of 2s per week subject to no more washing being hung out to dry in front of the premises.

9—Shop Site, Whaddon Farm Estate—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. H. Cantrill to purchase a shop site at the junction of Whaddon Road and Thames Road be granted and that the site be sold to him at the valuation of the District Valuer subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

10—Electricity Supply for St. Peter's and St. Paul's Estates—Read, letter of 9th inst. from Mr. W. P. Honeysett on behalf of the Registered Electrical Contractors suggesting that the tenders for the installation of electricity on these estates should be divided amongst all the local Registered Contractors as, owing to the shortage of skilled labour, there was no contractor in the Town who could carry out the contract within a reasonable length of time RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to invite tenders by advertisement for carrying out the whole of the contract and alternatively in sections.

11—Priors Road—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Deed for varying the Covenant in the Conveyance to Priors Estate Ltd. so as to permit of a building line of 15 ft. for the shops in the side road instead of 20 ft. as approved by the Council.

12—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—Read, application from Mr. R. J. Cleveley of 313 Old Bath Road asking for permission to place barbed wire on the fence at the rear of his garden dividing this from the gardens of the houses in Pilley Crescent to prevent children trespassing on and damaging his property. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the barbed wire being placed on Mr. Cleveley's side of the fence.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th November, 1930.** Present—Aldermen Pates and Taylor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Compton Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

13—New Houses—The Sub-Committee appointed to open tenders reported that they met on the 25th inst. and opened 7 tenders received for the erection of 162 houses on the Whaddon Farm Estate comprising the

following types :-48 three-bedroomed houses, 76 four-bedroomed houses, 32 five-bedroomed houses and 6 six bedroomed houses. They recommended that the tender of Mr. C. Sansom (being the lowest) amounting to 169,726 be accepted subject to contract and bond being entered into and sanction to a loan being obtained. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £69,726 for the cost of the houses and also for a loan of £13,220 for the cost of constructing roads and sewers in accordance with the estimate submitted by the Borough Surveyor. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the houses under the Housing Act, 1930, and Housing Act, 1935 ; to the allocation of the houses by the Council to either of these Acts as and when the houses are completed, and in the case of the houses allocated to the 1930 Act for approval of the same for the purpose of subsidy under that Act, also 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 allocated to that Act, and that the four-bedroomed houses will only be let to families of seven persons or more.

14—Planning of Houses—The Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the model plans submitted by the Ministry of Health for interchangeable type houses together with the Borough Surveyor's Report thereon. They reported that they did not consider the erection of these houses would be economical and that as only 8 five-bedroomed houses and 4 six-bedroomed houses would be required in addition to those already included in Mr. Sansom's tender they did not consider it worthwhile amending the plans for this small number of houses. RESOLVED, That the report of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

15—Lay-out—The Committee further considered the alternative lay-outs submitted by the Borough Surveyor together with the amended positions of the school site as suggested by the Sub-Committee. RESOLVED That consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Committee so as to ascertain whether the Board of Education will approve of the site proposed to be reserved for Junior School.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd November, 1936.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates, Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Morris and Rogers.

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

2—**Traffic Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Avery, Lt.-Col. 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 Biggs, Davis and Morris be appointed the Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee for the ensuing year

4—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.

5—Trunk Road Estimates—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted copy letter of 22nd ult. from the Divisional Road Engineer to the County Surveyor that the Ministry of Transport intended to bear the whole cost of works executed for improvement of Trunk Roads after the day appointed under the new Trunk Roads Bill and would make the appropriate grant percentage for works executed before that date, but that liability for loan charges would not, it was anticipated, be transferred.

(b) Read, letter of 19th ult. from the Divisional Road Engineer asking for special provision to be made in the Trunk Road Estimates for the ensuing year for Direction and Warning Signs, white lines and super-elevation of kerbs and bends. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had accordingly asked that his provisional estimate of £145 previously submitted should be increased to £245. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Casting Contract—Read, letter of 29th ult. from Messrs. Long Humphreys & Co. Ltd. applying for an increase of 10 per cent on their contract price owing to increased cost of materials and labour. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

7—High Street—Rebuilding of Co-operative Premises—Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Divisional Road Engineer stating that before making a grant towards the improvement the Minister of Transport must be satisfied that the plans have been formally approved by the County Council and that subject thereto the Scheme will be considered on its merits when application is made. RESOLVED, That the plans be submitted to the County Council for approval and application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant.

8—Stone Arch at rear of Montpellier Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the stone arch at the rear of Montpellier Street needed repair. He estimated the cost at £25 to £30. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary repairs carried out.

9—Health Week—RESOLVED, That this Committee co-operate with the Water Committee in providing a stand at the Exhibition during Health Week to be held next September.

10—Priors Road—RESOLVED, That consideration of the arrangements for Parking near the Cemetery be adjourned for view,

11—Proposed Road near Emmanuel Church Site—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Bishop of Gloucester asking the Corporation to make the proposed 40 foot road adjoining the site of this Church so that it may be finished before the Church is completed. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

12—Hatherley Court Estate—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Ministry of Health asking for the observations of the Council on a letter from Messrs. Rogers & Davies Ltd, objecting to being required to lay Asphalt instead of Tar Macadam. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of 2 ½ inch coating of Asphalt as laid by his department at 4s 2d. per square yard as against 4s per square yard for 3 inches of Tar Macadam or 4s 8d. for 4 inches.

13—Hatherley Court Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the damage to this road caused by the heavy traffic in connection with the laying out of the Hatherley Court Recreation Ground made good, but without prejudice to the liability of the adjoining owners to repair the road until it has been taken over by the Corporation.

14—Mechanical Road Sweeper and Mechanical Gulley Emptier—The Borough Surveyor reported that 13 tenders for the supply of a mechanical Road Sweeper and mechanical Gulley Emptier had been received. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee.

15—Junction of High Street, Hewlett Street and College Road--The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative layout plans, one for providing for traffic lights and the other a roundabout at this junction. It was understood that two of the Owners were willing to give up the land required for making a roundabout. RESOLVED, That both Schemes be submitted to the Ministry of Transport for their views on which Scheme should be adopted.

16—Prestbury Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Roundabout near Pittville Circus laid out in accordance with the plan now approved by the Committee, and the cost charged to the annual main road expenditure.

17—Tewkesbury Road Bridge—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received from the L.M.S. Railway Co. draft plan of the proposed widened bridge and had suggested some small amendments, which were receiving the Company's attention.

18—Borough Surveyor—Articled Pupil—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an application from Mr N. Corry for his son to be articled to him. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to accept.

19—Road Sweeper—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. Tovey, Road Sweeper, died on the 22nd inst. aged 52.

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20—View Committee—Read, report of the View Committee of their Meeting held on the 18th inst. Present—Alderman Capt. Trye (in the chair) ; Councillors Avery, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Morris.

They recommended as follows :--

(1) Promenade—That no action be taken with regard to C. C. Gilbert's application for lopping of trees outside No. 103 apart from seasonal trimming.

(2) Promenade—That Mrs. S. Buck's application for removal of tree outside No. 121 be not acceded to.

(3) Land opposite Unitarian Church—That no action be taken with regard to Mr. W. Taylor's suggestion to erect a Drinking Fountain to memory of King George V.

(4) Fauconberg Road—That with regard to the application of the Ladies' College for removal of trees opposite Principal's new house, the Treeman be instructed to mark trees he considers it desirable to remove for inspection by Committee

(5) Parabola Road—That the tree opposite " Marymead " be removed to provide site for electric lamp standard.

(6) Trees and Public Lighting---The Borough Electrical Engineer having submitted plans showing height of typical lamp standards That the practice of lopping trees near lamp standards to a minimum height of about 18 feet be generally adopted except where special circumstances arise.



- (7) Overton Road—That with regard to Mr H. J. Lewis's application for removal of some large forest trees from corner of Overton Park Road to Christchurch Road, the Treeman be instructed to mark trees he considers desirable to remove, for inspection by Committee.
- (8) Queen's Road—That Miss Perry's application for replacement of tree outside No. 4 Eton Villas by a smaller one be not acceded to, but that the tree be thinned out.
- (9) Suffolk Square—That with regard to Mrs. A. Stone's complaint re footpath on East side provision be made in next year's Estimates for re-kerbing and re-paving footpaths on East and South sides, slabbing to be 5 feet wide with tarred macadam margins.
- (10) Ashford Road—That Miss Powell's application for "Slow " sign or white line to be painted near Park Place be not acceded to.
- (11) Andover Road—That Resolution to fix a barrier near passage from Lypiatt Road be rescinded,
- (12) Moorend Grove—That with regard to Councillor Garland's letter about footpath repairs as this is in the Leckhampton Added Area the footpath on the North side be kerbed, channelled and surfaced with tarred gravel between Moorend Park Road and first lamp standard, and provision made in next year's Estimates if current allowance is insufficient.
- (13) Lane at rear of Upper Norwood Street—That with regard to Mr. J. Bridges' complaint no considerable expenditure would be justified, but that depressions be made good with old scarified material.
- (14) Foot of Leckhampton Hill—That with regard to Councillor Rogers' suggestion, the Cheltenham District Traction Co. be asked to erect Shelter on portion of highway behind footpath on East side.
- (15) College Road—That Mr. C. T. Painter's application for removal of tree opposite "Darjeeling " be not acceded to, but that the tree be thinned out.
- (16) Beechurst Avenue, Eldon Avenue and Eldon Road—That further consideration of Messrs. Cross' application for taking over be adjourned pending Borough Engineer's Report as to works having been satisfactorily carried out
- (17) Hewlett Road—That with regard to the Treeman's suggestion to remove some trees at Priors Road end in order to allow the remainder to develop, he be instructed to mark trees for removal (with exception of length of trees East of Whaddon Avenue where three trees will require to be removed when new Estate Road is constructed) and that the tree next but one below this proposed junction be also removed.
- (18) Pittville Lawn—That Mr. E. B. Bateson's application for removal of Silver Birch tree near " Ravenhurst" be granted.
- (19) All Saints' Road—That trees marked by Treeman near All Saints' Church be removed.
- (20) Hewlett Street—That with regard to Mr. R. E. Doole's letter re camber of road causing damage to blind, it be pointed out to Mr. Doole that his blind requires adjustment.
- (21) Selkirk Street—That R. Neville Rolfe's application for removal of tree at rear of "Northlands" be not acceded to

(22) Wellington Square—That Mr. J. B. C. Kershaw's application for removal of sycamore tree near Glenmore Lodge be not acceded to.

(23) High Street—That Mr E. Constable Curtis' application for removal of bus stop to a point outside Marks & Spencer be not acceded to as this would cause obstruction to traffic from Regent Street.

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(24) Bloomsbury Street—That with regard to complaints from Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland and G. B. Compton, no further repairs be carried out as all that is necessary has since been done.

(25) Junction of Swindon Road and Kink Street—That with regard to Mr. R. P. Lamb's suggestion to widen the street, the Borough Engineer be instructed to submit a plan showing what improvement (if any) could be carried out

(26) Lansdown Road—That Councillor Bettridge's application for seat to be placed on footpath opposite Holmesdale Lawn be acceded to.

(27) Queen's Road—That with regard to Councillor Grimwade's application for a seat opposite No. 3, the Borough Engineer be instructed to ascertain from the tenants of Nos. 3 and 5 respectively if they would allow a seat to be placed on the forecourt of the former against the wall of the latter premises.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except that with regard to No. (23) the Bus Stop be removed to a point outside Marks & Spencer's shop temporarily as an experiment.

21—Riding on Footpaths—RESOLVED, That the draft Byelaws submitted by the Town Clerk prohibiting the riding of motor bicycles, bicycles, tricycles, or other similar machines on the footpaths described in the Schedule thereto be approved and that the same be submitted for confirmation by the Minister of Health.

22—Private Improvement Works—Rowanfield Road—The Town Clerk reported that the notices served on the adjoining Owners under Section 19 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act 1907 expired on the 20th inst. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

23—Post Office Kiosks—Read, letter of 14th ult. from the District Manager, Gloucester Post Office Telephones, stating that in view of the Committee's objection the proposal to paint Post Office Kiosks red would be dropped for the present.

24—Pedestrian Crossing Places—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Dicks & Sons Ltd, for a pedestrian crossing place to be established near the junction of High Street and St. George's Street be referred for the consideration of the Traffic Sub-Committee.

25—Leckhampton Road—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from the Chairman of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Citizens' Union calling attention to complaints as to the number of trees in this road. RESOLVED, That no action be taken

26-- Classification of Roads —Read, letter of 23rd ult. from the County Surveyor enclosing Declaration No D 1097 made by the Ministry of Transport under Section 17 (2) of the Ministry of Transport Act 1919 that the

road from Staverton Bridge to Tewkesbury Road (being Route B 4063) should be Class Two for the purpose of advances from the Road Fund from and after 1st April, 1936.

27—" Tyndale," Clarence Square—The Town Clerk reported that an Agreement had been entered into with Mrs. R. J.L. Howitt for a yearly tenancy of these premises at a rent of £40 per annum plus rates. RESOLVED, That this be approved

28—Streamers Across Streets —Pittville Street—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Association Football Club for permission to hang a streamer across Pittville Street advertising the Club's Home Fixtures be granted subject to the usual conditions.

29—Promenade—The making of a temporary One-Way Traffic Order for the week before Christmas as last year was considered. RESOLVED, That no Order be made.

30—Junction of High Street and Promenade—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Supt. Wayman reporting that he had made arrangements for policemen to take up point duty at this junction 30 minutes earlier every day in future,

31—Arle Road--Read, letter of 10th inst. from Mr. A. V. Gregory with regard to contract for sale to Messrs. Goddard & Hunt of land fronting Arle Road. RESOLVED, (1) That he be informed that the Corporation will take over the road proposed to be laid by the Purchasers inside the front boundary of the property provided that it is made up to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, (2) That the Committee cannot agree to indemnify the Purchasers against any liability to make up the footpath along the frontage, (3) That the Corporation will take over the proposed extension of the existing sewer when laid by the Purchasers to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

32—Overhead Telegraph Line —Beechurst Avenue and Eldon Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the Superintending Engineer of Post Office Telegraphs, Cardiff, to lay an overhead telegraph line in these Roads be granted subject to the poles being placed at the hack of the footpath and not opposite any windows, footpaths to be properly reinstated and poles for a height of 6 feet painted with an oil resisting paint or lagging.

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33—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham District Gas Company for permission to erect four projecting lamps outside the Gas Company's offices in North Street be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Black & White Motorways Ltd. to erect an illuminated Neon Directional Sign to replace the existing sign on the lamp standard outside the Liberal Club and another similar sign on the lamp standard at the junction of St. Margaret's Road and North Place be granted.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Councillor Avery to erect a projecting sign outside his premises in Winchcomb Street be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

(d) RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. W. Western and the Acme Showcard and Sign Co. Ltd. to erect signs be adjourned for a sketch of the signs to be submitted.

34—Promenade and High Street—Read, letter of 19th inst. from the Chairman of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Citizens' Union recommending the Council to provide experimental refuges at suitable intervals

in the Promenade and High Street to assist pedestrians in crossing. RESOLVED, That the suggestion be not entertained owing to the narrowness of the roads in question.

35—No. 7 Pittville Street—The Committee considered an offer for the sale of this property to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked for his valuation of the same.

36—Royal Well Road Taxi Rank—The Committee considered a suggestion to allow one taxi from this rank to stand opposite the main entrance to the "Echo Office. RESOLVED, That this suggestion be not entertained.

37—Priors Road—(a) Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Ministry of Transport asking for the observations of the Council on a letter from the Clerk of the County Council contending that the Corporation should make a contribution to the cost of widening this road as being partly a Local Improvement. RESOLVED, That the draft letter submitted by the Town Clerk in reply be approved.

(b) RESOLVED, That the consideration of the arrangements to be made for parking near the Cemetery be adjourned for view,

38—High Street and Promenade Improvement—Read, reports of the District Valuer of the terms provisionally arranged with Messrs. Dodwell & Sons and the Saxone Shoe Company for acquisition of their property, namely : Purchase of Dodwells' premises £5,500, Compensation £2,500, such sum to include all Claimants' costs except that the Corporation shall pay Brador Estates Solicitors' and Surveyors' fees in connection with Lease of new premises to Messrs Dodwell ; the Surveyors' fees being on Ryde's Scale. Purchase of Saxone Company's premises £12,500, Compensation £2,148 10s. plus Vendors' Solicitors' and Surveyors' fees (on Ryde's Scale), Vendors to be entitled to maintain on the present premises or site an announcement of their new address for three months after removing. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved and that the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into Contracts accordingly and complete purchases, and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for grant.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd November, 1936.** Present—Councillors Avery, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Garland and Grimwade.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

#### **TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd November, 1936.** Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Grimwade and Morris

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 26th November, 1936.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Taylor and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Grimwade, Moore and Morris ; Major J. R. Dent-Brocklehurst, Capt. Leschallas and Mr. F. Walker (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.
4487	Bendall, J. D. & Sons	6 semi-detached houses, Priors Road (Amended),
4499	Morris, S. C.	6 detached houses, Lansdown Road (Amended).
4501	Sherwood, D. G.	Greenhouse, Woodstock, Beechhurst Avenue.
4502	Roberts, A.	Garage, Collingwood, Brooklyn Road.
4503	Parker, J.	Timber store shed, New Street.
4504	Alcock, S. E.	Coal store, 21 Naunton Crescent.
4505	Davies, D. V.	New bathroom, 3 Oriel Villas.
4506	Frostad, S. B.	Garage, Cattistock, Keynsham Road.
4507	C. C. P. Development Co.	Internal alterations, 144 High Street.
4508	Evans, Mrs.	Garage, Pilford Avenue.
4509	Mudway, C.	Two garages and store, Hereford Place.
4510	Gardner, T.	Dwellinghouse, Brunswick Street.
4511	Oates, J.	Garage, 281 Gloucester Road.
4512	Taylor, E.	Cycle shed, 2 Brooklyn Gardens.
4513	Jeans, Mrs. E.	Garage, Hertford, Moorend Crescent.
4514	Montgomery, Mrs.	Alterations, Hiltwood House, Montpellier Terrace.
4515	Bush, F. E.	Alterations and additions, Montpellier Spa Hotel,
4516	Goddard & Hunt	Two pairs of semi-detached houses, Leckhampton Road.
4517	Hall, G. A. M.	New road off Prestbury Road.
4518	do.	73 houses, Cleeve Mount Estate.
4519	Barnes, Mr.	Garage, The Ferns, Gloucester Road.
4520	Billings, A. C. & Sons, Ltd.	Store shed, rear of 54 Winchcomb Street.
4521	Moore, E. W. & W. J.	Machine shop, 10 Bath Parade.
4523	Moore, C.	Detached house, Libertus Road.
4524	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Alterations and additions, Royal Well Tavern.
4525	Cobb, A.	Garage, Kilmsley, Mead Road.
4526	Bastin, G.	Garage, Mead Road.
4527	Bartholomew, J. S.	Alterations and additions, London Vaults, 342-3 High Street.
4528	Barlow, A. H.	Alterations and additions, 4 College Lawn.
4529	Copeland, R. V.	Alterations and additions, 19 and 20 Francis Street.
4530	Jenkins, S. W.	Bungalow, Trowscoed Avenue.

4531 Reason, C. Garage, Lansdown Lawn, Lansdown Road.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4487, 4499, 4501, 4502, 4503, 4504, 4506, 4508, 4510, 4511, 4512, 4516, 4519, 4521, 4525, 4526, and 4531 be approved ; That Plans No 4505, 4507, 4513, 4514, 4515, 4520, 4524, 4527, 4528 and 4529 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and in the case of Plan No. 4507, subject also to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and in the case of Plan No 4514, subject also to the owner entering into an undertaking not to claim compensation if removal of the building is required at any time for the purposes of the Town Planning Scheme ; That Plan No. 4509 be approved subject to a proper entrance crossing over the footpath being provided to the satisfaction of the Borough pp Surveyor, and to all drainage from the garages and washdowns being conveyed through a petrol interceptor ; That Plan No. 4517 be approved subject to the roads and sewers being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and to the slabbing to the footpath being at least 6 feet wide ; That Plan No. 4518 be approved subject to the positions and sizes of the sewers being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No 4523 be approved subject to sandfaced pantiles being used ; That Plan No 4530 be approved subject to the owner entering into an Agreement that the drain shall be deemed to be combined drain, and not a sewer, and to sandfaced tiles being used.

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.
1030	Green, O.	Lock-up garages, Baytree Cottage, High Street, Prestbury.
1040	Nott, L. W.	Proposed layout, Springfields Estate, Little Witcombe.
1044	Selwyn, Mrs.	Garage (Private), No. 8 Greenhills Road, Charlton Kings.
1045	Donne, F. H.	Detached house, Birchley Road, Battledown.
1046	Hall, G. A. M. Ltd.	Detached house, Prestbury Park Estate, Prestbury.
1047	do.	Pair semi-detached houses, Prestbury Park Estate, Prestbury.
1048	Moulton, E. W.	Garage (Private), Greet Road, Winchcomb.
1049	Green, L. A.	Garage (Private), The Langlets, Kidnappers Lane, Leckhampton.
1050	Hayward F.	Alterations, Field Cottage, Bishop's Cleeve.
1051	Sheaf, Miss	Garage (Private), Station Road, Woodmancote.
1052	Gloucestershire Small Holdings Sub-Committee	New house and range of farm buildings, Greenway Lane, Shurdington.
1053	Hall, G. A. M. Ltd,	Detached house, Prestbury Road, Prestbury.
1054	Bendall, A. C.	Bungalow, Kidnappers Lane, Leckhampton.
1055	Bayliss, C.	Alterations, Post Office, Bishop's Cleeve.
1056	Bowd, W. H.	Proposed lay-out of 10 houses, New Barn Lane, Prestbury.
1057	Baldwin & Bishop, Messrs.	Proposed lay-out of 24 houses, near Bentham House, Cheltenham-Painswick Road, Badgeworth.
1058	Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Co. Ltd.	Proposed offices, fitters shop and petrol pump, Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Co's. Works, Shurdington.

1059	Butt, A. E.	Additions to shop, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings
1060	Phelps, F. S.	Detached house, Marle Hill Court Road, Swindon.
1061	Murray Lindner	Additions to Works, Leckhampton Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans No. 1044, 1045, 1050, 1051, 1053, 1054 and 1060 be approved ; That Plan No. 1030 be approved subject to the garages being used solely as lock-up garages ; That Plan No. 1048 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935 ; That Plan No. 1049 be approved subject to rustic asbestos tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 1052 be approved subject to the position of the farm buildings being moved away from the hedge an additional 30 feet and to materials being to the satisfaction of the Committee ; That Plan No. 1055 be approved subject to grey sandfaced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan 1040 be approved subject to detail plans as to (1) levels, gradients and construction of roads, (2) sewers and Outfall Works, (3) pipe water supply, being submitted to and approved by the Committee and the Rural District Council and to reservation of land for the widening of the main road to 120 feet and to no individual access being made from the houses to the main road ; That Plans Nos. 1046, 1047, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059 and 1061 be not approved.

4-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 now granted subject to (1) the house being placed on the north east of the field, (2) that no further houses be erected in the field and (3) plans being submitted to and approved by the Authorities concerned.

(b) Read, application from Mr J. Tomkins, for permission to erect a house fronting the Cheltenham-Evesham Road at Bishop's Cleeve RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act and to plans being submitted to and approved by the Committee.

(c) Read, application from Mr. J. Tomkins for permission to erect a house on land fronting the Cheltenham-Oxford Road near Coxhorne, Charlton Kings. The Borough Surveyor reported that the area was temporarily restricted from building on account of lack of sewers and that the proposed position of the house was at a very dangerous bend in the road. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

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(d) Read, application from Mr. E. A. Rudge for permission to erect a sectional building at " Rosemary," Bishop's Cleeve, to house a small printing press and for the use of the premises for business purposes. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to submission for approval of plans by the Committee.

(e) Read, application from Mr. W. Leah, Architect, Gloucester, on behalf of the Gloucester Co-operative and Industrial Society Ltd, for permission to erect a new shop on land at the junction of Church Road and Leckhampton Road. The Borough Surveyor reported that the site was in an area scheduled for shopping and business purposes. RESOLVED, That permission for the erection of the shop be granted subject to no vehicles being loaded or unloaded in front of the premises and to the forecourt being left clear of all obstruction.

(f) Brandon House—Application from Mr. W. H. Horsley for division of land into plots. The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of plots complied with the provisions of the Scheme with regard to density. RESOLVED, That the proposed division of land into plots be approved and that the building line for Painswick Road be fixed at 35 feet from the back edge of the pavement

5--Plan 4460—Read, letter of 27th ult. from Mr. E. W. Cook agreeing to give up the land required for the rounding off of the corner of Arle Road and Brooklyn Road subject to the Corporation carrying out the improvement as soon as the houses are built, erecting a suitable fence to the new line and making up the land given up with ashes or other suitable material. RESOLVED, That this he agreed to

6-2 Moorend Villas—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Mr. G. S. Tilley in regard to the use of premises at the rear of this house for making crumpets. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

7--Grammar School—RESOLVED, That the preliminary plan for erection of a temporary dining hall in St. Margaret's Road for the Boys Grammar School be approved and that the Chairman be authorised to approve detail plans when submitted as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment Act), 1907, subject to the building being removed at any time on three months' notice.

8—Plan 4499—Mr. A. S. F. Pruen and Mr. G. Rylands attended and submitted amended lay-out plan for the erection of six houses on the Thorncliffe Estate in Lansdown Road for Messrs, S. C. Morris & Sons showing the houses set back to a building line of fifty feet. RESOLVED, That the amended plan be approved.

9—Executive Committee—The Town Clerk reported that at the meeting of the County Planning Committee held on the 26th ult. attended by representatives of the Council and Rural District Council, it was decided to submit the two outstanding matters in dispute to Arbitration by the Minister of Health.

10—Plan 4449—Read, letter from Western Estates Ltd asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to approve this plan for erection of two bungalows in Arle Road. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision as they consider it undesirable to intermix bungalows with a row of houses.

11—High Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with the Gloucester Co-operative Society Ltd. in regard to the setting back of the proposed extension of their premises in the Strand. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ascertain what compensation the Society would require for setting back the new building and the existing building.

19—Arle Road--RESOLVED, That in connection with the sale of land fronting Arle Road to Messrs. Goddard & Hunt, the provision of a footpath be not required for the short length of inner service road for the houses proposed to be erected adjoining the approach to the railway bridge.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th November, 1936.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

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



**2—Entertainments Sub-Committee**—(a) 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. (b) Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 27th ult. and 10th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(i) Winter Garden—That permission be given to Mr. E. H. G. Cox to erect two advertisement frames on the railings at the entrance to the Winter Garden.

(ii) Telephone Kiosk, Town Hall—That the Committee approve of the proposal of the Post Office to replace the present kiosk with a new kiosk constructed to harmonise with the new pay office.

(iii) Western Counties Ballroom Championship—That arrangements be made with Miss Betty and Mr. Peter Dighton for the holding of this Dance at the Town Hall on the 11th December, Mr. and Miss Dighton to provide Joe Loss and his band and the Judges and cups, and to take two-thirds of the receipts, the Corporation to provide the Hall, advertising, lighting, staff and relief band, and to take one-third of the receipts. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

**3—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,

**4—Advertising Sub-Committee**—(a) RESOLVED, That the following members of the Committee be appointed the Advertising Sub-Committee for the ensuing year :----Councillors Avery, Green, Grimwade and Mr. H. T. Bush.

(b) Read, report of the Advertising Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 26th ult. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

**5—Baths Sub-Committee**—(a) 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, Messrs. R. F. Fowles and J. E. Pusey.

(b) Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 3rd inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(i) Swimming Pool Superintendent—Having considered report from the Borough Surveyor that Lt. Edwards was unable to carry out the clerical work at the Depot during the Winter months owing to defective eyesight, That consideration be adjourned and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a medical certificate.

(ii) Alstone Baths—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain estimates for heating the Alstone Baths building with a view to considering keeping these Baths open next winter.

(iii) Alstone Mill—That the Borough Surveyor, be instructed to obtain estimates for the demolition of the chimney of the Alstone Mill, which he recommended should be demolished.

(iv) Spa Baths—(a) That the telephone at these Baths be removed from the Superintendent's house to the office.

(b) That Mrs. Hudson's application to be appointed Matron at the Baths be not granted

(c) Chiropody—That the Superintendent's recommendation that a room should be allocated for chiropody be referred to the Medical Advisory Committee for consideration

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

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

Montpellier Baths and Swimming Pool .. The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Howell.

Town Hall and Winter Gardens ... Alderman Pates and Councillor Green.

Alstone Baths . The Mayor and Councillor Smith.

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7—Spa Baths--RESOLVED, That a notice be inserted in the frame outside these Baths advertising that the Swimming Bath is available for letting for meetings, Christmas parties, small dances, etc.

8—Medical Baths—The Reports of the Superintendent for the months of September and October were submitted.

9—Conference—Read, letter from the National Fire Brigades Association accepting the Corporation's invitation to hold their annual conference at Cheltenham next year during the week commencing 20th September, The conference would be attended by delegates of the National Fire Brigades Association, the Institute of Fire Engineers and the British Fire Brigades Association, and accommodation would be required for an exhibition of appliances, and also a ground for a demonstration of appliances. RESOLVED, That the free use of Pittville Pump Room be granted for the exhibition, and that arrangements be made for a convenient place for the demonstration.

10—Meteorology—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Meteorological Office of the Air Ministry enclosing report on the inspection of the Station.

11—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Chairman of the Spa Bowling Club that a general meeting of the Club had now been held, and it had been unanimously decided that the Club should continue for another year. and asking the Council to agree to forego payment of the quarter's rent outstanding, amounting to £5. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to RESOLVED, also, That the green be let to the Club at a rent of £20 for the season as last year subject to agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into with guarantors.

12—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to the Cheltenham Christmas Relief Fund for a Whist Drive and Dance in aid of the Fund, and also for the old folk's teas on dates to be arranged.

13—Berkeley Place—The Town Clerk reported that he had communicated with the owners of the garden in front of Nos. 1-5 Berkeley Place informing them that the Corporation were willing to take over this garden, and he submitted replies from the owners from which it appeared that the owners were willing for the Corporation to maintain the garden as an ornamental garden, but were not prepared to transfer their rights in the garden. RESOLVED, That the owners be informed that the Committee can only recommend the Council to take over the garden on condition that the owners surrender their rights therein, and that Councillor Howell be asked to interview the owners thereon.

14—Boating—(a) Read, letter from Mr. Harry Higgins giving particulars of the damage done to the boats on the occasion of the Rotary Club Carnival. RESOLVED, That the Rotary Club be asked to have the damage made good in accordance with their undertaking.

(b) Read, letter from Mr. H. Higgins that he had ascertained from Messrs. Salter Bros. of Oxford that they were prepared to convert the present three lever propelled boats into paddle wheel boats at a cost of £2 10s. 0d. per boat. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to have this done, and that Mr. Higgins be not charged any percentage on the cost in view of the fact that he is paying a percentage charge on the repair of the large motor boat which would not be available next season.

15—British Health Resorts Association—Read, circular from this Association inviting the attendance of delegates to the annual meeting of the Association to be held in London on the 27th inst. RESOLVED, That Councillor Howell be appointed to attend.

16—Gymnasium—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. asking the Committee to loan the gymnasium equipment at the Spa Baths to the Y.M.C.A. for use in connection with their gymnastic classes. RESOLVED, That the equipment not being used by the Girls' Clubs be loaned to the Y.M.C.A. subject to the Y.M.C.A. undertaking to make good any damage, and to the equipment being returned in good order at any time when required by the Corporation.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th November, 1936.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates: Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

17—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed by the Chairman these Baths had been closed on the 1st inst.

(b) RESOLVED, That 67 full season and 87 half-season tickets be granted to boys and girls of the Elementary Schools Swimming Association who had obtained the bronze medallion and intermediate certificates of the Royal Life Saving Society respectively, and 22 full season and 41 half season tickets to boys and girls of the Central Schools.

18—Winter Garden—Read, letter of 16th inst from the Cheltenham Repertory Company Ltd, asking the Council to waive the rental of the theatre from the 1st November to 12th December in view of the heavy financial loss last season and the loss already incurred this season. Mr. E. H. G. Cox attended the Committee

and submitted details of the expenditure and particulars of the losses. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

19—Pittville Circus—The Committee considered the suggestion that the Corporation should take over and maintain the Pittville Circus Garden. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

20—Montpellier Gardens—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Parks Committee that two of the hard tennis courts at these gardens should be reserved for the use of the general public RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

21—Town Hall----(a) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the Health Week Exhibition to be held in September next subject to payment of the cost of electricity used on the stands.

(b) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted to the Western Section of the Students' Society of the Institute of Municipal Accountants for a meeting on the 8th December.

22—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 27th inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows:—

Gymnasium----That Mrs. Sumsion's application for the provision of additional equipment for use by the Girls' Clubs at the Gymnasium at Montpellier Baths be not granted.

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

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held at the Swimming Pool on Tuesday, 1st December, 1936.**

Present—The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Avery, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Rogers and Waite ; and Messrs R. B. Seaton and R. F. Fowles (Councillor Waite in the chair).

23—Swimming Pool—The Committee considered the covering in of the two shingle beds near the entrance. RESOLVED, That as a temporary measure for next season, the beds be covered over with paving slabs similar to the two rectangular beds, that turf be used in spaces which cannot be covered without cutting the slabs, and that flower beds-be provided in the centre of each shingle bed.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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**ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd November, 1936.** Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Bendall and Morris.

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

H. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th November, 1936.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Bendall, Howell, Ben Jaynes, Leigh James, Morris and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

2—Health Week -RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to pay up to £10 for an adequate stand at the Health Exhibition to be held at the Town Hall in September next for exhibition of electrical apparatus, and to take a full page advertisement in the Exhibition Catalogue. RESOLVED, also, That no charge be made for lighting the Town Hall during the Exhibition and that electricity cables to supply current to each stand be provided free of charge but that the usual charges be made for current consumed at the stands.

3—Electricity Works----Read, letter from Messrs. Tarr's Woodworking Co. enquiring whether the old boiler house at the Electricity Works is to let. RESOLVED, That the application be not entertained.

4—Bulk Supply Metering—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the Corporation should bear half the cost of providing a duplicate Summator equipment for metering the bulk supply at Hesters Way Sub-Station. The half cost of this additional equipment would be £65 10s, 0d. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

5—Wages of Casual Labourers—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Civil Engineering Board had raised the Borough from Class III to Class II which increased the standard rate from 1s to 1s 1d. per hour. The rate for the Rural District remained at 1s per hour RESOLVED, That the rate of 1s 1d. per hour be paid to Casual Labourers employed on electrical work whether in or out of the Borough.

6—Loans--(a) Housing Estates—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to a loan of £791 6s. 9d. for extending supply to the St. Paul's Housing Estate and £410 17s. 6d. for extending the supply to the St Peter's Housing Estate and £1,602 9s. 8d for the supply to the further extension of the Whaddon Housing Estate.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to a loan of £292 for the extension of cables for street lighting on the Whaddon Housing Estate and to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £317 18s. 10d. for lamp posts and fittings for this purpose.

(c) RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for consent to the erection of overhead service lines running under the eaves at the back of the houses on the St. Paul's, St. Peter's and Whaddon Housing Estates.

7—Public Lighting—(a) Suffolk Square—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application from Mrs. Stone for improved lighting of Suffolk Square near Ware's Hotel. He considered this was already well lighted. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

(b) Early Morning Lighting—RESOLVED, That the period for lighting the streets in the early morning be extended front four to six months in the year and that the daily hour of lighting be advanced to 5 a.m. instead of 5.30 a.m. at an additional cost of £168.

(c) The Park—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received several complaints about the lighting in the Park, and submitted a Scheme for improving the lighting at an estimated expenditure of £262 by providing six additional lamps and re-distributing the remainder, and by replacing the present filament lamps by sodium lamps. This Scheme provided for a two-circuit system to enable the half night circuit to be

extinguished at midnight. RESOLVED, That this Scheme be approved and the Borough Electrical Engineer instructed to have the work done.

(d) Merestones Road—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. T. Smith for additional lighting in this road be not acceded to unless Mr. Smith is prepared to bear the cost of erecting the necessary lamps.

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(e) Promenade, Sydenham Villas Road and Old Bath Road—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application for improved lighting in these roads be adjourned for the Borough Electrical Engineer to report.

(f) Montpellier Villas—RESOLVED, That the application for improvement of the lighting of this road be not acceded to.

(g) Lansdown Road and Lansdown Place—RESOLVED, That the lighting of these roads be viewed by the Committee on the 2nd proximo at 6 p.m.

(h) Main Roads and Residential Areas—Read, letter of 19th inst. from the Chairman of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Citizens' Union requesting that further experiments be made with regard to the lighting of main roads with special reference to Sandford Road and that better lighting be provided in the residential areas. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform him that this matter is receiving the attention of the Committee.

(i) Hewlett Road—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Clerk of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council forwarding requests by the residents in Harp Hill for the lighting of the upper portion of this road. RESOLVED, That he be informed that as these residents are outside the Borough the application cannot be entertained unless the Charlton Kings Urban District Council are willing to bear the cost.

8—District Joint Industrial Board and Council—RESOLVED, That Councillor Waite be again nominated as Representative of this Undertaking on the No. 6 District Joint Industrial Board and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be nominated a Representative on the District Joint Industrial Council for the year ending 31st March, 1938.

9—Morris Lorry—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Morris Lorry purchased eight years ago needed replacing. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase, with the approval of the Chairman and Councillor Waite, a new two-ton tipping lorry at a cost of £211 1s. 0d. less allowance for the old lorry.

10—Coronation Illuminations—RESOLVED, That the scheme submitted by the Borough Electrical Engineer for illuminating the Promenade during Coronation week involving the laying of an underground cable at an estimated cost of £126, the hanging of strings of lamps along the Promenade at an estimated cost of £246 and the floodlighting of trees in the Promenade at an estimated cost of £506 14s. 0d. be approved.

11—Extensions to Mains—Wistley- The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. M. D. Campbell had applied for an extension to supply three houses owned by him, RESOLVED, That the terms submitted by the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved subject to Mr. Campbell entering into a formal agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk. RESOLVED, also, That notice under Section 22 of the Electricity Supply Act, 1919, be served of the intention to lay an overhead line across land belonging to Colonel Elwes and Mrs. Wills Goldingham, and failing such consent that application be made to the Ministry of Transport under

Section 44 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1926, for consent to the erection of the underground cable, poles and lines in question.

12—I.M.E.A. Convention, 1937—RESOLVED, That the Mayor, the Chairman and Councillor Waite be asked to attend as delegates with the Borough Electrical Engineer at the Annual Convention of the I.M.E.A. to be held at Brighton from the 31st May to 5th June next, to support the invitation to hold the Annual Conference in Cheltenham in 1938.

13—Damage to Lamp Standard—Moors Estate--The Committee considered a Report of the Superintendent of the Tewkesbury Road Police Station of damage caused by a boy to an electric light shade and glass globe opposite the flats on the Moors Housing Estate. RESOLVED, That proceedings be taken for wilful damage.

14—Basic Price of Gas—Read, circular letter from the Town Clerk of Swansea suggesting that Local Authorities not owning gas undertakings should form an association to present their case to the Joint Committee appointed by the House of Commons to enquire into the basic price of gas and the basic dividend system of gas companies RESOLVED, That a representative of the Corporation be instructed to attend a meeting in London of local authorities to be called by the Town Clerk of Swansea.

15—Montpellier Retreat Sub-Station—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Electricity Commissioners to the application of not more than 130 from the net surplus for the year to the 31st March last towards the purchase of the Montpellier Retreat Sub-Station.

16—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 20th and 28th ult. and 1st, 5th 12th, 17th, 20th and 24th inst. which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 471.9, 472.7, 476.7, 471.8, 473.6, 475.6, 467.6 and 472.2 B.Th.U., and the pressure 6.2, 6.1, 6.8, 6.8, 6.6, 5.6, 6.5 and 6.8 inches of water respectively.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th November, 1936.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates; Councillors Barnett, Moore 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, 1936.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	126,000 gallons	92,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	334,000	228,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	19,000	16,000
	479,000 "	336,000

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Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 75,502,000 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—Morris Lorry—The Borough Engineer reported that the Morris 25 cwt. lorry which had been in use since June, 1929, needed replacing. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to invite tenders for a new lorry with an allowance for the old lorry.

6—Superannuation—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. Wagstaff to join the Superannuation Scheme be referred for the consideration of the Finance Committee.

7—Elmstone Hardwicke—Bulk Supply—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council reporting that his Council had now received the consent of the Ministry to a loan which only provided for a 3 inch main and that they could not agree to a 4 inch main. RESOLVED, That under the circumstances the requirement of a 4 inch main be not insisted on.

8—Priors Road and Whaddon Farm Estate—The Borough Engineer submitted plans for the provision of new water mains for part of this estate at an estimated cost of £811. RESOLVED, That the plans be approved and the Borough Engineer instructed to carry out the work.

9—Water Mains—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a further loan of £5,000.

10—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Borough Engineer reported that the new culvert at Dowdeswell had now been completed by the contractors at a cost of £1,313 13s. 6d. as against the tendered price of £1,463 5s. 7d.

11—Hewlett Waterworks—The Borough Engineer submitted Report as to the purification of water at these works and recommended the provision of a chlorination plant for the water from Northfield Springs at an estimated cost of £450. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

12 —Borough Engineer's Department—The Borough Engineer reported that a temporary Drawing Office for work in connection with the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board had been fitted out on the top floor of the Municipal Offices at a cost of £35. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to have a dialling telephone extension provided for this office at a rent of 19s per quarter.

13—Health Week—RESOLVED, That this Committee co-operate with the Street and Highway Committee in the provision of a stand for the Exhibition during Health Week to be held next September.



14—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Bill—The Town Clerk submitted Bills of costs from Parliamentary Agents-(Messrs. Sharpe Pritchard & Co.) amounting to £123 0s. 4d. RESOLVED, That these be paid.

15—Arle Drive Estate--RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an acknowledgment that the sum of £250 paid to Charles Griffiths in discharge of a Further Charge of 5th April, 1935, was paid by the Corporation on behalf of Mr. Frank Yeates being the amount returnable to him on deposit for laying water main and that the discharging receipt endorsed on the Further Charge was not intended to operate as a transfer of the Further Charge to the Corporation.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

#### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th November, 1936.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Taylor and Capt. Trye Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Leigh James, Smith and Waite.

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

2—Fire Brigade—(a) Sub-Committee—RESOLVED, That The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett and Pates and Councillor Green be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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

Date, 1936	Place.	Cause.	Damage,	Brigade Expenses.
26th October	Glos. Dairy Farm, Priors Road	Overheating	Heavy ..	£13 4s. 0d.
5th November	1 Littlehills Cottages, Shurdington Road	Clothes in front of fire	Slight	£3 18s. 6d.
12th "	28 Clarence Square ... ,..	Defective grate ...	Slight ...	£3 8s. 6d.
21st "	1 Montague Lawn, High Street	Defective grate ...	Slight	£3 7s. 0d.

(c) Read, letter from the Clerk to the Gotherington Parish Council asking on what terms the Council would supply the services of the Brigade in the event of fire occurring within the parish RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Council are prepared to provide the Brigade subject to the payment of a retaining fee of £9 per annum and to the usual Agreement being entered into.

(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders received for the provision of new heating installation at the Fire Station. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. J. Such & Sons Ltd. of £71 10s. 0d. be accepted

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

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

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of G. Hawker and A. R. Chick for the transfer of their Hackney Carriage Licences to new cabs DF 1289 and CJ 9397 respectively be granted.

6—Domestic Servants Agencies—Superintendent Wayman reported that with one exception all the Agencies had been visited and the books found to be in order.

7—Unemployed Services Club—RESOLVED, That Councillor P. T. Smith be appointed the representative of the Council on the Advisory Council of the Unemployed Services Club in place of Alderman Taylor who had resigned

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8—Display of Flags at Christmas—Read, letter from Mr. W. A. Edwards of Liverpool City Council, asking the Council to display the Union Jack on the Offices and Public Buildings on Christmas Day. RESOLVED, That Christmas Day be added to the list of days on which the flag is to be flown at the Town Hall and Municipal Offices.

9—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That the Municipal Offices be closed for the Christmas Holidays on 24th, 25th and 26th December.

10—Severn Bridge—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Clerk of the Monmouth County Council that at a Conference of the local Authorities held at Cardiff on 27th ult., a Resolution was passed that the construction of a bridge across the Severn was desirable in the national interest and that in view of the development of industry and commerce which would follow from the provision of such a bridge, the financial responsibility for its construction should be a national charge, and that a Deputation should be appointed to urge upon the Government the desirability of their providing the cost and facilitating the construction of the bridge. RESOLVED, That the Council approve of this Resolution.

11—Ambulance Headquarters—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary of the Ambulance Headquarters asking the Council to increase the grant of £100 per annum made to the Ambulance Headquarters to £250 per annum. Since the previous application the Cheltenham Rural District Council and Charlton Kings Urban District Council had agreed to make a grant. RESOLVED, That the grant be increased to £200 per annum.

12—Armistice Day—Read, letter from the Secretary of Cheltenham Remembrance Day Committee enclosing account of expenses on Armistice Day. RESOLVED, That a grant of £5 10s. 0d. be made towards the expenses.

13—Land, Upper Pilford—Read, letter of 9th inst from Mr. G. J. Scott Plummer asking the Council to reduce the rent of field No 788 in his occupation containing 10 acres, at present let at a rent of £12 10s. 0d. per annum. RESOLVED, That no reduction be made

14—Coronation—Read, circular from the Association of Municipal Corporations recommending that instead of Corporations presenting individual Loyal Addresses to His Majesty, one Address should be presented on behalf of all the Municipal Corporations. It had been ascertained that this would be acceptable to His Majesty. RESOLVED, That the Committee concur in this recommendation

15 Re-Numbering of Houses—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for the re-numbering of Brooklyn Road, St. Luke's Road and Grafton Road. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that he be instructed to have the houses re-numbered

(b) Read, letter from Messrs. Wilkinson asking the Council to number the houses in Brooklyn Gardens in Arle Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plans for the re-numbering of the whole of Arle Road.

16—Rodney Road Car Park—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and estimate amounting to £50 for the provision of Conveniences for both sexes at the above Car Park. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for the erection of the Conveniences

17—Marle Hill House—RESOLVED, That the application of Lt.-Col. Whitmore Jones for the removal of the second tennis court be adjourned to the next meeting and that Alderman Capt. Trye be asked to inspect the court.

18—Athletic Ground—The Committee considered the Borough Surveyor's estimate of the repairs required to the fences, stands and barriers at the Athletic Ground amounting to £132. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the sleeper bank made good at an estimated cost of £7, but that consideration of carrying out The other repairs be deferred until the estimates for next year are considered,

19—Marine Store Dealers—RESOLVED, That Detective Sergeant Harold John Price be appointed an Officer for the purposes of enforcing compliance with the provisions of Section 86 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act 1907, with authority to enter any premises used as marine stores and to inspect the books required to be kept under the provisions of the said section and that the Common Seal be affixed to this resolution,

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th November, 1936.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Carter, Clarkson and Yeend.

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

2—Committee—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. Addis a co-opted member to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. F. Vizard.

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

Councillor Compton and Messrs. Addis (if appointed) and Clarkson for Crabtree Piece, Creamery Piece, Gapper's Field and Baglin's Piece.

Councillors Fisher and Green and Mr Yeend for Albert Road, Whaddon Road and Marle Hill.

Councillors Bendall and Garland for Asquith Road and Sandford Mead.

Councillors Davis and Smith and Mr. Carter for Alma Road, Hatherley Road, Tennyson Road, Brooklyn Road and Wasley's Field.

4—Allotments Inspection—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had inspected the allotments and found them to be in a similar condition to that in which they were at the corresponding time last year. As the Committee had decided not to take any action with regard to the untidy plots during the Winter months, he did not propose to report on individual plots again until the commencement of the growing season  
RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Wyman's Brook- -The Borough Surveyor reported that the cleaning out of this brook by the Land Drainage Officer of the County Council had now been completed.

6—Marle Hill House Allotments—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and estimate of the cost of the layout of the land at Marle Hill House Estate as allotments. The estimated cost of laying out and fencing the western portion of the land containing 4.12 acres adjoining Tommy Taylor's Lane to provide for 61 allotments and provision of entrances was £122, and the estimated cost of laying out the remaining portion containing 6.38 acres to provide for 154 allotments was £118, RESOLVED, That at the expiration of the notice given to Mr. Stephens the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the layout and fencing of the 4.12 acres adjoining Tommy Taylor's lane, and to have the land ploughed and harrowed. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise the allotments in the " Echo," and also to circularise the tenants to be displaced from Albert Road offering them new allotments at Marle Hill. RESOLVED, also, That the allotments be let rent free up the 25th March next.

7—Allotment No. 91 Asquith Road—Read, letter from the tenant of this allotment, which he had recently taken, that he had met with a serious accident and was therefore unable to cultivate the allotment, and asking to be released from his tenancy. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th November, 1936.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith.

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

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

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground Councillors Compton and Fisher.

Naunton Park Bendall and Davis.

Whaddon Road Fisher and Green.

Sandford Park  
St. Mark's

Garland and Green.  
Grimwade and Smith.

3—Pittville Gardens—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. J. E. Webster of Handley Cross for the removal of a sycamore tree adjoining his property. RESOLVED, That the Visitors be asked to inspect and report thereon.

(b) Swan—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 8th inst. a male swan flew into a tree near Marle Hill Lake and was killed.

(c) Gift of Birds—The Borough Surveyor reported the gift of three pairs of budgerigars and two pairs of fan-tailed doves by Mr. F. K. H. Wilde, and he had written a letter of thanks to the donor. Two of the budgerigars had killed themselves through flying against the wire netting of the aviary, and Mr. Wilde had given two other birds to replace them. He proposed to have the netting painted with Japan black. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Land in Pilley Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the adjoining fence and ditch which belonged to Miss Norman and found the fence to be in need of trimming and patching. It would be possible to prevent trespass by threading three strands of wire through the fence, with the owner's permission, but ultimately the fence would need considerable repair. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have unclimbable iron fences erected along the boundaries of the land adjoining Delancey Cottage and the Laundry building of the Delancey Hospital.

5—Gardens Superintendent—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was not possible to provide office accommodation for the Gardens Superintendent in the Municipal Offices, and he recommended that this be provided at Field Lodge. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of providing an office at Field Lodge.

6—Montpellier Gardens—Hard Tennis Courts—The Committee considered the provision of additional hard tennis courts at Montpellier Gardens. RESOLVED, That no additional courts be provided, but that the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be recommended to retain two of the present hard courts for the use of the general public.

7—Athletic Ground—The Committee considered the question of the repairs required at the Athletic Ground. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect the ground and the house and to report to the General Purposes and Watch Committee as to the cost of the repairs required.

8—St. Mark's Playing Fields—(a) RESOLVED, That permission be granted to St. James' Company Church Lads Brigade to play football on one of the pitches on this Playing Field on alternate Saturdays during the ensuing season.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Old Patesian R. F. C. for the use of a pitch for the remainder of the season when it is necessary to take possession of their present ground at Whaddon be granted subject to payment of a rent at the same rate as at present.

9—Coronation Planting Committee—Read, circular from the Coronation Planting Committee inviting the attendance of a representative at a meeting to be held at the Guildhall, London, on the 26th November. RESOLVED, That a representative be not appointed.

10—Pittville Rent Charge—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to a deed with Messrs. Goddard & Hunt, apportioning the Rent Charge of £2 (to be increased to £4 5s. 0d when built upon) payable on part of Lot 6 equally between the two portions into which the land has now been divided.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th November, 1936.** Present—Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Avery and Garland; Dr. R. Davies; and Major J. G. N. Clift.

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

2—Curator's Report for September and October—Visitors-7,241 (last year 7,718). Included in these figures were five parties, numbering 120 students, from local schools and colleges.

Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards, Refunded Postages, Commission, £12 3s. 10d. Donations to "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund," £21 11s. 0d. Total £33 14s. 10d.

Exhibitions—September 5th--30th, Cotswold Art and Craftsmanship. October 7th—November 7th, Cheltenham Group of Artists. An Exhibition by the St. Ives Society of Artists had been opened by Mr. Julius Olsson, R.A., on the 16th November and would remain on view until 31st December, both Galleries being in use.

Winter Garden Inquiry—The Curator had given evidence before this Inquiry on November 17th.

Talk by Curator—The Curator had given a talk on the Museum Collections to the North Wilts and Glos Optical Society, Cirencester, on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Local Societies—The Curator reported that applications had been received from the following local societies for the use of the Art Gallery :---Cheltenham Literary Society (December 3rd), Electrical Association for Women (December 10th), Cheltenham Science Society (December 11th), and Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club (February 16th and March 16th). RESOLVED, That facilities for lectures by these societies be given as usual.

3—Donations—Gifts to the Art Gallery and Museum had been received from the following :—Dr. Herbert A. Powell (through the National Art-Collections Fund), Mrs. Stoney Archer, Miss Garford, Mr. R. Heyworth, Mr. E. J. James, Mr. H. J. Lewis, Miss Boissier, Mrs. Clarke, Major J.G. N. Clift, Miss Holliday, Mr. P. Woodroffe, Miss Osman, Miss I. K. Ramus, Mr. C. H. Taylor, Miss W. Hoyland, Mr. T. Locke, Mr. W. Clifford, Mr. C. I. Gardiner and Col. J. L. Sleeman.

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

4—Gift by Mrs. Edgell—The Curator reported the gift of the collection of " Great-grandmother's Treasurers" by Mrs. Edgell of Tewkesbury. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donor.

5—Offer of Bell-Pull--RESOLVED, That the offer of a Bell-Pull in Bronze of St. George and the Dragon as a gift from the artist, Mr. Frank Taubman, be accepted with thanks.

6—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, (a) That the Curator be authorised to make further enquiries as to the dimensions, etc., of the Vint Collection of Drawings and Water Colours, and, if desirable, to arrange for the display of these during January and February, 1937

(b) That authority be given to the Curator to arrange a display of Water-Colours by Miss Amy Brazil, Mrs. A. M. Ward, and Miss Irene Burton, as and when convenient, and an Exhibition of Paintings by D. Field, A. J. Wills, H. Barnett and M. Norton in November, 1937.

(c) That Prints by the Cheltenham Amateur Photographic Society be displayed from April, 7th-21st, 1937.

7—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—(a) A Carved Wooden Statue from Poland at £2 2s. 0d. ; Leeds and other Pottery at £10 ; and a Queen Ann Woolweight at £12, had been purchased from this Fund, to which the Cotswold Art Club had subscribed £7 7s. 0d., and Mr. E. J. Gibbins £8. RESOLVED, That these purchases be approved.

(b) Application had been made for a Grant-in-Aid towards the purchase of objects from this Fund at £42 10s. 0d. The Board of Education had agreed to make a Grant, the amount to be announced later.

8—Gibraltar House—Read, letter from the tenant of this house asking if he could have a new window fixed in the premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred, pending the result of the Winter Garden Inquiry.

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9—Staff (a) RESOLVED, That Miss F. M. Batstone, who had been on probation since October 12th, be confirmed in the Appointment of Attendant in the Art Gallery and Museum, at a wage of 27s 6d per week.

(B) Junior Assistant-The Curator reported that following an advertisement in the "Echo," he had interviewed several candidates, and had appointed on probation Peter W. Harding, holder of the School Certificate Examination with seven credits, at a commencing wage of 17s 6d per week.

10 Christmas Closing—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and open on Boxing Day,

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

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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

**At a meeting of this Committee held at the Cemetery on Friday, 13th November, 1936.** Present—  
Councillors Avery, Bendall, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Garland, Green and Moore.

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

2—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 17th October to 13th November, 1936. Interments 41 ; Grave Spaces sold 11 (Second Position 3, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 7) ; Memorials erected 16 ; New Inscriptions 5.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9487 to 9497

4—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 1991 to 1996, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

5—Accident to H. Fletcher—Read, letter from the County Fire Office in regard to this man, together with extracts from the report made by Dr. Robinson to the Insurance Company. Mr. Fletcher had now recommenced light work at the Cemetery. His age was 62 on the 30th April last, and he would not therefore obtain the Old Age Pension until the 30th April, 1939. His Superannuation allowance, calculated on nine non-contributory years' service and 11 contributory years' service would amount to 11s 7d. per week. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to superannuate Mr. Fletcher, and that in pursuance of Section 23 (2) of the Superannuation Act, a gratuity amounting to £62 be invested and paid to Mr. Fletcher by monthly instalments until he reaches the age of 65.

6—Burial Fees—(a) RESOLVED, That the Committee consider at their next meeting altering the Scale of Fees so as to increase the Minister's fee of 2s 6d. to 5s on an interment of a body in an unpurchased grave.

7—Maintenance of Grave 1177, Section A.1.—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green had paid the sum of £30 bequeathed by Mrs. M. E. Blackwell, deceased, to be applied towards the maintenance and upkeep of this grave until exhausted.

E. S. DE COURCY-IRELAND,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th November, 1936.** Present—The Mayor ; Councillors-Bendall, Compton, Grimwade and Howell ; and Rev. B. Thomas ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris, C. E. Walsh and F. Vernall.

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

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

3—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.



4—Librarian's Report for September and October—Receipts £26 4s. 3d Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 12,087 (last year 12,981); Lending Department 33,844 (last year 32,967) ; Junior Department 4,337 (last year 3,963). School Libraries 5,116 (last year 3,349). Total 55,384 (last year 53,260).

Binding and Replacements----68 volumes had been replaced, and 434 volumes had been returned from the Binder. Lectures—The following lectures had taken place in the Art Gallery :—

October 5th ... Miss Freda Derrick : " A Traveller among the farms." Attendance 132.

" 12th ... Mr. S. B. Russell : "Arthur Christopher Benson and the Cotswolds." Attendance 119

" 19th ... Mr. L. Southern: "Sound Waves and Musical Tones." Attendance 61.

November 2nd ... Mr. C. G. Potter : "Canada." Attendance 210.

National Central Library, London----Read, letter from National Central Library expressing thanks that the Cheltenham Public Library had become an Outlier Library.

South-Western Regional Library System—The Librarian had attended the final meeting of the Committee of Inquiry. It had been decided that the South-Western Regional Library Bureau should begin to function in April next. The Librarian had been elected to the Committee of Management to represent municipal libraries.

Heating Boiler—The Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co. had examined the Boiler, and reported no defects.

Cheltenham Chess Club—RESOLVED, That a small collection of books belonging to this Club be taken over on the same conditions as apply to the Science Society's Library.

Annual Report—This Report had been issued as usual.

5—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 351 volumes, published at £144 13s. 8d., be purchased for the sum of £89 11s. 3d

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

(c) That the sum of £20 be spent on Replacements.

6—Donations—Gifts of books to the Library had been received from the following : Anonymous, Mr. E. A. B. Barnard, Mr. F. J. Chambers, Cheltenham Esperanto Society, Lt.-Col. A. M. Cockshott, Miss Cossins, Mr. E. J. Gibbins, Hull University College, Mr. H. W. A. Kilgour, " Lobo," Dr. C. J. Macalister, Merchant Venturers' Technical College, Rev. J. E. Roscoe, R.I.B.A., Swedenborg Society, Mr. H. W. Thomas, and Mrs. B. Wiggett.

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

7—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That "The Grocer," suggested for purchase by a reader, be not taken, and that " The Navy," offered as a gift, be accepted with thanks.

8—Betting News—Read, letter suggesting that Betting News be obliterated from "The Times," RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

9—Lectures—RESOLVED, That the Librarian's suggestions for lectures in the Art Gallery, January—March, 1937, be approved.

10—Christmas Closing—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library be closed on December 25th and 26th. 11—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place in January.

D. L. LIPSON.

Chairman.

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#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th November, 1936.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James, Rogers and Waite.

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

2—Excusals—The Rating Officers reported on the recommendation of the County Council that the schools should be re-assessed on the basis settled by the County Valuation Committee. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that the Rating Officers be instructed to lodge proposals for the amendment of the assessments accordingly.

3—New Valuation List—Read, circular of the 9th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council in regard to the assessment of farmhouses and the third Quinquennial Re-valuation, RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Rating Officers for attention.

4—Unpaid Rates—Statements of Unpaid Rates were submitted and signed..

5—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.

6-- Tithe Act, 1936—Read, circular of the 23rd ult., from the Ministry of Health in regard to the reduction of Rates in respect of Tithe Rent charge issuing out of land.

7—Bailiff—RESOLVED, That Mr. J. McKnight, Ex-Police Constable, be appointed Bailiff of the Cheltenham Rating Authority, and that he be paid a retaining fee of £15 per annum, together with a payment amounting to 10 per cent. on all accounts recovered by him ; the fees and expenses of levying distress to be chargeable to the debtors, and to be paid by the debtors to the bailiff ; the appointment to be terminable by either party by one month's notice in writing. RESOLVED, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this resolution. RESOLVED, also, That the Chief Constable be informed of this appointment and that he be asked to arrange for Mr. McKnight to be sworn in as a Special Constable.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st December, 1936.** Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs.

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

2—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 1st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected 122,655 Leaving outstanding £91,254.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1937. Amount collected £6,071 ; Leaving outstanding £15,868.

4—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £25 had been received for 3 per cent. Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 1st inst. Present—Alderman Moore and Taylor ; and Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs (Alderman Taylor in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

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6—Loans—(a) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debenture amounting to £2,400 be approved and the Debenture endorsed accordingly.

(b) Public Works Loan Board—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Public Works Loan Commissioners for a loan of £10,000 in respect of the sanction to loan for £69,726 for erection of 162 houses about to be applied for a period of 60 years at 3 ¼ per cent. to be advanced by two equal instalments. RESOLVED, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to a Mortgage of the General Rate to the Public Works Loan Commissioners for securing the repayment of the above mentioned loan, to be repayable by half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined within the period authorised by the said sanction. RESOLVED, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to an order authorising delivery of the Commissioners' certificate for the said sum to the Borough Treasurer.

7—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that bonds amounting to £24,915 would fall due for repayment on the 31st March next. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to offer renewal of the bonds on the terms now approved by the Committee.

8—Borough Treasurer's Department—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had now completed the arrangements for the costing of the expenditure of the Borough Surveyor's Department. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to purchase the stationery required, and to send one of his clerks to Messrs. Burroughs' Office at Bristol for a week's instruction in the operation of the machine.

9—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to effect a policy of insurance in respect of consequential loss arising from fire, as now approved by the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the heads of departments be instructed to revise the valuation of office furniture and equipment made in 1930

10—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that J. Tanner (ex-labourer) died on the 16th inst. He was in receipt of a pension of 11s 6d. per week.

(b) E. A. Herbert—The Borough Treasurer reported that E. A. Herbert (ex-pavior) retired on the 4th inst. His pension amounted to £1 0s. 1d. per week. RESOLVED, That this pension be paid.

(c) F. Hopkins—It was reported that F. Hopkins (sewer foreman) desired to retire on the 31st inst. The Borough Treasurer reported that his pension would amount to £1 8s. 5d. per week. RESOLVED, That this pension be paid.

(d) H. Fletcher—RESOLVED, That this Committee approve of the recommendation of the Burial Board Committee to retire this employee and to pay him a pension of 11s 7d. per week and a gratuity not exceeding £62, payable by instalments of £2 per month.

(e) J. Wagstaff—RESOLVED, That the application of J. Wagstaff (Tewkesbury Waterworks) to be admitted to the Scheme be not granted.

(f) Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board desired that the officers and servants of the Board should be admitted as members of the Superannuation Scheme of the Corporation, and were prepared to undertake to contribute to the Fund the annual cost shown by the actuarial valuation to be payable from time to time by the officers and servants of the Board, and to make good any deficit in such Fund which may at any time be incurred in respect of such posts. RESOLVED, That the officers and servants of the Board be admitted to the Scheme on the above terms subject to formal agreement being entered into and to the approval of the Minister of Health being obtained.

11—St. Mark's Playing Field—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £75 for the vendor's solicitor's and surveyor's costs and stamp duty on the conveyance of the land in Brooklyn Road to be purchased from Mrs. Rees for a Playing Field, making a total loan, with the purchase money of £1,575

12—Housing Loans—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing formal consent to the extension of the repayment of certain loans raised under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1924.

13—United Services Club—RESOLVED, That the application of the United Services Club for a contribution equivalent to Rates be not granted.

14—Product of id. Rate--The Borough Treasurer reported that the product of the Penny Rate for the half year ended 30th September last amounted to £1,697 as compared with the estimate of £1,688.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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**Borough of Cheltenham.**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham. 3rd December, 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 December, 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 appoint District Sanitary Inspector. HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE 9, ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. CHELTENHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL-To appoint two Grammar School Governors to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of office of Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Margrett.
5. To appoint a member of the Education Committee to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Mrs. E. Marshall.
6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town, Clerk.

**Borough of Cheltenham.**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham. 31st December, 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 4th day of January, 1937, 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 make Closing Order in respect of basement of Heath Lodge. HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY JOINT 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, 7th December, 1936, at 3 p.m.** Present :

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

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward).

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 Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Compton, Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, 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, Smith and Waite.

Apology—An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs.

1—Alderman Sawyer—Resolved, That the Council desire to express their sincere sympathy with Alderman Sawyer in the sad loss which he has sustained by the death of his daughter.

2-Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Statutory Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on the 9th November, 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 November 16

Except Minute No 17 relating to Offensive Trade at No. 134 Fairview Road. Resolved, also, on the recommendation of the Flooding Sub-Committee, That Mr. Edgar Jackson of Oldham be appointed District Sanitary Inspector at a salary of £230 per annum, rising by two annual increments of £12 10s. 0d. and one of £7 10s. 0d. to a maximum of £300 per annum, with usual cycle allowance (subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health), the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Sanitary Inspectors' Order, 1935, and the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the appointment.

Housing . Meetings held November 19 & 30

Street and Highway Meeting held November 23

Town Planning Meeting held November 6

Resolved, also, That with regard to Minute No. 7, the detail plans now submitted be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, subject to the building being removed at any time on three months' notice, and subject to satisfactory drainage arrangements, and in the event of the drains being connected to those serving Clonbrock House, the County Council entering into an undertaking to regard the connection from the latter property to the sewer as a combined drain and not a sewer.

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held November 20 & 27 and December 1

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held November 30 and December 2

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Alderman Pruen : " That Minute No. to in regard to Coronation illuminations be referred back and that the Committee be requested to submit an amended and less costly proposal." was withdrawn).

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham : "That the first resolution of the Minute of the View Committee be referred back to enable the Council to judge the effect of the new lighting proposal " was lost).

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Water Meeting held November 17

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held November 24

Allotments Meeting held November 16

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held November 1716

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held November 20

Burial Board Meeting held November 13

Public Library Meeting held November 13

Rating Meeting held November 12

Finance Meeting held December 1

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

4—Grammar School Governors—Resolved, That Aldermen Margrett and Clara F. Winterbotham be appointed Governors of the Grammar School for a term of three years expiring on the 7th December, 1939.

5—Education Committee—Resolved, That Mrs. Irene M. B. James be appointed a representative of the Grammar School Governors on the Education Committee

for a term of three years expiring on the 7th December, 1939, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. E. Marshall.

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, 4th January, 1937.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th December, 1936.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Park Place District—Surface Water Drainage—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for renewal of the mains and surface water outlet from the Park Place District at an estimated cost of £1,525 0s. 0d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to carry out the work and that the unexpended balance of the loan of £23,561 amounting to £1,471 be applied towards the cost of the work. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to approach Messrs. Rogers & Davis as to culverting in the ditch through their land.

2—Montpellier Conveniences—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that these Conveniences were opened on the 4th inst., and that he had engaged two men and two women attendants to work in alternate shifts, at 30s a week for each of the men with 5s on alternate Sundays, and 24s a week for each of the women with 4s on alternate Sundays. He recommended that the lavatories and Cloakroom should be open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays, and the lavatories from 8 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. and the Cloakroom from 8 a.m. to Noon on Sundays. RESOLVED, That these arrangements be approved but that the hours be reconsidered in six months' time.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of The British Automatic Co. Ltd for permission to maintain an automatic weighing machine in these conveniences be granted subject to an annual payment to the Corporation of £4 payable each year in advance,

3—Cakebridge Farm Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Rainger & Rogers the Architects concerned in the development of this Estate had requested the Corporation to lay the sewer for connecting this Estate with the Wyman's Brook Sewer. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to carry out the work provided that G. A. M. Hall Co. Ltd. agree to repay to the Corporation the whole cost of the work with an additional 5 per cent. for office charges, and to deposit the estimated cost of the work before the work is commenced.

4—Cottages at Sewage Works—RESOLVED, That the applications of the Sewage Works' Manager and assistant for an increase in their electric lighting allowance from 1s to 11s 6d. per week be not acceded to.

5—Insanitary Property at (a) 9 Clevecland Buildings, Clevecland 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) 55 and 56 Tewkesbury Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had asked the Corporation to execute the works specified in the notice served on them under Sub-Section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, and submitted three tenders for the necessary works. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son amounting to £32 7s. 9d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

6—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 1 Granville Street ; 12 Sidney Street—The Medical Officer of Health submitted official representation as to the condition of these houses and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above mentioned premises 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 works or the future user of the houses will be considered at a meeting of this Committee to be held on the 8th February, 1937.

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(b) 5 Pittville Lawn (Basement)—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basement rooms of these premises which did not comply with the Regulations of the Corporation prescribed under the Housing Acts, The Rota Sub-Committee also reported their inspection thereof. 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 8th February, 1937.

(c) 30 and 31 Worcester Street—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises, the Owner having failed to carry out her undertaking given on the 28th November, 1935. The Owner, Mrs. Watts, attended the Committee and asked for an extension of time for carrying out the work having regard to the work she was carrying out at her other property. RESOLVED, That 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) Hill View Cottage ; 124 Tewkesbury Road ; and 20 Hereford Place—The Owners of these houses having consented to the making of Demolition Orders in respect thereof. 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,

(e) Basements of 4 Tewkesbury Road ; and 6 York Terrace—The Owners of these premises having consented to Closing Orders being made in respect thereof. 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, 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.

(f) 292 High Street (first and second floors) ; Basements of Phoenix Lodge, Montpellier—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Closing Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned for two months in the case of the premises at 292 High Street and for one month in the case of the other premises.

(g) 6 Brandon Place--RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises be adjourned for one month.

(h) 9 Sherborne Place; 90 Swindon Road ; and 42 and 43 Montpellier Villas—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses in breach of the Undertakings given by the respective Owners be adjourned for one month.

(i) 5 and 6 Waterloo Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. Baldwin, the intending Purchaser of these premises had decided not to purchase the property and withdrew his undertaking. RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order in breach of the undertaking given by the Owner of these premises on the 15th February last be adjourned for one month.

(j) 4 Queen Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the intending Purchaser of these premises had decided not to purchase and withdrew his undertaking. RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order in respect of the property be adjourned for one month.

(k) 23, 25 and 27 Columbia Street ; 127-130 and 131-135 Tewkesbury Road; 1, 2 and 3 Bryant's Court ; 6-9 St. George's Avenue ; Claremont Cottage, rear of Montpellier Terrace—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these premises had failed to comply with the Demolition Orders served on them, and submitted the only tender which had been received for carrying out the work of demolition in default. The Owners of 23, 25 and 27 Columbia Street and 1, 2 and 3 Bryant's Court had promised to demolish these houses before the January meeting of this Committee. RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of demolishing the houses in default of compliance with the Orders served on the Owners be adjourned for one month and that the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain further tenders.

(l) 12 Townsend Street and 44 New Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had now carried cancelled. out the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Undertakings be

7—Nuisances from Drains etc. at 7 Royal Well Place ; Rothesay, Sandford Mill Road ; 13 Mitre 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.

8—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-36G and 367 High Street and 2 Brampton 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.

9—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc. --The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 qrs. 12 lbs. Beef ; 1 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs. Pork ; 1 qr. 16 ½ lbs. Poultry ; 5 lbs. Fish.

10—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. C. H. Wellon of 194 High Street, Mr. M. Tartaglia of 265 High Street, Mr. F. W. Bayliss of 30 New Street and Mr. J. Hopkins of Elm Farm, Hester's Way, to be registered as Retail Purveyors of milk be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order.

11—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936—RESOLVED, That the undermentioned applications for licences authorising the use of special designations for the sale of milk within the Borough be granted for one year to 31st December, 1937 subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order, and that the maximum fees allowed under the Order be charged for the granting of such licences

Applicant.	Licence Applied For.
Gloucestershire Dairy Co, Ltd. .	Licence in respect of Pasteurising Establishment in Imperial Lane and to sell " Pasteurised " milk from any other establishment in the Borough.
Do	Dealer's licence for sale of " Tuberculin Tested " milk from Imperial Lane Depot.
Mr. C. H. Pumphrey	Dealer's licence for sale of " Tuberculin Tested " milk from Benhall Dairy, Great Norwood Street.
Gloucester Co-operative & Industrial Society Ltd.	Supplementary licence for sale in the Borough of " Pasteurised " milk from the Society's Pasteurising Establishment at Manor Farm, Latton, Cerney Wick.

12—Health Department--(a) The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Ministry of Health approving of the terms of the appointment of Mr. E. Jackson as District Sanitary Inspector.

(b) The Committee considered an application from Mr. A. J. Stroud to be appointed Assistant Sanitary Inspector without salary. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. Stroud had until recently been a

pupil in his office and had just qualified as a Sanitary Inspector and obtained a full certificate for Building Construction and advanced certificate in Plumbing. RESOLVED, That the appointment be approved.

13—Shops Act, 1934—(a) 101 and 333 High Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted list of defects in the sanitary and other arrangements of these shops. RESOLVED, That Notices be served under section 10 (7) of the Shops Act, 1934 requiring the Owners to take such action as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of the Act.

(b) 386b High Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector recommended that a Certificate of Exemption from the provisions of section 10 (2) of this Act, which requires the provision of suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences, should be granted to the Home & Colonial Stores in respect of this shop RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that by reason of the restricted accommodation or the special circumstances affecting this shop it is reasonable that a Certificate of Exemption should be granted and that suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences are otherwise conveniently available, a Certificate of Exemption be granted accordingly in respect of the said shop.

(c) Peacock's Arcade, High Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had visited these premises and did not consider they were provided with sufficient means to provide a reasonable temperature as required by section 10 of the Shops Act, 1934 The Owner had stated his intention of erecting glass doors at the Winchcomb Street end of the Arcade and of providing gas radiators. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to keep the premises under observation.

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14—Smoke Nuisance--Bath Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had been in correspondence with Messrs Shenton concerning the emission of smoke from their factory in Bath Road, and Mr Shenton had promised to take steps to prevent the nuisance from smoke. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to continue to keep the premises under observation.

15—Housing Act, 1935—(a) 4 Weston Cottages and 27 Jersey Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these houses had carried out to his satisfaction works which in his opinion would with reasonable care and maintenance render them fit for human habitation for a period of at least 10 years. RESOLVED, That Certificates be issued to the Owners under Section 55 of the Housing Act, 1935, that the houses are fit for human habitation and will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of 10 years.

(b) 39 Cleaveland Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house was carrying out works which in his opinion would with reasonable care and maintenance render it fit for human habitation for a period of at least 10 years. RESOLVED, That when the works have been completed to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector a Certificate be issued to the Owner under Section 55 of the Housing Act, 1935 that the house is fit for human habitation and will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of 10 years

16—National Rat Week—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted his Report, a copy of which had been sent to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

17—Overcrowding—The Medical Officer of Health reported on the work which had been carried out since the completion of the Overcrowding survey and advised that the services of the two enumerators, Messrs.

Pearce and Hicks, could not be dispensed with for at least another six months. RESOLVED, That the position be reviewed at the meeting of this Committee next June.

18—Offensive Trade—Fish Fryer—The Committee considered an application by Mr. W. T. Morris for approval of the installation at 82 Tennyson Road of a radi-heat Gas Range for frying fish made by Messrs. Preston & Thomas. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the actual range being approved by the Medical Officer of Health.

19—Slum Clearance—RESOLVED, That consideration of schemes submitted by Owners of premises affected by the Clearance Orders recently made by the Council be referred to the Flooding Sub-Committee.

20—Abattoir Superintendent—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of Mr. T. W. Agg, Superintendent of the Abattoir, for an increase in salary he adjourned until next month.

21—Rat Infestation—Silwood and Tivoli Gardens—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises were being infested with rats from disused culvert and 9 inch pipe laid under adjoining property. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary work for rendering the water culvert and pipe proof against rats.

22—Damage to Water Service Pipe—Read, letter of 24th ult. from Messrs. J. W. Robson & Son reporting damage to a water pipe serving their premises in Clarence Street and asking the Corporation to contribute to the cost of repair amounting to £3 10s. 0d. The Borough Surveyor recommended an ex-gratia payment of £1, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th December, 1936.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—New Houses—The Town Clerk reported that the Sanitary Inspector, the Housing Manager and he were of opinion that the 188 further houses proposed to be erected on the Whaddon Farm Estate should comprise the following types having regard to the size of families to be displaced from premises included in Clearance Areas, and on account of Overcrowding, viz : 24 one-bedroom, 108 three-bedroom, 44 four-bedroom and 8 five-bedroom houses, and the Borough Surveyor submitted alternative layouts to accommodate these houses. RESOLVED, That the layout providing for the circular recreation ground be approved, and that if approved by the Ministry of Health, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and specification and invite tenders for the erection of the houses.

2—The Moors Estate—The Housing Manager reported interviews with tenants on this Estate in regard to the appointment of caretaker, and recommended that Mr. and Mrs. Banning of 29 St. Peter's Square should be appointed caretakers for a probationary period of three months at a joint wage of 15s per week. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

3-22 Shelley Avenue—The Housing Manager reported that the tenant of this house had refused to comply with the View Committee's request to reduce the size of the extension erected to the shed at this house without approval, and to make this harmonise with the original structure. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the tenant one month's notice to quit.

4—Whaddon Farm—The Town Clerk submitted claim received from the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd. for compensation amounting to £601 13s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be referred to Mr. Castle.

5—Nos. 1 and 2 Wakefield Cottages—Read, letter of 9th inst. from Mrs. M. E. Hopkins offering to sell the site of these houses. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the View Sub-Committee.

6—Arrears—The Housing Manager submitted her quarterly report on the arrears of rent.

7—Swimming Pool Superintendent—The Committee considered the suggestion of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee that Lt. Edwards be engaged during the winter months on rent collection. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to adopt this suggestion.

8—View Sub-Committee—Read, report of the View Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 2nd inst.

9—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 8th inst. RESOLVED, That the report be approved.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st December, 1936.** Present—Aldermen Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Lt.-Col, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Morris (Alderman Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Royal Well Road—(a) Taxicab Office—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Divisional Road Engineer suggesting that the taxicab office should be moved off the highway. RESOLVED, That it be pointed out to him that the office is not on the highway but on the Car Park.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that the attention of the Taxicab Owners' Association had been called to the nuisance caused in this road by the dropping of oily substances from taxicabs and that the Association had expressed its regrets and explained that the nuisance had been caused by the accidental upsetting of a tin of oil.

2—Six Chimney Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 30th ult. from the Cheltenham and District Gas Company offering to surrender a strip of land for road widening subject to the Corporation agreeing to bear the expense of taking down and re-erecting the boundary fence and of repairing the footpath along Lower Alstone Mill and Cottage. The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing how this offer would amend the improvement line previously approved. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and the line amended accordingly.

3—High Street—Rebuilding of Co-operative Stores—Read letter of 11th inst. from the Divisional Road Engineer of the Ministry of Transport that the application would for a grant in respect of the setting back to the improved line (subject to the approval of the County Council) be further considered on formal application for grant and authorising the District Valuer's report to be obtained. The Town Clerk reported that he had now instructed the District Valuer accordingly.

4-7 Pittville Street—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Divisional Engineer of the Ministry of Transport that subject to the formal approval of the County Council an application for a grant towards the cost of acquiring this property would receive favourable consideration and authorising the District Valuer's valuation to be obtained. Read, also, a letter from the County Surveyor questioning the necessity for widening this street to 60 feet. The Town Clerk reported that he had instructed the District Valuer to make a valuation. RESOLVED, That the Committee re-affirm their decision that this street should be widened to 60 feet.

5—St. Stephen's Road and Andover Road—Read, letter from the County Surveyor asking if application had been made to the Minister of Transport for a grant for rounding off the corner at this junction. The Borough Surveyor reported that he proposed to charge this to Main Road account. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Borough Surveyor's Department—Temporary Junior Engineering Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Mr. R. J. H. Gillingham, Temporary Junior Engineering Assistant, for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased from £175 to £190.

7—London Road—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Mr. A. C. Saxby requesting the removal of the seat opposite Keynsham Parade to a position nearer the next bus stop. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

8—Montpellier Street—Cellars—The Borough Surveyor reported that certain of the owners, on whom notices had been served requiring defective cellar roofs and arches to be made good, had now offered to give up their cellars. RESOLVED, That the offers be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fill in the cellars. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to accept any similar offers made by other owners of houses in this street.

9—Southern Road—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Mr. S. C. Dixon complaining of the accumulation of mud on the side of this road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this road scavenged.

10—All Saints Road—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Mr. S. P. Johnstone offering to purchase for 12s 6d. each the four lime trees which the Committee had decided to remove near All Saints Church. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

11—Mechanical Road Sweeper and Mechanical Gulley Emptier—The Borough Surveyor reported that the tenders for the supply of a Mechanical Road Sweeper and Mechanical Gulley Emptier had been considered at a meeting of the Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee at which the Chairman, Alderman Pates and Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Davis and Morris were present, and that he was arranging for a demonstration of two machines to the Sub-Committee after Christmas.

12—Tewkesbury Road Bridge—The Housing Manager reported that five houses which had recently been purchased for the widening of the Tewkesbury Road Bridge, namely Nos. 117, 119, 120, 122 and 123 Tewkesbury Road, were in need of repairing. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out any urgent repairs and that the Housing Manager be instructed to report as to any further repairs at the next meeting of the Committee.

13—Private Improvement Works—(a) Rowanfield Road—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 1st inst. from Messrs. Engall Cox & Co. on behalf of Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co. Ltd. agreeing to pay a proportionate part of the cost of making up this road.

(b) Jersey Avenue—Read, letters from Miss D. Holmes and Mr. H. V. Webb with regard to the cost of making up this road. RESOLVED, That these be considered when the apportionment of the cost is made.

14—View Committee—Read, report of the View Committee of their Meeting held on the 16th inst. Present—The Chairman, Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham and Councillors Fisher and Grimwade.

They recommended as follows :—

(1) Promenade—That the leaning tree near the approach road by the Fountain be removed.

(2) Well Place—That in response to Mr. W. A. Noel Davies' application, the footpath on the South side be levelled and tarsprayed.

(3) Overton Road—That none of the trees marked by the Treeman be removed, but that the one at junction with Overton Park Road and Parabola Road be pruned. (4) Fauconberg Road—That alternate trees be removed starting with the partially decayed tree at North West corner.

(5) Bayshill Road—That the dying elm tree opposite entrance to new Junior School be removed.

(6) Eldorado Crescent—That Mr. A. J. Wadley's application for lopping or removal of tree outside " Haverstock " be not acceded to.

(7) Back Road between Grafton Road and Tudor Lodge Road—That Col. Jackson's application for erection of sign prohibiting heavy vehicles from using this road be not acceded to.

(8) Leckhampton Road—That the dangerous tree outside No. 76 be removed.

(9) Emmanuel Church Site—That with regard to the application from the Bishop of Gloucester the land for the full road width be taken in when building of the church is completed and that a sufficient road be constructed to enable vehicles to approach the church from Ewlyn Road and depart via Langdon Road or vice versa and that the remainder of the road site be " tipped " and levelled when suitable material becomes available.

(10) Imperial Square (South side)—That Mr. G. F. Ticehurst's request that the piece of land opposite his house be acceded to, and that the railings be removed and the land thrown into the highway, but that the four poplar trees thereon be not removed.

(11) Hewlett Road—That of the trees marked by the Treeman those selected by the Committee be removed.

(12) Priors Road—That cars be allowed to park on the Easterly side of the road commencing at the Cemetery Gates but that no white lines be marked on the carriageway.



(13) Junction of Harp Hill and Oakley Road—That a heavy type of man-hole cover be substituted for the present light one and that the corner be set back as agreed on the site; and also that the small area added to the carriageway be suitably made up.

15—Junction of Swindon Road and King Street—Read, letter from Mr. R. P. Lamb suggesting that the Corporation should purchase property for rounding off one of the corners at this junction. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

16-139 and 143 Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter from Mr. W. H. Horsley inviting an offer for these properties. RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be asked to inspect the properties and report as to their condition and that the Divisional Road Engineer be asked to authorise the District Valuer to make a valuation.

17—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Acme Showcard & Sign Co. Ltd. for permission to erect an illuminated Neon sign outside Glendale House, Montpellier Road be granted subject to the approval of the Chairman of the wording to be used on the sign.

(b) The attention of the owner having been called to the existence of a projecting advertisement sign outside 204 Leckhampton Road without the permission of the Committee and the owner having now applied for permission to allow the sign to remain RESOLVED, That no further action be taken by the Committee.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Major Equipment Co. Ltd. for permission to erect a neon sign outside the premises of Messrs J. & M. Stone at 146 High Street be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

(d) RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of Regent Studios for permission to erect an illuminated sign outside the premises of Messrs. Taylor, Drapers, Winchcombe Street, be adjourned for view.

18—Post Office Telegraph Lines—Upper Park Street and Clarence Street—Read, applications from the Superintendent Engineer of Post Office Telegraphs, Cardiff, for consent to the laying of (1) an overhead telegraph line with one pole in Upper Park Street and (2) an underground telegraph line in Clarence Street from a point near Imperial Circus to a point near the junction with High Street. RESOLVED, That the first application be granted subject to the pole being placed at the back of the footpath and to six feet of lagging or paint being provided at the base, and to the footpath being properly reinstated and that the second application be granted subject to line being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to the footpath being properly re-instated.

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19—High Street Omnibus Stop—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Cheltenham District Traction Co, objecting to the permanent removal of the Bus Stop to a point outside Marks & Spencer's shop. RESOLVED, That the matter be reconsidered at the next meeting of Committee and that the Superintendent of Police be asked to report as to the effect of the alteration on traffic conditions.

20—Alstone Lane—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Education Secretary asking that Norton House outbuildings and garden should be taken over by the Street and Highway Committee as they were not required for the purposes of the Education Committee but were being retained for future road requirements. They were valued by Mr. Castle at £600. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

21—Damage to Scavenging Truck—The Town Clerk reported that a motor car driven and owned by Mr. G. S. Magill had collided with a scavenging truck causing damage amounting to £3 12s. 6d. for which he made a claim against the owner of the Car.

22—High Street—Unilateral Waiting—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Ministry of Transport asking for the observations of the Council on the objections received to this Order. RESOLVED. That the Council are willing to agree to a provision that the Order should not apply during the hours before 10 o'clock in the morning.

23—High Street and Promenade Improvement—(a) The Town Clerk reported that he had received from Mr. Forbes a list of fixtures and fittings which Messrs. Dodwell & Sons wished to remove from their premises before completion of the purchase. RESOLVED, That the list be referred to the Borough Surveyor to report as to their value.

(b) Read a complaint from Shirer & Lances Ltd, complaining of the inconvenience and loss caused by the delay in completing the rebuilding of the new premises adjoining their shop. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the contractors urging them to expedite the work so that the building boardings may be removed without unnecessary delay.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th December, 1936.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade, Howell and Leigh James ; Mesdames E. Booy, E. A. P. Grist, E. C. Gurney, W. L. Mellersh and L. Wood (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Midwives Act, 1936—(a) Read, letter from the Local Branch of the British Medical Association approving the provisions of the proposed Scheme ; also, letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Local Branch of the Midwives Institute approving of the Scheme except the clause that all midwives appointed by the District Nursing Association must be fully trained nurses as well as certified midwives.

The Sub-Committee appointed at the meeting held on the 12th October last reported they had met the representatives of the Cheltenham District Nursing Association on the 29th October last, and subject to an additional being provided to cover the cost of Refresher Courses, sick leave and other emergencies, they approved of the Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended that an additional grant be made to the District Nursing Association of £730, making with the present grant of £160, a total of £890, the District Nursing Association to retain in addition the fees recovered for services (estimated at £225) on condition that they would pay the District Midwives a sum equivalent to £200 per annum, rising by £10 to £240, plus uniform and cycle allowance of £14 per annum, less an amount to be deducted to cover board and lodging, the amount so deducted to be approved by the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, and that no change in the scale of salaries be made without approval of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, and also on condition that all Midwives appointed must be also fully trained Nurses and to the condition that four representatives of this Committee should be appointed on the Executive Committee of the Association. RESOLVED, also, 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. RESOLVED, also, That a scale be made and approved by the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee for regulating the total or partial remission of fees for services of midwives in necessitous cases. RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman, the Mayor, Councillors Garland and Grimwade be appointed representatives of the

Committee to serve on the District Nursing Association. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for a grant in respect of the additional grant of £730 to be made to the Association under this Act.

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(b) Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Central Midwives Board setting out the main provisions of the draft rules being prepared under Section 7 (1). RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 23rd October last from the Midwives' Institute enclosing memorandum to local supervising authorities containing their views on the Act.

2—Orthopaedic Scheme—The Committee considered the Orthopaedic Scheme submitted by the Medical Officer of Health for the treatment of children at the General Hospital, which had been submitted to and approved by the Education Committee, who had agreed to pay two-thirds of the expenditure for the first year, leaving one-third to be paid by this Committee. The Medical Officer of Health recommended that these arrangements be approved by this Committee. The Scheme was as follows :—

(a) A fee of £100 per annum to be paid to the Orthopaedic Surgeon, the fee to include periodical reports to the Medical Officer of Health and recommendations as to the treatment of out-patient Clinic cases ; (b) a weekly payment of £2 8s. 0d. to be made to the Hospital for each Orthopaedic case treated in the wards, the patients to be under the direct charge of the Orthopaedic Specialist ; (c) a similar payment to be made for prolonged hospital treatment (three months or more) at suitable hospitals approved by the Board of Education ; (d) a payment of 6d. to be made to the General Hospital for each attendance of out-patient Clinic cases, and where the application of plasters is required a fee of 7s 6d. per case to be paid towards the cost of the plaster ; (e) a fee of £1 1s. 0d. to be paid to the Hospital for each X-ray examination plus the cost of the film ; (f) the appointment of an Orthopaedic Nurse to be deferred until it is possible to estimate the number of cases to be dealt with.

RESOLVED, That the Scheme be approved, and that this Committee agree to pay one third of the expenditure in the first year.

3—Fees of Medical Practitioners—Read, circular 1582 from the Ministry of Health that regulations had been made fixing the scale of fees to be paid by local supervising authorities to medical practitioners called in by midwives under Section 14 of the Midwives Act, 1918, and prescribing the conditions subject to which the fees are to be payable. The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had called the attention of the medical practitioners to the regulations.

4—Local Government Act, 1929---(a) Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Ministry of Health enclosing Scheme proposed to be made under Section 93 of this Act which provided that the amount to be paid to Cheltenham should be increased by £1,010, and that the County Council should in each of the financial years 1937-1942 apportion the sum of £3,930 between the Councils of the County Districts in the County who are not the local authorities in their respective districts for the purposes of the Notification of Births Act, 1907 and 1915 in proportion to the rateable value of their districts and shall pay the sums so apportioned to the several district councils. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Town Clerk and Borough Treasurer to consider the proposals and make any representations which appear to them necessary to make the Scheme fair between Cheltenham and the other districts.

(b) Birth Control Clinic—Read, letter from the Ministry of Health asking to be informed of the nature and terms of the services for which the Council propose, under their Scheme made in pursuance of Section 101 of the Local Government Act, 1929, to make a contribution of £60 to the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association under the heading of " Birth Control Clinic." RESOLVED, That Mrs. Mellersh be asked to furnish the details of this estimate.

5—Milk—The Medical of Health reported that the following prices were fixed by the Milk Marketing Board 7—October 1936 to March 1937 inclusive 1s 5d, April 1s 4d, May 1s 0 1/8d, June to July and August 1s 1d, and September 1s 3d. The tendered price accepted for the year commencing 1st October last was 6d. per gallon above these prices.

6—Children Act—(a) It was reported that Mrs. Danson of 35 Hope Street had received two foster children in respect of which she had given an emergency notice. The Medical Officer of Health reported the circumstances in regard to her home, which rendered this unsuitable. RESOLVED, That Mrs. Danson be informed that the children must not be retained by her, and that if necessary the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for an order for the removal of the children until they be restored to their relatives or until other arrangements can be made in respect of them.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that with the approval of the Chairman he had arranged in view of exceptional circumstances for an illegitimate child to be cared for at the Ravenhurst Nursing Home, Pittville Lawn, at a cost of 25s per week, of which the mother paid 5s per week, pending the adoption of the child by the West of England Branch of the National Adoption Society. The adoption took place within a week of the child being received in the Nursing Home. RESOLVED, That his action be approved.

7—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—RESOLVED, That the certificate of exemption from registration as Nursing Homes of the General and Eye Hospitals be renewed for a period of twelve months expiring on the 31st October, 1937.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th December, 1936,** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Grimwade, Moore and Morris ; 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.
4532	Gloucestershire County Council ,	Temporary dining room, Pates' Grammar School St. Margaret's Road.
4533	Hall, G. A. M., Ltd.	Amended drainage, 3 houses, Keynshambury Road.
4534	Cheesman, Mrs. M. I.	Garage, Yetholme, Leckhampton Road.
4535	Plough Hotel	Boiler House, Plough Hotel.

4536	Hancock, Miss N.	Pair of semi-detached houses, Prestbury Road.
4537	Green, P. R.	Detached house, Eldon Road.
4538	Bliss, L. H.	Detached house, Old Bath Road.
4539	Eager, H.	New office and stores, 296 Gloucester Road
4540	Marshall, A. E. & Sons	Pair of semi-detached houses, Whaddon Road.
4541	Hamlin, A. H.	New shop front and additions at rear of 198 High Street.
4542	Hone, Miss	Garage, 2 Pittville Villas, Prestbury Road.
4543	Cheltenham Shopfitting Co. Ltd	New works and offices, St. George's Parade.
4544	Rogers & Davies	Detached house, Hatherley Court Road.
4545	Stone, J. M.	New shopfront, 145 High Street.
4546	Vicar and Churchwardens of All Saints' Church	Coal and coke store, St. Michael's Church, Whaddon Road
4547	Leon, M.	Shopfront, Promenade.
4548	North Street Motors Ltd,	New showroom, North Street.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos 4534, 4535, 4537, 4544, 4545 and 4546 be approved ; That Plan No. 4532 be approved subject to the conditions approved at the last meeting of the Council ; That Plan No. 4533 be approved subject to the Owner entering into an undertaking that the main conduit shall be deemed to be a drain and not a sewer ; That Plan No. 4542 be approved subject to the garage being set back 4 feet and a petrol interceptor being provided to the washdown ; That Plans Nos. 4536, 4538, 4539, 4540, 4541, 4543, 4547 and 4548 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.
1062	Marshall, A. E. & Son	Detached house, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1063	Daffurn, D. G.	Garage (Private), East End Road, Charlton Kings.
1064	Billings, A. C. & Sons	Detached house, Charlton House Estate, Charlton Kings.
1065	Shenton, Shakespear	Cattle Shelter, London Road, Charlton Kings,
1066	Hall, G. A. M.	Layout, Prestbury Park, Prestbury.
1067	Borough Electrical Engineer	Overhead Low Tension Lines, Seven Springs to Wistley.
1068	Gloucestershire County Council .. ..	Road Layout, Swindon.
1069	Cheltenham District Traction Co. .. ..	Shelter, Six Ways, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1063 and 1067 be approved ; That Plan No. 1064 be approved subject to sandfaced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plans Nos. 1065 and 1069 be approved subject to the Owners entering into under-takings to remove the buildings behind the building line at their own cost and without compensation if and when required by the Road Authority and in the case of Plan No. 1069 subject also to the approval of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act ; That Plan No. 1066 be

approved subject to roads being made to the satisfaction of the County Council and to the sewers being laid to the requirements of the Cheltenham Rural District Council ; That Plan No 1068 be deferred for further consideration ; That Plan No. 1062 be not approved.

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3—Appeal by Mrs. Glynn—Plan No. T.P. 1038—The Town Clerk reported that Mrs. Glynn had appealed to the Ministry of Health against the decision of the Committee not to approve this plan for the erection of a house at Kayte Lane, Bishops Cleeve, and the Ministry had decided to hold a local Inquiry on 23rd February.

4—Town Planning Department—Read, application from Mr. S. R. Browning, clerk, for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased from £1 to £1 5s. 0d. per week.

5—Applications to Develop—(a) Kington Cottages, St. Paul's Road—Read, application from Mr. T. H. Houghton for permission to convert these cottages into garages, RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared favourably to consider the application on the submission of detailed plans.

(b) Ravenhurst, Pittville—Read, letters of the 5th and 16th inst. from Messrs. McIlquham & Co., that their client proposed to develop the land adjoining Ravenhurst, Pittville and asking whether, having regard to the Pittville covenants, the Committee would approve the development, similar to the development of adjoining property. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, subject to submission of detailed plans.

(c) 440 High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. A. W. Mann had converted this house into a shop and had removed the front railings. Read, letter from Mr. Mann asking the Council to consent to the conversion. RESOLVED, That the Committee have no objection to the premises being used as business premises subject to no alteration in the elevation being made and to the front railings being re-erected.

6—Executive Committee—Read, letters from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing further revised draft Agreement for the formation of an Executive Committee. The Town Clerk reported that the Agreement provided for the number of representatives of the constituent authorities including the County Council on the Committee to be referred to the Minister of Health for determination and also for the clause relating to the appointment of officers of the Committee to be referred to the Ministry ; a clause had also been added which would enable the Executive Committee when appointed to modify the scheme already prepared by the Committee. RESOLVED, That the County Council be informed that the Committee cannot recommend the Council to approve the revised draft Agreement as now submitted, but are willing to enter into an Agreement as settled at the Conference held at Gloucester in July last.

7—Plan No. 1052—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the County Land Agent asking the Committee to waive the condition of approving this Plan that the farm buildings should be removed away from the hedge an additional 30 feet. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Capt. Trye, Councillor E. W. Moore and Mr. A. Wiggett be appointed to inspect the site and that they be authorised to deal with the application. (The Sub-Committee have since met and have decided to recommend the Council to accede to the County Land Agent's application.)

E. L. WARD, Chairman

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 30th December, 1936.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade and Morris ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, A. Wiggett and W. Yiend (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

8—Town Planning Scheme—The Borough Surveyor submitted the draft Scheme Map for the Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme (No. 1) and the Town Planning Assistant explained to the Committee proposals contained therein. RESOLVED, That the draft Scheme Map be approved and submitted to the Local Authorities concerned for their observations. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare the Clauses for the Draft Scheme.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 7th December, 1936.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Smith and Waite; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Swimming Pool Superintendent—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Mr. J. G. Drummond Currie that he had examined Lt. Edwards' eyes. He had come to the conclusion that whilst it was not impossible for him to do a certain amount of close work, it would unquestionably be far more desirable for him to be on an occupation which does not require detailed attention over any length of time during the working day. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Housing Committee be asked to consider whether employment can be found for Lt. Edwards during the winter months on the collection of rents.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th December, 1936.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Grimwade, Howell and Waite ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

2—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their meeting on the 1st inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Drawing Room—That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted to the Health Committee for a Cookery Demonstration in connection with the Health Week Exhibition.

(b) Whitsuntide Bands—That the tender of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards of £160 for a Military Band to play 14 times during the six days commencing 12th May be accepted and that half be charged to the Coronation Committee for the performances on Coronation Day, when admission would be free ; Also, That their tender of £10 for the provision of their Dance Band be accepted.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

3—Alstone Mill—The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders received for the demolition of the chimney at Alstone Mill. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. R. H. Manser amounting to £12 (being the lowest) be accepted, subject to Mr. Manser effecting a policy of insurance indemnifying against damage to adjoining property, the Corporation to pay the premium.

4—Swimming Pool—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted report received from Dr. J. Beale on the growth of algae at the Swimming Pool. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the recommendations contained in Dr. Beale's report, and also to obtain tenders for the provision of suction sweeping brush.

(b) Swimming Pool Superintendent—The Committee further considered the question of the employment of Lt. Edwards during the Winter months, RESOLVED, That as Lt. Edwards is unable to carry out the work in connection with the stores at the Central Depot, his salary of £260 per annum be discontinued as from the 1st January to the 17th April, and that during this period he be paid a retaining fee of £3 per week as last winter, plus 15 per cent of any receipts from Gymnasium classes taken by him, as last year.

5—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the sum of £400 was included in the estimates for providing scum channels and coping tiles etc. at these Baths, and he had invited tenders for this work. Provision for snowcreting the bottom of the Bath and for Granolythic surround was struck out of the estimates. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders also for the snowcreting and Granolythic surround and that the Chairman and Councillor Avery be authorised to accept a tender or tenders for carrying out such portions of the above works not exceeding the amount included in the estimates, and to report on the cost of completing the works.

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

(b) Chiropody—Councillor Howell reported that the Medical Advisory Committee had considered the Superintendent's recommendation that a Chiropody treatment should be provided at the Medical Baths, and they recommended that this treatment should be provided and the necessary equipment purchased at a cost of £50 5s. 3d. The whole of the equipment would be transferred to the new Medical Baths when built. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(c) Colonic Therapy—The Medical Advisory Committee also recommended that the Corporation should purchase a special Anal Speculum at a cost of £4 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted, and that the charge for treatment be the same as for the Studa Chair, namely 7s 6d per treatment ; course of 4 £1 7s. 0d.

7—Montpellier Gardens—(a) RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be instructed not to let two of the Hard Tennis Courts for the season at Montpellier so that these may be available for letting to the general public.

(b) RESOLVED, That the free use of some of the hard tennis courts be granted on a Saturday in June for the Hospital Tournament organised by Alderman Pates,



8—Pittville Gardens—Read, application from Col. Cockshott for the use of Pittville Gardens on the 9th and 10th June next for an Elizabethan Maske and Fayre in aid of the Waifs and Strays Society. It would be necessary to erect the stalls on the 8th June. RESOLVED, That the use of the Gardens be granted at a charge of £5 5s. 0d. subject to Col. Cockshott undertaking to pay the cost of making good any damage.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

#### ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a View Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 2nd December, 1936.** Present—Alderman J. Moore ; Councillors Bendall, Howell, Leigh James, Ben James and Morris (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Lansdown Road and Lansdown Place—The Committee inspected the modifications which had been made in the experimental lighting in Lansdown Road and Lansdown Place and after a full discussion it was RESOLVED, To recommend that thirteen fittings with 250 watt mercury discharge lamps of the modified type submitted by the General Electric Co, Ltd, be erected in Lansdown Road and nine fittings with 250 watt mercury discharge lamps of the modified type submitted by the British Thomson-Houston Co. Ltd. be erected in Lansdown Place. RESOLVED, also, That the existing filament lamp near Westal Green Sub-Station be replaced by a mercury discharge lamp on a new lamp post, and that an additional mercury discharge lamp be placed on the other side of the road at the junction of Queen's Road and Lansdown Place.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

[APPROVED BY COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING ON 7TH DECEMBER, 1936.]

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd December, 1936.** Present—Alderman Moore ; Councillors Bendall, Howell and Morris (Alderman Moore in the chair).

2—Price Increases—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he was continually receiving notifications from manufacturers of increases in prices of many different materials. In addition to rises in the cost of cables, meters water heaters and other appliances, the price now paid for coal by the Shropshire Worcestershire and Staffordshire Power Company had increased to 18s per ton, as against the basic price of 14s 6d per ton under the agreement for the bulk supply which had resulted in an additional charge during the month of November alone of about £289.

3—Public Lighting—(a) High Street Traffic Island—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer's proposals for the re-arrangement of the lighting of the new traffic island when this is completed, by means of Mercury lamps, be approved.

(b) Sydenham Villas Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted plan for the improvement of the lighting in this road by altering the position of three of the existing lamps and erecting two new ones, and he estimated the cost at £35 11s. 6d. and the increase in the annual running costs at £4 7s. 2d. RESOLVED, That

this scheme be approved and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to have the work carried out.

(c) Old Bath Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted revised scheme for the improvement of the lighting of Old Bath Road from Thirlestaine Road to the foot of Leckhampton Hill. He proposed that the present 24 lamp standards should be replaced by 37, giving a mounting height of 21 feet, and fitted with 100 watt sodium lamps. The total estimated cost was £728 6s. 0d. and the annual running costs would be £159 17s. 5d. as compared with at present. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to have the work carried out, and that the cost thereof be spread over a period of two years.

(d) St. Stephen's Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted plan for the improvement of the lighting at the junction of this road by erecting a new lamp opposite the entrance to Westal Green Filling Station, and removing the lamp on the land given up for the improvement to the opposite side of the road. He estimated the cost at £20 18s. 6d. plus £13 8s. 10d. for removing the existing lamp, which would be chargeable to the Highways account RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to have the work carried out.

4—Gas Tests—Read, report of Gas Tests made on the 2nd, 5th and 12th inst. which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 470.0, 467.9 and 476.9 B.Th.U., and the pressure 6.4, 6.9 and 7.7 inches of water respectively.

5—Powell—The Town Clerk reported that the County Fire Office had agreed to the request of the Committee to make an ex-gratia payment of £50 to this man having regard to special circumstances of this case. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Insurance Company for the liberal manner in which they had treated this case.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th December, 1936.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Miller, E. W. Moore and Morris (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

##### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 30th November, 1936.	Average for corresponding Period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	189,000 gallons	176,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	961,000	1,110,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	22,000	42,000
	1,172,000	1,328,000

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Estimated Usable Quantity about ... .. 90,202,000 gallons.

(b) Redwood Spring—The Borough Engineer reported that he had measured the supply from this Spring to the Hewletts Reservoir during the previous fortnight and that the average daily yield therefrom had been between 70,000 and 80,000 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—Hewlett Road and Priors Road—Additional Main—The Borough Engineer reported that the water main of 6 inch diameter in these roads was on the opposite side to the land being developed by the Master Builders' Association, and recommended the provision of an additional water main of 4 inch diameter to be laid under the footpaths on the other side of the road at an estimated cost of £220. RESOLVED, That the recommendation be approved.

5—Lorry--The Borough Engineer submitted three tenders for new lorry with allowance for the old Morris 25 cwt. lorry. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillor Morris be authorised to select and accept one of the tenders.

6—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board—Minutes—RESOLVED, That copies of the Minutes of the Board be sent to the Members of the Council from time to time for their information.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

## GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd December, 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 Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for the numbering of Arle Road. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that he be instructed to serve notices requiring the numbering of the road.

2—Rodney Road Car Park-7 tenders were received for the erection of conveniences at this car park. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons amounting to £45 (being the lowest) be accepted.

3—Leckhampton Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that he was now proceeding with the planting of 1,700 trees on Leckhampton Hill in rabbit proof enclosures, the cost of which, as previously reported, was being defrayed by an anonymous donor.

4---Marle Hill House—The Committee further considered application from Col. Whitmore Jones to have the second tennis court at this house added to adjoining field. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this.

5—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Wayman reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals, no outbreak having occurred since the last meeting.

(b) Foul Pests Orders—The Town Clerk submitted copies of these orders, which had been published, as required by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. G. T. Launchbury for the transfer of his licence to a new cab, F1-1 5821 be granted.

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

Date, 1936.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
8th December	50 Whaddon Avenue	Not apparent	About £50	£4 6s.0d.
11th “	2 Southend Villas, Painswick Road	“	About £100	£4 10s. 6d.
14th “	333 High Street	“	Slight	£3 14s. 0d.

(b) Apperley Court—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Capt. A. W. Strickland enquiring on what terms the Corporation would provide the services of the Brigade in the event of an outbreak of fire at Apperley Court comprising Mansion, Greyhill, Mumfords and Clifford Farms and cottages and village hall. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to provide the services of the Brigade on payment of an annual retaining fee of £6 subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

8—Police Agreement—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Clerk to the Standing Joint Committee that under Clause 5 (i) of the Police Agreement the Corporation undertook to pay a proportionate sum to be agreed upon from time to time as rent for the Police Headquarters and for rates and other outgoings in respect thereof, and enclosing statement prepared by the County Architect that in his opinion a fair rental would be £375 per annum. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree with this figure as the basis of contribution.

9—Cinematograph Licences—81a, 81, 82 High Street and Oddfellows Hall—The Committee further considered the application from Mr. Louis Morris for a Cinematograph Licence in respect of the new Cinema proposed to be erected on this site. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee

10—Shops Acts, 1936-----Read, circular from the from the Home Office calling attention to this Act which comes into force on the 1st January next, and brings lending libraries (with certain exceptions) within the scope of the Shops Acts.

11 Athletic Ground—(a) Read, letters of the 4th and 22nd inst. from the Chairman and Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham A.F.C. stating that they had reason to believe that the Rugby Football Club would shortly be vacating the Athletic Ground and making application for the tenancy of the ground. They offered to pay a rent of £150 per annum, plus 2 per cent. on the money received at the turnstiles. Messrs. T. J. Craig, Strickland and Gregory attended on behalf of the Club in support of their application. RESOLVED, That as the

Committee have ascertained that the Rugby Football Club have no intention of vacating the ground, the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to accede to the application of the Association Football Club except by arrangement between the two Clubs.

(b) Tenancy—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from Mr. A. S. F. Pruen in regard to the draft lease. The Rugby Football Club were not prepared to be responsible for repairs to the landlords' fittings, fencing and gates etc until the work of repair required was carried out. With regard to the delapidations under the old lease, Mr. Pruen stated that the Club was considering these. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, but that in the meantime the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the repairs required to the fencing and Corporation fixtures at an estimated cost of £106 9s. 0d.

12—Air Raid Precautions—RESOLVED, That the Council consent to the Town Clerk acting as Honorary Clerk to the Committee for the Cheltenham Area to be set up by the County Council to organise the Air Raid precautions for the area.

13—Dowdeswell Waterworks—The Town Clerk reported that the Whithouse Quarrying Co. were excavating beyond the line which the Borough Surveyor considered necessary for the support of the Waterworks. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to take Counsel's opinion on the matter and to take such action as may be advised by Counsel.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th December, 1936.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Addis, Carter, Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Marle Hill Allotments---(a) The Town Clerk reported that 30 applications had been received for allotments at Marle Hill. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the layout and fencing of the 4.12 acres adjoining Tommy Taylor's Lane and to have same ploughed and harrowed. RESOLVED, also, That the rent be fixed at 11s per allotment of one sixteenth of an acre with a discount of 4d. if the rent is paid within one month from the date of demand.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Unemployed Allotment Association be granted such allotments at Marle Hill as they may require at a rent calculated at the rate of 8s 8d. a chain.

2—Albert Road Allotments—RESOLVED, That application be made to the County Council to waive payment of the quarter's rent of these allotments, and if they are willing to do so, that a similar allowance be made to the tenants of the allotments.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

## PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th December, 1936.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Pittville Gardens—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that a large quantity of holly had recently been stolen from these Gardens, and the foreman was patrolling the grounds at night and the Police had been informed. RESOLVED, That if evidence is obtained, the offenders be prosecuted.

(b) Visitors—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillor Fisher be appointed Visitors of these Gardens for the ensuing year.

(c) Read, letter from Mr. A. H. Tarrant of Gloucester asking for permission to demonstrate a model motor boat on the upper lake. RESOLVED, That he be granted permission to demonstrate the boat on a Saturday on the lake in Marle Hill Annexe.

2—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Visitors—RESOLVED, That Councillors Garland and Grimwade be appointed Visitors of these Gardens for the ensuing year.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the new conveniences were opened on the 4th inst., and the old conveniences would now be broken down and filled in. The ticket office had been removed, and the improvements to the lodge were now in hand.

3--Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the layout of this ground. He submitted three tenders received for a pump to pump the water from the basin in the rock garden back to the lake. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Tangyes of £33 17s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had considered alternative methods of draining and levelling this ground, and he recommended that the tender of Messrs. Bomford Bros. amounting to £63 for breaking up and levelling the ground by Gyrotilling be accepted, and that the provision of main intercepting drains, rolling and seeding should be carried out by direct labour. RESOLVED. That these recommendations be approved and adopted, and that the tender of Messrs. Bomford Bros. of £63 for Gyrotilling be accepted.

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4—Gardens Superintendent—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to advise on the condition of the elm trees at the Coney Hill Mental Hospital at Gloucester, and also as to the layout of the grounds at the new Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital.

5—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the application of St. Paul's College Hockey Club to play hockey on the portion of this ground used by St. Gregory's R.F.C. be granted subject to their fixtures fitting in with those of St. Gregory's R.F.C.

6—St. Mark's Playing Field—RESOLVED, That the application of the Patesian R.F.C. for permission to erect a wooden shelter on the Playing Field at St. Mark's be granted subject to removal when required.

7—Playing Fields—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Bendall, Fisher and Grimwade be appointed a Sub-Committee to suggest and inspect suitable sites for Playing Fields.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th December, 1936,** Present—Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland and Garland (Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 14th November to 18th December, 1936. Interments 70 ; Grave Spaces sold 16 (First Position 1, Second Position 2, Fourth Position 13) ; Memorials erected 2 ; New Inscriptions 9.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9498 to 9513.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 1997 to 2005, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Car Park—RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be instructed to arrange for a man at the Cemetery to supervise the parking of cars on Sunday afternoons, and that notice be put up in the entrance prohibiting parking in the bay. RESOLVED, also, That the Electricity and Lighting Committee be recommended to provide additional lighting in this road, and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to put up red reflectors at the junction of the widened portion of the road with Bouncer's Lane.

5—Cemetery—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain quotations for the provision of bronze crosses on the entrance gate pillars.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be authorised to purchase a new stove at an estimated cost of £5 for the men's mess room to replace the present stove which was worn out.

6—Crematorium—The Borough Surveyor submitted detail plans of the Crematorium. He was having the quantities prepared and he hoped to be in a position to invite tenders in January. He submitted tender for the furnace, flue duct, catafalque frame, gear for opening doors, transfer truck and channel rails from Messrs. J. Askham, amounting to £621 3s. 6d. RESOLVED, That this tender be provisionally accepted for inclusion in the Bill of Quantities as a provisional sum.

E. S. DE COURCY-IRELAND,

Chairman.

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#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEES.**

**At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Wednesday, 16th December, 1936.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Bettridge, Garland, Grimwade, Howell and Ben James ; Mr. Clarke, Major Clift, The Rev. Johnstone, Mr. Vernall and Mr. Weech (The Mayor in the chair).

1—An application by Mr. Herdman, Librarian and Curator, for an increase in his salary was considered and it was RESOLVED, That Mr. Herdman's salary be increased from £550 to £650 per annum as from the 1st April

next, rising by two subsequent annual increments of £25 each to a maximum of £700 per annum. RESOLVED, also, That the increased salary be borne by the two Committees in the following proportions : that of the £100 increase £75 be borne by the Art Gallery and £25 by the Library Committee, and that the two subsequent increments be borne equally by the two Committees.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

#### RATING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 9th December, 1936.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bettridge and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Arrears—Mr. McKnight, bailiff, attended and reported the progress made with the collection of arrears, and in 9 cases the Committee gave instructions for Committal Orders to be applied for unless the arrears are promptly paid.

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.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th December, 1936.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Leigh James and Waite (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 £36,545 ; Leaving outstanding £77,364.

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, 1937, Amount collected £9,821 ; Leaving outstanding £12,118.

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

Date, 1936.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
15th December	Erection 162 houses Whaddon Farm Estate	£69,726	60 years.
"	... Roads for above ...	£9,581	20 "
"	Sewers for above ..	£3,639	30 "

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 29th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; Councillor Leigh James. 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—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that F. J. Harding (ex-Pavior) who was in receipt of a pension of 16s. 9d. a week, died on the 3rd inst.

(b) Swimming Pool Superintendent—The Borough Treasurer reported that Lt. Edwards had been examined by the Medical Officer of Health but was not recommended for acceptance owing to a detachment of the retina of the right eye,

7—Municipal Offices—The Town Clerk reported that the Custodian had reported to him the theft of electric lamps from the Offices. RESOLVED, That all lamps for the various Corporation Departments be purchased through the Electricity Department, and that the lamps be marked " Cheltenham Corporation "

8—Factory Site—The Town Clerk reported negotiations he had had with a firm of Manufacturers of light engineering products in London, who were considering transferring their works to Cheltenham. He now submitted letter from the firm that they were proposing to build a garden Factory similar to the Smiths Systems Factory on the St Mark's Estate and asking the Council whether they would be prepared to sell about 2 acres of the land on the Whaddon Estate, RESOLVED, That this Committee strongly recommends the Housing Committee to give favourable consideration to this application.

9—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages— Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing copy of draft Scheme for the division of the County into registration districts and sub-districts for the purpose of the Registration Acts, and asking the Council to submit any observations they desire to make before the 12th prox. RESOLVED, That the Council have no observations to offer.

10—Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. G. A. M. Hall Ltd. had paid the sum of £103 2s 6d. being the amount charged on the land in Brooklyn Road purchased by them from Mr. G. Woodward RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to formal receipt and discharge.

11—Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Power Co.—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from the Clerk to the County Council asking the Council to join with the other Counties and Boroughs interested in the assessment of this Undertaking, in having a cumulo valuation made of the whole undertaking. RESOLVED, That the Council agree:-

1. That the cumulo re-valuation of the undertaking shall be ascertained by Mr. H. Bewlay of Birmingham, Rating Valuer, and a due apportionment of cumulo value made between the separate rateable hereditaments comprised in the undertaking within the respective rating areas, and that it must be understood that on request by any Authority concerned he shall supply that Authority with the following particulars, the amount of the cumulo valuation, the amount of that value apportioned to each Rating Area and Parish, and so far as each Rating Area is concerned the amount apportioned in respect of directly and indirectly productive works.
2. That the net annual values relative to the separate rateable hereditaments forming part of the undertaking as apportioned by the Valuer shall be inserted in the Valuation List, and the Council will use their utmost endeavour to support the values proposed to be so inserted.
3. That in the event of a dispute or difference in respect of the Valuation or apportionment of the value amongst the separate rateable hereditaments, such dispute or difference shall be determined by arbitration

and the provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1889, or any statutory modification thereof shall apply accordingly and, in any such arbitration proceedings, not more than three expert witnesses shall be called on either side.

4. That in either of the following circumstances, viz. .—

(a) where the Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power Co. are the Appellants against the figures approved of by the Valuer, and

(b) in any other case where approval is given to such a course by the Sub-Committee hereinafter referred to this Council will be prepared to pay the costs incurred in any Appeal, pro rata, according to such amount, of the cumulo value as is apportioned to this Council's area, except in so far as the County Valuation Committee have undertaken to defray the cost of the valuation of this undertaking.

5. To the appointment of a Sub-Committee as follows to have power to act on behalf of all the authorities :—

One Representative from each of the Counties of Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, Monmouthshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, and the County Boroughs of Dudley and Smethwick.

One Representative from the Counties of Herefordshire, Breconshire and Radnorshire, and

One Representative from the County of Gloucestershire and the City of Gloucester.

Together with the Clerk of the Worcestershire County Council as Secretary of the Sub-Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 28th January, 1937.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 1st day of February, 1937, 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 accept tender for electricity installations for the houses on the St. Peter's and St. Paul's Estates. STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND

RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. To appoint four representatives on the No. 2 Area Authority for carrying out the Air Raid Precaution Scheme and to approve Scheme.

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 on the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 4th January, 1937, 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).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates. Pruen, Taylor, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. (Retd.) and Clara F. Winterbotham. M.B.E.. J.P. ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Green, 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, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and E. W. Garland.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 7th December, 1936, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, he taken as read, and that the same he adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held December 11

Resolved, also, That the Owner of Heath Lodge having consented to a Closing Order being made in respect of the basement thereof, 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 reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no under-taking having been given by the Owner to carry out the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation or as to the future user 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 other than the use as a store or for a kitchen scullery, wash-house or other domestic office.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Grimwade : " That Minute No. 2 (a) be referred back " was lost).

Housing Meeting held December 10

Except that Minute No. 1 be amended to include four six-bedroom houses.

Street and Highway Meeting held December 21

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held December 15

Town Planning Meeting held December 17

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Howell and seconded by Councillor Miller : " That Minute No. 8 be referred back and that a meeting of the Council in Committee be held to hear an explanation of the Town Planning Scheme Map."

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held December 7 & 18

The Mayor read letter of 1st inst. from Lt. R. B. Edwards resigning his appointment as Superintendent of the Swimming Pool as from the 4th inst. Resolved, That his resignation be accepted.

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held December 23

Water Meeting held December 15

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held December 22

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Alderman Capt. Trye: " That Minute No. 11 (a) be referred back and a special Committee of five members be appointed to consider and report to this Council as to the future occupation of the Athletic Ground " was lost).

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Allotments Meeting held December 14

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held December 14

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Capt. Trye and seconded by Alderman Moore: " That Minute No. 2 (b) be referred back so far as it refers to the breaking down and filling in of the old conveniences."

Burial Board Meeting held December 18

Public Library and Art Gallery and Museum (Joint) Meeting held December 16

Rating Meeting held December 9

Finance Meeting held December 29

Resolved, also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed authorising him to pay to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names, and such additional sums as may become payable during the month in

respect of current Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1937.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th January, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Moore, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Gloucester Road Drainage Scheme—The Committee considered the advisability of preparing a Drainage Scheme for the portion of the Borough in the neighbourhood of Arle Court, where considerable building development is taking place. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a detailed scheme and estimate, and to ask owners of building land in the neighbourhood whether they would be prepared to make any contribution towards the cost of the scheme.

2—Flooding—Chelt Main Sewer—The Borough Surveyor submitted Report of Mr. Godfrey Taylor of Messrs. John Taylor & Sons as to the condition of this sewer. RESOLVED, That a Meeting of the Flooding Sub-Committee be called for Monday, 25th inst., at 11 a.m. to consider the Report.

3 --Cakebridge Farm Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that G. A. M. Hall Ltd. had accepted the terms on which the Corporation were prepared to lay the sewer for connecting this Estate with the Wyman's Brook Sewer He advised that it would be desirable to lay a larger sewer than that proposed by G. A. M. Hall Ltd. in order to provide for further development in the neighbourhood. The estimated additional cost of providing the larger sewer was £325. RESOLVED, That the Council agree to pay the additional cost of providing a larger sewer and that this extra cost be paid for out of revenue

4—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. E. Lawrence of Ivy Villa, Elmstone Hardwicke, Mr. F. Hammond of Carrons Farm, Bredon's Hardwicke, and Mr. G. N. Wilson of 3 Promenade, for registration as Retail Purveyors of milk in the Borough, be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. E. R. Kearsy of Hope Cottage, Arle, for registration as a Wholesale Producer, be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order and subject also to the Medical Officer of Health being satisfied with the cowsheds at the farm of the applicant.

5-- -Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. A. Pumphrey for a Dealer's licence to sell " Accredited " Milk from Benhall Dairy, Great Norwood Street, be granted for one year to the 31st December, 1937, subject to the provisions of the Order and to the payment of the prescribed fee

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwt. 3 qrs. 9 lbs. Beef ; 2 cwt. 4 lbs. Pork ; 16 lbs. Poultry ; 7 lbs. Eggs.

7—Offensive Trade—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. G. Stroud for renewal of consent to his carrying on the trade of a dealer in iron, metal, rags, and rabbit skins at his premises in Sun Street be granted for a period of one year expiring on the 3rd January, 1938.

8—Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a Report of the treatment given at the Clinic since its commencement in July, 1935 :—

No. of Cases which have received immunising doses	474
“ Injections given	1374
“ Cases in which treatment is completed ...	445
“ Cases in which treatment is partially completed ...	29
“ Cases awaiting immunising dose	6
“ Schick tests carried out after immunisation ... (3 positive, 211 negative)	214
“ Cases awaiting Schick test ...	11
“ non-immunised cases submitted to Schick test (39 from Pengwern School ; 2 from Nazareth House) ...	41
“ non-immunised cases given negative Schick test (not treated further)	18

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9—Housing Act, 1936—(a) 12 Townsend Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that there had been carried out at these premises to his satisfaction works which in his opinion would with reasonable care and maintenance render them fit for human habitation for a period of at least 10 years. RESOLVED, That a Certificate be issued to the Owner under Section 51 of the Housing Act, 1936, that the house is fit for human habitation and will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of 10 years

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted a copy of circular letter which had been sent to the owners and occupiers of all overcrowded houses in the Borough informing them of the circumstances in which no offence would be committed in respect of a house which remained overcrowded after the 1st instant. RESOLVED, That this letter be approved.

10—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation--(a) Basement of Phoenix Lodge, Montpellier—The Committee further considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of these 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, 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, Orders he now made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936, prohibiting the use of the said rooms for any purpose other than the use as a store, kitchen, scullery, washhouse or other domestic office.

(b) 4 Queen Street ; 6 Hereford Passage ; Caravan opposite " The Moors," Tewkesbury Road—The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of 6 Hereford Passage had consented to the making of an Order, and letters were read from the Owners of 4 Queen Street and the caravan. 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 work required or the future user of the houses, Demolition Orders be now made by the Council in pursuance of Sub-Section (4) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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 Brandon Place ; 32 and 33 Worcester Street—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until next month.

(d) 9 Sherborne Place ; 5 and 6 Waterloo Street ; 43 and 45 St James's Street ; 9 and 9a Hewlett Place; 34 Fairview Road ; and 46 Brunswick Street South—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses in default of compliance by the Owners with their Undertakings, A letter of 9th inst. from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles on behalf of the Owner of 43 and 45 St. James's Street and 9 and 9a Hewlett Place was read reporting that a contract for reconditioning 43 and 45 St. James's Street had been entered into and that the work would shortly be put in hand and that a prospective purchaser was considering 9 and 9a Hewlett Place. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that work had been started at 46 Brunswick Street South. RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders be adjourned for two months in the case of 9 Sherborne Place and for one month in the other cases.

(e) 42 and 43 Montpellier Villas—Read, letter from the Owner of these premises asking the Committee to further adjourn consideration of the question of making a Demolition Order in default of compliance with his undertaking, as he intended to start the work early in the spring. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months but that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Owner that a Demolition Order will be made unless the work has been started before the 1st March, 1937.

(f) 68 Brunswick Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of these premises had started to carry out her undertaking, but had left the work uncompleted. RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making a Demolition Order in default of compliance by the Owner with her undertaking be adjourned for one month, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Owner that an Order will be made unless the undertaking has been fully carried out before the next meeting of the Committee.

(g) 16 to 19 Waterloo Street—The Town Clerk reported that the Owner of these premises had now obtained possession of No. 18 and an Order for possession of No. 17 within six weeks after the 21st ultimo, and had stated his intention of carrying out his undertaking. RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in default of compliance by the Owner with his undertaking be adjourned for one month, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Owner informing him that Orders will be made in respect of all the houses unless work has been commenced at one of them before the next meeting of the Committee.

(h) 170 St. Paul's Road ; 1 and 2 Cakebridge Cottages—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses be adjourned for one month to enable the owners to consider reconditioning in accordance with the Chief Sanitary Inspector's specification.

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(i) Basement of 19 Bath. Parade—The Committee considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of these premises, The Owner, Mr. Fowles, attended and suggested certain modifications in the specification of necessary works prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until next month in order that the Chief Sanitary Inspector might meet Mr. Fowles on the premises to discuss the specification.

(j) 44 Duke Street ; 39 Cleveland Street ; 15 King Street ; and 21 Upper Norwood Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had now carried out the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Undertakings be cancelled.

(k) House in Sherborne Street (unnumbered)—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that an empty house in Sherborne Street belonging to Mr. Mustoe was in an unsatisfactory condition, RESOLVED, That it be viewed by the Rota Sub-Committee.

(l) 99 Leckhampton Road—Read, letter of 18th ult. from the Owner of this house asking that the Demolition Order made against the premises might be rescinded on his undertaking to carry out the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Demolition Order be not rescinded.

(m) 90 Swindon Road—The Town Clerk reported that this house had been sold to Mr. S. E. Alcock who had signed a fresh Undertaking to carry out the works required to render the house fit for human habitation and that the same should not be so used until rendered fit. RESOLVED, That the Undertaking be accepted.

(n) 1 Granville Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertaking given by the Owner to carry out the works required to render this house fit for human habitation and that the same should not be so used until rendered fit, be accepted.

(o) 127-135 Tewkesbury Road ; 6-9 St. George's Avenue ; Claremont Cottage, at rear of Montpellier Terrace The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had failed to comply with the Demolition Orders served in respect of these houses, and submitted tenders for carrying out the work of demolition in default. RESOLVED, That the tenders of Messrs Edward Eager & Son for the demolition of the houses in accordance with the Specification of the Chief Sanitary Inspector amounting to £114 10s. 0d. be accepted.

(p) 7-13 Grove Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these houses had not been demolished by the Owners in compliance with the Demolition or Clearance Orders made in respect thereof, and that the premises were in a dangerous state. He submitted three tenders which had been received for carrying out the work of demolition. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs, Edward Eager & Son amounting to £17 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

(q) 51, 60 and 61 Brunswick Street South—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher Ltd. had failed to demolish these premises in accordance with their covenant in the Conveyance of the property to them by the Corporation, and read a letter from Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher Ltd. stating that No. 51 would shortly be demolished and that Nos. 60 and 61 had been sold to Mr. R. Wilson. RESOLVED, That the Chief



Sanitary Inspector be authorised to invite tenders for demolition of the houses in default of compliance with the Demolition Orders made in respect of No. 51 on the 13th May, 1935, and in respect of Nos. 60 and 61 on the 7th May, 1934.

11—Abattoir Superintendent—The Committee considered an application by Mr. T. W. Agg, the Abattoir Superintendent for an increase of salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased from £3 5s. 0d. to £3 10s. 0d. per week

12—Slum Clearance—RESOLVED, That a meeting of the Flooding Sub-Committee be called for Monday, 18th inst. at 11 a.m. to consider the schemes submitted by the Owners of premises affected by the Clearance Orders, 1936.

13—Accredited Milk Scheme Conference—Read, circular letter from the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the attendance of representatives at this Conference to be held in London on the 28th inst. RESOLVED, That no representatives of the Council be appointed to attend the Conference.

14—Health Congress—Read, circular letter from the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the attendance of delegates at the Health Congress to be held at Birmingham from 12th to 17th July next, RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to attend the Congress.

15—Royal Institute of Public Health Congress—Read, circular letter inviting the attendance of delegates at this Congress to be held at Margate from 25th to 29th May next. That no delegates be appointed.

16—County of Gloucester Isolation Hospitals Scheme—The Town Clerk submitted draft Scheme as proposed to be confirmed by the Ministry which had been modified so as to provide that the Cheltenham Town Council, the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council should together provide hospital accommodation of not less than 45 beds by arrangement with the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital or otherwise to the satisfaction of the County Council and that the County Council should provide for the remainder of the County hospital accommodation of not less than 185 beds and that the expenses incurred by the County Council should be defrayed as special expenses for County purposes to be charged on the Districts other than Cheltenham, Charlton Kings and the Cheltenham Rural District. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved and also that the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the Borough Member for his assistance in supporting the representations made by the Corporation.

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17—Acute Poliomyelitis—The Town Clerk submitted Circular No 1586 concerning the treatment of cases of acute poliomyelitis which had been received from the Ministry of Health RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

18—Sewers, Christ Church Terrace and Windsor Street—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the formal consent of the Ministry of Health to the raising of a loan of £550 for these sewers.

19—Hayden Knoll Farm and Barn Farm--(a) Read, letters of 6th and 8th inst. from Mr. G. P. Rymer applying for the consent of the Corporation to the purchase of 500 creosoted fencing posts from Forests Products Ltd. at a cost of 5d. each post. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) Read, letter of 31st ult. from Mr. Rymer stating that the present Cattle troughs which were worn out should be replaced by galvanised tanks and offering to pay 5 per cent. of the cost. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to report.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th January, 1937.** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Bettridge, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—New Houses—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 13th inst from Mr. C. Sansom that he regretted he was unable to enter into the contract for the 162 houses on the Whaddon Farm Estate owing to the abnormal increase in the cost of timber, lead and copper castings, R. W. goods and mild steel. These increases made a total increase of £2,499 on the 162 houses and if the Council were prepared to agree to his tender being increased by this amount, he was prepared to proceed with the work immediately. The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Sansom had, on the acceptance of his tender, endeavoured to obtain forward contracts for the provision of the materials required at the prices included in his tender, but had been unable to obtain such contracts in respect of the above items, and, in his opinion the increased price asked for was reasonable having regard to the state of the market. RESOLVED, That Mr. Sansom's amended tender be accepted subject to contract and bond 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 £2,499 for the extra cost.

(b) Proposed 188 Houses—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving the revised layout for these houses. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had now invited tenders for the erection of the houses. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillors Grimwade, Moore and Morris be appointed a Sub-Committee to open the tenders and report thereon to the meeting of the Committee on the 11th February.

(c) Flats—RESOLVED, That in the new scheme for the 188 houses the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide for separate gardens for the flats and for the erection of the sheds in pairs. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide handrails for the exterior stairs of the flats erected on the Whaddon Farm Estate.

2— Housing Manager—(a) The Monthly Report of the Housing Manager was submitted.

(b) staff—The Housing Manager reported on the staffing of her office. Since the last addition to her staff was made the number of houses had increased by 270, and she recommended that the present trainee should be engaged part time at a wage of £2 per week, which would enable her to obtain an additional trainee in the office. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee with a view to enquiries being made as to whether any local girls would like to become trainees.

(c) Cycle Allowance—RESOLVED, That the cycle allowance made to the assistant in the Housing Manager's office be reduced to the same as made in other departments, namely £2 per annum.

3—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) Factory Site—The Committee considered application from the London firm of manufacturers of light engineering products for a factory site on the Whaddon Farm Estate. They would require a site of about two acres, and would employ at the commencement about 60 persons. No chimney would be required. The Borough Surveyor submitted the layout and suggested that a site on the North West corner of the Estate backing on to the gardens of the Non-Subsidy houses would be most suitable.

RESOLVED, That this site be approved and offered to the applicants at the price at which it is valued by the District Valuer subject to contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained to the sale.

(b) School Site--The Education Secretary attended and reported that the Education Committee were now considering proposals for the erection of both a junior and a senior school on the Estate as the Board of Education were not prepared to approve the former proposal to provide additional accommodation for the senior scholars at All Saints' Schools. This would necessitate a larger site being reserved for the Schools.

RESOLVED, That this larger site be reserved, and that the Council be recommended to agree to the sale of this site for the Schools at the valuation of the District Valuer, the valuation to be on the basis of the Corporation clearing the site and making up the roads.

(c) Non-Subsidy Houses—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee that in view of the large demand for houses at low rents, the Council should build an additional 50 Non-Subsidy houses on the Estate. RESOLVED. That the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to prepare plans and obtain tenders for an additional 50 Non-Subsidy houses.

(d) Site for Methodist Church---Read, letter from Mr. J. W. Robson that the Methodist Church Finance Committee had now agreed to purchase the site on Field No. 242 containing 2521 square yards for the erection of a Methodist Church at the price valued by the District Valuer. RESOLVED, That this offer 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.

(e) Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd.—Read, letter from the District Valuer that he was authorised to deal with claims for compensation for land taken for housing. RESOLVED, That in these circumstances, the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate terms for the settlement of the claim made by the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd.

4—News Cottages—The Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. F. W. Hinton was willing to sell the site of these houses off Alstone Lane which the View Sub-Committee considered suitable for the erection of houses. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to make a valuation of the site.

5—Electricity Supply, St. Peter's and St. Paul's Estates—The Town Clerk reported that tenders had now been invited for the installation of electricity in the houses on these Estates. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, and Councillors Grimwade, Moore and Morris be appointed to consider the tenders, and that they be authorised to recommend a tender or tenders for acceptance at the Council meeting.

6-22 Shelley Avenue—It was reported that the tenant of this house had now complied with the Committee's request to remove the shed erected by him without permission. RESOLVED, That the Repairs Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the shed again, and if satisfactory, to authorise the Town Clerk to withdraw the notice to quit.

7—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of this Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 5th inst. RESOLVED, That this be approved

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th, January, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Fisher, 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—Pittville Street Improvement—(a) Read, letter of 11th inst. from the County Surveyor that the County Highways Committee had agreed to the widening of this street to 60 feet subject to the County Council's contribution being limited to half the cost of acquiring the necessary properties not covered by the Grant RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for approval of the scheme in principle and for approval of the purchase of the properties required, and for a grant towards the cost of the purchases and road work, and that it be referred to the Ministry to decide as to the proportion, if any, to be borne by the Corporation.

(b) 7 Pittville Street—The Town Clerk reported that this property had been valued by the District Valuer at £800 RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into a contract for the purchase of the property at that price subject to consent of the Ministry of Health to loan, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan of £808.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 13th inst. from Messrs. Prices Tailors Ltd., proprietors of the Fifty Shilling Tailors' shop in High Street, enquiring whether the Corporation would have any objection to their building in front of the proposed improvement line in Pittville Street on their undertaking to set back to the improvement line when required by the Corporation without compensation for disturbance. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Corporation are purchasing No. 7 Pittville Street which on demolition would enable access from Pittville Street to be given to their property.

3—High Street and Promenade Improvement—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been informed by the Divisional Road Engineer that the Grant to be made by the Ministry would shortly be indicated but that the demolition of buildings could be carried out at once without prejudice to the Grant.

(b) RESOLVED, That the County Council be informed that the Corporation are willing to pay 25 per cent of the expenditure not covered by the Grant from the Ministry.

4—High Street Improvement—(a) Read, letter from the County Surveyor reporting that consideration of the proposed improvement line in High Street had been adjourned by the Highways Committee of the County Council.

(b) Rebuilding Co-operative Premises—The Town Clerk reported that the piece of land required to be given up by the Gloucester Co-operative and Industrial Society on rebuilding their premises had been valued by the District Valuer at £880. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer's Report be referred to the Ministry of Transport.

5—High Street Omnibus Stop Read, letter from the Superintendent of Police suggesting the removal of the Omnibus Stop to a position outside Saxone's new shop. Mr. Sleight, Manager of the Cheltenham District Traction Company attended and recommended the removal of the Stop to a position about 15 yards West of the old position. RESOLVED, That the Omnibus Stop be removed back to its old position pending completion of the High Street and Promenade Improvement and that it be then removed to the position recommended by Mr. Sleight.

6—National " Safety First " Association—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had entered the Highways Drivers as candidates for the Certificates issued by the Association. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Institution of Municipal and County Engineers—Read, circular letter inviting the attendance of Representatives of the Council at the Annual Conference of the Institution to be held at Bournemouth from 23rd to 26th June next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend.

8—All Saints' Road—Read, letter from Mr. P. J. Radford asking the Committee to reconsider their previous decision not to remove the tree outside " Alberton." RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision.

9—Promenade—The Borough Surveyor reported that the shopkeepers in the Promenade were considering placing flower tubs in between the trees on the footpath outside their shops during Coronation Week. RESOLVED, That the Committee raise no objection to this.

10-127-135 Tewkesbury Road—RESOLVED, That with a view to acquisition for road widening the District Valuer be requested to make a valuation of the sites of these houses in respect of which Clearance Orders have been made.

11—Ashmen—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for an increase of 3s per week in the wages of men employed as ashmen in the Borough and also that each ashman should be supplied with a suit of overalls. RESOLVED, That the wages of each ashman be increased by 2s per week owing to the dirty nature of the work but that no overalls be provided.

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12—Re-organisation of Divisional Areas—Read, circular letter of 21st ult. from the Ministry of Transport intimating that as from 1st January, 1937 the County of Gloucester would be included in the Midland Division instead of the Southern Division.

13—Eldon Road—RESOLVED, That Notices be given of the intention of the Corporation to take over this road.

14—Upper Park Street—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the footpath in this street had been damaged by a lorry belonging to Southern Roadways Ltd. RESOLVED, That a claim be made against the owners for £2 for the cost of making good the damage.

(b) Read, letter from a resident of this Street calling attention to the above accident and suggesting that a " No Through Road " sign be placed at the entrance of the street, RESOLVED, That this suggestion be agreed to

15—Montpellier Street—The Committee considered an application from Mr. West with regard to taking over the cellar at 8 Montpellier Street. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for inspection and report.

16—Post Office Telegraph Line.—Brooklyn Road—Read, application of 8th inst. from the Superintending Engineer of Post Office Telegraphs, Cardiff, for consent to the erection of an overhead telegraph line along Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the poles being placed at the back of the footpath in positions approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to six feet of lagging or paint being provided at the base, and to the footpath being properly reinstated.

17—Casual Labourers—RESOLVED, That casual labourers after continuous service for six months with the Corporation be paid for national holidays

18-129 Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the tenant of these premises had agreed to provide a roller blind in place of the blind objected to. He had requested the Corporation to remove the tree outside the shop in order that the new blind might not be damaged by drippings. RESOLVED, That the tree be not removed but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have it lopped.

19—Shakespeare Road—The Town Clerk reported that an Acacia tree in this road had been knocked down by a motor driven by Mr. A. J. Hancock. The damage was estimated by the Borough Surveyor at £1 8s. 4d., and 75 per cent of this had been paid by the Commercial Union Assurance Co. Ltd, under their sharing Agreement.

20-117, 119, 120, 122 and 123 Tewkesbury Road—Read, Report of the Housing Manager as to the repairs required at these premises. RESOLVED, That steps be taken to obtain vacant possession of Nos. 117 and 123 and that these premises be not repaired or re-let. RESOLVED, also, That the Housing Manager be authorised to instruct a builder to carry out the repairs required at Nos. 119, 120 and 122 at a cost not exceeding £15.

21—Projecting Signs—(a) Read, application by the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd. for permission to erect a sign outside the Old Hereford Arms, Winchcomb Street. RESOLVED, That the applicants be asked to submit a drawing of the proposed sign and particulars of the intended projection and height above the pavement (b) RESOLVED, That the application of Ikompel Signs Ltd. for permission to erect an electric sign outside the Leckhampton Pharmacy be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions and to the condition that a coloured sign shall not be erected.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. Parker for permission to erect an unilluminated sign outside his premises in New Street be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

(d) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Bastin & Son for permission to erect a standard type Automobile Association sign outside the Fleece Hotel be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

(e) Read, letter of 29th ult. from Acme Showcard & Sign Co. Ltd. stating that the proposed wording on the sign to be erected outside Glendale House, Montpellier was " Agent for Foyle's 2d. Library." RESOLVED, That this wording be approved.

22—Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Mrs. Denne calling attention to a blind corner at the junction of Tewkesbury Road with the road leading to Moors Cottages. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the wall at this corner to be lowered.

23—Promenade—The Borough Surveyor reported a request by Mr. F. W. Billings for the removal of a tree outside Sherborne Lodge. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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#### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th January, 1937.** Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham Councillors Barnett, Compton and Garland ; Mesdames IV. L. Mellersh and L. Wood (Councillor Barnett in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1936.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows ..—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (13 Meetings)	20.1	22
At Bennington Hall (11 Meetings)...	21.2	24.5
At Clare Street (12 Meetings)	26.4	32
At Highbury (12 Meetings)	40	43.6
At St. Mark's (12 Meetings)	26	30

2—Health Visitors—(a) Annual Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the year ended 31st December, 1936 :-

No. of Children on Register	3,181
Children Visited (a) 1 year and under	1,239
" (b) over 1 year	2,325
Un-notified Births discovered	10
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	4,737
" " (b) over 1 year ..	5,979
Special visits to Mothers (Ante-natal cases 390)	499
First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	660
Chicken-pox cases visited	29
Measles cases visited	116
Whooping-cough cases visited	184
Mumps cases visited	32
Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited	6
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	388
Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	2

Grants of Milk :

Average number of cases receiving one pint of milk daily during the year	254
Cost of milk during the year	£1,252 2s. 0d.
Cost of Dried Milks during the year	£10 19s. 0d.

Children Act :

No. of Children on Register during year	54
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(b) Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1936 :-----

No. of Children on Register	2,494
“ Children Visited (a) 1 year and under	739
“ “ “ (b) over 1 year	1106
“ Un-notified Births discovered	3
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	1248
“ “ “ “ (b) over 1 year	1562
“ Special visits to Mothers (Ante-natal cases 90)	135
“ First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	173
“ Chicken Pox cases visited	5
“ Measles cases visited	96
“ Mumps cases visited	4
“ Whooping Cough cases visited	81
“ Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited	3
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	108
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. Inspector	1

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	231
New Orders	107
Orders discontinued during quarter	61
“ continuing to coming quarter	277

Children Act :	Health Visitors.	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter	38	16
“ visits (under Children Act) paid	7	25
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ...	25	15

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 71 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st October to 31st December,



1936, and that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from the 1st April to 31st December, 1936, was £95 15s. 6d., of which £50 12s. 1d. 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, 1936: Still-births 3 ; Death of Infant 1 ; Artificial feeding being necessary 1 ; Liability to be a source of infection 3.

4—Dentistry—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 94 mothers and 20 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 71 mothers on Wednesday evenings during the quarter in accordance with the arrangements made with the Education Committee.

5—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted accounts for treatment in the General Hospital and provision of a special nurse in a case of Puerperal Fever RESOLVED, That these accounts be passed for payment.

6--Consultant Fee—The Medical Officer of Health submitted an account for a consultant's opinion. RESOLVED. That this account be passed for payment.

7—Home Help—The Medical Officer of Health submitted an account for the provision of a Home Help for one week. RESOLVED, That this account be passed for payment

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 number of children allowed.
Mrs. Burmester	Ravenhurst. Pittville Lawn	10.
Mrs. Browne	279 Gloucester Road ...	1
Mrs. Purveur	60 Hudson Street	1
Mrs. Rose ...	Leighton House, Hewlett Street	2
Mrs. Johnson	Wenlock House, Wellington Passage ..	1

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mrs. Purveur of 60 Hudson Street had taken a child for reward without first giving notice. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Mrs. Purveur that proceedings will be taken against her if she commits any further offence.

9—Nursing Homes Registration Act 1927—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Maitland Nursing Home, Wellington Square had now been extended by taking in the adjoining house, and he submitted application from the Matron, Miss Symmonds, for the Home to be registered for 18 cases instead of 9 as at present. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Miss I. M. Lewis, S.R.N., for the registration of Welton, Christ Church Road as a Nursing Home for medical, surgical and maternity cases be granted.

10—Local Government Act, 1929—Birth Control Clinic—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Ministry of Health that it was competent for the Council to contribute towards the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association in respect of advice given to expectant or nursing mothers who are referred to the clinic on grounds of health, without including the contribution in the Scheme made under Section 101 of the Act of 1929, and that if, and in so far as the contribution is in respect of other married women, it is outside the scope of the Scheme, and in these circumstances it was proposed to modify the Scheme by deleting this contribution. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Ministry that the Clinic has been organised on the lines suggested by the Ministry, and has been limited to " cases where there are medical grounds for giving advice on contraceptive methods to married women attending the Centres," and that it appears that the work comes within the scope of the Ministry's suggestions, and to ask that the sum provided should be included in the grant.

H. O. BARNETT,  
Chairman.

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st January, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Capt. Trye; Councillors Barnett and Grimwade ; Major Dent Brocklehurst Capt. Leschallas ; and Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, Walker 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.
4549	Ladies' College Council	Alterations and additions, Roderic House and Bunwell House, Suffolk Square.
4550	Flower & Sons	Alterations and additions, The Norwood Arms.
4551	Leon, M.	New shopfront, Promenade.
4552	Green, E.	Garage, Grey Cottage, All Saints' Villas Road.
4553	Dewhurst Ltd.	New shopfront and alterations, 144 High Street.
4554	MacFisheries Ltd	Alterations and additions, 372 High Street.
4555	Dodwell & Sons	New shopfront, high Street and Clarence Street.
4556	Organ, A. M.	Garage, Ashcroft, Brooklyn Road.
4557	Rogers & Davies	Detached house, Hatherley Court Road.
4558	Hancock, Miss	Pair of semi-detached houses, Prestbury Road.
4559	Nicholls, V.	Extension to existing building, Leckhampton Road.
4560	Hamlen, A.	Additions at rear of 198 High Street.
4561	James, Col. J. F.	Extension to existing building, Eltham Lawn, Lansdown Road,
4562	Ladies' College Council	Alterations and additions, Hatherley Court.
4563	Bliss, L. H.	Detached house, Old Bath Road.
4564	Hamlen, A.	Additions at rear of 198 High Street.

4565	Hall, G. A. M. Ltd.	207 houses and layout, Cleeve Mount Estate.
4566	Rice, F. A.	Detached house, Columbia Street
4567	Cheltenham Shopfitting Co. Ltd.	Shop and dwellinghouse, Hewlett Road.
4568	Arkell, E.	Ladder shed, Winkfield, Swindon Road.
4569	North Street Motors Ltd	Alterations and additions, North Street
4570	Cleverley, Mrs.	Additions, Beech House, St. James' Square.
4571	Wheeler & Mansell	Garage, Rydal, Eldon Avenue.
4572	John David Estates Ltd	Preliminary plan for block of 90 flats, Cambray House site.
4573	Turner, J. F.	Garage, Mead Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4551, 4552, 4555, 4556, 4558, 4559, 4564, 4565, 4566, 4568, 4569 and 4571 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 4549, 4550, 4553, 4554, 4560, 5561 and 4562 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. 4560, subject also to the owner entering into an undertaking not to claim compensation in respect of the new building if and when it is found necessary to remove this for the widening of King Street, and in the case of Plan No. 4561, subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; That Plans Nos. 4557 and 4567 be approved subject to sandfaced tiles being used on the roofs ; That Plan No 4563 be approved subject to the parapet wall being reduced in height ; That Plans Nos. 4570 and 4573 be not approved ; That Plan No. 4572 be approved in principle and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to confer with the Architect in regard to matters of construction, improvement line, revision of proposed building on the banks of the Chelt, and as to surrender of land to enable Cambray to be continued through to Rodney Road.

2—Borough Plans—RESOLVED, That in view of the large number of plans now being received, a meeting of the Council members of the Committee be held each month a fortnight prior to the ordinary meeting to deal with plans for new buildings in the Borough, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to circularise the local architects and builders informing them of this and reminding them that in no circumstances must work be commenced until the plans have been 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.
1070	Marshall, A. E. & Son	Detached house, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1071	Featherstone, Mrs. E.	Garage, Bentham Lane, Badgeworth.
1072	Eager, E. M.	Additions to Garage, Willow Cottage, Stoke Road, Bishop's Cleeve.
1073	Hayes, G. Constable	Addition, Green Farm, Shurdington.
1074	Lindner, M.	Additional Workshop, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham.
1075	Nash, A. W.	Detached house, Near Air Balloon, Crickley Hill.
1076	Evans, W. E.	Additions to house, Chosen View, Hayden Hill

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1077	Rudge, E. A.	Temporary Work-room, Rosemary, Bishop's Cleeve.
1078	Robson, A.	Five pairs Semi-detached houses and one detached house, New Road, Woodmancote.
1079	Gloucestershire Tile and Sand Co. Ltd.	Concrete Store Buildings, Offices, Fitters Shop, and Concrete Product Works, Shurdington Gravel Pits, Cheltenham-Painswick Road, Near Shurdington.
1080	Worrall. H. O.	Proposed bungalow, Cleeve Hill.
1081	Beveal, A. J. S.	Two greenhouses, Gloucestershire Small Holdings, Uckington.
1082	Helsdon, W. G.	Proposed bungalow, Brizen Pitch, Shurdington Road, Leckhampton.
1083	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co.	Reconstruction of Premises, The Pheasant Inn, Staverton.
1084	Pryce, W.	Detached house, Evesham Road, Bishop's Cleeve.
1085	Tompkins. J.	Detached house, Cheltenham Road, Bishop's Cleeve.
1086	Butt, A. E.	Additions to shop, Post Office, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1087	Taylor, G. F.	New bungalow, East End Road, Charlton Kings.
1088	Bowd, W. H.	Five pairs semi-detached houses, New Barn Lane, Prestbury.
1089	Corporation Electricity Department ..	L.T. Overhead Line, Coberley Village to Bookers Cottages.
1090	Cheltenham Electricity Department ..	L.T. Overhead Line, Seven Springs to Wistley.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1070, 1075, 1081, 1083, 1085, 1088, 1089 and 1090 be approved ; That Plan No. 1071 be approved subject to the building being set back 37 feet 6 inches from centre of road and to the roof being painted green ; That Plan No 1072 be approved subject to the building being used solely as a private garage in connection with the house, and to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act being obtained ; That Plans Nos 1073 and 1076 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building, and in the case of Plan No 1076 to the consent of the County Council under the Ribbon Development Act being obtained ; That Plan No. 1074 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to remove the building which is in front of the building line at any time if and when required by the Planning Authority, and subject to the building being lined with a soft material to prevent undue noise, and to the corrugated iron roof being painted green; That Plan No. 1080 be approved subject to: (1) the bungalow being set back to the building line: (2) amended means of access being provided to the satisfaction of the Committee: (3) the flat roof being treated with a coating of grey material : and (4) the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act being obtained ; That Plan No. 1084 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land for the widening of the road to standard width if and when required, the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act being obtained, and grey Cotswold or dark sandfaced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No 1086 be approved subject to the building being used in connection with the owner's own business, and not let as a lock-up shop ; That Plans Nos. 1077, 1078 and 1087 be not approved ; and that Plans Nos. 1079 and 1082 be disapproved and further considered when the views of the County Council and Rural District Council have been obtained thereon.

4—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. E. T. Stinchcombe for permission to erect two bungalows fronting Bamfurlong Road. The Borough Surveyor reported that the site was in an area temporarily restricted from building on account of lack of sewers. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted, and that the matter be referred to the Rural District Council for consideration with regard to the suitability of the site for drainage by the septic tank method.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. Jessop & Son for permission to erect a house on land in Hyde Lane, Swindon. The Borough Surveyor reported that the site was in an area temporarily restricted from building on account of lack of sewers. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted, and that the matter be referred to the Rural District Council for consideration.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Cheltenham Estates Ltd. for permission to erect a board on the land at the junction of Whaddon Road and Prestbury Road offering the land for sale for the erection of a Cinema, Garage, shops or business premises RESOLVED, That the application be not granted in view of the Covenants on the land which restrict the land being used for business premises,

(d) Rifle Range, Arle Court—Read, letter from Aircraft Components Ltd. asking for the approval of the Committee to the erection of a miniature rifle range at Arle Court. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to this being erected to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

5—Land in Albert Road—Read, letter of 21st ult. from Messrs. Winterbotham Gurney & Co. asking on what terms the Corporation would allow the owner of the land on the East side of Albert Road to build on the frontage to the road which was the property of the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to give access to the road on the following terms —(1) The owner to pay half the value of the carriageway in Albert Road for the length of the frontage. (2) The owner to construct and make up the footpath adjoining the property to specification to be approved by the Corporation (3) The house to be set back to an approved building line, and to be of a value of not less than E.:2,000 per house including site, and to be erected in accordance with plans and at a distance from each other to be approved by the Council

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6—Town Planning Scheme—(a) Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Ministry of Health extending the period within which the Draft Scheme is to be adopted to the 30th June, 1937.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that the Draft Scheme Map for Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme No. 1 had been explained to members of the Council, and members and officials of the County Council, the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council at a meeting held at the Town Hall on the 20th inst. RESOLVED, That the Draft Scheme Map be approved and submitted to the local authorities concerned for their observations. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare the clauses for the Draft Scheme.

7—Executive Committee—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council asking the Corporation to revise the draft Agreement to meet their requirements. The Town Clerk submitted revised draft which provided for reference to the Ministry to decide whether the Cheltenham Rural District Council's representation should be increased to six and also providing that on completion of Schemes Nos. 1 and 2

that the Cheltenham Rural District Council and Tewkesbury Borough should have additional representation. Also, that the Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and Borough Treasurer should cease to act as Officers to the Executive Committee on completion of these Schemes unless reappointed RESOLVED, That the draft as now revised be approved and submitted to the County Council.

8—Prestbury By-Pass—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing an alteration of the Prestbury By-Pass Road which would avoid going through the Football Ground of the Cheltenham Town A.F.C. The plan submitted provided for the By-pass to commence near Wyman's Brook at the old Borough Boundary instead of at the junction of Whaddon Road. The present By-pass would involve the demolition of properties in Prestbury and Whaddon Roads, but the line now suggested would obviate the necessity for the demolition of properties and would run along the back of the gardens of the houses on the South side of Cromwell Road. RESOLVED, That the amended plan be approved and incorporated in the Draft Scheme Map.

9—Estate Development Streets—Read, letter of 17th ult. from the County Surveyor in regard to the widths of proposed Estate Development Streets RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

10—River Chelt---The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 15th inst. from the Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Co. Ltd. offering on behalf of Mrs. E. M. Lancashire of Abbotsford, Old Bath Road to sell the small piece of land on the South side of the River Chelt fronting Sandford Mill Road which would enable the proposed River Chelt Walk to be continued through this piece of land. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

11—Caravan Factory, Old Bath Road —Read, letter from Mrs. E. I. Dolman complaining of the noise of hammering at Messrs. Siddall's Caravan Factory in Old Bath Road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the owners asking them to take steps to minimise the noise by lining the building.

E. L. WARD,  
Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th January, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Green, Grimwade, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that two tenders had been received for the provision of scum channel, non-slip coping, non-slip tile surround, drainage channel and snowcreting the floor of the bath, the lowest tender being that of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons, amounting to £127 9s. 3d. for snowcreting the floor of the bath, and £578 7s. 5d. for the other work. As reported at the last meeting the sum of £400 only had been included in this year's estimates for improvements at these Baths. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider it desirable that the whole of this work should be carried out, and that the Council be recommended to accept the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons. RESOLVED, also, That the

Borough Surveyor be instructed to authorise Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons to order the stoneware goods required for the contract so as to avoid as much delay as possible, and to enable the work to be completed by the commencement of the swimming season.

2—Floral Fete—Messrs. Baring, Cambray and Fuller attended on behalf of the Floral Fete Committee and asked for the free use of the Montpellier Gardens for the Floral Fete to be held on the 23rd and 24th June next. RESOLVED, That the use of the Gardens (with the exception of the Putting Course) be granted for the two days of the Show subject to (1) details of the positions of the tents and side shows etc., and the time to be taken for the erection and removal of these being submitted to and approved by the Committee ; (2) the Floral Fete Committee agreeing to pay all out-of-pocket expenses and to make good all damage and loss suffered by the Corporation ; (3) the Floral Fete Committee arranging with the Fun Fair contractor not to use any loud speakers or amplifying apparatus, or if this is not possible, to reduce these to a minimum so as to avoid nuisance or annoyance to the neighbourhood ; (4) the Show being closed at 10.30 p.m. each night ; (5) the Floral Fete Committee making provision in their contract for the Fun Fair to retain control over the side shows so as to have power to veto shows which are objectionable ; and (6) to the Floral Fete Committee issuing tickets to persons hiring the hard tennis courts during the Show, as last year. RESOLVED, also, That the grass tennis courts be let one week earlier if the ground is suitable for play, as in previous years.

3—Swimming Pool—The Committee considered the appointment of Superintendent of the Sandford Park Swimming Pool consequent on the resignation of Lt. Edwards. RESOLVED, That applications be invited by advertisement for the appointment at a salary of £260 per annum, the appointment to be subject to the Superannuation Act, and to be determinable by one month's notice, also that the duties as now settled be approved. Also, That the advertisement contain an intimation that the Committee will be prepared to consider an application from the wife of any applicant for the seasonal appointment of Cafe Manageress at a wage of not exceeding (3 per week according to experience.

4—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their meetings held on the 29th ult. and 5th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :--

(a) Piano—That the charge of £2 2s. 0d. for the hire of the Steinway grand piano be reduced to £1 1s. 0d.

(b) Town. Hall—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to include amounts in the estimates for providing swing doors from the service room to the refreshment room, new wash basins for the gentlemen's cloakroom, and curtain for the stage.

(c) Montpellier Pavilion—That the free use of Montpellier Pavilion be granted to the Alsatian League Dog Club for their Show.

(d) Lighting—That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to arrange for an annual inspection of the electricity installation at the Town Hall.

(e) Sunday Concerts—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to engage special artists on alternate Sundays during February and March at a fee not exceeding £10 10s. 0d. per Sunday. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the Committee congratulate the Entertainments Manager and Mr. Arthur Cole on the success of the Sunday Evening Concerts,

5—Medical Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

6—Conferences—(a) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the Easter Education Convention of the Co-operative Union to be held from the 14th to 18th April, 1938, and that the delegates be granted admission to the Carnival Ball at the reduced charge of 1s 6d and to the Good Friday and Sunday Concerts and Saturday Dance at half price.

(b) RESOLVED, That an invitation be extended to the National Council of Women to hold their Conference in Cheltenham in 1939.

(c) Read, letter from the Building Societies' Association accepting the Council's invitation to hold their Annual Meeting in Cheltenham on the 8th, 9th and 10th June, 1938.

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7—Advertising—Councillor Grimwade reported meeting of the Advertising Sub-Committee held on the 15th inst. Present—Councillors Grimwade (in the chair), Avery and Green, and Mr. H. T. Bush.

The Sub-Committee proposed (inter alia) to spend £40 of the small balance in hand of this year's allocation on advertising the Dance Festival, RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

8—Montpellier Gardens—Musical Festival—RESOLVED, That the application of the Musical Festival Committee for the free use of Montpellier Pavilion for the Festival Dramatic Competition on the 28th May be granted

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Friday, 22nd January, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Rogers, Smith and Waite; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

9—Marle Hill Annexe—Landing Stage--The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of extending the landing stage by 20 feet at £16 and by 30 feet at £24. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the landing stage extended by 30 feet subject to Mr. Higgins agreeing to pay 7 ½ per cent on the outlay of £24 during his tenancy.

10—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted five tenders received for heating the water of the small Bath at Alstone. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. John Such & Sons of £415 (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract and to sanction to loan being obtained, and to the Education Committee agreeing to pay the interest and sinking fund charges on the loan. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £415 for carrying out the work.

(b) Read, application from the Hon. Swimming Instructor of the Grammar School for the grant of 16 season tickets for boys who had been successful in their Life-Saving Examinations in 1936, and 5 half season tickets to boys with the Intermediate and Elementary Certificates, and asking whether the Committee would agree



to the boys who so desire receiving a rebate in a season ticket for Sandford Park Swimming Pool instead of the season ticket or half season ticket for Alstone Baths. RESOLVED, That the application be granted, and that the boys who so desire, be granted a season or half season ticket for Sandford Park Swimming Pool on payment of the difference in value

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

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Hotel Majestic—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to appear as a witness for Miss Baylis in support of her application for an intoxicating liquor licence for the Hotel Majestic.

(b) Town Hall—That the tender of the Gas Company of £27 9s. 6d. for the provision of emergency lighting and automatic switch which would turn on the gas lamps immediately there was a failure of the electricity supply be accepted subject to the Borough Electrical Engineer approving the proposals. Also, That the switch board in the Band Room be enclosed with a wooden partition to prevent unauthorised persons interfering with the switches.

(c) Sunday Concerts—That an additional trumpet player be engaged for the Sunday Orchestra, as recommended by Mr. Cole, at a cost of 17s 6d per Sunday.

(d) Pianos—That the sum of £175 be included in next year's estimates for the purchase of a small grand piano for the Drawing Room and a full concert grand for the Large Hall for concert use only, and that the old Bechstein grand purchased for the Winter Garden be sold. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

12—Film of Cheltenham—Read, letter of 18th inst. from the River Severn Development Association that they were considering remodelling their Severnside Industrial Film, and that they would like to include in their remodelled film, sections of the film which was lent to them in connection with the British Industries Fair in 1932. RESOLVED, That the Association be informed that the present film is out of date but the Committee are arranging for production of a new film but this would not be available for this year's fair.

13—Badminton Club—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Badminton Club asking whether in the event of the Winter Garden not being available for badminton next season, the Committee would grant them the use of Alstone Baths. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th January, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Howell, Morris and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Canvasser—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That a canvasser be appointed at a salary of £2 per week with commission, the appointment to be of a temporary nature and to be reconsidered at the end of six months.

2—Health Week—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Secretary of the Health Week Exhibition had informed him that the offer of 10 for a stand at the Exhibition in September next could not be accepted but had offered a stand 24 feet by 6 feet free of charge if the Electricity Committee would undertake free of charge the special lighting arrangements for the Exhibition. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

3—Office Accommodation—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that additional accommodation was required for office records etc. as the existing storerooms were overcrowded. He proposed to find the necessary accommodation by making alterations in the present cooker repair room and submitted tenders for altering partitions and providing shelving. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Stinchcombe & Son amounting to £13 17s. 6d. (being the lowest) be accepted and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase the steel shelving required at an estimated cost of £13 0s. 0d.

4—Town Hall—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had been asked by the Town Improvement Committee to make a report on the electrical wiring of the Town Hall, and, as this is a public building, he considered it desirable that an inspection should be made of the wiring once a year, but he thought that a charge should be made for the time of the Engineer and Inspector engaged on the Work. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the inspection being made but that no charge be made therefor.

5—Chocolate Cookery Demonstrations—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had arranged with Messrs. Cadbury Bros, for demonstrations of Chocolate Cookery to be given by two members of their staff during the whole of the following week in the demonstration room.

6—Damage to Car—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported a collision by a cyclist with a stationary car of the sub-station inspector while engaged on work at a kiosk at the foot of Leckhampton Hill. The damage to the car amounted to £2, RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to pay the cost of repairing the damage.

7—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) Gotherington—(i) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a scheme for an overhead supply to Gotherington at an estimated cost of £1,337 4s. 2d. The probable revenue would be £104 for the first year, £140 for the second year, and £183 for the third year. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain the necessary wayleaves. and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport and to the local authorities concerned for consent to the erection of overhead lines and also to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to loan of £1,337.

(ii) The Borough Electrical Engineer also reported that Mr. Geater of Merecombs has asked for the extension to be made to include his premises. As this would cost about £200 and would only supply two additional consumers he did not recommend this. RESOLVED, That no extension be made to Merecombs unless Mr. Geater is prepared to pay the whole of the cost of the extra extension to supply his premises.

(b) Wistley—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that owing to the difficulty of obtaining the necessary wayleaves from Mrs. Wills Goldingham and Col. Elwes he had surveyed an alternative route which avoided the land of these two owners. The cost of making the extension by the new route would be £22 3s. 3d. more than by the original route, but Mr. Campbell had agreed to pay this additional cost. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain the necessary wayleaves and consents for the erection of

the line by the new route and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport and to the local authorities concerned for consent to the erection of the overhead lines along the new route.

(c) Booker's Cottage—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport and to the local authorities concerned for consent to an overhead line from the existing underground cable in Coberley Village to Dowman's Farm and Booker's Cottage, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain the necessary wayleaves.

S—Public Lighting—(a) Sandford Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a scheme for the improvement of the lighting of this road by the erection of fourteen 100 watt sodium lamps in place of the five existing 200 watt filament lamps, at an estimated cost of £349 10s. 8d. The annual running cost would be £51 10s. 8d. as against £19 18s. 4d. at present. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to carry out the improvement and that £118 of the cost be charged to the loan for cables, and that the remainder of the cost be charged to the amount allocated for the improvement of public lighting.

(b) Priors Road—The Committee considered a recommendation by the Burial Board Committee that additional lighting should be provided near the Cemetery Gates. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to report as to this recommendation.

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9—Whaddon Estate--RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £1,966 for the purpose of laying the necessary cables for supplying the houses in Sections C and D of this Estate now being developed and to the Ministry of Transport for consent to the erection of the necessary overhead service lines.

10—South West Area—(a) Annual Committee—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend the Annual Meeting of the South West Area Committee to be held at Bristol on the 23rd prox.

(b) Executive Committee—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to represent the Corporation on the South West Area Executive Committee for the year ending March, 1938.

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

(b) Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on 23rd and 30th ult., and 5th, 9th, 15th, 19th and 22nd inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 465.8, 460.7, 466.2, 471.3, 467.4, 470.9 and 470.4, and the pressure 8.7, 6.2, 7.0, 6.7, 6.3, 5.6 and 8.7 inches of water respectively.

12—Basic Price of Gas—Read, Report of Meeting of representatives of Local Authorities in London on the 22nd inst., when it was decided to ask all local authorities not owning gas undertakings to contribute according to rateable value towards the expense of being represented before the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons, which meets on the 9th prox. to enquire into the powers of regulating charges possessed by gas companies authorised to supply under a basic price and basic dividend system RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to contribute provided that their contribution is limited to £30.

13—Electricity Department—Accountant—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That the salary of Mr. Williams, Accountant, be increased from £300 to £350 rising by two annual increments of £25 to a maximum of £400 subject to his undertaking to remain in the service of the Corporation for at least twelve months

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th January, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates; Councillors Barnett, E. W. Moore and Morris (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

#### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st December, 1936.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	356,000 gallons	300,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,590,000 "	1,460,000
Leckhampton Springs	42,000	41,000
	1,988,000	1,801,000

#### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 102,702,000 gallons.

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(b) The Borough Engineer reported that the total quantity of water supplied from all sources during 1936 excluding the bulk supply to Tewkesbury was 621,052,000 gallons, and that the total quantity of water supplied to Tewkesbury during the year was 40,046,000 gallons. Of these quantities 64 per cent. had been supplied by gravitation, 32 per cent. pumped from Tewkesbury, and 4 per cent pumped from Sandford.

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—Hewlett Waterworks—The Borough Engineer submitted tenders from four firms for the provision of a chlorination plant for the water from Northfield Springs, and advised that the most satisfactory schemes were those submitted by The Paterson Engineering Co. Ltd. and Messrs. Wallace & Tiernan. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the Borough Engineer to further consider the tenders and submit an estimate of the total cost of providing the plant and the necessary building for housing it. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate for the purchase of a site for the necessary building and plant

5—Proposed Main from Churchdown—(a) The Borough Engineer advised that samples of earth should be taken along the line of the proposed main from Churchdown and analysed with a view to discovering where magnesium sulphate is present. RESOLVED, That Mr. H. Stanger of Westminster be appointed to carry out the analysis.

(b) The Borough Engineer reported that he was investigating the sizes and types of pressure reduction valves required for this main and proposed to approach Messrs. Glenfield & Kennedy for the supply of the necessary valves. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Assistant Waterworks Foreman—The Borough Engineer reported that he had with the approval of Councillor Morris appointed Mr W. H. Stanley to this post at a weekly wage of £3 5s. 0d. to be increased annually by 2s 6d. a week to a maximum of £3 10s. 0d. a week, RESOLVED, That the appointment be approved.

7—Lorry—The Borough Engineer reported that Councillor Morris had examined the tenders for the supply of a new lorry and had selected the tender of The Wicliffe Motors Ltd. for the supply of a 30 cwt. / 2 ton Morris lorry at the price of £230 13s. 0d. after allowing £11 for the old lorry. RESOLVED, That the purchase be approved.

8—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board—(a) Auditor—RESOLVED, That the Council agree to join with the Gloucester Corporation in appointing Mr. W. T. Alder single Auditor of the Board until the 31st March, 1938, at a salary of 25 guineas to be paid by the two Corporations in equal shares.

(b) Standing Charges—RESOLVED. That the Council agree to enter into an agreement with the Gloucester Corporation whereby each Corporation will undertake to obtain from the Board when the new works have been constructed, or to pay for a supply of not less than 165,000,000 gallons per annum, and the Cheltenham Corporation will undertake to close down on completion of the new works the Leckhampton and Sandford supplies, and the Gloucester Corporation will undertake to close down on completion of the new works the Newent and Ketford Pumping Stations.

9—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Sandeman, Consulting Engineer, had made an inspection of the land of the Whithorne Quarrying Company at which Mr Rogers was present representing the Quarrying Company. Mr. Sandeman advised that a line of 12 feet from the hedge with a batter therefrom of 1 vertical to 1 ½ horizontal which is the angle usually adopted by Railway Companies on fairly stable ground, would suffice for support of the filter beds and water main ; after removal of the gravel, the soil should be replaced to give a final batter of 1 vertical to 2 ½ horizontal, but not more than 12 feet wide should be excavated on the batter and the top soil should be restored so as to give the final batter stipulated for before further excavation, Read, letter from Mr. Stroud that he had received a letter from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers confirming these proposals and had seen his Client thereon and he was instructed to agree to these proposals subject to a plan and section being furnished and to his costs being paid by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That a plan and section be furnished but that he be informed that the Corporation are unable to agree to pay his costs.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

## GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th January, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor-Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Green and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Marle Hill House—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 20th ult. from Col. Whitmore Jones in regard to the water supply to this house which was through a pipe supplying the fields The Borough Surveyor recommended that an independent half-inch supply from Evesham Road should be provided for the fields at an estimated cost of £10. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

2—Diseases Amongst Animals—Supt Wayman reported that three cases of Swine Fever had occurred since the last Meeting of the Committee.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of R. W. Swift for transfer of his licence to a new Taxicab LI 3382, purchased by him, be granted.

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

Date, 1936,	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
26th December	36 Townsend Street	Defective Fire Place	Slight	£3 14. 0d.

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8th January	The Poplars, Bishop's Cleeve	-	Slight £	4 7s. 0d.
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(b) RESOLVED, That he be authorised to purchase a Hose repair outfit at a cost of £1 5s. 0d.

(c) Apperley Court—Read, letter from Captain A. W. Strickland, withdrawing his application for the provision of the Fire Brigade to Apperley Court.

5—Domestic Servants' Registries-- Read, report of 31st ult. from Supt. Wayman that all the Registries had been inspected and the books found to be in order.

6—Cinematograph Licences—Renewals—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to renew the Cinematograph Licences in respect of the Gaumont Palace, Daffodil, Theatre and Opera house, Palace and Coliseum, for one year expiring on 6th February, 1938, subject as to the Palace to particulars of the Company owning this, being satisfactory.

7—Rodney Road Car Park—(a) The Committee considered letter of 1st inst. from Mr. W. J. Forbes offering, on behalf of his Clients, to sell the Turkish Baths and Studio adjoining, for the sum of £2,300, including the fixtures and fittings RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted subject to Contract, and to sanction to a loan being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £2,323, for cost of the land and stamp duty on the Conveyance, for the purpose of extension of Rodney Road Car Park.

(b) Read, report of the Borough Surveyor on damage to wall at the Car Park by a motor car on the 2nd inst. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage.

8—Shops Acts—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 30th ult. from the Home Office in regard to Retail Meat Dealers' Shops (Sunday Closing) Act, 1936, which dealt with the closing of Butchers' shops on Sundays.

9—Salvation Army—Read, letter from the Salvation Army asking for a grant as last year, RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to make a grant of £10 to the Soup Kitchen and £10 for relief work in Cheltenham,

10—Land, Upper Pilford—Read, letter from Mr. G. J. Scott Plummer giving notice to terminate his tenancy of Field 788 on 25th March, 1938. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the cost of any fencing which will be required at the end of Mr. Scott Plummer's tenancy.

11—Airport—Read, report of the Joint Airport Committee at their Meeting held on the 5th inst. The Joint Committee recommended that the two Corporations should agree to pay one half of the Insurance premium in respect of Public Liability Insurance for the first year, the amount payable by each Corporation being £7 10s. 0d. RESOLVED. That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

12—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide Swing Doors (similar to the Doors at the entrance to the Electricity Showroom) at the entrance to the Corridor by the Lift and also to the stairs leading to the Basement.

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13—Athletic Ground--(a) Read, letter of 18<sup>th</sup> inst. from Mr. A. K. Pruen, approving of the Draft Lease. With regard to dilapidations under the former Lease, the Club offered to pay the Corporation £12 in respect of these. RESOLVED, That, subject to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied that this sum is a fair estimate of the Clubs liability, this sum be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the dilapidations made good.

(b) Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Messrs. Hill Bros. applying for the tenancy of the ground for Fun Fairs twice a year. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

14—Police—(a) Chief Constable--Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Clerk to the Standing Joint Committee asking the Council to appoint two representatives on a Sub-Committee to consider applications and to interview applicants for the appointment of Chief Constable, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Major Stanley Clarke. RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Alderman Clara Winterbotham be appointed.

(b) Inspector—Read, letter of 5th inst., from the Clerk to the Standing Joint Committee asking for the Council's observations on the report of the Chief Constable recommending the appointment of a Third Inspector for the Borough. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

(c) Headquarters' Staff—The Borough Treasurer attended and reported that, in the Police Accounts, the Headquarters' Staff had been increased, resulting in an additional charge to Cheltenham of approximately £40, The Town Clerk reported that the Police Agreement provided that no material addition should be made to the Headquarters' Staff, which would materially increase the contribution of the Corporation except as from time to time might be agreed upon. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the County Council that the Committee consider that the sum of £40 is a material increase and that, as the Council have

not been consulted in regard to the increase to the Headquarters' Staff, they cannot recommend the Council to pay this increased contribution.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

#### **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th January, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Davis, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith; Messrs. Addis, Carter and Clarkson (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Baglins Piece and Gappers Field Allotments—The Borough Surveyor reported that the ditches on these allotments had been cleaned out during the past month.

2—Hatherley Road Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that only one of these allotments had been let, RESOLVED, That an advertisement be inserted in the "Echo" inviting applications for these allotments rent free up to the 25th March, 1938, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the land ploughed and marked out when sufficient number of applications have been received.

3—Marle Hill Estate Allotments—(a) The Town Clerk reported that 35 applications had now been received for plots at these allotments and that the Unemployed Services Club had also applied for 30 plots. Mr Carter stated that the land adjoining Tommy Taylor's Lane was unsuitable for allotments, being all heavy clay, but that the Club was willing to take 30 plots of the unploughed land and break these up themselves. RESOLVED, That an additional two acres of land be taken and marked out and that 30 allotments on this land be let to the Club rent free up to the 25th March next.

(b) Read, letter from Mrs. E. E. Booy of Euroclydon, Folly Lane, asking the Corporation to erect a new fence dividing her property from these allotments as the present fence was in a bad state of repair. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report thereon.

4----Whaddon Road Allotments (New)----Read, letter from the Unemployed Services Club asking to be relieved of the tenancy of 10 allotments as from 31st December, 1936, as owing to pilfering and various other reasons they were unable to re-let same for 1937. RESOLVED, That the 12 months' notice required under the Agreement be waived the Club be relieved of these allotments as from 31st December, 1936.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th January, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Davis, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).



1—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that in order to screen the addition to Messrs. Smith's Systems Factory recently erected it would be necessary to extend the shrubbery. RESOLVED, That the Visitors be asked to inspect and report thereon.

2—Casual Labourers—Holidays—RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to allow casual labourers who have been employed for six months or more, full pay for the usual Bank and National Holidays, and to those of one year's service and over, full pay for the same holidays as granted to workmen on the permanent stall.

3—Recreation Grounds—Custodians—The Committee considered the suggestion of the Public Health Committee that the 1s 6d. per week for electricity be reduced to 1s. RESOLVED, That no reduction be made.

4—Land adjoining St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Read, letter from Mrs. Rees applying for the tenancy of portion of this land for grazing, until required by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Visitors be asked to inspect and report thereon.

5—Playing Fields Association Sports Cavalcade—The Town Clerk reported that Capt. Shillam of Gloucester had enquired whether the Corporation would be prepared to allow the Playing Fields Association to have the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for a Sports Cavalcade to be organised by them from 22nd to 28th July next. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared favourably to consider the application when further details of the proposal are received.

6—Montpellier Gardens—Old Convenience—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council with regard to the proposal to break down and fill in the old underground Convenience. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider the Borough Electrical Engineer's suggestion to use this as a store, and report to the Committee.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th January, 1937.** Present—Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Bendall and Garland; Dr. R. Davies; and Major J. G. N. Clift (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for November and December—Visitors-5,761 (last year 5,381) Included in these figures were three parties, numbering 25 students, from local schools and colleges.

Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards, refunded lighting expenses and commission, £9 8s. 11d. Donations to "Friends Fund," £6 10s. 8d. Total £15 19s. 7d.

Exhibitions-16th November-31st December :—St. Ives Society of Artists.

Talks by Curator—The Curator had given talks to the Broadway Traders' Association, British Empire Naturalists' Association, Gloucester Society of Artists, Winchcombe Literary Society, Stroud Rotary Club, and a party of students from the Technical College.

Council for Art and Industry—The Curator had given evidence at the Board of Trade before the Council for Art and Industry on the question of Industrial Art and Provincial Museums.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Art Gallery and Museum had been received from the following,—Miss Grahame, Mrs. W. Taylor, Mr. Geo. Poulton, Mr. A. Sessions, Miss H. E. Donovan, Mr. C. E. Tomlinson, Mr. D. G. S. Russell, Miss Elwes, Mr. A. P. Dixon, Mrs. Haddock, Mr. R. C. Arundell, Mr. John Fox, Miss Maitland Reid, Dr. W. St. Clair Baddeley, and Mr. Edwin Hollis. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

3—Loans—Loans had been received from Cheltenham College (the W. L. Mellersh Collection of Postage Stamps), and Mrs. J. E. Hyett (Must in Plaster of Alderman Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P., by the late J. E. Hyett, R.B.S.) RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Lenders.

4—Board of Education Grant—The Curator reported that a 50 per cent. grant-in-aid (£21 5s. 0d.) had been notified towards the purchase of the Grahame Collection of Pottery and two Wool-weights (all purchased from the "Friends Fund " at a cost of £42 10s. 0d).

5—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That a Water-Colour, " Corfe Castle," by Fred Milner, R.B.C. (£15 15s. 0d. offered for £10), a Door Handle by Alfred Bucknall (£1 10s. 0d.), an Old Butter Churn (£1 15s. 0d.) and a Spode Cider Jug (£1 15s. 0d.) be purchased from this Fund at a total cost of £15.

6—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to arrange the following exhibitions :—

(a) Art and Craftwork from Local Schools (in conjunction with School of Art), when convenient.

(b) " Cheltenham through Ten Reigns," May 10th—June 5th.

(c) Exhibition by Guild of Gloucestershire Craftsmen, September.

7—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on February 12th.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd January, 1937.** Present—Councillors Avery, Bendall, Garland, Green, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 19th December, 1936 to 22nd January, 1937. Interments 90 ; Grave Spaces sold 19 (First Position 1, Second Position 1, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 16) ; Memorials erected 14 ; New Inscriptions 7. Number of Interments for year ended 31st December, 1936, 672.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9514 to 9532.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2006 to 2020, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Next meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of the Committee be held at the Cemetery.

5—Maintenance of Grave Space Q 3036—The Town Clerk reported that the Executors of Mrs. Rose Fox-Male, deceased, had now paid the sum of £50 for the maintenance of this grave space in perpetuity.

S. ROGERS,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th January, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; Councillors Bendall Bettridge, Compton, Grimwade and Ben James; Rev. B. Thomas ; Dr. R. Davies; and Messrs. S. J. Clarke, F. Vertical and C. E. Walsh (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for November and December—Receipts £3 8s. 6d. Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 13,772 (last year 13,926) ; Lending Department 31,891 (last year 32,145) ; Junior Department 4,053 (last year 4,491). School Libraries 9,036 (last year 6,863). Total 58,752 (last year 57,425).

Binding and Replacements-282 volumes had been returned from the Binder, and 217 volumes had been replaced.

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

November 16th ... Mr. W. J. Barbour on "The Work of Child Guidance," Attendance 242.

" 23rd ... Mr. R. E. C. Swann, B.A., on "Literature and Mechanical Invention, 1477-1936." Attendance 50.

" 30th ... Mrs. E. S. de Courcy-Ireland, on " Reading between the lines." Attendance 65.

December 7th ... Mr. H. Browning Button, F.R.G.S., on " Famous Old Inns of England," Attendance 129.

The Programme of nine lectures for the session January—March, 1937, had been issued, as authorised.

Gloucestershire Architectural Association—This Association had issued a Catalogue of the books on Architecture in its own Library, and also in the Libraries of Cirencester, Cheltenham and Gloucester.

Staff—Miss P. E. Morgan had been elected an Associate of the Library Association. RESOLVED, That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Miss Morgan.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That the sum of £25 be spent on Replacements.

(b) That 402 volumes published at £137 14s. 6d. be purchased for the sum of £86 15s. 0d.

(c) That 2 volumes, published at £3 0s. 0d. be purchased from the Leslie Young Bequest Fund at a cost of £2 2s. 0d.

3—Donations—Gifts to the Library had been received from the following : Anonymous, Mr. R. C. Alcock, Birmingham City Librarian, Hon. Mrs. G. C. Brownson, Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co: Ltd, Lt.-Col. F. M. Close, Lt.-Col. A. M. Cockshott, Miss Conder, Messrs. Constable & Co., Mr. James A. Cook, Coventry Corporation, Mr. W. E. Drinkwater, Miss Duke, Mr. F. J. Gould, Institute of Chemistry of Great Britain and Ireland, Mr. T. G.

Phillips, Pretoria Census and Statistics Office, Agent General for Queensland, Master Denis Smith, Mr. A. B. Sturges, Capt. J. H. Trye, Mr. A. G. White, and Mr. R. J. Winterbotham. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That "The Indian Empire Review," "The Liberal National Magazine," and "The Catholic Worker," offered as gifts, be accepted with thanks.

5—Library Book Agents' Agreement—Read, letter from the Town Clerk of Ilford, asking whether Cheltenham Corporation would be prepared to support a Notice of Motion to the next Annual Meeting of the Library Association, at Scarborough in June next, in the following terms : " That this Conference is of the opinion that the amounts at present allowed by way of commission on the purchase of new books under the terms of the Book Agents' Licence of 1929 are now inadequate, and requests the Council of the Library Association to approach the Publishers' Association and The Associated Booksellers of Great Britain and Ireland with the object of opening negotiations for a new agreement based upon terms more favourable to the Public Library Authorities." (The discount at present amounts to 10 per cent. provided new books to the value of £100 per annum are purchased). RESOLVED, That this motion of the Ilford Borough Council be supported.

6—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on the 4th February

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

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#### RATING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday 7th January, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James and E. W. 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--New Valuation List—(a) The Rating Officers submitted list of properties to be submitted to the County Council for valuation by the County Panel Valuers, in connection with the Third Quinquennial re-valuation. RESOLVED, That the list as now settled by the Committee be approved.

(b) Garages, Sheds, Greenhouses, Petrol Tanks and Pumps, Caravan and Hutment Dwellings--The Town Clerk submitted circular of the 21st ult. received from the County Valuation Committee setting out the recommendations of the Valuation Advisory Committee in regard to the assessment of the foregoing. RESOLVED, That the method of assessment recommended for these hereditaments be adopted for the Third Quinquennial re-valuation.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th January, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pruen and Taylor ; and Councillor Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £91,273 ; Leaving outstanding £22,636.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1937. Amount collected £17,637 ; Leaving outstanding £5,091.

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

Date, 1937.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
1st January	Sewers, Christ Church and Windsor Street	£550	30 years.

“ Purchase of land adjoining St. Mark's Recreation Ground ... £1,575. 60 years

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 29th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; and Councillor Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair). 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. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit a quarterly tabulated statement of persons three months or more in arrear with their Electricity Charges.

6—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported on the position as to loans. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to arrange terms for a loan of £50,000 on the terms now approved by the Committee.

7—Salaries Grading Scheme—RESOLVED, That a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider a Salaries Grading Scheme for the Administrative Staff be held on 2nd February.

8—Borough Treasurer's Department—Chief Accountancy Assistant—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. E. J. Wills, Chief Accountancy Assistant, had been appointed Deputy Accountant at Reigate, and he recommended that Mr. S. Morris, the second Accountancy Assistant, should be promoted to the vacant position. He also submitted suggested scheme for the re-arrangement of his staff, together with suggested grading scheme. RESOLVED, That Mr. S. Morris be appointed Chief Accountancy Assistant at the same salary as paid to Mr. Wills, namely £250 per annum, and that the re-arrangement of the staff and grading scheme be referred to the Salaries and Grading Scheme Sub-Committee.

9—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the post of Assistant Water Inspector being designated for the purposes of the Act. (b) RESOLVED, That the following members of the Borough Treasurer's staff be appointed to the three vacant designated posts in the Scheme, namely :—W. J. Morrell, E. Jones and T. F. Walker.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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**Borough of Cheltenham.**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 25th February, 1937.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 1st day of March. 1937, 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 and to authorise Common Seal to be affixed to Byelaws prohibiting cycling on footpaths ; also to authorise purchase of 137 and 138 Tewkesbury Road for £110.

STORES SUB-COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE and to appoint Swimming Pool Superintendent and Cafe Manageress. ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. To appoint representative Governor on Board of Governors of Cheltenham Grammar School to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Alderman J. P. Pates.

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, 1st February, 1937, 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).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. (Retd.) and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Leigh James, Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies-Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Davis, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Dr. Hayward and Ben James.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th January, 1937, 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 January 11

Housing Meeting held January 14

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs: "That Minute No. 3 (c) in regard to the erection of 50 additional Non-subsidy houses be not approved " was lost).

Resolved, on the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, That the tender of Messrs. Henderson & Priestley Ltd. for wiring 190 houses on St. Paul's Estate, amounting to £1,318 5s. 0d., and for wiring 93 houses on St. Paul's and St. Peter's Estates, amounting to £1,140 12s. 7d. be accepted subject to contract and bond being entered into.

Street and Highway Meeting held January 18

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 11 in regard to ashmen's wages be referred back for further consideration."

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Barnett: "That Minutes Nos. 2 (a) and 2 (b) in regard to Pittville Street improvement be not approved " was lost).

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held January 18

Town Planning Meeting held January 21

Except that the revised plan submitted by the Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Co. Ltd. in substitution for No. 1079 be approved ; and except also that Minute No. 5 be amended by reducing the value of the houses to be built in Albert Road to £1,000, excluding site.

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held January 15 & 22

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held January 12

Subject to an Amendment moved by the Mayor and seconded by Alderman Pruen : " That Minute No. 12 in regard to the Basic Price of Gas be not approved."

Water Meeting held January 12

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held January 19

Allotments Meeting held January 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held January 11

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Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held January 15

Burial Board Meeting held January 22

Public Library Meeting held January 7

Rating Meeting held January 7

Finance Meeting held January 26

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

3—Air Raid Precautions—Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland and Fisher be appointed representatives of the Council on the No. 2 Area Authority for carrying out the Air Raid Precautions Scheme arranged by the County Council, and that the Scheme be approved.

4—Mr. Walter Ansell—Resolved, That the Council congratulate Mr. Ansell on completion of his 40 years' work as a journalist in Cheltenham, and record their appreciation of his work for the Town, and extend to him their good wishes for the future.

5—Mr. R. R. Dobson—Resolved, That the Council learns with regret the impending retirement of Mr. R. R. Dobson from the Headmastership of the Cheltenham Grammar School, and record their appreciation of the services rendered by him to the Town, and wish him and Mrs. Dobson many happy Years of retirement. — The Late Mr. Lewis Hann—Resolved, That the Council record their deep regret at the death of Mr. Lewis Hann, who was, for 42 years Music Master at the Ladies' College, and for many years prominently associated with the musical life of the Town, and express to Miss Hann their sincere sympathy with her in the sad loss she has sustained.

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, 1st March, 1937.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th February, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Moore, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Barnett, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).



1—Hayden Knoll Farm—(a) Sewage Disposal—Read, letter of 13th ult. from Mr. Castle reporting a complaint by Mr. Rymer as to distribution of sewage over his land. The Borough Surveyor reported that the extensions of the works had caused an increase in the amount of untreated sewage discharged on the land, and that he had now arranged to employ an additional man at £2 per week to assist in the distribution. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the matter be reviewed in July next.

(b) Compensation—Read, letters from Mr. Castle reporting that he had agreed with Mr. Rymer the compensation for giving up the land required for these extensions at £9 8s. 3d. with a future annual reduction in the rent of £4 15s. 6d. as from the 25th proximo RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Cattle Troughs—The Borough Surveyor reported that the existing concrete troughs and flush boxes could be put into a reasonable state of repair at an estimated cost of £14, while the cost of replacing them with galvanised iron troughs and flush boxes would be £58. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the existing troughs and flush boxes put in repair.

2—Chelt—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Chelt watercourse had been cleared of debris. Near the Keynsham Road culvert, the stream was undermining the Bank causing some danger to a wall belonging to Messrs. Morgan & Matthews. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillors E. W. Moore and Morris be asked to view this and report.

3—Public Conveniences—(a) Leckhampton Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Parsons of 208 Leckhampton Road had requested the Committee to consider the provision of a public convenience for both sexes between the Norwood Arms and the foot of Leckhampton Hill. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been informed by the Manager of the Employment Exchange that attendants at public conveniences were classed as " Domestic Servants" and as such were not insurable.

4—Insanitary Property at (a) 1 Alexandra Street ; "Dorina," Fairfield Avenue ; 5 Fairfield Walk; 43 Naunton Lane—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 9 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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) 3 St. Paul's Terrace, Dunalley Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had failed to comply with the Notice served on him on the 9th ult. requiring him to execute the works necessary to render the house fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That estimates be obtained for carrying out the repairs.

5—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 68 Brunswick Street—The Committee further considered the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises in default of compliance by the Owner with her Undertaking given on the 8th October, 1935. RESOLVED, That a Demolition Order be now made by the Council in pursuance of Sub-Section (4) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, requiring that the house shall be vacated within 28 days front 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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(b) 12 Sidney Street and 1 and 2 Cakebridge Cottages—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that Messrs. Tibbles Motor Co. who had bought 12 Sidney Street from Mrs. Hyett, had consented to the making of a Demolition Order in respect thereof. Mr. Merrivale of Messrs. Haddock and Pruen, attended on behalf of Mrs. Thornton, the Owner houses of 1 and 2 Cakebridge Cottages and stated that the owner was prepared to give an Undertaking that they should not be used for human habitation if the Committee would allow them to be used for storage purpose 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 (4) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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.

RESOLVED, also, That if the Owner of 1 and 2 Cakebridge Cottages cuts off and seals the drains of the houses and undertakes not to allow the premises to be used for any purpose other than storage purposes the Council will regard this as sufficient compliance with the Demolition Order to be made in respect of those houses.

(c) Basements of 7 St George's Terrace and 26 Priory Street ; and first and second floors of 407a High 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 thereof. 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 user thereof, will be considered at a meeting of the Committee to be held on the 12th April, 1937.

(d) 10, 11 and 12 Northfield Passage and un-numbered house in Sherborne Street belonging to Mr. Mustoe—The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of these premises. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above mentioned premises are unfit for human habitation and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, notices be given under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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 works or the future user of the houses will be considered at a meeting of this Committee to be held on the 12th April, 1937,

RESOLVED, also, That it be referred to the Housing Committee to consider the purchase of the site of the house in Sherborne Street.

(e) Basements of 19 Bath Parade—The Committee further considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement rooms of these premises. The Owner, Mr. R. Fitzroy Fowles, attended and objected to an Order being made. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the premises to be viewed again by the Rota Sub-Committee.

(f) 292 High Street (1st and 2nd floors)—The Committee further considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the rooms on the first and second floors of these premises. Read, letter of 6th inst. from Messrs. J. W. Robson & Son, Solicitors, reporting that they acted on behalf of Mortgagees of the property. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for a month to enable a notice to be served on the mortgagees.

(g) Basement of 5 Pittville Lawn—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement rooms of these premises be adjourned for one month to enable the Owner to consider carrying out the works required to render the rooms fit for human habitation in accordance with the specification prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(h) 32 and 33 Worcester Street—RESOLVED, That the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses be further adjourned for one month to enable the Owner to consider carrying out the works required for rendering them fit for human habitation in accordance with the specification prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(i) 170 St. Paul's Road—The Committee further considered the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of this house. Mr. J.F. Bailey, the Owner, attended and stated that he was prepared to carry out the necessary repairs and alterations, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Owner to give an undertaking.

(j) 6 Brandon. Place ; 5 and 6 Waterloo Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these houses had been sold to Mr. Baldwin, who had signed undertakings to carry out within three months after having obtained possession such works as would in the opinion of the Council render the houses fit for human habitation and that the houses should not be used for human habitation until so rendered fit and also that he would forthwith take the necessary steps to obtain vacant possession. RESOLVED, That the undertakings be accepted.

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(k) 43 and 45 St. James' Street ; 9 and 9a Hewlett Place—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses in default of compliance by the Owner with his undertakings. Mr. R. Fitzroy Fowles attended on behalf of the Owner and stated that the work required at 43 and 45 St. James' Street would be started during the next month and that a prospective purchaser was considering buying 9 and 9a Hewlett Place for use as a store if the Committee would accept his undertaking not to use the premises for human habitation. RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of 43 and 45 St. James' Street be adjourned for one month, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Owner that Orders will then be made unless work is started before the date of the next meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That with regard to 9 and 9a Hewlett Place consideration be also adjourned to enable the Rota Sub-Committee to consider allowing the premises to be used as a store.

(l) 34 Fairview Road ; 46 Brunswick Street South ; 16 to 19 Waterloo Street—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses in default of compliance by the Owners with their undertakings. Read, letter of 6th inst. from Mr. W. T. Morris, the Owner of 34 Fairview Road, stating that he had carried out his undertaking and that the premises were ready for inspection by the Chief Sanitary Inspector. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of 46 Brunswick Street South was proceeding with the work in accordance with his undertaking. Read, letters from Mr. E. Young, the Owner of 16 to 19 Waterloo Street, explaining the difficulty which he had had in obtaining possession of the houses. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month in each case.

(m) Zion Cottage, Short Street ; 21 Queen Street ; 21 Upper Norwood Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had now carried out the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Undertakings be cancelled.

6—Milk and Dairies, Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. R. M. Cairns of Reddings Farm, Badgeworth, near Cheltenham, for registration as a Wholesale Producer of Milk be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order.

7—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936 --The Medical Officer of Health reported the results of Phosphatase Tests of Pasteurised Milk produced by the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd, and the Gloucester Co-operative & Industrial Society Ltd. which were satisfactory.

8—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 3 lbs. Beef ; 2 cwt. Pork ; 24 lbs. Poultry ; 1 cwt. Fish.

9—Overcrowding—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a Report of further work carried out since the completion of the Overcrowding Survey, showing that there had been 900 additional surveys, 8,250 Certificates issued, and 74 overcrowding cases abated

10—Shops Act, 1934—(a) The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted list of shops in respect of which applications had been made for Certificates of Exemption from the provisions of Section 10 (2) of this Act, which requires the provision of suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences. RESOLVED. That the applicants be asked to attend at the next meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That in future applicants for Certificates of Exemption be required to attend before the Committee in support of their application, and that Certificates of Exemption previously issued be reviewed in May next.

(b) 386b High Street—The Owners having agreed to provide suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences in this shop RESOLVED, That the Certificate of Exemption granted by this Committee in December last be cancelled.

11—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness—(a) 21 Upper Norwood Street ; and 52 Burton Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that there had been carried out at these premises to his satisfaction works which in his opinion would with reasonable care and maintenance render them fit for human habitation for a period of at least 10 years. RESOLVED, That a Certificate be issued to the Owner under Section 51 of the Housing Act, 1936, that the house is fit for human habitation and will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of 10 years.

(b) 1 Burton Street--The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 (1) of the Housing Act, 1936, submitted a list of proposed works with a request in writing that the Council shall inform him whether in their opinion the house would after the execution of those works or of those works together with any additional works be in all respects fit for human habitation and would with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of at least five years. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to submit to the Owner a list of any additional works which he considers should be carried out before a Certificate could be given.

12—Slaughter of Animals Act—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that during the last year 45 renewed licences had been granted, but that applications for renewal had not been received from seven slaughtermen who had applied last year or from eight who had applied the previous year.

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13—Clearance Areas, 1936—(a) 30 Brunswick Street South and 24 and 25 Sidney Street—RESOLVED, That it be referred to the Housing Committee to consider the purchase of these properties for reconditioning.

(b) 15 117ileombe Place and 15 She borne Street—The Town Clerk reported the withdrawal of these houses from the Clearance Orders.

14—Ophthalmia Neonatorum—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter from the Ministry of Health enclosing copies of the Public Health (Ophthalmia Neonatorum) Amendment Regulations, 1937. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

15—Central Council for Health Education—(a) Read, circular letter appealing for contributions towards the expenses of the Central Council, RESOLVED, That a subscription of £2 2s. 0d. be forwarded.

(b) Oxford Health Week—Read, circular letter inviting the attendance of delegates at the opening of the Exhibition to be held in connection with the Oxford Health Week on the 22nd inst. RESOLVED, That Councillor Dr. Hayward and the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to attend as delegates of the Council.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

**At an adjourned Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th February, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Pruen; Councillors E. W. Moore, Morris and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

16—Flooding—Read, report of the Flooding Sub-Committee of their meeting held on the 3rd inst., at which the Chairman, Councillors E. W. Moore, Morris and Waite were present. The Sub-Committee having considered the report of the Borough Engineer dated the 23rd September last (copies of which have already been circulated to members of the Council), and the reports of the Borough Engineer dated the 20th November last, and of Messrs. John Taylor & Sons dated the 29th December last (copies of which accompany the Minutes) had RESOLVED to make the following recommendations :—

(1) Chelt Main Sewer—The adoption of Scheme 4 in the Borough Surveyor's Report of the 20th November last, which provides for the existing sewer to be replaced by a new sewer at an estimated cost of £66,250 and also for the defective Rowanfield Road Sewer to be replaced at an estimated cost of £10,000.

(2) Wyman's Brook Sewer—That the defective portion of this sewer between the Prestbury Road and Western Drive be renewed and enlarged at an estimated cost of £5,000

(3) Eldon Road Sewer—That it is not practicable to provide a deeper sewer so as to prevent flooding in the basements of certain houses in this road owing to the depth of the basements.

(4) Fairview Road Sewer—That the defective portion of this sewer beneath Winchcomb Street be renewed at an estimated cost of £200 such cost to be included in next year's estimates.

(5) High Street Sewer—That an overflow into the River Chelt be constructed near Barrett's Mill at an estimated cost of £850.

(6) Borough Surveyor's Department—That an Engineering Assistant be engaged to assist in preparing plans and carrying out the works at a salary of £350 per annum.

RESOLVED, That the report of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the preparation of specification and plans for the sewers recommended with a view to application for a loan being made. RESOLVED, also, That he be authorised to engage an Engineering Assistant at a salary of £350 per annum to devote his whole time to the work of preparation of plans and carrying out the works.

17—Chief Sanitary Inspector—The Committee considered an application by the Chief Sanitary Inspector for an increase in his salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to his maximum salary of £550 as from the 1st April next.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th February, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Col. Biggs, Compton, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Moore and Morris (Councillor Morris in the chair).

1—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) Factory Site—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Messrs. Walker Crossweller & Co. Ltd., agreeing to purchase the piece of land containing 2.4 acres for the erection of a factory, and another piece of land adjoining, containing 66 acres for the erection of houses, if desired, at the prices valued by the District Valuer. The Town Clerk reported that the valuation amounted to £1,300 and £550 respectively. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to contract. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

(b) School Site—The Town Clerk reported the Board of Education required a larger site for the proposed new Schools than the 2.9 acres reserved. The District Valuer had therefore been instructed to value the larger area of 3.45 acres and he now submitted his valuation of the land amounting to £2,070 free of all road charges, the Corporation to clear the site of buildings. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health in pursuance of Section 93 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, for consent to the appropriation of the site of 3-45 acres for the new Schools.

(c) Methodist Church Site—Read, letter from Mr. J. W. Robson asking if the area of this could be reduced so as to reduce the price. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider if this can be conveniently arranged and, if so, to submit a revised plan.

(d) Public House Site—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., asking the Corporation to sell a site on this Estate for the erection of a compact modern Licensed House, The Town Clerk also submitted application from Mr L. W. Barnard on behalf of Messrs, Flowers Ltd to purchase the shop sites in Whaddon Road at the junction with Thames Road for the erection of a modern Licensed House in accordance with plans submitted. In the event of the Licensing Justices not granting a licence, the Company would use the land for erection of shops. RESOLVED, That the applications be not entertained.

(e) Shop Site- -Read, application from Mr. W. H. Bowd to purchase a shop site at the junction of Thames Road and Whaddon Road at a price of £80 as valued by the District Valuer, RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

(f) RESOLVED, That Notice be given in pursuance of Section 79 of the Housing Act, 1936, to take possession of the allotments required for the Factory Site and roads, and also of the allotments immediately required for the houses in the new Contract, and that Mr. C. C. Castle be instructed to settle claims for compensation. RESOLVED, also, That six months' notice be given to take the allotments required for the remainder of the houses.

(g) 38 and 42 Wyman's Road--RESOLVED, That the View Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the trees in the gardens of these houses which the tenants asked should be felled.

2—New Houses—The Sub-Committee reported that two tenders were received for the erection of 138 houses on the Whaddon Farm Estate. Owing to the enlargement of the School site, it would be necessary to allocate a site for 14 of the houses on another site. The Public Health Committee also recommended that 8 five-bedroom and 4 six-bedroom type houses should not be erected at the present time owing to the rapidly changing position of the overcrowding. The Borough Surveyor had, therefore, prepared a revised lay-out which he now submitted providing for 24 one-bedroom, 126 three-bedroom and 36 four-bedroom type, making a total of 186 houses instead of 188. The Sub-Committee instructed the Borough Surveyor to interview the firm which had submitted the lowest tender to ascertain whether they were prepared to erect the 186 houses on the basis of the tender submitted, and also add the additional 50 non-subsidy houses required. The Borough Surveyor now reported his interview with the firm, and his inspection of their work ; he had ascertained that, contrary to the terms of specification, the firm intended to sublet the roof tiling, plastering, plumbing, painting and glazing. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to make further enquiries and that a Special Meeting be held on the 24th inst. to consider Mr. Marsland's report.

3—Housing Manager—(a) Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Housing Manager was submitted.

(b) Staff—The Committee further considered the question of staff in the Housing Manager's Office, and the Housing Manager reported interview which the Chairman and she had had with Miss Jennings, of the Grammar School. The Housing Manager reported that she had ascertained from her Institute that a Cheltenham girl, Miss B. Dudin would like to be trained in her office, and was willing to come as a trainee. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to. RESOLVED, also, That the present trainee, Miss R. Delgoffe be paid a salary of £1 per week from the 1st April.

4—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of this Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 2nd inst. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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5—Repairs Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 15th ult. RESOLVED That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Repairs Sub-Committee be asked to consider and report as to the revision of the schedule of prices for repairs.

6—Reconditioning—(a) The Committee considered offer of Mr. Dutton to sell for £30 free of cost No. 30 Brunswick Street South and Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Dutton's Cottages included in the Clearance Order for reconditioning the front house and demolishing the three back houses. RESOLVED, That, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health, the offer be accepted and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the purchase.

(b) 24 and 25 Sidney Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that these houses, which were included in the Clearance Order, could be reconditioned as one house, but that the owner was not in a position to carry out the work. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to offer £30 for the purchase of the properties subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health.

(c) 41 Sherborne Street and site of Jersey Cottages—Read, letter from Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson offering to sell this house and the site of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Jersey Cottages. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the View Sub-Committee.

7—Housing Act, 1936—The Town Clerk submitted Circular 1591 of the 1st ult. from the Ministry of Health in regard to this Act and the overcrowding provisions of the Housing Act, 1935.

8—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1933—Read, letter from Messrs. J. Curtis & Co. asking if the Council were prepared to entertain a scheme for the erection of houses under this Act. RESOLVED, That the Committee are not prepared to join in a scheme.

9—Conference—Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Conference inviting the attendance of delegates to a regional conference to be held at Bristol on the 9th June. RESOLVED, That the Chairman Councillors Grimwade and Dr. Hayward be appointed to attend.

10—Rents—RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Garland and Grimwade be appointed to consider the revision of the rents under the Housing Act, 1936, of all the houses.



11—Whaddon Avenue—Sheds—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. R. H. Manser had not made good the defects to the sheds erected by him in accordance with the terms of the contract. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to Mr. Manser that if the defects are not made good the Corporation will have the work done and the cost deducted from the retention monies.

S. C. MORRIS,

Chairman.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 24th February, 1937.** Present—Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Fisher, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Councillor Morris in the chair).

12—New Houses—The Committee further considered the two tenders received for the erection of the houses at Whaddon Farm and the Borough Surveyor reported interviews he had with both firms. Both firms would erect the houses in accordance with the revised layout providing for 186 houses and add 50 three-bedroom non-subsidy houses on the basis of their tender, The lower tender for the revised layout of 236 houses amounted to £89,336 18s. 8d. but in view of the Contractor being unwilling to agree to the clause in the specification prohibiting sub-contracting (except as therein expressly mentioned) and wishing to deposit £7,000 in lieu of providing a Bond for due performance of 25 per cent of the Contract IT WAS RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. King & Co. of Newport amounting to £72,179 10s. 0d. for the erection of 186 houses (comprising 24 one-bedroom houses, 126 three-bedroom houses and 36 four-bedroom houses) and also their tender of £18,701 for erection of 50 three-bedroom non-subsidy houses be accepted, subject to Contract and Bond being entered into and to sanction to loans being obtained.

The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plan of the Methodist Church site which reduced the area by about 500 square yards (as requested by the Purchasers) leaving room for a pair of three-bedroom houses. He had ascertained that Mr. C. Sansom was willing to add these two houses to his Contract for 162 houses at the same rate as for similar houses included therein, namely £681 for the pair RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted subject to Contract and the consent of the Ministry of Health to loan being obtained.

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RESOLVED, also,

(1) That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanctions to loans of £72,179, £18,701 and £681 for the erection of the Houses.

(2) That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £16,071 for the estimated cost of constructing roads and sewers for the 236 houses.

(3) That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the 186 houses and pair of three-bedroom houses under Section 105 and 107 of the Housing Act 1936 and to the allocation of the houses to either section as and when the houses are completed.

(4) That the Council undertake that the conditions set out in Section 27 of the Housing Act 1930 will be complied with and that the four-bedroom houses will only be let to families of seven persons or more.

(5) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to engage two Clerks of Works for the Contracts, for which provision is made in the Contractor's tender.

S. C. MORRIS,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th February, 1937.** Present-The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, 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—Wages, etc.—Read (a) letter of 18th and 25th ult. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers asking that men engaged in laying water main extensions and in making roads and laying sewers should be paid the Civil Engineering rate of 1s 1d. per hour, and that special clothing should be provided for men working in trenches ; (b) Letter of 19th ult. from the National Federation of Building Trade Operatives advising an increase of ½ d. per hour in the wages of Building Trades Craftsmen and Labourers as from the 1st inst ;

(c) Letter from the Master Builders' Association as to increase of wages of Building Trade Craftsmen RESOLVED, That these letters and also the reference back from the Council as to the wages of and provision of overalls for ashmen be referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Col. Biggs, Grimwade and Morris for consideration and report

3—Deputy Borough Surveyor—The Committee considered an application by Mr. E. C. Roberts, the Deputy Borough Surveyor for an increase of salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased from £425 to £450 as from the 1st prox. to be further increased to £475 on completion of two years service, and that thereafter his salary be raised by annual increments of £25 to a maximum of £550

4—Mechanical Gully Emptier—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs Dennis Bros. Ltd. for the supply of a 750 gallon mechanical gulley emptier with interchangeable refuse collection body at a cost of £845 less 5 per cent. discount be accepted.

5—High Street and Promenade Improvement--The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders for the demolition of Nos. 361 and 362 High Street RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. W. H. Chambers of Uxbridge, Middlesex, amounting to £260 10s. 0d. without any allowance for materials (being the lowest) be accepted.

6—Lane from Rosehill Street to Haywards Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported complaints as to the use of this lane by lorries and other traffic. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

7—Junction of High Street, Hewlett Street and College Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 25th ult. from the Divisional Road Engineer expressing preference for the control of traffic by a roundabout instead of traffic signals. RESOLVED, That the proposals for a roundabout be forwarded to the Ministry of Transport for consideration as a Trunk Road Scheme.

8—North Street—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by the Gas Company for the words "No Parking " to be painted on the road outside their offices at their expense. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

9—Junction of Old Bath Road and Naunton Park Road—The Borough Surveyor reported correspondence with the Solicitors and Valuers of the respective owners of the corner properties at this junction. RESOLVED, That in view of the large claims for compensation the improvement be not proceeded with at present.

10—Royal Well Road—Taxicab Office—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Ministry of Transport Inspector had suggested that the office should be placed diagonally across the corner at which it is at present situated. RESOLVED, That this suggestion be agreed to and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary alteration carried out.

11—Annual Tenders—The Borough Surveyor reported that 273 tenders had been received for the supply of stores during the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That the Stores Sub-Committee be called for Thursday the 25th inst. at the Central Depot to consider the tenders and report to the Council.

12—Priors Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the grass verge of this road was being used by horse riders. RESOLVED, That the attention of the Police be called to this

13—Restriction of Ribbon Development Act—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had applied for the grant of 50 per cent, offered by the Ministry of Transport in respect of additional staff for work arising out of Section 1 of this Act and for the provision of instruments and maps required by such staff, and that the application had been approved with the exception of certain small items of expenditure. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the Survey.

14—Drivers—RESOLVED, That weatherproof suits be provided for drivers of Corporation vehicles.

15-5 Pittville Street—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into a Contract for the purchase of this property at the price of £1,150 including Vendor's costs, etc. subject to the condition that the Corporation shall agree to the property being let to Mrs. Brinkworth, at a rent of £65 per annum exclusive of rates, on a quarterly tenancy not to be determined by the Corporation before the expiration of one year and that if it is determined by the Corporation before the expiration of five years, the tenant shall be allowed compensation for removal and loss of fixtures according to the following scale :—

If determined before the expiration of 2 years £54 1s. 0d.

If determined before the expiration of 3 years £35

If determined before the expiration of 5 years £20

16—Junction of Lansdown Road and Shelburne Road—Read, letter of 27th ult. from Messrs. Rickerby & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Dean Close School, complaining of the erection of a board advertising the "Glentworth Club" on the railway embankment near this junction, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

17—Pittville Circus Road—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Mrs. King suggesting the removal of name plate for this road to the opposite side. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

18—St. Anne's Terrace—The Town Clerk reported that the footpath of this road had been damaged by a motor lorry driven by Mr. W. Johnson. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of repairing the footpath.

19—Institute of Public Cleansing—Read, circular letter inviting the attendance of delegates at the Annual Conference to be held at Margate from the 14th to 18th June next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

20—Street Refuges—Read, letter of 20th ult. from the Cheltenham and District Branch of the Pedestrians' Association asking the Committee to receive a deputation on the question of the provision of street refuges. RESOLVED, That the deputation be received at the next meeting.

21—Pedestrian Crossing Places—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Transport had made a grant of £104 towards the cost of providing pedestrian crossing places.

22-1 and 2 Montpellier Avenue—RESOLVED, That the offer to sell these properties for road improvement be referred to the Ministry of Transport.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th February, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Trye ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade, E. W. Moore and Morris ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, Capt. Leschallas and J. Walker (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.
4574	Eager, K. M. M.	Garage, 121 Gloucester Road.
4575	Smith, T. W.	Extension to workshop and additional workshop, Maida Vale Estate.
4576	Wilson, W. K.	Garage, Grive Road[The Grove], off Hales Road.
4577	Anlaby Court Ltd	16 lock-up garages, Anlaby Court, Evesham Road.
4578	Education Committee	Alterations and additions, Central School, Gloucester Road.
4579	Gardner, E.	Garage, Marianberg, Kensington Avenue
4580	Griffiths, W. H.	New porch, 3 Shakespeare Road.
4581	Eager, H.	Additions, 296 Gloucester Road.
4582	Kearsey, Mrs. E.	Cowshed, Hesters Way.

4583	Middleton, R. W.	Detached house, Priors Road.
4584	Gloucester Co-operative Society Ltd.	Alterations, 88 High Street.
4585	do.	New business premises, Leckhampton Road.
4586	Marshall, A. E.	3 houses, Whaddon Road
4587	Drummond, P.	Detached house, Overton Park Road.
4588	Goddard & Hunt	2 pairs semi-detached houses, Arle Road,
4589	Willis, Mrs.	Garage, Forty, Pilford Avenue.
4590	Drew, Mrs.	Cycle shed, Alstone Croft.
4591	Iddles, M.	do.
4592	Dean Close School.	Squash and fives court, Playing Field, Lansdown Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4574, 4576, 4579, 4583, 4588, 4589, 4590 and 4591 be approved ; That Plan No. 4575 be approved subject to (1) no annoyance being caused by noise or fumes, (2) surface water being conveyed to stream course and (3) corrugated iron being painted green That Plan No 4577 be approved subject to the washdown being channelled so that no water runs on to the adjoining highway, and to the garages being used as lock-Up garages for the occupants of the flats only and for no other purpose without the consent of the Council ; That Plans Nos. 4578, 4581, 4582 and 4584 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. 4581 subject also to the garage being used only as a private garage and not for business purposes, and in the case of Plan No. 4584 subject also to the owner entering into an undertaking not to make any claim for compensation in the event of the new work requiring to be removed for the widening of the road ; That Plan No. 4585 be approved subject to no vehicles being loaded or unloaded in front of the premises and to the forecourt being kept clear of all obstruction ; That Plan No. 4586 be approved subject to the ground floor level being 12 inches above the crown of Whaddon Road ; That Plan No. 4587 be approved subject to grey tiles being used on the roof ; That Plans Nos. 4580 and 4592 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.
1091	Boulter, G. T.	Garage (Private), The Gassons, Ham Road, Charlton Kings.
1092	Taylor, G. F.	Bungalow, East End Road, Charlton Kings.
1093	Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Co. Ltd.	Offices and Fitters Shop, Gravel Pits, Painswick Road, Shurdington.
1094	Shovelton, Miss M.	Alterations, Abbey House, High Street, Winchcomb
1095	Wills-Goldingham, Mrs.	Stables, Seven Springs.
1096	Bowd, A.	Two pairs semi-detached houses, Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1097	Renwick, Mrs.	Garage (Private), The Brackens, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
1098	Parker, J..	Detached house, Tewkesbury Road, Near Cheltenham.
1099	Hall, G. A M. Ltd.	Detached house, Prestbury Park Estate, Prestbury.
1100	Davies, Dr. R.	Bay windows, Harford, Shurdington.
1101	Cheltenham Rural District Council	Eleven houses, Back Lane, Winchcombe
1102	Helsdon, W. G.	Bungalow, Brizen Pitch, Shurdington Road, Near Cheltenham

1103	Stacey, W. A.	Two Bungalows, Bamfurlong Road, Staverton.
1104	Whitaker, T. E.	Pair semi-detached houses, Southam.
1105	Eager, E.	Detached house, Sandy Lane, Charlton Kings.
1106	Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Co.	Proposed development, Little Shurdington.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1091, 1095, 1100 and 1101 be approved ; That Plan No. 1092 be approved subject to sandfaced tiles being used on the roof and to the Owner setting back the front fence forthwith for the widening of the road to 36 feet That Plan No. 1093 be approved subject to the Owners entering into an undertaking to remove the buildings and clear the site when the gravel pit adjoining the main road is worked out ; That Plan No. 1094 be approved subject to rectangular rustic tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 1097 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act being obtained ; That Plan No 1098 be approved subject to (1) the Owner complying with the conditions of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act with regard to the provision of a service road, (2) the front gable being omitted and the roof hipped back, (3) dark sandfaced tiles being used on the roof, (4) surface water being taken to soakaways, and (5) an agreement with the Council with regard to connections being made to the sewers ; That Plan No. 1103 be approved subject to (1) the development of the field being limited to two houses pending main drainage, (2) the building being set back 45 feet from the boundary of the road and provision made for a service road if and when required by the Corporation and (3) consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act ; That Plan No. 1104 be approved subject to (1) the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, (2) the building being set back 45 feet from the boundary of the road, (3) provision for a service road if and when required by the County Council, (4) the whole of the building being rough casted and treated with a cement wash, (5) the gables being hipped back, and (6) no objection being raised by the Rural District Council to the proposed method of drainage ; That Plan No 1105 be approved subject to the imitation half-timbered work being omitted from the gable and to sandfaced tiles being used on the roof ; and that Plans Nos. 1096, 1099, 1102 and 1106 be disapproved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Cheltenham Estates Ltd., for permission to erect a block of flats on the site of Trenance, London Road, Charlton Kings. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred pending receipt of further information of the proposal.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of L. J. Poole, Esq, for permission to erect two houses on a plot of land fronting the Painswick Road at Henley in the Parish of Badgeworth. RESOLVED, That consideration of the application be deferred pending the views of the Rural District Council on the question of drainage and water supply and to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. Jessop & Son for permission to erect a house on land in Hyde Lane, Swindon. He reported that the matter had been before the Rural District Council who had deferred consideration for an inspection of the site. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(d) RESOLVED, That the offer of Messrs. F. Rouse for permission to add another storey to the store at the rear of their premises at 105 Gloucester Road be not granted.

4—Appeal by Mr. H. R. Lewis—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of an appeal made by Mr. H. R. Lewis against the refusal of the Committee to approve plans for detached bungalows on the Cheltenham to Painswick Road near Bentham. RESOLVED, That if Mr. Lewis is prepared to erect only two bungalows the plan be approved.

5—Proposed Executive Committee—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to supply the Rural District Council with a copy of the revised draft agreement as submitted to the County Council,

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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### TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th February, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Green, Grimwade, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Spa Baths—RESOLVED, That the Swimming Bath be opened on the 15th March and that notice be given to the United Girls Clubs to terminate their tenancy in time to permit of the floor being taken up accordingly.

2—Medical Baths—(a) Staff—Read, report of the Medical Baths Sub-Committee of their consideration of the report of the Medical Advisory Committee in regard to the staff of these baths. RESOLVED, That this report be approved.

(b) The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

(c) RESOLVED, That when the Turkish Baths in Rodney Road have been purchased, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put up a notice on the baths directing to the Medical Baths in Bath Road,

3—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 2nd inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted to the Electrical Association for Women for a Meeting on the 24th inst.

(b) Band---That the 12th Royal Lancers Military Band be engaged to play for the week commencing May 12th at a charge of £160 plus £20 for the services of the band for two dances in place of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards who were now unable to play as they will be engaged at the Coronation.

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

4—Marle Hill Annexe—Read, letters of 25th ult. and 3rd inst. from Mr. H. Higgins agreeing to pay 7 per cent of the estimated cost of £24 for extending the landing stage and giving notice of his intention to exercise his opinion to take the boating rights for the ensuing term of five years. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor

be instructed to proceed with the extension of the landing stage forthwith and that the Common Seal be affixed to a lease of the boating rights to Mr. Higgins for the ensuing five years.

5—Winter Garden—RESOLVED, That the Committee confirm their decision of their Meeting held on the 15th ult. to accede to the Winter Garden Repertory Company's application for the rent of the theatre to be waived for a further period, and that payment of rent be waived up to 30th April next.

6—Swimming Pool—RESOLVED, That the applications for the post of Swimming Pool Superintendent be referred to the Baths Sub-Committee.

7—Montpellier Gardens—(a) RESOLVED, That the sale of Mineral Waters at Montpellier Gardens during the summer months be discontinued this year and that the room at the Chalet hitherto used for this purpose be allocated for the use of the Tennis players instead of the accommodation at the Lodge.

(b) Archery Club—The Entertainments Manager submitted application from Cheltenham Archery Club for the use of the Gardens for their archery meeting as formerly. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

(c) The Entertainments Manager submitted application from the Hereford Round Archery Club for the use of a portion of the gardens on the 28th, 29th and 30th September next for their annual Tournament Meeting. The Entertainments Manager reported that the Tournament would not interfere with tennis. RESOLVED, That the ground be let to them at a charge of three guineas, the gardens to remain open to the public as usual.

8—Pittville Gardens—RESOLVED, That no extra charge be made for the use of the Pump Room on the 9th and 10th June for the Elizabethan Maske and Fayre in aid of the Waifs and Strays Society.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th February, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James 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 16th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :— Easter Programme—That the Easter Programme submitted by the Entertainments Manager be approved and printed and that the Entertainments Manager be authorised to engage Madame Novello Davies and her Welsh Choir for the Good Friday Concert at a fee of £20 and a Cabaret for the Easter Monday Ball. RESOLVED, That the report of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.



10—South of England Ballroom Championship—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that accounts for this Championship showed a total expenditure of £201 12s. 6d. and the receipts, including a grant of £40 from the Advertising Fund, £147 4s. 10d., making a loss of £54 7s 8d. They recommended that the Championship be continued for another year. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

11—Town Hall—Settees—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that four tenders had been obtained for the re-upholstering and covering of the 39 settees and 2 easy chairs at the Town Hall and that they had asked the Mayoress, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Waite to select a suitable material. They now recommended that the tender of Messrs. Shirer & Haddon amounting to £167 9s. 2d. be accepted, RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

12—Medical Baths—Chiropody Treatment—The Committee considered the charges for Chiropody Treatment, RESOLVED, That the proposal of the Superintendent to organise a Municipal Foot Clinic on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. be approved and that for a trial period of three months the charge be fixed at 116d. per treatment for patients attending the clinic whose means do not warrant a charge at the ordinary rate. RESOLVED, also, That the ordinary charge for treatment be fixed at 3s 6d. 5s and 7s 6d. according to the length and nature of treatment and that the charges be reconsidered in three months' time.

13—Conferences—The Entertainments Manager reported that the Education Convention of the Co-operative Union had now decided to hold their Convention at Easter, 1938 at Gloucester and not at Cheltenham as previously arranged.

14—Swimming Pool—(a) Superintendent and Cafe Manageress—The Baths Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the applications received for these appointments and selected 6 applicants for interview. RESOLVED, That the Committee interview the applicants on the 25th inst., and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to make the appointments.

(b) shingle Beds RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the alteration of the two shingle beds at the entrance to the Pool into sun bathing areas as previously approved and that the cost be charged to the ensuing year's revenue.

15—Advertising—Read, Report of the Advertising Sub-Committee for the year. RESOLVED, That the Scheme proposed for next year be approved and that £1,250 be included in next year's estimates for advertising.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd February, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Bendall, Ben James, Leigh James and Morris (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted estimates for public lighting for year ending 31st March, 1938. Owing to the large number of additional improvements approved by the Council

during the year the amount of £1,000 allocated for improvements had been exceeded by £228. He estimated the cost of public lighting during the ensuing year at £7,132. This estimate had been made on the basis of the previous estimates, but during the current year certain economies had been effected notwithstanding that a large number of new lamps had been installed. He estimated the cost of providing lighting in new roads and for improvements at £5,038 of which £3,549 would be for lighting new roads and chargeable to loan leaving a balance of £1,489 for improvements to existing lighting to be carried out during the ensuing year discharged out of revenue. RESOLVED, That an allowance of 750 be made off the ensuing year's estimate, reducing this from £7,132 to £6,382, and that the sum of £1,500 be included for improvements. RESOLVED, also, That the sum of £228 overspent in improvements during the current year be charged to the Reserve Renewals Fund of the Undertaking, and that the sum of £750 be allowed off the current year's account.

(b) Albion Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Proprietor of the Coliseum had given notice to remove the lamp bracket fixed to these premises. He proposed to improve the lighting of this street by erecting in place of the lamp bracket one new lamp and altering the position of another between Pittville Street and Winchcomb Street at an estimated cost of £34 1s. 7d., and an estimated increased running cost of £8 10s. 9d. per annum. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Clarence Square—Read, memorial from residents asking for improved lighting in this Square. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that new mercury lamps would shortly be available which would give greater efficiency and recommended that consideration be deferred,, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

(d) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted schemes for new lighting or improving the existing lighting in the following roads :—

Road	Estimated Cost £ s. d.	Estimated Increase in Running Cost £ s. d.
Priors Road and Hewlett Road ..	709 3 3	89 10 8
Hatherley Court Estate .	478 13 4	48 5 2
Tewkesbury Road ... .	186 15 3	15 3 3
Albert Road ...	112 12 11	20 18 4
Arle Road ... ..	247 8 10	44 3 2
Whaddon Road ... ..	142 10 0	22 7 4
Whaddon Estate (Section E)	457 3 7	47 2 0

RESOLVED, That the schemes be approved in principle, but that the proposals be further considered before the work is carried out.

2—Direction Signs—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application for permission to erect on lamp standards two signs directing to All Saints' Church, one to replace the sign formerly on the centre lamp in Prestbury Road' opposite Pittville Circus and the other to be erected on a lamp post in Hewlett Street. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application for permission to erect on lamp standards R.A.C. direction signs to the Floral Fête in June next be granted subject to the signs being removed immediately after the fête.

RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to grant similar applications in his discretion without referring to the Committee,

3—Floral Fête—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to take a stand at the Floral Fête in June next as in previous years.

4—Loan of £15,000—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the present omnibus loan of £15,000 for expenditure on mains and services was nearly exhausted. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £15,000.

5—Scrap Metal—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for the scrap metal now in hand and that the Chairman and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to accept a tender.

6—Extensions to Mains—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted application for a large power supply to the Shurdington gravel pits. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange terms for the supply.

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7—Coronation—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Mr. Herdman that the Art Gallery Committee would like the Art Gallery decorated or illuminated for the Coronation. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to arrange for some illumination of the building if there is sufficient apparatus for this.

8—Gas Prescriptions—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Clerk of the Chariton Kings Urban District Council that his Council had agreed to contribute their share of the additional fee to be paid to Mr. Saxby for carrying out additional tests,

9—Damage to Lamp Standard—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a lamp standard in Christ Church Road had been knocked down by a motor van belonging to the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the amount of the damage estimated at £26 4s. 10d.

10—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 27th ult. and the 3rd, 10th, 14th and 17th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates as 479.0, 475.2, 469.1, 471.6 and 469.2 respectively, and the pressure 6.8, 8.9, 8.9, 6.7 and 8.7 inches of water respectively.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th February, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett and Moore; Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward, E. W. Moore 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 January, 1937.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	445,000 gallons	378,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,245,000	1,909,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	46,000	52,000 "
	2,736,000	2,339,000 "

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Estimated Usable Quantity about ... .. 103,025,000 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.

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4--Cast Iron Pipes—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders received for the supply of cast iron pipes and specials for the year ending 31st March, 1938. RESOLVED, That the schedule of prices submitted by Staveley Coal and Iron Company be accepted subject to contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

5—Labourers' Wages—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for an increase in wages paid to men on the main extensions from 1s to 1s 1d. per hour, being the rate for Cheltenham since the reclassification in September last. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Street and Highway Committee to deal with.

6—Extensions to Mains--(a) Prestbury Road—The Borough Engineer recommended that the main from Cromwell Road should be replaced by a 6 inch main and extended to Welland Lodge Road to provide for a supply to the Cleevemount Estate at an estimated cost of £350. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

(b) Cleevemount Estate—The Borough Engineer reported that G. A. M. Hall Ltd. had deposited £375 for the laying of mains for supplying 207 houses proposed to be erected on this estate to be returned as and when the water charges produce a return of 12 per cent. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Lower Hewletts Farm—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from C. C. Castle & Son that they proposed to use barbed wire for the boundary fence on this farm. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to Mr. Castle making arrangements with the Hunt.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

## GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th February, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pruen, Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Green, Leigh James and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals-- -Superintendent Wayman reported that there had been no outbreak of contagious diseases amongst animals since the last meeting. There were still two cases of swine fever.

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

Date, 1937,	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
1st February	Southwold Gardens, 126 Leckhampton Road	Not apparent	Slight	£4 6s. 6d.
1st	“ Fellmonger's yard, Six Chimney Lane	Gas explosion	Slight	£2 13s. 6d.
10th	“ Plough Hotel ...	Beam in chimney	Slight	£6 7s. 6d.
12th	“ Hardwicke House Farm, Elmstone Hardwicke.	Not apparent		£6 13s. 6d.

3—Cinematograph Licences—(a) St. Gregory's Schools—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Messrs. Rickerby & Co. applying Schools, for a Cinematograph Licence in respect of St. Gregory's which had now been completed. Supt. Wayman and the Building Inspector reported their inspection of the premises, and recommended that the landings at the top of the approach stairs from the hall to the stage should be altered, and extra tread and riser provided at the bottom, and that guard rails should be provided for each staircase, and that the words "No Exit" should be placed on kitchen door at entrance of hall and on pass door to stage, and the words "Way Out" with arrow, on the wall at the back of stage by stage exit. Mr. Yeaman attended and stated that these requirements would be carried out forthwith. RESOLVED, That subject to this work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Council the Cinematograph Licence be granted up to the 6th February, 1938, 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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(b) Nos. 81 (a), 81 and 82 High Street and Oddfellows' Hall—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Messrs. Billinghamurst, Wood & Pope asking the Committee to come to a decision with regard to Mr. L. Morris's application for a Cinematograph Licence for the proposed new cinema at this site as the delay was causing their client difficulties with regard to options on the purchase of the properties. Read, also, letters from Mr. W. L. Mellersh and J. W. Robson & Son on behalf of the owners of the various properties asking for a decision to be reached as their clients were losing rents on the premises. RESOLVED, That Mr. L. Morris's application for a licence be not granted.

4—Renumbering of Houses—(a) Montpellier Terrace—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a plan for renumbering this road.

(b) Hewlett Road and Hewlett Street—RESOLVED, That Hewlett Road and Hewlett Street be named Hewlett Road for its whole length from High Street to its junction with Priors Road, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan for the renumbering of the roads as one road.

(c) Read, letter from Mr. D. G. Sherwood asking for Beechhurst Avenue to be numbered. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan for the numbering of the road.

5—Municipal Offices—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that now the scaffolding was erected in front of the Municipal Offices it would be more economical to paint this portion now. He estimated the cost at £30 RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

(b) Read, letter from Mr. E. Scott Scirving suggesting that the Borough Arms should be painted on the pediment in the centre of the Offices. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of this.

6—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. C. Savory for a licence to store 750 gallons of petrol in underground tanks at the rear of 335 High Street be granted.

7—Police—(a) Headquarters Staff—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Clerk to the Standing Joint Committee that the reason for the increase in the cost of the Headquarters Staff was due to such matters as the substitution of the Deputy Chief Constable for a Chief Superintendent, the establishment of a criminal investigation department and the provision of anti-gas instruction, and some of these arrangements had involved transfers to the Headquarters Staff from other departments ; the cost had also been affected by variations of salary without any alterations of rank or numbers, and asking in these circumstances for the accounts to be paid, as submitted. In future the Corporation would be supplied with a printed copy of the minutes of the Standing joint Committee, RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to pay the accounts.

(b) Inspector—RESOLVED, That consideration of the Chief Constable's application for the appointment of a third Inspector for Cheltenham be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

8—Unemployed Services Club—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Unemployed Services Club asking the Committee to continue their grant of £50 towards the expenses of the Club for another year RESOLVED, That a grant of £50 be made.

9—Athletic Ground—With reference to the offer of the Rugby Football Club to pay £12 in respect of the delapidations under the former lease, the Borough Surveyor reported that he considered £15 would be a fair sum. Read, letter from Mr. A. S. F. Pruen agreeing on behalf of the Club to pay this sum.

10—Town and County Councillor—Read, letter from the proprietors of this publication asking the Council to purchase copies each month for members of the Council. RESOLVED, That copies be not purchased.

11—Omnibus Services—(a) Cheltenham and District Traction Company—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham District Traction Company had applied to the Traffic Commissioners for the extension of the fare stage from the Calcutta Inn to either end of Church Road instead of Lansdown Station, and also to alter the route of the Saturday service from the junction of Arle Road and Brooklyn Road so as to run via Gloucester Road and St. George's Road instead of Gloucester Road and High Street. This would result in increasing the

service from the Calcutta Inn to the Centre to a ten minutes service on Saturdays instead of twenty minutes. The Company also proposed to apply to extend the Cemetery service 1 hours at night and to reduce the fare from the Centre to the Cemetery to 2d. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to these modifications.

(b) Broadway—The Town Clerk reported that the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. had made application to the Traffic Commissioners to operate the service to Broadway on Saturdays and Sundays only instead of daily, but to provide extra services to Winchcomb. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this

12—Land at Abbotsford, Old Bath Road—The Committee considered offer from the Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Co. to sell the piece of land on the south side of the Chelt at Abbotsford, Old Bath Road for the proposed Chelt Walk. RESOLVED, That the purchase of the land be not entertained.

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13—Loud Speaker, 146 High Street—Councillor Waite reported as to complaints made by traders and others in High Street of the nuisance caused by the wireless loudspeaker at the premises of Messrs. J. M. Stone Ltd. at 146 High Street. The Town Clerk reported that he had supplied the firm with a copy of the Byelaws made by the Council with regard to loud speakers and asked them to remedy the complaint, but he had received no reply. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute Messrs, J. M. Stone Ltd. for the penalties under the Byelaws.

14—Coronation---Read, letter from the Paint Marketing Council calling attention of Local Authorities to the desirability of marking the Coronation year by improving buildings, offices and houses by a general repainting and redecoration which might be put in hand with a view to stimulating employment during the slack months of the year and offering to provide posters free of charge calling attention to this, RESOLVED, That the attention of the various Committees concerned be called to this but that the offer of posters be not accepted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

#### **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th February, 1937.** Present—Councillors Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith; Messrs, Addis and Carter (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Marle Hill Estate Allotments—(a) RESOLVED, That as the 30 allotments to be taken by the Unemployed Allotment Association are not being ploughed by the Corporation, they be let rent free up to the 24th June next instead of the 25th March, and that Minute No. 3 (a) passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted report from Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son on the repairs required to the fences of the land let to Mr. Stevens, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the cost of carrying out the repairs recommended by Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son.

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the fences adjoining Euroclydon, and found the fence on the South West boundary, which belonged to the Corporation, to be in a dilapidated condition,

RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this fence repaired at a cost of £30, and that Miss Booy's attention be called to the bad state of the fence on the South Eastern boundary which belongs to her.

2--Hatherley Road Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that five applications for allotments at Hatherley Road had been received in response to the advertisement inserted in the Echo, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have 20 allotments on the East of the land ploughed and that these be let rent free up to the 25th March, 1938.

3—Albert Road Allotments--Read, letter of 11th ult., from the Clerk of the County Council that the County Council agreed to waive payment by the Corporation of the rent for the quarter ending 31st March next. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to waive payment by the tenants of the allotments of the rent for this quarter.

4—Land in Marsh Lane—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Mr. J. K. Troughton calling attention to the covenant in the conveyance that the Corporation should erect and maintain a fence between this land and the land belonging to Elmfield. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a cleft chestnut fence erected at a cost of about £30.

5—Allotment No. 15 Creamery Piece—The Town Clerk submitted application from the tenant to be released from his tenancy of this allotment which he had just taken. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to provided he takes another allotment.

6—Allotments Nos. 30 Alma Road, 72 and 73 Asquith Road and 52 Creamery Piece—The Town Clerk submitted letters received from the tenants of these allotments giving notice to terminate their tenancies on the 25th March next. RESOLVED, That these notices be accepted.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th February, 1937.** Present—Councillors Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Pittville Gardens—Pump Room—RESOLVED, That in view of the pressure of work on the Borough Surveyor's department, the Council be recommended to engage an architect to submit a report on the repairs required to the Pump Room,

2--Montpellier Gardens—(a) Old Convenience—RESOLVED, That consideration of filling in the old convenience at these Gardens be adjourned until the Air Raid Precautions Committee have considered the possibility of using this connection with the Air Raid Precautions Scheme.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the trees on the mound at the rear of the chalet thinned out and some flowers planted.



(c) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the old lamp standards in the Broad Walk removed,

(d) Lodge—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of alternative schemes for the conversion of the old lavatories adjoining the Lodge into Dressing Rooms for use by the Tennis players, and for the improvement of the kitchen and scullery accommodation, provision of bathroom and W.C. and the conversion of the Pump Room into a sitting room. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Fisher, Garland and Grimwade be appointed to consider the schemes and report thereon to the next meeting of the Committee.

3—Land in Pilley Lane—Fencing --The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders for the fencing required for this ground. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. A. J. Thomson of the Oxy-Acetylene Welding & Smithing Works amounting to £69 19s. 5d (being the lowest) be accepted.

4—Gardens Superintendent—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the provision of additional office accommodation at Field Lodge at a cost of approximately £470, together with report on the condition of the house which was very old and in need of extensive repairs, the cost of which would amount to £100. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the above Sub-Committee be asked to consider the desirability of providing another house for the Gardens Superintendent.

W. J. GREEN.

Chairman.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd February, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Green in the chair).

5—Land adjoining St. Mark's Recreation Ground—(a) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 1st ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing sanction to loan for £1,575 for the purchase of this land.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plans and estimates for levelling, seeding and fencing the land for use as a Playing Field, including the provision of a pavilion with dressing accommodation and conveniences.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. A. M. Rees to rent the grazing of a portion of this land be granted and that she be offered the land at a rent of 30s an acre, the tenant to repair and maintain the fences, and the tenancy to be determinable at any time on one month's notice.

(d) Read, letter of 22nd ult. from Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son, offering, on behalf of the executors of the late Mr. G. Rees to sell the market garden known as Farmville, Alstone Lane, comprising dwellinghouse, outbuildings and about 13 ½ acres of market garden land, being fields Nos. 322 and 327 on the Ordnance Survey, adjoining the land recent purchased for the extension of St. Mark's Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that Messrs. Castle & Son be asked whether their clients would be prepared to sell field No. 124 as well.

6—Land in Albert Road—Read, letter of 16th oh from Miss C. E. Holliday offering to sell five acres of land with frontages to Albert Road and New Barn Lane. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained

7—Lane at rear of Pittville Crescent—Read, letter from Mr. J. H. Collett complaining that the notice boards prohibiting the use of this road by heavy traffic had been broken down. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have these repaired.

8—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Visitors, That the shrubbery along the boundary adjoining Messrs, Smiths Systems' factory be extended for a distance of about 30 yards at a cost of £12 in order to screen the recently erected addition to the factory.

9—Cricket Pitches--RESOLVED, That permission be given to the following Clubs to play cricket on the Recreation Grounds and Playing Field during the coming season :—

Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Agg-Gardner	Bennington Hall C.C.	Tuesday evenings.
"	St. Gregory's Athletic Club ...	Alternate Saturdays and Wednesday evenings for Hospital Cup matches.
"	St. Paul's Central C.C.	" "
St. Mark's Playing Field		
"	Jade Cricket Club	One day per week.
"	Post Office Engineering Sports Club	One day per week at a rent of £5
"	John Dobell's C.C.	Wednesday afternoons and 2 evenings per week at a rent of £7 10s. 0d.
"	Y.M.C.A. C.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
"	Parish School Old Boys Cricket Club	"
"	St. Mark's Church Men's Club	"
Whaddon Road	Labour Hall C.C.	Alternate Saturdays (and 3 evenings for Hospital Cup matches).
"	Wesley Sunday School Cricket Club .	Alternate Saturdays.
Naunton Park	St. Phillip's United C.C.	"

10—Football Pitches- RESOLVED, That the application of Masons United F.C. for permission to play an additional match on the Playing Field at St. Mark's on the 24th inst. be granted. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk and the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to deal with any further applications for additional matches which may be received.

11—Montpellier Gardens-(a) Lodge—The Chairman reported the Sub-Committee's inspection of the lodge, and the Borough Surveyor now submitted amended plan for the removal of the old lavatories at the rear of the house, improvement of the kitchen and scullery accommodation, provision of bathroom and W.C. and conversion of the Pump Room into a sitting room, at an estimated cost of £292, and provision of stone wall to enclose yard for Lodge. RESOLVED, That this scheme be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

(b) Dressing Rooms—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for the alteration of the Chalet so as to provide dressing room accommodation for both sexes at an estimated cost of £23. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

12—Garden Superintendent's House—The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee had inspected Field Lodge, and recommended that the walls should be treated with a damp resisting material and a portion of the roof renewed at an estimated cost of £165, and that the question of providing other office accommodation should be adjourned for the present. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the repairs carried out,

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th February, 1937.** Present—Alderman Winterbotham Councillors Avery, Bendall, Garland and Leigh James; and Dr. R. Davies (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for January—Visitors-2,726 (last year 2,253). Included in these figures was a party of 20 girls from the Central School.

Receipts—Sale of Catalogues, Postcards, etc., and commission, £3 2s. 0d. " Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund " £13 0s. 8d. (Donations £8 2s. 6d., Collections at Lectures, and Collection Box in Gallery £4 18s. 2d.) Total £16 2s. 8d.

Exhibitions—January 11th to February 20th, Vint Collection of Modern Drawings and Water-Colours.

2—Donations and Loans—Gifts to the Art Gallery and Museum had been received from the following ;—Mr. A. H. Bowen, Miss Bourne, Miss Bubb, Mrs. Clifford, the Misses Crook, Miss Donovan, Mr. J. M. Holms, Mr. Dennis Hicks, and Mr. A. E. Jones.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors. RESOLVED, further, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Dennis Hicks for the permanent loan of a Wooden Plough and a Winnowing Van.

3—Offer of Costume—The Curator reported the offer, by Mr. T. W. Reville, of a small Collection of Victorian Children's Clothes, as a gift, RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted with thanks.

4—Exhibitions--The Curator reported as to his inspection of 19 examples of modern French painting by Marie Laurencin, at Birmingham City Art Gallery. RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to arrange the loan of six paintings by this artist, if and when convenient.

5—Curator's Talks to Women's Institutes, etc.—RESOLVED, That while no personal fee be charged by the Curator for his lectures, a minimum sum of 5s be payable by each Institute, etc., as a subscription towards the "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund," and that transport be provided both ways.

6—Museums Association Annual Conference—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to attend this Conference at Newcastle upon Tyne, 5th to 9th July, as the Committee's delegate.

7—South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries—The Annual Meeting of this Group will be held at Stroud on the 23rd April, when representatives of this Committee will be welcome.

8—Easter Closing—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.

9—Municipal Officers' Guild—RESOLVED, That the consent of this Committee be given to the holding of a Social in the Art Gallery on the night of Friday, 26th February.

10—Coronation Decorations—RESOLVED, That this Committee make representation to the Coronation Committee suggesting that some scheme of decoration be carried out on the facade of the Public Library, Art Gallery and Museum.

11—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund."—RESOLVED, That a water-colour, " Cheltenham from Leckhampton Hill," by George Dinsdale, 1817 (£3 3s. 0d.), a small collection of mounted birds £1 1s. 0d.), a Vase in White Bristol Glass (£1. 5s. 0d.) and various Bygones (£1 16s. 9d.), be purchased from this Fund at a total cost of £7 4s. 9d.

12—Offer of Picture by Walter Crane—Read, letter from Mr. Lionel F. Crane, offering for sale at £50, a picture by father, the late Walter Crane. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot see their way to entertain this offer.

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13—Gibraltar House—The application of the tenant of this property, Mr. D. W. Hart, for a new shop-window, was reconsidered, RESOLVED, That the Curator place before Mr. Hart various alternatives for his consideration. RESOLVED, further, That if Mr. Hart should agree to insert a new window at his own expense, the Committee recommend that a lease be granted to him for 7 years, without increase of rent, a specification of the work to be done to be submitted for approval and carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

14—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on 16th April.

15--Archaeological Collections, Notgrove Long Barrow—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to send a letter to Mrs. E. M. Clifford, F.S.A. (Scot.), expressing the Committee's cordial thanks for her generosity in presenting to the Museum, Neolithic material found by her when excavating Notgrove Long Barrow during the season 1935-36, and for her general helpfulness in the rearrangement of archaeological material in the Museum.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

## BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Cemetery, on Friday, 19th February, 1937.** Present—Councillors Avery, Bendall, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Garland and E. W. Moore (Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland in the chair).

1—Report of Superintendent—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 23rd January to 19th February, 1937. Interments 74 ; Grave Spaces sold 21 (First Position Nil, Second Position 2, Third Position Nil, Fourth Position 19) ; Memorials erected 8 ; New Inscriptions 8.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9533 to 9553.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2021 to 2034, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Mortuary—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the erection of the Mortuary at an estimated cost of £83 for which provision was made in the current year's estimates.

5—Additional Land—The Committee considered the question of laying out the remaining land at the Cemetery. The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of constructing roads and extending the water main at £600. 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. RESOLVED, also, That consideration of arranging for the Consecration of the land be deferred until the lay-out is complete.

E. S. DE COURCY-IRELAND,

Chairman.

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## PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th February, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Comps, and Grimwade Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (The Mayor in the chat.

1—Librarian's Report for January, 1937—Receipts £14 17s. 2d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 6,768 (last year 6,480); Lending Department 17,179 (last year 17,401) Junior Department 2,101 (last year 2,217. Total 26,048 (last year 26,098).

Replacements-35 volumes had been replaced.

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

January 11th Miss Edith Craig : on "The Theatre." Attendance 179.

January 25th Mr. H. H. Albino on " The Cotswold Countryside." Attendance 237.

February 1st Mr. H. J. Norris, B.A., B.Sc., on "The Modern School Journey." Attendance 78

Interavailability of Readers' Tickets—The list of libraries honouring Cheltenham readers' tickets in return for reciprocal facilities, now numbered 25.

School Libraries—A Grant of £25 had been voted by the Education Committee, for the purchase of new books for six School Libraries.

2—Saxton's Atlas—The Librarian reported the gift, from the Trustees of the British Museum, of reproductions of the sheets of this Atlas Alderman W. A. Cadbury had kindly agreed to bear the cost of binding this set. RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Committee be conveyed to the Trustees of the British Museum, and to Alderman Cadbury.

3—Periodicals—" The Colophon," £2 7s. 6d. per annum, and " Peace News," 2d. weekly, had been suggested for purchase by readers. RESOLVED, That consideration of "The Colophon " be deferred, and that " Peace News" be taken only if presented (" Peace News" has since been presented by Mr. J. C. Karn). RESOLVED, further, That " St. Martin's Review " and " The Reader's Digest " offered gratis, be accepted with thanks.

4—Junior Library—RESOLVED, That the signature of parent, householder, or burgess, be accepted as guarantor on Junior Library forms of application for tickets, and that the signature of the head teacher be no longer required.

5—Library Association Annual Conference—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to attend this Conference at Scarborough, 31st May to 4th June next, as the Committee's delegate.

6—South-Western Regional Library Bureau—The Librarian reported that a meeting of the Executive Committee would be held at Bristol on the 24th February, with regard to the appointment of staff. RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to attend this meeting as the Committee's delegate.

7—Secretarial Assistant—The Librarian reported the resignation of Miss S. H. Jeffery, on her approaching marriage RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Miss Jeffery for her past services. RESOLVED, further, That the Librarian be authorised to appoint a new Junior Assistant, at a commencing wage of 17s 6d per week, and that the question of filling Miss Jeffery's position be deferred for two months.

8—Easter Closing—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library be kept open on Thursday, 25th March, 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.

9—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on 8th April.

D. L. LIPSON, Chairman.

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#### RATING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th February, 1937,** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, E. W. Moore and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Arrears—Mr. McKnight, Bailiff, attended and reported on the progress made in the collection of arrears. The Committee gave instructions for committal orders to be applied for in certain cases

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—Electricity Undertaking—Read, letter of 19th inst. from W. Eve & Sons that they had been instructed by the County Council to advise as to additional assessment in respect of extensions made to the Undertaking since it was valued for the second Valuation and asking to be furnished with certain information which the Town Clerk reported he was supplying.

4—New Valuation List—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 11th ult. from the Central Valuation Committee and the Clerk to the County Council in regard to the forms of return for occupiers and owners for the Third Quinquennial Valuation. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Rating Officers.

5—Conference—Read, circular from the Incorporated Association of Valuation Officers inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference to be held in London in April. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th February, 1937.** Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James and E. W. Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

6—Excusals—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for excusal from payment of Rates.

7—Arrears—The Committee interviewed persons in arrear and gave instructions for Committal Orders to be applied for, but in some cases to be deferred whilst periodical 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, 23rd February, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alder Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair). Aldermen

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £106,120; Leaving outstanding £8,339.

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 £20,881 ; Leaving outstanding £2,097.

3—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanctions to loans

Date, 1937. Purpose. Amount. Period of Repayment.

27th January Erection 162 houses Whaddon Farm Estate £2,499 60 years

23rd February Heating, Alstone Baths £415 15 years

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 23rd inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; and The Deputy Mayor, The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Electricity Accounts—(a) Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity Charges since the last meeting.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted statement of persons more than one quarter in arrear with their electricity charges.

6—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting he had received £15,000 on loan. RESOLVED, That debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £700 be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported further on the loans position. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to arrange for a loan of £35,000 on the terms now approved by the Committee.

7—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that Messrs. W. J. Morrell, E. Jones and T. F. Walker, clerks in his department had been examined by the Medical Officer of Health and certified fit for the purposes of the Superannuation Scheme,

(b) J. Dyer—The Borough Treasurer reported that the contributions to be refunded to Mr. J. Dyer amounted to £87 17s. 7d. RESOLVED, That this sum be paid to him.

8—Estimates—RESOLVED, That a meeting of the Committee be held on the 17th March at 3 p.m. to consider the estimates, and that the Chairmen of Committees be invited to attend as in previous years.

9—Salaries Grading Scheme—Read, report of the Sub-Committee in regard to Grading Scheme for the administrative Staffs. (A copy of the Report accompanies the Minutes). RESOLVED, That the Report be approved and adopted and that the Scheme come into operation on 1st April next.

10—Public Works Loan Board—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Receipt and Order for Certificate for second instalment of £7,000 of the Loan of £13,000 from the Board.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.



**Borough of Cheltenham.**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham. 1st April, 1937.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 5th day of April. 1937, 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 accept tender for reconditioning 58 Worcester Street.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE and to authorise purchase of Nos. 8 and 9 Pittville Street for £1,750, No. 139 Tewkesbury Road for £120 plus Agents Commission and Vendor's legal costs. TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

WATER COMMITTEE

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and to appoint Superintendent Arthur W. Hopkins Inspector of Hackney Carriages ; Places of Entertainment ; Under Diseases of Animals Acts and Streets; also Officer -for enforcing provisions of Public Health Acts with respect to Marine Store Dealers ; provision of Shops Acts re Closing hours ; and provisions of Town Police Clauses Acts.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE and to accept tender for erection of Crematorium. RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. WINTER GARDEN SCHEME—To approve revised plans to meet requirements of Ministry of Health and revised estimates.
5. To make a General Rate for the ensuing year.
6. Letter from Cheltenham Motor Club applying for use of Athletic Ground during Summer months.
7. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each (Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

## **Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 1st March, 1937, 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).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. (Retd.) and Clara F. Winterbotham, J.P. ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grim wade, 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, Smith and Waite.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 1st February, 1937, 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 Meetings held February 8 & 12

Housing Meetings held February 11 & 24 and March 1

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Street and Highway Meeting held February 15

Resolved, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to Byelaws prohibiting the riding of motor bicycles, bicycles, tricycles or other similar machines on the footpaths in the Borough set out therein, as approved by the Council at their meeting on the 7th December last.

Resolved, also, That Nos. 137 and 138 Tewkesbury Road be purchased for the sum of £110 and No. 143 for £260, and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for grant.

(The following amendments were lost :—

Moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Morris : That the Civil Engineering rate of wages shall be paid to all casual labourers; That the Building Trade National Agreement giving an increase of 4d. per hour in the wages of Building Trade craftsmen and labourers from 1st February be adhered to ; That the ashmen be granted an increase of 3s per week " ; Moved by Councillor Fisher and seconded by Councillor Waite: " That Minute No. 4 in regard to the purchase of a mechanical gulley emptier be referred back ").

Stores Sub-Committee Meeting held February 25

Town Planning Meeting held February 18

Except that Plan No. 4592 as now amended, be approved subject to the plan of the sanitary and drainage arrangements being satisfactory.

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held February 12 & 19

Subject to an amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Alderman Taylor:

" That the resolution to Minute No. 15 be amended to read as follows :— ' That the scheme proposed for next year be approved, and that the Finance Committee be requested to consider the inclusion of the sum of £1,250 for advertising in the estimates for the ensuing year."

Resolved, also, That Mr. R. T. Cosgrove, at present Superintendent of the Stonehaven Open Air Swimming Pool, be appointed Superintendent of the Sandford Park Swimming Pool on the terms advertised and contained in the list of duties subject to his passing a medical examination for the purpose of the Superannuation Scheme, his duties to commence on the 5th April, and that he be paid the sum of £20 towards his removal expenses.

Electricity and Fighting Meeting held February 22

Water Meeting held February 9

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held February 16

(An amendment moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Alderman Capt. Trye : " That Minute No. 3 (b) in regard to the proposed new Cinema in High Street be referred back " was withdrawn).

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Allotments Meeting held February 8

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meetings held February 8 & 22

Except that the work proposed to be carried out to the lodge and dressing rooms at Montpellier Gardens and the Gardens Superintendent's house referred to in Minutes Nos. 11 and 12 be not proceeded with until the estimates for the ensuing year have been considered by the Finance Committee.

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held February 12

Public Library Meeting held February 4

Burial Board Meeting held February 19

Rating Meetings held February 4 & 15

Finance Meeting held February 23

(An amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Rogers: " That Minute No. 8 be amended and that the members of the Council be invited to discuss the estimates prior to the making of the Rate by the Finance Committee" was withdrawn). 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—Grammar School Governors—Resolved, That Alderman J. P. Pates be appointed a representative Governor on the Board of Governors of the Cheltenham Grammar School for a period of three years expiring on the 5th March, 1940.

4—General Hospital—(a) Resolved, That the Mayor and Councillor Howell be nominated representatives of the Council on the Board of Management of the General Hospital for the ensuing 12 months.

(b) The Mayor read a letter of the 17th ult. from Mr. W. N. Weech, Chairman of the Cheltenham General Hospital Centenary Appeal Committee asking the Council to present a purse subscription towards the building fund to the Duchess of Gloucester on the occasion of her visit on the fifth April to open the new building. Resolved, That this be referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.

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#### **WINTER GARDEN COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of the Winter Garden Committee held on Friday, the 12th March, 1937.** Present : The Mayor; Alderman Pates; Councillors Howell, Smith and Waite, and Mr. R.M. Logan. (The Mayor in the Chair).

1. WINTER GARDEN. It was reported that on the 22nd February last at the request of the Ministry of Health, the Mayor and Councillors Howell and Waite with the Town Clerk and Mr. Overbury attended at the Ministry to consider their suggestions for amendment of the plans.

The Ministry considered that the plans for the Medical Baths were not sufficiently comprehensive; more dressing Rooms should be provided, and the Turkish Baths should be placed on the Ground Floor so as to allow for future extensions. They also stated that the Dome should be removed as, in their opinion, this was inappropriate for the character of the building, and would be costly to maintain, and also that a loan could not be sanctioned for the cost of this portion of the Scheme, as it is in the nature of repair work.

The Ministry also suggested that the loggias should be widened from 20 to 25 feet.

Mr. Overbury attended and submitted revised plans to meet the Ministry's suggestions except that he proposed that the loggias should be 23 feet wide. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that Mr. Overbury be instructed to submit these plans to the Ministry for their provisional approval.

D.L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of the Winter Garden Committee held on Friday, the 2nd April, 1937.** PRESENT :- The Mayor; Aldermen Moore, Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Barnett, Howell, Smith and Messrs. T.J. Craig and R.M. Logan. (The Mayor in the Chair).

2. The Town Clerk reported that he and Mr. Overbury attended at the Ministry of Health with the revised plans, which were approved. Mr. Overbury attended and explained the alterations made in the plan.

Based on his original estimate, he estimated that the cost of the alterations required by the Ministry would increase the cost from £62,000 to £73,700.

In order to reduce the cost, the Committee recommend that the exterior Dressing Rooms, Flies end Raked Floor to the Assembly Hall should be omitted from the Scheme, which would effect a saving of £3,000 reducing the cost to £70,700. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to approve the revised plans and that the same be submitted to the Ministry of Health for their formal approval.

D.L. LIPSON, Chairman.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 5th April, 1937.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th March, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Moore, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; 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 (a) Hopeholm, Wellington Street ; 4 Fairhaven Street ; 14 Suffolk Road—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses are satisfied that the said houses are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official 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 9 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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 Newbury Cottages, Tewkesbury Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had failed to comply with the Notice served on her on the 21st September last requiring her to execute the works necessary to render the house fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That estimates be obtained for carrying out the repairs.

2—Nuisances from Drains etc. at 14, 16, 18, 20, 26, 30, 32, 36, 42, 44 and 46 Windsor Street—The Chief 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 Chief Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Basement of 5 Pittville Lawn—The Owner having consented to the making of a Closing Order. 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, 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 12 of the Housing Act, 1936, prohibiting the use of the said rooms for any purpose other than the use as a store, kitchen, scullery, washhouse or other domestic office.

(b) 42 and 43 Montpellier Villas—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses in breach of the Owner's Undertaking. RESOLVED, That Demolition Orders be now made by the Council in pursuance of Sub-Section (4) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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 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) Basement of 39 Lansdown Crescent—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basement of these premises which did not comply with the Regulations prescribed by the Corporation under the Housing Acts. The Rota Sub-Committee also reported their inspection thereof. 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 this house, Owner thereof, and mortgagees, if any, that the condition of the said part of the said house and any offers 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 May, 1937.

(d) 20 Columbia Street ; Two Caravans in occupation of Mr. J. Phelps at Hester's Way, Arle 1, 2, 3 and 4 Kingsditch Lane ; and 30 Sandford Street—The Committee considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses and also the report of the Rota Sub-Committee as to their inspection thereof RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above mentioned premises are unfit for human habitation and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, notices be given under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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 works or the future user of the houses will be considered at a meeting of this Committee to be held on the 10th May, 1937.

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(e) Basement of 7 St. George's Terrace—The Committee considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of these premises. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the conditions had been improved since the inspection of the premises by the Rota Sub-Committee. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

(f) Basement of 19 Bath Parade—The Committee further considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of these premises. The Rota Sub-Committee reported their recent inspection of the premises, and the Owner, Mr. Fitzroy Fowles attended and stated that he was prepared to carry out work in accordance

with the specification of the Chief Sanitary Inspector subject to certain modifications. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for a month to enable the Owner to meet the Chief Sanitary Inspector on the premises and settle specification.

(g) 292 High Street (1st and 2nd floors)--The Committee further considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of these premises. Read, letter of the 3rd inst. from Messrs. Robson & Son, Solicitors, on behalf of the Mortgagees, stating that the property was being offered for sale by Auction on the 16th inst. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(h) 32 and 33 Worcester Street ; and 170 St. Paul's Road—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the Owners to carry out the works required to render the houses fit for human habitation and that the same should not be used for human habitation until so rendered fit, be accepted.

(i) 9 Sherborne Place; 43 and 45 St. James' Street ; 34 Fairview Road—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises in breach of the Owners' Undertakings. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that in each case the work was proceeding. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(j) 9 and 9a Hewlett Place—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses. The Town Clerk reported that the property had been sold to Mr. Edward Eager, who was prepared to give an Undertaking to carry out within six months the works required to render the houses fit for human habitation and that the same should not be used for human habitation until so rendered fit. RESOLVED, That the Undertaking be accepted.

(k) 16-19 Waterloo Street—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises in breach of the Owner's Undertaking Read, letters from the Owner and his son stating that the Owner was seriously ill but would carry out his Undertaking as soon as he recovered. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(l) 46 Brunswick Street South—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that this building had been completely demolished by the Owner who was rebuilding in accordance with his Undertaking.

(m) 99 Leckhampton Road—The Committee considered a further application by the Owner for the Demolition Order made in respect of this property to be rescinded. The Owner, Mr. Hall, attended in support of his application. RESOLVED, That if the Owner enters into and complies with an Undertaking to carry out such works as will in the opinion of the Council render the house fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be used for human habitation until so rendered fit, the Demolition Order be rescinded.

(n) 5 Brandon Place; and Basements of 10 Regent Street ; and 2 Bayshill Lawn—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had now carried out the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Undertakings be cancelled.

(o) Basements of 1 Great Norwood Street ; 20 Montpellier Street ; 3 Andover Street ; 27 Lansdown Crescent ; White Lodge, Lansdown Crescent ; 3 Nelson Buildings Wellington Passage ; 10 St. George's Place ; and 5 Bayshill Terrace—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises had been relet in contravention of the Closing Orders made in respect thereof. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the

Owners and persons having control of the said premises informing them that they are liable to prosecution and requiring them to take immediate steps to recover possession of the premises.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 qrs. 1 lb. Beef ; 1 cwt. 2 lbs. Pork ; 1 qr. 2 lbs. Veal ; 3 ½ lbs. Poultry ; 6 lbs. Fish.

5—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. O. T. Dunn of 16 Roman Road for registration as a Retail Purveyor of milk in the Borough, be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. E. Lawrence of 110 Tewkesbury Road for registration as a Retail Purveyor of Milk in the Borough be not granted, owing to lack of proper storage accommodation.

6—Milk (Special Designations Order), 1936—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. J. Bayley for a Dealer's Licence to sell " Tuberculin Tested " Milk from the Milk Bar, Promenade, be granted to the 31st December, 1937, subject to the provisions of the Order.

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7—Smoke Nuisance—Bath Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported a further complaint which had been received in regard to the emission of smoke from Messrs. Shenton's factory in Bath Road. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to continue to keep the premises Under observation,

8- Shops Act, 1934—The Committee interviewed applicants for Certificates of Exemption from the provisions of Section (2) of this Act, which requires the provision of suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences. RESOLVED, That Certificates be granted in respect of the undermentioned premises, on condition that the occupiers undertake to inform the Council of any change in the existing arrangements or circumstances.

Shop.	Occupier.
152a High Street	Mrs. Horwood.
386d “	Mrs. Barrett.
400 “	London Supply Co. Ltd.
402 “	Messrs. R. M. Nash & Sons.
418 “	Messrs. Lloyd & Gregory.

9—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness—(a) 23 and 24 King Street; 44 Duke Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that there had been carried out at these premises to his satisfaction works which in his opinion would with reasonable care and maintenance render them fit for human habitation for a period of at least 10 years. RESOLVED, That Certificates be issued to the Owners under Section 51 of the Housing Act, 1936, that the houses are fit for human habitation and will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of 10 years.

(b) 1 Hinckley Cottages, New Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 (1) of the Housing Act, 1936, submitted a list of proposed works with a request in writing that the Council should inform him whether in their opinion the house would after the execution of those works or of those works together with any additional works be in all respects fit



for human habitation and would with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of at least five years. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to submit to the Owner a list of any additional works which he considers should be carried out before a Certificate could be given.

10—Overcrowding Survey—The Medical Officer of Health reported the resignation of Mr. A. E. Flicks, RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to appoint another assistant in his place at a salary of £2 10s. 0d. per week, the appointment to be subject to a week's notice on either side

11—Chelt—The Borough Surveyor reported that the River was viewed near the Keynsham Road culvert by the Chairman and Councillors Morris and Moore on the 4th inst., when it appeared that the erosion of the bank was not attributable to the relief culvert recently constructed by the Corporation. The attention of the owners had since been called to the unsatisfactory condition of the River bank for which they were responsible.

12—Public Conveniences—Imperial Square—RESOLVED, That no charge be made for admission to one of the conveniences provided for women in Imperial Square.

13—Flooding—Moorend Park Road District—The Borough Surveyor submitted detailed plans and estimates for laying the new sewer from Painswick Road to Leckhampton Road. He reported that the G.W.R. required a diversion in the line of the sewer to avoid the abutments of the Railway Bridge This diversion and the increased cost of materials had increased his original estimate of £5,500 to £7,054. In addition he recommended the laying of a further length of sewer along Moorend Grove at an estimated cost of £627, to allow for the possibility of development in this direction, RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £7,681 for carrying out the above works. RESOLVED, also, That an agreement be entered into with the G.W.R. Co. for carrying the sewer under the Railway line in accordance with the Heads of Agreement submitted by the Company,

14—Sewer, Brooklyn Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. G. A. M. Hall Ltd. were entitled to be refunded the sum of £220 deposited by them in connection with the extension of the sewer in this road, as the rateable value of properties connected to the sewer and in beneficial occupation now amounted to £530. RESOLVED, That the deposit be refunded.

15—Clearance Order, 1936—Witcombe Place—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Messrs. W. Hopwood & Son suggesting that Nos. 8, 9 and 10 Witcombe Place might be used for storage purposes in connection with their business. RESOLVED, That this be not approved.

16—British Medical Association Handbook—RESOLVED, That a contribution of 10s be made towards the cost of production of the Handbook of hospitals and general health services for circulation among medical practitioners in the district.

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17—Barn Farm Road—Read, letter of 11th ult. from Mr. G. P. Rymer asking the Corporation to make up Barn Farm Road, RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor to report.

18—Sanitary Inspectors' Association—Read, circular letter of 9th nit, inviting the attendance of delegates at the Jubilee Conference of the Association at Brighton from the 30th August to the 4th September next. RESOLVED, That no delegates be appointed.

19—Health Congress--RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be authorised to attend the Health Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute at Birmingham from the 12th to 17th July next.

20—Central Council for Health Education—The Town Clerk submitted Annual Report for year 1935-36. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 1st March, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bettridge, Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Moore, Morris and Smith (Councillor Morris in the chair).

1—New Houses—The Committee further considered the two tenders received for the erection of the new houses, and the Borough Surveyor and Councillors Garland and Morris reported their inspection of the houses erected by Messrs. Edwards Contractors (Birmingham) Ltd. at Coventry. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Edwards Contractors (Birmingham) Ltd. of £70,832 4s. 0d. for the erection of 186 houses, and £18,504 14s. 8d. for the erection of 50 Non-Subsidy three-bedroom houses be accepted subject to a cash deposit of £8,000 being made in lieu of bond for 25 per cent of the value of the contract, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to loans of £70,832 and £18,504 respectively. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £16,771 for the estimated cost of constructing roads and sewers for the 236 houses, instead of £16,071 mentioned in the previous Minute, and that Minute No. 12 of the meeting of the Committee held on 24th February last be varied accordingly.

2—Whaddon Farm Estate—School Site—The Town Clerk reported that the Board of Education required a larger site for the proposed new Schools than the 19 acres reserved. The District Valuer had therefore been instructed to value the larger area of 3.45 acres and he now submitted his valuation of the land amounting to £2,070 free of all road charges, the Corporation to clear the site of buildings. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health in pursuance of Section 163 of the Local Government Act, 1933 for consent to the appropriation of the site of 3.45 acres for the new Schools.

[CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL AT MEETING HELD 1ST MARCH, 1937.]

S. C. MORRIS,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th March, 1937**, Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Compton, Rev de Courcy-Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

3—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with Mr. Sansom's contract.

(b) Shop Site—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. and Mrs. Tow to purchase a shop site at the junction of Thames Road and Whaddon Road on the east side of Thames Road, for the sum of £120. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and the Common Seal affixed to the conveyance.

(c) Read, letter from Mr. J. W. Robson that the Methodist Church Finance Committee had on reconsideration now agreed to purchase the larger site containing 2.521 square yards for the erection of a Methodist Church at the price valued by the District Valuer, namely £440. RESOLVED, That this offer 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. RESOLVED, also, That the proposal to build a pair of houses on the site if the smaller area had been sold be not proceeded with.

(d) Factory Site—The Town Clerk submitted draft contract for sale of the factory site to Messrs. Walker, Crossweller & Co. RESOLVED, That this be approved, as now settled by the Committee.

4—Housing Manager—Quarterly Report—The Quarterly Report of the Housing Manager on the arrears was submitted. RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be instructed to inform the Town Clerk when any tenants are more than two weeks in arrear with their rent RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to issue summonses against the 6 tenants in arrear, as now settled by the Committee.

5 -Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 2nd inst. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Reconditioning--(a) 34 Tewkesbury Road—The Sanitary Inspector submitted offer from Mr. H. J. Gainer to purchase this house for his own occupation for the sum of £260. RESOLVED That this offer be accepted subject 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.

(b) 54 Worcester Street—The Sanitary Inspector submitted three tenders received for the reconditioning, of this house and the installation of electricity. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. E. Eggleton amounting to £234 17s. 6d. for the reconditioning and the tender of Mr. R. Coombes of £6 2s. 0d. for the electricity installation (being the lowest tender in each case) be accepted subject to contract.

7—Shop Sites, St. Mark's—Read, letter from Messrs. Montagu Holmes & Sons on behalf of the owners of the undeveloped shop sites at St. Mark's that as it appeared that there was no further demand for shops on the Estate their clients wished to build houses on the remaining undeveloped land fronting Tennyson Road. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the approval of the Town Planning Committee, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a deed varying the covenants so as to permit of houses being erected instead of shops.

8—National Council of Social Service—Read, circular from this Council inviting the attendance of delegates to a New Estates Community Conference to be held in London from 9th to 11th April next. RESOLVED, That Councillor Grimwade be appointed to attend.

9—Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1933—Read, letter from the Housing Corporation of Great Britain Ltd. asking whether the Committee were prepared to entertain a scheme for the erection of houses under this Act. RESOLVED, That they be invited to send a representative to discuss the matter with the Committee.

10—Rehousing—The Town Clerk submitted report on, the present position of the rehousing of persons occupying houses in respect of which Clearance, Demolition and Closing Orders have been made, and the Housing Manager reported thereon. RESOLVED, That the Report be referred to the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th March, 1937.** Present: The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillor, Lt.- Col, Biggs, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Capt. Trye in the chair).

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

2--Stores Tenders—(a) Lead pipes-- Read, letter of 9th inst. from Messed. Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd. pointing out that the price tendered by them for lead pipes was subject to variation according to the current market price. RESOLVED, That the tender on this condition be not accepted, and that fresh tenders be invited from the other firms who tendered and that the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to accept the lowest tender.

(b) Steel Files—Read, application from Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd. for an increase of 5 per cent. in the price tendered by them for the supply of steel files, the market price having risen by this amount since the date of their tender. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(c) Carbolic Acid—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Messrs. Johns & Son stating that they had by error quoted 2s instead of 4s per gallon for the supply of Carbolic Acid, RESOLVED, That Messrs. Johns & Son be released from their tender and that the tender of Messrs. Young & Co, (3s 3d. per gallon) being the next lowest, be accepted.

3—Pittville Street Improvement—(a) Read, letter of 19th ult. from the Divisional Road Engineer intimating that, subject to the approval of the County Council, he was prepared to recommend a grant by the Ministry of Transport towards the cost of this improvement, and suggesting that a 36 ft. carriageway and two 12 ft. footpaths should be provided.

(b) 7 Pittville Street—The Town Clerk reported an offer by Mr. W. H. Horsley on behalf of Mr. W. J. Thomas of Plaza Buildings, Barton Street, Gloucester, to take these premises for the business of a Piano Accordion Specialist, on a quarterly tenancy from the 25th inst. at a rent of £16 5s. 0d. per quarter, subject to the Corporation agreeing not to determine the tenancy during the first year. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted subject to Mr. Thomas entering into a tenancy agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk and paying to the Corporation £3 3s. 0d. towards the cost of preparing the agreement. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. Horsley be paid commission at 5 per cent, on the first year's rent, viz. : £3 5s. 0d. for introducing the tenant.

(c) 8 and 9 Pittville Street—Read, letter from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter offering these properties. RESOLVED, That this be referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Fisher and Grimwade, and that they be asked also to deal with negotiations for other properties required for this improvement,

4—Road A 40, Trunk Road No. 10—(a) 5 and 6 Montpellier Avenue—The Town Clerk reported an offer by Mr. H. F. Midwinter to sell these properties for £1,000 plus his scale costs, amounting to £20. RESOLVED, That, subject to the District Valuer's valuation, the offer be accepted and that the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into Contract.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 9th inst. from the Divisional Road Engineer asking for Traffic lanes to be marked on the Trunk Road within the Borough. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to mark three traffic lanes on the road from the junction of Lansdown and Gloucester Roads to the Borough boundary.

5—High Street and Promenade Improvement—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Transport had made a maximum Grant from the Road Fund of £23 584 in respect of this improvement, being 75 per cent. of the estimated cost, the grant to be subject to reduction in the event of the actual expenditure being less than the estimated cost.

6—Tewkesbury Road Improvement—(a) 127-135 Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk submitted Report of the District Valuer valuing the site of these houses, now being demolished in pursuance of Clearance Orders, at £135. RESOLVED, That an offer of £135 be made for the site.

(b) Land in front of Arle Cottage—The Town Clerk reported that the owner had asked for an increase in the purchase price of the land required in connection with the Tewkesbury Road Bridge, owing to the fact that 54 sq. yards of land would now be required instead of 47 sq. yards as agreed. RESOLVED, That the purchase price be increased from £10 to £11 10s. 0d.

(c) 143 Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that the purchase of No 1-13 would be completed on the 1st prox., when vacant possession would be given. RESOLVED, That the question of letting the property be referred to the Housing Committee.

(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the widening Tewkesbury Road Bridge. RESOLVED. That these be submitted for the approval of the Ministry of Transport and County Council, and that the County Council be asked to state what contribution would be made by them

7—Junction of High Street, Hewlett Street and College Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 5th inst. from the Divisional Road Engineer asking for a plan and estimate for the provision of a roundabout to be prepared and forwarded to him, and suggesting that preliminary negotiations should be opened with the owners of the corner properties, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the preparation of the plan and estimate and that the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate with the owners.

8----Street Name-Plates—The Divisional Road Engineer having enquired what steps were being taken to carry out the requirements of Circular No. 340 (Roads), dated 20th August, 1930, re Street Name-plates, the Borough Surveyor reported that as a result of a survey of the Borough it had been found that about 720 Name-plates would be required at an estimated cost of £350 plus cost of labour in fixing. RESOLVED, That no action be taken except in cases where complaints are received and considered by the Committee as previously.

9—Drivers—RESOLVED, That Minute No. 14 of the meeting of this Committee on the 15th ult. be varied so as to provide that weatherproof suits shall be supplied only to drivers of open vehicles as and when required, but not oftener than once a year.

10—Restriction of Ribbon Development Act—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to engage an Assistant to carry out the necessary Survey at a salary of £300 subject to the approval of the County Council.

11—West Approach to Pittville Pump Room—Read, letter of 13th inst. from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers complaining of the condition of the kerbing and channelling of this road. The Borough Surveyor reported that he considered the existing kerbing and channelling to be in a sound condition and that there was sufficient end fall to lead water into the gullies RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

12--Clearance of Snow —The Borough Surveyor reported that 84 regular employees, 58 unemployed men and 24 casual labourers, had been engaged on clearing the streets of snow on Sunday the 14th inst. RESOLVED, That each man be paid at the rate of 1s 6d. per hour for the work, and that in future the Borough Surveyor be authorised to pay to men engaged on emergency work on Sundays one and a half times the ordinary rate of wages.

13—Post Office Telegraph Line—Oriel Road to Tewkesbury Road—Read, application from the Superintending Engineer of Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the laying of an underground telegraph line along Oriel Road, Rodney Road, High Street and Tewkesbury Road to the junction with Kingsditch Lane. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the following conditions :—

(a) That the section of line at the Promenade junction be carried out either before or at the same time as the construction of the new roundabout.

(b) That the sections of line crossing road junctions shall be laid and completed at night so as to cause minimum interference with traffic.

(c) That the length of road opened at any one time in the High Street shall not exceed 200 feet or such shorter length as the Borough Surveyor considers advisable.

(d) That the work shall be carried out as expeditiously as possible and as far as practicable at night or in the early morning.

14—Street Refuges—General H. C. Potter, Sir Herbert Cuming and Miss Snowdon attended as a Deputation for the Pedestrians' Association, and asked for provision of Street Refuges in the Promenade and High Street RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place temporary refuges in the Promenade opposite the Winter Garden entrance and opposite the War Memorial, and in the High Street between Rodney Road and Cambray.

15—Junction of Old Bath Road and Naunton Park Road—The Committee further considered the question of improving the corner at this junction. RESOLVED, That the offer made on behalf of Mr. Lloyd Evans to give up the land required on the North side of Naunton Park Road, subject to the Corporation paying £45 compensation and setting back the fence to the new line, be accepted.

16—Wages Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Wages Sub-Committee of their Meeting held on the 3rd inst. Present—The Chairman ; Councillors Lt.-Col Biggs, Grimwade and Morris.

They recommended as follows :—

(1) Ashmen—That the wages of the ashmen be increased by 2s per week as from the 18th ult. and that each man be provided with three suits of overalls during the next year and two suits during each subsequent year at an estimated cost of 5s 4d. per suit, and also with a shoulder pad each year.

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(2) General Labourers—(a) That the wages of casual labourers be increased from to 1s 1d. per hour as from the 18th ult. and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to grant in his discretion 1d. per our extra to men engaged on exceptionally wet or dirty work.

(b) That the wages of all labourers on the permanent staff be increased from 45s to 46s 6d. per week as from the 18th ult.

17—View Committee—Read, report of the View Committee of their Meeting held on the 10th inst. Present—The Chairman, Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Fisher, Grimwade and Morris.

They recommended as follows :—

(1) High Street—That the " Request " Bus Stopping Place be moved in an easterly direction to a point between Nos. 384 and 386 High Street.

(2) Projecting Sign—That the application of Regent Studios for permission to erect an illuminated sign outside the premises of Messrs, Taylors, Drapers, Winchcomb Street, be granted subject to approval of the wording by the Chairman

(3) Pittville Circus Road—That Mrs. King's application for name-plate to be fixed on opposite side of road be granted.

(4) Clarence Square—That Miss Hewer's application for removal of two trees be not granted and that her attention be called to the fact that the verandah at No. 49 is responsible for excluding considerable amount of sunlight.

(5) Lane from Rosehill Street to Haywards Road—That a "No Through Road " sign be fixed in Hale's Road on the southerly side of Rosehill Street, and that subject to the consent of the adjoining owners (since received) posts be fixed at the Haywards Road end to prevent use by vehicles.

(6) Promenade—That Mr. F. W. Billings' request for removal of tree outside Sherborne Lodge be granted and that the tree be not replaced.

(7) Junction of Lansdown Road and Shelburne Road—That no action be taken in regard to Messrs, Rickerby & Co's letter concerning Glentworth Club direction sign.

(8) Junction of Western Road and St. George's Road—That no action be taken with regard to Miss Barnes' complaint as to right-angled corner.

18—Telephone Kiosk opposite Pittville Chalet Road, application from Post Office Telephones for consent to the erection of a Telephone Kiosk on the grass verge on the south side of the Pittville Central Cross Drive opposite the Chalet. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the kiosk being of the old standard type.

19—High Street Unilateral waiting Order—The Town Clerk reported that the L.M.S. Railway Co. had offered to withdraw their objection to the Order if protecting clauses were included allowing vehicles collecting or delivering merchandise to wait longer than 15 minutes on the side on which vehicles were not prohibited from waiting, and also allowing vehicles delivering or collecting goods the weight or bulk of which precluded the carrying of such goods across the road, to wait for a reasonable time on the side on which vehicles were prohibited from waiting. RESOLVED, That the suggested amendments be agreed to, if approved by the Minister of Transport.

20—Montpellier Street—One-Way Traffic Order—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Ministry of Transport asking if the standard signs were ready for erection, so as to be available on the making of the Order, RESOLVED, That they be informed that the signs have been obtained and will be ready as soon as the Order is made.

21—Hester's Way—Read, memorial of the 22nd ult. from residents in Hester's Way complaining that the supply of clinkers from the Refuse Destructor for the repair of this road had been stopped. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform them there are no clinkers available.

22—Promenade—Read, application for consent to the exhibition over the Colonnade of a banner advertising Messrs. J. S. Fry & Sons' show train on the 17th and 18th inst The proceeds were to be given to the General Hospital. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

23—Junction of Norwood Road and Grafton Road—Read, letter of 17th ult. from Messrs. Jessop & Son offering on behalf of Mrs. Bendall to sell the land required for the improvement of the corner at this junction for £30, the Corporation to pay the Vendor's Solicitors' costs and set back the wall. The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer had approved these terms. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted.



24—Private Improvement Works Jersey Avenue, The Town Clerk submitted letters from a number of owners of houses in the new portion of this road objecting to being called upon to contribute to the cost of making up the old portion of the road. The Town Clerk reported that they had been served so that when the apportionment was made, the Council might consider whether they should be charged as deriving benefit from the expenditure. RESOLVED, That the owners of properties fronting to the new portion of the road be not called upon to contribute.

25---Union Street-The Town Clerk reported that a lorry belonging to Mechanization Ltd. had been driven on to the footpath outside Nos. 49 and 51 Union Street causing damage estimated by the Borough Surveyor at £2. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the amount of the damage.

26—Clarence Street Read, letter of 19th from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd applying for permission to erect notices prohibiting parking outside their premises. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

27—Classified County Roads -Read, letter of 27th ult. front the County Surveyor asking for details of proposed expenditure on "Major Road Ahead" and "Halt Major Road Ahead " Signs in the Borough, the information being required for the purposes of the Classification Estimate for the year 1937-38, The Borough Surveyor reported that the required that the information had been sent

28—Fairview Road—The Town Clerk reported that the stone, surrounds of two coal chutes outside the premises of the United Services Club in Fairview Road were broken and in a dangerous condition, and that the owners had not complied with a notice served on them under Section 35 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment Act), 1890, requiring them to repair the surrounds. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary repairs, and that the owners be required to repay the cost of the work to the Corporation.

29—Projecting Sign-RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. Jurd, Hairdresser, to transfer the sign outside his premises in Tivoli Place to his new premises in Great Norwood Street be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

H. TRYE, Chairman.

#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 3rd March, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade 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.
4593	Rogers & Davies	Pair of semi-detached houses, Hatherley Road.
4594	Wheeler & Mansell	Pair of semi-detached houses, new road off Hales Road.

4595	Mahony, R.	Detached house, Painswick Road.
4596	Thorp, H.	Tool shed, St. Lawrence, Christ Church Road.
4597	Cleverley, Mrs.	Conservatory, rear of Carr's Hotel, Clarence Street.
4598	Booy, F.	Garage, site of Claremount Cottage, Back Montpellier Terrace.
4599	Wallace, T. A.	Garage, rear of 7 Lypiatt Terrace.
4600	Hennell, W. G.	Reconstruction of garage adjoining 80 Prestbury Road.
4601	Hands, W.	Tool shed, 3 Brunswick Street.
4602	Dixon, F.	Extension to dining room, Orchard House, Painswick Road
4603	Wallace, T. A.	New kitchen and scullery, 21 Tivoli Place.
4604	Royal Insurance Co. Ltd. ...	Alterations, Royal Insurance Offices, Promenade,
4605	Price, A.	Garage, Wellesley House, Wellington Square.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4596, 4597, 4600 and 4605 be approved ; That Plan No. 4593 be approved subject to the owners entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence on completion of the buildings for the widening of Hatherley Road to 40 feet and to the fence at the junction of the proposed new road being splayed 25 feet on both angles of the roadways and to separate surface water drainage being provided ; That Plan No. 4594 be approved subject to the imitation half timbering being omitted from the gable ; That Plan No. 4595 be approved subject to the layout being amended as suggested by the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 4598 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking not to claim compensation in the event of his being required to set back the building to the improvement. line, and to to[?] a proper system of drainage being provided, and to the doors being made to open inwards That Plan No. 4599 be approved subject to the doors being made to open inwards ; That Plans Nos. 4601 and 4604 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. 4601 subject also to the site being properly cleared under the Clearance Order; That Plan No. 4602 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No. 4603 be not approved.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th March, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Grimwade and Morris; Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. Wiggett (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.
4606	Hobrough, W. F.	Rebuilding of garage, Denham Lodge, Lansdown Road.
4607	Wallis, S. A.	Addition, 21 Tivoli Place.
4608	Middleton-Martin, Dr. J.	Conversion into flats, The Tower House, Pittville Circus.
4609	Whiting, G.	Garage, Gladyn, Mead Road.
4610	Jenkins, P. H.	Alterations and additions, 3 Rose Cottage, Alstone Lane.

4611	Morgan, T.	Garage, Morley, Mead Road
4612	Trigg, H. J.	Pair of semi-detached houses, Up Hatherley
4613	Banks Ltd.	Alterations and additions, Promenade.
4614	Rogers & Davies	New roads and sewers, Hatherley Court Estate.
4615	Griffiths, L. M.	Glass porch, 3 Shakespeare Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4606, 4609 and 4611 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 4607, 4610, 4612 and 4613 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and in the case of Plan No. 4612, subject also to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence forthwith 18 feet from the centre of the existing road and to dedicate the land for the widening of the road to 36 feet and to sandfaced tiles being used on the roof, and in the case of Plan No. 4613, subject also to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 4614 be approved subject to the roads and sewers being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 4615 be approved subject to the approval of the Housing Committee ; That Plan No. 4608 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 :-

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No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1107	McKenna, F.	Detached house, Avenue Estate, Charlton Kings.
1108	Fuller, G. F.	Detached house, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1109	Robinson, J. S.	Additions, Grey Gables, Charlton Park Gate, Charlton Kings.
1110	Billings, A. C. & Sons Ltd.	Garage, No 5 Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1111	Naylor, H.	Shed, 3 The Grange, Charlton Kings.
1112	Union of the Sacred Heart School Buildings,	Charlton Park, Charlton Kings.
1113	Lewis, H. R.	Two bungalows, Painswick Road, Badgeworth,
1114	Oldacre, W. J.	Pair semi-detached houses, Bishop's Cleeve.
1115	Whittaker, H. L.	Shed, Old School House, Southam.
1116	Kreye, H. G.	Detached house, Shurdington Road.
1117	Glynn, Mrs.	Semi-bungalow, Kayte Lane, Bishop's Cleeve
1118	Western Estates Ltd	Three pairs semi-detached bungalows, Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1119	Wills-Goldingham, Mrs.	Bungalow, Seven Springs
1120	Bailey, A.	Additions, Coombe Bank, Coombe Hill.
1121	Beard, H. R.	Garage, Windyridge, New Barn Lane
1122	Huntriss, G.	Greenhouse, St. Elmo, Cleeve Hill.
1123	Cheltenham Rural District Council	Four houses, Tredington.
1124	Prude, W.	Additions and alterations, Walnor Cottage, Stoke Orchard.
1125	Bennett, R. K.	Preliminary proposals for development, Elmfield, Swindon Road.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1107, 1109, 1111, 1112 and 1122 be approved ; That Plan No. 1108 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate land for the widening of Cirencester Road to

60 feet when required by the Highway Authority ; That Plans Nos. 1113 and 1121 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act and in the case of Plan No. 1113 that the water supply and drainage' shall be to the satisfaction of the Rural District Council and to sandfaced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 1114 be approved subject to the front fence being set back to the line determined by the Committee and to sandfaced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 1117 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate land for the widening of the road to the line laid down in the Scheme and the building being set back 60 feet from the existing boundary of the road ; That Plan No. 1118 be approved subject to (1) the owners entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence forthwith for the widening of the road to 36 feet and to the land being dedicated for the improvement of the road, (2) grey or dark brown sandfaced tiles being used on the roof, and (3) the water supply being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 1123 be approved subject to the front fence being set back forthwith to the line now shown on the plan ; That consideration of Plans Nos. 1116, 1119 and 1124 be deferred for the views of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act ; and That Plans Nos. 1110, 1115, 1120 and 1125 be not approved.

4—Applications to Develop—(a) The Committee further considered the application of The Cheltenham Estates Ltd. for permission to erect a block of flats on the site of Trenance, London Road, Charlton Kings. RESOLVED, That this be approved in principle.

(b) The Committee further considered application of Mr. L. J. Poole for permission to erect two houses on a plot of land fronting Painswick Road at Henley in the Parish of Badgeworth. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

c) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. Jessop & Son for permission to erect a house in Hyde Lane, Swindon. He reported that the matter had been considered by the Rural District Council who had decided not to raise any objection to the application provided the owner erected the house in a position and site to be approved. RESOLVED, That the application be deferred pending the views of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act,

(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. F. G. Ford for permission to erect a pair of villas on land off New Barn Lane. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(e) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons asking what restrictions there were on the portion of Thirlestaine Hall Estate fronting Sandford Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred for the question of access to the property and junction of roads to be considered under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act.

(f) The Borough Surveyor submitted further correspondence with the Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Co. Ltd. in regard to the development of their land at Little Shurdington. RESOLVED, That the Committee are not prepared to approve of the development of the land until satisfactory arrangements are made for provision of the public services

5—The Peak at Birdlip—Read, letter of 13th inst. from Mr. R. L. Moon in regard to the scheduling of the Peak at Birdlip as a public open space. He stated that the owner, Mr. Hicks Beach, was willing to agree to the Peak and the land belonging to Witcombe Farm being scheduled as a private open space subject to his having a right to extend or alter existing buildings and erect other buildings essential for use in connection with the

Estate. RESOLVED, That subject to the owner entering into a formal agreement, the land be scheduled as a private open space and the Map amended accordingly.

6—Appeal by Mrs. Glynn—Read, letter of 23rd ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing instrument allowing the appeal made by Mrs. Glynn against the refusal of the Council to allow the erection of a dwellinghouse on land situate off Kayte Lane near Bishop's Cleeve subject to a condition that the building is set back from the road to the approval of the Council.

7—Development of Unsuitable Land—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that the Rural District Council had passed a resolution expressing its grave concern at the attitude of the Ministry of Health in allowing appeals for the development of land which, in the absence of essential services and for other reasons, was restricted as being unsuitable for building, and asking the Council to communicate with the Ministry of Health on the matter. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree with the views of the Rural District Council, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Ministry of Health on the matter

8—Appeal by Mr. H. R. Lewis—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. H. R. Lewis had now agreed to amend his plans to provide for two bungalows instead of four bungalows on land on the Cheltenham to Painswick Road at Bentham, and to comply with the conditions imposed by the Committee in regard to the access to the main road, and his appeal had accordingly been withdrawn.

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9.—Plan No. 4543—Mr. H. F. Midwinter and Mr. C. V. Hogg attended in regard to the disapproval of this plan submitted by the Cheltenham Shopfitting Co. for the extension of their works in St George's Place. The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plan of the improvement line in this road, which if approved by the Committee, would only necessitate their building being set back 5 feet instead of 13 feet as originally proposed. RESOLVED, That consideration of the matter be referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillor Morris with power to act.

10-125/128 High Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 14th inst. from the architect to British Home Stores asking for permission to use terra-cotta on the front of their proposed new premises to be erected on this site, instead of reconstructed stone. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to terra-cotta being used subject to this being the same colour and quality as the sample submitted.

11—Town Planning Office—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Pilkington, Junior Town Planning Assistant, had been appointed Engineering Assistant to the County Surveyor. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to appoint Mr. N. A. Pritchard to fill the vacancy at a commencing salary of £2 per week. RESOLVED, also, That the application of Mr. J. S. Burgess, temporary draughtsman in the office, for an increase in wages be granted and that his wages be increased by 5s to £3 per week.

12—Proposed Road, Cheltenham to Gloucester—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 19th ult. from the County Surveyor enclosing plan of proposed road from Cheltenham to Gloucester, and asking for the Committee's observations thereon. RESOLVED, That the plan be approved and that such portion of the road as is included in the area of the Town Planning Scheme be shown on the Town Planning Map.

13—Executive Committee—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that his Council had approved the revised draft agreement in so far as it related to the existing Town Planning Area, and suggested that the preparation of a Scheme for the remaining part of their district should be dealt with by a supplementary agreement. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of this.

14—St. Mark's Housing Estate—RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the proposal of Messrs. Montagu Holmes & Sons to erect houses on the vacant shop sites in Tennyson Road subject to deed being entered into varying the covenants accordingly

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th March, 1937,** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Green, Grimwade, Howell, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Baths be granted to the Elementary Schools Swimming Association for their Annual Gala on 20th July.

2—Marle Hill Annexe--(a) Boating—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a buffer rail for the fence across the lake.

(b) The Entertainments Manager submitted application from the Championship Gun Dog Show Committee for permission to hold their Show in Marle Hill Annexe on 14th July, and also for the use of the Pump Room for catering. They would require to use the lake for the Retriever trials, but it would not be necessary to close the Gardens to the public. The promoters had arranged with Mr. Higgins for the payment to him of compensation for the loss of the boating during the Show. RESOLVED, That the application be granted at a rent of £5 5s. 0d. plus the cost of making good any damage

3—Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders received for the provision of a curtain for the stage. RESOLVED, That the Mayoress and Mrs. Waite be asked to select a suitable material, and that the tenders be referred for the consideration of the Entertainments Sub-Committee.

4—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 2nd inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) Town Hall—That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to Billy Gammon and his band for their annual Benefit Ball on 17th April

(b) That the free use of the Large Hall be granted for the evenings of 21st June and 3rd July for free public lectures by Professor A. Adler, LL.D., Professor of Medical Psychology of New York who was making a lecture tour of Europe and proposed to hold a fortnight's course of study in Cheltenham.

(c) Notice Boards—That the tender of the New Street Shopfitting Co. for the provision of bronze and glass casing to take 14 double crown posters, amounting to £32 8s. 0d. be accepted.

(d) Summer Bands—That Mr. Arthur Cole's tender be accepted as follows :—

(i) To provide the Morning Quartet from 29th March to 11th September for the sum of £10 per week.

(ii) To provide an Orchestra of 8 performers to play every evening and Sunday afternoons from 7th June to 25th June at the rate of £52 10s 0d. per week.

(iii) To provide a Military Band of 26 performers including himself as Conductor to play every evening and Sunday afternoons from 26th June to 12th September at the rate of £107 10s. 0d. per week.

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

5—Medical Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

6—Spa Baths—Gymnasium—Read, letter from Mr. E. Ivamy enquiring on what terms the Corporation would let the use of the Gymnasium next season for two or three afternoons and one or two evenings per week for gymnasium classes for the students at the Technical College. RESOLVED, That Mr. Ivamy be informed that the Committee cannot consider the letting of the Gymnasium for evenings until later on, but that they are prepared to grant the use of the Gymnasium on three afternoons at a rent of 5s per hour.

7—Advertising—Read, letter of 24th ult. from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce stating that the Chamber had passed a resolution urging the Council to increase the amount allocated for advertising.

8—British Health Resorts Association—Read, circular from this Association asking the Council to subscribe. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Advertising Sub-Committee.

9—Winter Garden—Read, report of damage to the bandstand railings by a motor car. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

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10—Pittville Gardens—Read, application from Mrs Gardiner that the provision of the aviary had depleted their tenting space, and asking for permission to erect one tent and judging ring on the lawns below the lake. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the exact positions being approved by the Gardens Superintendent.

11—Pointer Maps—Read, letter from Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co. offering to prepare a new edition of the Pointer Map, as the present edition was now exhausted, and to supply the Corporation with 500 free copies as on previous occasions. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th March, 1937.** Present—Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Rogers and Waite ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

12—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their Meeting held on the 16th inst.

They recommended (inter aim.) as follows:-

(a) Sunday Concerts—That free admission to the Sunday Concert on 11th April be given to the delegates attending the Tenth District Rotary Conference.

(b) English Classical Players—That the free use of Pittville Gardens and Pump Room be granted to the English Classical Players for a fortnight during the period from 10th July to the end of August for open air plays, the Players to provide their own staging, seating and enclosure.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

13—Conference—RESOLVED, That an invitation be extended to the Institute of Handicraft Teachers to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham in 1938.

14—Pittville Circus Garden--Councillor Avery reported that Miss Frances Midwood and Mrs. Lambert, the owners of this garden, had now offered to give the garden to the Corporation, subject to this being kept in a tidy condition ; they were willing for the Corporation to remove the railings and for the public to have access thereto if desired. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and the thanks of the Council conveyed to the owners. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare the necessary deed for taking over the garden and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit scheme and estimate for laying this out.

15—Swimming Pool—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Car Park at the Pool be granted to the Hospital for parking of cars on the occasion of the opening of the new building by H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester on 6th April.

16—Montpellier Baths—The Committee further considered the application of the Y.M.C.A. for the use of the swimming bath on one night a week for hours for their Swimming Club. RESOLVED, That the bath be let to the Y.M.C.A. for one night a week on days and times to be arranged with the Superintendent at a charge of 3d. per head with a minimum payment of 7s. 6d. per night up to 1st May and that the matter be further considered when the swimming pool is open.

17—Town Hall—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Councillor Barnett applying for the free use of the large hall on 23rd July next on the occasion of the Presentation to be made to Mr R. R. Dobson on his retirement from the Headmastership of the Grammar School. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to payment of out-of-pocket expenses not exceeding £2 2s. 0d.

18—Advertising—Councillor Grimwade reported that the Chamber of Commerce had, with the support of the local Hotels, arranged for five lines towards the weekly paragraph in the Daily Telegraph for thirteen weeks. RESOLVED, That the Corporation pay for two lines at a cost of £1 a week

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.



**ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd March, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Leigh James Morris, and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Lamp Standard at rear of 12 Wellington Square—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Mrs. E. C. Gurney complaining that, in spite of the barbed wire round the lamp standard in the lane at the rear of her house, persons still climbed this to get into her garden to which damage had been done. The Borough Electrical Engineer pointed out the objections to changing the position of the lamp standard. RESOLVED, That the ladder irons be removed and more barbed wire put round the lamp standard.

2—Coronation Day- --The Borough Electrical Engineer reported resolution by the West of England District of the National Joint Industrial Council for the Electricity Supply Industry recommending the constituent Undertakings to concede a day's holiday with pay to all employees who are not called upon to work on Coronation Day, and that men who are called upon to work on that day should be paid for such day at double time. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and that the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to make similar concessions to other employees of the Corporation,

3—Electricity Department----Deputy Mains Superintendent and Technical Assistant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr Lightbown had resigned the above position to take up another appointment, and that the vacancy had been advertised. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to interview applicants and appoint a candidate to fill the vacancy.

4—Electricity Charges--Domestic Two-part Tariff—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the fixed charge of 5s per room per quarter under the Domestic Two-part Tariff in the case of flats should be changed to 5s per room per quarter for the first five rooms and 2s 6d. per room per quarter for additional rooms in each flat. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

5—Direction Sign—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application by the Rev. R. H. Sutch for permission to transfer the sign directing to St. Stephen's Church from the lamp standard at the junction of St. Stephen's and Andover Roads, to the lamp standard near Petrol Station in Lansdown Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted

6—Accounts—RESOLVED, That the list of arrears amounting to £326 4s. 9d. submitted and signed by the Chairman be written off as irrecoverable.

7—British Electrical Research Association—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Alderman Moore had been elected Vice-President of the Association. RESOLVED, That the Committee congratulate Alderman Moore on his election.

(b) Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Secretary of this Association asking the Council to consider increasing their subscription to the recognised scale of £10 per £25,000 of revenue from the sale of electricity. RESOLVED, That the subscription for the current year be paid according to the scale, amounting to £36.

8—Damage to Lamp Standard—Swindon Road—Read, report of damage to a lamp standard in Swindon Road on the 1st inst. by a lorry belonging to Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the damage.

9—Supply to Rural Areas—Booker's Cottages—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Ministry of Transport consenting to the laying of the overhead lines to Booker's Cottages subject to the usual conditions.

10—National Savings Week—RESOLVED, That no charge be made for current used for apparatus at the National Savings Exhibition from 26th April to 1st May next.

11—Gas Tests—Read, report of Gas Tests made on the 23rd ult., and the 3rd, 10th and 18th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 473.1, 472.4, 473.3 and 477.4 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure 6.7, 8.6, 8.6 and 8.8 inches of water respectively.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meet of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th March 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett and Pates: 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 28th February, 1937.	Average for corresponding Period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	511,000 gallons	388,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,681,000	1,702,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	77,000	66,000
	3,269,000	2,156,000

##### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 103,127,000 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—Institution of Water Engineers—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to apply for membership of this Institution and that the annual subscription of £3 3s. 0d. be paid by the Corporation.

5—Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to restock the Reservoir with fish at a cost of not exceeding £25.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted agreement to be entered into with the Whithorne Quarrying Co. in regard to the excavation of gravel on the land adjoining the Reservoir and defining the limit of the area to be excavated. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

6—Lower Hewletts Farm—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. G. Jones of Jordan's Farm, Willersey to take this farm at a rent of 30s per acre as from the 25th inst. subject to the fencing being put in order. Mr. Castle recommended that this offer should be accepted. RESOLVED, That the farm be let to Mr. Jones on these terms.

7—Land at Dowdeswell—Read, letter of 19th inst. from Mr. C. Coxwell Rogers drawing attention to the condition of the fencing round the covet adjoining the railway line. RESOLVED, That this be referred to Mr. Castle for attention.

8—Hewletts Reservoirs—The Committee considered the provision of chlorination plant for the water from the Northfield Springs, and the Medical Officer of Health reported inspection by Dr. Beale. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to proceed with the installation of the apparatus, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate for the acquisition of a site for the erection of the necessary building and plant.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th. March, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pruen, Capt. Trye and Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, 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—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that since the last meeting the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire

Date, 1937.	Place	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
21st February	76 Tewkesbury Road	Fat boiling over	About £25	£4 6s. 0d.
9th March	6 Royal Well Terrace	Defective fireplace	Slight	£3 18s. 6d.

3—Leckhampton Hill—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Sutton Coldfield and North Birmingham Automobile Club thanking the Council for the use of the portion of Leckhampton Hill for the recent Colmore Trophy Trial. The cleaning up of Ashmeade Lane had been carried out at the cost of the Club.

(b) Read, letter of 15th inst. from Mr. Murray Lindner applying for the tenancy of the land on the north side of his works adjoining Leckhampton Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

4—Municipal Offices—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of painting the Borough Arms on the pediment of the Offices at about £5. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this done.

5—Renumbering of Houses—(a) Clarence Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters from Messrs. Howlett & Co. and Mr. W. P. Honeysett objecting to the renumbering of this street. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the renumbering.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the renumbering of Hewlett Road (from High Street to Hales Road), Beechurst Avenue and Montpellier Terrace. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have these streets renumbered and to serve the necessary notices accordingly.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. C. W. Moxey for the transfer of Licence No. 60 to a new cab Registered No. YW 7735 be granted.

7—Floral Fete—Read, application from the Floral Fete Committee for a prize for the forthcoming Floral Fete. RESOLVED, That the sum of £10 be subscribed as last year.

8—Shops Act, 1934—Read, letter of 23rd ult. from the Education Secretary that as requested all the shops in the Borough had now been visited by an officer of the Education Committee and employers advised as to limiting the normal hours of employment to 48 hours per week and as to the statutory requirements necessary for securing the health and comfort of all shop workers ; as a result all the shops were now conforming to the requirements of the Act in these respects. The Education Committee asked that the Council should make a contribution of £15 per annum for the wages paid and to be paid in future to the Swimming Instructor who was carrying out this work, RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

9—Guardians Committee—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the County Council to amend the Scheme for the constitution of Guardians Committees so as to permit of the Corporation nominating persons not members of the Council as representatives of the Council on the Guardians Committee.

10—Coronation—Read, circular of 11th inst. from the Association of Municipal Corporations that each of the Municipal Corporations in England and Wales had been allotted two seats on the route of the Coronation procession. RESOLVED, That the members of the Council be informed of this and that the Mayor be asked to draw two names from the list of persons who intimate their desire to attend

11—Cinematograph Licence—Imperial Rooms—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Associated British Cinemas Ltd. that instructions had now been given to their solicitors to complete the purchase of the properties required and their architect was being instructed to prepare the plans of the new building for submission to the Council.

12—Mace Bearer—RESOLVED, That the Council agree to pay half the cost of providing the Mace Bearer with an evening dress uniform.

13—Shops (Sunday Trading) Act, 1936—Read, circular of 3rd inst from the Home Office calling attention to the provisions of this Act.

14—Police Force--The Committee further considered the recommendations of the Chief Constable that the establishment of the Police Force in the Borough should be increased by one Inspector. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for three months.

15—Education Act, 1921—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Byelaws made by the Education Committee in regard to the School leaving age.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman

#### **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th March, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith; Messrs. Addis, Carter, Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair)

1--Marle Hill Allotments—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted report as to the cost of the fencing which Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son recommended should be carried out. It was reported that Mr. W. J. Stephens was not prepared to keep on the portion of field No. 482 not required for allotments unless this was fenced off and a footpath provided to the allotments along the northern boundary and fenced off. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of providing this fencing at £24 9s. 2d. RESOLVED, That the fencing be not provided, but that the remainder of this field be kept in hand for the present. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Mr Stephens that under his tenancy agreement he is liable to maintain the fences, and that he be asked to have these repaired.

(b) Mr. Carter reported that fowls belonging to the owner of the property on the north side of the allotments were getting through the hedge, which was defective, on to the allotments. RESOLVED. That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the owner of the property to provide a fence to prevent his fowls getting on to the allotments.

(c) Read, letter of 16th ult., from Mrs. E. E. Booy that she would have the fence at the rear of her land repaired. (d) Read, letter of 22nd ult. from Mr. E. H. Carter that the Unemployed Allotment Association did not wish to take Nos. 130 and 131 as these were unsuitable for cultivation RESOLVED, That these allotments be taken out of the tenancy.

(e) RESOLVED, That Mr. Carter's suggestion that a path should be provided across field No 482 from Evesham Road to the allotments be referred to the Visitors with power to authorise the Borough Surveyor to have a path formed with clinkers, if they consider this desirable.

2—Allotments Nos. 82 Asquith Road and 4 and 27 Alma Road—The Town Clerk submitted letters from the tenants of these allotments giving notice to terminate their tenancies on the 25th inst. RESOLVED, That these notices be accepted.

3—Brooklyn Road Allotments—RESOLVED, That the application of the Electricity Committee to erect a transformer kiosk on these allotments be granted, subject to the position of the kiosk being agreed by the Borough Surveyor.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th March, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair)

1—Marle Hill Annexe—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Children's Boating Pool had been cleaned out, and that considerable silting had taken place between the boathouse and the bridge. RESOLVED, That the question of cleaning out the lake be adjourned for consideration next year.

2—Promenade Fountain—The Borough Surveyor reported that a length of wrought iron chain fencing had been removed from the Fountain. The theft had been reported to the Police.

3—Pittville Pump Room—The Borough Surveyor stated that he was unable to make a definite promise of the time within which he could undertake the work of the repairs to the Pump Room, but hoped to be able to do so before the end of the year. RESOLVED, That the engagement of an architect be adjourned until September, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have any additional shoring done which may be required.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Pavilion—Read, letter from the Chamber of Commerce suggesting the removal of the Pavilion from Montpellier Gardens to Sandford Park and that the site of the Pavilion be utilised as a Sports Centre. It was also intimated that Mr. T. J. Craig knew of someone willing to pay £200 a year for two years as rent for the Pavilion if removed to Sandford Park. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to incur the expense of the removal of the Pavilion to Sandford Park, and that Mr. Craig be requested to put the Corporation in touch with the person mentioned.

5—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be given to Christ Church Young Men's Club and Naunton Park Cricket Club to play cricket on alternate Saturdays on St. Mark's Playing Field and Naunton Park Recreation Ground respectively during the coming season.

6—Land Adjoining St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son offering Farmville, Alstone Lane containing about 13  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres and Coversted containing about 6  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres, including the house, bungalow and standard trees at the price of £5000. RESOLVED, That this offer be not entertained.

7—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—(a) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Leckwith Estates Ltd requiring them to put in hand immediately the construction of the approach roads to this ground in accordance with the covenant in the conveyance to the Corporation

(b) Pavilion—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillor Smith be authorised to open the tenders received for the erection of the Pavilion and to recommend a tender for acceptance by the Council.

(c) Read, letter of 6th inst. from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons enquiring on behalf of a client whether the Corporation would allow her access from the garden of one of the new houses by means of a small wicket gate into the Recreation Ground at the rear. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

8—Pittville Gardens—Park Constable—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. Hodgson, Park Constable, for an increase in wages. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

9—Land in Pilley Lane—Councillor Fisher reported that the land and house at the rear of the land rented from the Delancey Hospital Trustees for a recreation ground was to be sold by auction on 1st April. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Bendall and Garland be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the land.

10—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—Lodge—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the wiring of the Custodian's house for electricity.

11—Conference—Read, circular from the Institute of Park Administration inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference of the Institute to be held at Harrogate from the 20th to 23rd July next. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to attend.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 2nd April 1937.** Present ;:- The Mayor, Councillors Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Garland, Green and Rogers. (Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland in the Chair).

CREMATORIUM. Five tenders were received for the erection of the Crematorium. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons, amounting to £3,558. 19s. 7d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract and to consent to loan being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £4,200 for the cost of the building, including £200 for reinstatement of gas trench, paths and lawns around the new building, £250 for levelling, laying out and turfing Garden of Remembrance, and £190 for erection of walling and provision of seats and special planting in the Garden of Remembrance. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the gas main laid forthwith.

E. S. de COURCY-IRELAND,

Chairman.

## **BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th March, 1937.** Present—Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Garland, Green and Rogers (Councillor Bettridge in the chair).

1--Report of Superintendent—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 20<sup>th</sup> February to 19th March. interments 55 ; Grave Spaces sold 17 (First Position 2, Second Position 2, Fourth Position) ; Memorials erected 15 ; New Inscriptions 7

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9554 to 9570.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2035 to 2045, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Crematorium—The Borough Surveyor reported that tenders had now been invited for erection of the Crematorium and that tenders would be received on the 1st April. RESOLVED, That a Meeting of the Committee be held on the 2nd April at 2.30 p.m. to open tenders and recommend a tender for acceptance at the Council Meeting.

5—Cemetery Gates—The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders received for the supply of Bronze Crosses to replace the stone crosses on the piers by the entrance Gates which were damaged by the setting back for road widening. The gates and the crosses would be charged to the Priors Road widening Account. RESOLVED, That the tender of H. H. Martyn & Co. Ltd. amounting to £17 10s. 0d., being the lowest, be accepted.

A. J. BETTRIDGE, Chairman.

## **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th March, 1937.** 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—Excusals—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for the excusal of Rates.

3—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 made.

4—Third Quinquennial Re-Valuation—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Clerk to the County Council that the County Valuation Committee had decided that in future no further reference be made to Messrs. Eve & Sons, and that the properties comprised in groups 1, 2 and 6 in the Panel Schein, in future be referred to Messrs. J. L. Milne & Bourne

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.



### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 17th March, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Col. Biggs, Leigh James and Waite. The following Chairmen of Committees also attended, viz. : Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Margrett and Trye; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Smith (Alderman Taylor in the a chair).

1—Estimates for Rate—The Estimates for the Rate were considered. RESOLVED, That the same, as now settled by the Committee, 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, 1937 with an abatement of 5d. in the in £ respect of the areas transferred to the Borough under the County of Gloucester Review Order, 1935.

2—General Hospital—The Committee considered letter of 17th ult. from Mr. W. N. Weech, Chairman of General Hospital Centenary Appeal Committee asking the Council to present a Purse subscription to H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester on the occasion of her visit to open the new Hospital Extension on 6th April. RESOLVED, That the sum of £100 be subscribed.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd March, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor : Aldermen Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Leigh James and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

3—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £107,752; Leaving outstanding £6,707.

4—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 £22,113 ; Leaving outstanding £865.

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

Date, 1937. 15th March

Purpose. Erection 236 houses Whaddon Farm Estate      Amount. £89,337      Period of Repayment. 60 years.

6—Accounts Rota Committee--Reported Meeting on the 23rd inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; Alderman Pruen ; and Councillor Lt. -Col. Biggs.

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

7—Electricity Accounts—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity Charges since the last meeting.

8—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting he had received 08,000 on loan RESOLVED, That debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £1,200 be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(c) Read, letter from the Public Works Loan Board, that they had now considered the Council's application for a Loan of £10,000 and were prepared to advance this sum RESOLVED, That this be accepted and that the Common Seal be affixed to a Mortgage on the General Rate to the Public Works Loan Commissioners for securing the repayment of the above mentioned loan, to be repayable by half yearly instalments of principal and interest combined within the period authorised by the Sanction to Loan for £69,726 for erection of 162 houses on the Whaddon Farm Estate ; also, That the Common Seal be affixed to are Order authorising delivery of the Commissioners Certificate for the said sum to the Borough Treasurer

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9—Bank Account--The Borough Treasurer reported that Lloyds Bank had now agreed to endorse as cleared to the Corporation Account all cheques made payable to the Corporation or the Borough Treasurer. RESOLVED, That Lloyds Bank Ltd., Cheltenham be authorised to endorse cheques payable to the Borough Treasurer or the Cheltenham Corporation.

10—Institute of Municipal Treasurers—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Treasurer be appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of this Institute to be held at Bournemouth from the 16th to 18th June next.

11—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that the contributions and interest payable to the representatives of the late W. S. Tovey (ex-labourer) and J. A. Higgins (labourer) amounted to £78 7s. 4d. and £78 19s. 8d. respectively. RESOLVED, That these sums be paid.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that the Transfer Value payable to the Reigate Corporation in respect of Mr. E. J. B. Wills amounted to £227 14s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this sum be paid.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that the pension payable to S. Pearce (sweeper) who had retired owing to ill-health, amounted to 17s per week on the basis of 11 years contributory service and 28 years non-contributory service. RESOLVED, That this pension be paid.

12—Rodney Road Car Park—RESOLVED, That no charge for this Car Park be made to delegates attending the Commercial Travellers' Association Conference at Whitsun, on production of their Delegates Conference Badge.

13—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a letter box adjoining the Inquiry Office in the entrance hall of the Offices for the reception of letters handed in during Office hours.

14—Internal Audit—The Report of the Internal Auditor was submitted. RESOLVED, That the portions of the Report relating to the Sandford waterworks stores and Dental Clinic be referred to the Water and Maternity and Child Welfare Committees respectively.

15—Agg-Gardner Memorial Fund—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Agg-Gardner Memorial Ambulance was now beyond repair and that the Ambulance Headquarters asked for the balance of the Fund amounting to £210 to be paid to them towards the cost of providing a new Ambulance, which would still be named The Agg-Gardner Memorial Ambulance. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

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P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

### **Borough of Cheltenham**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th April, 1937.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 3rd day of May. 1937, 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. To elect an Alderman to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Alderman Sawyer.

3. Communications by the Mayor.

4. To appoint an Alderman to be Returning Officer for the Park Ward.

5. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE and to authorise service of notice under Section 94 of Public Health Act, 1875, requiring abatement of nuisance from smoke at Shenton's Shoe Factory, Bath Road. HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE and to make compulsory purchase order for the property in the area bounded on the North by Albion Street, on the South by High Street, on the East by Pittville Street, and on the West by Albion Street, exclusive of the property already purchased by the Corporation. MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE and to accept tender for supply of Transformers. WATER COMMITTEE and to accept tender for cast iron pipes for trunk main from Churchdown Hill to Hewletts. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE-To appoint a member of the Education Committee representative of Cheltenham College to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Mr. P. R. Clauss.

7. 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 April, 1937, 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).

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

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Compton, Miller and Moore.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 1st March, 1937, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health . Meeting held March 8

Subject to the addition of No. 44 Montpellier Villas to the houses mentioned in Minute No. 3 (b).

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Housing Meeting held March 11

Resolved, also, That the amended tender of Mr. Eggleton amounting to £397 13s. 9d. (being the lowest) for the reconditioning of No. 58 Worcester Street subject to contract, and that Minute No. 3 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 15th October last be varied accordingly.

Street and Highway Meeting. held March 15

Except that the resolution to Minute No... (b) be amended so as to read " That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to mark traffic lanes on the road from the junction of Lansdown Road and Gloucester Road to the Borough Boundary, in accordance with the Ministry's requirements."

Resolved, also, That Nos. 8 and 9 Pittville Street be purchased for the sum of £750 subject to contract, and also No. 139 Tewkesbury Road for £120 plus agent's commission of £5 10s. 0d. and vendor's legal costs.

(The following amendments were lost :—

Moved by Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland and seconded by Councillor Waite: "That Minute No. 16 (I) be amended and that the Ashmen's wages be increased by 2s 6d. per week instead of 2s per week."

Moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Howell "That Minute No. 24 in regard to the Jersey Avenue Private Improvement Works be referred back for further consideration).

Town Planning Meetings held March 3 & 18

Town Improvement and Spa. Meeting held March 1 & 19

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held March 22

Water Meeting held March 9

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held March 16

Resolved, also, That Superintendent Arthur W. Hopkins be appointed :—

(1) Officer for the purpose of enforcing compliance with the provisions of Section 86 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907, and with authority to enter any premises used as marine stores and to inspect the books required to be kept under the provisions of the said Section ;

(2) Officer for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847, and any Byelaws made thereunder ;

(3) Hackney Carriage Inspector and Street Inspector and Inspector of Places of Entertainment ;

(4) Inspector for the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders ; and

(5) That he be authorised to take proceedings under the Shops Acts, and any Closing Orders made thereunder by the Council, for breaches in regard to the weekly half holiday and closing hours.

Allotments Meeting held March 8

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held March 8

Burial Board Meetings held March 8 & April 2

Rating Meeting held March 4

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Finance... Meeting. held March 11 & 23

Except that Minute No. 2 be amended and that the contribution to the General Hospital be increased to £250.

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

opposite their respective names, and such additional sums as may become payable during the month in respect of current Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out.

3—General 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 First day of April, 1937, and terminating on the Thirty-first day of March, 1938, 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 First day of April, 1937, and terminating on the Thirty-first day of March, 1938, and that the said Rate be payable by two instalments, namely one moiety thereof forthwith and the other moiety thereof to be payable on the First day of October, 1937 ; Also, That in pursuance of Article 89 of the County of Gloucester Review Order, 1935, an abatement of fivepence in the from the aforesaid General Rate be made in respect of every hereditament situate in the areas 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 hereto ; Also, That notice of the said rate be given within seven days after the making thereof by affixing notice of the same in some public or conspicuous places in the Borough.

4—Athletic Ground—Read, letter from the Cheltenham Motor Club applying for the use of the Athletic Ground during the summer months for the staging of grass track racing meetings and rodeos etc. Resolved, That consideration be referred to the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee.

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 May, 1937.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th April, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Leigh James, E. W. Moore, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1---Insanitary Property at (a) 2 and 3 Nailsworth. Terrace ; 4 Fairhaven Street ; 15 and 16 Naunton Park Road—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses are satisfied that the said houses are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official 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 9 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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 Newbury Cottages, Tewkesbury Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that a Notice under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936 had been served on Mrs. Williams as agent for the Owner of this house, but that Mrs. Williams stated that she was no longer acting as agent. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936, notice be given to the Owner or other person having control of the house requiring him to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the house fit for human habitation.

(c) 55 and 56 Tewkesbury Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 14th December last the works specified to be done at these premises had now been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son at a cost of £32 17s. 9d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Owners for payment.

2--Nuisances from Drains etc. at (a) Bridge End (otherwise Arle Court) Farm—The Chief 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 Chief Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee, and if found defective he be authorised to give notice under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the Owner to do the specified work within 28 days.

(b) 14, 16, 18, 20, 26, 28, 30, 32, 36, 42, 44 and 46 Windsor 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 without proper Ash Receptacles—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz:- 13 Suffolk Road ; 17, 20 and 22 Exmouth 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.

1—Notices not complied with—The Sanitary Inspector submitted list of Notices arising from defective roofs, walls ceilings, etc., or insufficient sanitary accommodation, served but not complied with,. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

5—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Basements of 43 Promenade and 34 Montpellier Villas—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 thereof. 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 user thereof, will be considered at a meeting of the Committee to be held on the 11th June, 1937.

(b) Basement of 26 Priory Street—The Committee considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of these 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, 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 12 of the Housing Act, 1936, prohibiting the use of the said rooms for any purpose other than the use as a store, kitchen, scullery, washhouse or other domestic office.

(c) 43 Post Office Lane (rear of 43 Promenade) ; 11, 38 and 38a York Street ; 12 Andover Street ; and 9 Northfield Passage—The Committee considered the official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above mentioned premises are unfit for human habitation and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, notices be given under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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 works or the future user of the houses will be considered at a meeting of this Committee to be held on the 14th June, 1937.

(d) 10 and 11 Northfield Passage ; and 44 Sherborne Street—The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Owner of 10 and 11 Northfield Passage admitting that the premises were in a bad state of repair. 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 work required or the future user of the houses, Demolition Orders be now made by the Council in pursuance of Sub-Section (4) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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. RESOLVED, also, That it be referred to the Housing Committee to consider the purchase of the site of 44 Sherborne Street and the sites of Jersey Cottages (now demolished).

(e) 99 Leckhampton Road—RESOLVED, That the Undertaking given by the Owner to carry out the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit be accepted, and that the Demolition Order made in respect of these premises be rescinded on completion of the works to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(f) Basement of Halsey House ; 18 Jersey Street ; 56 Union Street ; 9 Sherborne Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Undertakings be cancelled.

(g) 292 High Street (1st and 2nd floors) ; 19 Bath Parade (basement) ; 407a High Street (1st and 2nd floors)—The Committee considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the above premises. The Town Clerk reported that 292 High Street had been sold to Mr. G. H. Dimery, who attended and stated that



he was prepared to carry out repairs in accordance with the specification of the Chief Sanitary Inspector. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he was arranging to meet the Owner of 19 Bath Parade on the premises to discuss specification. Read, letter from the Owner of 407a High Street asking for an adjournment. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month in each case.

(h) 43 and 45 St. James' Street ; 34 Fairview Road—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses in breach of the Owners' Undertakings. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that work was proceeding in each case. RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders be adjourned for two months in the case of 43 and 45 St. James' Street and for one month in the case of 34 Fairview Road.

(i) 1 Granville Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that this house had been relet in contravention of the Owner's Undertaking, but that the Owner was proceeding with the works in accordance with the specification. RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order in breach of the Owner's Undertaking not to relet the premises until rendered fit be adjourned for one month.

(j) Basement of 2 Bayshill Lawn—The Chief 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 27th July last.

(k) Houses relet in contravention of Closing Orders—Basements of 1 Great Norwood Street ; 20 Montpellier Villas ; 3 Andover Street ; 27 Lansdown Crescent ; 3 Nelson Buildings, Wellington Passage; 10 St. George's Place ; and 5 Bayshill Terrace—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that as a result of action taken since the last meeting of the Committee the basements of 20 Montpellier Villas, 3 Andover Street, 3 Nelson Buildings, 10 St. George's Place, and 5 Bayshill Terrace had been vacated, and that the person having control of 27 Lansdown Crescent had given the tenant of the basement notice to quit. He also reported that the basement of 1 Great Norwood Street was no longer used for sleeping purposes. The occupiers of 1 Great Norwood Street and 20 Montpellier Villas had applied for the Closing Orders to be amended so as to allow the basements to be used for ordinary domestic purposes other than for sleeping purposes. RESOLVED, That the Closing Orders made in respect of the basements of 1 Great Norwood Street and 20 Montpellier Villas on the 6th March, 1933, and 2nd February, 1931, respectively, be amended so as to prohibit the use of the said basements for sleeping purposes only RESOLVED, also, That consideration of taking further action against the person having control of 27 Lansdown Crescent be adjourned for two months.

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6-Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness—17, 18, 19 and 20 Marsh Lane ; 20 Burton Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners Of these had in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 (1) of the Housing Act, 1936, submitted a list of proposed works with a request in writing that the Council should inform them whether in their opinion the houses would after the execution of those works or of those works together with any additional works be in all respects fit for human habitation and would with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of at least five years, RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to submit to the Owners lists of additional works which he considers should be carried out before certificates could be given.

7—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwt. 6 lbs. Beef ; 1 cwt. 3 cars. 18 lbs. Pork ; 2 qrs. 1 lb. Mutton ; 3 lbs. Poultry ; 20 lbs, Fish.

8-Overcrowding Survey—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported application by Mr. J. Pearce, temporary assistant, for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted, but that that Mr. J. Pearce be allowed a fortnight's holiday with pay this year.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee he had appointed Mr. H. G. Doxey as temporary assistant in place of Mr. A. E. Hicks, at a salary of £2 10s. 0d. per week, subject to a week's notice on either side

9-Disinfection—The Medical Officer of Health reported an application from the 1st Gloucester Battalion Church Lads' Brigade for disinfection of equipment before return to Headquarters for alteration. RESOLVED, That a charge of 5s be made.

10—Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic—The Medical Officer of Health submitted Report of the treatment given at the Clinic for the Quarter to the 31st ult.

No. of new cases which have received immunising doses	10
No. of injections given .....	29
No. of cases in which treatment has been completed ... ..	9
“ “ “ partially completed .	.. 1
“ awaiting immunising dose	3
No of Schick tests carried out after immunisation	—

11—" Better Health "—Read, letter of 30th ult. from " Better Health " stating that the proceeds of advertisements in the local issue of " Better Health " was insufficient to cover the cost of supply, but that the publication could be continued if the Council would grant a subsidy of £1 per month per 1,000 copies during the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

12—National Health Campaign—Read, circular letter of 18th oh. from the Central Council for Health Education asking the Corporation to co-operate in advertising the National Health Campaign from October next to March, 1938. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to instruct Messrs. Shentons and the Cheltenham Bill-posting Co. to post the posters advertising the campaign (to be supplied by the Central Council free of charge).

13—Flooding—Temporary Engineering Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received seven applications for this post, from which he had selected the following as having the necessary qualifications :—

W, Atkinson of Wardle, Nr. Rochester.

C. G. Jefferies of Woking.

C E. I. Abbey of St. Bees.

RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Dr. Hayward, E. W. Moore and Morris be appointed to interview the above mentioned candidates on the 20th inst. at 2 15 p.m. and to select a candidate for the post.

14—Hayden Knoll Cottages—The Borough Surveyor reported that these cottages required re-thatching and submitted a tender of Mr. H. Leach amounting to £25 5s. 0d., which was the only tender received, RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted,

15—Barn Farm Road—The Borough Surveyor reported his inspection of this road which Mr. Rymer had asked the Corporation to make up. RESOLVED, That Mr Rymer be allowed, free of charge, a supply of stone from Leckhampton quarry for repair of the road, subject to his providing transport.

16—Public Conveniences—Montpellier—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by the Contractor for an additional payment of £13 19s. 5d. for the erection of these conveniences on account of the increase in labour rates and the delay in the completion of the works, and also for a further ex-gratia payment of £14 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That an ex-gratia payment of £14 0s. 0d. be made to the Contractor on the ground of the delay.

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17—Salterley Grange, Leckhampton—The Committee considered a complaint as to nuisance caused by sewage from the Salterley Grange Sanatorium. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Cheltenham Rural District Council calling their attention to this.

18—Sewer in Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. E. G. Cook was entitled to be refunded the sum of £300 deposited by him in connection with the extension of the sewer in this road, as the rateable value of properties connected to the sewer and in beneficial occupation now amounted to over £900. Mr. Cook had agreed to the deduction of the sum of £183, being the contribution due from him towards the construction of Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That the deposit of £300 be refunded to Mr. Cook less the deduction mentioned above.

19--Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the R.S.P.C.A. asking the Council to reconsider the question of applying Section 1 of the above Act to sheep, ewes, wethers, rams and lambs. It was reported that the Birmingham City Council after representatives had visited slaughterhouses in a number of towns in this country and on the continent had now passed a resolution applying the Section, and that during the preceding 12 months more than 50 Councils had applied the Section, bringing the total number of Councils who had applied the Section to more than 1,100. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-Section (3) of Section 2 of the above mentioned Act, special notice be given to each member of the Council and advertised in the " Gloucestershire Echo " of intention to propose a resolution at the meeting of the Council on the 7th June next to apply Section 1 of the Act to sheep, ewes, wethers, rams and lambs,

20—Tivoli Road—The Pines—Read, letter of 24th ult. from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Lt.-Col. N. P. Brook, asking the Corporation to repair the wall between this property and Cedros Lodge, which they alleged had been cracked by the subsidence of soil due to the laying of the Park Place Sewer. RESOLVED, That Councillors Moore and Morris be asked to view the wall.

21—National Society for Prevention of Tuberculosis—Read, circular letter of 18th ult. inviting the attendance of delegates of the Council at the Annual Conference of the above Society to be held in Bristol from the 1st-3rd July next. RESOLVED, That no delegates be appointed.

22—Royal Sanitary Institute—Read, circular letter of 24th ult. inviting the attendance of representatives of the Council at the Sessional Meeting of the Institute to be held at Monmouth on the 7th prof. RESOLVED, That no representatives be appointed.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th April, 1937.** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Bettridge, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) Colne Avenue—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have an intercepting drain for a length of 117 yards and connection to the main surface water sewer laid at an estimated cost of £48 to remedy the flooding which had occurred in the back gardens of some of the houses.

(b) Gas Boilers—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to insert 9 in. x 6 in. air bricks in the rooms containing the gas boilers in all the houses to be erected and in the houses already erected where this is necessary, including the houses on the Moors Estate.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the demolition of the farmhouse and cottage.

2—Prospect Villa and Cottage, Folly Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the tenants of these houses for electricity installation. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to obtain tenders for carrying out the work, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender.

3-3 Shakespeare Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the owner of this house for permission to erect a glass porch in accordance with plans approved by the Town Planning Committee be granted.

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4.—Housing Manager—The Monthly Report of the Housing Manager on the collection of the arrears was read.

5-9 Spenser Avenue—The Housing Manager submitted complaint from the tenant of this house in regard to dampness. RESOLVED, That the Repairs Sub-Committee be asked to view the house and take the necessary steps to remedy any dampness.

6—The Moors Estate--The Housing Manager reported that the probationary period of the appointment of the caretakers on the Moors Estate had been satisfactory. RESOLVED, That the appointment be continued at a wage of 17s 6d per week and that the caretaker be provided with a mackintosh and trousers.

7—Garden Prize Scheme—RESOLVED, That the Garden Prize Competition be held as last year, that the prize money be increased to 20 and that the Garden Prize Scheme Sub-Committee be authorised to award the prizes.

8—Alstone Lawn Estate--(a) The Sanitary Inspector reported in regard to the condition of the ditch along the South Western boundary of this Estate. RESOLVED. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain estimates for piping in the ditch.

(b) Read, letter of 1st inst. from Mr. F. Rouse asking the Committee to sell him the portion of the lane at the rear of the shops on this Estate fronting Gloucester Road which adjoined the back of the garden of his premises as he wished to cover this in. RESOLVED, That the land be not sold but that he be offered a tenancy of this at a rent of £5 per annum.

9—Reconditioning-44 Sherborne Street and Land—The Committee further considered the purchase of this house and the site of Jersey Cottages RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be asked to ascertain at what price the owner is prepared to sell the property.

10—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the erection of brick built sheds for the 102 houses on this Estate.

11—Pooling of Rents—The Committee considered the recommendations of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the pooling of the rents under the consolidation of Housing Accounts, and as to the rents to be charged for the houses in course of erection on Whaddon Farm Estate. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

12—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 6th inst. They recommended (inter alia) that Mr. H.C. Clapp (pupil in the Health Department) be appointed part time clerk in the Housing Office on the same terms as Mr. A. J. Stroud, resigned. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

13—Repairs Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Repairs Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 13th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Having considered the present system of repairs to the Corporation houses, That consideration be adjourned and that the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain particulars of the systems adopted in some other towns.

(b) Whaddon Avenue—That tenders be obtained for pointing and other exterior repairs to the 89 houses in this road.

(c) 22 Tennyson Road—That a new ventilated wooden floor be provided in this house.

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

14—View Sub-Committee—Read, report of the View Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 17th ult.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:—

(a) Wakefield Cottages—That the offer of the owner to sell the site of these houses be not entertained.

(b) 18 and 19 Wordsworth Avenue—That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to widen the road on each corner of the drive in to these houses so as to increase the width of the road by 3 feet.

(c) 2 Hudson Street—That the Parks Committee be recommended to increase the height of the Recreation Ground fence at the rear of the houses in Hudson Street so as to make this unclimbable.

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

P. PATES,

Chairman.

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#### STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th April, 1937.** Present--The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor. Aldermen Pates, Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Fisher, Green Grimwade, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Road between Clarence Square and Wellington Square--The Committee considered application for alteration of the position of the barrier in this road. RESOLVED, That this be adjourned for view.

2—Stores Tenders—Castings—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Messrs. J. Needham & Sons for increases in their tendered prices owing to the great increase in costs since the date of their tender. RESOLVED, That the application be acceded to, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to give an immediate order for his requirements for the ensuing year.

3—High Street and Promenade Improvement—(a) Read, letter of 12th inst. from the County Surveyor that the County Council had agreed to contribute to the net rate borne expenditure on each scheme in the Corporation's Five Year programme in the same proportion as the Ministry of Transport contributes to the gross cost, and that subject to the Corporation agreeing to accept this basis the County Council had agreed to contribute 75 per cent of the net rate borne expenditure of the High Street and Promenade improvement. He asked to be furnished with detailed estimates of each scheme and to reach agreement with regard to finance before any commitment was made RESOLVED, That the contribution offered for this improvement be accepted, but that the County Council be informed that the Corporation cannot accept this as a general basis of contribution and that each case should be considered on its merits.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 25th ult., from the Ministry of Transport enclosing a memorandum with regard to the apportionment of expenditure on trunk roads up to the 1st inst., so that the Minister may take over the whole liability as from that date, and asking for such apportionment to be made in connection with the above improvement. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

4—County Court Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a standard " Turn Left " sign fixed in a suitable position in County Court Road near its junction with the Promenade.

5—Road A 40, Trunk Road No. 10—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Minister of Transport had approved the estimates submitted for works of maintenance and minor improvements to this road for the year 1937/38 subject to certain amendments which reduced the estimate from £2,455 to £2,024.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 488 (Roads) from the Ministry of Transport explaining the action to be taken by highway authorities in regard to trunk roads under the Trunk Roads Act 1936 and the Trunk Roads (Delegation of Powers) Order 1937, a copy of which was enclosed, and also enclosing Standard Form of Agreement (T. R. 111), Forms for Financial Requisitions, Returns etc. (T.R. 101-107), and Restriction of Ribbon Development Forms (T.R. 108-110). RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Surveyor. RESOLVED, also, That the Standard Form of Agreement be accepted.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted. Circular No 493 (Roads) from the Ministry of Transport with regard to costing systems for expenditure on highway services. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Treasurer and Borough Surveyor,

6—Road Accidents—Mat Records—The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 495 (Roads) from the Ministry of Transport stating that Chief Constables had been instructed to furnish the Divisional Road Engineers in the case of accidents on Trunk Roads and the Surveyors of the appropriate Highway Authorities in other cases with particulars of all accidents involving death or personal injury and of all accidents (whether involving personal injury or not) of which it is alleged that road conditions were a cause or contributory cause, and asking all highway authorities to keep map records of such accidents. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to keep map records of all road accidents within the Borough.

7—Corporation Vehicles—The Borough Surveyor reported that under Section 35 of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1931 heavy motor cars must be equipped with pneumatic tyres by 1st January 1940. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have all solid tyres on Corporation vehicles replaced by pneumatic tyres when the solid tyres become worn out.

8—Pittville Street Improvement—The Borough Surveyor reported interview which the Chairman, the Town Clerk and he had with the Divisional Road Engineer on the 13th inst. with regard to the widening of Pittville Street, who expressed the opinion that a larger amount of property might be acquired with advantage, and that he thought as far back as America Passage was reasonable, 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 all the property bounded by America Passage on the West, Albion Street on the North, Pittville Street on the East, and the High Street on the South, with the exception of the property already purchased by the Corporation. 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.

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9—Albion Street—(a) Read, letter of 7th inst. received by the Borough Surveyor from Messrs. Haines & Strange urging the importance of widening the narrow portion of this street and stating that they would without compensation, to set back to a new building line Nos. 17, 18 and 19 Albion Street. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

(b) Read, letter of 31st ult. from Mr. W. H. Horsley offering Nos. 14 and 15 Albion Street for £485. RESOLVED, That subject to the District Valuer recommending the purchase this offer be accepted ;old the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into the necessary contract.

10—Commercial Street—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Messrs. A. W. Small, E. W. Green and B. L. Green asking for permission to close Commercial Street between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Coronation Day for the purpose of providing a treat for 100 poor children. RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to this proposal.

11—Imperial Circus—The Borough Surveyor recommended that an illuminated " No Entry" sign should be placed near Messrs. Martin's shop to warn drivers of vehicles that this is a one-way street. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

12—Clarence Road —The Borough Surveyor recommended that a sign should be fixed on the railings of Camden Villa directing drivers of vehicles coming from North Place to turn right for Evesham and Winchcomb. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

13—Road Sweepers—The Borough Surveyor reported that about 14 men were engaged for about two hours every Sunday on road sweeping and that they had applied for an increase in wages for this work. RESOLVED, That the wages of each man be increased from 2s to 2s 6d. for each Sunday's work.

14—Tewkesbury Road—RESOLVED, That about 18 feet of the wall at the corner of the road leading to the Moors Estate be removed and replaced by chain fencing in order to improve the vision for traffic at this junction.

15—Montpellier Street—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the owners of Nos. 8, 10, 11 and 12 Montpellier Street and the Montpellier Rotunda had offered to give up their cellars subject to certain conditions of which he could not recommend acceptance. RESOLVED. That the offers be not accepted and that the owners be informed that the Corporation are not prepared to take over the cellars subject to any conditions other than that they should be filled in by the Corporation.

(b) One Way Traffic Order—The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Transport had confirmed this Order and approved of the erection of illuminated notices in the form and positions mentioned in the application of 12th November last.

16—High Street Unilateral Waiting Order—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Ministry of Transport suggesting that the objections of the L.M.S. Railway Company might be met by limiting the hours during which the Order should be operative Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Superintendent Hopkins expressing the opinion that the amendments suggested by the L.M.S- Railway Company would make the Order difficult to enforce. RESOLVED, That the Ministry of Transport be informed that the Council are willing to limit the hours during which the Order should be operative from 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

17—Albion Street, North Street and Pittville Street—The Committee considered a suggestion that a roundabout should be provided at the junction of Albion Street and Pittville Street and that traffic from the North should be diverted to the left for Cirencester, Oxford and London and to the right for the Town Centre. Gloucester and Tewkesbury. This would involve reversing the directions in which traffic is allowed to proceed in North Street and Pittville Street. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.



18—Coronation Day—The Committee considered a recommendation from the Electricity and Lighting Committee that a day's holiday with pay should be conceded to all regular employees of the Corporation who are not called upon to work on Coronation Day and that men who are called upon to work on that day should be paid for such day at double their ordinary rate of wages. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be agreed to.

19—Alstone Lane—Norton House (a) The Town Clerk reported that mister Board of Education had consented to the appropriation of Norton House for any purpose approved by the Minister of Health, and that the Minister of Health had approved of the appropriation of the property for road improvement.

(b) The Town Clerk reported an offer by Mr. Jenkins, of 3 Rose Cottages, to rent Norton House while his own house is being reconditioned. RESOLVED, That the application be not entertained. RESOLVED, also, That the premises be viewed.

20—Junction of Old Bath Road and Naunton Park Road--Read, letter from Messrs. McLaren & Jeens of 16th inst. that the offer of the land required for improvement of this corner subject to the Corporation agreeing to pay Mr. Evans' Agents and Solicitors costs. These amounted to £4 4s. 0d. and £3 3s. 0d. respectively. RESOLVED. That this be agreed to.

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21—Post Office Telegraph Lines—(a) Gloucester Road to Oriel Road, and Hewlett Street to Holy Apostle's Church—Read, application from the Post Office Superintending Engineer for consent to the laying of underground telegraph lines from a point near the three miles Post in Gloucester Road, along Gloucester Road, Lansdown Road, Lansdown Place, Montpellier Street, Queen's Circus, Imperial Square (South side) and Trafalgar Street to Oriel Road, and also along High Street from Hewlett Street to Holy Apostle's Church. The Borough Surveyor reported that provision should be made for the line where it crosses Lansdown Bridge to be capable of being moved when the widening of the bridge takes place, and also that the cross-over from one side of Lansdown Road to the other should be farther to the East of the bridge to avoid disturbance, when the bridge is widened. RESOLVED, That the application be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for his observations and that consent be given subject to the requirements of the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer.

(b) High Street to Marle Hill—Read, application from the Post Office Superintending Engineer for consent to the laying of an underground telegraph line along the West side of Pittville Street, Portland Street and Evesham Road to the Borough Boundary. The Borough Surveyor recommended that in view of the widening of Pittville Street it should be made clear that the line will have to be set back unless it is laid in a duct which would be satisfactory beneath a carriageway. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the line would run very close to electric cables in several positions and the usual clearance would have to be provided. In Pittville Street the ducts would have to be laid under the carriageway owing to the large number of cellars under the footpath. There were eight service cables in the centre of the road to various premises on the West side. At the corner of Albion Street and Portland Street there was an underground sub-station occupying the full width of the footpath, On the remainder of the route there were various high and low pressure cables which must be avoided. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the requirements of the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer being complied with and to the works being carried out to their satisfaction.

(c) Fauconberg Road—Read, application from the Post Office Sectional Engineer for consent to the removal of the telegraph pole in this road and the erection of a smaller pole about twenty yards nearer the Promenade. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

22—West Approach to Pittville Pump Room—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to improve the condition of the footpath in this road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

23—Telephone Kiosk Opposite Pittville Chalet—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the General Post Office stating that a kiosk could not now be erected in time for the West of England Ladies' Kennel Club Show on the 5th prox., unless the Committee either agreed to the erection of a kiosk of the new standard design and colour or persuaded the County Council to allocate a concrete kiosk of the old type out of the quota agreed for the whole County, RESOLVED, That no further action be taken at present.

24—Promenade—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green, Solicitors, on behalf of the owner of No. 105 Promenade, enquiring whether the Corporation would be prepared to take over the private road in front of this house and throw it into the footpath. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Corporation are willing to entertain this proposal if all the other owners concerned agree.

25—Bath Road—The Town Clerk reported an offer of towards the cost of providing and fixing a seat near the Paragon Garage " Bus Stop." RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

26—Eldon Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Notices of intention to take over this road had expired without any objection being received. RESOLVED, That the road be taken over and adopted as a highway repairable by the Corporation,

27—Advertisement Vehicles—Read, application of 5th inst. from Dallas & Co. For permission to use vehicles for advertising the Gloucester County Cricket Club Match from 22nd to 24th June next, RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

28—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. F. H. Bastin & Son for permission to erect two illuminated neon signs outside the Plough Hotel, High Street, be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Signcrafts Ltd. for permission to erect an illuminated neon sign outside the premises of the British School of Motoring Ltd. at 21 Promenade, be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

29-143 Tewkesbury Road—The Housing Committee having obtained tenders for essential repairs to this house recommended acceptance of the tender of Mr. E. A. Eggleton amounting to £38 2s. 6d. (being the lowest). RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted.

30—Promenade—Read, application of 17th inst. from the West of England Ladies' Kennel Society for consent to the exhibition over the Colonnade of a banner advertising the Dog Show on the 5th prox. RESOLVED, That the application be granted for two days subject to the usual conditions.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

**MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th April, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Grimwade and Leigh James ; Mesdames E. Booy, W. L. Mellersh and L. Wood (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1937

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (12 Meetings) ...	17.4	26.2
At Bennington Hall (12 Meetings)... ..	20.2	27.6
At Clare Street (12 Meetings) .. ..	27.8	39.4
At Highbury (12 Meetings)	42.3	45.5
At St. Mark's (12 Meetings) ...	25.6	32.8

2--Health Visitors---Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1937 :—

No. of Children on Register... ..	2,499
“ Un-notified Births discovered	1
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under.	.. 963
(b) over 1 year ...	1356
“ Special visits to Mothers ...,	73
“ First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	... 174
“ Ante-natal cases visited ... .. (a) new	57
(b) return	30
“ Chicken Pox cases visited .	.. .. 8
“ Measles cases visited	20
“ Mumps cases visited .	.. 1
“ Whooping Cough cases visited ... ..	. 46
“ Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited ..	1
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres .	87
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. Inspector	.. 1

Grants of Milk

Carried over from previous quarter	277
New Orders ... —	83
Orders discontinued during quarter	68
“ continuing to coming quarter	292

Children Act :	Health Visitors, School Nurses.	
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter	36	17
“ visits (under Children Act) paid ...	51	16
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ..	24	16

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 62 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st January to 31st March, 1937, and that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from the 1st April, 1936, to the 31st March, 1937, was £198 19s. 0d., of which £64 1s. 7d. was chargeable to patients, and £28 14s. 9d. had been received to date. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Barnett and Garland and Mrs. Mellersh be appointed to interview patients who fail to pay the fees chargeable to them.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from Midwives during the quarter ended 31st March, 1937: Still-births 3 ; Death of Infant 1 ; Artificial feeding being necessary 2.

4—Dentistry —The Medical Officer of Health reported that 48 mothers and 3 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 59 mothers on Wednesday evenings during the quarter in accordance with the arrangements made with the Education Committee. The number of Wednesday evening sessions held during the quarter was 11. RESOLVED, That the above Sub-Committee be asked to consider and report on the list of amounts outstanding for Dentistry.

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5—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted accounts for treatment in the General Hospital of two cases of Puerperal Fever. RESOLVED. That these accounts be passed for Payment.

6—Children Act—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 number of children allowed.
Mrs. Compton	40 Albert Street, St. Peter's	1
Mrs. Leach ...	40 Pilley Crescent ... ..	1
Mrs. Blandford	6 Severn Road ...	1
Mrs. Leach ...	3 Keynsham Terrace ...	1
Mrs. Piff.	262 Swindon Road ...	1
Mrs. Payne ...	1 Painswick Lawn	1
Mrs. Clarke...	69 Leckhampton Road	Registration required to take a second foster child.

7—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Matron for the alteration of the name of Fairleigh Nursing Home, Shurdington Road to Cotswold Hydro be granted.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from Miss Rook-Green for permission to use Amulree as an annexe to Douro House Nursing Home for maternity or general medical or surgical cases. RESOLVED, That Amulree be registered for six cases.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Nurse Timbrell of 15 Sydenham Villas Road now had an additional room available at her Nursing Home and desired to be registered for two cases instead of one. RESOLVED, That this be granted.

(d) RESOLVED, That the applications of Nurse Grace Tenant Aitken and Nurse Nellie Downes for the registration of Glenthorne, Hewlett Street as a Nursing Home for three medical or three surgical cases and of Nurse Dorothy Gwenllian Betty Jones for the registration of Dunholme, The Park, as a Nursing Home to be named "The Park Nursing Home" for 25 general cases including maternity cases be granted.

8—Provision of Milk—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 1st inst. from the Ministry of Health asking the Council to review their arrangements for the supply of milk to expectant and nursing mothers and young children, and the Medical Officer of Health submitted report thereon. The Minister urged that in the interests of the health of mothers and children it was not desirable to adopt any limitations as to the period during which free milk may be supplied or as to the quantities to be supplied, and that the scale of income adopted for this purpose should be framed so as not to render it difficult for any mother to take advantage of the Authority's arrangements. RESOLVED, That the following revised scale of income be adopted, the amount shown being the net weekly income after deduction of rent :—

	s.	d.
Mother and one child ...	15	6
Father, Mother and one child ...	25	0
“ “ two children	30	0
“ “ three	34	6
“ “ four	39	0
“ “ five	43	0
“ “ six	47	0
“ “ seven	51	0
“ “ eight	55	0
“ “ nine	59	0
“ “ ten	63	0

If no father deduct 7s 6d from the figures.

RESOLVED, also, That (a) In cases where the mother is an expectant mother the expected child be considered to be an addition to the family for the purposes of the scale.

(b) Where children over school age are living at home and are employed, only half their earnings be included as family income for the purposes of the scale.

(c) Where milk is granted to an expectant mother the supply in future be given at any stage of pregnancy and not only during the last three months, subject to certificate of need.

(d) National Health and Unemployment Insurance contributions as well as rent to be deducted from income.

(e) Army and Navy Reserve pay, as a general rule, not to be included in the income.

9—Orthopaedic Scheme—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported the progress made with the arrangements for this scheme, and that the Education committee had asked the General Hospital to agree to the work being undertaken by their orthopaedic nurse as a temporary arrangement.

(b) Read, letter from the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association asking for remedial exercises to be provided for young children RESOLVED, That consideration of this matter be adjourned for the present.

10—Midwives Act, 1936—Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the proposals of the Council under Section 1 of this Act, and asking to be furnished with a draft of the proposed agreement to be entered into between the Council and the District Nursing Association. With regard to the number of cases to be undertaken by each midwife the Minister was advised that even when the midwife was assisted by a pupil the number of cases referred to in the Council's proposals was excessive, and that pupil midwives engaged in domiciliary work should not be regarded as members of the staff, though a somewhat increased number of patients might be attended by a midwife responsible for the instruction of senior pupil midwives.

In view of the above the Medical Officer of Health advised that it would be necessary to provide in the scheme for five midwives instead of four, which would increase the grant to be made to the District Nursing Association (including the present grant of £160) from £890 to £1,120.

The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement to be entered into with the District Nursing Association for the provision of five midwives. RESOLVED, That this be approved and submitted to the District Nursing Association and Ministry of Health for approval. RESOLVED, also, That application he made to the Ministry of Health for grant in respect of the revised amount, namely £1,120 less the amount of the present grant, viz. £160.

11—Local Government Act, 1929—(a) Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Ministry of Health approving the scheme made by the Council under Section 101 for the payment of annual contributions towards the expenses of voluntary associations in providing Maternity and Child Welfare services, subject to a modification deleting provision of £60 for a Birth Control Clinic. Read, also, letter from the Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association urging the Council to establish a gynaecological Clinic. RESOLVED, That the Public Health Committee be recommended to provide a Clinic in the School Clinic at the Municipal Offices, and that when provided, the organisation and management thereof be transferred to this Committee.

(b) Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of the scheme made by the Ministry of Health under Section 93 of the Act providing for a payment by the County Council to the Borough during each of the five financial years ending 31st March, 1942, of the sum of £1,010.

12—Central Midwives Board—Read, circular letters of 15th February and 23rd ult. from the Central Midwives Board enclosing modification made in the Rules of Procedure regulating the Proceedings before the Board for the removal of midwives, and also in regard to the substitution of 14 days for 10 days in the definition of the lying-in period. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

## TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 7th April, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Barnett and Morris ; Capt. Leschallas and Mr. Yiend (Alderman cot. 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.
4616	Collins, M.	Garage, 99 Tennyson Road.
4617	Cheltenham Estates Ltd.	2 pairs of semi-detached houses, Naunton Way.
4618	White, M.	Alterations and additions, 38 Moorend Crescent.
4619	Bennett, R. K.	Layout of estate, Swindon Road.
4620	Middleton, Martin Dr.	Conversion of house into flats, The Tower House, Pittville Circus.
4621	Buckingham, Miss	Detached house, Warden Hill Road,
4622	Tow, T. J.	Dwellinghouse and shop, Whaddon Road.
4623	_____	New bathroom and W.C., Nazareth House
4624	Taylor, Sir Eric	Extension to W.C., Montpellier Lawn.
4625	Little, Miss	Garage, Harrow, 352 Old Bath Road.
4626	Hayman & Co.	New shopfront, 20 Promenade.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4616, 4625 and 4626 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 4618, 4620, 4623 and 4624 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 4620, subject also to no new entrance to Prestbury Road and Pittville Circus being provided ; That Plan No. 4621 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the building to the line laid down in the scheme and to dedicate the land for the widening of the road if and when required, and to the roof being hipped back ; That Plans Nos. 4617, 4619 and 4622 be not approved.

2—Application to Develop—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Cotswold Hills Golf Club asking for permission to erect a new Club House on land at Cleeve Hill near " The Mount." The erection of the building would enable the Club to rearrange the Course so as to provide the first tee and eighteenth green in front of the Club house, and remove the first tee and green from an area now much used by the public. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to detail plans being submitted for approval ; to the building being confined to one storey, and to the drainage being constructed to the satisfaction of the Rural District Council.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd April, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade, Moore and Morris ; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name,	Description,
4622	Tow, T. J.	Shop and dwellinghouse, Whaddon Road.
4627	Marshall, F. H.	Coal house, Juneavon, Charlton Lane.
4628	Tibbles Motors Ltd	Garage, Sydney Street.
4629	MacFisheries Ltd.	Alterations and additions, 372 High Street.
4630	Golding, M.	Garage, Priors Road.
4631	Rook-Green, E.	Garage, Douro House, Douro Road,
4632	Walker Crossweller Co. Ltd.	Factory and offices, Whaddon Farm Housing Estate.
4633	_____	Garage, Exeter Villa, Cranham Road.

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No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4634	Bellamy, W.	Conservatory, Belmont, Arle Drive.
4635	Flower & Sons Ltd.	Alterations and additions, Victoria Vaults, Hanover Street.
4636	Education Committee	Junior Mixed School, Whaddon Farm Housing Estate.
4637	Bennett, R. K.	Layout, new roads and sewers, Elmfield, Swindon Road (coloured brown on plan).
4638	Brunners, Messrs.	Front Elevation, Brunners Cafe, Clarence Street.
4639	Shell Mex and B.P. Ltd.	Extension of gateway opening and crossings, Tewkesbury Road Depot.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4627, 4633, 4636 and 4639 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 4628, 4629 and 4635 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. 4628 subject also to the drainage from the washing bays passing through a petrol interceptor, and to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and in the case of Plan No. 4635 subject also to the owners entering into an undertaking not to make any claim for compensation in respect of the new work in the event of the building having to be set back to the improvement line for the widening of Hanover Street ; That Plan No. 4630 be approved subject to the roof being flat and a parapet wall being provided round the roof at string course level ; That Plan No. 4632 be approved subject to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and to the entrance road being brought in at right angles to the proposed ring road; That Plan No. 4634 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to remove the conservatory at his own cost and without compensation if and when required by the Corporation ; That Plan No. 4637 be approved subject to (1) all development north of a line passing through manholes A to F being drained separately into a surface water and soil sewer : (2) the roads and sewers being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and if carried out by private contractors, the developers bearing the cost of supervision by the Corporation and (3) the proposed back lanes at the rear of the houses being omitted and to more suitable method of affording secondary access to each house being provided to the satisfaction of the Committee ; That Plan No. 4622 be approved, and that the Committee approve of a temporary shop being erected during the building of the new shop subject to the new building being commenced forthwith and to the temporary building being removed as soon as the new premises are completed, or at the expiration of 3 months, whichever is the



earlier ; That Plan No. 4638 be approved subject to no cellarage being provided under the highway ; and That Plan No 4631 be not approved.

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.
1116	Kreye, H. G.	Detached house, Shurdington Road.
1119	Wills-Goldingham, Mrs.	Proposed bungalow, Seven Springs
1124	Prude, W.	Proposed additions and alterations, Walnor Cottage, Stoke Orchard.
1126	Whitaker, H. L.	Shed, Old School House, Southam,
1127	Bailey, A.	Additions, Coombe Bank, Coombe Hill.
1128	Walsh, Mrs. E.	Garage, Bentham Lane.
1129	Barrow, Mrs.	Tea Room and Store, near Gotherington Cross,
1130	Pike, N. H.	Garage, (Private), 6 Charlton Park Gate, Charlton Kings.
1131	Cumberland, Mrs.	Garage (Private), " Ferndale," Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1132	Randall, Mrs. J.	Detached house, Charlton Drive, Charlton Kings,
1133	Midwinter, G. W.	Proposed Lock-up Garages, Croft Garage, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1134	Ackrill, G. W.	Greenhouse, 3 Brookway Drive, Charlton Kings.
1135	Morley, Dr. D. E.	Greenhouse, Penn Lea, The Avenue, Charlton Kings.
1136	Stevenson, Mrs.	Garage (Private), The Uplands, Cleeve Hill.
1137	Simpson, J. H.	Garage (Private), "Burnside," Upper Mill Lane, Prestbury,
1138	Corbett, J. H.	Bungalow, Near Villa Farm, Elmstone Hardwicke.
1139	Sparrow, Mrs. F.	Two pairs dwelling houses, Sandy Pleck, Bentham.
1140	Billings, A. C. Ltd.	Garage, 5 Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1141	Bowd, A.	Two pairs semi-detached houses, Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1142	Trigg, H. J.	Detached house, Up Hatherley.
1143	Hay, Mrs. M. M.	Detached house, Charlton Park Gate, Charlton Kings.
1144	Cheltenham Rural ... District Council	Three pairs semi-detached houses, Gretton.
1145	Cheltenham Rural ... District Council	Three pairs semi-detached houses, Leckhampton Lane, Shurdington.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1119, 1124, 1130, 1134, 1135, 1140 and 1143 be approved. ; That Plan No. 1116 be approved subject to sandfaced tiles being used on the roof and to the owner entering into an undertaking with the Rural District Council, if required by them, that the drain shall be a combined drain and not a sewer ; That Plans Nos. 1126, 1128 and 1137 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 required at any time for the purposes of the Town Planning Scheme, and in the case of Plan No. 1126 to russet Trafford tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No 1132 be approved subject to dark sandfaced tiles being used on the roof and to the agreement entered into with Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd, with regard to the reservation of land for an open space ; That Plan No. 1136 be approved subject to no part of the building being erected within 37 feet 6 inches of the centre of the road and to russet asbestos tiles or shingles being used on the

roof ; That Plan No. 1138 be approved subject to the area of land to be attached to the house being not less than one fourth of an acre ; That Plan No. 1142 be approved subject to the building being set back to a building line of 40 feet ; That consideration of Plans Nos. 1129, 1131, 1133, 1144 and 1145 be deferred pending the views of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act ; and That Plans Nos. 1127, 1139 and 1141 be not approved

5—Applications to Develop—(a) The Committee further considered the application of Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons asking what restrictions there were on the portion of Thirlestaine Hall Estate fronting Sandford Road. RESOLVED, That Messrs. G. Bayley & Sons be asked to submit a layout scheme for the development of the whole estate, and in the event of development of the road frontage only, they be informed that all development must be off a service road with one permanent access to Sandford Road and one permanent access in Thirlestaine Road at points to be determined by the Committee, and that pending the completion of the whole of the scheme a temporary access will be permitted to Old Bath Road which would have to be closed up on the completion of the scheme

(b) The Park—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Secretary of the Ladies College asking whether the Committee would be prepared to alter the zoning of the Park so as to permit of the erection of a sanatorium for the Ladies College, which would be provided for the treatment of infectious illnesses. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(c) Read, letter of 20th inst. from Mr. H. St. Clair Hall asking for permission to erect a house on the site of No. 99 Leckhampton Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that Mr. St. Clair Hall be asked to submit preliminary plan of his proposals

(d) High Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the architect to British Home Stores Ltd. for permission to erect a board on the site of Messrs. J. Lance & Co.'s former premises announcing the proposed erection of a branch of British Home Stores. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

6—Proposed Road Cheltenham to Gloucester—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing amended line of the proposed road from Cheltenham to Gloucester, providing for a width of 120 feet between the fences from the Borough Boundary to the junction of the proposed ring road, and for a width of 100 feet from the proposed junction with the ring road to the built up area, and also providing for the consequential amendments to the Southern Bye-pass Road and adjoining roads This plan had been approved by the County Council. RESOLVED, That the plan be approved, and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for approval with a view to an Order being made by the Council for the purpose of applying Section 1 of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act to the site of the proposed road.

7—Town Planning Scheme—The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the completion of the Town Planning Scheme No. 1, and that the model clauses were in course of preparation. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor and Town Planning Assistant be authorised to interview the Ministry of Health on the matters arising on the model clauses if necessary.

8—Development of Unsuitable Land—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Ministry of Health that the Minister was unable to discuss the grounds of his decision in individual cases of interim development, and suggesting that the best method of dealing with the difficulty would be to expedite the completion of the Scheme.

9—Plan No. T.P. 1118—Read, letters from Western Estates (Lawes Cherry) Ltd. that they could not agree to the condition attached to this plan that grey or dark brown sandfaced tiles should be used on the roof, and asking for permission to use tiles, samples of which were submitted. They also were not prepared to surrender the land for the widening of the road unless the Road Authority were prepared to make up the carriageway and footpath and erect suitable front boundary fence. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the two samples of brown tiles submitted. and that the question of the dedication of the land for the widening of the road be referred to the County Council.

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10—Plan No. 4543—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting had met Mr. Hogg in regard to the plan submitted by the Cheltenham Shopfitting Co. for the extension of their works in St. George's Place, and recommended that the improvement line in St. George's Place be amended to provide for the widening of the road to 45 feet, which would necessitate the building being set back 5 feet instead of 13 feet, and that the building should be set back in Synagogue Lane so as to provide for the widening of the lane to 19 feet. Read, letter of 8th inst. from Messrs. Midwinter & Co. that the Company were willing to set back the building in Synagogue Lane as requested, but objected to setting back in St. George's Place. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to meet Mr. Hogg and Mr. Midwinter and agree an improvement line.

11—Plan No. 4621—Read letter from Mrs. Buckingham asking the Committee to reconsider their decision requiring a hip roof to be provided for the house proposed to be erected by her in Warden Hill Road. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that the plan be approved as submitted.

12—Executive Committee—The Committee further considered the revised draft agreement submitted by the Cheltenham Rural District Council for the appointment of an Executive Committee for the completion of the Town Planning Schemes Nos. 1 and 2, leaving the remaining part of their district to be dealt with by a supplemental scheme. The Town Clerk pointed out that this would leave the Borough of Tewkesbury an isolated unit, and with no definite provision made for the remaining area of the Cheltenham Rural District. RESOLVED, That the draft letter of the Town Clerk be approved.

13—Plan No. 4617--The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Cheltenham Estates Ltd. in regard to the disapproval of their plan for 4 houses in Naunton Way. The Borough Surveyor reported that the layout submitted was not in accordance with the layout previously approved by the Committee (Plan No. 3253). RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to approve the plan, and that the Company be informed that the Committee consider that the layout originally approved must be adhered to.

14—Shop Sites, St. Mark's—The Committee considered letter received from Mr. W. H. Horsley in regard to the value and number of houses to be erected on the former shop sites at St. Mark's, RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be asked to view the site and report thereon to the next meeting of the Committee.

15—Building Inspector—Read, application from Mr. G. C. C. King for an increase in salary. Mr. King was at present in Grade I at a salary of £300 per annum rising by 3 annual increments of £15 to £345 per annum. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £330 per annum, and that he be given his maximum salary of the grade on the 1st April, 1938,

16—Cheltenham Town Planning Scheme No. 2—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for one year's extension of the period within which the Draft Scheme shall be adopted for this Scheme.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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#### TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th April, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Rogers, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton- (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee of their meeting held on the 6th inst. They recommended as follows:—

(a) Swimming Pool—That Miss D. Wilkes be appointed Cafe Manageress on the same terms as last year.

(b) Deck Chairs—That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase 200 deck chairs for the Pool at a cost of 2s 9d each.

(c) Alstone Baths—That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the louvre ventilators blanked off with asbestos sheeting so as to reduce the draught at an estimated cost of £7.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted except that only alternative louvres be blanked off and the others covered with perforated zinc.

2—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their meetings held on the 31st ult. and 13th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor having reported as to the cost of the suggested removal of the bottom step at the back of the stage, That the proposal be not proceeded with, but considered again when next year's estimates are under consideration.

(b) Winter Garden—(i) That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to let the Dome portion of the Winter Garden for an Exhibition of Applied Arts and Handicrafts during the week ending the 4th December at a rent of £50 plus cost of lighting.

(ii) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the partition between the Skating Rink and the Dome portion removed prior to the Coronation.

(c) Tennis Matches—That the Committee approve of the Entertainments Manager negotiating with Messrs. Slazengers and Dunlops for exhibition tennis matches on the Montpellier hard courts.

(d) Marle Hill Lake—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to illuminate the Marle Hill Lake with the candle fairy lamps belonging to the Corporation.

(e) Sunday Concerts—That the Sunday Concerts be continued until the end of April, and that the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for a Sunday Concert on the 16th May and that the delegates to the Associated Booksellers' Conference be admitted free, subject to the local Conference Committee guaranteeing £10 towards the cost.

(f) Whitsuntide Programme—That the Whitsuntide Programme providing for concerts by the Band of the 12th Royal Lancers, Crowning of the Carnival Queen and Fete and Amusement Fair at Pittville Gardens with fireworks be approved, and that Messrs. Frocks Ltd. be asked to provide the fireworks display, also that the Parks Committee be asked to consider the illumination of the Pittville Annexe Lake and Boating Pool.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted

3—Winter Dances--RESOLVED, 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.

4—St. Peter's Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the Swimming Pools at this Recreation Ground be opened on the 29th May.

5—Coronation Decorations—RESOLVED, That the application of the United Commercial Travellers' Association for the Coronation decorations to remain up for the period of their Conference up to the 19th May be granted.

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6—Alstone Baths—(a) RESOLVED, That classes of school children be allowed to use the Junior Bath on Saturday mornings.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted final accounts for the erection of the laundry, filter house and covering in of the Open Air Bath. The sum of £21 13s. 6d. had been expended by the contractor on increased cost of labour which had occurred between the acceptance of the tender and completion of the work. RESOLVED, That this sum be allowed to the contractor.

7—Borough Meteorologist's Report—The report of the Borough Meteorologist for 1936 was submitted. RESOLVED, That this be printed as in previous years.

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

(b) Chiropody—The Superintendent reported that owing to the numbers attending the Chiropody Clinic on Wednesday evenings it had been necessary to extend the hours by one hour.

(c) Staff—Read, letter from Mr. T. Hudson in regard to the appointment of his wife as Assistant Superintendent of the Swimming Bath and Slipper Baths. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Baths Sub-Committee.

9--Advertising—Councillor Grimwade reported the proposals of the Advertising Sub-Committee for the advertising for the current year. The Sub-Committee recommended that in lieu of an ordinary film at a cost of £20, a coloured film of Cheltenham at a cost of £40 should be made. RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee's proposals be approved and adopted.

10—Berkeley Place Garden--RESOLVED, That the offer of the Owners of Nos. 1 to 5 Berkeley Place to convey this Garden to the Corporation for the purposes of the Open Spaces Act, 1906, be accepted subject to the condition that no building shall be erected thereon, but the Garden maintained as an ornamental garden, and no games or sports to be allowed, the Owners to be relieved of their liability to pave, kerb and channel the footpath adjoining the Garden on the north side. RESOLVED, also, That the Garden be laid out with some flower beds, and that the existing wall and fence be removed, and that posts and chains be erected in lieu thereof.

11—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the suggestion of Mr. Fowles to allow the purchase of season tickets for this Pool by instalments, and that it be left to the Baths Sub-Committee to settle the conditions of purchase.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd April, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

12—St. George's Square Bowling Green—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Spa Bowling Club had asked that lavatory accommodation should be provided for ladies in the Pavilion and also a men's urinal. He estimated the cost of providing this at £70. RESOLVED, That the application be not entertained.

13—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the District Meeting of the Institute of Municipal and County Engineers to be held in Cheltenham on the 7th July,

14—Alstone Baths—junior Bath—RESOLVED, That school children be admitted to the Junior Bath during school holidays at a charge of 1d. and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide an Attendant during the holidays.

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15—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 20th inst: They recommended (inter alia):

(i). That Season tickets for the Swimming Pool be sold by instalments on the following conditions :----

(a) The total cost of tickets to be £1 for Adults and 12s 6d for Juveniles.

(b) The first instalment for Adults to be 5s and for Juveniles 3s- and thereafter consecutive weekly payments of not less than 1s to be made in each case.

(c) If the payments are allowed to lapse for two weeks, the whole of the payments made to be forfeited.

(d) In the event of any weekly instalment remaining unpaid, admission to the Baths to be refused.

(e) When the final payment is made, the payments card must be surrendered in exchange for a season ticket.

(f) The payments card must be produced at the ticket office whenever admission is desired, otherwise full cost of admission will be charged.

(g) Payments Cards and Season Tickets not to be transferable.

(ii) That the use of Montpellier Baths be granted for the St. Paul's Training College Old Students' Re-Union on the 15th May from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and also that they be granted a monthly ticket at reduced charge of 3s 6d subject to a minimum of 50 tickets being taken for the first month. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except that the minimum number of tickets be reduced to 30.

16—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—The Borough Surveyor reported the preparation made for the re-opening of the Pool on the 1st prox. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase a set of Parallel Bars for children and a Raft to enable the Staff to keep the centre of the Pool clean.

17—Berkeley Place Garden—Read, letters from Mr. Phillips and Dr. Sandeman Allen that the proposal to replace the railings with a post and chain fence would not meet with the approval of the owners as they feared the Gardens would be over-run by children in the neighbourhood. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to take over the Garden unless the owners are prepared to agree to the proposals referred to in Minute No 10.

15—Pittville Circus Garden—The Town Clerk submitted Heads of Agreement proposed to be entered into with the owners of this Garden, which were similar to the proposals above referred to in respect of Berkeley Place Garden. RESOLVED, That these be agreed to and submitted to the owners for approval.

19—Montpellier Gardens--Read, application from the Central Brotherhood for the use of the Pavilion on Sunday afternoons throughout the Summer, commencing on the 9th May for their Sunday afternoon services. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Pavilion be granted subject to the Brotherhood making good any damage done to the property, and to the arrangement being terminable at any time upon one week's notice.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Parks Committee be recommended to re-consider removing the Tank from these Gardens

20—Boating—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from Mr. H. Higgins in regard to the Stove in the Boathouse. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this repaired.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

**ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th April, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Moore and Tylor: Councillors Bendall, Ben James Leigh James, Morris and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1-Supply to Rural Areas (a) Gotherington Nine tenders were received for erecting Overhead Line for extension to Gotherington The Engineer reported that the lowest tender did not comply with the Specification. RESOLVED, That the tender of British Insulated Cables Ltd. amounting to £1,354 0s. 9d. (being the next lowest) be accepted.

(b) Staverton-The Electrical Engineer reported an application by Mr. R. B. Prettejohn for an extension to new cottages near Staverton Court. Mr. Prettejohn was prepared to give the necessary wayleaves. The Borough Electrical Engineer estimated the cost of the extension at £75. RESOLVED, That the erection of an Overhead Line extension from Staverton Court be approved, and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport and to the Local Authorities concerned for consent to the erection of the line.

(c) Wistley- The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Transport to the erection of the Overhead line for this extension.

2-Transformers The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders from eight manufacturers for the supply during the ensuing year of thirteen three-phase 50 period 11,000/398 volt transformers (six to be of Pole Mounting type). RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for examination and report.

3—Salesmanship Training Course----The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Electrical Development Association had started a Salesmanship Training Course and that he thought that several employees would benefit by the Course. The Course was for 6 months and the fee was £5 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the Corporation pay half the fee of each employee taking the Course and grant an increase of two shillings a week in the salary of those passing the final examination,

4—Coronation- RESOLVED, That Minute No. 6 of the Meeting of the Committee on 28th September last be varied by extending the period for the supply of free energy for approved Illumination Schemes from Monday, 10th May to Saturday, 22nd May (both days inclusive), such lighting to be extinguished at midnight. RESOLVED, also, That energy be supplied at a charge of a 1d. per unit to traders who desire to continue approved illuminations until the end of June,

5—High Pressure Mercury Lamps—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that new 80 watt and 120 watt high pressure mercury lamps were available at 30s per 80 watt lamp and 35s per 120 watt lamp. RESOLVED, That the borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase a few of each kind of lamp for experimental purposes.

6---Public Lighting—Added Area of Borough—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported complaints that the area recently added to the Borough was entirely unlighted during the Summer months. RESOLVED, That the borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange terms with the Gas Company for continuing the lighting of the added Area during the Summer months.



7—Association of Public Lighting Engineers Conference—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend this Conference to be held at Folkestone from 6th to 9th September next.

8—Cleeve Mount Estate—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it would be necessary to lay extra high tension and low tension cables at an estimated cost of £4,137 7s. 11d. to supply the 271 houses in course of erection on this Estate. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to a loan of £4,138 for this expenditure.

9- Theft from Slot Meters—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a boy had broken open three slot meters on the ult. and had stolen £1 13s. 0d. RESOLVED, That Superintendent Hopkins be asked to prosecute the

10- Whaddon Farm Estate—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the sanction of the Electricity Commissioners to a loan of £1,966 for extending the supply to the houses in sections C and D on this Estate, and also the consent of the Ministry of Transport to the erection of the necessary Overhead Lines.

11-St. Peter's and St. Paul's Estates—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the sanction of the Electricity Commissioners to a loan of £1,202 for extending the supply to the St Peter's and St. Paul's Housing Estates, and also the consent of the Ministry of Transport to the erection of the necessary Overhead Lines.

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12—Electricity Kiosk, Brooklyn Road—RESOLVED, That an annual of 2s 6d. be made to the Allotments Committee for kiosk erected on an allotment in Brooklyn Road.

13—Extensions to Mains—Shurdington—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreements with the Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Co. Ltd. and the Crenden Concrete Co. Ltd, respectively for power supplies the Companies' works at Shurdington. RESOLVED, That the terms be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreements.

14—Assessment of Electricity Undertaking in Charlton Kings Urban District and Cheltenham Rural District—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Wm. Eve & Sons had re-valued the Undertaking in Charlton Kings Urban District at £825 as against the previous assessment of £625, and the undertaking in Cheltenham Rural District at £2,228 as against the previous assessment of £1,477, and that Hit. Charlton Kings Urban District Council and Cheltenham Rural District Council had given notice to amend the Valuation lists accordingly.

15—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of Gas examination for the Quarter ended 30th ult., which showed the average calorific value for the Quarter to be 471.7 B.Th.U. per cubic foot.

(b) Read, reports of gas tests made on 23rd and 30th ult., and 5th, 12th, 14th, 20th and 24th inst. which showed the calorific value on these days as 470.7, 460.0, 501.3, 474.9, 472.0, 456.8 and 462.9 respectively and the pressure as 8.7, 8.7, 9.1, 9.3, 8.6, 9.1 and 9.3 inches of water respectively.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

## WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th April, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett and Pates; Councillors Barnett, Moore and Morris (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

	For month ended 31st March, 1937.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	432,000 gallons	382,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,759,000 "	1,636,000
Leckhampton Springs	72,000 "	66,000
	3,263,000	2,084,000 "

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Estimated Usable Quantity about ... .. 104,386,000 gallons

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

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

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4- Extension to Main—Noverton Lane—The Borough Engineer submitted application from Mr. A. Wiggett for a supply to houses in course of erection on his land in Noverton Lane. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to extend the main subject to Mr. Wiggett entering into an agreement to provide and maintain tanks of not less than 100 gallons capacity in each house and to enter into a covenant to bind so far as may be is successors in title, owners for the time being of the houses to be built, that no objection shall be made to any deficiency of supply due to levels.

5-New Mains --RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £5,000 for the provision of new mains.

6-Trunk Main, Churchdown to Hewletts-----The Borough Engineer reported that tenders had been invited for the supply of cast iron pipes for this main. RESOLVED, That a special meeting of the Committee be held on 1st prox. to consider the tenders.

7—Sandford Waterworks Stores- --The Committee considered the report of the Internal Auditor in regard to these stores. ESOLVED, That the Committee are satisfied that it is not practicable to alter the present system.

Water Analyses—RESOLVED, That the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board be asked to undertake the periodical analyses of the water supplies at a charge of 7s 6d per analysis whether chemical or bacteriological.

9—Hewletts and Leckhampton Supplies—Read, letters of 8th inst. from Dr. Beale on his examinations of the sources of these supplies, which confirmed the verbal report made at the last meeting of the Committee. In

addition to his recommendation to sterilise the supplies by means of chloramine, he recommended that wires should be stretched across the open storage reservoirs at Hewletts with a view to keeping off the gulls. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have these wires provided.

10--Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board—Standing Charges—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board recommended that in view of the desirability of providing emergency supplies in the event of air raids, the Leckhampton and Sandford supplies of the Cheltenham Corporation and the Newent and Ketford supplies of the Gloucester Corporation should not be closed down as previously decided, but should be retained as national emergency supplies. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that Minute No. 8 (b) passed at the meeting of the Committee on 12th January last be varied accordingly.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

#### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th April, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Leigh James, Smith and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Municipal Offices-Ha) Telephone Operator—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to engage a Relief Telephone Girl at a wage of 15s per week.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders received for the provision of the two sets of Swing Doors to be erected on the First Floor and Basement. RESOLVED, That the tender of Amos Wilson & Son amounting to £65 3s. 11d. being the lowest, be accepted.

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

Date, 1937. Place,	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
March 19th Dowman's Farm, Coberley	Not known	£200	£7 14s. 8d
“ “ Onchan," Hall's Road, Leckhampton.	Clothes caught fire	Slight	19s. 6d.

RESOLVED, That the Rural District Council be asked to re-consider entering into an Agreement for the provision of the services of the Fire Brigade for their extended area not covered by the present Agreement in view of the possible danger of Air Raids.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the Annual Meeting of the Committee to inspect the Hackney Carriages be held on the 14th May at 10 a.m.

4—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of E. L. Ward Ltd. to store 300 gallons of Petroleum Spirit in an underground tank at the rear of their premises in North Street be granted.

5—Rodney Road Car Park—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Debenham & Longman to park bicycles at this Car Park during business hours on weekdays be granted at a charge of 5s per bicycle per annum.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that Mr. D. V. Davies had withdrawn his application to purchase a portion of the Car Park for the extension of his Hotel.

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

7—Domestic Servants' Registry—Read, report of Superintendent Hopkins of the inspection of all the Domestic Agencies in the Borough. The Agencies carried on by Mrs. Farthing at St. Mark's Villa and Miss Taylor of 54 Keynsham Street had now been closed and the Town Clerk reported that these had now been removed from the Register.

8—Parking Place, Suffolk Square—Read, letter of 23rd ult. from Superintendent Wayman that he had been approached by Patrons of the Daffodil Picture House for permission to park their cars without lights in Suffolk Square. The Town Clerk reported that this was not possible until an Order had been made appointing it a Parking Place. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice of the intention to make an Order under Section 68 the Public Health Act, 1925, authorising the use as a Parking Place for private motor cars of Suffolk Square (East side).

9—Post Early—Read, circular of 25th ult. from the Head Postmaster drawing attention to the difficult problem caused by the heavy load imposed at night and morning by the custom of posting the bulk of the day's letters at the close of business hours and urging the public to post as many letters as possible during the day

10—International Union of Local Authorities—Read, circular inviting the appointment of delegates to attend the Conference of the International Union of Local Authorities to be held at Paris in July. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

11—Leckhampton Hill Estate—(a) RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Girl Guides to provide a Coronation Bonfire on Leckhampton Hill on the 14th May, subject to this being placed in a position approved by the Borough Surveyor.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide 6 seats in a suitable position on Leckhampton Hill.

12—Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Act, 1936—The Town Clerk submitted circular from the Home Office drawing attention to this Act, which comes into force on the 1st prox. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to publish Poster and Handbills drawing attention of Shopkeepers to the Act and to supply the Police with particulars of the Act and Home Office Memoranda thereon.

CHAS. H. MARGRETE, Chairman.

### ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th April, 1937,** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Addis, Carter, Clarkson and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had inspected all the allotments and found many to be in an unsatisfactory condition, but he considered this was due to the inclement weather, and he would make a full report next month.

2—Marle Hill Allotments—Path—The Visitors reported their inspection in regard to the suggestion that a path should be provided across field No. 482 from Evesham Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a path constructed with broken pitching, the first 100 yards to be strengthened and widened to accommodate cars in the event of the field being used as a car park at a cost of about £100.

3—Creamery Piece Allotments—Paths—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the condition of the paths at these allotments, RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the paths patched and the potholes filled in with tarmacadam.

4—Allotment No. 38 Alma Road—RESOLVED, That the tenant be granted this allotment rent free up to 29th September next in view of the bad condition of same.

5—Allotment No. 3 Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk submitted application from the tenant of this allotment for a reduction in his rent in respect of the land taken for the erection of an electricity kiosk, RESOLVED, That his rent be reduced by 2s 6d. per annum, and that the Electricity Committee be asked to bear this.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

### PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th April, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Sandford Park—Lily Pond—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Lily Pond had recently been cleaned out and it was found that the stock of goldfish had become depleted. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to obtain 100 goldfish for the pond.

2—Damage to Gardens—The Gardens Superintendent reported the theft of plants and damage to the gardens at the Winter Garden and Promenade Long Gardens on the night of 11th April. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute the offenders if the necessary evidence is forthcoming.

3—Pittville Gardens—Aviaries—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the gift of a pair of Russian Ice Pigeons by Mr. J. W. Houghton. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

(b) RESOLVED, That an advertisement be inserted in the " Echo " that gifts of small birds for the aviaries will be welcomed.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Lodge—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the yard enclosed with a close boarded fence instead of the stone wall.

5—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 11th ult. from Leckwith Estates Co. that the inclement weather during the past few months had prevented them proceeding with the construction of the approach roads, but their surveyor now had the matter well in hand. The Borough Surveyor reported that the construction of the roads had not yet been commenced. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Company that unless the work is commenced at once proceedings will be taken to enforce the covenants,

6—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Hard Tennis Courts—(a) Read, letter from the Brooklyn Tennis Club enclosing balance sheet showing a deficit of £5 16s. 6d. RESOLVED, That they be granted a rebate of this amount in accordance with the terms of their tenancy agreement. RESOLVED, also, That the Courts be let to the Club for the coming season on the same terms as last season, viz, at a rent of £40 with a rebate up to £10 if at the end of the season it is found that there is a deficit in their expenses.

(b) Read, also, letter of 1st inst. from the Club asking for a shelter to be erected adjoining the Courts, and offering to contribute the sum of £3 towards the cost of this RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

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7—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be given to St. Stephen's Cricket Club to play cricket on the St. Mark's Playing Field on alternate Saturdays during the coming season.

8—Athletic Ground—Read, letter of the 3rd inst. from the Cheltenham Motor Club applying for the tenancy of the Athletic Ground every evening after 6 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and Whit Monday and August Bank Holiday for the staging of grass track racing and rodeos etc. Messrs. Clarke, Locke and Pyecroft attended in support of the application and offered a rent of £50 for the ground. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that a special meeting of the Committee be held to consider the matter.

9—Coronation—Read, application from Mrs. A. and Mr. M. Sabbatella for the right to sell Ice Creams in the Parks on Coronation Day. RESOLVED, That the application be not entertained.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd April, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; Councillors Bendall, Compton, Garland, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Green in the chair).

10—Athletic Ground—The Committee further considered the application of the Cheltenham Motor Club to rent the Athletic Ground during the summer months, and Messrs Clarke, Such and Pyecroft attended on behalf of the Club. Read, letter from the Education Secretary stating that organised games and physical exercises could not be held at the same time as the ground was used by the Motor Club for practice. The Education Committee were now required to provide facilities for physical training in accordance with the Board of Education syllabus, and it was essential that All Saints' School should have a playing field as

otherwise it would not be recognised as a Senior School and the Education Committee were of opinion that the ground should be reserved for the use of school children for organised games on certain evenings of the week. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to grant the use of the ground to the Motor Club during the months of May, June, July and August at the following times :—

The exclusive use on Whit-Monday and August Bank Holiday, and for ten evenings after 6 p.m. prior thereto ; also on Wednesday or Saturday afternoons each week, as selected by the Club, including the evening, and on two other evenings per week to be selected by the Club, at a rent of £35 plus 5 per cent on the net profits, subject to the following conditions :—

(a) No assignment or sub-letting to be made by the Club without first obtaining the consent of the Corporation ;

(b) The Club not to permit any noise from the motor cycles which will cause a nuisance or annoyance to the neighbourhood ;

(c) Not more than three grass track racing meetings to be held, and no grass track racing practice ;

(d) Any damage caused by the use of the ground by the Club and the public attending their entertainments to be made good by the Club.

RESOLVED, also, That the use of the ground be granted to the Education Committee on the afternoons and evenings when not used by the Motor Club at a rent to be arranged.

11—Coronation Day—RESOLVED. That the right to sell Ice Creams in the Parks and Recreation Grounds (except Sandford Park) on Coronation Day be granted to Mr. M. and Mrs. A. Sabbatella subject to payment in advance of the sum of £2, the right to be limited to the sale of Ice Creams from a hand truck.

12—Marle Hill Annexe—The Borough Electrical Engineer attended and submitted an estimate of the cost of installing electric light in some of the principal paths in Marle Hill Annexe and providing flood lighting and illumination effects. Section A provided for flood lights and illumination from the Evesham Road entrance as far as the bridge, at a cost of £131 10s. 4d. ; Section B provided for three lamps to be placed along the path leading round the lake to the Boat House and also for supply to the Boat House, at a cost of £58 4s. 0d. ; Section C provided for four lamps between the bridge and the Band Stand at a cost of £50 1s. 7d., making a total cost of £239 15s. 11d. for the whole of the pathway lighting. Section D covered the cost of material for illuminating the bridge by means of a large number of coloured lamps at a cost of £39 1s. 8d. Section E provided for the erection of 96 coloured lamps round the Band Stand at a cost of £9 5s. 8d. Section F provided for an underground cable to be laid along a portion of the bank on the south side of the Children's Boating Lake for supplying six flood light projectors at a cost of £52 12s. 7d. RESOLVED, That these proposals be not entertained.

13—Theft of Flowers—The Town Clerk submitted Police report of the theft of flowers from Marle Hill Annexe by two boys aged 13. RESOLVED, That the Police be asked to prosecute the boys.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

## ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th April, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Winterbotham and Capt. Trye; Councillors Avery and Garland; and Major Clift (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for February and March—Visitors-5,968 (last year 5,934). Included in these figures were parties of 135 girls from the Ladies' College, 18 students from St. Mary's Training College, 16 students from St. Paul's Training College, 14 children from Woodmancote Sunday School, 9 girls from the Parish Church Junior School.

Annual Attendance—The total attendance for the year ended 31st March, 1937, was 38,190 (last year 34,980). A printed report will be issued in due course.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, refunded lighting expenses, etc. £4 6s. 8d. " Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund " £14 5s. 10d. Total £18 12s. 6d.

Exhibitions-23rd February-22nd March, Works by Lily Allsop, Greta Delleany, and Hugo van Wadenoyen. 24th March-14th April, Works by Amy Brazil, Annie M. Ward, and Irene Burton.

Talks by the Curator—The Curator had given several talks on subjects relating to the Museum and Art Gallery in adjacent localities, since 2nd February, 1937.

Distemping—The cleaning of the Small Gallery had been carried out by Messrs. Griffiths in February.

Show-casing—A new show-case had been delivered by Mr. Peter Waals, according to contract.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Art Gallery and Museum had been received from the following ;—Miss Beck, Mrs. Clifford, Mr. Walter Clifford, Mr. Bruce George, Mr. H. J. Davis, Mrs. Edgell, Miss Giller, Miss Langton, Mr. Lloyd-Johnes, Mr. T. Locke, Miss Maiben, Mr. H. W. Maxwell, Dr. Pollard, Mr. F. W. Reville, Rev. T. S. Tonkinson, Alderman Capt. J. H. Trye, Mr. Twycross, Dr. Oliver H. Wild. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors. RESOLVED, further, That a letter of thanks be sent to Councillor T. Wilfred Waite for the two exhibition cases which he kindly presented to this Institution.

3—Victoria and Albert Museum Loans—RESOLVED, That a further change of loan be authorised.

4—Offer of picture by the late Benjamin Haughton, R.B.A.—The Curator read letter from Mrs Haughton in which she offered to Municipal Galleries a selection of her late husband's work, to be exhibited in London from the 20th to 30th April. RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to attend the exhibition on the opening day, and make a selection if deemed advisable.

5—Exhibitions —RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to arrange the following exhibitions :—

(a) 16th April to 1st May : Exhibition of paintings by James W. Tucker.

(b) 10th June to 3rd July : Exhibition by Cotswold Art Club.

(c) October : Exhibition by the Cheltenham Group of Artists.



6—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That a Bristol Delft Plate (£1 5s. 0d.), Worcester Porcelain Dish (£5 5s. 0d.), Two examples of Bristol Glass (£2), Flint strike-a-light and screen frame (£1 17s. 6d.), Cheese Press and miscellaneous Bygones (£2 10s. 6d.), Watch by Gregory, Gloucester, 1851-2 (£1 5s. 0d.), Spit engine and Bygones (£6 2s. 6d.), 10 Museum specimens (£1) and Ale Muller (£2 10s. 0d.) be purchased from this Fund at a total cost of £20 15s. 6d.

7—Show-casing—RESOLVED, That an offer by Mr. A. W. Newport of 5 second-hand show-cases for £30 be accepted.

8—Staff, Junior Assistant—The Curator reported as to the health of Mr. Peter W. Harding, junior assistant, on probation. RESOLVED, That the appointment be regarded as vacant, and that the Curator be authorised to advertise for an assistant to fill the vacancy in Grade A Div. 1.

9—Coronation Day and Whit Monday—RESOLVED, (a) That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Coronation Day (12th May).

(b) That the Art Gallery and Museum be kept open on Whit Monday, 17th May, until 6 p.m.

10—Gibraltar House—RESOLVED, That the draft lease, as now agreed to by the tenant, Mr. D. W. Hart, be approved.

11—Date of Next meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on the 18th June.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 8th April, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; Councillors Grimwade and Bendall ; Rev. B. Thomas, Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Dr. R. Davies, and Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris, F. Vernall, C. E. Walsh and W. N. Weech (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for February and March, 1937—Receipts £34 15s. 7d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 13,663 (last year 12,391); Lending Department 34,318 (last year 35,645) Junior Department 4,492 (last year 4,741). School Libraries 8,566 (last year 8,659) ; Total 61,039 (last year 61,436).

Annual Issue—The total issue for the year ended 31st March, 1937, was 322,472 (last year 317,978). This is the highest issue on record. A printed report will be issued in due course.

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

8th February Mr. J. E. Barton, M.A., on " Civilisation in the Machine Age." Attendance 83.

15th February Mr. H. M. Cashmore, F.L.A., on "Impressions of Russia." Attendance 184.

1st March The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Bledisloe, P.C., G.C.M.G., on "New Zealand, the Gem of the Empire." Attendance 310.

8th March Alderman W. A. Cadbury, LL.D., F.R.G.S., on " Maps since the introduction of printing." Attendance 123.

15th March Dr. Habberton Lulham, F.R.S.A., on "The South Downs in Pictures, Prose and Poetry," Attendance 132.

22nd March Mr. John C. Moore, "A Talk on Spain." Attendance 177.

The total attendance at 17 Winter lectures had been 2,511, an average of 148 per lecture. The collections have produced the sum of £19 10s. 0d. towards the "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund,"

Staff—At the examinations of the Library Association held last December, Miss P. E. Morgan was successful in passing the Final Examination, Part 1 (Literary History), with merit.

Coronation Decorations—It had been found impracticable to flood-light the facade of the building for the Coronation period, owing to the blackened state of the stone-work. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be asked to inspect the stone-work and give a report and estimate for cleaning.

Heating Boiler—The Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co. had examined the boiler, and reported no defects.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 304 volumes published at £121 19s. 0d., be purchased for the sum of £73 3s. 10d.

(b) That £75 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £50 be spent on Replacements.

3—Donations—Gifts to the Library had been received from the following : Miss Baker-Penoyre, The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Bledisloe, The Trustees of The British Museum, Miss E. Maude Bubb, Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Miss Conder, Copper Development Association Ltd., Miss W. A. Evans, Miss K. D. Glyn, Mr. J. Harkness, Mr. J. H. Hughes, Mr. C. R. Johns, Mr. P. V. Langton, Mr. H. G. Lewis, Librarian of Congress, Lt.-Col. Longridge, Mr. A. L. Morris, Dr. R. W. Murray, Mr. F. J. Nettlefold, Mr. V. Phellps, Mrs. Robinson, Dr. A. B. Sturges, Miss Tinson, Dr. Oliver H. 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.

4—Keesing's Contemporary Archives—RESOLVED, That this publication be taken for one year on trial from the 1st July at a cost of £3 15s. 0d. for the first year. RESOLVED, further, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mrs. Rootham who offered to subscribe £1 per annum towards the cost of this publication.

5—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That "The Friend" and "Labour Monthly " offered as gifts be accepted with thanks. RESOLVED, further, That as the suggested purchase of the "Colophon" had been withdrawn further consideration, to this matter be not given.

6—Staff—RESOLVED, (a) That Miss Freda Benney (London Matriculation, and Higher School Certificate) be appointed Junior Assistant in Grade A Division 1 to fill a vacancy.

(b) That Miss P. M. Wilkins be promoted to Grade A Division 2 to fill a vacancy.

(c) That Miss P. E. Morgan be promoted to Grade B, Secretarial Assistant, to fill a vacancy.

7—Drinking Water and Wash Basin—RESOLVED, That a tap connecting with the fresh water main be made available for drinking purposes in place of that previously used, and that a new wash basin be fixed in the Staff cloak room.

8—Coronation Day and Whit Monday Closing—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library be closed on Coronation Day (12th May), and Whit Monday.

9—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on the 10th June, 1937.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

#### RATING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 8th April, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge and 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—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

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th April, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pruett and Taylor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Leigh James (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—(a) Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 31st ult., on the collection of the Second Instalment of last year's Rate. Amount collected £108,068 Leaving outstanding £6,391 (including arrears of £1,294).

(b) Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £4,966 ; Leaving outstanding £109,888.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 31st ult., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended 31st March, 1937. Amount collected £22,530; Leaving outstanding £814.

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3—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £3,272 had been received for 3 per cent. Housing Bonds and that certificates had been issued accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved. Housing Bonds amounting to £3,075 had also been renewed at 3 per cent.

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

Date, 1937.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
30th March	Sewers, Whaddon Farm Estate	£6,746 .	30 years.
"	Roads, " "	£10,025	20 years
"	Electricity Mains, "	£1,966 ...	25 years
2nd April	Renewal Water Mains ...	£5,000 ..	30 years
14th "	Electricity Mains etc., St. Paul's and St. Peter's Estates ...	£1,202	25 years
16th "	Sewers, Moorend District	£7,681	30 years
22nd "	Crematorium	£4,200	30 years

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 27th 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.

6—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting he had received £20,400 on loan. RESOLVED, That debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

7—Superannuation Scheme—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that the contributions and interest payable to the representatives of the late W. J. Pates (ex-labourer) who died on 8th inst., and of the late F. Webb (ex-labourer) who died on the 27th February last, amounted to £42 17s. 3d. and £86 11s. 3d. respectively. RESOLVED, That these sums be paid.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that R. Mason (ex-horse driver) who was in receipt of a pension of 11s a week, died on the 22nd inst.

8—Interim Payments—The Town Clerk reported that the District Auditor had agreed that cheques for interim payments amounting to less than £20 need not in future be certified by the Town Clerk. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and the Bank be informed accordingly.

9—Borough Treasurer's Department—The Borough Treasurer recommended that an additional Clerk be employed in his office to operate the costing machine. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to appoint a Clerk on Grade A Scale. RESOLVED, also, That one of the junior members of his staff be transferred to the Rates Department, and the post thus vacated filled by the appointment of a junior Clerk.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

**Borough of Cheltenham**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd June, 1937.

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 June, 1937, 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 approve or otherwise the following resolution :— "That Section 1 of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933 shall on and from the 1st day of August, 1937 apply to Sheep, Ewes, Wethers, Rams and Lambs."

HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE and to consider offer for sale of 107 High Street.

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 and to accept tender for Pavilion, Hatherley Court Recreation Ground.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

**Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 3rd May, 1937, 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).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. (Retd.) and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton,

Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, 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 Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Dr. Hayward and Waite.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 5th April, 1937, 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—Alderman Sawyer—Read, letter of 15th ult. from Alderman Sawyer resigning his office as Alderman owing to failing health. Resolved, That the Council regret the resignation of Alderman Sawyer owing, to his ill-health, and record their appreciation of the long and faithful services rendered by him to the Town as a Member of the Council for nearly 28 years, during which time he was Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee for over 17 years.

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3—Election of Alderman—The Members of the Council present entitled to vote and voting delivered to the Chairman papers signed by them, and the same having been openly produced and read, it appeared that Leigh James of Liddington, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham, Butcher, had been voted for and received 18 votes. The Mayor accordingly declared the above mentioned to be elected Alderman, who then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4—Assignment of Aldermen to Wards—Resolved, That Alderman Leigh James be appointed Returning Officer for the Park Ward of the Borough for the purposes of Municipal Elections.

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

Public Health Meeting held April 12

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Leigh James and seconded by Councillor Ben James : " That Minute No. 19 in regard to the Slaughter of Animals Act 1933 be not approved " was lost).

Resolved, also, That notice be served under Section 94 of the Public Health Act 1875 on Messrs. Shentons Shoe Repairing Factory Ltd., requiring them to abate the smoke nuisance at their premises at 36 Bath Road within two months.

Resolved, also, That Mr. C. G. Jefferies appointed Temporary Engineering Assistant in Minute No. 3 having declined the appointment, the Borough Surveyor be authorised to advertise for a permanent assistant Grade 1 (£300 to £345) and that the Sub-Committee be authorised to make an appointment.

Housing Meeting held April 15

Street and Highway Meeting held April 19

(The following Amendments were lost :—Moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Alderman Pruen :  
" That Minute No. 13 in regard to the wages of sweepers engaged on Sundays be not approved, and that the men be paid double their ordinary rate of wages for the period worked."

Moved by Councillor Barnett and seconded by Councillor Garland : " That consideration of Minute No. 8 in regard to the Pittville Street Improvement Scheme be adjourned for one month.")

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held April 19

Town Planning Meetings held April 7 & 22

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Howell and seconded by Councillor Miller : " That Minute No. 5 (b) in regard to the application of the Ladies' College to erect a Sanatorium at The Park be referred back."

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Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held April 16 & 23

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held April 26

Resolved, also, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That the alternative B. tender of the British Electric Transformer Company for transformers, amounting to £1168 19s. 0d., being the most favourable of the eight tenders received, be accepted subject to contract.

Water Meeting held April 13

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held April 20

Allotments Meeting held April 12

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meetings held April 12 & 23

Except that the second resolution to Minute No. 10 be amended, and that the Athletic Ground be granted to the Education Committee on the mornings, afternoons and evenings when not used by the Motor Club or other Clubs at a rent to be arranged.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Miller : " That Minute No. 8 be amended and that the ground be not let to the Motor Club " was not seconded.)

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held April 16

Public Library Meeting held April 8

Rating Meeting held April 8

Finance Meeting held April 27

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

opposite their respective names, and such additional sums as may become payable during the month in respect of current Contracts upon the Certificate of the Architect or Officer under whom the work is carried out.

6—Education Committee—Resolved, That Mr. P. R. Clauss be re-appointed a member of the Education Committee for a period of three years expiring on 4th June, 1940.

7-Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Act, 1936—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Home Office that an application had been received from the Black & White Motorways Ltd. for approval to the sale of books and stationery at the Coach Station in St. Margaret's Road on Sundays, and asking whether the Council had any observations to make upon the application. Resolved, That no objection be raised to the application.

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 June, 1937.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th May, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at Mill House, 281 Arle Road—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house are satisfied that the said house is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and is unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that it is capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936, notice be given to the person having control of the house requiring him to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the house fit for human habitation.

2—Nuisances from Drains etc. at 21, 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—Clearance Orders, 1936— (a) 1 and 2 Richmond Cottages ; 102 and 104 Swindon Road; 12 North Place and 1 and 2 St. Margaret's Cottages ; 26, 86, 87 and 88 Albion Street ; 30 Portland Square; 6 Portland Cottages ; 45 Jersey Street ; 28 Union Street ; 18 Fairview Street ; 5 and 6 Providence Square ; Stanley Cottage, Sidney Street ; 15 Sidney Street ; Eaton Cottage, Eaton Place; 4 Eaton Place ; 9 Kew Place ; 1-5 Edward Terrace ; 1 and 2 Buckles Cottages ; Wenlock House ; 1, 2 and 3 Coltham Fields ; 1, 2 and 3 Clare Cottages ; 1, 2, 4 and 5 Hughes Passage ; 2 and 3 Gothic Cottages ; 11 and 11a Commercial Street; 31 and 33 Union Street—The Town Clerk reported that the above houses had been excluded from the Clearance Orders by the Minister of Health in view of Owners having agreed to give undertakings under Section 11 of



the Housing Act, 1936, to recondition or convert the said houses to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, or that the said houses shall not be used for human habitation (as the case may be). RESOLVED, That notices be given under Section 11 of Housing Act, 1936, to the owners, persons having control of the said houses, and mortgagees (if any), of intention to consider making Demolition Orders in respect of the said houses at a meeting of this Committee to be held on the 8th September, 1937, with a view to Undertakings being given under the Section.

(b) 3 Buckles Cottages ; 5 Queen's Terrace ; 3 Hughes Passage ; 1 Gothic Cottages—The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Health had excluded these houses from the Orders as by exclusion of other properties they were the only houses left in their respective areas, and a Clearance Order could therefore not be made. RESOLVED, That notices be given under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, to the owners, persons having control of the said houses, and mortgagees (if any), of intention to consider making Demolition Orders in respect of the said houses at a meeting of this Committee to be held on the 8th September, 1937.

(c) 15 Sherborne Street ; 1-4 Britannia Place ; 13 Witcombe Place—The Town Clerk reported that the Clearance Orders made for these houses would riot be confirmed. No. 15 Sherborne Street and 13 Witcombe Place had been withdrawn by the Corporation

4—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 407(a) High Street (1st and 2nd Floors) ; 39 Lansdown Crescent (Basement)—The Committee considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the above-mentioned parts of these premises. Read, letter of 6th inst. from Mrs Hamilton on behalf of the Owner of 39 Lansdown Crescent consenting to an Order being made. RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the above-mentioned parts of the said premises, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, 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 12 of the Housing Act, 1936, prohibiting the use of the said rooms for any purpose other than the use as a store, kitchen, scullery, washhouse or other domestic office.

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(b) West Cottage, 15a St. George's Avenue ; 10 and 12 Malvern Street ; Walcot Cottage, Sherborne Place—The Committee considered the official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above mentioned premises are unfit for human habitation and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, notices be given under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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 works or the future user of the houses will be considered at a meeting of this Committee to be held on the 6th July. 1937.

(c) 1-4 Kingsditch Lane—The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. Read, letter of 24th ult. from Mr. H. Boreham, agent for the Owner, asking the Corporation to consider the purchase of the houses and the adjoining land containing about 0.648 acres. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the dwelling houses, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a

reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertaking having been given by the Owner 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 (4) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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, RESOLVED, also, That it be referred to the Housing Committee to consider the purchase of the site of the houses and the adjoining land.

(d) 30 Sandford Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises be adjourned for one month and that the Rota Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the premises.

(e) 292 High Street (1st and 2nd, floors) ; 19 Bath Parade (Basement)—The Committee further considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the above premises. RESOLVED, That the undertakings given by the Owners to carry out the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit be accepted.

(f) 24 Grosvenor Street (Basement)—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had now carried out the work required to render the basement of these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That an Order be made determining the Closing Order made on the 1st May, 1933.

(g) 90 Swindon Road ; 1 Granville Street : 29 and 30 Queen Street ; 19 Francis Street ; 62 Burton Street ; 1 Weston Cottages, Tewkesbury Road ; 21 Hermitage Street; and 45 New Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Undertakings be cancelled.

(h) 16--19 Waterloo Street ; and 34 Fairview Road—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses in breach of the Owners' undertakings to recondition, The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of Nos. 16-19 Waterloo Street had promised to start the necessary work on the 19th inst. and that the Owner of 34 Fairview Road had not yet completely carried out his undertaking. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month in each case and that the Owner of 34 Fairview Road be informed that an Order will be made unless his undertaking has been completely carried out before the next Meeting of the Committee.

(i) 20 Columbia Street—The Committee considered the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of this house. Read, letter of 7th inst. from Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson asking for an adjournment for two months to enable the Owners to sell the house. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months,

(j) Two caravans at Hester's Way, Arle—It was reported that these caravans in respect of which Notices had been served of intention to make Demolition Orders, had now been removed by the occupier.

(k) 42 and 43 Montpellier Villas—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Owner of these houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made on the 3rd ult. stating that he intended to start reconditioning the property in a few weeks. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee are not prepared to consider rescinding the Orders.

5—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness—(a) 18 Jersey Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had carried out to his satisfaction works which in his opinion would with reasonable care and maintenance render it fit for human habitation for a period of at least 10 years RESOLVED, That a certificate be issued to the Owner under Section 51 of the Housing Act, 1936, that the house is fit for human habitation and will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of 10 years.

(b) 2 Millbrook Terrace ; 1-4 Williams Cottages, Alstone 52 Sherborne Street ; and Prospect Cottage, St. Paul's —The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these houses had in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 (1) of the Housing Act, 1936, submitted lists of proposed works with a request in writing that the Council should inform them whether in their opinion the houses would after the execution of those works or of those works together with any additional works be in all respects fit for human habitation and would with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of at least five years. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to submit to the Owners lists of any additional works which he considers should be carried out before certificates could be given.

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6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 qrs. 10 lbs. Beef ; 3 cwt. 3 qrs. 3 lbs. Pork ; 1 qr. 25 lbs, Mutton ; 6 lbs. Poultry.

7—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—The Medical Officer of Health submitted an application from Mr. F. T. Gabb of "The Rockeries," Hester's Way, for registration as a Wholesale Producer of milk. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Medical Officer of Health does not consider the premises suitable,

8—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. F. T. Cairns of The Reddings Farm, Badgeworth, for a Dealer's Licence to sell " Tuberculin Tested " Milk be granted to the 31st December, 1937, subject to the provisions of the Order.

9—Shops Act, 1934-386c1 High Street—Read, letter of 20th ult. from Mrs. M. Barrett informing the Committee that she would be vacating the above shop in two or three weeks. RESOLVED, That the Minute passed on the 8th March last authorising a Certificate of Exemption from the provisions of Section 10 (2) of the Act, to be granted for these premises, be rescinded RESOLVED, also, That the owners of the property be informed that, if the premises are re-let as a shop, suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences must be provided.

10—Sewer in Lane at rear of Pittville Parade and Clarence Square—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that during the work of relaying a water main it had been found that rats were working out of the old brick sewer in the above lane. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine the condition of the sewer and report to the Committee thereon.

11—Smoke Nuisance—Bath Road—The Town Clerk submitted a further letter complaining of the nuisance caused by the emission of smoke from Messrs. Shenton's factory in Bath Road. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported service of notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring abatement of the nuisance, and submitted letter from Messrs. Shenton stating that a larger boiler of improved construction had been ordered.

12—Gynaecological Clinic—The Committee considered a recommendation by the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee that a Gynaecological Clinic should be established for the purpose of giving medical advice and treatment for gynaecological conditions, and advice on contraceptive methods to married women in cases where pregnancy would be detrimental to health. The Medical Officer of Health estimated that the annual running cost of such a clinic would be about £60 RESOLVED, That the recommendation be approved and that the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee be asked to establish and manage the Clinic.

13--Windsor Street House Drains—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the sewer in this road had been relayed at a slightly higher level, and that in consequence of this it would be necessary to relay portions of the house drains, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this carried out.

14—Health Week—The Medical Officer of Health reported the provisional arrangements made. The Duchess of Beaufort had accepted the invitation to open the Exhibition. The week coincided with the opening of the National Health Campaign by the Ministry of Health, and the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry had consented to speak, and the Minister of Health had promised to send a special message. A provisional list of speakers included Professor J. Cowell, F.R.C.P., of the University of London, Dr. J. H. Harley Williams, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Barr-at-Law, Medical Commissioner of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, Major H. F. Stimson. Director of Physical Education, University College of Wales, and Dr. Bousfield.

15—Hayden Sewage Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work of protecting the banks of a portion of the Effluent Channel had been completed at a cost of £350 1s. 1d., and that Mr. Drew and Mr. Lane, occupiers of adjoining land, had submitted claims for £1 10s. 0d. and £5 0s. 0d. respectively, as compensation for damage caused to their land while the work was being carried out. RESOLVED, That the condition of the land be viewed by Committee on the 2nd prox.

16—Hayden Knoll Cottages—The Borough Surveyor reported that on further inspection he had formed the opinion that the condition of these Cottages did not warrant the expenditure of £25 5s. 0d. for re-thatching in accordance with Minute No. 14 of the last Meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Cottages be viewed by the Committee on the 2nd prox,

17—Barn Farm Road—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 6th inst. from Mr. Rymer asking the Corporation to scarify and roll this road if he paid for the haulage and spreading of the necessary stone. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view on the 2nd prox.

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18—Public Conveniences—(a) Clarence Parade Conveniences—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by the Custodian and his wife for their hours of attendance to be reduced. RESOLVED, That they be granted a further half day's holiday each week, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to pay the relief attendants an additional 5s per week each, for being on duty at those times.

(b) Montpellier Conveniences—(i) The Borough Surveyor reported that the period of six months during which no charge was to be made for admission to certain conveniences at Montpellier, in accordance with Minute No 24 of the Meeting of this Committee on the 16th November last would shortly expire. RESOLVED, That consideration of continuing this arrangement be adjourned for one month.

(ii) The Borough Surveyor reported an application by the Custodian and his wife for relief from their duties on Sunday afternoons and evenings. RESOLVED, That the application be granted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to engage relief attendants for those times.

(c) Tewkesbury Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the construction of the Ladies' conveniences in Tewkesbury Road had been completed at a cost of £100 15s. 9d. as compared with the estimated cost of £110,

19—Sewer in Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Western Estates Ltd. for the refund of part of a sum of £484 0s. 0d. deposited to meet the cost of the extension of the sewer in this road. He reported that the rateable value of the houses connected to the sewer and in beneficial occupation now amounted to £152 0s. 0d. and that the applicants were accordingly entitled to a refund of £76. RESOLVED, That the sum of £76 be refunded to the applicants.

20—Flooding—(a) Engineering Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to the refusal of the temporary post by the candidate previously selected, he had re-advertised the position as a permanent appointment. RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Dr. Curling Hayward, Moore and Morris be re-appointed to interview applicants and select a candidate for the post.

(c) Moorend Park Road District—The Town Clerk reported receipt of the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan of £7,681 for laying the new sewers from Painswick Road to Leckhampton Road and along Moorend Grove. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the laying of portions of the sewer from Leckhampton Road to the Railway Bridge in Moorend Crescent and along Moorend Grove.

21—Tivoli Road, "The Pines"—Councillors Moore and Morris reported their inspection of the wall between this property and "Cedros Lodge," but asked that the matter should be adjourned for a month so that the Borough Surveyor might meet them to inspect the wall. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

22—Tewkesbury Road—Read, application by Mr. J. Parker for permission to connect his house outside the Borough with the Barn Outfall sewer. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to Mr. Parker agreeing to pay an annual charge of 2s in the pound on the Rateable Value of the premises and to the usual agreement being entered into.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th May, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; Councillors Bettridge, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Moore and Morris (Councillor Morris in the chair).

1—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the various contracts for the erection of houses.

(b) Clerk of Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Sub-Committee had appointed Mr. R. C. Mann of 7 Millbrook Street, Clerk of Works at a wage of £6 per week, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Waste Pipes----RESOLVED, That in all new houses, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry the waste pipes into a side inlet gully instead of an open channel, as at present.

(d) Junction of Wyman's Road and Whaddon Road—RESOLVED, That the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd. be asked to give up sufficient land in Whaddon Road to enable Wyman's Road to be widened, and the junction of the two roads improved, and that if the Company are agreeable, he be instructed to have the improvement carried out.

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(e) Whaddon Farmhouse—The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed he had obtained tenders for the demolition of the house and farm buildings, and that the Chairman had accepted the most favourable tender, that of Mr. J. Surman, amounting to £140. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(f) Shop Sites—Read, letters from Messrs. J. W. Robson & Son and Messrs. Jessop & Son in regard to the soil deposited on the shop sites sold to Mr. W. H. Bawd and Mr. Tow respectively. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make enquiries into this matter.

(g) Allotments----The Town Clerk submitted report from Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son as to the amounts agreed to be paid to the tenants for compensation on the termination of the tenancy of the allotments required for housing. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to pay the amounts agreed upon.

2—Alstone Lawn Estate—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Mr. F. Rouse stating that he considered the rent of £5 per annum for the portion of the lane at the rear of his premises was excessive, and offering a rent of £1 per annum. RESOLVED, That the land be offered to him at a rent of £2 10s. 0d. per annum.

3--St. Mark's Housing Estate—Land in Milton Road—Read, letter from Mr. J. Phillips inquiring on what terms the Corporation would sell a piece of land (part of Wasley's Field Allotments) adjoining his house. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the View Sub-Committee.

4—News Cottages—Read, letter of 28th ult. from Mr. F. W. Hinton that he was prepared to sell the site of these cottages for £90. RESOLVED, That subject to the Corporation being able to acquire the strip of land belonging to No. 1 St. John's Cottages, the offer be accepted, subject also to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained.

5—Reconditioning—(a) Sherborne Street—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson stating that their clients were prepared to sell a portion of the sites of Nos. 1 to 4 Jersey Cottages for £30, and No. 44 Sherborne Street for £200. RESOLVED, That these offers be not entertained.

(b) 10 and 12 Malvern Street—RESOLVED, That the View Sub-Committee be asked to inspect these properties again with a view to considering the purchase of same.

6—Housing Manager—The Housing Manager submitted her monthly report on the arrears of rent.

7—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 4th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:—

55 Worcester Street—That the tender of Mr. E. A. Eggleton of £3 18s. 6d. for providing a coal shed at this house be accepted. RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

8—Repairs Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Repairs Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 21st ult. They reported their inspection of 14 houses on various estates, and all the houses in Whaddon Avenue, and gave instructions for the repairs to be carried out as now approved by them. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

S. C. MORRIS,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 28th May, 1937, Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Lt.-Col Biggs, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

9—Pooling of Rents—The Committee considered the report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the Pooling of Rents in pursuance of the Housing Acts. (A copy of the Report accompanies the Minutes), RESOLVED, That this Report be approved and adopted.

10-34 Brook Road—The 1-lousing Manager reported that the tenant of this house was keeping pigeons contrary to the terms of his tenancy and had refused to discontinue this. RESOLVED, That he be given one month's notice to terminate his tenancy.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th May, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Avery, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, 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—High Street and Promenade Improvement—(a) The View Committee reported their inspection of the recently constructed round-about. RESOLVED, That the Committee desire to express their appreciation of the expedition with which this work has been carried out by the Borough Surveyor.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted account for £4 4s. 0d. which had been received from Messrs. W. T. Nicholls Ltd. for the value of the lengths of timber shores left by arrangement with the Corporation in the property sold by the Brador Estates Ltd. to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the account be passed for payment.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 6th inst from the Divisional Road Engineer agreeing to the estimated cost of the improvement for the purposes of the Grant being increased from £31,446 to £31,664 on account of additional costs not included in the previous figures submitted.

3—Trunk Road No. 10—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an application from the Post Office Sectional Engineer for permission to erect a telephone sub-station near Kingsley Gardens in the Gloucester Road, and that he had referred the application to the Divisional Road Engineer, who had raised no objection subject to the building being set back in line with the neighbouring houses.

(b) Montpellier Avenue—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 26th ult. from the Divisional Road Engineer, stating that the Minister of Transport would not be prepared to make a grant of more than fifty per cent. of the cost of widening the road at this point. Read, also, letter of 5th inst. from the owner of Nos. 1 and 2 Spa Place, offering these properties for sale. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

(c) 6 Montpellier Avenue—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to put this shop in the hands of agents for letting.

4—County Roads—Leckhampton Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 7th inst. from the County Surveyor stating that as requested by the Corporation the County Highways Committee had approved of the addition of £1,150 to the current year's estimates on account of the amount underspent during the last year in consequence of unsuitable weather etc.

5—Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted an application of 7th inst from the Postmaster, Cheltenham, for permission to erect a letter box on the grass verge near Chelt Gardens. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the position being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

6—Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 7th inst. from the County Surveyor stating that the County Highways Committee had agreed to contribute fifty per cent. of the balance of the cost of carrying out the work arising out of Section 1 of this Act, after deduction of the grant to be made by the Ministry of Transport.

7—Tewkesbury Road Bridge Widening—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 5th inst. from the County Surveyor reporting that the County Highways Committee were willing to contribute towards the net cost of the improvement falling to be met from rates in the same proportion as the Ministry of Transport had agreed to contribute to the gross cost. It was reported that the Ministry of Transport had agreed to contribute seventy-five per cent of the gross cost. RESOLVED, That the County Highways Committee be asked to bear the whole of the balance of the expenditure on the ground that the widening of the Bridge is required for through traffic and has not any local improvement value.

8—Riding on Footpaths—The Town Clerk reported that it would be necessary to fix notices prohibiting persons riding on footpaths to give effect to the byelaws recently made by the Council. The Borough Surveyor estimated that the cost of having plates cast with the wording of the notice and fixed would be £27 0s. 0d RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain these plates and have them fixed.



9—Road Accidents—Map Records—The Borough Surveyor submitted reports of road accidents received from the Police during the last month in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Transport. These did not include reports of accidents on the Trunk Road which were required to be sent to the Minister of Transport. RESOLVED, That the Police be asked to furnish the Borough Surveyor with copies of the reports of accidents on the Trunk Road.

10—Superannuation—The Borough Surveyor reported that J. Jenner (Labourer), would attain the age of 65 years on the 20th prox. and he did not wish to apply for an extension. His pension for 12 years contributory service and 27 years non-contributory service would amount to 19s 2d. per week.

11—Sweepers—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Sweepers were being paid varying rates as follows :-

2 Men working without trucks ... 44s 6d. per week.

11 Men working with trucks ..... 45s 0d. “ “

Sweepers (who were formerly Labourers, Stokers, etc.), at the same rate as ordinary labourers, i.e. ... 46s 6d.

RESOLVED, That all Sweepers be paid at the rate of 46s 6d. per week.

12—Ashmen—(a) The Borough Surveyor recommended that the wages of men employed in levelling refuse at the tips should be increased from 44s 6d. per week to the amount paid to men employed in collecting refuse RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that shoulder pads had been supplied to Ashmen as recommended by the Wages Sub-Committee at the Meeting of the Committee on the 15th March last, but that these had been returned as the men objected to wearing them.

13—Diesel Oil Contract—The Borough Surveyor reported that Shell Mex & D.P. Ltd. had given notice to determine their contract for the supply of Diesel Oil which had been in operation since June, 1934, but were willing to enter into a fresh contract for the supply of oil at an increase in price of ½ d. per gallon, to commence on the 1st August next and remain in operation until terminated by three months' notice on either side, provided that it shall not be determined before the 31st March, 1938. RESOLVED, That these terms be agreed to.

14—Coronation Day—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 14th inst. from the National Union of Municipal & General Workers pointing out that the resolution of the Council to concede a day's holiday with pay to employees of the Corporation who were not called upon to work on Coronation day, and that men who were called upon to work on that day he paid double their ordinary rate of wages, did not apply to casual as well as regular employees. RESOLVED, That Minute No. 18 of the last Meeting of this Committee be amended so as to apply to all employees of the Corporation.

15—District Nursing Association Contributory Scheme—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 19th inst. from Mrs. Owen Hawkins organiser of this Scheme stating that the Electricity and Lighting Committee was the only Committee to have adopted this Scheme, and asking that other Committees should co-operate

by encouraging employees to join the Scheme, The contribution from each employee would be 1d. per week, to be deducted from their wages. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ascertain whether employees desire to join the Scheme.

16—Clarence Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been informed by Messrs. L. W. Barnard & Co. that Messrs, Brunner's Ltd. would be willing to give up some of their vaults in Clarence Street to be filled in by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fill in the vaults.

17—Hatherley Court Estate—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 6th inst. from Messrs. Rogers & Davies Ltd. agreeing to his specification for the construction of the roads on this Estate. He also submitted a further letter from them of the 14th inst. agreeing to dedicate the necessary land for continuing the circular road towards Hatherley Brook. RESOLVED, That the specification be amended so as to provide for footpaths to be paved for a width of 5 ft. and the remaining width to be grassed.

s—Coal and Coke Contracts—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Coal and Coke contracts would expire on the 30th prox., and that he had invited tenders for fresh contracts. RESOLVED, That the Stores, Requisitions and Plant Sub-Committee be authorised to open the tenders and accept those which they consider the most favourable.

19—Workmen's Annual Outing—The Borough Surveyor reported that the workmen wished to take their Annual Outing on Saturday, 19th prox. RESOLVED, That they be granted a holiday on that day with pay.

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20—View Committee—Read, report of the View Committee of their Meeting held on the 5th inst. Present—The Chairman, Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Fisher, Green and Morris.

They recommended as follows:-

(1) Road at rear Portland Street and North Place—That Mrs. Parry's request for the Corporation to make up this private street be not acceded to.

(2) West Approach to Pittville Pump Room—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to reinstate the footpath and adjust the level so as to lead off surface water if there is sufficient end fall.

(3) Pittville Circus Road--That with regard to Mrs. Rolton's complaint, the large tree on the opposite side of the road to "Belgrano" be pruned as necessary.

(4) Bath Road—That with regard to the offer of £2 towards the cost of a seat by Paragon Garage, the owners of the Garage be asked to allow a seat to be placed on their property at the foot of the cedar tree.

(5) Bath Road—That the owners of Paragon Garage be called upon to remove the overhanging arm of Sign as previously agreed.

(6) Shurdington Road and Leckhampton Road junction--That as requested by Miss Ranzel a seat be fixed in Leckhampton Road opposite the open space near the Norwood Arms.

(7) Painswick Road and Shurdington Road Junction—That Miss Ranzel's request for a seat to be fixed at this junction, be not acceded to.

(8) Bayshill Road—That as requested by Miss Ranzel a seat be fixed against the close paled fence above the road to "Ashfield" and beneath the street lamp.

(9) Alstone Lane—Norton House—That the out-buildings be demolished and the Railway Co. approached with a view to their surrendering a small portion of the adjoining property to allow for an extension of the footpath to the Level Crossing.

(10) High Street—That Mr. E. W. Dicks' request for a Pedestrian Crossing to be established in High Street near St. George's Street be not acceded to. RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted,

21—Priors Road—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 8th inst. from the County Surveyor that a further advance of £1,200 would be made on account of the contribution of £2,266 to be made by the County Council towards this improvement.

22—High Street Unilateral Waiting Order—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 11th inst. from the Ministry of Transport stating that the Minister had decided to confirm the Order subject to certain amendments including a proviso permitting vehicles to wait on the prohibited side of the road "while goods, the weight or bulk of which would render it dangerous to carry them across the road are being loaded on to, or unloaded from the vehicle." The letter also asked whether the standard notices were ready for erection, and that a plan should be submitted showing the precise positions in which such notices are proposed to be placed. RESOLVED, That the Ministry be informed that the standard notices are being obtained, and that a plan be submitted showing the intended positions.

23-243a and 244 High Street—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 5th inst. from Mr. W. H. Horsley offering these properties for sale at the price of £1,000. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view,

24—Prestbury Road—(a) Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Mr. Alfred Martin complaining of the danger caused to pedestrians by the projection of a stone step on the footpath outside "Oakland Villa." RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted memorial received from residents in Prestbury Road objecting to the hoardings erected by Messrs. Shenton's Ltd. on the site of houses being demolished in Cakebridge Terrace. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Town Clerk to report.

25—Street Refuges—(a) Bayshill Road—Read, letter of 27th ult. from Mr. F. J. Gregg suggesting that a traffic island should be placed near the top of Bayshill Road in order to assist pedestrians in crossing the road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place a temporary street refuge in a suitable position.

(b) Read, letters objecting to the temporary refuge placed opposite the War Memorial in the Promenade. RESOLVED, That in view of the narrowness of the road at this point, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the refuge removed.

26—Post Office Telephones—Fauconberg Road—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 6th inst. from the Post Office Sectional Engineer reporting completion of the work agreed to by the Council in this road.

27—Junction of Keynsham Road and Sandford Road—RESOLVED, That the General Hospital be asked to remove a portion of the close boarded fence recently erected at this junction, so that the view around the corner may not be obstructed.

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28—Junction of Old Bath Road and Leckhampton Road—The Committee considered a complaint about a board recently erected at this junction advertising "Cleevemount Estate " RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

29-229 Gloucester Road—Read, letter from Mr. H. J. Pugh asking the Corporation to reconsider their decision not to remove the tree outside this property, as the tenant of the property complained that the drippings from the tree were damaging the sun blind outside his shop. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

30—Promenade—(a) The Town Clerk reported that an automatic slot machine had been placed outside the Milk Bar on the pavement of the Promenade. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to require this to be removed.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. Bisset for permission to exhibit over the Promenade a banner advertising the Flower Show on the 24th and 25th prox., be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(c) Junction of High Street and Promenade—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Col. Cockshott suggesting that a guard rail should be erected on the footpath around the Midland Bank Ltd. and Charles Dickies' shop. RESOLVED, That he be informed that provision has already been made for this in the Scheme.

31—Lansdown Crescent and Hatherley Road—The Committee considered complaints about the condition of the painting of the fencing around the gardens between Lansdown Crescent and Lansdown Parade, and also about the condition of the painting of the fencing around Hatherley Lawn Hotel. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Owners asking them to have these re-painted.

32—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of A F. Cull for permission to erect a sign advertising "Agent for Foyles' 2d. Library" outside 106 Albion Street be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Ionlite Ltd, for permission to erect an illuminated Neon sign advertising "Flower's Ales" outside the Norwood Arms, Bath Road be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Ionlite Ltd. for permission to erect an illuminated Neon sign at the side of the Royal Hotel be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

(d) RESOLVED, That the application of the Associated Dyers & Cleaners Ltd. for permission to erect a Daylight "Sunglo" sign advertising "Pullars of Perth" outside 3 Queen's Circus be granted subject to the approval of the Divisional Road Engineer and compliance with the usual conditions.

(e) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Shop Fitting Co. Ltd. for permission to erect an illuminated Neon sign outside premises of Messrs. Fredk, Wright Ltd. at 8 Promenade be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions,

33—Winchcomb Street—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Edwards & Marshall Ltd. for permission to alter the position of their petrol pumps and erect a post with four swing arms which would swing back off the pavement when not in use be granted subject to the usual agreement for the erection of swing arms being entered into.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. G. C. Cobb for permission to exhibit a banner across Winchcomb Street advertising the Winchcomb Street Traders lucky number scheme be not acceded to.

34—Old Bath Road—Read, letter of 24th inst. from Mr. W. M. Parsons complaining that the seat outside 310 Old Bath Road was frequently used by children for climbing up his garden fence. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

35—High Street—(a) The Committee considered a complaint that Flower Sellers were causing obstruction in the High Street. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to prohibit the flower sellers from having stands in the High Street and that instead they should be allowed to sell flowers on the pavement in front of the General Post Office in the Promenade.

(b) RESOLVED, That the bus stop outside Messrs. Woolworth's Stores be removed to a point on the other side of Bennington Street.

36—Junction of Hatherley Road and Shelburne Road—RESOLVED, That a seat be placed on the grass verge of this junction in accordance with Miss Ranzel's request.

37—Pittville Street Improvement—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant for the scheme for widening this street.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 5th May 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Barnett, E. W. 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.
4640	Martyn, A. W.	Detached bungalow, new road off Hales Road.
4641	Batten, S. J.	Garage, Wendron, Moorend Park Road.
4642	Prices Tailors Ltd.	Reconstruction, 125/127 High Street.
4643	Douglas, Capt. Baird	Cycle shed, 3 Evelyn Court.

4644	Trustees of Wesley Church	New sanitary accommodation, Wesley Church, St. George's Street.
4645	Drummond, P.	Garage, new house, Overton Park Road. (Revised Plan)
4646	Griffin J. and White H.	Pair of semi-detached houses, Arle Road.
4647	Mahoney, R. S. G.	Pair of semi-detached houses, Shurdington Road.
4648	Clingan, M.	New shopfront, 78 Marle Hill Parade.
4649	Dale Forty & Co.	New showrooms and lavatory accommodation, Regent Street.
4650	V. P. Airscrews Ltd.	Conversion of school into factory.
4651	Mahoney, R. S. G.	Detached house, corner of Shurdington and Painswick Roads. (Revised Plan).
4652	St. Mary's College	Committee Pavilion, Sports Field, Fullwood Park.
4653	Gloucestershire County Council .. ..	Girls' Grammar School, Albert Road.
4654	Kellow M.	Greenhouse, rear of Oakley, The Park.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4643, 4645, 4649, 4653 and 4654 be approved; That Plans Nos. 4640 and 4646 be approved subject to sandfaced tiles being used on the roofs, That Plan No. 4644 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 4647 be approved subject to (1) the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the wall or fence forthwith to the improvement line 30 feet from the centre of the existing road, (2) dark sandfaced tiles being used on the roof, and (3) the surface water drainage being carried to the surface water sewer in Shurdington Road ; That Plan No. 4650 be approved subject to no nuisance being caused to adjoining properties by reason of smoke, fumes, noise or dust ; That Plan No. 4651 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the boundary wall to Shurdington Road forthwith for the ultimate widening of Shurdington Road to 60 feet, and to no access to the premises being provided from Shurdington Road ; That Plan No 4652 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 ; That Plans Nos. 4641, 4642 and 4648 be not approved.

2—Hatherley Court Estate—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. Rogers & Davies asking the Committee to approve of a reduction in the width of the carriageway of the proposed roads on this Estate.

RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to vary the width of the carriageway of Hatherley Court Road, which they consider should be kept at a width of 25 feet, but approve of the carriageways of the other roads being reduced to 20 feet.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 27th May, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Grimwade, Moore and Morris ; Capt. Leschallas and Mr. Walker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4655	Ornsby, J.	Garden shed, 292 Gloucester Road.
4656	Pearce, C.	Detached house, Brooklyn Road.
4657	Gloucester Co-operative Society Ltd.	Sports Pavilion, Prestbury Road.
4658	Broom, D. R.	Additional room, Rowanside, Eldon Road.
4659	Rogers & Davies	Three detached houses, Hatherley Court Road.
4660	“ “	8 semi-detached houses, new road off Hatherley Road.
4661	Cheltenham Estates Ltd.	4 semi-detached houses, Naunton Way.
4662	Batten, S. J.	Garage, Moorend Park Road.

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No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4663	Stroud Brewery Co. Ltd.	Fuel store, Lansdown Inn.
4664	Thornycroft, J. M.	Temporary rabbitry, Braeside, Pilford Road,
4665	Haughton, J.	Extension to garage, rear of Overdale, Painswick Road.
4666	Daniel Neal Ltd.	Alterations, 9 and 10 Clarence Street.
4667	Fisher, D.	Garage, Beaufort House, Montpellier Terrace,
4668	Edwards & Marshall	Alterations and additions, 29 and 30 Winchcomb Street.
4669	Executors of H. Towell	Reconstruction, 30 and 31 Sandford Street.
4670	Bliss, G. & Sons	Extension of lean-to roof, 8 Bath Street.
4671	Dale Forty & Co. Ltd.	Alterations and additions, 102 Promenade.
4672	Wheeler & Mansell	Detached house, new road off Hales Road
4673	Gloucestershire County Council ..	Garage, Dunedin, Western Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4655, 4662, 4663, 4667, 4670, 4672 and 4673 be approved ; That Plan No. 4656 be approved subject to the terms of the agreement entered into with Mr. Cook as to setting back the hedge to the improvement line ; That Plan No. 4657 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 ; That Plan No. 4659 be approved subject to the buildings being set back in line with existing buildings, and to sandfaced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 4660 be approved subject to separate surface water and soil sewers in the road and separate connections from each house being provided ; That Plan No. 4664 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 for a period of 12 months; That Plan No 4665 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the building behind the building line at his own cost and without compensation if and when required ; That Plans Nos. 4666 and 4669 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. 4666, subject also to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and to details of the shopfront being submitted to and approved by the Committee ; That Plans Nos. 4658, 4661, 4668 and 4671 be not approved.

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.
1146	Mitchell, A.	Cowshed, Glenfall Farm, Ham, Charlton Kings.
1147	Accredited Hatchery No. 1	Incubator house, Cotswold House, Brockworth.
1148	Whitaker, H. L.	Cowshed, Old School Lane, Southam.
1149	Webb, P. M.	Hot House, Ivydene, North Road, The Reddings.
1150	_____	Bungalow, Shurdington Road, Near Cheltenham.
1151	Borough Electrical Engineer	High and Low Tension overhead line, Bishop's Cleeve to Gotherington.
1152	Cheltenham Rural District Council .. ..	Block of four houses, Station Road, Woodmancote.
1153	. do.	Block of four houses, Uckington.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1146, 1147, 1149 and 1151 be approved ; That Plan No. 1150 be approved subject to sandfaced tiles being used on the roof and drainage being to the satisfaction of the Rural District Council ; That Plan No. 1152 be approved subject to the building being set back to the building line and the front fence being set back to the improvement line laid down in the Town Planning Scheme on completion of the buildings ; That Plan No 1153 be approved subject to the houses being set back to the building line and the front fence being set back to the improvement line in accordance with the plan approved by the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act ; That Plan No. 1148 be not approved.

5—Applications to Develop—(a) Read, letter of 21st inst. from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green asking for permission to use the property known as "The Fosse," Tewkesbury Road, Uckington, for the purpose of breeding dogs. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) Carter's Field—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Managing Director, Mechanization Ltd., asking for permission to open a sand pit in Carter's Field. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(c) "South Bank," Alstone Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter and plan from the Western Estates Ltd., of proposed development of land fronting Alstone Lane and Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That consideration of the application be deferred pending the submission of proposals showing how it is intended to develop the whole of the area and the matter be referred to the Highways Committee to consider whether and on what terms access shall be granted to the Brooklyn Road.

(d) Chelt Gardens, Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter and plan from the Western Estates Ltd., of proposed development of Chelt Gardens, Arle Road RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to the development of the land but the Committee consider it should be carried out on the lines now submitted by the Borough Surveyor and not as proposed by the owners.

(e) Hatherley Court Estate—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs Rogers & Davies Ltd., that they agreed to the 7 ft. 6 ins. of slabbing for footpaths in Hatherley Court Road The Committee considered that, in view of the rural surroundings, it is desirable that these should be maintained as far as possible, and recommend that the slabbing should be reduced to 5 ft., and the remainder of the footpath to be laid out as grass verges.



(f) " Tasmania," Whaddon Road—Read, letter of 23rd ult. from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale applying for permission on behalf of Messrs. Flower & Sons Ltd. to use these premises for the erection thereon of a licensed house. Mr. A. S. F. Pruen attended the Committee. The Borough Surveyor reported that the site was in an area scheduled for general residential purposes but immediately adjoined the area zoned for business premises. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to plans being approved by the Council.

(g) The Committee considered reference back by the Council of the recommendation of the Committee not to allow premises in The Park to be used for a Sanatorium for the Ladies' College. The Chairman reported that the Ladies' College now asked whether the Committee would approve of the Sanatorium being erected on the site of "Coulter," Hatherley Road RESOLVED, That this Committee are prepared to agree to this site being so used, subject to the approval of the Public Health Committee.

6—Plan No. 4543—The Chairman reported that he had met Mr. Hogg of the Cheltenham Shop Fitting Company in regard to the improvement line in St. George's Place, and, as authorised, he had agreed to the new building being erected to the existing building line, as he considered that any improvement line should be entirely on the opposite side of the road. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—The Peak, Birdlip—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Marshall & Hicks Beach, Solicitors on behalf of Mr. Hicks Beach, agreeing to the Peak and Witcombe Farm being scheduled as a private open space in the Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be now instructed to enter into the agreement for this as previously authorised.

8—Plan No. 4635—Read, letter from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale that their clients, Messrs. Flower & Sons Ltd. were not prepared to give an undertaking not to claim compensation in respect of the new work to be carried out to the Victoria Vaults, Hanover Street in the event of the building having to be set back to the improvement line. The Borough Surveyor reported that the plan provided for a new building to be erected in advance of the building line under the byelaws. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider that the undertaking asked for should be given.

9—Town Planning Scheme No. 2—Read, letter of 7th inst.. from the Ministry of Health extending to 27th March, 1938 the period within which the draft scheme shall be adopted, on the understanding that no further extension of time for the adoption of the No 1 Scheme will be needed.

10—Appeal by Mrs. Glynn Plan No. 1117—Read, letter of 4th ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing appeal by Mrs. Glynn against the decision of the Committee in regard to the condition attached to this plan that the building be set back to a line of 60 feet from the existing road and that the necessary land should be surrendered for the widening of the road to 42 feet, and asking if the Council would agree to the Minister deciding the appeal on the correspondence instead of holding a local Inquiry. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to this course being taken subject to the County Council agreeing.

11—Plan No. 4642—Read, letter of 14th inst from the Ministry of Transport enclosing form of consent to the erection of buildings and construction of means of access to the Trunk Road in respect of the site of Messrs. J. Lance & Co.'s former premises.

12—Shop Sites, St. Mark's—The Chairman and the Borough Surveyor reported their inspection of these sites. RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. H. Horsley for permission to erect three houses on the vacant site adjoining No. 92 Tennyson Road be granted subject to one house being joined on to No. 92

Tennyson Road and to the other two being set back to the existing building line for houses on St. Mark's Estate ; also that 5 houses be permitted on the vacant site adjoining 58 Tennyson Road subject to these being set back to a building line of 20 feet ; also that the value of all the houses shall not be less than £450 each, exclusive of the value of the site.

13—Royal Oak, High Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Holt Breweries Ltd. offering to give up land for the widening of New Street as shown on the plan submitted subject to the Council demolishing the existing wall or fence and erecting new wall or fence to the new line. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

14—Executive Committee—Read, letter of 25th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that his Council intended that the Borough of Tewkesbury and the area of their district outside the present Town Planning Scheme should form the subject of a separate agreement, and that the County Council had been informed accordingly.

15—Brooklyn Road—The Committee considered the desirability of applying the provisions of Section 2 of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act 1935 to this road. RESOLVED, That the Council adopt the provisions of this Section in respect of Brooklyn Road from its junction with Tennyson Road to its junction with Arle Road and in respect of the portion of Arle Road from its junction with Brooklyn Road to the bend in the road 150 yards north of the aforesaid junction, and that notice thereof be given and application made to the Ministry of Transport for approval thereof.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st May, 1937.** Present--Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their meetings held on the 27th ult. and 11th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) Town Hall—(i) Having witnessed a demonstration of an illuminated curtain in the Town Hall, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to obtain an estimate for the provision of a suitable curtain with pelmet and the necessary electricity equipment.

(ii) That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to have the platform on the stage extended at an estimated cost of £9 10s. 0d.

(iii) Musical Festival—That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the Musical Festival to be held from the 13th to 22nd May, 1938 ; also, That the charge for the hire of the organ for use by entrants for this year's Festival be reduced to half-price, as in previous years.

(iv) Balcony Curtains—That the tender of Messrs. E. L. Ward Ltd. of £35 19s. 6d. for the provision of curtains for the balcony entrances etc., be accepted.

(b) Pittville Gardens—That a season ticket for admission to the Long Garden only be issued to the tennis players at a reduced charge of 1s for the tennis season.

(c) Montpellier and Alstone Baths—That the free use of the washing baths at these Baths be granted to the Australian Contingent of the Boy Scouts who are touring England on the occasion of their one night's stay in Cheltenham in July next,

(d) Pianos—That the tender of Messrs. Dale Forty & Co. Ltd. of £120 and £81 18s. 0d. respectively for a Steinway and a Bluthner Grand Piano less an allowance of £7 0s. 0d. for the old Bechstein Grand Piano and £20 18s. 0d. for the old Steinway Upright Piano be accepted.

(e) Band Concerts—That 30 complimentary tickets for the use of blind persons and their attendants be issued as in previous years.

(f) Elizabethan Maske—That the Elizabethan Maske and Fayre Committee be allowed to place one six-sheet advertisement board at the Winter Gardens and Montpellier Gardens for 10 days prior to the Maske and Fayre ; also, That the use of Pittville Gardens be granted on the previous Saturday for the purpose of a Dress Rehearsal.

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

2—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Read, letter from the Bowling Club asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to provide additional lavatory accommodation at the Pavilion. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision.

3—Alstone Baths—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Charlton Kings School for permission for the boys and girls to attend at the Junior Bath at Alstone for half an hour each week pending the completion of the improvements to the large bath be granted subject to the bath not being required for the Cheltenham Schools.

(b) Season Tickets—RESOLVED, That in view of the delay in opening these Baths the charge for season tickets be reduced by one-third.

4—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that during the night of the 8th May a large amount of dirty sand, gravel and coal dust was thrown into the Pool by a trespasser, which necessitated continuous work for three days and nights to clean the Pool. The Chairman reported that he had authorised the Borough Surveyor to engage a night watchman for the Pool. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the night watchman be continued for the remainder of the season, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide an electric light over the Pool.

(b) RESOLVED, That an automatic penny-in-the-slot ladies' hair drying machine be provided at the Pool at a cost of £4 19s. 0d. ; also, That the offer of the makers of Brylcreem to supply a penny-in-the-slot hair cream machine free of cost, the Corporation receiving 25 per cent of the takings, be accepted.

(c) RESOLVED, That motor coach parties of not less than 14 be admitted to the Pool on weekdays and Sundays at a charge of 1s 6d. per person, including tea, and that the Entertainments Manager be asked to circularise the motor coach proprietors in the County, drawing their attention to these facilities.

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(d) Shops (Sunday Trading) Regulations, 1936—The Town Clerk reported on the provisions of this Act. RESOLVED, That it be left to the Baths Sub-Committee to arrange for the Cafe Manageress and waitresses at the Pool who are engaged on Sundays to be given an extra day's holiday with pay each week in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

(e) Read, application from the Y.M.C.A. for reduced terms for their members for admission to the Pool. RESOLVED, That members of the Y.M.C.A. be admitted at a reduced charge of 4d. per member provided not less than 100 tickets are taken at a time.

(f) Read, letter from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club stating that they had arranged a water polo match with the Oxford University Club for 4th June, but as the alterations at the Alstone Baths were not completed, they asked whether the Corporation would agree to the match being played at the Swimming Pool, the Corporation to pay the expenses not exceeding £6, and to take the receipts. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that it be left to the Baths Sub-Committee to arrange details of the Gala.

5—Ambulance Headquarters—RESOLVED, That the application of the Ambulance Headquarters for the free use of 500 chairs for the opening of the new Headquarters in Gloucester Road be granted subject to their arranging for the cartage of the chairs.

6—Berkeley Place Garden—The Town Clerk reported that four of the five owners had now agreed to the Corporation taking over this Garden on the terms approved by the Committee. RESOLVED, That when the remaining owner approves, the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare the necessary deed of transfer, and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

7—Pittville Gardens—Dog Show—Read, letters from Sir Herbert Cuming and Messrs S. Robson and W. L. Cameron and Capt. Field protesting against the holding of the Dog Show in these Gardens, which, they considered, was a contravention of the Pittville Estate covenants. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider that the residents on the Pittville Estate have no reason to complain of the way in which the Council manage these Gardens, and that the Town Clerk's letter in reply be approved.

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

(b) Chiropody—RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be authorised to purchase the additional equipment required at a cost of £1 7s 9d. RESOLVED, also, That the charges approved by the Committee on the 19th February last be continued for the present with the addition of a reduced charge of 2s 6d for certain minor treatments.

(c) The Superintendent recommended that a Colonic equipment glass waste receptacle should be purchased at a cost of £3 3s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Montpellier Baths—(a) The Committee considered application from the Y.M.C.A. for permission to continue the reservation of the Swimming Bath for 1 hours on Monday evenings at a charge of 3d. per head with a minimum payment of 7s 6d. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of Mrs. Hudson being appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Swimming Bath and Slipper Baths, and that it be referred to the Medical Baths Sub-Committee for consideration and report as to the terms of her appointment.

10—Conference--The Entertainments Manager reported that the Royal Ancient Order of Buffaloes had decided to hold their 1940 Conference in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the Conference, and that the Entertainments Sub-Committee be authorised to arrange for the usual free facilities to delegates for admission to the Band Concerts, Swimming Pool, etc.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 28th May, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

11—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 27th inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :

Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(i) That the Superintendent be instructed to engage relief waitresses to relieve the regular waitresses who are engaged on Sundays one day during the week, and to keep a record of the hours worked and of the holidays given as required by the Shops (Sunday Trading Restriction) Act.

(ii) That the Council agree to Pete Desjardins and his partner being engaged to give a demonstration of diving etc. at the Pool on an evening to be arranged, and to pay £15 towards the cost, the receipts to be equally divided between the Cheltenham Swimming Club and the Corporation, the Cheltenham Swimming Club to organise the Gala and to provide the remainder of the programme and to carry out the advertising.

(iii) That arrangements be made with the Women's League of Health and Beauty for a daily series of physical culture classes to be given at the Pool for one week, the Corporation to pay the cost of the instructress, namely £3 3s. 0d. and the cost of any advertising RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

12—Medical Baths—Read, report of the Medical Baths Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 21st inst. As requested by the Committee, the Sub-Committee had considered the terms on which Mrs. Hudson should be appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Swimming Baths and Slipper Baths at Montpellier Baths and recommended that for the current season Mrs. Hudson be paid a salary of £1 per week as from the date of the opening of the Baths, the remuneration to terminate when the Swimming Bath closes. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

13—Entertainments Sub-Committee--Read, report of the Sub-Committee of their Meeting held on the 25th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

That popular dances be held at the Town Hall on Wednesdays during the summer from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. and on Saturdays from 8 p.m. to midnight at a charge of 1s 6d and 1s respectively. and that the tender of Al Durant to provide his dance band at a charge of £9 9s. 0d. for the Wednesday dances and £8 8s. 0d. for the Saturday dances be accepted.

RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

14--Oxford Parade --The Committee considered the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee that the garden in front of these houses should be taken over by the Corporation and the owners relieved of the liability for paving the footpaths adjoining the Garden. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to approach the owners with a view to the Corporation taking over the garden on these terms,

15—Winter Garden—(a) The Entertainments Manager reported that Miss Kent had enquired whether she could rent the whole of the Winter Garden building for a Summer Dramatic School during the months of June, July and August, and also whether the Committee would agree to her sub-letting the Theatre during the summer for a Concert Party. RESOLVED, That Miss Kent be given one month's notice to terminate her present tenancy of the Theatre, and that she be informed that the Committee will be prepared to let her the whole of the building for a Summer Dramatic School at a rent of £5 5s. 0d. per week provided this is so arranged that it will not interfere with the Corporation using the Bandstand for band concerts, and that with regard to the sub-letting to a Concert Party, Miss Kent be asked to submit further details of her proposal.

(b) Read, application from the Fox Terrier Club enquiring on what terms the Committee would be prepared to let the use of the Winter Garden for their Dog Show in May, 1938. RESOLVED, That the Winter Garden be not let, but that they be offered the use of Montpellier Pavilion at a rent of £3 3s. 0d.

16—Pittville Gardens—RESOLVED, That the application of the Elizabethan Maske and Fayre Committee for the free use of 650 chairs be granted, subject to their making good any damage to the chairs and paying the cost of cartage.

17—A.C.U. Six Days' Reliability Trial—Alderman Pates reported that in connection with the A.C.U. International Six Days' Trial over 100 German entrants and others would be staying in Cheltenham on the night of July 6th. RESOLVED, That they be given free admission to the Swimming Pool and the Municipal Dance to be held on that evening.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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#### ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 26th May, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Davis and Morris (Councillor Morris in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—Added Area of Borough--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that as instructed he had arranged for the Gas Company to continue the lighting of the added area from April 18th to September 12th at a charge of £1 6s. 6d. for each of the 25 lamps in the area. During the current year the period would be slightly shorter and the charge would be £1 4s. 6d. per lamp. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

2—Voltage Regulators—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that two Ferranti Pressure Regulators be purchased at a cost of £106 each for the purpose of maintaining a satisfactory pressure in two Districts in the Borough. He reported that this would enable the Corporation to defer for some considerable time, the laying of fresh cables to each district at a very much greater cost. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

3—Coronation—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that 34 installations had been made in connection with the Coronation Illuminations Scheme, and that during the period from the 10th to the 22nd inst., for which the Corporation had agreed to supply free energy for approved Illuminations Schemes, 3,720 units had been consumed by such Schemes, of which amount 2,100 units had been used by the Corporation and 1,620 by the Cheltenham Traders.

4—Transformers—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £1,169 for the purchase of Transformers from the British Electrical Transformer Co. Ltd., whose tender was accepted at the last Meeting of the Council.

5—Oil Waste, etc.—RESOLVED, That on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer that the sum of £1,071 17s. 3d. shown in the last balance sheet as the value of oil waste etc. stores on hand, be written down to £821 17s. 3d.

6—Supply to Rural Areas—Reddings—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application for a supply of Electricity at the Reddings. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for consent to the erection of an overhead service line for the supply, and for consent of the Local Authorities concerned-

7—Sub-Station, Blacksmith's Lane---The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that owing to the development of the supply therefrom new Switchgear was required at this Sub-station and submitted tender from Messrs. Switchgear and Cowans Ltd. for supply of the necessary gear for the sum of £477 15s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted.

8—Theft from Slot Meters—The Town Clerk reported that the police had prosecuted a boy for stealing money from electricity meters on the 31st ult., and that the boy had been sent to a remand home to await selection of an approved school.

9—Price of Gas—The Town Clerk submitted notice of 14th inst. under Section 6 of the Gas Undertakings Act, 1934, from the Cheltenham & District Gas Company that the prices per therm at which the Company were prepared for the time being to supply gas (apart from special contract) were as follows :—

Cheltenham, Charlton Kings, Prestbury, Leckhampton, Hatherley, Badgeworth and Swindon ... ●●●●●●●●●●  
8 ¼ d. per therm.

Bishop's Cleeve, Woodmancote, Southam, Shurdington, Staverton, Swindon Village, Gotherington and Uckington 9 ¼ d. per therm.

10—Cables—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange if possible with the present cable Contractors for a further supply of cables after the termination of the present contract on the 30th prox.

11—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 3rd, 13th, 18th, 22nd, 23rd and 26th May, 1937, which showed the Calorific Value on those dates as 480.4, 468.0, 463.9, 471.3, 468.3 and 467.3 respectively and the pressure as 9.3, 9.4, 9.1, 9.2, 6.1 and 8.6 inches of water respectively.

S. C. MORRIS,

Chairman.

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#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th May, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett and Pates ; Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward, Miller, Moore 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, 1937.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	432,000 gallons	340,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,350,000 "	1,186,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	67,000	63,000
	1,849,000	1,589,000

##### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... .. 96,018,000 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—Trunk Main, Churchdown to Hewletts—The Borough Engineer reported that the tenders for pipes had been received and opened at a Meeting on the 1st inst. and in view of the great increase of prices it was RESOLVED, to adjourn consideration pending the decision of the Joint Water Board as to the Joint Main.

5—Castle Barn Farm—The Borough Engineer reported that the new Farmhouse had now been completed, except for the wall decorations, and that the Architects wished the Committee to view the house.



RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held at Dowdeswell Reservoir and that the Farmhouse be inspected immediately before the Meeting.

6---Ashchurch—The Borough Engineer reported a complaint by the Cotswold Packing Co. that the pressure of their supply was seriously affected by the heavy consumption by the London Midland & Scottish Railway Co., and he recommended that the Company should take its supply from the main in Northway Lane, and that an adjustable type pressure reduction valve should be fitted in this main near to the Railway Bridge at an estimated cost of £40. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Leckhampton Waterworks—The Borough Engineer recommended the provision of a Chlorinator a testing outfit, and Ammoniator at these Works at an estimated cost of £168 15s. 0d. and the construction of a building to accommodate the apparatus at a further estimated cost of £100. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Salaries Grading Scheme—The Borough Engineer submitted an application from Mr. A. G. Bailey, Second Clerk in in the Water Office, to be promoted from Grade C to Grade E. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

9—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Town Clerk submitted an account for £23 10s. 10d. which had been received from Mr. Sandeman for visiting Dowdeswell and advising the Corporation in connection with the excavation of gravel by the Whithorne Quarrying Company RESOLVED, That this account be paid.

10—British Waterworks Association—The Town Clerk submitted invitation for the attendance of delegates at the Annual General Meeting and Conference in London on 22nd-26th June next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Engineer be authorised to attend.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th May, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Margrett, Moore, Pates, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Smith and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

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

Date, 1937.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
April 23rd	Drake House, Malvern Road	Not apparent	£100	£4 9s. 0d.
May 8th	Plough Hotel, High Street	Not apparent	Slight	£4 6s. 0d.
May 15th	Withyholt Farm, Charlton Kings	Defective Chimney	Slight	£4 3s. 0d.
May 15th	Seven Springs House, Charlton Kings.	Chimney on fire	Slight	£6 3s. 0d.

(b) Read, letter of 21st inst. from the Clerk to Cheltenham Rural District Council that his Council had reconsidered the suggestion that they should enter into an Agreement with the Corporation to provide the services of the Brigade for the whole of the Area of the Rural District and had decided to take no action in the matter.

3—Renumbering of Houses—RESOLVED. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a plan for the renumbering of Hatherley Road.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, report of the Annual Licensing Committee at their meeting held at the Central Depot on the 14th inst. Present—Alderman Winterbotham (in the chair) ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Green. RESOLVED, That all the applications for renewal of Hackney Carriage Licences and drivers Licences be granted for one year. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the owners of taxi cabs plying for hire at the Railway Stations, that under the Public Health Act, 1925, a Railway Station is deemed to be a street for the purposes of licensing of Hackney Carriages and bye-laws and regulations in regard thereto, and that they must not ply for hire at Stations without being licensed by the Council. RESOLVED, also, That the applications of A. R. Wheatcroft and A. Salter for the transfer of their Licences to new cabs numbered OE 4481 and MY 5991 respectively, be granted

5—Shops Acts—RESOLVED. That a certificate under the Shops (Hours of Closing) Act, 1928, be issued in respect of the Health Week Exhibition to be held at the Town Hall from September 13th to 18th next, certifying that the retail trade carried out thereat is subsidiary and ancillary to the main purpose of the Exhibition, and that in respect of such retail trade or business 9,30 p.m. be substituted for the general closing hours fixed by such Act.

6—Contributions to Local Charities and Public Institutions—RESOLVED, That in pursuance of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905, the following subscriptions be made to the under-mentioned institutions in lieu of remission of the General Rate ;—

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
Childrens' Hospital, Battledown ...	9 0 0
Home for Aged Pensioners, 3 Monson Terrace	3 0 0
St. Catherine's Home, Cambray ...	5 0 0
St: John Ambulance Association	12 0 0
Charity Organisation Society, 4 Rodney Terrace	5 0 0
British Legion. 115 Bath Road	9 0 0
N.S.P.C.C. ...	5 0 0
Ball's Almshouses	<u>2 0 0</u>
	£165 0 0

General Hospital—Annual Contribution in lieu of free supply of water	87 12 0
Children's Hospital, Battledown—Ditto	<u>12 10 0</u>
	£100 2 0

7—Airport—The Town Clerk submitted the Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Airport Committee held on the 11th inst.:—

Assessment—The assessment of the Airport had been reduced to £50 gross and £45 rateable.

Scale of Charges—The Scale of Charges at present in force at the Bristol Airport had been temporarily adopted for the Airport and submitted to the Air Ministry for approval.

Lay-out etc.—The joint Engineers had reported that the cost of the various works at the Airport had amounted to £4,776, this being an excess expenditure of £403. The Joint Committee recommended that this should be paid equally by the two Corporations out of Revenue.

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Joint Committee be approved and adopted

8—Leckhampton Hill Estate—(a) The Town Clerk reported that prior to the purchase by the Corporation, Mr. Murray Lindner has been given permission to erect two lavatories adjoining his works on land which now belonged to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this permission be continued subject to Mr. Murray Lindner entering into an Agreement prepared by the Town Clerk, and paying an acknowledgement of 10s per annum, RESOLVED, also, That the attention of the tenant of the adjoining fields be called to the state of the fence between the fields and the allotments.

(b) Read, letter of 11th inst. from Mr. G. Scott-Plumer withdrawing his notice to terminate his tenancy of the field at Upper Pilley and asking if the Council would assist in the repair of the fencing. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to meet Mr. Scott-Plumer and report as to the fencing.

9--Warwick Buildings--Read, letter of 20th inst. from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland offering Warwick Buildings and 68 and 69 Winchcombe Street for sale at the price of £2,600. RESOLVED, That the purchase of the property be not entertained.

10—Local Employment Committee—Read, letter from the Divisional Controller of the Ministry of Labour that the term of office of the Local Employment Committee had expired, and that the Minister had decided to re-appoint the Committee for a further period of three years, and asking the Council to appoint a Representative on the Committee. RESOLVED, That Councillor Bendall be appointed the Council's representative.

11—Ambulance Headquarters—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Ambulance Headquarters to use Coat of Arms badges on the Ambulance Drivers' uniforms.

12—Game Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of The Gloucestershire Marketing Society Ltd., Messrs. Lipton, MacFisheries, H. F. Barnett, C. Barnett, D. Barnett, W. Dean & Son, W. H. Iddles, Olive & Olive, and Miss Woodard for renewal of their Licences to deal in game be granted up to the 1st July, 1938.

13—Armaments Factory—Read, letter from the Cheltenham Rural District Council setting out Resolution passed by the Rural District Council protesting against the proposal to construct an Armaments Factory in the neighbourhood of Bishop's Cleeve and asking the Corporation to support their protest. The Committee do not consider there are any grounds on which the Town Council can support the objection, as they think

that, if the establishment of a factory by the Government is considered essential, the Council are not justified in objecting to this.

14—Winter Garden—Repertory Theatre—Read, letter from Miss Kent suggesting that the Council should take over the Repertory Company in the same way as they engage a Band, and as she believed was done at Bournemouth, Sheerness, and Worthing, Read, also, letters from the National Citizens' Union and from the Chairman of the Repertory Association supporting the application. The Town Clerk reported that he had made enquiries of the three towns mentioned, and found that in none of these was the Repertory Company run by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Committee can not recommend the Council to entertain the proposal, but that the Town Improvement Committee be recommended to allow the Company to continue to use the Winter Garden, rent free, for next season until the Building is required for reconstruction.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th May. 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Addis, 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 of cultivation:- Nos. 34, 74, 81, 86, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 104, 107 and 115 Asquith Road ; 12, 13, 20, 21, 32, 37, 40 and 44 Alma Road ; 10 Brooklyn Road 23 and 44 Creamery Piece ; 124 and 141 Crabtree Piece ; and many allotments in Whaddon load. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting, and that the Visitors be asked to inlet view the tenants of these allotments.

2—Brooklyn Road Allotments—Read, letter of 30th ult. from Mr. T. Phillips, tenant of Allotments Nos. 11 and 12, complaining of the condition of the fence adjoining the land let to Mr. A. J. Smith for grazing RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Smith, requiring him to have the fence repaired in accordance with the terms of his tenancy agreement.

3—Whaddon Road Allotments—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Messrs. C. C. Castle & Sons enclosing statement of the compensation payable to the tenants of the allotments taken for housing, amounting to £34 2s. 10d.

4—Creamery Piece Allotments—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Mr. G. Blower, complaining of the theft of seeds and tools and damage to his allotment. The Town Clerk reported that he had informed Mr. Blower that this was a matter which he should report to the Police.

5—National Allotment Amenity Scheme—Read, circular of 26th ult. from the National Allotments Society Ltd., asking the Council to enter this Scheme. RESOLVED, That the proposal be not entertained.

6—Hatherley Road Allotments—Read, letter of 9th inst., from Mr. H. G. Haywood, offering to purchase a small piece of land at the rear of Culver, Hatherley Road, for the price of £6. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th May, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Gift of Shrubs—The Borough Surveyor reported the gift of 12 shrubs in boxes, and 1,000 Alpine plants in pots by Mrs. Edwards of Cotswold House, Brockworth. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

2—Pittville Gardens—(a) Aviary—The Borough Surveyor reported the gift of a pair of Old English Pigeons by Mr. J. W. Houghton. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

The Town Clerk submitted letter from Mr. A Pitcher offering two male Budgerigars. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, and that the thanks of the Committed be conveyed to Mr. Pitcher.

RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a frame erected in front of the aviaries showing the names of the various birds.

(b) RESOLVED, That admission to Pittville Gardens on Coronation Day be free.

3—Sandford Park—Foreman----The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. L. Hyett had been absent from work for ten weeks owing to illness. RESOLVED, That he be paid half pay from the 1st inst., and that the matter be Superintendent be authorised to attend this Show as in previous years.

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5—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—Pavilion—The Borough Surveyor reported that tenders had now been invited for the erection of the Pavilion. RESOLVED That the Chairman and Councillor Smith be authorised to open tenders and recommend a tender for acceptance by the Council.

6—Promenade Fountain—The Borough Surveyor reported that portions of the stonework of the Fountain had perished and required renewal, and he submitted two tenders received for carrying out the work. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting, and that meanwhile the members of the Committee be asked to inspect the Fountain.

7—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Housing Committee that the fence at the rear of the houses in Hudson Street should be raised to prevent children climbing over. The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of raising the present standards by two feet and providing two strands of barbed wire at £15. RESOLVED, That the Visitors be asked to inspect the fence and report to the next meeting.

8—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—(a) RESOLVED, That the use of this ground be granted to the Education Committee for Naunton Park School Sports on the 7th July next subject to payment of out-of-pocket expenses, as in previous years.

(b) Fountain—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of providing and fixing a clock in the Fountain at this ground.

0—Pilley Lane Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the windows of the laundry of the Delancey Hospital covered with woven mesh to prevent damage by balls. RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman, Councillor Garland and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase playground equipment at a cost not exceeding £20.

10—Athletic Ground—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham Motor Club had now signed the agreement for the tenancy of this ground on the terms approved at the last meeting.

(b) Read, letters from Cheltenham and County Harriers and St. Gregory's Athletic Club applying for the use of the Athletic Ground on two evenings per week for training. RESOLVED, That the Clubs be informed that the Corporation's lease with the Motor Club provides for facilities for Athletic Clubs to use the ground on one evening per week, and that any further facilities which the Clubs require must be arranged with the Motor Club who have offered to meet them as far as possible, and that the ground must be available for the children on three evenings per week.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Education Committee be charged £40 for the use of the ground for exercises and organised games on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays

(d) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have notices put up at the Athletic Ground stating that the ground is open for children on Monday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

(e) RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Fisher, Garland and Grimwade be appointed a Sub-Committee to view the state of the ground before the use of the ground by the Motor Club.

11—Brooklyn Road Playing Field—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Jade Cricket Club to play on Wednesday evenings instead of Wednesday afternoons be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Holy Trinity Old Boys Cricket Club to erect a collapsible but on this ground be granted subject to the but being erected in a position to be approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to this being removed at the end of the season,

(c) RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Plough Hotel Cricket Club to play cricket on this ground on Wednesday afternoons during the current season.

12—Byelaws—The Town Clerk submitted draft Byelaws proposed to be made in respect of Hatherley Court and Pilley Lane Recreation Grounds. RESOLVED, That these be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for confirmation thereof. (A copy of the Byelaws accompanies the Minutes).

13—Hard Tennis Courts, St. Mark's—Read, further letter front the Chairman of Brooklyn Tennis Club asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to provide a shelter adjoining the Courts. RESOLVED, That as

the Committee understand that a suitable shelter could not be provided for less than about £40, they cannot see their way to provide a shelter unless the Club are prepared to increase their offer to contribute towards the cost or to pay a higher rent.

14—Montpellier Gardens—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a sketch plan showing how the site of the Tank could be laid out if this was removed.

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15—Deposit of Litter—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have notices put up in all the Parks with the words " Persons found depositing litter in these Gardens will be prosecuted.

16—St. Margaret's Road—Councillor Fisher suggested that the Corporation should take over the garden in St. Margaret's Road at the junction with North Place. RESOLVED, That Councillor Fisher be asked to interview the owners of the property concerned and ascertain whether they would be willing to surrender the garden to the Corporation.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 28th May, 1937.** Present—Councillors Avery, Bendall, Rev. de-Courcy Ireland, Green, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rev de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Report of Superintendent—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 21st March to 28th May, 1937. Interments 174 ; Grave Spaces sold 40 (First Position 8, Second Position 3, Fourth Position 29) ; Memorials erected 25 ; New Inscriptions 13.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED. That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9571 to 9610

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2046 to 2075, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved,

4—Crematorium—Read, letter of 23rd ult. from the Federation of Cremation Authorities in Great Britain inviting the Corporation to become Associate Members of the Federation, to be followed by full membership when the Crematorium is erected and in operation. The subscription for Associate Membership was £2 2s. 0d. and for full membership £5 5s. 0d. per annum. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to become Associate Members of the Federation.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND, Chairman.

#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 6th May, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge and E. W. 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) Defaulters—The Committee interviewed and dealt with persons who had not complied with the orders of the Magistrates for payment of Rates.

(b) A Statement of unpaid Rates was submitted by the Rating Officers and signed by members of the Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR.

Chairman.

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st June, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pruen and Taylor ; Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs (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 £19,743 ; Leaving outstanding £95,112.

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, 1937. Amount collected £3,863 ; Leaving outstanding £12,148.

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 sanction dated 28th May, 1937, to a loan of £15,000 for Electricity Mains and Services for a period of 25 years.

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 1st inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor, and Alderman Taylor (in the chair).

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

6—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting he had received £4,000 on loan. RESOLVED, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £1,300 be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

7—Three Per Cent Stock, 1956—RESOLVED, That a Fee of 2s 6d. be charged for the Registration of Transfer, Probate, Death or Marriage Certificate, Power of Attorney, Distringas or any other Document.

8—District Auditor's Report—Read, report of the District Auditor dated 25th April, 1937. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Electricity and Lighting Committee for their observations on the Auditor's suggestions



with regard to the accounts of the Electricity Undertaking, with an intimation that this Committee considers that the Electricity Accounts should be placed under the direct control of the Borough Treasurer.

9—Education Grant—Harry Caudle—Read, letter of 28th April last from the Secretary of the Education Committee that the Education Committee had agreed to make a grant of £20 per annum for a period of 3 years to enable this boy to accept a Scholarship awarded to him by Jesus College, Cambridge, The District Auditor pointed out that this grant was not properly chargeable to the accounts of the Education Committee. The first payment of £20 had already been made. RESOLVED. That the £20 already paid be refunded to the Education Committee, and that the future payments be made by the Council.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham**

**At a Monthly Meeting- of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 7th June, 1937, 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).

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

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham and Councillor Miller.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 3rd May, 1937, 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 Meeting's held on the dates respectively appearing be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health Meeting held May 10

Resolved, also, That Section 1 of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933, shall on and from the 1st day of August, 1937, apply to sheep, ewes, wethers, rams and lambs.

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Housing Meetings held May 13 & 28

Street and Highway Meeting held May 24

Town Planning Meetings held May 5 & 27

Subject to an amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : "That Minute No. 5 (g) in regard to the application of the Ladies College to use premises in The Park for a sanatorium be referred back."

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held May 21 & 28

Subject to the following amendments :—

Moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 13 in regard to the Dance Band for the summer dances be not approved."

Moved by Councillor Barnett and seconded by Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs : " That Minute No. 7 in regard to Pittville Gardens be referred back for an Opinion of Counsel to be taken thereon,"

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held May 26

Water Meeting held May 11

Subject to an amendment moved by Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs: That consideration of Minute No. 8 in regard to the salary of clerk in the Water Office be referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolved, also, with reference to Minute No. 4—Trunk Main, Churchdown to Hewletts, That the Water Committee be authorised to accept the tender of Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyds Ltd. for steel pipes.

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held May 25

Resolved, also, That the applications of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey and Messrs. Edwards, Contractors (Birmingham) Ltd. for licences to store 250 gallons and 500 gallons of petrol respectively, in underground tanks at 38 Grosvenor Street and Whaddon Farm Housing Estate be granted.

Allotments Meeting held May 10

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held May 10

Resolved, also, on the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, That the tender of Messrs. S. C. Morris & Sons Ltd. of £1,499 for the erection of Pavilion, Conveniences and Shelter at Hatherley Court Recreation Ground, being the lowest of four tenders received, be accepted subject to contract and bond.

Burial Board Meeting held May 28

Rating Meeting held May 6

Finance Meeting held June 1

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

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3—No. 107 High Street—Resolved, That the offer of Barclays Bank Ltd. to sell this property for £5,750 plus Vendors Solicitors costs and Agents commission be accepted, subject to contract and to consent to loan being obtained. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £6,006 for the cost of purchase of the property including stamp duty on Conveyance and Vendors Solicitors costs and Agents commission.

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 Monday, 7th June, 1937, at the conclusion of the Monthly Meeting held on the same day. Present**

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

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

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; and Councillor Miller.

1—Town Clerk—Resolved, That under and in pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 259 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1933, Robert Owen Seacome, Esquire, Town Clerk of the Borough of Cheltenham for over 34 years, and holder of other offices connected with Local Government, be admitted an Honorary Freeman of the Borough in recognition and appreciation of the eminent and faithful services rendered by him in the interests of Local Government and the welfare of the Borough, and as an expression of the high esteem in which he is held by the Mayor and Corporation. Resolved, also, That an illuminated copy of the Resolution in a suitable casket be presented to Mr. Robert Owen Seacome.

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 July, 1937.**

## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th June, 1937.** Present--Aldermen Leigh James, Moore, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Lt.-Col, Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains etc. at 18 Prestbury Road ; 23, 25, 27 and 29 Windsor Street ; Lansdown Court East and Lansdown Court West—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.

2—Notices not complied with—The Sanitary Inspector submitted list of Notices arising from defective roofs, walls ceilings, floors, etc., served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Basements of 2 Oxford Place, Old Bath Road ; 30 Prestbury Road ; and Hillersley, Oxford Passage ; Basement and North-West Wing of 3 Grosvenor Place—The Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the above-mentioned parts of these premises which did not comply with the Regulations prescribed by the Corporation under the Housing Acts. The Rota Sub-Committee also reported their inspection thereof. 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 user thereof, will be considered at a meeting of the Committee to be held on the 8th September, 1937.

(b) 43 Promenade (basement)—The Committee considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of these premises. Read, letter from the Owners consenting 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, are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation and no undertaking 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, an Order be now made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936, prohibiting the use of the said rooms for any purpose other than use as a store, kitchen, scullery, washhouse or other domestic office,

(c) 10 Tivoli Street ; 10 Tivoli Lane ; Hilton Cottage, Commercial Street ; 21 St. Philip's Street ; 148 Bath Road ; 1 and 2 Hart Hill Cottages, Hewlett Road ; 18 Prestbury Road ; Hungerford Cottage and 29 Hungerford Street ; 1, 2 and 3 Hylton Place, New Street ; 1, 2, 3 and 4 William's Cottages, Alstone—The Committee considered the official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above mentioned premises are unfit for human habitation and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, notices be given under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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 works or the future user of the houses will be considered at a meeting of this Committee to be held on the 8th September, 1937.

(d) 9 Northfield Passage—RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that this 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 (4) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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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(e) 11 York Street, and 12 Andover Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned for one month to enable the Owners to consider carrying out the works required to render them fit for human habitation in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(f) 43 and 45 St. James' Street, and 16-19 Waterloo Street—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises in default of compliance by the Owners with their undertakings to recondition. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the work was proceeding in each case. RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned for one month in the case of 43 and 45 St. James' Street and three months in the case of 16-19 Waterloo Street,

(g) 34 Montpellier Villas (basement)---RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of these premises be adjourned for one month to enable the Owner to consider carrying out the works required to render it fit for human habitation in accordance with the specification to be prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(h) 30 Sandford Street ; 38 and 38a York Street—The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of 30 Sandford Street. RESOLVED, That the undertakings given by the Owners to carry out the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit be accepted.

(i) 43 Post Office Lane (rear of 43 Promenade)--RESOLVED, That the undertaking by the Owners that this house shall not be used for human habitation but only for business or storage purposes and to carry out such works as may be necessary for rendering the said house incapable of human habitation be accepted,

(j) 30 and 31 Worcester Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported an offer by the Owner to sell these houses for reconditioning. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained and that failing demolition by the Owner, tenders be obtained for their demolition.

(k) 34 Fairview Road ; 60 Union Street ; and 68 Brunswick Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the Owners be cancelled.

(l) Basement of 27 Lansdown Crescent—The Committee further considered what action should be taken in regard to these premises which had been re-let in contravention of the Closing Order made in respect thereof. Read, letter of 19th April last from Mrs Hamilton, agent for the Owner, stating that solicitors had been instructed to take proceedings to remove the tenant from the basement, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the 8th September, 1937.

(m) 4 Queen Street--The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that this house in respect of which a Demolition Order was made on the 1st February last had been re-occupied by the Owner after vacant possession had been obtained. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for demolition of the house and that the Owner be informed that the Corporation are proceeding to demolish the premises and that he will be given a week to find other accommodation.

(n) 42 and 43 Montpellier Villas—The Owner of these houses attended and asked for the Demolition Orders made in respect thereof to be rescinded on his undertaking to start reconditioning the property on the 21st inst. RESOLVED, That if he starts the work as promised and carries out the same within four months the Demolition Orders be rescinded.

4—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness—(a) 20 Burton Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had carried out to his satisfaction works which in his opinion would with reasonable care and maintenance render it fit for human habitation for a period of at least 10 years. RESOLVED, That a certificate be issued to the Owner under Section 51 of the Housing Act, 1936, that the house is fit for human habitation and will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of 10 years.

(b) 1 Stratford Cottages ; and 18 Queen Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these houses had in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 (1) of the Housing Act, 1936, submitted lists of proposed works with a request in writing that the Council should inform them whether in their opinion the houses would after the execution of those works or of those works together with any additional works be in all respects fit for human habitation and would with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of at least five years. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to submit to the Owners lists of any additional works which he considers should be carried out before certificates could be given,

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 qrs. 8 lbs. Beef ; 2 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs. Pork ; 1 qr. 17 lbs. Veal ; 1 qr. lbs. Poultry ; 1 qr. 10 ½ lbs. Fish.

6—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr F. T. Cairns of The Reddings Farm, Badgeworth, would not require the Dealer's Licence to sell "Tuberculin Tested" Milk granted to him at the last Meeting of the Committee, as he had no retailing premises within the Borough, but he would require instead a supplementary licence for the sale of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk within the Borough. RESOLVED, That Minute No. 8 of the last Meeting of this Committee be rescinded, and that Mr. Cairns be granted a supplementary licence for the sale of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk within the Borough.

7—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted his Annual Report. RESOLVED, That the Report be printed.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted the following statistics for the Borough from the Annual Report which were based on the Registrar General's estimate for 1936 :—

Population 51,390—Showing an increase of 250 on the estimate for the previous year.

Birth Rate .. 13.5 per thousand (being the highest since 1935)

Death Rate 14.67 per thousand, 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 10.86 per thousand (as compared with 12.1 per thousand for the whole country)

Death Rate of Children ... 38.9 per thousand (as compared with 59.0 for the whole country), under one year

8—Overcrowding—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on the progress of the work carried out under the Overcrowding Act (copy of which accompanies the Minutes). The Report showed that in 53 cases it had been found that the permitted numbers had not been inserted in the rent books. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to these Owners calling their attention to this, and that they are liable to penalties for failing to have this done, and that proceedings will be taken if on further inspection they are still' in default.

9—Disinfecting Inspector—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. W. Townsend, Disinfecting Inspector, would attain the age of 65 years on the 9th October next, and that he wished to apply for an extension. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, That the General Purposes Committee be recommended to extend his services for one year from the 9th October next.

10—Abattoir—(a) The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that owing to leakages and overloading it would be necessary to lay a fresh electric cable to the outbuilding at the Abattoir at an estimated cost of £4 4s. 3d. He also recommended the installation of a test panel for electrical stunning apparatus at an estimated cost of £3 13s. 8d., and that the defective firegrate in the Superintendent's office should be replaced by an electric fire at an estimated cost of £3 8s. 3d. RESOLVED, That these works be approved.

(b) Slaughter of Animals and Lairage and Weighing Charges--The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted report on the comparative merits of the Electric Stunning Apparatus and Captive Bolt Pistol for the humane slaughter of animals. The Town Clerk reported that the District Auditor had made some comments on the lairage and weighing charges which he had asked the Committee to consider. RESOLVED, That these matters be referred to the Farms Sub-Committee ; that the Sub-Committee be called the Farms and Abattoir Sub-Committee, and that Councillors Barnett and Dr. Hayward be added to the Sub-Committee

11—Building at rear of " Northerwood," Pittville Circus Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had laid new drains to the above building without notifying him, but that this appeared to be an oversight, and the Owner had agreed to open up the drains for examination. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances no action be taken.

12—Shops Acts, 1934—The Committee reviewed the certificates of exemption from the provisions of Section 10 (2) of this Act (which requires the provision of suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences), issued on the 12th October last in respect of the undermentioned premises. The occupiers of the shops or their representatives attended and explained the arrangement made in respect of sanitary conveniences.

Shop.	Occupier.
84 High Street	MacFisheries Ltd.
82 “	Cheltenham Cycle Co.
64a “	C. Ellis.
84b “	A. Mann & Son.
116a “	F. H. Edwards.
116b “	Modern Radio Ltd.

RESOLVED, That the certificates be confirmed, except in respect of No. 82 (in which case a certificate was not now required), and subject in the case of No. 64a High Street to the occupier undertaking that the convenience available should only be used by female assistants.

13—Waste Land and Ditch between Mead Road and Railway—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that this waste land had been used as a tip and that complaints had been received of rats. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

14—Alma Road—Read, letter from Miss L. Cook complaining of smell from the watercourse running by her house. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that this was due to the overflow from the cess-pool of Green Farm belonging to the County Council, who had declined to remedy the nuisance. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to lay the facts before the Ministry of Health.

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15—Hayden Sewage Works—The Chairman, Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward and Rogers reported their inspection of the Sewage Works Extensions on the 2nd inst. The Borough Surveyor reported that three of the new filter beds had been put into commission and were working satisfactorily

16—Hayden Knoll Cottages—The Chairman, Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward and Rogers reported their inspection of these cottages on the 2nd inst., and expressed their view that the cottages were too old and dilapidated to be worth re-thatching, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange with Mr. Rymer for the cottages to be taken out of his lease, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for demolition of the cottages and building new cottages in their place.

17—Barn Farm Road—Councillors Barnett, Dr Hayward and Rogers reported their inspection of this road on the 2nd inst. RESOLVED, That Mr. Rymer's request that the Corporation should scarify and roll this road as well as provide free stone from Leckhampton, be agreed to subject to Mr. Rymer agreeing to cart and spread the stone, and also subject to the Corporation's expenditure on scarifying and rolling being limited to £50.

18—Hayden Knoll Farm—(a) The Town Clerk reported an application by Mr. Rymer for the Council's consent to his living in Cheltenham with his wife and daughter. He proposed to reserve two rooms at the Farmhouse for use by himself as office and bedroom and the remainder of the house would be occupied free of rent by



Mr. Blakeway who would assist in looking after the Farm, but he would himself be there nearly every day. RESOLVED, That the application be agreed to.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 6th inst from Mr. Rymer and Police Report on the cutting and removal of about eight larch trees from a covert at the Sewage Farm. The Police had been unable to discover who had removed the trees.

(c) Sewage Disposal—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to retain until September the man appointed in February last to assist in the distribution of sewage over Mr. Rymer's land.

19—Flooding—(a) Hewlett Road and Eldon Road—The Town Clerk submitted Report of the All Saints' Ward Committee of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Citizens' Union on flooding of "Ivy Dene," Hewlett Road. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Flooding Sub-Committee.

(b) Engineering Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Chairman, Councillors Dr. Hayward and Moore had on the 10th inst. interviewed three candidates for this post and had selected Mr. J. W. Lovatt of 26 Gunterstone Road, West Kensington, W 14. RESOLVED, That the appointment be approved.

20—Sewer in Lane at rear of Pittville Parade and Clarence Square—The Borough Surveyor reported the result of his inspection of this sewer in accordance with instructions at the last Meeting of this Committee. RESOLVED, That consideration of his Report be referred to the Flooding Sub-Committee.

21—Slaughter of Animals Act 1933—The Town Clerk reported that copies of the Resolution of the Council to apply Section 1 of the Act to sheep, ewes, wethers, rams and lambs had been published in the Gloucestershire Echo " and served on all licensed slaughtermen and also sent to the Ministry of Health in compliance with the provisions of the Act.

22—Salterley Grange, Leckhampton—Read, letter of 31st ult. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that the Council had been in communication with the Birmingham Corporation concerning the complaints as to nuisance caused by sewage from Salterley Grange, and that they had been informed that the Birmingham Corporation were making investigations.

23—Diphtheria Immunisation—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the National Anti-Vaccination League enclosing a Resolution passed at the League's annual meeting requesting local authorities to discontinue advocating immunisation against diphtheria and other diseases RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

24—National Association for Prevention of Tuberculosis—Read, invitation for the attendance of delegates at the 23rd annual conference of this Association at Bristol from 1st to 3rd July. RESOLVED, That no delegates be appointed.

25—National Health Campaign--The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 28th ult. from the Central Council for Health Education with regard to the National Health Campaign from October to March next. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th June, 1937.** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the various Contracts.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Croweller, one of the directors of the new factory, had asked if his firm could purchase a strip of land about 12 feet wide at the northern end of Severn Road to provide secondary access to the site. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to sell this land at the valuation of the District Valuer.

(c) Junction of Wyman's Road and Whaddon Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Original Brewery Company had agreed to give up the land in Whaddon Road to enable Wyman's Road to be widened provided the Corporation erected a post and chain link fence to the new line. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the improvement.

(d) Whaddon Farm—The Town Clerk reported that he had now arranged with Messrs. J. Bloss & Co. for the settlement of the Gloucestershire Dairy Company's claim for compensation on the taking of the farm at £440, as negotiated by the District Valuer, less the sum of £140 for the arrears of rent due up to the date when the various portions of the farm were taken. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Kingsley Gardens ---The Borough Surveyor reported that the 11 houses belonging to the Corporation at Kingsley Gardens required external painting. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out the work and that the Repairs Sub-Committee be authorised to accept a tender.

3—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the erection of 102 sheds on this estate, but in view of the difficulty now being experienced in obtaining sufficient bricklayers for the various housing Contracts, he recommended that this work should be deferred for the present. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted and that consideration of carrying out the work be deferred for the present.

4—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee--(a) Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 8th inst. RESOLVED, That this be approved and adopted.

(b) The Committee considered and dealt with three urgent applications for tenancy of houses and interviewed one of the applicants.

5—Reconditioning—(a) 143 Tewkesbury Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that during the work of carrying out temporary repairs to this house which had been purchased by the Street and Highway Committee for the widening of Tewkesbury Road it was found that the timbers were badly rotted and the rear wall was unsafe. He had, therefore, suspended the work, on which the sum of £25 18s. 0d. had so far

been expended. RESOLVED, That this Committee do not recommend the Street and Highway Committee to carry out any further work at the house.

(b) 30 and 31 Worcester Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that Mrs. Watts had offered these properties for sale to the Corporation for reconditioning, RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained,

(c) 58 Worcester Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that during the progress of reconditioning this house he had authorised an additional payment of £15 for extra walling and alteration of landing and stairs. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) 1-4 Kingsditch Cottages, Kingsditch Lane—Read, letter from Mr. H. Boreham offering these houses, in respect of which Demolition Orders had been made, for sale. RESOLVED, That the View Sub-Committee be asked to inspect and report thereon,

(e) Rose Cottage, Grove Street—Read, letter from Mr. W. H. Horsley offering this house for sale to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the View Sub-Committee for inspection and report.

6—Housing Manager—(a) Annual Report—The Housing Manager submitted her Annual Report. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Committee.

(b) Monthly Report—The Housing Manager submitted her Monthly Report on the collection of rents.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Student in Miss Hort's Office be paid a cycle allowance of £2 per annum.

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7—St. Mark's Estate—(a) RESOLVED, That the Tenants Sub-Committee be asked to consider the question of the two single tenants occupying houses on this Estate now reported by the Housing Manager.

(b) 93 Tennyson Road—The Housing Manager reported that the tenant of this house had not cultivated his back garden which was causing a nuisance to the adjoining occupiers. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant requiring him to have the weeds cut down and the garden kept tidy.

(c) Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Post Office Engineering Department asking the Council to sell a piece of land belonging to Benhall Cottage, adjoining No. 1 Kingsley Gardens, for the erection of a small building to house telephone equipment as shown on the plan submitted. RESOLVED, That the View Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the land and that, subject to their approval, the Committee are prepared to sell the land at the valuation of the District Valuer subject to tenancy and contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained to the sale,

(d) 53 Kipling Road—The Housing Manager submitted report on the tenant of this house, which was occupied by only two persons. His garden had not been cultivated, and the Tenants Sub-Committee considered his means did not justify his renting a subsidised house. RESOLVED, That the rent be increased from 11s 9d to 12s 11d per week as from the 26th July, and that he be required to have his garden put into a clean and tidy condition by that date, failing which he be given notice to quit.

8—Alstone Lawn Estate—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. F. Rouse had accepted the Committee's offer to let him a portion of the lane at the rear of his premises at the rent of £2 10s. 0d. per annum. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement

9—Repairs--(a) RESOLVED, That consideration of the system of carrying out the repairs to the Corporation houses be referred to a Meeting of the Repairs Sub-Committee to be held in September.

(b) Read, letter of 12th inst. from the National Amalgamated Society of Operative House and Ship Painters and Decorators complaining that Mr. Anderson was employing labourers to carry out painting work on the St. Paul's Housing Estate contrary to the Fair Wages Clause. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Anderson that he must pay tradesmen's rates of pay for recognised painting work.

10—Meetings—RESOLVED, That the July Meeting of the Committee be held on 16th July at 11 a.m., the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee on 13th July at 11.30 a.m. and the View Sub-Committee on the 29th inst. at 10.30 a.m.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st June, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Fisher, Green and Grimwade (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—High Street—Promenade Improvement—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 15th inst. from the Minister of Transport stating that he considered the lay-out of this round-about was working satisfactorily and authorising work to be put in hand for making it permanent. The pedestrian crossings should be clear of the round-about and guard rails should be erected on the adjoining footpaths to prevent pedestrians crossing to the island. Read, letter of 31st ult. from the Chamber of Commerce urging the retention of the rock garden on the island. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans for laying out the island as a rock garden or alternatively with flower beds, and that the erection of post and chain fences around the adjoining footpaths in accordance with the scheme submitted by the Borough Surveyor be approved.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders for completing the paving of the roads around the island with wood blocks. RESOLVED, That the tender of the Acme Flooring & Paving Co. (1904) Ltd., being the lowest, be accepted.

(c) RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan for the proportion of the expenditure on the improvement to be borne by the Corporation.

3—Montpellier Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted offers by Mr. F. H. Edwards (on behalf of Miss Bick) and by Messrs. Holliday & Page Ltd. to give up the cellars projecting under Montpellier Street at the rear of No. 18 Montpellier Walk and No. 4 Queen's Circus respectively subject Only to payment of legal costs. RESOLVED, That the offers be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed in the cellars.

4—Junction of Hewlett Road and Carlton Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted proposal for improving the corner of this junction by adding part of the garden of Carlton Villa to the highway. RESOLVED, That the proposal be approved subject to the Owner agreeing to give up the land.

5—Tewkesbury Road Bridge Widening—The Committee considered a suggestion made at a conference with representatives of the County Council that this widening should be deferred for Ow present. The Borough Surveyor reported that if the work was deferred, expenditure would have to be incurred on the parapet walls of the bridge. He expected the grant from the Ministry of Transport to be notified at an early date and he thought in the circumstances it was inadvisable to defer the widening. RESOLVED, That the County Council be informed that the proposal to defer this work has been considered but is not thought advisable.

6—Private Improvement Works—Rowanfield Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that this road had been made up at a cost of £172 15s. 2d. as compared with the estimated cost of £289 2s. 0d., and he submitted particulars of the apportionment of the cost amongst the adjoining Owners. RESOLVED, That the apportionment be approved and demands for payment be made on the Owners named therein. RESOLVED, also, That an allowance of 5 per cent. of the amount against each Owner be made provided payment is made within one month from the date of the service of the demand.

7—Priors Road—(a) RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan for the Corporation's proportion of the expenditure on the widening of Priors Road.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had asked the Master Builders' Association to indicate the position of the crossings that would be required by them over the pavement, but that they were unable to indicate these in view of the slow development of the land. He suggested that the footpath should be completed without crossings unless these are indicated before September next, when the grass verge would have to be seeded, but he pointed out that the cost of crossings made afterwards would have to be charged to " Classification Account " instead of being included for Grant. RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

8—Workmen's Annual Outing—The Borough Surveyor reported that more than half of the employees who had been granted a holiday with pay for the purpose of their annual outing, had not attended the outing. RESOLVED, That in future no extra holiday be granted for the annual outing.

9—Borough Surveyor's Department—The Borough Surveyor reported that P. E. Wiggall, Junior Clerk, had passed the examination of the Union of Educational Institutes for writing shorthand at a speed of 120 words per minute, and he recommended that the increase in salary to which he would be entitled on the 11th prox. should be granted to him two months' earlier. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had advertised for an assistant to carry out the necessary survey at a salary of £275 per annum but he had only received two applications neither of which he regarded as satisfactory. He therefore recommended that his pupil, Mr. N. A. Pritchard, who would complete his articles in July, should be appointed to the post at a salary of £3 3s.

Od. per week. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to the Town Planning Committee agreeing to release Mr. Pritchard from the Town Planning Department,

11—View Committee—Read, report of the View Committee of their Meeting held on the 16th inst. Present—The Chairman, Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Fisher, Green and Morris.

They recommended as follows :—

(1) 243a and 244 High Street—That Mr. W. H. Horsley's offer to sell these houses for £1,000 be not accepted, but that a counter offer of £500 be made.

(2) Prestbury Road—That with regard to Mr. Martin's complaint, the owners of Oakland Villa and Cresswell Villa be asked to permit the stone steps projecting from their premises to be set back behind the street line.

(3) Junction of Old Bath Road and Leckhampton Road—That no action be taken with regard to the complaint about the board advertising the Cleevemount Estate.

(4) Old Bath Road—That with regard to Mr. A. B. Cooper's application, the tree outside No. 245 and the other trees on the same side of the road above the Railway Bridge be thinned out as much as possible.

(5) Old Bath Road—That with regard to the complaint from Mr. W. M. Parsons, the seat outside No. 310 Old Bath Road be moved to the opposite side of the road in the recess opposite Siddall's Caravan Works.

(6) Montpellier Terrace and Suffolk Road unction—That no action be taken with regard to the recommendation of the Jury at the Inquest on Mrs. L. K. Burke that traffic lights or a " Halt " sign should be placed at this junction.

(7) Northfield Terrace—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to tarspray this road during the present season. RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

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12- -Pittville Street. Improvement---(a) The Town Clerk reported that notices of the Compulsory Purchase Order had been served on the owners and occupiers of the properties affected.

(b) RESOLVED, That application be made to the County Council for a grant towards the cost of the improvement.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted report of the Traffic Sub-Committee of the National Citizens' Union (Cheltenham Branch) approving of the proposed improvement of Pittville Street.

13 -No. 7 Pittville Street—The Town Clerk reported that adjoining occupiers had complained of the nuisance caused by the playing of piano accordions at 7 Pittville Street which was recently let by the Corporation to Mr. W. J. Thomas, and that he foil arranged with the tenant that music lessons should be given in the basement of the shop and that the shop door should be kept closed when demonstrations of instruments are given. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to see if these arrangements are satisfactory.

14---Winchcomb Street Real, letter of 14th inst. from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland on behalf of Messrs. Bastin & Sons offering the yard, garage and warehouse at the rear of the property on the East side of Winchcomb Street for £2,500. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

15---Junction of Hewlett Road and College Road—The Town Clerk submitted letters from the owners of the pieces of land required for the construction of the round-about at this junction. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Ministry of Transport.

16-5 Montpellier Avenue—Read, letter of 19th inst. from Mr C. J. Wedberg, tenant of this shop, complaining of the state of the drains and roof of the premises and asking the Corporation to redecorate a small room and passage which the Illia owner had agreed to do. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to inspect the premises and report.

17-6 Montpellier Avenue—The Town Clerk reported two applications for renting this shop from the Corporation on yearly tenancies. RESOLVED, That the offers be not entertained.

18—Alstone Lane, Norton House—The Town Clerk submitted three offers to take these premises on a yearly tenancy at a rent of £40 a year excluding rates. RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. William Bullingham of 4 Pittville Lodge be accepted subject to his entering into a tenancy agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk, providing for interior repairs to be carried out by the tenant and repairs to roofs, main walls and main timbers to be executed by the Corporation. RESOLVED, also, That a service cable for the supply of electricity be laid to the premises.

19-127-130 Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green offering on behalf of Mr. Littlely to sell these properties to the Corporation for £200 plus legal costs. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted.

20-131-135 Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that the owner of this house had not replied to his letters enquiring at what price the owner would be willing to sell the properties to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken at present.

21-266-267 High Street—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Mr. H. Boreham on behalf of the Owner offering these houses for sale to the Corporation for £650. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted,

22-143 Tewkesbury Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the work being carried out by Mr. E. A. Eggleton in accordance with the Committee's instructions would not be sufficient to put the property into a safe condition for occupation, and that an expenditure of the further sum of £100 would be required for this purpose. He also reported that he had arranged for Mr. Eggleton to hold up the work and to accept £25 18s. 0d. in settlement of his contract, if required. RESOLVED, That no further work be carried out and that the terms arranged with Mr. Eggleton be approved,

23—Montpellier Grove—RESOLVED, That Notices be given of intention to take over this road as a highway repairable by the Corporation subject to the liability of the Owners to pave the footpath on the East side when called upon to do so by the Corporation under Section 37 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

24—Master Builders' Association—The Town Clerk reported that he had enquired of a number of towns whether the Corporations paid any subscriptions to the Local Master Builders' Associations, but in each case

he had received a negative reply, RESOLVED, That an annual subscription of one guinea be offered to the Cheltenham Master Builders' Association.

25—Jersey Avenue—The Town Clerk reported that notice had been served on Miss Holmes of Lowood, Hewlett Road, requiring her to alter the door of her garage opening on to Jersey Avenue so as not to open outwards, and that the notice had not been complied with within the time stipulated. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the alteration and that application be made to the Owner for repayment of the expenditure incurred.

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26—Six Chimney Lane—Read, letter of 12th inst. from Mr. F. Addis complaining of the condition of this road. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Borough Surveyor has been instructed to repair the road when the laying of gas mains has been completed.

27—Bath Road—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the proprietor of the Paragon Garage, stating that he could not allow a seat to be placed under the cedar tree on his property, but he had arranged with Mrs. Chapman of Cedarhurst to place a seat just inside her drive. He also stated that he had had the Neon sign removed from the cedar tree as required by the Corporation.

28—Junction of Keynsham Road and Sandford Road—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Cheltenham General & Eye Hospitals agreeing to lower a portion of the newly erected fence so as to improve the vision around the corner of this junction, as requested by the Corporation.

29—Post Office Telegraph Lines—(a) High Street ; From Grosvenor Terrace to High Street ; Across Sandford Street : From Victoria Terrace to Cranham Road—The Town Clerk read application from the Post Office Sectional Engineer for consent to the laying of underground telegraph lines

(i) Along the footpath of the South side of High Street ;

(ii) From Grosvenor Terrace to High Street ;

(iii) Across Sandford Street near the Sandford Inn ;

(iv) From the Junction of Princes Street and Victoria Terrace to Kings Road and along Kings Road to Cranham Road.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he saw no objection to the first three proposals, but that as a new pavement had recently been laid in Kings Road he was arranging that the line should be laid underneath the carriageway, The Borough Electrical Engineer reported as to the electric cables which might be affected by the work. RESOLVED. That the application be granted subject to the requirements of the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineer being complied with and to the works being carried out to their satisfaction.

(b) Suffolk Place and lane at rear of Lypiatt Road—Read, application from the Post Office Sectional Engineer for consent to the laying of underground telegraph lines for about 23 yards beneath the footpath on the South side of Suffolk Place adjoining Suffolk House, and for about 80 yards beneath the lane at the rear of Lypiatt Road also adjoining Suffolk House. The Borough Surveyor reported that he saw no objection to the



proposed work provided the lines of the ducts were approved by him and the surface reinstated to his satisfaction. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that there were two H.T. and one L.T. cables in Suffolk Place and one L.T. cable for street lighting in the lane at the rear of Lypiatt Road. The Corporation were about to lay a new cable along this lane to the new Suffolk House flats and it would be convenient if arrangements could be made to lay the two cables in the same trench. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the requirements of the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineer being complied with and to the work being carried out to their satisfaction.

(c) Across Regent Street—Read, application from the Post Office Sectional Engineer for consent to the laying of an underground telegraph line across Regent Street from a point near County Court Road to a point outside No. 4 Regent Street. The Borough Surveyor reported that he saw no objection to the proposed work provided that it did not interfere with any services and the surface was reinstated to his satisfaction. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that there were three Low Pressure cables and one High Pressure cable at the junction of County Court Road and Regent Street and that sufficient clearance of these cables must be allowed. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the requirements of the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer being complied with and to the work being carried out to their satisfaction.

30—Projecting Signs—(a) Read, application of 25th ult. from Messrs. Bastin & Sons for permission to erect illuminated projecting signs outside the following premises:—The Garrick's Head, Bath Street ; The Russell Arms, Hales Road; The Midland Hotel, Gloucester Road ; The Malvern Inn, Leckhampton Road ; The Bath Hotel, Albion Street ; The Exmouth Arms, Bath Road; The Beaufort Arms, London Road. RESOLVED, That, subject to the usual conditions, permission be granted in all cases provided that no coloured lights which can be mistaken for traffic lights shall be permitted.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted application from Neon Products (Northampton) Ltd. for permission to erect a projecting illuminated Neon sign outside the premises of Mr. Armand in Winchcomb Street. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for particulars of the height and projection and illustration of the sign to be submitted.

31—Streamer across Promenade—Read, application from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for permission to hang a streamer advertising their water polo matches across the Promenade on the occasion of each match. RESOLVED, That the application be granted for the actual days on which the matches take place.

32—Lorry—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Superintendent Hopkins reporting that a sounding gong had been used on a Corporation refuse collector in contravention of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Uses) Regulations, 1931. The Borough Surveyor reported that all gongs had now been replaced with horns.

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33—Public Cleansing Costing Returns—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 16th inst. from the Ministry of Health with regard to the submission of Public Cleansing Costing Returns for the year to 31st March last. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Treasurer and Borough Surveyor.

34—Trunk Road No. 10—Street Refuge—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport to make the street refuge in the Promenade outside the Winter Gardens, permanent.

35--Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress and Exhibition-----The Town Clerk submitted circular letter inviting delegates to the above Congress and Exhibition from the 15th to the 20th November next at the Royal Agricultural Hall in London, RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be appointed to attend.

36--Prestbury Road—Cakebridge Terrace—The View Committee reported their inspection of the hoardings erected by Messrs Shenton's on the site of Nos. 1-7 Cakebridge Terrace, and recommended that these should be required to be removed. The Borough Surveyor reported that the site of the houses would eventually be required for laying the proposed by-pass road from Prestbury Road to Prior's Road, and the Town Clerk reported that as the houses were included in a Clearance Order, a Compulsory Purchase Order could be made. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 32 (i) of the Housing Act, 1936, the Council determine to purchase the said land, being the sites and gardens of Nos. 1-7 Cakebridge Terrace, being lands which have been cleared of all buildings in accordance with the Clearance Order and which have not been, and are not in process of being used for building purposes, or otherwise developed by the Owners in accordance with plans approved by the Council. RESOLVED, also, That the Council agree to purchase the land at the price valued by the District Valuer, and that failing purchase by agreement a Compulsory Purchase Order for the purchase of the land be made under the Common Seal pursuant to Section 32 (2) of the said Act and submitted to the Minister of Health for confirmation.

37—Swindon Road—The Committee considered a suggestion that the position of the Bus Stop in Swindon Road near Gardner's Lane should be altered RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

#### REQUISITIONS, STORES AND PLANT SUB-COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 29th June, 1937.** Present—Alderman Pates; and Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1---Coal and Coke Supplies—RESOLVED, That the following tenders for the supply of the approximate quantities of coal and coke undermentioned during the year ending on the 30th June, 1938, be recommended for acceptance

(a) The tender of Messrs. Webb Bros Ltd. for the supply of 80 tons of house coal for £1 13s. 8d. per ton (winter price) and £1 11s. 8d. per ton (summer price).

(b) The tender of Messrs. J. Williams & Co. Ltd. for the supply of 130 tons of Welsh Smokeless steam coal for £1 16s. 6d per ton.

(c) The tender of Messrs, J. Williams & Co. Ltd. (per Mr. M. E. J. Sheppard) for the supply of 180 tons of anthracite for £1 17s. 9d. per ton.

(d) The tender of Forest of Dean Collieries for the supply of 120 tons of rough small steam coal for £1 2s. 7d per ton at Cheltenham and £1 3s. 6d. per ton at Tewkesbury.

(e) The tender Messrs. J. Williams & Co. Ltd. for the supply of 250 tons of smokeless steam coal for Sandford Waterworks and Spa Baths for £1 14s. 0d. per ton.

(f) The tender of Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd. for the supply of 80 tons of coal for Sandford Park Bath for £1 4s. 1d. per ton

(g) The tender of Cheltenham & District Gas Company for the supply of 487 tons of coke for £1 10s. 10d. per ton at Gas Works, £1 13s. 4d. per ton at Delancey Hospital and £1 15s. 10d. per ton at Longhill Hospital.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th June, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Barnett, Moore and Morris ; 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
4674	Scott, H.	Alterations and additions, Brandon House, Painswick Road.
4675	G. Ince	Garage, 8 Queen's Retreat.
4676	_____	Alterations and additions, Pittville Crescent Cottage, Albert Road.
4677	L. Barnett	Garage, 223 Arle Road.
4678	W. T. Allen	Garage, Vergradon, Fairmount Road.
4679	Miss C. Haywood	219 Arle Road.
4680	Marcus Hazlewood	Detached house, Prestbury Road.
4681	Cunningham Gibaud	Lay-out houses, Elmfield Estate, Swindon Road.
4682	S. Trotter	New kennels, Hayden Hill.
4683	Daniel Neal Ltd.	New shop front, 9-10 Clarence Street.
4684	Barclay's Bank Ltd.	Conversion of business premises into bank, 394 High Street.
4685	Edwards & Marshall	Alterations and additions, 29 and 30 Winchcomb Street.
4686	Dale Forty & Co. Ltd.	Alterations and additions, 102 Promenade.
4687	Miss Evans	Extension " Redcroft," Eldon Avenue.
4688	L. White	Detached house, Arle Road.
4689	Victory Motor Co., Ltd.	Extension to garage, Berkeley Avenue.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4675, 4676, 4677, 4678, 4679, 4680, 4682 and 4688 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 4674, 4685 and 4687 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. 4674, only so far as the new work is concerned and not including the development of the southern portion of the land, and in the case of Plan No. 4685, subject also to the building and petrol pumps being set back behind the building line and the open space in front of the premises thrown into the footpath, and to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 4681 be approved subject to (1) the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the fences in Swindon Road on completion of building to the line laid down in the Scheme, (2) the land marked "Reserved for private gardens" being kept free of buildings, and (3) dwelling

houses being substituted for shops on the corner of the new road ; That Plan Na. 4683 be approved subject to the consent of the Street and Highway Committee as to canopy ; That Plan No. 4684 be approved subject to the building being set back to the line of adjoining buildings in High Street ; That Plans Nos. 4686 and 4689 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 :-  
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No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1154	Stevenson, Miss	Alterations and additions, Monks Moat, Southam,
1155	Camm, E.	Bungalow, Little Witcombe,
1156	Adams Caravans Ltd.	New workshop, New Era Works, Copt Elm Road.
1157	Gauden, H. M.	Garages and outhouses, Little Herberts Lane, Charlton Kings.
1158	A. E. Marshall & Son	Garage (Private), Brookway Road, Charlton Kings.
1159	A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd.	Bungalow, Charlton Park Estate, Charlton Kings.
1160	Phipps, T.	Open shed for Motor Lorries, Reservoir Inn, London Road, Charlton Kings.
1161	The Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Co. Ltd.	Office, Shurdington Gravel Pit, Shurdington.
1162	Melville, W. G.	House, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1163	Hall, A. J.	Additions and alterations, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 Gloucester Street, Winchcomb.
1164	Drummond, W. Powys	Alterations and additions, Brookfurlongs, Corndean Lane, Winchcomb.
1165	Hanks, R. G.	Alterations and additions, The Twynings, Shurdington.
1166	Con, C.	Alterations, Easemore Bungalow, Bishop's Cleeve.
1167	Halls, A.	Housing Scheme, Near Staverton Bridge.
1168	Smith, T. W.	Garage (Private), Church Street, Charlton Kings.
1169	Electricity Department	Low tension overhead cables, Staverton.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1157, 1164, 1165, 1168 and 1169 be approved ; That Plan No. 1154 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No 1158 be approved subject to a plan indicating the area of land to be attached to the building being submitted to and approved by the Committee, and the building being painted a colour to harmonise with the surroundings ; That Plan No. 1159 be approved subject to a plan of the garage being submitted to and approved by the Committee ; That Plan No. 1161 be approved subject to the building being set back to the building line prescribed by the County Council on the 12th April, 1933, and to the owners entering into an undertaking to remove the building when required by the Highway Authority : That Plan No. 1162 be approved subject to sandfaced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 1163 be approved subject to the lintels to the doors and windows being in stone and plain doors being substituted for the panelled doors ; That consideration of Plan No. 1156 be deferred pending the views of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council ; That consideration of Plan No. 1166 be deferred for submission of a site plan ; That Plans Nos. 1155, 1160 and 1167 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Fosse, Tewkesbury Road, Uckington—Read, letter from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green, asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to permit this property to be used for the purpose of breeding dogs. RESOLVED, That the Committee's decision be adhered to

(b) Common Meadow, Leckhampton Road—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. stating that they had an application for the purchase of part of this field for building, and suggesting that the scheduling of this field for a recreation ground should be reconsidered. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. be informed that the Draft Scheme is now completed and that the Committee cannot re-open the matter at present.

(c) The borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. G. F. Gratton, dated 23rd inst., asking for permission to establish a Dairy at Denton Lodge, Oxford Street. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter and plan from Messrs. Healing & Overbury asking for determination of the building line at Messrs. Geo. Bence & Sons Ltd. premises in Sherborne Place. RESOLVED, That the building and improvement line be fixed at 22 ft. 6 ins, from the centre of the existing road.

(e) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. H. W. Brookes, dated 16th June, 1937 asking for permission to use a new house at the corner of Arle Road and Brooklyn Road for the purposes of a business. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(f) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter and plan from Mr. B. Gough asking for permission to open a sand and gravel pit at The Ledmores, London Road, Charlton Rings. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

4—Brooklyn Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted an amended plan of Brooklyn Road showing the proposed extension to Gloucester Road and Tewkesbury Road, to be substituted for the plan submitted at the last Meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Council adopt the provisions of Section 2 of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, in respect of Brooklyn Road, including the proposed extension thereof to Gloucester Road and Tewkesbury Road, and that notice thereof be given and application made to the Ministry of Transport for approval thereof and that Minute No 15 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

(e)

5—Draft Scheme—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had extended the period for adoption of the Draft Scheme to 7th August. RESOLVED, That application be made for a further extension to the end of October.

(b) The Draft Scheme was submitted to the Committee for approval. RESOLVED, That copies be sent to each member of the Committee and to the Clerks of the interested Local Authorities and that the same be considered at the next Meeting of the Committee, and that a copy be also furnished to any member of the Council wishing to have a copy.

6—Plan No. 4635—Victoria Vaults, Hanover Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertaking previously asked for be not required and that the plan be approved as submitted.

7--Plan No. 1123, Housing Scheme, Tredington—Read, letter from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking that the condition on which this plan was approved requiring the front fence to be set back forthwith to the improvement line should be amended, so as to provide that the Rural District Council should undertake to dedicate to the Highway Authority the necessary land along the frontage of the site, to enable the road to be widened to the improvement line, when the County Council proceed with the scheme for widening the road throughout the entire length of the village. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

8—Christina, Hayden Hill—Read, application from Mr. S. Trotter for permission to erect and use existing outbuildings at this property, and land, for greyhound training kennels. RESOLVED, That permission be granted.

9—Prestbury Road—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Mr. A. V. Gregory on behalf of Mr. Lapper objecting to the site approved for the Sports Pavilion to be erected by the Gloucester Co-operative Society on land adjoining his property. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the site was carefully considered and the plan has already been approved.

10—Pipe Line, River Chelt, near College Bath—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Messrs. Winterbotham Gurney & Co. asking for cancellation of the Licence granted to Mr. R. J. Winterbotham, to lay a pipe through a piece of lane belonging to the Corporation for obtaining a water supply from the River Chelt for garden purposes, as Mr. Winterbotham has now disposed of his property, dismantled the pump and removed the pipes. RESOLVED, That the Licence be cancelled.

11—Land at Pilford—Read, memorial from residents in Pilford Road, protesting at the erection of a large shed on land in this road, rented by Mr. Thornycroft for a rabbitry, as being most unsightly, and screening the view of Leckhampton Hill. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the building has been already approved as a temporary building for a period of twelve months.

12—Restriction of Ribbon Development Act—RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to release Mr. N. A. Pritchard from the Town Planning Department to assist in the Survey under this Act.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th June, 1937.** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Rogers, Smith, Waite and Ward; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 8th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Dance Band—That the tender of Hector Davies to provide his Ambassadors Dance Band for the Summer Season be accepted on the understanding that he resigns his appointment at the Town Hall.

(b) That the use of Montpellier Pavilion and ground for the erection of one tent be granted to the Fox Terrier Club, London, for their Show on the 18th May, 1938, at a charge of 3 guineas.

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

2—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 11th inst.

RESOLVED, That this be approved and adopted.

3—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the large Bath was opened on the 14th inst. on the completion of the various improvements.

(b) Junior Bath—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Education Secretary stating that the Education Committee had arranged for their Swimming Instructor to attend at the Baths during specified hours in the holidays and asking the Council to grant free admission to the children who attended during such hours. RESOLVED, That school children be admitted to the bath during holidays at a charge of 1d. each.

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported offer from Messrs. Stevens & Bullivants of automatic hair-drying machines (1d. in the slot) for the Alstone and Spa Baths, the Corporation to take one third of the takings. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted.

(d) Read, application of 8th inst. from Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for the use of the Swimming Bath on Fridays from 5.30 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.

4—Sandford Park Swimming Pool- (a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase a hand bread cutting machine and also a marker for marking out courts for deck tennis.

(b) Public Secondary Schools Cadet Association—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Capt. A. Pensom asking on what terms the Council were prepared to allow cadets attending the Annual Camp of this Association at Hunting Butts Farm from 23rd July to 10th August next to use the Pool. The total number attending the Camp would be 1,103 and arrangements would be made to send the cadets in parties of such numbers as approved by the Committee. RESOLVED, That provided parties of not less than 60 come at a time at days and times suitable to the Superintendent, the charge of admission be reduced to 3d. per head.

5—Montpellier Gardens—Read, application from the Cheltenham Peace Council for the use of these gardens for a Sunday Meeting on Peace Sunday. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted. RESOLVED, also, That the application of the Cheltenham and District Union of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour for permission to hold open air meetings in Sandford Park be not granted, and that they be offered the use of the Pavilion at these gardens on dates to be arranged with the Superintendent.

6—oxford Parade Gardens—The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the 12 Owners offering to take over these gardens on the terms approved by the Committee, and that, so far, he had received replies from 7 of the 12 Owners agreeing to the proposal.

7—Conference—Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Faculty of Teachers in Commerce accepting the Council's invitation to hold their Conference in Cheltenham next Easter. RESOLVED, That the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the Conference, or, if this is not available, the Mayor be asked to grant the use of the Council Chamber for the Meetings.

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

(b) Holidays—The Committee considered a letter from the Superintendent with regard to his holidays. RESOLVED, That this year he be granted three weeks' holiday.

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9—Winter Gardens—(a) Read, letter of 28th ult. from Miss Kent asking for the free use of the Theatre for next Season. Read, also, Resolution from the General Purposes Committee recommending that this application be acceded to. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Repertory Theatre be granted to Miss Kent from 20th September next until required for the Winter Garden Scheme or until determined by one month's notice.

(b) Read, also, application from Miss Kent for permission to provide teas, coffee, etc at the Winter Garden during Band concerts. RESOLVED, That Miss Kent be allowed to supply teas and coffee throughout the week and Ices on week days, but that the Corporation reserve the sole right of selling cigarettes and chocolates throughout the week and Ices on Sundays.

(c) Insurance—RESOLVED, also, That the application of Miss Kent for the Corporation to take over the Insurance of the Repertory Theatre Company's property during the summer season be not granted.

10—Town Hall—(a) RESOLVED, That the Town Hall be let for the Trades Exhibition from the 18th to the 30th October at a rent of £175 plus the cost of lighting and the cost of making good any damage, one quarter of the rent to be paid on booking and the remainder one week before the Exhibition.

(b) Newspapers—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to change the supplier of newspapers every year, and that for the ensuing year the newspapers be obtained from Mr: Burrows of Tivoli Street.

11—Advertising—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of the Travel Association for an increased subscription to the Association be referred for the consideration of the Advertising Sub-Committee.

12—Sunday Games—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Entertainments Sub-Committee that the playing of Tennis in Montpellier and Pittville Gardens be allowed on Sundays from 12.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

The Town Clerk reported that Byelaw Number 3 of the Byelaws made by the Council in February, 1914, prohibited the playing of games on Sundays in Pittville and Montpellier Gardens, Pittville Long Garden, Marle Hill Annexe and the garden surrounding the Winter Garden building. RESOLVED, That the following Byelaw be made, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for confirmation thereof :—



" From and after the date of the confirmation of this Byelaw, the byelaw numbered 3 of the Byelaws made by the Council on the 2nd February 1914, and allowed by the Local Government Board on the 11th March 1914, shall be repealed."

RESOLVED, also, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, to come into operation when the above byelaw is duly confirmed:

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th June, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev de Courcy Ireland, Green, Howell, Ben James, Rogers, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

13—Conferences—RESOLVED, That an invitation be extended to the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants to hold their 1939 Conference in Cheltenham, and that the Committee approve of the Art Gallery Committee inviting the Museums Association to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham in 1939.

14—Town Hall—Read, letter from Miss G. Birt, Spa Attendant, applying for an increase in her salary. RESOLVED, That her salary be increased by £6 10s. 0d. per annum.

15—Montpellier and Alstone Baths—Read, letters from the Y.M.C.A. asking for one of the indoor baths to be kept open all the year round for swimming, and also applying for the use of Montpellier Baths for physical training classes during the winter months. RESOLVED, That consideration of these applications be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain whether the United Girls' Club wish to use the Montpellier Baths for Gymnasium Classes as last year.

16—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—The Committee considered application from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for reduced terms for their members for admission to the Pool. RESOLVED, That the same concession be granted to them as granted to the Y.M.C.A. namely : that their members be admitted at a reduced charge of 4d. per member on production of their membership card, provided not less than 100 tickets are taken by the Club at a time.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 28th June, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Rendall, Howell, Ben James. Morris And Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) Rowanfield Road—Read, letter from the Education Secretary asking the Committee to improve the lighting of this road for the benefit of school children from St. Mark's Estate who have to pass

along the road. Read, report of the Borough Electrical Engineer, suggesting various schemes for improving the lighting. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for a month.

(b) Roman Road—The Committee considered a complaint of the lighting of the entrance to Roman Road from Gloucester Road, Read, report of the Borough Electrical Engineer, suggesting that an additional lamp standard should be erected at an estimated cost of £25 17s. 3d., and an estimated annual running cost of £5 10s. 9d. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

2—Coronation Illuminations—(a) Read, report of the Borough Electrical Engineer that the strings of filament lamps erected for the Coronation and the cables for these had been removed, and that the temporary standards had also been taken away, He also reported that the National Fire Brigades Association were holding a Conference in Cheltenham from 20th to 25th September next when about 750 delegates were expected to attend, and that the Hotels and Caterers Association were holding a Conference in Cheltenham from 28th to 30th October when about 300 delegates were expected to attend. RESOLVED, That the lamps and standards be re-erected so that the illuminations may be available during the Conferences.

(b) The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that a few more fittings should be purchased for improving the effect of the illumination of the trees in the Promenade. RESOLVED, That this be postponed until next year.

3—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) Bamfurlong—Read, report of the Borough Electrical Engineer that Mr. A. W. King had applied to the Gloucester Corporation for a supply of electricity for a house being built by him in Bamfurlong Lane near Bankfield Farm. The City Electrical Engineer had suggested that the Cheltenham Corporation could more easily supply the premises as their mains were much closer, RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for the grant of an Order under Section 6 of the Electric Lighting Act 1909 authorising a supply to houses and premises in Bamfurlong Lane.

(b) Gotherington----The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham Rural District Council had raised no objection to the erection of the overhead line for this extension, but that the Gloucestershire County Council considered that the greater part of the line should be placed underground owing to the narrowness of the footpath and to prevent interference with the rural amenities, RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to report on the recommendations by the County Council,

4—Wages--Read, report of the Borough Electrical Engineer that the Trade Unions' side of the National Joint Industrial Council had applied for a general increase of 3d. per hour in the wages rate of all employees covered by the National or District Schedules. This would represent an increase in the wages bill of the Corporation of about £2,500 a year.

5—I.M.E.A. Convention—The Chairman reported the attendance of the Borough Electrical Engineer and himself at the Annual Convention of the I.M.E.A. held at Brighton. In the absence of the Mayor, the Chairman had extended to the Convention an invitation to visit Cheltenham next year, and this invitation was being considered by the Council, The Chairman reported that the acceptance of the invitation would depend on whether there was sufficient hotel accommodation in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Howell and Waite and the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to consider the question of hotel accommodation.

6—Cables—Read, report of the Borough Electrical Engineer that the Hackbridge Cable Co, Ltd. had offered to continue the supply of cables for a period of three months from the 30th inst. on the same terms as their existing contract. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That this offer be accepted.

7—Cleevemount Estate—The Town Clerk reported that he had received from the Electricity Commissioners sanction to a loan of £4,138 for laying extra High Tension and Low Tension cables to supply the 271 houses in course of erection on this Estate.

8—Loan of £15,000—The Town Clerk reported that he had received from the Electricity Commissioners sanction to a loan for £15,000 for expenditure on mains and services.

9—Electricity Supply (Meters) Act 1936—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 10th inst. from the Electricity Commission concerning the testing and certification of Electricity Meters under the Act. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer.

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10--Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) The Town Clerk reported that a lamp standard in Brooklyn Road near Alstone Lane had been knocked down by a car owned and driven by Mr. R. Reynolds of No. 11 Brooklyn Road, RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the lamp standard, estimated at £8 15s. 8d.

(b) He also reported that a lamp standard at the junction of Knapp Road and New Street had been knocked down by a motor car driven by Mrs. Smurthwaite of Dumfries House, Bayshill Road. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the lamp standard, estimated at £ 9 11s. 3d.

(c) He also reported that a lamp standard at the junction of Malvern Street and Swindon Road had been knocked down by a motor lorry belonging to Messrs. Hill Bros, of Bristol. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for cost of replacing the lamp standard, estimated at £12 7s. 1d.

11—Gas Tests—Read, report of Gas Tests made on the 31st ult. and 3rd, 9th, 14th and 25th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates as 474.4, 469.7, 472.8, 475.3 and 466.1 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure as 9.6, 8.9, 9.4, 9.4 and 9.4 inches of water respectively.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held at Dowdeswell on Wednesday, 30th June, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett and Moore ; Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

#### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st May, 1937.	Average for corresponding period during past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	369,000 gallons	291,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	772,000	611,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	54,000	59,000
	1,195,000	961,000

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Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 83,670,000 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—Castle Barn Farm—The Committee inspected the new farm house erected at this farm, and also the old farm house. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have the old house repaired and renovated for occupation by one of the farm labourers, and that as from the date this is occupied, the rent of the tenant of the farm be increased by £7 16s. 0d. per annum.

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5—Water Main—Churchdown to Hewletts—(a) The Borough Engineer submitted alternative tenders for the supply of pipes and specials for this main. He also submitted reports from Messrs. Stanger and Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyd in regard to the action of water upon the interior surfaces of the pipes. The former preferred the spun bitumen lining, while the manufacturers did not consider it necessary on chemical grounds, but pointed out that such a lining would increase the discharge capacity by 12 ½ per cent. The Borough Engineer further reported that the provision of spun bitumen lining would increase the cost by 10 per cent., and although he preferred this method, in view of the manufacturers' report and the extra cost involved, he considered that the Committee might safely adopt the alternative method of dipped lining. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyd Ltd. for the provision of dipped lined steel pipes, amounting to £24,102 16s. 0d. for the pipes and £1,937 1s. 6d. for the specials be accepted subject to contract.

(b) RESOLVED, That Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. be instructed to negotiate terms for the settlement of claims for compensation made by Owners of land through which the main is to be laid.

(c) Whaddon Farm Estate--Factory Site—The Borough Engineer reported that it was desirable that the supply this site should be taken from the main in Severn Road instead of from the main to be laid in the ring road fronting the site RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to extend the main in Severn Road to the factory site of Walker Crossweller & Co,

6—Home or Lower Farm—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of Mr. C. C. Castle, That the tenants of this farm be allowed the same rebate in their rent for the year ended 31st March last as made last year, but that they be informed that the Committee will not be prepared to consider making any allowance off the current year's rent unless the work required to the hedges is carried out to Mr. Castle's satisfaction.

7—Coal Supply—The Borough Engineer submitted letter from Messrs. J. Williams & Co. that the colliery agents had asked for an additional payment of 2s 6d. per ton in respect of the 89 tons 3 cwt. of coal supplied during the past 12 months, being the tonnage in excess of the estimated quantity which, it was anticipated, would be ordered, and for which the tenders were obtained. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to deal with this matter as now settled by the Committee.

8—Public Secondary Schools Cadet Camp—Hunting Butts Farm—RESOLVED, That the application of Captain A. Pensom for a free supply of water for this Camp from the 23rd July to 10th August be granted as on previous occasions, subject to storage tanks being provided to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer.

9—Walton Cardiff Supply—The Borough Engineer submitted correspondence with the Sanitary and Building Inspector of the Cheltenham Rural District Council in regard to the cost of repairing a fractured main on this supply. RESOLVED, That the Council repudiate any liability in the matter,

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

#### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 28th June, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Leigh James, Margrett, Moore and Taylor; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Smith and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals, no outbreak having occurred since the last meeting.

(b) Poultry (Exposure for sale) Order, 1937—The Town Clerk submitted this Order which had been published as required by the Ministry.

2—Naming of Roads—(a) Whaddon Farm Estate—RESOLVED, That the new roads on this Estate be named Churn Avenue, Mersey Road, Humber Road, Tamar Road, Dart Road, Cam Road, Tyne Road, Avon Road, Clyde Crescent, Evenlode Avenue, Windrush Road, Isbourne Road and Isis Road.

(b) Cleevemount Estate—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from G. A. M. Hall Ltd. asking the Council to name the new roads on this Estate. RESOLVED, That the roads be named—Cleevemount Road, Welland Lodge Road, Cakebridge Road and Overbrook Drive.

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3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of G. Elliott for transfer of his licence to a new cab No. YM 9627 be granted.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that as instructed, he had informed Taxi drivers plying for hire from the railway stations that they must obtain Hackney Carriage Licences for their cars. RESOLVED, That Superintendent Hopkins be instructed to prosecute any person found plying for hire from the stations without a licence.

4—Flower Hawkers—The Committee considered recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee that the flower sellers in High Street should be allowed to stand on the pavement in front of the Head Post Office instead of in High Street Read, memorial from Florists in the Promenade and neighbouring streets objecting to this proposal. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned.

5—King George's Playing Fields—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to King George's Fields Foundation for a grant of £750 towards the cost of the layout of the playing field in Brooklyn Road, estimated at £4,000.

6—Domestic Servants' Registries—Read, Reports from Superintendent Hopkins of two domestic servants' registries which were not keeping the books required to be kept under the Byelaws made by the Council. One of the registries was not registered, and the other was registered in the name of an employee instead of in the name of the Proprietor as required by Section 85 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907 RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute the proprietors of both Registries for penalties under the Act,

7—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire on the 25th ult. at a Timber Yard at 320 Swindon Road North caused by a Motor Car ; damage about £150 Brigade expenses £6 15s. 0d.

(b) Read, letter from the Joint Council of the British Fire Service inviting the attendance of delegates to the British Fire Week to be held in Cheltenham from the 20th to the 24th September. RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor and Captain Such be appointed to attend.

8—Armaments Factory--Mrs. D. F. Gardiner attended and asked the Committee to reconsider their decision not to support the objection made by the District Council to the proposal to construct a Government Factory or Stores in the neighbourhood of Bishop's Cleeve Mrs. Gardiner stated that she had ascertained that it was the intention of the Air Ministry to erect buildings for the storage of aircraft materials on nine different sites in the vicinity of Bishop's Cleeve, the nearest site to the Borough being a site at The Newlands, Evesham Road and the furthest being situate in Stoke Orchard. She stated that the principal objection to the Scheme was the utilising of valuable agricultural land, the greater part of which was arable, when there was ample land in the Forest of Dean. The Minister of Agriculture had been approached and was in sympathy with the objections made. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to support the objection.

9—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Burial Board Committee, That the services of E. Tiesac, Gravedigger, be extended for one year up to 19th June, 1938.

10—Car Parks—(a) Rodney Road—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Divisional Road Engineer of the Ministry of Transport, asking to be informed what additional accommodation the site of the Turkish Baths would provide for cars, the charges to be made and the cost of the demolition of the Baths and laying out the site for a Car Park. The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and estimate providing for the demolition of the buildings and replacing the front fence with post and chain fence and with a three foot flower border along the new frontage. The plan also provided for an additional entrance in Rodney Road. He considered that the extension would provide a parking space for 40 cars and estimated the total cost of carrying out the work at £507. RESOLVED, That the plan be approved and forwarded to the Ministry of Transport, and also, that

application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to loan of £507 for the cost of carrying out the work. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the laying out of the remainder of the existing Car Park at an estimated cost of £132 for which provision had been included in the previous sanction to loan.

(b) Read, letter from Mr. W. L. Mellersh, on behalf of Messrs. Martyn Brothers, the tenants of the Photographic Studio, asking if they could occupy the Turkish Baths when their present wooden building was demolished, but if this could not be arranged, whether they could be given more than a month's notice to terminate their tenancy and paid compensation on their removal. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot agree to Messrs. Martyn Brothers remaining on any portion of the site, or to pay them compensation, but will endeavour to give them as long a notice as possible to terminate their tenancy.

(c) Suffolk square—East Side—The Town Clerk reported that notice had been given of the intention to make an Order authorising the use of the carriageway on the East side of Suffolk Square as a Car Park and that no objection had been received. RESOLVED, That an Order under the Common Seal be made under Section 68 of the Public Health Act 1925, authorising the use as a Car Parking place for private Motor Cars of the carriageway on the East side of Suffolk Square

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11—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. F. Shea and Messrs. John Such & Sons Ltd. for licences to store 500 gallons of petrol each in underground storage tanks at 55 Sun Street and premises in Swindon Road respectively, be granted.

12—Girls' Grammar School Playing Field—Read, letter of 21st inst. from the Education Secretary, that when the new Girls' Grammar School was erected, the present Playing Field in Wellington Square would not be required. The Education Committee considered that this ground would be required for physical exercises and organised games by the children attending the several schools in the vicinity of the ground, and therefore decided to recommend that the District Valuer's valuation be obtained of the Ground with a view to its being purchased by the Council. In the event of the purchase being approved, it was proposed that a Contract for the purchase should be entered into, but that completion should be deferred until possession of the Ground could be given. RESOLVED, That this Committee approve of the proposal of the Education Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

#### **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th June, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith; and Mr. 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 of cultivation :—Nos. 7, 96, 85, 86, 89, 90, 104, 107 and 111 Asquith Road; 12, 13, 20, 21, 27, 39, 40 and 44 Alma Road ; 8 Wasley's Field 10 Brooklyn Road ; 43, 44, 141 and 150 Crabtree Piece. The vacant allotments at Alma Road, Asquith Road and Wasley's Field

had been mown and the ditches and hedges were receiving attention. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the tenants of the untidy allotments that unless these are put in a satisfactory condition before the next inspection, they will be given notice to quit.

2—Land, Marle Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that during the recent Dog Show Mr. W. J. Stephens had let part of the land in his occupation for a Car Park and had constructed an additional entrance from Evesham Road in contravention of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act. The fence had now been reinstated. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call Mr. Stephens' attention to the provisions of the Act and to inform him that he must not make any new entrance without obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

3—Alma Road Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. E. P. Bushell was willing to take No. 27 provided he was granted the allotment rent free up to 25th March next in order to clean same. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

4—Whaddon Road Allotments—The Town Clerk submitted application from Mrs. L. Robertson, who already had six allotments, to take the additional plots which were vacant. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this, as they consider these should be kept in hand to meet demands from other applicants.

5—Vacant Allotments—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to submit to the next meeting of the Committee a statement of all the vacant allotments.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th June, 1937,** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Clock—RESOLVED, That the Visitors be asked to inspect and report as to a suitable position for the clock proposed to be provided at this ground.

2—Land Adjoining St. Mark's Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and estimate of the layout of this land. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Grimwade and Smith be asked to inspect the land and report to the Committee.

3—Sandford Park Foreman—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. L. Hyett was still absent from work owing to illness. RESOLVED, That he be paid half pay for another month, when the matter be reconsidered.

4—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Underground Convenience—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Air Raids Precaution Committee had considered the utilisation of this convenience for a dug-out or store, but had decided that it was unsuitable. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the convenience filled in.



(b) Coronation Oak—The Borough Surveyor submitted tender from Messrs. H. H. Martin & Co. to supply a plaque for the Coronation Oak Tree for the sum of £3 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be accepted.

5—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Visitors reported their inspection of the fence at the rear of the houses in Hudson Street, which the Housing Committee had asked should be raised, and recommended that no action should be taken. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

6—Promenade Fountain—The Committee further considered the question of the repairs required to the stonework at the Fountain. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. E. A. Emms of £47 12s. 0d. for carrying out the necessary repairs (being the lowest) be accepted.

7—Pittville Gardens—Aviary—(a) The Town Clerk reported the gift of a pair of budgerigars by Mr. F. Cooke. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

(b) The Town Clerk reported offer of Mr. B. Crossley Meates of Helston, Cornwall, to present some peacocks. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted, and that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Crossley Meates.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. A. M. Whiteside to present three budgerigars. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted, and that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Whiteside.

8—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—Lodge--Six tenders were received for the wiring of the lodge at this ground for electricity. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. S. G. Stallard & Co. of £14 14s. 9d. (being the lowest) be accepted,

9—Athletic Ground—The Town Clerk submitted complaint from Mr. Ride, owner of Nos. 1 and 2 Denmark Villas, in regard to the position of the urinal in the Athletic Ground near his houses. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to have the entrance screened.

10—St. Mary's Churchyard, Market Street—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Curate-in-Charge of the Parish Church asking him to have the old St. Mary's Churchyard opened to the public, for which the Corporation contribute annually the sum of £10

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th June, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Capt. Trye and Winterbotham ; Councillors Garland and Howell; Major Clift and Dr. Davies (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for April and May—Visitors-5,88S (last year 5,427). Included in these figures were the following parties :—Cardiff Naturalists' Society, 55 ; Pates' Grammar School for Girls', 40 ; Parish Church School, 25 girls St. Paul's Training College, 16 students.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £14 19s. 10d. " Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund " £4 13s. 0d. Total £19 12s. 10d.

Exhibitions—The " Benefit " Exhibition organised by the Cheltenham Group of Artists on behalf of Mr. James W. Tucker, A.R.C.A., realised £140 14s. 0d., the total proceeds, without any deduction for commission, etc., being handed to the Artist.

Talks by the Curator—The Curator had given two talks on " The Wool Trade of the Cotswold " since the 16th April, 1937.

Pictures by Benjamin Haughton, R.B.A.—The Curator reported on his inspection in London of pictures by this artist, offered as a gift. RESOLVED, That two oil paintings, entitled "The Gleam" and "The Edge of the Wood" be accepted as a gift from the Artist's widow, and that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donor.

Model of Cotswold Wagon—The Curator reported that after consultation with the Chairman, a request on behalf of the British Government by the Department of Overseas Trade, for the loan of this model had been acceded to. RESOLVED, That this action be confirmed.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Art Gallery and Museum had been received from the following :—Mr. L. W. Barnard, Mrs. Baylor, Miss E. Maude Bubb, Cheltenham Newspaper Co., Cheltenham Press, Mrs. Clarke, Major J. G. N. Clift, Mr. Coates, The Cotswold Art Club (per Major Clift), Mr. A. G. Dye, Miss Glover, Mr. C. Green, Mrs. Haughton, Miss Luard, Mr. A. W. Newport, Mr. S. P. B. Nind, Mrs. Oldacre, Miss Parsons, Col, Pearson, Mr. P. E. Pieris, Mrs. Sargeant, Miss Smith, Mr. Teal, Mr. Timbrell, Mr. R. E. Tomlinson, Mr. N. H. Trace, Dr. Oliver H. Wild, Mr. J. H. Wilkins, Mr. Wood, Mrs. G. W. Young.

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

3—Loans—RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Victoria and Albert Museum for the loan of a Wrought Iron Panel by William Letheren of Cheltenham, for a period of three years.

4—"Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund"—RESOLVED, That English Snuff Mortar and Pestle (£1 12s. 6d.), Wooden Goblet (£2 5s. 0d.), Knitting Sheath (5s), Wool Packing Appliance (£1 14s. 0d.), and Two Minton Beakers--George VI and Edward VIII (£1 17s. 9d.), be purchased from this Fund at a total cost of £7 14s 3d.

5—English Arms—RESOLVED, That a collection of Flint Lock Pistols, Rapiers and a Guisarme be purchased from Mr. G. A. Nock, for the sum of £5 0s. 0d.

6—" Cheltenham Knot "—Read, letter from the Select Grand Secretary to the Ancient and Most Benevolent Order of Friendly Brothers of St. Patrick, Dublin, asking for the return to Headquarters of the Sword of the "Cheltenham Knot." RESOLVED, That owing to the great local interest of this item, which was purchased by the Committee in 1923, they could not see their way to accede to this request.

7—Committee—The Curator reported the resignation of Mr. W. N. Weech. RESOLVED, That the resignation be accepted with regret, and that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Weech for his past services. RESOLVED, further, That the vacancy should not be filled.

8—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on the 16th July, 1937.

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th June, 1937.** Present—Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Report of Superintendent—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 29th May to 25th June, 1937. Interments 51 ; Grave Spaces sold 13 (Second Position 1, Fourth Position 12) ; Memorials erected 9 ; New Inscriptions 10.

a—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9611 to 9623.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2076 to 2088, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4--Conference—Read, circular inviting the attendance of delegates to the Sixth Joint Conference of the National Association of Cemetery and Crematorium Superintendents and the Federation of Cremation Authorities in Great Britain to be held at Torquay from the 28th June to 1st July. RESOLVED, That Mr. Woolhouse be authorised to attend on one day when Papers in regard to the Administration of Crematoriums are discussed.

5—Maintenance of Grave Spaces—(a) 3482. Section R.—The Town Clerk reported that Dr. Trevithic had enquired what sum the Corporation would accept for the maintenance of this grave space in perpetuity. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to accept the sum of £50.

(b) 1780 and 1781. Section B 1.—Read, letter from Messrs. Barnby Bendall & Co. Ltd. on behalf of Mrs. W. F. Houghton asking if the Corporation would re-purchase these two spaces, which would not now be required by Mrs Houghton. RESOLVED, That the two spaces be purchased for the sum of

6—Crematorium--(a) Garden of Remembrance—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and design for the laying out of the Garden of Remembrance including the provision of an entrance lych gate and stone walling, on which memorial tablets could be placed. He estimated the total cost at £640, which sum was included in the sanction to loan. RESOLVED, That the plan and design be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Farmington Stone and Quarrying Co. stating that they had made a clerical error in quoting for the stone work for the Crematorium and asking to be allowed £16 12s. 3d. in respect thereof. RESOLVED, That this amount be allowed to them.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND, Chairman.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th June, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bettridge, Compton, Grimwade, Howell and Ben James ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris, C. E. Walsh and F. Vernal (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for April and May, 1937—Receipts £42 6s. 2d. Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 12,832 (last year 11,506); Lending Department 32,746 (last year 31,046) ; Junior Department 4,327 (last year 3,664). Total 49,905 (last year 46,216).

Binding and Refplacements-828 volumes had been returned from the Binder and a further 722 volumes dispatched, 74 volumes had been replaced.

Inter-availability of Tickets—The list of Libraries who had agreed to co-operate with regard to the inter-availability of tickets now numbered thirty.

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Library Association Conference—The Librarian read his report on the 60th Annual Conference of the Library Association held at Scarborough from 31st May to 4th June, 1937, which was approved.

State Aid to, and Control of, Public Libraries—The Council of the Library Association having considered this question are of opinion that rate supported libraries should be administered by standing library committees and that the principal local governing bodies should have full autonomy. The Council are also of opinion that to improve existing library services, State grants are desirable—(a) to assist training schools for Librarianship (b) promotion of co-operation between libraries ; (c) strengthening of particular libraries. The objects referred to would be best attained if a Joint-Advisory Board were set up containing representatives of the Board of Education, the Library Association and the several kinds of Local Authorities. By a close vote the Scarborough Conference declared in favour of the above recommendations.

The Cinema and the Library—This subject, introduced by Mr. M. C. Pottinger, was discussed at considerable length, but your representative whilst agreeing that the educational film might well have a place in the work of Libraries, Museums and Art Galleries where public lectures are a feature, felt there should be no attempt to take over the job of amusement catering.

2—Committee—The Librarian reported the resignation of Mr. W. N. Weech. RESOLVED, That the resignation be accepted with regret, and that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Weech for his past services. RESOLVED, further, That the vacancy should not be filled.

3—Books--RESOLVED, (a) That 326 volumes published at £131 17s. 0d., be purchased for the sum of £75 19s. 3d.

(b) That £50 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £50 be spent on Replacements.

4—Donations—Gifts to the Library had been received from the following : Anonymous, Mr. W. J. Bache, Miss Baker-Penoyre, Mr. Alderman Wm. Bellows, Mr. H. E. Branch, Messrs. The B.B.C., The British Museum,

Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd., Mr. Alderman Wm. A. Cadbury, Miss G. B. Campbell, Miss M. Cant, Messrs. Constable & Co. Ltd., Croquet Association, Mr. R. Haidon, Mrs. Haslam, Incorporated Society of Musicians, Joint Council of Qualified Opticians, Miss Matthews, New Centurion Publishing Co. Ltd., Mr. W. Heller Nicholls, Messrs. The Nonesuch Press, Mr. J. L. Orton, Mr. C. J. Sawyer, Dr. Sturges, Rev. C. T. Thomas, Miss K. B. Welch, Mr. T. S. Williams, Mrs. Wylie. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

5—Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That the "Expository Times," 10d. monthly, and "Zoo," 6d. monthly, suggested for purchase, be added to the list of periodicals taken.

(b) That the "Journal of the Institute of Fuel," 21s per annum, suggested for purchase, be not taken.

6—Replacement of Vacuum Cleaner—RESOLVED, That this be deferred for a month, and that the Librarian should make arrangements to have a demonstration of the "Airway" Vacuum Cleaner.

7—Re-decoration of Newsroom—RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Griffiths Bros. in the sum of £22 17s. 6d. be accepted.

8—Estimate for Repair to Stonework on Facade of the Building—RESOLVED, That this matter be referred to the Library Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

9—"Cheltenham Knot"—Read, letter from the Select Grand Secretary to the Ancient and Most Benevolent Order of Friendly Brothers of St. Patrick, Dublin, asking for the return to headquarters of the Record Books of the "Cheltenham Knot." RESOLVED, That decision be deferred until Major F. K. Foster had attended before the next meeting of the Committee.

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on the 15th July, 1937.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th June, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James, 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—Excusals—The Committee interviewed two applicants for the excusal of Rates.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th June, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James, Moore, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs 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 £33,600 ; Leaving outstanding £81,255.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 29th September, 1937. Amount collected £9,877 Leaving outstanding £11,590.

3—Sanction to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanctions:—

Date, 1937,	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
15th June	Electricity Mains, Cleevemount Estate	£3,892 ...	25 years.
“	Electricity Plant, “	£246	20 years

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 29th inst. Present—Alderman P. P. Taylor (in the chair), Aldermen Moore and Pruen.

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

5—Borough Treasurer's Department—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. W. O. Clee had been transferred to the Rates Department, and that he had appointed J. Wright, Junior Clerk, and Miss M. N. Clare, Clerk and Typist, both in Grade A. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Loan—£1,320, Sheds, Whaddon Avenue—The Borough Treasurer reported that this loan sanctioned by the Ministry on the 27th January, 1936, was only issued for a period of 10 years. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for an extension of the loan period to the same as for the houses, namely 60 years.

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7—Superannuation--(a) Swimming Pool Superintendent—The Borough Treasurer reported that R. T. Cosgrove had decided to pay the sum of in lieu of transfer value in respect of his previous experience of 6 years and 10 months with other local authorities.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that the following superannuated employees had recently died :—J. King (5s 2d per week), W. Pates (12s 5d per week), R. Mason (11s per week), and G. Ruck (£1 0s. 8d. per week).

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. A. Ricketts, Rate Collector, would be retiring on the 28th July. RESOLVED, That he be paid a pension of £70 per annum calculated on his salary for the past 5 years.

(d) The Borough Treasurer reported that the employees occupying the following posts desired to be admitted to the Superannuation Scheme, namely :-1 Main Drainage Assistant, 4 Library Assistants, 1 Art Gallery Attendant, 3 Assistants Borough Treasurer's Department. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the above posts being designated for the purposes of the Act. RESOLVED, also, That the employees occupying these posts be admitted to the Scheme on passing a medical examination.

8—Loans—RESOLVED, That the terms arranged by the Borough Treasurer for loans amounting to £15,950 be approved and that Debentures be issued on account of duly authorised loans

9—Rates Department—Read, letter of 25th inst. from Mr. A. Ricketts in regard to the proportion of his salary in respect of the work of preparing the Register of Electors. Prior to 1927, the Rating Officers were paid the sum of £100 each on the completion of the registration work at the end of July, but as from the 1st February, 1927, payment for this work had been included in their salaries, so that, as he would be retiring at the end of next month, he would not receive the full payment for the work carried out in preparing the new Register, and he asked that this should be paid to him. RESOLVED, That Mr. Ricketts be paid the sum of £53 4s. 0d. being the proportion of his salary chargeable to registration work for the six months ending 31st January, 1938.

10—Whaddon Farm Estate—New Schools—Read, letter from the Education Secretary with the tender of Messrs. S. C. Morris & Sons Ltd. for the erection of the new Junior School on this Estate. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to loan of £13,535 for the cost of erecting the school including Architect's fees and provision of furniture.

11—Audit of Accounts —(a) Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Assistant District Auditor that it was proposed to commence the Audit of Accounts for the year ended 31st March last on the 15th November next, and asking for the Council Chamber to be reserved for him from that date until the 8th January, 1938, apart from the use of the room for Council Meetings and the Monthly Meetings of the Education Committee. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange for this as far as possible.

(b) Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Ministry of Health asking for the Council's observations on the Auditor's Report for the year ended 31st March, 1936, relating to the Electricity Undertaking. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

12—Electricity Accounts—Read, report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity charges since the last Meeting. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit quarterly statements of all consumers whose Accounts are not paid within three months' from the date of despatch of the Accounts.

13—Water Department—RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Water Committee to promote Mr. A. G. Bailey. Clerk in the Water Office, from Grade C to Grade E, be approved and adopted.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham. 16th July, 1937.

Sir, You are hereby summoned to attend a **Special Meeting of the Council, to be held at the TOWN HALL, on FRIDAY, the 23rd day of July, 1937, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Special Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To admit to the Honorary Freedom of the Borough, Mr. ROBERT OWEN SEACOME, Town Clerk.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

**Borough of Cheltenham.**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham 22nd July, 1937.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly .Meeting of the Council to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 26th day of July. 1937, 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 :—

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 GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. To authorise acceptance of tender for laying water main from Churchdown Hill to Hewletts Reservoir.

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, 5th July, 1937, at 3 p.m. Present :**

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

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. (Retd.) and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P., Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, E. W. Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bendall and Miller.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly and Special Meetings of the Town Council held on the 7th June, 1937, 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—Chairs—Read, letter of 24th ult. from Mr. Wallace Longman offering to present to the Council as a Coronation Gift, five carved chairs for use at the Town Hall. Resolved, That this gift be accepted and that the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mr. Longman for his generous gift.

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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 14

Resolved, also, That the following tenders for the supply of electrical stunning apparatus for use at the abattoir be accepted, namely that of Thomas A. Ashton Ltd., for the supply of 4 pairs of " Ashton Sheffield " one-handed Tongs with audible indicators and cables for £18 is. 2d., and that of Anestystun Ltd., for the supply of two one-handed applicators with flex and plug ends for £20.

Housing Meeting held June 17

Street and Highway Meeting held June 21

Resolved, also, That the recommendations of the Stores Requisitions and Plant Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 29th June be approved and confirmed.

Town Planning Meeting held June 24

Town Improvement and Spa .. Meetings held June 18 & 25

Subject to amendments :—

(1) Moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Alderman Clara Winterbotham : " That further consideration of Minute No. 12 in regard to Sunday Games, be postponed until the October Meeting of the Council."

(2) Moved by Alderman Clara Winterbotham and seconded by Councillor Waite : " That Minute No. 3 (b) in regard to Alstone Baths be referred back and that the Committee be authorised to deal with the Education Committee's application."

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held June 28

Water Meeting held June 30

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held June 28

Subject to amendments moved by :—

(1) Councillor Garland and seconded by Alderman Clara Winterbotham : " That Minute No. 8, in regard to Armaments Factory, be not approved, and that the Council do support the objection made by the Cheltenham Rural District Council, also that Alderman Clara Winterbotham be appointed to attend, if desired, with the Deputation to interview the Air Minister thereon."

(2) Alderman Clara Winterbotham and seconded by Alderman Margrett : " That the words as the Local Education Authority be added at the end of the second sentence in Minute No. 12. After a resolution to suspend the Standing Orders had been duly carried, it was also Resolved, That owing to the regrettable sudden death of Mr. G. W. Hautin, labourer employed in the Health Department, the services of Mr. F. Pontin, drain tester, be extended from the 30th ult. until the 13th October next.

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Allotments Meeting held June 14

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held June 14

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held June 18

Burial Board Meeting held June 25

Public Library Meeting held June 10

Rating Meeting held June 10

Finance Meeting held June 29

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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—Delancey Hospital Trustees—Resolved, That Alderman Clara Winterbotham be appointed a representative Trustee of Delancey Hospital for a term of three years expiring on 5th July, 1940.

5—Stansby's Charity—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor (Councillor E. L. Ward), be re-appointed a Trustee of this Charity for a further period of four years expiring on the 29th July, 1941.

6—Air Raids Precautions Area Authority No. 2—Resolved, That Councillor Grimwade be appointed a member of this Authority to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Mayor.

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, 26th July, 1937.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 6th July, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Moore and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains etc. at 6 Beaufort Buildings—The Chief 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 Chief Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

2—Notices not complied with—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted list of Notices arising from defective roofs, walls ceilings, floors, grate, and insufficient ventilation, etc, served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

3-- Clearance Orders-31 and 33 Union Street—The Town Clerk reported that these houses had been excluded from the Jersey Street and Union Street Clearance Order by the Ministry of Health in view of the agreement by the Owner to give an undertaking under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, to recondition the property to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector. RESOLVED, That with a view to an undertaking being given, notices be served under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936 on the Owner, the person having control, and the mortgagees (if any) of the said houses, of intention to consider making Demolition Orders in respect thereof at the Meeting of this Committee to be held on 8th September next

4—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 12 Glenfall Street ; and 70 Duke Street—The Committee considered the official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above mentioned premises are unfit for human habitation and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, notices be given under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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 works or the future user of the houses will be considered at a meeting of this Committee to be held on the 8th September next.

(b) 11 York Street ; Walcot Cottage, Sherborne Place—The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises The Owner of 11 York Street attended and asked for a further adjournment to enable him to consider converting the property into a garage. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of Walcot Cottage had consented to an Order being made. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the dwellinghouses, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertakings having been given by the Owners with respect to the carrying out of the work required or the future user of the houses, Demolition Orders be now made by the Council in pursuance of Sub-Section (4) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, requiring that the houses shall be vacated within 28 days from the date on which the Orders becomes 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. RESOLVED, also, That the Owner of 11 York Street be informed that the Committee will be prepared to consider proposals for conversion into a garage when vacant possession is obtained.

(c) 34 Montpellier Villas (basement)—The Committee further considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of these premises. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner was proceeding to recondition the basement. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(d) 12 Andover Street ; 1, 2 and 3 Hylton Place, New Street ; and 20 Columbia Street—RESOLVED, That the undertakings given by the Owners to carry out the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit be accepted.

(e) 43 and 45 St. James' Street; 70 Brunswick Street ;—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That their Undertakings be cancelled.

(f) 10 and 12 Malvern Street ; West Cottage and 5a St. George's Avenue—The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses Read, letters from the Owners in reply to the Notices served upon them. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months in each case.

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(g) Witney Cottage, Granley Road—The Town Clerk reported an application by the Owner of this house for rescission of the Demolition Order made in respect thereof on the 2nd March, 1936, to enable him to recondition the property. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months and that the Chief Sanitary Inspector be asked to prepare and submit for the Owner's consideration a specification of the work required to render the house fit for human habitation.

(h) 6 Oxford Place (basement)—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported an application by the Owner of these premises for the Closing Order made in respect thereof on the 4th May, 1936, to be amended so as to allow the premises to be used for domestic purposes. RESOLVED, That the Order be amended so as to prohibit the use of the basement for any purpose other than as a store, kitchen, scullery, wash house, or other domestic office.

(i) 4 Queen Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted tenders received for the demolition of this property in default of compliance by the Owner with the Demolition Order made on the 1st February last. It

was reported that the Owner was still in occupation of the house. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute the Owner under Section 155 (3) of the Housing Act, 1936, for entering into occupation of the house knowing that a Demolition Order had become operative and applied thereto. RESOLVED, also, That when vacant possession is obtained the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to carry out the necessary work to render the house incapable of human habitation, and barricade it tip instead of demolishing it.

(j) 11 Suffolk Square (basement)—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had now carried out the work required to render the basement of these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That an Order be made determining the Closing Order made on the 5th October last.

5—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness—(a) 3 Victoria Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had carried out to his satisfaction works which in his opinion would with reasonable care and maintenance render it fit for human habitation for a period of at least 10 years. RESOLVED, That a certificate be issued to the Owner under Section 51 of the Housing Act, 1936, that the house is fit for human habitation and will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of 10 years.

(b) 48 St. James' Street ; 7 and 8 Nailsworth Terrace ; and 12 Andover Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these houses had in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 (1) of the Housing Act, 1936, submitted lists of proposed works with requests in writing that the Council should inform them whether in their opinion the houses would after the execution of those works or of those works together with any additional works be in all respects fit for human habitation and would with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of at least five years. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to submit to the Owners lists of any additional works which he considers should be carried out before certificates could be given.

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.--The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs. Beef ; 3 qrs. 16 lbs. Pork ; 18 lbs Poultry ; 8 lbs Fruit

7—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. T. C. Hopkins of "The Rest," Hatherley Road, and Mr W. H. Ecketts of Benhall Dairy, 76 Tennyson Road, for registration as Retail Purveyors of milk in the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order.

8—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936—The Medical Officer of Health reported the results of Phosphatase Tests of Pasteurised Milk produced by the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd. and the Gloucestershire Co-operative & Industrial Society Ltd. which were satisfactory.

9—Health Department—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported the death of Mr. G. Hautin, workman employed by the Health Department. RESOLVED, That a month's wages be paid to the widow.

10—Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of treatment given at the Clinic for the Quarter to the 30th ult. :—

No. of cases Schick tested after immunisation (negative)	28
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“ “ non-immunised submitted to Schick test (negative)	1
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11—Atmospheric Pollution—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 2nd inst. from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research enclosing report on Atmospheric Pollution for the year to the 31st March last.

12—Smoke Nuisance—Bath Road—The Town Clerk submitted further letters complaining of the nuisance caused by fumes and smoke from Messrs. Shenton's premises in the Bath Road. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that a second-hand Mildrum Horizontal Boiler had recently been installed with 2 new iron chimneys, and that he was keeping the place under observation to see if the nuisance had been abated. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to keep the premises under close observation and report thereon at the next meeting of the Committee.

13—Waste Land and Ditch between Mead Road and Railway—The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of this waste land which was being used as a public tip. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to serve notice requiring the owner to abate the nuisance arising therefrom.

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14—Shops Acts, 1934—The Committee reviewed the certificates of exemption from the provisions of Section 10 (2) of this Act (which requires the provision of suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences), issued on the 9th and 14th November last in respect of the undermentioned premises . —

Shop	Occupier.
62 High Street	Mrs. Wade.
388a High Street	Sketchley Dye Works Ltd
388b High Street	H. R. Beard.
141 High Street	F. B. Leopold
150a High Street	J. Greenwood Mrs.
170a High Street	A. Green
330a High Street	A. T. Payton.
317 High Street	A. V. C. Paynter
338 High Street	A. Bassett

The Committee being satisfied that satisfactory arrangements had been made by each occupier. RESOLVED, That certificates be confirmed

15--Hayden Sewage Works—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported application by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd, the contractors for the sewage works extensions, for an increase in their tendered price to cover the rise in the price of Cement Concrete from 12s 8d. to 25s per cubic yard since the date of their tender. The Borough Surveyor pointed out that if this application was allowed the tender would be increased by £564, and that the contractors had already been allowed a sum of £1,088 owing to a mistake in the calculations for their original tender. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the work has been completed.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that there were several cracks in one of the existing humus tanks through which liquid was finding its way into the ground, and that he had invited tenders for filling in the cracks with cement. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to accept a tender for the work, or

if of the opinion that the prices are too high, to have the cracks cut out and packed with freshly mixed material by direct labour.

16—Flooding—(a) Eldon Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted a further letter from Mr. G. W. Powell complaining of the flooding of his basement at " Ehrenberg," Eldon Road. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Flooding Sub-Committee, and that this be called for the 3rd September next.

(b) Moorend Park Road District—The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders for the laying of the new sewer from Leckhampton Road to the Railway Bridge in Moorend Crescent, under the Railway Bridge and along Moorend Grove. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mark Williams & Co. Ltd amounting to £4,895 5s. 8d., being the lowest, be accepted.

(c) Fairview Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the renewal of the portion of the defective sewer beneath Winchcomb Street had been completed and the sewer was working satisfactorily.

(d) Chelt Main Sewer—The Town Clerk reported that the Great Western Railway Company had granted permission for Corporation representatives to enter on the Railway land for the purpose of surveying the line of the Chelt Main Sewer subject to an indemnity being entered into on behalf of the Cheltenham Corporation. RESOLVED, That this indemnity be given.

17—Hayden Knoll Cottages—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for building a block of two houses on a new site to replace these cottages. RESOLVED, That the plans be approved subject to the site being approved by Mr. Rymer, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out the work of demolition and rebuilding.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Rymer had asked for a reduction of 6s per week from his rent for the two Cottages to be demolished. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

18—Barn Farm Road—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Rymer had accepted the Corporation's offer to scarify and roll this road and provide free stone from Leckhampton subject to his carting and spreading the stone, and to the expenditure of scarifying and rolling being limited to £50.

19—Leckhampton Sewage—The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Cheltenham Rural District Council applying for a reduction of the charge for treating and disposing of the sewage from the Parish of Leckhampton RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

20—Central Council for Health Education—Read, circular letter of 19th ult. inviting the attendance of delegates at the 10th Annual Conference on Health Education to be held in London on the 30th September and 1st October next. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to attend.

CLARA. F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th July, 1937.** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Grimwade and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 14th inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) 20 Pates Avenue—That the plan for the erection of an aviary at this house be approved.

(b) Rent Rebates—That consideration of formulating a scale of income for considering applications for rent rebates and for fixing the rents of houses be adjourned to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee, but that in the meantime the Housing Manager be instructed to require all applications for houses to be made on a form now approved by the Committee.

(c) Whaddon Farm Estate—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove any metalled allotment roads and pigsty foundations which are in the gardens of the new houses on this Estate.

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

2—View Sub-Committee—Read, report of the View Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 29th ult. They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) 1-4 Kingsditch. Cottages—That the purchase of these cottages be not entertained.

(b) 32 Spenser Road—That the plan for the extension of the existing shed at this house be not approved, and that the Committee consider it should be extended at the back instead of at the side.

(c) 78 Milton Road—That the application of the owner to purchase the land adjoining this house be not entertained.

(d) 11-12 Malvern Street—That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to consider purchasing these houses.

(e) 47 Malvern Street—That the aviary erected at this house be approved.

(f) Alstone Lawn Estate—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the ditch on the south side of this Estate cleaned out and the hedge cut and laid and gaps made good so far as this adjoins the Corporation's property. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Kingsley Gardens—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted six tenders received for the exterior painting of these houses, the lowest tender for which was £55, as compared with the Borough Surveyor's estimate of £36 RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to report on the actual cost of carrying out this work, including a reasonable proportion of the overhead charges.

(b) 8 Kingsley Gardens—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this house for the Corporation to build a garage, for which he would be willing to pay an increased rent, be not granted.

4—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the various building Contracts. RESOLVED, That the View Sub-Committee inspect the side gullies being provided.



(b) RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. J. R. Birt to pay £15 for the mowing grass growing on the various parts of the farm be accepted.

(c) Shop Sites—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fence in the unsold shop sites.

(d) Read, letter of 25th ult. from the Ministry of Health raising no objection to the transfer of the loan charges on the sum of £2,070, being the valuation of the school site from the Housing accounts to the Education accounts.

(e) Factory Site—The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer had valued the strip of land fronting Severn Road to be sold to Messrs. Walker, Crossweller & Co. Ltd. to give secondary access to their factory site at £14, and that the Ministry's consent to the sale had been obtained. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyance.

(f) Grates—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the cavity behind the kitchen grates fitted in new houses filled in.

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5—Land, Russell Place—The Town Clerk reported that complaints had been received that children were damaging the fencing erected to enclose the site purchased by the Council in Russell Place. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the erection of a pair of four-bedroom houses to be erected on this site and that if there is not room for four-bedroom houses, tenders be obtained for a pair of three-bedroom houses.

6—Tewkesbury Road Railway Bridge—The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer valued the strip of land in Tewkesbury Road belonging to the Moors Estate, containing 95 square yards, to be given up for the widening of this bridge at £4 10s. 0d., which sum would be credited to the Housing Accounts RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

7—Overcrowding—RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be instructed to furnish the Chief Sanitary Inspector with particulars of all removals either to or from Council houses for the purpose of the Overcrowding records.

8—News Cottages -The Town Clerk submitted valuation of the District Valuer of this site, and the strip of land belonging to St. John's Cottages for giving access thereto. Both the owners had agreed to sell the land to the Corporation for £90 and £10 respectively, as valued by the District Valuer, the Corporation to rebuild the boundary wall of No. 1 St John's Cottages to the new line. RESOLVED, That these offers be accepted subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

9—Housing Manager—(a) Annual Report—The Committee considered the Report of the Housing Manager for the year ended 31st March last. RESOLVED. That copies of the Report be sent to members of the Council. RESOLVED, also, That the Committee approve of Miss Hort obtaining gifts of surplus furniture from residents in Cheltenham with a view to this being distributed to poorer tenants, as mentioned in paragraph 5 of her report. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a sandpit for children on the open space at the Moors Estate.

(b) Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Housing Manager was submitted.

10—Exterior Painting—The Housing Manager reported that certain works of exterior painting were required to be carried out to the 1923 houses at St. Mark's, 9 old houses in Hope Street and the houses in Whaddon Avenue and on the Pilley Estate. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of carrying out this work.

11—St. Mark's Estate—The View Sub-Committee reported that they had inspected the 20 feet strip of land belonging to Benhall Cottage, which the Post Office desired to purchase for the erection of a telephone equipment building. They recommended that the land should be sold subject to the following conditions :

(a) The existing hedge on the western boundary to be maintained ;

(b) A post and wire fence being provided along the new eastern boundary and a quick set hedge planted, and the hedge and fence to be maintained by the Post Office ;

(c) The Post Office paying any compensation due to the tenant on giving up the land.

The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer had valued the land at £52, and had assessed the compensation to be paid to the tenant by the Post Office. RESOLVED, That the sale on these terms be approved and 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, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 1937** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Avery, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, 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—Jersey Avenue—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that, when workmen were sent to alter the door of the garage at Lowood, Hewlett Road, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their last meeting, the Owner informed them that the work need not be carried out as she was instructing Messrs. S. C. Morris & Sons Ltd. to erect a new garage. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Committee whether the work has been carried out satisfactorily.

(b) Read, letter of 30th ult. from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale, on behalf of the owner of Walton, Hewlett Road, as to the apportionment of Private Improvement Expenses in this road. RESOLVED, That this be considered when the apportionment is submitted by the Borough Surveyor.

3—Arle Drive—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Mr. A. W. Mann for this road to be taken over by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That notices be given of the intention of the Corporation to take over this road.

4—Tewkesbury Road Bridge Widening—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 7th inst. from the Clerk to the Gloucester-shire County Council reporting that the County Highways Committee had agreed to the work being undertaken during the two years in which the grant of the Ministry of Health would be available, and also agreeing not to call for any contribution from the Corporation towards the cost of the work.

5—Clarence Street--The Borough Surveyor submitted application from D. Neale & Sons Ltd. for permission to erect a canopy projecting over the footpath outside Nos. 9 and 10 Clarence Street. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the canopy being fixed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and to the usual Agreement being entered into to maintain the canopy in good condition and to remove the same when required.

6—Waste Paper—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Thames Board Mills Ltd. offering 22s 6d. per ton for newspaper and 20s per ton for other paper and cardboard during the next five years. The above offer was subject to the Corporation baling and loading the paper, but the company were prepared to loan a packing machine free of charge for three or six months in order to try out the scheme. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting.

7—High Street and Promenade Improvement—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative plans for laying out the traffic island at this junction, at an estimated cost of about £300 RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit detailed estimates for erecting a fountain and rock garden of the design approved.

8—Borough Surveyor's Department—Articled Pupil—The Borough Surveyor applied for the consent of the Committee to his taking Mr. John Verney, of Gloucester, as his articled pupil as from the 2nd proximo. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Alstone Lane—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the result of negotiations with the L. M. S. Railway Co. for the surrender of a small portion of their property to enable the Corporation to widen the approach to the level crossing in Alstone Lane. RESOLVED, That the proposal be not proceeded with at present.

(b) Norton House—The Town Clerk submitted specification of repairs and decorations which Mr. Bullingham required to be carried out at a cost of £45 11s. 0d., prior to his taking a tenancy of this property. RESOLVED, That the work be not agreed to, and that steps be taken to find another tenant. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to estimate the cost of carrying out necessary repairs to make do' house and outbuildings tenatable.

10—Pittville Street Improvement—The Town Clerk reported that he had received copies of notices of objections to the confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order received by the Ministry of Transport, and that an Inquiry had been fixed for the 29th inst., at 11 a.m.

11—High Street Unilateral Waiting Order—The Town clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had decided to make the modification in the Order to meet the objections of the L. M. & S. Railway bin this was made on

the understanding that the Council would furnish a report at the end of 6 months on the working of the Order and if the exemption proved unsatisfactory the Minister would modify the Order.

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12—Montpellier Avenue—(a) RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £1,030 for the cost of purchasing Nos. 5 and 6 Montpellier Avenue.

(b) 5 Montpellier Avenue—Read, report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector in regard to the condition of this property, estimating the cost of carrying out the necessary repairs and decorations at £5. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this work carried out.

13—Imperial Square—The Town Clerk reported that the railings round the small lawn in front of the houses on the north side of this Square had been damaged by a vehicle belonging to Pratt & Co. RESOLVED, That a claim be made against the owners for the cost of repairing the damage.

14—Bayshill Road—The Town Clerk submitted letters from the Royal Nursing Home, the Bayshill Nursing Home and Surgeon-Captain Burton complaining of the increased traffic using this road as a result of the Montpellier Street One-Way Traffic Order. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

15—Painters—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Cheltenham Branch of the National Amalgamated Society of Operative House and Ship Painters and Decorators, complaining that the Corporation painters were carrying out private decorative work in their own time. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply that the Corporation have no control over workmen after working hours.

16—Workmen's Annual Outing—As requested at the last Council Meeting, the Committee reconsidered Minute No. 8 of their last Meeting resolving that no extra holiday with pay be granted to employees for the purpose of their annual outing. RESOLVED, That the previous recommendation of the Committee be adhered to.

17—Grants from Road Fund—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 24th ult. that the Ministry of Transport had decided to continue in operation until 1st April 1938 the rates of charges as grant earning expenditure to cover the use of plant and tools owned by highway authorities in connection with the maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges as set out in circular No. 402 (Roads) of 31st May 1934.

18—Projecting Sign—RESOLVED, That the application of Lennards Ltd. for permission to erect a non-illuminated projecting sign outside No. 368 High Street be granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

19—Post Office Telegraph Line—Severn Road—Read, application from the Post Office Superintending Engineer for consent to the erection of an overhead telegraph line with five posts along Severn Road. RESOLVED, That the Post Office Telegraphs Department be asked to lay the line underground.

20—Ambrose Street—Read, application by Mann's Motors for permission to erect an additional petrol pump at their garage in Ambrose Street, with a swing arm to extend over the footpath. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view,

21—Brooklyn Road—The Committee considered application by Mr. E. G. Cook for access to be given to Brooklyn Road over the strip of land belonging to the Corporation, having a frontage of 555 feet to the eastern side of the road, to enable him to develop the land at the rear. RESOLVED, That subject to the Town Planning Committee raising no objection under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, the application be granted on payment of £2 per yard of the frontage required.

22—Lower High Street—Tile Town Clerk submitted memorial from tradesmen in Lower High Street, complaining of the slippery surface of the road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect the road and report to the Committee thereon.

23—Pittville—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Mrs. de Courcy-Ireland, asking for an elm tree overhanging the garden of Sandown Lawn to be removed. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

24—Henrietta Street—Read, application from W. T. Pates & Sons for permission to fix a coal plate in the footpath outside the Fleece Hotel. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

25—Warwick place—The Committee considered a suggestion that a " Halt " sign should be placed in Warwick Place near its junction with Evesham Road. RESOLVED, That the suggestion be not approved,

26—National Safety First Association—Read, circular letter inviting the attendance of representatives at the National Safety First Congress to be held in London from 7th to 9th October next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend. Town Clerk submitted letter of 8th inst. from the Hon.

27—Junction of Suffolk Square and Suffolk Parade—The Secretary of St. James' Parish Council, offering to give up a piece of land for the improvement of this junction for £50. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until September.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1937.** Present—Councillors Avery, Barnett, Compton Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Grimwade and Leigh James ; Mesdames E. Booy, L. Grist, W. L. Mellersh and L. Wood (Councillor Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1937

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings) ...	20.4	34
At Bennington Hall (11 Meetings)...	23.5	32
At Clare Street (11 Meetings)	33.4	46.2
At Highbury (11 Meetings)	43	55
At St. Mark's (12 Meetings)	32.4	46.2

(b) Annual Report---A copy of the 28th Annual Report of the Association was submitted.

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1937 :—

No. of Children on Register .	2,509
“ Un-notified Births discovered	2
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	1252
(b) over 1 year .	1559
“ Special visits to Mothers ...	164
“ First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	171
“ Ante-natal cases visited ... . (a) new	49
(b) return	39
“ Chicken Pox cases visited ... .	12
“ Whooping Cough cases visited	8
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres .. . .	95

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	292
New Orders ... .	85
Orders discontinued during quarter	92
“ continuing to coming quarter	285

Children Act :

	Health Visitors.	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter ...	37	15
„ visits (under Children Act) paid ...	52	20
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ...	25	15

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter . ...	292
New Orders ...	85
Orders discontinued during quarter	92
“ continuing to coming quarter .. .	285

Children Act :

	Health Visitors.	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter .	37	15
“ visits (under Children Act) paid ...	52	20
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ...	25	15

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 50 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st April to 30th June, 1937. and that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for that period was £33 9s. 0d., of which £11 18s. 3d. was chargeable to patients, and £8 12s. 00d. had been received to date.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from Midwives during the quarter ended 30th June, 1937: Still-births 3 ; Death of Infants 6 ; Artificial feeding being necessary 1 ; Liability to be a source of infection 2.

4—Dentistry—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 71 mothers and 14 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 96 mothers and 2 infants on Wednesday evenings during the quarter in accordance with the arrangements made with the Education Committee. The number of Wednesday evening sessions held during the quarter was 12.

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5—Consultant Fee—The Medical Officer of Health submitted an account for a Consultant's fee. RESOLVED, That this be passed for payment.

6—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted accounts for treatment in the General Hospital of one case and for a special nurse in three cases of Puerperal Pyrexia. RESOLVED, That these accounts be passed for payment.

7—Children Act—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 number of children allowed.
Mrs. Windrate	Oulton House, Suffolk Street	1
Miss Taylor.	54 Keynsham Road ...	3 (must be over two years).

8—Provision of Milk—RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to obtain tenders for the supply of Tuberculin Tested or Pasteurised milk for the year ending 30th September, 1938, and that the Chairman and he be authorised to accept a tender.

9—Midwives Act, 1936—Read, letter of 7th May last from the Cheltenham District Nursing Association, approving the draft agreement proposed to be entered into with the Association for carrying out the scheme under Section 1 of this Act. Read, also, letters of 15th ult. and 16th inst. from the Ministry of Health, stating that in their opinion, the fees to be charged to patients were somewhat low, and asking whether consideration had been given in framing the scale to the fact that maternity benefit would also be payable in a large proportion of cases. The Minister also desired to be informed what fees were at present charged for the service of midwives by the Association, and by private midwives.

The Minister was also of opinion that the fee paid for the attendance of a midwife should be lower when she is acting as a maternity nurse. The Medical Officer of Health submitted report thereon. The existing fees were : Contributors 21s and Non-contributors 25s, but having regard to the scale of deductions allowed from

income under the proposed agreement, the District Nursing Association were in agreement that the existing fees were too low. RESOLVED, That the following fees be adopted :--

	Midwife.	Maternity Nurse.
Contributors ...	25s	35s
Non-contributors .	30s	40s

RESOLVED, also, That having regard to the foregoing, the grant proposed to be made to the District Nursing Association (including the present grant of £160) be reduced from £1,120 (approved at the May Council Meeting) to £1,043, and that the agreement be amended accordingly and submitted to the Ministry for approval RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for a grant in respect of the revised amount of £1,043.

10—Orthopaedic Scheme—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Board of Education had now approved of the scheme, and the temporary appointment for one year of Miss Scott, the Orthopaedic Nurse at the General Hospital, at a fee of £26, The Board of Education were not prepared to approve of two-thirds of the cost of the scheme being charged to the Education Committee, but considered that this should be paid by the Education Committee and the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee on the basis of the number of attendances of children of school age and under school age respectively. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

11—Maternal Mortality—Read, circular 1622 of 17th May last from the Ministry of Health, drawing the attention of the authority to the Report on Maternal Mortality recently presented to Parliament The Minister commended the report to the careful attention of the Maternity Authorities, and made a number of recommendations for the improvement or extension of Maternity services.

(a) The Minister recommended the establishment under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health, of an adequate service of obstetric consultants. The Medical Officer of Health reported that this was already provided so far as was practicable in Cheltenham.

(b) The Minister also recommended that the Local Supervising Authority, in consultation with the local medical profession, should in future be empowered to take steps to see that the best obstetric skill was made available in cases where midwives are required to call in a doctor. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to obtain the views of the local branch of the British Medical Association on this recommendation.

(c) RESOLVED, That the views of the Cheltenham District Nursing Association be obtained on the Minister's recommendation in regard to the availability of emergency units for domiciliary treatment of maternity patients, whose conditions are too grave to justify their removal to Hospital.

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(d) The Minister recommended that properly constructed, adequately equipped and suitably staffed maternity accommodation (including a sufficient number of beds allocated to and reserved for ante-natal patients) should be provided to meet the needs of every area. The Medical Officer of Health reported that



the Executive Committee of the District Nursing Association were considering the possibility of providing further accommodation. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to point out to the Association that the Minister recommends that where possible, maternity hospital accommodation should be provided in association with the General Hospitals.

(e) The Minister recommended that a consultant service should be provided to supervise the treatment of patients suffering from puerperal sepsis, and that satisfactory arrangements for the treatment of such cases should be made. The Medical Officer of Health reported that a consultant service was already provided, and arrangements made for the treatment of such cases in the General and Delancey Hospitals, but in his opinion there was a need for a small self-contained ward at the General Hospital for the special treatment of these cases, but in view of the small number of cases this could best be provided in conjunction with the County Council. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to consult with the County Medical Officer of Health in regard to this.

12—Gynaecological and Post Natal Clinic—In his circular on Maternal Mortality, the Minister urged the development of post-natal services, including the establishment of clinics. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Public Health Committee had now agreed to a Birth Control Clinic being established at the Clinic at the Municipal Offices, and to pay the cost thereof, and he considered the work of this could be enlarged to cover the additional ante-natal and post-natal services suggested by the Minister. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that Dr. Gwendoline Brown be asked to take charge of the Clinic at a fee of £1 11s. 6d. per session, to be held twice monthly, and that where gynaecological cases are found to require further advice or surgical treatment, Mr. Sandeman Allen be asked to see such patients, and arrange for treatment at the General Hospital at a fee of 10s 6d per case. RESOLVED, also, That the Medical Officer of Health and Mrs. Mellersh be authorised to make arrangements for an assistant to attend the Clinic to keep the records..

13—Conference—RESOLVED, That one of the Health Visitors be authorised to attend the Conference of Women Public Health Officers to be held at Chester on the 25th September.

14—Health Department—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss D. Hyett, Clerk in his department, had resigned on her marriage, and that the Chairman had authorised him to appoint Miss L. Ellis in Grade B at a commencing salary of £2 per week. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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#### **TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th July, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Taylor, Capt. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Grimwade and Morris ; Col. Godman, Messrs. W. Wiggett and A. Yiend (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.
4686	Dale Forty & Co.	Alterations and additions, 102 Promenade (Amended).
4689	Victory Motor Co.	Extensions to garage, Berkeley Avenue.
4690	Cheltenham Estates Ltd.	4 semi-detached houses, Naunton Way.
4691	Burton, Mrs.	Garage, Trevalga, Lansdown Parade.
4692	Cripps, W. B.	Garage, 5 Naunton Park Road.
4693	Stinchcombe, E. T.	1 detached and 2 pairs of semi-detached houses, Alstone Croft.
4694	Brown, Mrs.	Conversion of shop into dwelling-house, Old Bath Road.
4695	Tyley, C.	Garage, 7 Kingsley Gardens.
4696	Ward, G. H.	2 detached houses, Cleeve View Road.
4697	Grant, J.	New shopfront, High Street.
4698	Dean Close School Council	Squash court, Dean Close School.
4699	Broom, D. R.	Additional room, Rowanside, Eldon Road.
4700	Ellery, W.	Garage, Wrinstone, Queen's Road.
4701	Clingan, Mr.	New shopfront, 78 Marle Hill Parade.
4702	Tarrent, R.	Greenhouse, Brookdale, Arle Road.
4703	Lusty, T. & Son	Alterations, 236 High Street.
4704	Ladies' College Council	Alterations, Downside, Western Road.
4705	Melville, D. G.	Layout and 68 flats, St. George's Nursery, Queen's Retreat
4706	Cheltenham Original rewery Co. Ltd.	New Licensed premises, Greyhound Inn, Hewlett Road
4707	Goddard & Hunt	10 semi-detached houses, Arle Road,
4708	Scudamore, L.	Detached house, Tivoli Road.
4709	Moore, C.	Coal and coke shed, Lintridge, Libertus Road.
4710	Hall, G. A. M. Ltd.	Garage, Welland Lodge Road.
4711	Aircraft Components Ltd.	New fitting shop, Arle Court.
4712	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Alterations and additions, The Hewlett Arms, Hewlett Road.
4713	Knight, E. J.	Conversion into flats, 27 Lansdown Place.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4691, 4692, 4697, 4699, 4702, 4703, 4709 and 4710 be approved ; That Plans No. 4686, 4689, 4694, 4704, 4711, 4712 and 4713 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. 4689, subject also to the drains being carried through the existing petrol trap ; That Plan No. 4693 be approved subject to the Owner entering into an Undertaking to set back the front fence forthwith for the widening of Alstone Croft to 36 feet, the Corporation to make up the widened road and the Owner to pay for the cost of paving the footpath ; That Plan No 4695 be referred to the Ministry of Transport under the Restriction of Ribbon Development and Trunk Roads Acts, That Plan No. 4696 be approved subject to no part of the building being nearer than three feet to the boundary fence ; That Plan No 4698 lie approved subject to the end wall facing Shelburne Road being carried up to a horizontal line ; That Plan No. 4700 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 ; That Plan No. 4705 be approved subject to specification and construction of the roads and sewers being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 4708 be approved subject to the Owner

entering into an Undertaking to give up the land required for the improvement of the junction of Tivoli Road and The Park, the Corporation to re-erect the fence to the new line and to pave the land given up ; That Plans No 4690, 4701, 4706 and 4707 be not approved, and that with reference to Plan 4690 the Committee affirm their previous decision that the original layout plan (No. 3253) approved by the Committee must be adhered to.

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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.
1129	Barrow, Mrs.	Tea Room and Store, Near Gothington Cross,
1131	Cumberland, Mrs.	Garage (Private), Ferndale, Cirencester Road.
1133	Midwinter, G. W.	Proposed lock-up garages, Croft Garage, Cirencester Road
1144	Cheltenham Rural District Council	Three pairs of semi-detached houses, Gretton.
1145	Cheltenham Rural District Council	Three pairs of semi-detached houses, Leckhampton Lane, Shurdington
1156	Adams Caravans Ltd.	Proposed new workshop, New Era Works, Copt Elm Road.
1166	Con, C.	Proposed alterations, Easemore Bungalow, Bishop's Cleeve.
1170	Dodwell, C. C.	Proposed conservatory, Hill Grange, Leckhampton Hill.
1171	Western Estates Ltd.	Proposed bungalow, Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1172	Martin, Mrs. B.	Proposed new bathroom, " Treen," Cleeve Hill.
1173	Trustees of Prestbury Church School	Extension to School, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury
1174	Wippell, Mrs. F.	Proposed alterations, " Milestone," Greet, Nr. Winchcomb
1175	Wheeler, W. F.	Proposed tool shed, Sundown, Little Herberts Road, Charlton Kings.
1176	McCann, C. J.	Proposed Garage (Private) Taunton Dene, Bradley Road, Charlton Kings.
1177	Bond, W. W. H.	Proposed tool shed, " Robecq," Cirencester Road.
1178	Shalford, Mrs. E. A.	Proposed bathroom, " Stowaway," Daisy Bank Road, Leckhampton Road.
1179	Jones, H.	Proposed Garage (Private), St. Brandans, Haywards Road, Charlton Kings.
1180	Tickell, Mrs. A.	Proposed detached house, The Avenue, Charlton Kings.
1181	Marshall, A. E. & Son	Preliminary proposals for layout of land, off London Road, Charlton Kings.
1182	Nott, L. W.	Preliminary proposals for development of land, Little Witcombe.
1183	Hunt, R. J.	Preliminary proposals for development, Cleavelands Estate, Marle Hill.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1129, 1131, 1133, 1144, 1145, 1170, 1171, 1172, 1175, 1176, 1178, 1179, 1180 be approved; That Plan No. 1156 be approved subject to no nuisance being caused by reason of noise ; That Plans Nos. 1173 and 1177 be approved subject to no objection by the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, That Plan No. 1174 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the

existing building ; That Plan No. 1182 be approved in principle and to details being submitted to and approved by the Authorities concerned before development is commenced ; That consideration of Plans Nos. 1181 and 1183 be deferred for consideration by the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act ; That Plan No 1166 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter and plan from Mr. R. W. Greenhalf dated the 12th inst. asking for the determination of the building line at Messrs. Gough and Edwards premises in Bath Street RESOLVED, That an improvement line be scheduled for the widening of Bath Street to 50 feet, and that the building line at Messrs. Gough and Edwards' premises shall coincide with the front main wall of the existing building.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter and plan from Mr. A S. Cruickshank dated the 13th inst. asking for permission to convert " Melrose," The Park, into self-contained mansion flats. RESOLVED, That the conversion be approved in principle subject to plans as to alterations and the number of flats being submitted to and approved by the Council.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Amos Wilson and Son dated the 10th inst asking for permission to use land adjoining their Yard in Swindon Road for the extension of their Builders Yard. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Divisional Road Engineer, Ministry of Transport (Midland Division), dated the 13th inst. asking whether the site abutting on Oriel Road, Trafalgar Street and Vittoria Walk will be affected by road improvement. RESOLVED, That improvement lines be scheduled for the widening of Oriel Road to 75 feet with a 15 feet building line, and for the widening of Vittoria Walk to 50 feet with a 30 feet building line, and that any new buildings in Trafalgar Street be set back 6 feet to provide for a footpath to this street.

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4—Hatherley Court—Read, report of the Sanitary Inspector in regard to the drainage of Hatherley Court, The Borough Surveyor also reported thereon. RESOLVED, That the architect be informed that the drainage of these premises must be constructed in accordance with the plan approved by the Council.

5—Plan No. 4651—Read, letters of 5th inst. from Mr. W. A. Shee and Messrs. H. J. B. Martin & Co. in regard to the conditions attached to this plan, requiring the surrender of land for the widening of Shurdington Road. RESOLVED, That Mr. Shee be informed that the Council are willing to undertake the re-erection of the front wall to the new line on his giving up the land required.

6—Meeting----RESOLVED, That a meeting of the Council members of the C9mmittee be held on 12th August to consider plus within the Borough.

7—Plan No. 1167—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Messrs. Milnes & Barnes that their client, Mr. A. Halls, proposed to appeal to the Ministry of Health against the decision of the Committee not to approve his plan for a housing scheme near Staverton Bridge. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain the views of the Cheltenham Rural District Council in regard to this plan.

8—Plans Nos. 1145, 1152 and 1153—Read, letters from the Cheltenham Rural District Council in regard to the conditions attached to these plans, requiring the front fences to be set back to the improvement line. They had been informed by the County Surveyor that the condition as to the removal of the fences only applied where it was intended to erect a new fence, and that where an existing fence was retained on the present line, negotiations would be entered into with the District Council, when it was desired to carry out the improvement.

9—Brooklyn Road—The Committee considered application from Mr. E. G. Cook for access over the strip of land belonging to the Corporation in Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to the access being given on the terms approved by the Street and Highway Committee.

10—Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme No. 1—The Committee considered the draft Scheme. The County Surveyor suggested (1) That a new road should be scheduled from the junction of the Southern By-Pass with the proposed new road from Cheltenham to Gloucester Northwards through Fiddler's Green and Hester's Way to the proposed Northern By-Pass near Swindon and that the portion of the proposed road from the Gloucester road near its junction with Brooklyn Road (extension) to the proposed Southern By-Pass should be omitted ; (2) That Clause 4 (2) in regard to responsible authorities should be amended by providing that the County Council should be consulted in regard to roads in the Borough for which the County Council would be financially responsible ; (3) That Clause 15 (a) and (b) should be amended so as to provide that the clause shall not apply to the portion of Street No. 4 in the Borough and that the necessary consequential amendment be made to clause 17 (1) ; and, (4) That the Eastern By-Pass should be amended so as to be situate outside the built-up area of Charlton Kings. RESOLVED, That the first suggestion be approved and the plan amended accordingly, but that consideration of the other suggestions be deferred until the next Meeting and that the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider these and report thereon, Read, also, letter of 30th ult. from the Winchcomb Parish Council asking the Committee to amend the line of the Winchcomb By-Pass so as to exclude the Field No. 300 which they had decided to purchase for a Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That this be agreed and the Map amended in accordance with the plan submitted by the Borough Surveyor.

11—Advertisement, Prestbury Road—Read, memorial from residents in Prestbury Road that they understood that Messrs. George Bence & Sons Ltd were proposing to repaint their large advertisement on the gable end of a house in Prestbury Road. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Bence & Sons Ltd. be asked to discontinue the advertisement,

12—Plan No. 1106—Laid, Little Shurdington--The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 29th ult. from the Gloucester-shire Tile & Sand Co. Ltd. in regard to the Committee's disapproval of the plan for the development of their land at Little Shurdington, RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision, requiring a comprehensive layout plan to be submitted, including satisfactory provision in regard to water supply, main drainage and means of access.

13—Town Planning Office—The Borough Surveyor reported that S. R. Browning, temporary Clerk in this Office, had resigned on obtaining another appointment. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to appoint another temporary Junior Clerk on Grade A to fill the vacancy.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

**TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 9th July, 1937.** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell and Ben James ; and, Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Howell in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 29th ult., when they recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Military Band—That, as an experiment, the Band play at Montpellier Gardens on Sunday evenings during July.

(b) That, as the provision of a colour curtain at the Town Hall would involve removing the steps leading to the Organ, the proposal to provide such a curtain be not proceeded with.

(c) Fox Terrier Club Show, May 1938—That permission be given for any dogs entering this Show and arriving the day before, to be lodged for the night in the Pavilion at Montpellier Gardens.

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except, that with regard to (c), the dogs be housed in the Winter Garden Building if this is available,

2—Medical Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

3—Montpellier Baths—The Committee further considered the application from the Y.M.C.A for the use of these Baths on two evenings a week during the winter for Physical training classes, and also application from the United Girls' Club for the same facilities on two evenings a week. RESOLVED, That the applications be granted at a charge of £5 each for the season from 18th October to 31st March or until the Bath is required for swimming, and that it be left to the United Girls' Club and Y.M.C.A. to arrange which evenings they should each have the building.

4—Alstone Baths—(a) The Committee considered reference back by the Council of Minute No 3 (b) passed at the last Meeting of the Committee RESOLVED, That free admission to the Junior Bath be granted to classes of children attending at the Baths during school holidays for instruction in Swimming by the Education Committee's Swimming Instructor and that, when the Bath is not being used by the Instruction classes, school children be admitted during the holidays at a charge of 1d.

(b) The Committee further considered suggestion of the Y.M.C.A. that the large Bath at Alstone should be kept open during the Winter months. The Town Clerk reported that if the Winter Garden Scheme was commenced during the Winter the Alstone Baths would be required for the various Badminton Clubs, The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of heating the building would probably be between £600 and £700 and that as the existing Boilers had been in use for 50 years, he thought that the additional heating required might involve the Corporation in having to replace this with a new system. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to keep the Large Bath open during the Winter months, but that the Junior Bath be kept open for such time as desired by the Education Committee as last year.

5—Swimming Pool—The Town Clerk submitted Memorial from residents in Keynsham Road, objecting to the amplification of music from a Gramophone at the Swimming Pool. The Town Clerk reported that the music was only provided for the Physical Training Classes organised during the week ended the 27th ultimo by the Women's League of Health and Beauty, and that he had informed the memorialists accordingly.

6 —Conferences—(a) Hotels and Restaurants Association—The Town Clerk reported that the Hotels and Restaurants Association had accepted the invitation of the Corporation to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham on the 28th, 29th and 30th October. He also reported as to the terms provisionally arranged with the Local Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society for advancing the date of their Dance to permit of the Civic Reception for the Conference being held on 29th October. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved and that free accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the Conference.

(b) RESOLVED, That invitations to hold Annual Conferences in Cheltenham be extended to the Association of Education Committees, The National Veterinary Medical Association, The National Federation of Off-Licensed Holders and The National Housing and Town Planning Council.

7—Sunday Games—RESOLVED, That consideration of the letters received from the Cheltenham District Sunday School Union and the Lord's Day Observance Society objecting to the proposal to permit playing of Tennis on Sunday afternoons be deferred until the September Meeting of the Committee.

8—Pittville Gardens—Dog Show—RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the Pittville Gardens being provisionally booked for next year's Show of the West of England Ladies' Kennel Club on 4th May, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to interview Mrs. Gardiner in regard thereto.

JOHN HOWELL,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th July, 1937,** Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Goitre), Ireland, Grimwade Rogers, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

9—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 14th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Military Band—(i) That on the occasion of a morning broadcast concert, the Committee agree to pay £1 2s. 6d. for a trio for the Drawing Room Concert.

(ii) That the Band Concert on Sunday afternoon, 22nd August, be cancelled in view of the broadcast concert by the Military Band at 5 p.m., and that in place of the cancelled concert, Mr. Cole be asked to play on August Bank Holiday morning.

(iii) That the Military Band play at Marle Hill Annexe on Sunday afternoons during August except the Sunday preceding August Bank Holiday.

(b) August Bank Holiday—That a Municipal Ball be held at the Town Hall from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at a charge of 2s 6d. on August Bank Holiday.

(c) Town Hall, Curtain—That in view of the decision not to provide a colour curtain, the curtain belonging to the Cotswold Hunt be purchased at a cost of £25.

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

10—Advertising—Councillor Grimwade reported the proceedings of the Advertising Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 13th inst. During the current year up to the 13th inst., 3,469 replies had been received from advertisements, as compared with 3,023 for the whole of 1936, and 737 for the year 1934.

11—Military Band—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to arrange for the Military Band to visit the various Recreation Grounds on a weekday evening each, and that on these occasions, the free use of the Winter Garden Bandstand and building, if available, be granted to Mr. Phillips of Gloucester for Band Concerts to be given by regimental military bands engaged by him.

12—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That the application of the Technical College for the grant of five free half-season tickets for next season for these Baths for students who have passed the Intermediate Examination of the Royal Life Saving Society be granted.

13—British Health Resorts Association—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had met on the 10th inst. and considered memorandum from the Executive Committee of the Spas Federation recommending that the subscription of the Spas Federation to the British Health Association should not be withdrawn, as previously decided, and they recommended that the Committee should approve of the decision of the Spas Federation Executive Committee, RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

14—Pittville Circus Garden—Read, letter from Mrs. Lambert that she was giving instructions to her solicitor to send the deeds of her share in this Garden to the Town Clerk for the purpose of preparing the deed of transfer to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to the deed and that pending the taking over of the Garden, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the boundary hedge cut back and tidied up.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th July, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Taylor; Councillors Ben James and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—Rowanfield Road—The Committee further considered improving the lighting of this road. The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted four schemes—two utilising the existing lamp standards and the other two providing for a larger number of lamp standards. RESOLVED, That the Scheme for



providing eight Mercury discharge lamps on the existing lamp standards at a cost of £64 18s. 0d. and an estimated annual running cost of £29 4s. 8d. (being an increase of £19 4s. 8d. on the present annual running cost) be approved.

2—Government Proposals on Distribution—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to supply each member of the Committee with a copy of the representations to the Minister of Transport made by the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association.

3—Gotherington Overhead Line—Read, letter from the Clerk to the County Council raising no objection to the Corporation's proposals subject to the lines in the Village being placed underground. The Borough Electrical Engineer suggested slight modifications in the original scheme which he thought would meet the County Council's objections, involving the placing of a portion of the line near the War Memorial underground at an additional cost of £62. RESOLVED, That these proposals be approved.

4—Direction Sign—Black & White Motorways Ltd.—Read, application from the Black & White Motorways Ltd. for permission to place a direction sign on the lamp standard outside Messrs. Dodwell's new premises RESOLVED, That this be agreed to provided that the Company remove one of their existing signs in North Place.

5-54 Pilley Crescent —The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. A. W. Finch of 54 Pilley Crescent had broken the seal of the Corporation fuse box and reconnected the supply without giving notice to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to point out that he is liable for penalties under the Electricity Lighting Acts and that if the offence is repeated proceedings will be taken.

6—Arrears—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted Statement of Arrears for the December Quarter and reported the steps that were being taken for the recovery thereof.

7—Loans—(a) Whaddon Farm Housing Estate—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a scheme for further extensions of underground cables, overhead lines and public lighting and recommended that application should be made to the Electricity Commissioners for their consent to the following loans :—

Underground cables, including labour ... ..	1352 13 9
Overhead services to houses ...	585 18 4
Public Lighting (Cables and Joint Boxes only) ...	244 4 5

These loans would provide for the supply to 236 houses and the new Factory. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to loans for these amounts.

(b) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted the following details of schemes approved or provisionally approved by the Council for the improvement of lighting :—

Scheme.	No. of New Lamps.	Spacing in Feet	Height in Feet.	Type of Lamp and fitting	Wattage.	Lamp Post Loan £ s. d.
Old Bath Road	37	155 to	20	Sodium discharge in	100	537 3 2
		170		directional fitting		
Sandford Road	14	155	20	do.	100	197 10 1
High Street Roundabout	8		25	Mercury discharge in enclosed fittings	250	154 18 2
Whaddon Farm,	29	120 to	16	Tungsten filament in	100	196 17 0
Section D		140		open type refractors		
Whaddon Farm,	27	120 to	15.5	do.	100	183 5 6
Section E		140				
Cleevemount Estate	31	120 to	16	do.	100	210 8 6
		140				
Hatherley Court Estate	26	120 to	15.5	do.	100	176 9 8
		140				
Part of Hewlett Road	26	150 to	20	Sodium Discharge in	100	392 10 8
and Priors Road		165		directional fittings		
						£2049 2 9

In the case of the Cleevemount Estate the previous approval of the Council only extended to the laying of the necessary cables.

RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £2,049 for the cost,

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8---Auditor's Report—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted his observations on the Auditor's Report and these were discussed with the Borough Treasurer. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the Borough Electrical Engineer and the Borough Treasurer to confer and submit further recommendations,

9 --Slot Meters—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported two cases in which supplies of electricity had been fraudulently obtained by insertion of metal discs in slot meters and two cases in which the coin boxes had been broken open and money extracted, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings in each case where the necessary evidence is available.

10—Damage to Lamp Standard—The Town Clerk reported that a lamp standard at the junction of -Swindon Road and Malvern Street had been knocked down by a lorry belonging to Messrs. Hill Bros., and that the owners' insurers, the London & Scottish Assurance Corporation Ltd. had offered to enter into an Agreement to dispose of this and other claims with which they may be concerned by paying 75 per cent of the amount of the damage in every case irrespective of liability. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into such Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

11—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ending 30th ult., which showed the average calorific value for the Quarter to be 471.1 B.Th.U, per cubic foot.

(b) Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 29th ult., 9th and 17th inst., which showed the calorific values on these dates as 463.9, 472.0 and 473.4 B.Th.0 per cubic foot respectively, and the pressure as 9.2, 9.4 and 9.6 inches of water respectively.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

#### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th July, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; the Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Leigh James, Margrett, Moore, Pruen and Capt. Trye; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of one case of Swine Fever, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals

2—Sheep Movement Regulations—Read, circular of 26th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture that the Ministry have for some time been considering carefully whether on disease grounds, there is now any need for the maintenance of the Regulations made by the Council requiring sheep to be double-dipped before moving into the Borough, and that in view of all the circumstances, they recommended that the Corporation should revoke their Regulations. Read, also, Circular from the Northamptonshire County Council thereon. RESOLVED, That the Regulations made on the 1st February, 1932, as to Movement of Sheep be revoked.

3—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that since the last meeting the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire :—

Date, 1937.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
July 3rd	6 Royal Parade ...	Not apparent	Slight	£4 10s. 6d.
July 5th	Lloyds Bank, 234 Bath Road	-	£40—£50	£4 10s. 6d.

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4—Hackney Carriage Licences—The Town Clerk submitted list of Hackney Carriage Licences and Drivers' Licences not taken up. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Police, and the Superintendent be instructed to prosecute the persons found driving without a Licence, or using an unlicensed Cab.

5—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. Reed & Patterson Ltd. and Mr. F. Mann for Licences to store 500 gallons of Petroleum Spirit in underground tanks at their respective premises in Bath Road and Ambrose Street, be granted.

6—Police Force—The Committee further considered the application made in January last by the Chief Constable for the establishment of the Force in Cheltenham to be increased by one Inspector. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of an additional Inspector being provided in substitution for one Constable so that the total strength of the Borough Force is not increased.

7—Car Park—Suffolk Square—Read, letter of 12th inst. from Superintendent Hopkins that the Chief Constable had consented to vehicles being parked at this Car Park without lights.

8—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Rating Committee, That the services of Mr A Ricketts, Rate Collector, be extended from the 28th July, 1937, to the 31st July, 1937 ; that the services of Mr. F. H. Harris be extended for one year from the 30th September, 1937, and Mr. E. D. Ricketts' services be extended for one year from the 6th October, 1937.

(b) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Public Health Committee, That the services of Mr. W. Townsend, Disinfecting Inspector, be extended for one year from the 9th October, 1937.

9—Leckhampton Hill Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had met Mr. Scott Plummer, the tenant of the fields at Upper Pilford, and that he estimated the cost of making good the fence adjoining the Old Quarry Railway line at £50. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to provide timber in the rough for the new posts in accordance with the terms of the Tenancy Agreement.

(b) Colmore Trophy Trial—Read, application from the Sutton Coldfield and North Birmingham Automobile Club for the use of the middle jenny on the Leckhampton Hill Estate on a date to be arranged next year for this Trial. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the roads to be used being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to any damage being made good, and the roads being cleaned up after the Trial.

10—Air Raids Precautions—RESOLVED, That Councillor Grimwade be nominated a member of the Air Raids Central Authority in place of the Mayor, who had resigned.

11—Re-Numbering of Houses—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for the re-numbering of the houses in Hatherley Road. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to serve Notices requiring the re-numbering of the houses.

12—Unemployment Insurance Acts—The Borough Treasurer reported that D. Bloxsome (Dowdeswell Custodian) had completed 3 years service in a designated post. RESOLVED, That he be added to the Certificate of Exemptions under the Acts.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

## ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 6th July, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Addis, 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 of cultivation :—Nos. 86, 89, 96, 107 and 111 Asquith Road; Nos. 12, 13, 20, 21, 40 and 44 Alma Road ; 10 Brooklyn Road ; 43 and 44 Crabtree Piece. RESOLVED, That notice to quit be given.

2—Marle Hill House Estate Allotments—Read, letter from the tenant of Nos 74 and 87 that he wished to terminate his tenancy on 29th September next RESOLVED, That this be agreed to. 3—Allotments Nos. 7 Tennyson Road, 13 (a) Wasley's Field and 189 Crabtree Piece—The Town Clerk submitted offers to take these allotments subject to these being let rent free till 25th March next. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

4--Whaddon Road (New) Allotments—The Borough Surveyor reported that in order to proceed with the laying of the road and sewer for the new Junior School and Factory on the Whaddon Farm Estate it would be necessary to have possession of 14 additional allotments, the tenants of which had received notice to terminate their tenancies on 29th September next. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to serve notices on the tenants of the intention of the Corporation to take possession of the allotments at the expiration of 14 days, and that Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son be instructed to settle the compensation payable to the tenants on behalf of the Corporation. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a post and wire fence erected to divide the land to be taken from the remaining allotments.

5—Vacant Allotments—The Town Clerk submitted statement of the vacant allotments. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to keep the weeds on the vacant plots cut down.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

## PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 6th July, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Montpellier Gardens—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted report of an assault on the Custodian and wilful damage to deck chairs and tennis nets by two youths, Jack and George Swift of 22 Commercial Street. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute the offenders.

(b) Tank—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of three alternative schemes for the removal of the tank and improvement of the South West corner of the Gardens. RESOLVED, That the scheme providing for the removal of the tank and the layout of the corner with flower beds etc, at a cost of approximately £85, be approved.

(c) Cycling—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of children cycling in the Gardens contrary to the Byelaws. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the children's parents, warning them that if there is any further offence, proceedings will be taken against them,

2—Sandford Park—(a) Foreman—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. L. Hyett was still absent from work owing to illness. RESOLVED, That he be paid half-pay till the next meeting of the Committee in September, when the matter be reconsidered.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the fence adjoining the path leading to the Swimming Pool.

(c) Field Lodge—The Borough Surveyor reported that during the work on this house it was found that there was no damp course in some of the walls. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have a damp course provided.

3—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the use of this ground be granted to the Education Committee on the 22nd inst. for All Saints' School Sports.

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4—Pittville Gardens—(a) Aviaries—(i) The Borough Surveyor reported the following gifts of birds for the Aviaries, 3 small birds by Mr. S. Whiteside, 1 dove by Mrs. Colmer, 1 small bird by Mrs. Haddock and 1 dove by Mrs. Meek. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

(ii) The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation from Messrs. John Such & Sons Ltd, for the provision of an additional flight, with three divisions, amounting to £46 15s. 9d., and also a quotation from Messrs. Smith Bros. for an aviary, amounting to £18 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That these quotations be accepted.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported the gift of a number of large fish for the Lake by Mr. Paynter of Derby Cottage, Alstone Lane. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

5—Athletic Ground—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to obtain tenders for wiring the Custodian's house at this ground for electricity.

6—Playground Equipment—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation from Messrs. Hunt & Sons for the provision of an "Ocean Wave," amounting to £23 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to purchase one for Pittville Gardens and one for Pilley Lane Recreation Ground.

7—School Playgrounds—Read, letter from the Education Secretary that the Education Committee proposed to open the School Playgrounds for the use of children during the summer holidays. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to pay the wages of the attendants.

8—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the proposal to provide a clock at this Recreation Ground be not proceeded with.

9—Football and Hockey 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.
St, Mark's Playing Field	St. Gregory's Ladies' Hockey Club	Alternate Wednesdays and Saturdays.
“	Cheltenham and County Harriers Ladies' Hockey Club	Alternate Wednesdays and Saturdays
“	Post Office Sports Club	Alternate Saturdays.
“	Cheltenham Meters Ltd.	Alternate Saturdays.
“	Y. M.C.A.	Alternate Saturdays. (2 pitches)
“	Parish Church School Old Boys' Union	Alternate Saturdays.
“	Old Patesians R.F.C.	Saturdays.
Naunton Park	Tivoli Rangers	Alternate Wednesdays
“	Naunton Park Rangers	Alternate Saturdays
Agg-Gardner	St. Gregory's R.F.C.	Alternate Saturdays
“	St. Paul's Central Sports Club	Alternate Saturdays
Whaddon Road	Whaddon United A.F.C.	Alternate Wednesdays.

RESOLVED, also, That Cheltenham Meters Ltd. be charged £5 and the Old Patesians £1 10s. 0d. for the pitches.

10—St. Mary's Cemetery, Market Street—Read, letter of 23rd ult. from the Rev. J. A. Barber, Curate-in-Charge of the Parish Church in regard to the payment by the Council of £10 per annum towards the upkeep of the old Cemetery. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned till next year's estimates are considered.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th July, 1937.** Present—Councillors Compton, Fisher, Garland, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

11—Land in Tewkesbury Road—The Committee inspected the field being part of No. 129 on the Ordnance Map situate in Tewkesbury Road in the Parish of Uckington, about of a mile from the Borough Boundary, containing about 12 acres or thereabouts, which was offered at £900 plus vendor's solicitors costs. The owner of the land on the west side was under covenant to erect a fence along the boundary of the land at present unfenced. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase the land at the price offered, subject to the valuation of the District Valuer and to a loan for the purchase money being sanctioned. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan for the purchase of the land (900) plus vendor's solicitors-costs and stamp duty.

H. C. GRIMWADE, Chairman.

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#### ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th July, 1937,** Present—Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Avery and Howell; Dr. Davies ; Major Clift and Mr. Mapp (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1--Curator's Report for June, 1937—Visitors-3,733 (last year 2,532). Included in these figures were the following parties to the "Coronation Exhibition" ; Cheltenham Ladies' College (2), 52 girls ; Pate's Grammar School, 26 girls ; Technical College, 22 students ; St. Mary's Training College (2), 29 students ; St. Paul's Training College, 18 students ; 18 parties from 10 local Elementary Schools, 626 boys and girls ; Birdlip Elementary School, 12 boys and girls ; Adult parties (3), 60 visitors.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £5 12s. 9d. " Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund " £1 0s. 5d. Total £6 13s. 2d.

Coronation Exhibition—The Curator reported that the gross cost of this Exhibition had been £50 0s. 2d. Proceeds from the sale of Handbooks, etc amounted to £16 14s. 0d. leaving a net cost of £33 6s. 2d. RESOLVED, That the congratulations of the Committee be accorded to the Curator for the success and interest of this Exhibition, and that the Coronation Committee be asked to meet the difference between £25 originally promised and the net expenses which resulted.

Staff—The Curator reported that he had not had a suitable candidate for the assistantship in the Museum, but that suitable boys of Matriculation standard might be available at the end of July. RESOLVED, That his employment of Miss S. Gear in a temporary capacity be confirmed.

Museums Association Conference—The Curator read his report on the Conference which had been held at Newcastle upon Tyne from the 5th to 9th July, 1937. He had been re-elected to the position of Hon. Secretary of the Association for the ensuing year.

2—Cardiff Naturalists' Society—The Curator had been invited to lecture before this Society at Cardiff on the 7th October, on "The Cotswolds," at a fee of £5 5s. 0d. to cover incidental expenses and the cost of lantern slides. RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Curator to deliver this lecture on condition that the fee (less expenses) be paid into the " Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund," and that the cost of the slides be met therefrom, such slides to become the property of the Museum.

3—Museums Association—RESOLVED, That the annual subscription to this Association be increased from £2 2s. 0d. to £3 3s. 0d. per annum.

4—Museums Association Annual Conference, 1939—The Curator reported that he presented to the Annual Meeting of this Association at Newcastle upon Tyne, an invitation to hold the 50th Annual Conference in Cheltenham in the first week of July, 1939. The invitation was unanimously accepted. RESOLVED, That this Committee be the nucleus of the Local Reception Committee with power to add to its number representatives of various bodies locally interested.

5—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Mr. Barker, Mrs. Chandler, Mr. J. E. Chandler, Mrs. Edgell, Mrs. Horseman, Mr. Lloyd-Johnes, Mrs. E. St. Julien Meek, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Tipping, Mr. Waite, Miss Wilding, Messrs T. and H. Wilkins. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

6—Exhibitions---RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to organize the following exhibitions, as and when convenient :—

(a) Contemporary Art, arranged by Miss Nora Robbins.



(b) Loan Collection of modern pottery and glass from the Victoria and Albert Museum.

(c) Pictures offered on loan by Mr. T. Rishworth.

7—Leslie Young Bequest Fund—RESOLVED, That an oil painting in the present exhibition, entitled " Rainy Weather, Ouse Valley, Sussex," by Fred Milner, R.B.A., be purchased for the sum of £31 10s. 0d.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th July, 1937.** Present—Councillors Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Garland, Grimwade and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 26th June to 16th July, 1937. Interments 45 ; Grave Spaces sold 11 (First Position 1, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 9) ; Memorials erected New Inscriptions 8

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9624 to 9634

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2089 to 2095, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Crematorium—Garden of Remembrance—The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders received for the erection of the walling and lych gate for the Garden of Remembrance. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons (being the lowest), amounting to £282 3s. 0d. for the walling and £121 4s. 0d. for the lych gate be accepted subject to contract

S. ROGERS,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th July, 1937,** Present—Councillors Grimwade, Howell and Ben James ; Rev. B Thomas ; Dr. Davies ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for June, 1937—Receipt £14 11s. 6d. Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 6,471 (last year 4,672); Lending Department 15,233 (last year 14,749) ; Junior Department 1,965 (last year 1,772). School Libraries 7,499 (last year 7,435). Total 31,168. (last year 28,628).

Binding and Replacements-309 volumes had been returned from the Binder and a further 199 volumes dispatched. 512 volumes had been replaced.

Inter-availability of tickets—The Libraries which had agreed to co-operate with regard to the inter-availability of tickets now numbered 31.

Staff—At the examinations of the Library Association held in May, 1937, Miss S. Graham Smith was successful in passing the Intermediate, Part II ; Miss N. B. Stevens, Elementary ; and Miss S. H. Jeffery, Final, Part II.

Heating Boiler—The Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co. had examined the boiler and reported no defects.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 464 volumes published at £202 6s. 0d. be purchased for the sum of £108 8s. 0d.

(b) That 1 volume, published at 120s be purchased from the Leslie Young Bequest Fund at a cost of 102s.

(c) That £50 be spent on Binding.

(d) That £50 be spent on Replacements

3—Donations—Gifts to the Library had been received from the following : Anonymous, Secretary for Australia, Agent-Generals for South-Australia, Western Australia, British Columbia, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria, High Commissioners for Canada and New Zealand, Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow and Co. Ltd., Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Cheltenham Esperanto Society, Messrs. Heywood and Co. Ltd., Mrs. Kent, Mr. H. W. Kilgour, New Centurion Publishing Co., Mr. G. B. Pearce, Mr. C. J. Sawyer, Mr. B. Stevens, Mr. R. G. W. Wilson.

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

4—Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That "The Modern Mystic" and "The Political Quarterly," offered as gifts, be accepted.

(b) That " Country Scene and Topic" 1s monthly, be added to the list of periodicals purchased.

(c) That "The New York Times " (Sunday Edition) £4 4s. 0d. per annum, be added to the list of periodicals purchased if a reduced rate of subscription can be obtained.

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5—" Cheltenham Knot "—Major F. K. Foster attended the Committee in support of the application that the Books of the " Cheltenham Knot " should be deposited in Dublin. RESOLVED, That owing to the local interest of the Books, the request be not granted, but that these records be freely available to students and researchers in the Reference Library.

6—Replacement of Vacuum Cleaner—RESOLVED, That an Electrolux Vacuum Cleaner be purchased at a net cost of £14 4s. 0d., one-third of the cost to be borne by the Art Gallery and Museum Committee.

7—School Libraries—The Education Committee desired to extend the School Library service to Swindon Road Boys' School, Swindon Road Girls' School, and St. Gregory's Mixed School. RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to co-operate in this work, and that such loan of books from the Central Junior

Library as may be possible be granted to supplement the permanent stock of each of the three schools concerned.

8—Fuel Supply--Tenders for coke and for Anthracite for the season 1937-38 were considered. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. John Williams and Co. (Cheltenham) Ltd., for approximately 45 tons of anthracite at 41s 3d per ton be recommended for acceptance.

9—August Bank Holiday--RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library, including the Newsroom, be closed on August Bank Holiday.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 7th July, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Ben James and E. Moore (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

2--Great Western Railway—Read, Circulars from the Clerk to the County Council and The Railway Assessment Authority that the First Railway Valuation Roll in respect of the Great Western Railway had now been revised and the proposals should now be served on every person who occupied a " let out " property at any time during the period 1st April 1931 to 31st March 1936. RESOLVED, That proposals be made accordingly.

3—Third Valuation—(a) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to have the necessary forms of return printed and that the Rating and Valuation Officers be authorised to obtain temporary clerical assistance in connection with the preparation of the draft valuation list, as in the case of the first and second valuations.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted memorandum of the 23rd ult. from the Central Valuation Committee in regard to the new Valuation list. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Rating Officers.

4—Rates Department—(a) Mr. A. Ricketts—The Rating and Valuation Officers reported that Mr. Alfred Ricketts would retire on Superannuation at the end of the month RESOLVED, That this Committee record their appreciation of the long and faithful services rendered by Mr. Ricketts in the Rates Office during the past 34 years, and extend to him their best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

(b) The Committee considered the staffing of the Rates Office on Mr. Ricketts retirement RESOLVED, That Mr. H. V. Webb, at present Grade C Clerk in the Department, be promoted to Rate Collector in Grade F at a commencing salary of £200 per annum; that the salary of Mr. W. O. Clee, Grade A Clerk, be increased to £104 per annum, and that he be transferred to Grade B on the 1st August, 1938 ; and that the Rating and Valuation Officers be authorised to appoint a new Junior Clerk on Grade A at a commencing salary of 155 per annum.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th July, 1937;** Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Taylor Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 20th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £70,148 ; Leaving outstanding £44,707

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 20th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1937. Amount collected £15,117 ; Leaving outstanding £6,350.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 20th 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.

4—Loans—(a) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £10,000 be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to negotiate terms for a loan or loans of not exceeding 50,000 on the best terms available for a period of 15 years.

5—Fidelity Guarantee—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to obtain quotations for Collective Cover Policies in place of the Individual Cover Policies now in force.

6—Borough Treasurer's Department—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to purchase a Muldivo Rotary Calculator at a cost of £69 7s. 6d.

7—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that he had now ascertained that only Mr. Cosgrove's services at Stonehaven could be taken into account and that the amount to be paid by Mr. Cosgrove in lieu of transfer value was £14 instead of £19.

He also reported that Miss I. Clarkson, Sister at the Delancey Hospital, desired to pay the sum of £64 1s. 0d. in lieu of transfer value in respect of 5 years and one month's service at Rochdale. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of these sums being paid by instalments as provided in the Act.

(b) RESOLVED, That A. L. Clutterbuck be refunded the additional contributions paid by him while acting as Roller Driver in excess of his contributions now paid as a Labourer amounting to £13 18s. 5d. RESOLVED, also, That R. Jackson (Labourer) be repaid the sum of £12 10s. 5d., being the refund of his contributions with interest paid on his former wages as Stoker.

(c) The Committee consider the recommendation of the Rating Committee that Mr. A Ricketts' 6 years' service in the Rates Office as an employee of his Father, should be reckoned in calculating his superannuation allowance. The Borough Treasurer reported that this could not be charged to the Superannuation Fund but would be payable out of the rates, and if agreed to, would increase his superannuation allowance from £71 15s. 0d. to £87 10s. 0d. per annum. RESOLVED, That the Council be

recommended to agree to the recommendation of the Rating Committee, and that the extra allowance be paid out of the rates.

8—Audit of Accounts—The Committee further considered letter from the Ministry of Health asking for the Council's observations on the portion of the Auditor's Report relating to the Electricity Undertaking, and the Town Clerk reported that the Electricity Committee had instructed the Borough Treasurer and Borough Electrical Engineer to submit a joint report on the matters raised by the District Auditor, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

9—Purchase of Houses—The Committee considered suggestion that the Corporation should, in approved cases, join as Guarantors to enable persons to purchase houses other than Council houses, and to borrow up to 90 per cent. on mortgage in pursuance of the powers conferred on the Council by the Housing Acts. RESOLVED, That the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society be informed that the Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to join in Mortgages in approved cases, where the value of the house does not exceed £800.

10—Electricity Accounts—The Borough Treasurer submitted report on the collection of the Electricity charges since the last Meeting, and also a statement showing the amount of arrears outstanding.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 30th, September, 1937.

Sir,

You are hereby SUMMONED to attend the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 4th, day of October. 1937, 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 consider application for petrol licence from Dale Forty & Co. ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. To authorise employees of the Corporation to attend Air Raid Precaution Lectures during working hours where necessary.

5. To appoint as a member of the Education Committee, a person suitable for and likely to be of assistance to the Committee, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Mr. F. H. Edwards.

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

### **Borough of Cheltenham**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 2nd September, 1937.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMEMADE, on MONDAY, the 6th day of September, 1937, 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 HOUSING COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. To approve recommendation of Entertainments Sub-Committee to extend Military Band for one week.

5. To authorise General Purposes Committee to issue Cinematograph Licence to Mr. A. Waters in respect of new Cinema, Lower High Street.

6. To grant application for Game Licence to Willows Limited.

7. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully, Town Clerk.

### **Borough of Cheltenham**

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Town Hall in the said Borough, on Friday, 23rd July, 1937, at 3 p.m. Present:**

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

Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, M.B.E., T.P., Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. (Retd.) ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Garland, Grimwade, Ben James, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies-Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Moore ; Councillors Bettridge, Fisher, Green, Howell and E. W. Moore.

1—The Town Clerk, Mr. Robert Owen Seacome, was admitted to the Honorary Freedom of the Borough in pursuance of the Resolution passed at a Special Meeting of the Council held on the 7th June, 1937, and was presented with a casket containing an illuminated and sealed copy of the Resolution.

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.

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**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, 26th July, 1937, at 3 p.m. Present :**

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

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

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Compton, Fisher and Green.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 5th July, 1937, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held July 6 16

Housing Meeting held July 16

Resolved, also, That the Committee be authorised to negotiate terms with Messrs. Walker Crossweller & Co. for the acquisition by them of land for the future extension of their factory on the Whaddon Farm Estate.

Street and Highway Meeting held July 12

Resolved, also, That the Chairman be authorised to approve estimate for the repairs required at Norton House, Alstone Lane, and to accept an offer for the tenancy of the house.

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held July 19

Town Planning Meeting held July 15

Resolved, also, That Plan No. 4706 for the rebuilding of the Greyhound Inn, Hewlett Road, be approved subject to the requirements of the Committee as to setting back to the building line, and as to the improvement lines being complied with.

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held July 9 & 16

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Alderman Pates : " That Minute No.4 (b) in regard to the opening of Alstone Baths during the Winter be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

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Electricity and Lighting . Meeting held July 19

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Barnett : "That Minute No. 3 in regard to the placing underground of a portion of the Gotherington line to meet the objection of the County Council be referred back " was lost).

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held July 13

Allotments Meeting held July 6

Parks and Recreation Grounds . Meetings held July 6 & 12

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Barnett and seconded by Alderman Capt. Trye : " That Minute No. 1 (b) in regard to the removal of the Tank be referred back."

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Capt. Trye and seconded by Alderman Moore: " That Minute No. 11 in regard to the purchase of land in Tewkesbury Road for a Playing Field be referred back " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Leigh James : " That Minute No. 10 in regard to the contribution towards the upkeep of the Old St. Mary's Cemetery be referred back " was withdrawn).

Resolved, also, That permission be given to Naunton Park Old Boys R.F.C. to play football on Naunton Park Recreation Ground on alternate Saturdays during the coming season.

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held July 16

Burial Board Meeting held July 16

Public Library Meeting held July 15

Rating Meeting held July 7

Finance Meeting held July 20



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—Water Main, Churchdown to Hewletts—Resolved, That the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board be authorised to accept on behalf of the Council a tender for laying the portion of the Cheltenham main from Churchdown to Hewletts to be laid in the same trench as the joint main from Tewkesbury to Churchdown.

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.

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#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th August, 1937.** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Whaddon Farm Estate—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Messrs. Walker, Crosweller & Co. to purchase 4.59 acres of land adjoining their present site for the future extension of their works. The Valuation of the District Valuer amounted to £2,750, which amount Messrs. Walker, Crosweller & Co. were prepared to pay for the land. Messrs Walker, Crosweller & Co. also asked that the Corporation should re-purchase the 0.66 acre to the south of their factory site which would not be required by them in view of the proposed larger purchase. The Borough Surveyor reported that the houses proposed to be erected on the frontage to the circular road adjoining the 4.52 acres of land could be erected fronting Road No. 18 and the remainder on the piece of land offered for the re-sale by Messrs. Walker, Crosweller & Co., and he recommended that this piece of land should be re-purchased. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to the sale of the 4.52 acres of land at the Valuation of the District Valuer, namely £2,750 and also to re-purchase the 0.66 acre of land at the valuation of the District Valuer, namely £550, subject in each case to contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale of the 4.52 acres and also to the purchase of the 0.66 acre of land and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Conveyances. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange with Messrs. Edwards & Co. Ltd. for the erection of the houses on Road No 18 and on the piece of land to be re-purchased from Messrs. Walker, Crosweller & Co.

2—Sale of House—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. J. J. Jenkins to purchase 16 Shelley Road for £460 in accordance with the Valuation of the District Valuer. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

3—St. George's Nurseries—Read, letter from Mr. W. H. Horsley that Mr. D. Melville proposed to erect 64 flats in blocks of four on this land for sale on leasehold and asking the Corporation to extend their guarantee under the Housing Acts to purchasers of the flats. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared favourably to consider applications from purchasers for the Corporation's guarantee to the Building Society to enable purchasers to obtain up to 90 per cent of the purchase money on Mortgage.

4—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 19th inst. They recommended (inter alia) that the tenancy of ten houses on the Whaddon Farm Estate be granted to employees of Messrs. Walker, Crosweiler & Co. who were being transferred from their works in London to their new works in course of erection on the Whaddon Estate and that the rent of the houses be fixed at 15s per week. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

5—Housing Repairs Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Repairs Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 25th inst. and they recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) That Mr. H. C. Ward's schedule of prices for the internal decoration of houses at St. Mark's Estate be accepted subject to Mr. Ward complying with the Fair Wages Clause and to his effecting Workmen's Compensation and Third Party Policies of Insurance.

(b) That, having considered the system of carrying out the repairs and decorations to Council houses by direct labour, the Housing Manager be instructed to submit estimates for the cost of carrying out all repairs and maintenance work by a staff of workmen employed direct by the Corporation including the purchase of the necessary plant and stores.

(c) 1919 Act Houses—That the metal window frames at 67 houses in Tennyson Road be painted.

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted and that tenders be obtained for the painting of the metal window frames of 67 houses in Tennyson Road and that the Borough Surveyor be also instructed to submit an estimate for carrying out this work.

6—Tewkesbury Road Bridge Widening—The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer valued the 95 square yards of land forming part of the frontage of The Moors Estate, required for the widening of Tewkesbury Road railway bridge, at £4 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the appropriation of this land for the purpose of the widening.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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#### **TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 6th August, 1937,** Present—The Deputy Mayor; and Councillor Grimwade (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Plan No 4651—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Mr. W. A. Shee, requiring as a condition for surrendering the land for the widening of Shurdington Road, that the Corporation should carry out certain works, the cost of which was estimated by the Borough Surveyor at more than the value of the land. RESOLVED, That the first condition on which this plan was approved on the 5th May last be withdrawn, and that the plan be approved subject to there being no access to the premises from Shurdington Road,

2—Applications to Develop—Old Barn, Southam—The Committee considered application by Mr. Watterson on behalf of Mrs. Blackwood for permission to use these premises for business purposes It was suggested that a portion of the land might be converted into a parking place for cars, or that a right of way might be acquired over the land at the rear for the same purpose. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the application has been considered by the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act.

3—Town Planning Area—Plan No. 1184—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cotswold Hills Golf Club for approval of plans for the erection of a new Club House at Cleeve Hill be not approved.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on** Thursday, 12th August, 1937. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Moore and Morris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4714	Western Estates Ltd.	Garage, 225 Arle Road.
4715	Taprell, W.	Garage, 181 Arle Road.
4716	Barton, J.	Tool shed, 115 Gloucester Road.
4717	Ladies College Council	New sanitary accommodation, Hatherley Court.
4718	Hall, G. A. M. Ltd.	3 shops, Cleevemount Estate.
4719	Okey, H. J.	Garden shed, Cleevemount Estate.
4720	Jukes, H.	Temporary stable, Cheltondale.
4721	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Alterations, The Hop Pole Inn.
4722	Rogers & Davies	Detached house, Hatherley Court Road.
4723	Parish Church School Managers	Alterations and additions, Parish Church Infants School.
4724	Cavendish House Ltd.	Alterations and additions, Cavendish House.
4725	Wakefield, E.	Cycle shed, Cleevemount Estate.
4726	Cruckshank, A. S.	Conversion of house into flats, Melrose, The Park.
4727	Herapath, Lt.-Col.	Additions, Courtlands, Thorncliffe Drive.
4728	Tyler, F.	4 lock-up garages, Ambrose Place.
4729	Wheeler & Mansell	Layout and 28 houses and 6 bungalows, Cleeve View Road and Hewlett Road.
4730	Rorie, J. J.	Glass roof over garage washdown, Hallerton House, Sydenham Villas Road.
4731	Bowd, W. H.	Shop and dwellinghouse, Whaddon Road.
4732	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Conversion of stabling into 3 lock-up garages, Beehive Hotel
4733	John Davis Estates	Block of flats, Cambray House.
4734	Hall, G. A. M. Ltd.	Garage, Welland Lodge Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4714, 4715, 4716, 4719, 4722, 4724, 4725, 4730 and 4734 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 4717, 4720, 4723, 4726, 4727 and 4728 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. 4728, subject also to a three-way petrol interceptor being provided ; That Plan No. 4718 be approved subject to (1) a back road being provided and vehicles being loaded and unloaded in this road : (2) that the main walls shall not be used for advertising purposes (3) the area between the shops and the footpath shall not be enclosed and no placards or goods shall be displayed more than 3 feet from any shop front and (4) the half-timber work being omitted from the front elevation ; That Plan No. 4729 be approved subject to the surface water being drained separately to the surface water sewer and to the owners entering into an undertaking to set back the buildings to the building line in Hewlett Road, and the front fences fifty feet from the opposite side of Hewlett Road and for a set back of twenty-five feet in each direction from the corner for the improvement of the junctions of Hewlett Road and Cleeve View Road ; That Plan No. 4731 be approved subject to sandfaced tiles being used on the roof, That Plan No. 4732 be approved subject to the owners entering into an undertaking not to claim compensation in the event of the Corporation requiring the building to be set back to the improvement line, and to a proper system of drainage being provided, and the doors being made to open inwards ; That consideration of Plans Nos 4721 and 4733 be deferred until the next meeting,

5—Proposed Technical College—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council that the County Council proposed to purchase " The Woodlands," The Park for the purpose of a Technical College, RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of these premises being used for this purpose.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on** Thursday, 26th August, 1937. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Capt. Trye ; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade, Moore and Morris ; and Mr. A. Wiggett (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No of Plan.	Name.	Description
4721	Cheltenham Original Brewery Ltd.	Alterations, Hop Pole Inn, Market Street.
4733	John Davies Estates	Block of Flats, Cambray House.
4735	Cleavelands Ltd	Detached house, Cleavelands Drive.
4736	Walters, B.	Tool shed, 211 Arle Road.
4737	Wills, D. M.	Garage, Dorincot, St. George's Road.
4738	Cheltenham Estates Ltd.	42 houses, Naunton Way.
4739	Trigg Bros.	(a) House, corner of King Street ; (b) 4 Houses, Sherborne Street.
4740	Gilbey, R. H.	Garage, Priors Road.
4741	Western Estates	Layout and 28 houses and Bungalows, Arle Road and New Road off Arle Road.
4742	Smiths Systems	Additional Workshop, Smiths Systems Factory

4743	Messrs Taylor	Proposed alterations and additions, Albion Street.
4744	Bendall & Sons	4 dwelling houses, Priors Road.
4745	Bell	Garage, "Torrington," Western Road

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4736, 4737, 4740 and 4745 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 4721 and 4742 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. 4721 to the boundary wall in Gloucester Road being set back ; That Plan No. 4735 be approved subject to approval of the lay-out ; That Plan No. 4738 be approved subject to a 50 ft. carriageway diameter turning circle being provided ; That Plan No. 4739 (b) be approved in principle subject to the owner setting back the front fences 22 ft. 6 ins. from centre of road on completion of buildings and to the houses being set hack td a building line of 30 ft. from centre of road ; That Plan No. 4733 be approved subject (1) to the Owner entering into an Undertaking to give up the land when required for the construction of a road connecting Cambray with Rodney Road, (2) to grey bricks being used for the external walls, (3) to the walls of buildings backing on to the River Chelt being carried down below the River bed, such walls to be regarded as part of the new River wall and the wall to be designed to carry superimposed load and surcharge produced by erection of buildings and to be set back 3 ft. behind existing River wall, and (4) to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That consideration of Plan No. 4741 be disapproved pending submission of layout plan for whole area ; That Plans Nos. 4739 (a), 4743 and 4744 be not approved.

7—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.
1185	Ryland, G. F.	Proposed Garage (private), Lyefield Lodge, Copt Elm Road, Charlton Kings.
1186	Mitchell, A.	Proposed cow-shed, Glenfall Farm, Ham, Charlton Kings.
1187	Adams Caravans Ltd.	Proposed show-room, offices and extensions to caravan works, Copt Elm Road, Charlton Kings.
1188	Hollis, Mrs.	Proposed Garage (private), Ashleigh, Cleeve Hill
1189	Bendall & Sons	Proposed two detached Bungalows, Undercliffe Avenue, Leckhampton Road.
1190	Murray. J.	Proposed Garage (private), Seven Posts, Prestbury.
1191	Cox, Dr. G. R.	Proposed extension to Garage, Chapel Lane, Winchcomb
1192	Lear, Miss	Proposed Garage (private), not given.
1193	Craggs, F.	Proposed Garage, Staverton.
1194	Paxton, Mrs D.	Proposed Garage, Cleevemount, Cleeve Hill.
1195	Nott, Mrs. K.	Conversion of barn into a dwelling-house, Springfields, Little Witcombe.
1196	McCarthy, Col. J. J.	Additions and Alterations, The Gorse, Uckington.
1197	Stinchcombe, E. T. & Son	Two pairs semi-detached houses, Prestbury Road, Prestbury.
1198	Cheltenham Rural District Council.	24 houses, New Barn Lane, Prestbury.
1199	Davis, P. P.	Proposed Garage (private), Post Office Lane, Cleeve Hill.
1200	Cotswold Hills Golf Club	Proposed Clubhouse, Cleeve Hill.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1186, 1188, 1191, 1195 and 1199 be approved; That Plan No. 1185 be approved subject to the front wall being carried out up to a horizontal line and to no part of the lean-to roof projecting above that line: also to materials harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No. 1187 be approved subject to (1) showroom and offices being constructed entirely in brickwork and all materials to harmonise with other buildings in the road : (2) the extension to the workshop being lined internally with sound absorbing material and the walls be painted green externally : and (3) no nuisance to be caused to Owners and Occupiers of properties in the neighbourhood by reason of noise, smoke, dust or fumes ; That Plan No. 1198 be approved subject to the Rural District Council constructing a turning-space to the requirements of the Town Planning Scheme at the end of the road when the temporary access to New Barn Lane is closed up, also to satisfactory materials being used in the construction of the buildings ; That Plan No. 1200 .be approved subject to (1) the woodwork in the gables being omitted and tiles finished off flush with the walls and pointed: (2) chimney stacks, where visible, to be in grey brick and to be raised approximately a further 18 inches above the root and to be of a more simple design : (3) the exposed brickwork at the bottom of the building to be rough cast to match the upper walls: (4) the walls to be coloured Cotswold grey and (3) drainage to be to the satisfaction of the Rural District Council ; That Plans Nos. 1189, 1190, 1192, 1193, 1194, 1190 and 1197 be not approved.

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8—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter from Mr G. W. Enoch, dated the 16th July, 1937, asking for permission to erect a dwelling-house on Crickley Hill. RESOLVED, That the application be provisionally disapproved pending the observations of the Gloucester City Council on the question of development in their Watershed, and to the observations of the Rural District Council with regard to drainage.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter from Mr. A Oscar Green, dated the 5th inst. asking for permission to erect two petrol pumps behind his house at " Baytree Cottage," High Street, Prestbury, and to the placing of a small china bulb on the end of the wall at the entrance to the premises with the word " Petrol on it RESOLVED, That the erection of the two petrol pumps behind the house be approved subject to compliance with the County Council's Bye-Laws with regard to Petroleum Filling Stations, and that the observations of the County Council be obtained with regard to the placing of the china bulb.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter and plan from Messrs. A E. Marshall & Sons, dated the 18th inst., asking if permission would be granted for the erection of houses on land reserved for Permanent Allotments in Charlton Kings. RESOLVED, That this be not approved.

9—Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme No. 1—(a) The Committee further considered draft Scheme and the Town Clerk submitted amended Sub-Clause 3 to Clause 4 providing that the Council, before proceeding to the making of any new road or the widening of any existing road in the Borough for which the County Council were financially responsible, should consult with the County Council and should any difference arise between the two Councils on financial grounds, such difference should, in default of agreement, be referred for the decision of the Minister of Transport. The Town Clerk also reported an interview which representatives of the Council and the County Council had with Mr. Pepler of the Ministry of Health on the 21st ult. when the County Council representatives decided to recommend their Council to withdraw their objection to the zoning of the area immediately surrounding Cheltenham. The representatives of both Councils also agreed that it was desirable that a Joint Board should be appointed to

administer the Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve the Draft Scheme as now submitted. RESOLVED, also, That it is the intention of the Committee to recommend the Council to pass the formal Resolution adopting the Draft Scheme at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 6th December, 1937, and that notice of this intention together with certified copy of the proposed Resolution and Draft Scheme be given to the Local Authorities concerned in pursuance of Article 30 of the Town and Country Planning Regulations, 1933.

(b) Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Ministry of Health extending until 31st December next the period within which the Draft Scheme should be adopted.

10—Appeal by Mr. A. Halls—Read, letter of 23rd inst. from the Ministry of Health enclosing Notice of Appeal by Mr. A. Halls against the refusal of the Committee to permit the erection of 30 semi-detached houses on land near Staverton Bridge and asking for the Council's observations thereon, and also giving notice of the intention of the Ministry to hold a Local Inquiry on the 6th October at 10 a m. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain from Mr. Halls whether it is his intention to provide a belt of trees to screen the houses from the Main Road.

11—Trunk Roads Act—The Town Clerk submitted forms TR. 110 from the Ministry of Transport (1) consenting to Mr. R. G. Newton's application to construct a new means of pedestrian access to tea gardens of the Belle Vue Hotel, and (2) consenting to the application of the Stroud Brewery Co. to provide a new means of access to the Lansdown Inn, Gloucester Road subject to one means of access being closed and to the wall on the western side of the property being reduced to a height of not more than 3 feet for a distance of 8 yards from the highway boundary. RESOLVED, That consent be given in each case on the conditions approved by the Ministry.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th August, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Ben James and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Excusals—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for excusal of Rates.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 31st August, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs 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 £106,496 ; Leaving outstanding £8,359.

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, 1937 Amount collected £21,336 Leaving outstanding £1,891.

3—Sanction to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanctions :—

Date, 1937.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
23rd July	New School, Whaddon Farm	£13,035	30 years.
26th "	Layout Cemetery ... ..	£600	20 "
3rd August	Furniture. etc, New School ..	£500	10 "
9th	Purchase Turkish Baths ... ..	£2,323	60 "
16th	Sheds, Whaddon Avenue ...	£1,320	60 "
20th	Electricity Transformers ...	£1,169	20 "
27th	Electricity Supply, Gotherington...	£1,318	25 "
27th	" "	£81	20 "

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 31st inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair), and Councillor Waite.

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

5—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had arranged loans for £30,000. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

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6—Fidelity Guarantee Insurance—The Borough Treasurer submitted three quotations for Collective Cover Fidelity Guarantee Policies. RESOLVED, That the quotation of the Municipal Mutual Insurance Co.be accepted for a period of 5 years.

7—Superannuation—The Borough Treasurer reported that T. H. Stevens (Pavior, Electricity Dept.) retired on the 13th inst and was entitled to a pension of £31 4s. 9d. per annum in respect of 9 years' non-contributory and 10 years' contributory service, also, that G. E. Gibbs, General Labourer, would retire on the 1st prow and would be entitled to a pension amounting to £46 14s. 9d. per annum in respect of 26 years' non-contributory service and 11 years' contributory service. RESOLVED, That these pensions be paid.

8—Rates Department—The Borough Treasurer reported that, as authorised, he had appointed D. N. Perry, Junior Clerk in the Rates Department, at a commencing salary of £55, Grade A. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Electricity Accounts—The Borough Treasurer submitted monthly report on the collection of the Electricity Accounts.

10—Mr. J. Dyer—Mr. J. Dyer, together with Mr. G. F. Tawney, the Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, attended. Mr Tawney, on behalf of Mr. Dyer, asked that



Mr. Dyer should be reinstated in the Corporation's employment in view of the fact that at the Assizes, he was acquitted of the charge of larceny from automatic slot meters at public conveniences. Mr. Tawney pointed out that, as Mr. Dyer formerly occupied a designated post under the Superannuation Scheme, he did not contribute to the Unemployment Insurance Funds. and, therefore, was not entitled to Unemployment Insurance Benefit. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council that Mr. Dyer should be reinstated.

11—Housing Acts—Interest on Loans—Read, circular of 13th inst. from the Ministry of Health that the Treasury had directed that the rate of interest to be charged on loans secured on Local Rates, made on and after the 4th instant, from the Local Loans Fund to Local Authorities for any purposes of the Housing Acts shall be 3 5/8 per cent.

12—Grammar School Playing Field—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £3,838 for the purchase of the Girls' Grammar School Playing Field in Wellesley Road including stamp duty on the Conveyance

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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#### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 25th, October, 1937.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on FRIDAY, the 29th day of October, 1937, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Baseness is proposed to be transacted, and any other baseness that may legally be transacted at sack 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 ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. COUNCILLOR GRIMWADE TO MOVE :—" That the duties of the General Purposes and Watch Committee shall include all matters relating to the Cheltenham Gas Acts and Orders."

5. To appoint a member of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board in place of The Mayor (Councillor D. L. Lipson) resigned.

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

7. To consider recommendation of Joint Airport Committee to erect Clubhouse premises at the Airport and lease same to Cotswold Aero Club.

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, 6th September, 1937, at 3 p.m.** Present;

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward) in the chair.

Aldermen Leigh James, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Capt. True, C.B.E., R.N. (Retd.); Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Ben James, Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Margrett and Clara F. Winterbotham, Councillor Bettridge and Garland.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town Council held on the 23rd July, 1937, and the Quarterly Meeting held on the 26th July, 1937, having been printed and copies sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Housing. Meeting held August 27

Subject to the following amendments :—

Moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Pruen : "That Minute No. 3, in regard to the extension of the Corporation's guarantee under the Housing Acts to purchasers of the flats proposed to be built on St. George's Nurseries, be referred back for the consideration of the Finance Committee," and

Moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Miller: "That Minute No. 5 (b) in regard to the execution of repairs and maintenance work to the Corporation houses by direct labour, be referred back for further consideration."

Town Planning . Meetings held August 6 12 & 26

Resolved, also, with reference to Minute No. 10, That the Town Clerk be instructed to oppose the appeal by Mr. A. Halls against the refusal of the Committee to permit the erection of 30 semi-detached houses on land near Staverton Bridge, and to raise the further objections that the plans do not comply with the requirements of the Town Planning Scheme as to width of roads and that the proposed sewage disposal works are below flood level.

Rating Meeting held August 19

Finance... Meeting held August 31

(An amendment moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Miller, "That Minute No. 10 in regard to Mr. J. Dyer, be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

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

3—Cinematograph Licence—Resolved, That consideration of Mr. A. Waters' application for a Cinematograph Licence in respect of the new Cinema in Lower High Street be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for inspection by them of the Cinema and that they be authorised to issue a licence up to the 6th February next.

4—Game Licence—Resolved, That Game Licences be granted to Mr. L. A. Soper and Mr. W. A. Soper in respect of 1a Winchcomb Street and 411a High Street, Cheltenham, respectively, up to the 1st July next.

5—Military Band—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Entertainments Sub-Committee, That Mr. Arthur Cole's contract for the provision of Military Band be extended for one week and one day up to and including the 20th inst. at a cost of £120 18s. 9d.

6—Water Main, Churchdown to Hewletts—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. T. Bugbird & Son Ltd. for laying the 18 inch main from Churchdown to Hewletts, amounting to £21,000, be accepted subject to their entering into a Contract and Bond to be prepared by the Town Clerk, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Contract.

E. L. WARD, Deputy Mayor.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 4th October, 1937.**

## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 8th September, 1937.** Present—Alderman Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at 41a Sun Street ; 49 Worcester Street ; and 44 Sun 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 9 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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) Little Crown Inn, Commercial Street ; 3 and 4 Gratton Street ; and 46 and 47 Waterloo Street--The Chief 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 Chief Sanitary Inspector to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 46 and 47 Waterloo Street ; and 1 and 2 Glen Cottages, Folly Lane—The Chief 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) Basements of 2 Oxford Place, Old Bath Road ; 30 Prestbury Road ; and Hillersley, Oxford Passage ; Basement and North-West Wing of 3 Grosvenor Place—The Committee considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the above-mentioned parts of these premises. Read, letter from the Owner of 2 Oxford Place asking that the basement of that house should be allowed to be used for domestic purposes, and also letter from the Owner of 3 Grosvenor Place consenting to an Order being made, RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the above-mentioned parts of the said premises, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation and no undertaking 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 12 of the Housing Act, 1936, prohibiting the use of the said rooms for any purpose other than use as stores, kitchens, sculleries, washhouses or other domestic offices in the case of the basements of 2 Oxford Place and 30 Prestbury Road and as stores only in the case of the other above-mentioned premises.

(b) 1, 2, 3 and 4 Williams' Cottages, Alstone—The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. Read, letter of 9th July, 1937, from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend consenting to an Order on behalf of the Owner. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the dwelling houses, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, are

unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertaking having been given by the Owner 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 (4) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, requiring that the houses shall be vacated within 28 days from the date on which the Orders becomes 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) West Cottage and 5a St. George's Avenue—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses. The Owner, Mr. F. Burnett, attended and stated that he was not in a position to recondition the houses, RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned for one month and that the Rota Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the premises again.

(d) 1 and 2 Hart Hill Cottages; Hungerford Cottage and 29 Hungerford Street ; 10 Tivoli Street and 10 Tivoli Lane ; 148 Bath Road ; and 12 Glenfall Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises be adjourned for one month in the case of 1 and 2 Hart Hill Cottages, Hungerford Cottage and 29 Hungerford Street and for two months in the remaining cases to enable the Owners to consider carrying out the works required to render them fit for human habitation in accordance with the specifications prepared or to be prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

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(e) Hilton Cottage, Commercial Street ; and 70 Duke Street-RESOLVED, That the undertakings given by the Owners to carry out the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit be accepted.

(f) 21 and 21a York Street-The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of these houses, who had entered into an Undertaking on the 14th September, 1936, to recondition, had recently sold the property. RESOLVED, That the Undertaking given by the Purchaser to carry out the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation and that the same should not be so used until rendered fit, be accepted.

(g) 45 Union Street ; Box Cottage, Pilley Lane ; 12 Andover Street ; 99 Leckhampton Road ; 4 Chester Walk ; 46 Brunswick Street South ; Basement of 19 Bath Parade-The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That their Undertakings be cancelled.

(h) basement of 3 Pittville Lawn-The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That an Order be made determining the Closing Order made on the 3rd February, 1936.

(i) Basements of Heath Lodge, Pittville Circus Road and 34 Montpellier Villas-The Committee considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of these premises. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That Orders be not made.

(j) Premises re-let in contravention of Closing Orders-Basements of 27 Lansdown Crescent and White Lodge, Lansdown Crescent-The Town Clerk reported that the basement of 27 Lansdown Crescent had now been vacated, and that Messrs. Scott & Fowler, Solicitors, Gloucester, had informed him that they were advising the owner of White Lodge to take proceedings to recover possession of the basement of those premises.

(k) Witney Cottage, Granley Road-The Committee further considered the application of the Owner for rescission of the Demolition Order made in respect of this house on the 2nd March, 1936, to enable him to recondition the property. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had not yet been able to prepare the necessary specification of work required to render the house fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for a further two months.

(l) 10 and 12 Malvern Street; 21 St. Philip's Street ; 18 Prestbury Road--The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses. Read, letters from the Owners of 10 and 12 Malvern Street and 21 St. Philip's Street offering these properties for sale to the Corporation. Read, letter of 31st ult. from Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson on behalf of the lessee of 18 Prestbury Road asking for an adjournment for 3 months to enable them to consult mortgagees in Australia. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month in the case of 10 and 12 Malvern Street and 21 St. Philip's Street, and for 3 months in the case of 18 Prestbury Road, and that the offers for sale be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

(m) 16 to 19 Waterloo Street-The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses in default of compliance by the Owner with his undertaking to recondition. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner was proceeding with the necessary work. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(n) 5a St. Anne's Terrace-Read, letter of 12th ult. from Mr. A. E. Ballinger, the owner of this house, applying for a Demolition Order to be made in respect thereof. RESOLVED, That the Rota Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the premises.

4-Clearance Orders, 1936-(a) 1, 2 and 3 Powell's Cottages, Grove Street ; 1, 2 and 3 Dutton's Cottages; 3, 4, 5 and 6 St. Margaret's Cottages, Warwick Place; 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Albion Square ; 13 and 14 Wellington Passage; 6, 8, 10, 12, 17, 19, 21, 23, 31, 34 and 36 Sherborne Street; 3 Wood's Court ; 1 and 2 Hall's Court ; 1 and 2 Douro Cottages ; 3 and 4 Richmond Cottages ; 1-5 Portland Cottages; 2, 31a, 35, 41 and 43 Jersey Street; 24 and 26 Union Street; 1, 13, 15, 18a, 18b and 24 Fairview Street; 1-8 Woodbine Cottages; 1-4 Providence Square; 1-12, and 14 and 15 Witcombe Place; Sidney Cottage and 15a Sidney Street ; 1-3 Eaton Place ; 9a and 9b Kew Place ; 11 and 12 Edward Street ; 1 and 2 St. George's Retreat ; 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 10a, 11, 12 and 14 Grove Street ; 1-5 Green's Cottages, Tewkesbury Road; 4 and 5 Newbury Cottages, Queen Street; 25, 27 and 49-53 Sun Street; 2, 4 and 6 Malvern Street; 32 and 33 Waterloo Street; 272 and 274 Swindon Road; 3-8 Hereford Place; 1-6 Brunswick Terrace; 1 and 2 St. Paul's Cottages, Larput Place ; Spring and Summer Cottages, Hungerford Lane ; 36, 38, 40 and 42 (Kington Cottages), St. Paul's Road ; 1 and 2 Coneygree Cottages; 1 and 2 Bubb's Cottages; 6 York Street ; Jireh Cottage and 122a and 124a Fairview Road ; 7, 9, 31a, 33a, 33b, 46a, 46b, 47a and 47b Duke Street ; 1 and 2 Morgan's Cottages ; 24, 25, 30, 31 and 32 Sidney Street ; 2-6 Oriel Walk ; 1-3 Lacy's Cottages ; 1-10 Casino Place ; 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 Bath Terrace ; 16-21 Victoria Place ; Daffodil Cottage and 1-4 Daffodil Terrace, Commercial Street; 1-4 Cooper's Cottages; 3-7 and 9 Higg's Cottages, Alstone Lane ; 1-4 Derrett's Cottages, Alstone Croft. The Town Clerk reported that the Clearance Orders were confirmed by the Minister of Health in respect of the above houses on the 27th July,

1937, and that the prescribed form of notice of the confirmation was on the 10th August, 1937, in pursuance of the provisions of the Second Schedule to the Housing Act, 1936, published in the "Gloucestershire Echo," and served on every person who had given notice of objection and appeared at the public local inquiry.

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(b) The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the undermentioned houses, which had been excluded from the Clearance Orders by the Minister of Health :—

(i) 3 Hughes Passage ; 1 Gothic Cottages—These houses had been excluded because as a result of the exclusion of other properties they were the only houses left in their respective areas and Clearance Orders could therefore not be 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 the work required or the future user of the houses, Demolition Orders be now made by the Council in pursuance of Sub-Section (4) of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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.

(ii) 3 Buckle's Cottages—The Owner of this house, which had been excluded for the same reason as the houses mentioned in (i) above, attended and stated he was prepared to purchase some land at the rear of the house to provide air space, and to recondition the property. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month and that the Rota Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the premises again.

(iii) 102 and 104 Swindon Road ; 18 Fairview Street ; 5 and 6 Providence Square ; 4 Eaton Place, Bath Road ; 1 and 2 Buckle's Cottages ; 1, 2 and 3 Clare Cottages ; 1, 2, 4 and 5 Hughes Passage—RESOLVED, That the undertakings given by the Owners to convert or recondition these houses so as to render them fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit be accepted.

(iv) 12 North Place and 1 and 2 St. Margaret's Cottages—The Town Clerk reported that the Owner had signed an. undertaking to convert and recondition these houses, but had asked whether the Corporation would make an offer to purchase these houses and 3-6 St. Margaret's Cottages for road improvement. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Street and Highway Committee and that acceptance of the undertaking be deferred in the meantime.

(v) 1 and 2 Richmond Cottages ; 26, 86, 87 and 88 Albion Street ; 30 Portland Square; 6 Portland Cottages ; 45 Jersey Street ; 28 Union Street ; Stanley Cottage, Sidney Street ; 15 Sidney Street ; Eaton Cottage, Eaton Place ; 9 New Place ; 1-5 Edward Terrace : 2-4 Coltham Fields ; 2 and 3 Gothic Cottages ; 10 and 10a Commercial Street; 31 and 33 Union Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses be adjourned for two months to enable specifications of the work required to recondition or convert the houses to be prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector and considered by the Owners. RESOLVED, also, That the offer of the Owner of 31 and 33 Union Street and 24 Fairview Street to sell these properties to the Corporation for the purpose of making a new road connecting Union Street and Fairview Street be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

(vi) Wenlock House, Wellington Passage and 5 Queen's Terrace—RESOLVED, That the undertakings given by the Owner that these houses should not be used for human habitation but only for business or storage purposes and to carry out the works required to render the houses incapable of human habitation be accepted.

5—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness—(a) 99 Leckhampton Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had carried out to his satisfaction works which in his opinion would with reasonable care and maintenance render it fit for human habitation for a period of at least 10 years. RESOLVED, That a certificate be issued to the Owner under Section 51 of the Housing Act, 1936, that the house is fit for human habitation and will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of 10 years.

(b) 24 Sun Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 (1) of the Housing Act, 1936, submitted a list of proposed works with a request in writing that the Council should inform him whether in their opinion the house would after the execution of those works or of those works together with any additional works be in all respects fit for human habitation and would with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of at least five years. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to submit to the Owner a list of any additional works which he considers should be carried out before a certificate could be given.

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs. Beef 4 cwt. 10 lbs. Mutton ; 3 qrs. 16 lbs Pork, 1 qr. 23 lbs. Poultry.

7—Sandford Swimming Pool—Analysis of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a Bacteriological analysis of water from the Swimming Pool taken on the 27th July last which showed the water was in excellent condition.

8—Illustrated Booklet—Read, letter of 11th ult. front Messrs. E. j. Burrow & Co. Ltd., offering to prepare and publish an illustrated booklet on Cheltenham free of charge for distribution by the Heath Department during the next two years, provided that they were able to obtain sufficient advertisements to cover the cost. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to a proof being submitted to and approved by the Committee

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9—Offensive Trades—(a) Dealer in Rags—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. C. Kesterton for consent to his carrying on the trade of a dealer in rags at his premises in Swindon Street be granted for a period of one year.

(b) Fish Fryer—The Town Clerk reported application by Mr. M. J. E. Collins for the purchase of a site at Whaddon for the erection of a fried fish shop. RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the Housing Committee and to the Medical Officer of Health approving of the premises and plant, the Committee see no objection to the proposal.

10—Industrial Health Education Society—The Medical Officer of Health submitted letter of 1st inst. from this Society asking the Corporation to pay an annual subscription to the Society. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.



11—Flooding—(a) Moorend Road District—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd. had asked for various amendments in the specification and conditions of contract for laying the new sewer from Leckhampton to the railway bridge in Moorend Crescent. RESOLVED, That the amendments as now approved be agreed to.

(b) Eldon Road District—Read, report of Flooding Sub-Committee of their Meeting held on the 3rd instant. Present—Alderman Pruen (in the chair) ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Dr. Hayward, Moore, Morris and Waite. Having considered the report of the Borough Surveyor on the existing sewer and the report of All Saints' Ward Committee of the National Citizens Union as to flooding of basements in various houses in Eldon Road and Hewlett Road, the Sub-Committee RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to sink trial holes for examination of the sewer in Hewlett Street and that a Meeting of the Sub-Committee be held on the 22nd inst. to inspect the houses at which flooding had been stated to have taken place, and that a further Meeting of the Sub-Committee be held on the 29th inst. to consider the report of the Borough Surveyor.

12—Hayden Sewage Works—(a) Sewage Disposal--(i) The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. F. H. and H. Cock, of Elm Farm, Hester's Way, had agreed to the provision of a sludge bed on their property. RESOLVED, That a sludge bed be constructed at a cost of £30 and that an agreement be entered into with Messrs. F. H. and H. Cock on the terms arranged by the Borough Surveyor.

(ii) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to retain for a further two months the man appointed in February last to assist in the distribution of sewage over Mr. Rymer's land subject to his wages being reduced to the standard rate of £2 6s. 6d. per week.

(b) Extensions—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Messrs. Tangyes Ltd. for increases in their contract prices for the extensions to the sewage pumping plant on account of the increase in prices of materials and cost of labour since the date of their tender. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(c) Soil Corrosion—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Research Officer of the Institute of Civil Engineers for a small area of land at the Sewage Works to be set apart for a period of 10 years in order to ascertain deterioration caused by sulphate salts to concrete pipes buried in the ground. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the Institute of Civil Engineers bearing the whole cost of the experiment and to their not requiring any guarantee against disturbance.

13—Public Conveniences- -(a) Leckhampton Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported application for the provision of public conveniences near the foot of Leckhampton Hill. RESOLVED, That this proposal be not entertained at present.

(b) Imperial Square—The Borough Surveyor reported complaints of objectionable writing on the walls of these conveniences and recommended that the walls should be rendered in cement with rough cast finish at an estimated cost of £5. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

14—Chelt—Imperial Rooms—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Architects of the proposed new Cinema on the Imperial Rooms site had submitted alternative plans for the diversion and reconstruction of the Chelt culvert. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs and two representatives of the Town Planning Committee be asked to meet the Architects to discuss the proposals.

15—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council reporting that Mr. J. C. Brocklebank had been appointed County Rat Officer and that he would take up his duties on or about 17th proximo.

16—Local Health Services—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 30th ult. from the Ministry of Health as to publication at Post Offices of information about local Health Services. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

17—Alma Road—The Town Clerk submitted further letter from Miss Cook complaining of the smell from the watercourse running by her house. He reported that he had laid the facts before the Ministry of Health as instructed. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that at the request of the County Land Agent he was preparing a scheme for dealing with the drainage from the farm belonging to the County Council with a view to remedying the nuisance.

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18—Barn Farm-Lakestone Brook-The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 24th ult. from the Land Drainage Officer certifying that the clearing of this watercourse had been completed satisfactorily on the Corporation's frontage at a cost of £120. He also reported that the Land Drainage Officer had quoted £20 for clearing the ditch between Nos. 297 and 336 but had subsequently agreed to reduce this figure to £12. RESOLVED, That this sum for the additional work be agreed to.

19---Central Council for Health Education -Read, circular letter of 9th ult. from the Association of Municipal Corporations inviting the submission of names of suitable persons for appointment as representatives of the Association on the Central Council for Health Education. RESOLVED, That no names be submitted.

20----Atmospheric Pollution-Read, letter of 12<sup>th</sup> July last from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research asking the Council to arrange for the observations of atmospheric pollution which had been made in Cheltenham by Miss Coney for some years past to be continued. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

21—Smoke Nuisance—Bath Road—The Town Clerk submitted further letters complaining of the nuisance caused by fumes and smoke from Messrs. Shenton's premises in Bath Road RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to keep the premises under close observation.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th September, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and E. W. Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Housing Manager--(a) The Housing Manager submitted her quarterly report on the arrears of rent, RESOLVED, That the sum of £15 due from former tenants as now set out in the book signed by the Chairman, be written off as irrecoverable.

(b) Office Accommodation—The Housing Manager reported on the need for larger office accommodation for her department which if possible should be situated on the ground floor. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes Committee be asked to consider this.

(c) Students—The Housing Manager reported in regard to the two students in her office. RESOLVED, That the salary of Miss Delgoffe be increased from £1 to £1 10s. 0d. per week and that Miss Dudin be paid a salary of £1 a week.

2—The Moors Estate—(a) The Housing Manager submitted applications from the tenants of Nos. 4 and 6 Brook Road for permission to erect greenhouses at their gardens. RESOLVED, That these be approved subject to inspection by the View Sub-Committee.

(b) Sand Pit—The Housing Manager reported that the sand pit on this estate was proving a source of annoyance to some of the tenants. RESOLVED, That this be removed, and that the Parks Committee be recommended to provide a sand pit in the St. Peter's Recreation Ground.

3—St. Paul's Estate—The Housing Manager reported that the wiring Contractors had not removed all the gas fittings from the houses wired by them. RESOLVED, That they be required to remove all the gas fittings in accordance with the terms of their contract.

4—Housing Repairs—The Committee considered reference back by the Council of the Minute of the Committee in regard to the system of carrying out the repairs to Council houses. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Repairs Sub-Committee for a report of their proposals.

5—Reconditioning --RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to prepare specification for the reconditioning of No. 30 Brunswick Street South and the demolition of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Dutton's Cottages at the rear, to be purchased by the Corporation.

6—Clearance Orders—(a) The Town Clerk reported that in confirming the Clearance Orders, the Ministry of Health had directed the Council to pay compensation under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1936 in respect of the following houses, viz : No. 11 Grove Street ; Spring Cottage, Hungerford Lane ; Nos. 24 and 25 Sidney Street ; Nos. 4 and 5 Oriol Walk ; Daffodil Cottage, Commercial Street : and 4 Daffodil Terrace ; and that he had informed the Owners accordingly.

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(b) Hungerford Cottage—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend claiming on behalf of the Owner of this house one and a half times the rateable value of the house as compensation under Section 42. RESOLVED That this claim be approved and paid to the Owner on the demolition of the house to the satisfaction of the Sanitary' Inspector.

(c) Derrett's Cottages—Read, letter of 11th ult. from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green asking that the demolition of these houses should be deferred in view of the age of the Owners. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Council have no power to defer the enforcement of the Order indefinitely, but that they will defer offering alternative accommodation to the tenants as long as possible.

7-5 Kingsley Gardens—Read, letter from the tenant of this house asking the Council to have the house redecorated. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Repairs Sub-Committee for view.

8—Allocation of Houses—Read, letter of 5th ult. from the Ministry of Health asking if the 348 houses in course of erection could now be allocated as between those required for slum clearance rehousing and the houses required for the abatement of overcrowding. RESOLVED, That this be referred for consideration of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee.

9—Conference—Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the attendance of delegates to the Housing Conference to be held at Harrogate on 26th and 27th November. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

10-14 Kingsley Gardens—Read, letter from the tenant of this house asking at what price the Corporation would sell him the house. RESOLVED, That the Council are prepared to sell the house at the Valuation of the District Valuer, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health.

11-63 Kipling Road—Read, letter of 31st ult. from Mr. R. L. Bramwell that he had agreed to purchase No. 61 Tennyson Road and asking if the Council would agree to sell a three foot strip of the adjoining garden of No. 63 Kipling Road. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the View Sub-Committee.

12—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) Shop Site—Read, letter of 28th July last from Messrs. Jessop & Son, that the cost of removing the surplus soil dumped on the shop site sold to Mr. Tow was £15 17s. 2d., which included £2 2s. 0d. for their costs. The Borough Surveyor reported that he thought the claim was reasonable having regard to the extra excavation and brickwork involved in connection with the foundations of the shop. RESOLVED, That the account be paid.

(b) Shop Site—The Town Clerk reported inquiry from Mr. M. J. E. Collins to purchase a site for the erection of a fried fish shop, The Public Health Committee were prepared to consent to the establishment of the trade subject to the premises and frying apparatus being suitable. RESOLVED, That he be offered one of the sites in Whaddon Road.

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the various contracts. Mr. C. Sansom had now commenced 68 of the houses included in his contract and Messrs. Edwards had commenced 126 houses. The total number of men employed on the two contracts was 313 including 90 bricklayers.

(d) Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the appropriation of the land on this Estate reserved for the Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, also, That the layout of the ground and erection of pavilion be referred to the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the Committee approve of enlarging the entrance to the ground opposite the School site in accordance with the plan submitted by the Borough Surveyor.

13—Painting of Houses—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimates for the external painting and internal painting of steel window frames of the 10 1923 Act houses at St. Mark's ; 9 old houses in Hope Street ; 89 houses in Whaddon Avenue ; 101 houses on Pilley Estate and 66 houses in Tennyson Road (internal steel window frames). RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out this work and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to accept a tender or tenders.

14—Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee—Read, report of meeting of this Sub-Committee held on the 7th inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) 11 Hope Street—That the application of tenant of this house to erect a greenhouse be approved subject to site being approved by View Committee.

(b) 22 Whaddon Avenue—That the application of the tenant for this house to be wired for electricity be granted and that Messrs. F. H. Bastin & Sons be instructed to carry out the work at the same price as charged for the other houses.

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

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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#### STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th September, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Capt. Trye ; Councillors Avery, Biggs, Green, Grimwade, 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—Junction of Hewlett Road and Carlton Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the owner and tenant of Carlton Villa were not willing to give up the land required for the improvement of the corner of this junction RESOLVED, That the improvement be not proceeded with at present.

3—Junction of Hatherley Road and Hatherley Court Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the instructions of the Town Planning Committee he had asked the Cheltenham Ladies' College to give up a small piece of land to improve the corner at this junction, but had received a reply that the College could not agree to this proposal as they did not wish to interfere with the coppice at this corner. RESOLVED, That the College be asked to reconsider their decision.

4—North West Walk of St. Mary's Churchyard --Read, memorial dated the 5th ult. from tradesmen in the High Street forwarded by Messrs. George Oliver Ltd, complaining of the condition of this Walk. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had informed the Police of the complaint of fouling of the railings and doorways of No. 354 High Street, and had called the attention of the Parish Church authorities to the interference with public lighting caused by overhanging trees. With regard to the complaint of inadequate scavenging, he reported that the Walk was regularly swept four times a week. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Messrs. George Oliver Ltd. of these facts.

5—Fairfield Parade—The Borough Surveyor reported an offer by the Rev. H. D. Peel to convey to the Corporation free of charge the land required for extending lit held Parade so as to connect with the new

road to be constructed by the Corporation in front of the new Emmanuel Church. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted

6—Street Refuge, Promenade—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 16th ult. from the Divisional Road Engineer approving of the temporary refuge opposite the Winter Gardens being made permanent, and authorising the cost (estimated at £65) to be debited to the Maintenance and Minor Improvement Account for the current year. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to construct a permanent refuge at this place.

7—Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that some of the new houses in Arle Drive had been constructed below the level of Arle Road, and that Messrs. Leishman and Copeland on behalf of certain owners had asked that the slope of the drives and entrances to the houses should be made up by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to

8-01d Bath Road—Census of Traffic—The Borough Surveyor reported that at the request of the County Surveyor, he had had a census of traffic taken from the 9th to the 15th ult. at a cost of £8 12s. 11d., as the Ministry of Transport had intimated that they would favourably consider an application for classification of the portion of this road from Thirlestaine Road to Leckhampton Road. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the County Surveyor be informed of the main of the census

9—Workmen's Wages---(a) Read, letter of 30th July last from the National Union of Municipal and General Workers asking that casual employees should be paid the same rates of wages while working in water or engaged in tar spraying as were paid to employees, and also that casual employees at the Marle Hill Refuse Tip should be paid at the same rate permanent employees engaged on the same work. RESOLVED, That casual employees be treated on the same basis as permanent employees in regard to payment for " dirty work,"

(b) Scavenger Foreman-Read, application of 15th inst from the National Union of Municipal and General Workers for the wages of W. Smith and A. Jeanes, District Foremen, to be increased by 7s 6d. per week and for overtime to be paid them, and that their cycle allowance be increased. RESOLVED, That the wages of each man be increased by 3s 6d. per week.

(c) Stoker--Read, application of 21st ult. from the National Union of Municipal and General Workers for the wages of W. Page (Stoker) to be increased from 8s to 12s 6d. per shift when engaged on night shifts. RESOLVED, That the application be acceded to.

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(d) Read, application of 24th July last from the National Union of Municipal and General Workers for casual employees to be granted three days' holiday with pay after six months' service, and six days' holiday with pay after twelve months' service, in addition to the six national holidays, RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

(e) Drivers—Read, application of 26th July last, from the National Union of Municipal and General Workers for the wages of drivers to be increased from £2 17s. 6d. to £3 2s. 6d. per week. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

(f) Treeman—The Borough Surveyor reported application by S. Savage (Treeman) for his wages to be increased from £13 12s. 6d. to £14 0s. 0d. per week. RESOLVED, That an immediate increase of 4s per week be granted, and that subject to satisfactory service a further increase of 3s 6d. per week be granted at the end of 12 months.

10—Mechanical Road Sweeper—The Borough Surveyor recommended the purchase of a Lewin Mechanical Road Sweeper and Collector of the type demonstrated to the members of the Committee on the 26th July last. The cost of the machine was £795 0s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

11—Junction of Promenade and High Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted six tenders for the provision and erection of a Fountain on prepared foundation on the round-about at this Junction. RESOLVED, That the tender of the Gloucester Stone Co. Ltd. amounting to (being the lowest) be accepted subject to the Company guaranteeing the durability of the stone for ten years.

12—Lower High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that in response to the memorial from tradesmen in the Lower High Street complaining of the slippery surface of this road, he had had the surface tar-sprayed and gritted.

13—Chatsworth Drive—Read, application from Messrs. Taylor, Simpson & Mosley for this road to be taken over. RESOLVED, That notices be given to take over this road as repairable by the Corporation.

14—Extensions of Service—(a) Read, letter of 18th inst. from the National Union of Municipal and General Workers asking that extensions of service should not be granted to employees for a period of more than six or twelve months after they are due for retirement. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to reply that each case will be considered on its merits.

(b) Leading Ashman—The Borough Surveyor reported application by E. Willmore, Leading Ashman, for his services to be extended for a further year from the 19th prox., on which date he will attain the age of 66 years. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes Committee be recommended to agree to this.

15-7 Pittville Street—Read, letter of 18th ult. from Messrs. W. J. Thomas & Co. giving notice to terminate their tenancy of this property on 25th December next, and asking to be released at an earlier date. RESOLVED, That the notice be accepted for 25th December.

16—Royal Crescent—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Mr. A. Carden, complaining that rubbish from the bus park was allowed to blow about Royal Crescent and Royal Crescent Garden. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

17—Montpellier Walk—Read, letter of 30th ult. from Madame Spence offering to surrender the projecting basement of Nos. 10 and 11 Montpellier Walk for it to be filled in by the Corporation, subject to the Corporation paying the cost of the repairs recently incurred by her amounting to £13 2s. 6d. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted.

18—Cleevemount Estate—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a complaint from the Clerk to the Prestbury Parish Council that two houses on this Estate were being erected across a public footpath leading into New Barn Lane. He had reported the complaint to the builders of the estate, and they had stopped work

on these houses and had promised to submit proposals for a new line of footpath. RESOLVED, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for these proposals to be received.

19—High Street Unilateral Waiting Order—The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Transport had confirmed this Order, subject to the modifications reported at the last meeting of the Committee, on the understanding that the Council would furnish a report on the working of the Order at the expiration of six months. The Minister had also approved of the erection of the standard form of notice in the positions indicated on the plan which accompanied the application for confirmation.

The Committee considered a suggestion that additional signs should be erected indicating whether the dates were odd or even. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to erect such signs if he thinks they are desirable.

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20—Albion Street—(a) Read, letter of 26th July last from Mr. W. H. Horsley on behalf of the owner, offering to sell 86, 87 and 88 Albion Street and 13 and 14 Wellington Passage for £1,500, plus agent's commission and legal costs. A Clearance Order had been made in respect of 13 and 14 Wellington Passage and non, had liven served of intention to consider the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of 86, 87 and Albion Street. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

(b) Masonic Hall—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Mr. J. H. Boulter asking the Corporation to plant shrubs around the Masonic Hall in place of the hedge which was removed from the land surrendered fir the widening of Albion Street. RESOLVED, That consideration he adjourned for view.

(c) It was reported that timber wagons were left without horses for long periods in this, road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to report this to the Police.

21—North Place and Warwick Place—Read, letter of 4th ult. from Mr. J. Smith, offering to sell 12 North Place and 1 to 6 St Margaret's Cottages for road improvement. A Clearance Order had been made in respect of 3 to 6 St. Margaret's Cottages and notice had been served of intention to consider the question of nicking Demolition Orders in respect of the remaining houses. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inquire the price at which the owner is prepared to sell the property.

22—Union Street and Fairview Street—Read, letter of 31st July last from Mr. W. H. Nutt, offering to sell 31 and 33 Union Street and 24 Fairview Street for £280. A Clearance Order had been made in respect of 24 Fairview Street and notice had been served of intention to consider the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of 31 and 33 Union Street. The owner suggested that the properties might be demolished by the Corporation and a new road constructed connecting Union Street with Fairview Street. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view

23—Norwood Road—(a) 1, 2 and 3 Gothic Cottages—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Mr. W. H. Horsley on behalf of the owner of 1, 2 and 3 Gothic Cottages, offering to sell these houses, in respect of which notice of intention to consider the question of making Demolition Orders had been served, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire the price asked for the property.



(b) 21 St. Philip's Street—The Committee considered an offer by the owner to soil this property to the Corporation for £200 (being the amount offered by the Corporation in October 1935), less the sum of £20 paid on the purchase of a portion of the property in March 1936 The Town Clerk reported that the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of the property was under consideration by the Public Health Committee. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the decision of the Public Health Committee has been ascertained.

24—Arle Drive—The Town Clerk reported that notice of the intention to take over this road had been given and no objection had been received. RESOLVED, That the road be taken over and adopted as a highway repairable by the Corporation.

25—Andover Road—Read, memorial from residents in Andover Road complaining of the noise from heavy traffic using this road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire when the Ministry of Transport intend to make the proposed Southern bye-pass and urge the need for this to be undertaken at an early date.

26—Footpath, Alma Road to Shurdington Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a complaint that Mr. Osborne, the owner of Alma Villa Farm, had replaced a swing gate on this footpath with an unclimbable fence. He had reported the complaint to Mr. Osborne, who had replied that members of the public had lifted the swing gate off its hinges, and he proposed to replace the gate by a stile and stepping board. RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to this proposal.

27—Shurdington Road—Read, letter of 10th ult. from Mr. G. E. Waghorne, applying for permission to repaint his petrol pumps black and white instead of green as required by the Byelaws RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

28—Spotting Truck—The Town Clerk reported that a car driven by Mr. J. Cairns of 40 Carlton Street had collided with a stationery spotting truck in Gloucester Road, causing damage estimated at £2 11s 6d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to make a claim against the owner.

29—Leckhampton Road—The Town Clerk reported that a car driven by Mr. E. V. J. Holman had collided with the drinking fountain opposite the Malvern Inn, causing damage estimated at £15. A claim had been made against the owner and his insurers had paid 75 per cent of the estimated amount of the damage under their sharing agreement with the Corporation.

30—Eldon Road—The Town Clerk reported that a car driven by Mr. G. Steele had collided with a prunus tree in Eldon Road, and that the tree would have to be replaced at a cost of 11s. A claim had been made for this amount and paid by the owner.

31—Sandford Road—The Town Clerk reported that as a result of a collision between a motor car and a motor cycle in Sandford Road the "Hospital—Drive Quietly" sign had been broken. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the amount of the damage, estimated at £1 18s. 11d

32—Severn Road—The Town Clerk reported that a lorry owned by Mr. J. F. Shea had mounted the pavement in Severn Road and broken 8 concrete slabs. RESOLVED, That a claim be made against Mr. Shea for the cost of making good the damage, estimated at £1 10s. 0d.

33—Hereford Place—The Committee considered a recommendation of the General Purposes Committee that this road should be repaired. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the portion of the road which has been taken over by the Corporation.

34—Painters—Read, letter from the local Secretary of the National Joint Council for the Building Industry as to painters in the employ of the Corporation carrying out private decorative work in their own time. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform them that the Corporation have no control over workmen after working hours.

35—Pittville Street Improvement—Read, letters of 20th and 23rd July last from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland reporting that they were in touch with a financial Company who would be prepared to consider purchasing and developing part of the surplus land after this improvement had been carried out. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the order has been confirmed.

36-243a and 244 High Street—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Mr. W. H. Horsley, refusing the offer of £800 made by the Corporation for this property, and stating that his client would not accept less than £900. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted.

37—Montpellier Grove—The Town Clerk reported that notice of intention to take over this road had been given and no objection had been received. RESOLVED, That the road be taken over and adopted as a highway repairable by the Corporation without prejudice to the right of the Corporation to require the paving of the footpath on the East side.

38—Staverton to Arle Road—Read, letter of 14th July last from the County Surveyor asking whether, in view of the fact that this road had been raised to the status of a Class 2 Road, the Corporation wished to continue the arrangement by which the County Council maintained the short length of the road within the Borough and debited the cost to the Corporation, RESOLVED, That the County Council be asked to continue this arrangement.

39—Post Office Telegraphic Lines—Severn Road—The Town Clerk reported that in view of the refusal of the Committee to consent to the erection of an overhead telegraphic line along Severn Road, the Post Office Superintending Engineer had submitted application for consent to the erection of an overhead line at the rear of the houses in Severn Road with one post in Road No. 11. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the position of the post being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

40—Building Byelaws—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 12th July last from the Ministry of Health, enclosing copies of a new Model Series of Building Byelaws. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor be asked to consider these and report thereon to the Committee.

41—Junction of Suffolk Parade and Suffolk Square—RESOLVED, That consideration of the offer by the Hon. Secretary of St. James' Parish Council to sell the land required for the improvement of this junction for £50, be adjourned to the next meeting,

42—Promenade—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Miss L. Archer, asking that the tree opposite 123 Promenade should be pruned RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

43—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Shop Fitting Co. Ltd. for permission to erect an illuminated Neon sign outside the premises of Messrs. J. Grant Ltd. at 120 High Street be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Neon Products (Northampton) Ltd for permission to erect an illuminated sign outside the premises of Mr. J. Armand at 79 Winchcomb Street be granted subject to the usual conditions.

44—Banners—Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Rotary Club asking for permission to hang across the High Street a banner advertising the Rotary Club Guy Fawkes Carnival on one day per week from 1st October to 1st November, and daily during the week commencing 1st November. RESOLVED, That the application be granted for two days only.

45—Grants from the Road Fund—The Town Clerk submitted circular of the 27th July last from the Ministry of Transport, enclosing revised memorandum No. 420 (Roads) relating to grants from the Road Fund and regulation of traffic etc. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

46—Prestbury Road—The Town Clerk reported correspondence with Messrs. Midwinter & Co. concerning the erection of hoardings on the site of Nos. 1-7 Cakebridge Terrace, and that Messrs. Midwinter & Co. had enquired at what price the Corporation would be willing to purchase the land. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to make a valuation.

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47—Suffolk Street—The Town Clerk reported application by Mr. M. Willetts for permission to erect three petrol pumps on his property with swing arms, which would project over the pavement when extended. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view,

48 --Hewlett Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Town Planning Committee had approved of plans for the erection of houses and 6 bungalows in Cleeve View Road and Hewlett Road subject (inter alia) to the builders setting back the fence in Hewlett Road for the widening of the road to 50 feet, and that the builders had asked the Corporation to bear the cost of paving the footpath of the widened road if they surrendered the necessary land RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

49—Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed at the last meeting of the Committee, he had been in touch with various firms as to the sale to them of waste paper collected by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to collect waste paper etc from householders, and dispose of it on the best terms he is able to arrange.

50—Tewkesbury Road Bridge—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 23rd ult. from the Divisional Road Engineer stating that the reconstruction of the above bridge had been approved in principle by the Ministry of Transport for a grant at the rate of 75 per cent.

51-Direction Signs—The Town Clerk submitted memorial dated 9th ult. received from residents near the roundabout at the junction of Shurdington and Leckhampton Roads, and letter of the 2nd ult. from Mr. G. E. Waghorne, complaining of the confusion caused by the lack of direction signs at this junction. Read, also, letter of the 15th inst. from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce asking that direction signs should be placed at the above junction and also at the Montpellier roundabout RESOLVED, That a standard advance sign directing traffic to bear right for Bath be placed before the Bath Road roundabout, and that standard advance signs directing traffic to Gloucester, Bristol and South Wales, be placed in Montpellier Walk

52- Priors Road—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Cheltenham District Traction Co., applying for consent to the provision of a bus shelter in this road near the Cemetery. RESOLVED, That the owner of the land adjoining the road be asked to allow the shelter to be set back on his land off the road.

53—Douro Road—The Town Clerk submitted memorial dated 17th ult. from residents in Douro Road, and letters of the 29th July last from Mrs. Prescott, and of the 17th July last from Col. Haig, complaining of the dilapidated and untidy state of the fences and gardens of Douro Lodge and No 2 Douro Villas RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the owner of these houses of the complaints which have been received-

54—Private Improvement Works—Rowanfield Road—Read, letters from the Education Secretary and Canon F. Webb Peploe asking the Council to release the apportioned charge of £5 7s. 11d. in respect of the frontage of Christ Church Junior School to this road RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

55—Alstone Lane—Norton House—The Town Clerk reported an offer by Mr. C. Ellis to take this house, including out-buildings, on a yearly tenancy at £40 6s. 0d. per annum, exclusive of rates, subject to the Council laying an electric cable to the property and supplying an electricity meter and allowing him one quarter's rent towards the cost of decorations. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to Mr. Ellis entering into a tenancy agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk

56—Sanctions to Loans—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1,040 0s. 0d. for the purchase prices, costs and stamp duties in respect of the undermentioned properties acquired by the Corporation for future road improvement;

Property.	Amounts.
	£ s. d
100 Tewkesbury Road	47 19 0
137 and 138 do.	110 12 6
139 do.	132 16 4
143 do	261 5 0
14 and 15 Albion Street	<u>487 10 0</u>
	£1,040 2 10

57—Warwick Place and Fairview Road—The View Committee reported their inspection of this road and recommended that Mr. A. E. Pulsford, the owner of the garden at the N.W. corner of the junction of Warwick Place with Portland Street, should be asked to surrender a piece of land for rounding off the corner or else to remove the tree and clip the yew hedge obstructing the view of traffic at this junction. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved. RESOLVED, also. That subject to the approval of the Minister of

Transport, " Halt " signs be placed in Warwick Place on either side of its junction with Portland Street and near its junction with Winchcomb Street and also in Fairview Road near its junction with Winchcomb Street.

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58—Clarence Square—(a) Read, letter of 17th inst. from Mrs. Bellerby complaining of the condition of the pavements in Clarence Square. RESOLVED, That these be viewed.

(b) The Committee considered a suggestion that the posts between Clarence Square and St. Paul's Road should be removed. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee.

59—la Winchcombe Street—The Town Clerk reported an offer by Mr. Fitzroy Fowles on behalf of the owner to sell this property to the Corporation for £2,000. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

60—View Committee—Read, report of the View Committee held on the 15th inst. Present—The Chairman Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Fisher, Green and Grimwade.

They recommended as follows :—

(1) Junction of Promenade and High Street—That the full size model of the proposed fountain for the roundabout at this junction inspected by the Sub-Committee at the Central Depot be approved without modification.

(2) Imperial Square—That the decayed lime tree opposite the Town Hall be felled.

(3) Imperial Square—That the large elm tree opposite Queen's Garage be topped.

(4) Montpellier Spa Road—That the diseased elm tree opposite the Bristol Tramways Garage be felled.

(5) St. George's Road—That Mrs. Wheway's application for removal of lime tree outside " Hopedene " be not acceded to.

(6) Bayshill Road—That the diseased sycamore tree opposite the Promenade Club be felled.

(7) Bayshill Road—That the diseased lime trees opposite the Savoy Hotel be felled.

(8) Bayshill Road—That the lime trees in waterlogged ground be left until in leaf next year when the matter will be reviewed.

(9) Leckhampton Road—That the following trees be removed :—On West side, one outside " Lomondale," one outside "Wellington," On East side one opposite "Fairlands," one opposite No. 86, one opposite " Avoca," one opposite "St. Cloud," and one opposite "Wellington ; and that the tree outside "Avoca be replaced by a new White Beam evenly spaced between adjoining trees.

(10) Overton Road—That the diseased lime tree in this road be felled.

(11) Lansdown Parade—That with regard to Miss Grimley's complaint, provision be made in next year's Estimates for reconstructing this footpath,

(12) Christ Church Road—That the diseased lime tree in this road be felled.

(13) Gloucester Road—That trees near No. 336 be trimmed only.

(14) Gloucester Road—That the diseased elm tree opposite Garfield Villas be felled

(15) Swindon Road—That the position of the bus stop near Swindon Road Schools be altered as decided on site.

(16) Ambrose Street—That Messrs. Mann's Motors application for permission to erect a petrol pump with swing arm be granted.

(17) Ambrose Street—That the tree outside Ambro House and the tree on opposite side of road near the Bowling Green be felled and replaced by two White Beams.

(18) Bennington Street—That Messrs. J. Yeates & Sons' application to fix grating outside No. 6 St. Margaret's Parade be not acceded to.

(19) Pittville Cross Roads—That the diseased elm tree be felled, (20) Albert Road—That Mrs. de Courcy Ireland's application for removal of elm tree overhanging " Sandown Lawn" be not acceded to.

(21) Oakland Avenue—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to tar-spray the carriageway and repair one or two crossings.

(22) Pittville Circus Road—That one tree opposite street nameplate on railings of " Belgrano" and one silver birch and two lime trees be felled.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd September, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman cot. Toy ; Councillors Grimwade, Moore and Morris ; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair), Councillor Col, Biggs also attended.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.:
4685	Edwards & Marshall	Alterations and additions, 30 Winchcomb Street. (Amended)
4733	John Davis Estates	Block of flats, Cambray House (Amended plan of flats only).

4741	Western Estates Ltd.	28 houses and bungalows and layout of new road off Arle Road.
4746	_____	Store shed, 207 Arle Road.
4747	_____	Store shed, 205 Arle Road
4748	Lewis, Mr.	Additions, Toseland, The Park
4749	Pike, A.	Additions, 15 Milton Road
4750	Lott, B. A.	Tool shed, 54 Arle Road,
4751	Walton, A. G.	Shop and dwellinghouse, Hewlett Road.
4752	Green P. E.	Detached house, Eldon Road.
4753	Lane, J. H. E.	Additions, Llyndda, Pittville Lawn.
4754	Bateson, E. P.	Alterations, 57 Promenade.
4755	Smith, T. W.	Garage, Aberglaslyn, Chatsworth Drive.
4756	Amery, Mrs L.	Detached house, Eldon Road
4757	Williams, A. & Co.	New business premises, 12 Portland Street.
4758	Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd.	Garage, Brunswick Street South.
4759	Bradshaw, H. E.	4 semi-detached houses, Alstone Lane.
4760	Charman, H. F.	Garage, Abbey Wood, Albert Road.
4761	Edwards, Mrs.	Garage, Netherby, Leckhampton Road.
4762	Trigg Bros.	Detached house, Swindon Road.
4763	Payne, W.	Alterations, Tivoli House, Tivoli Road.
4764	Williams, S.	New shop front, Bath Street
4765	Ward, G. H.	Garage, Cleeve View Road.
4766	Boustread, G.	Garage, 23 Arle Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4746, 4747, 4750, 4751, 4755, 4756, 4761, 4762, 4764 and 4765 be approved ; That Plan No. 4685 be approved subject to the conditions laid down by the Committee on 24th June last ; That Plan No. 4733 be approved subject to the conditions laid down on 26th August last, and to detailed plans being submitted to and approved by the Committee ; That Plan No 4741 be approved subject to the roads, sewers and drainage being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plans Nos. 4748, 4749, 4753, 4757 and 4763 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; also, in the case of Plan No 4748, subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; and in the case of Plan No. 4753, subject to the washdown being connected to the drain by a proper petrol interceptor ; and in the case of Plan No. 4757, subject to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 4752 be approved subject to the small roof over the bay being continued over the porch ; That Plan No 4758 be approved subject to (1) a proper system of drainage passing through a three-way petrol interceptor, (2) the doors opening inwards, and (3) a proper entrance crossing over the footpath being provided to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plans Nos. 4754, 4759, 4760 and 4766 be not approved.

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

No of Plan.	Name,	Description.
1201	Cheltenham Estates Ltd	6 pairs semi-detached houses, Hayward's Lane, Charlton Kings.
1202	Watts, Mrs. E. J.	Garage (Private), Pinehurst, Lyefield Road West, Charlton Kings.
1203	Hawkins, Mr.	Garage (Private), Ham Square, Charlton Kings.
1204	Reay, W. M.	Tool shed, St. Hilary, Croft Road, Charlton Kings.

1205	Billings, A. C. & Sons Ltd	Garage (Private), in connection with new Bungalow (in course of erection), Charlton Drive, Charlton Kings.
1206	Savery, J.	Garage (Private), Murrayfield, Croft Road, Charlton Kings
1207	Godwin, W. W.	Greenhouse, Burnham, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1208	Brierley, Col. E.	Additions, Orchard House, Little Herberts, Charlton Kings.
1209	Stinchcombe, E. T. & Son	Amended elevations, 2 pairs semi-detached houses, Prestbury Road
1210	Gloucestershire Tile and Sand Co, Ltd.	Garages (Private), Shurdington Sand Pits.
1211	Major, W.	Garage (Private), Langley Road, Winchcomb
1212	Rowan, Miss M. L.	Bungalow, Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1213	Hewinson, T. H.	Bungalow, Barrow Wake, Birdlip.
1214	Stinchcombe, E. T. & Son	17 Bungalows, Bamfurlong Road, Staverton.
1215	Lillingston, Mrs.	Alterations, Prestbury Park Hotel, Evesham Road, Prestbury.
1216	Faithfull, Miss L. M.	Additions, Four Winds, Birdlip.
1217	Bramley, J. T.	Detached house. Avenue Estate, Charlton Kings.
1218	Sindrey, Miss H.	Proposed development, Brooklyn Gardens, Arle Road, Cheltenham.
1219	Craggs, F.	Garage (Private), Staverton.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1204, 1205, 1207, 1208, 1209, 1215, 1216 and 1219 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 1203 and 1210 be approved subject to buildings being painted green and in the case of Plan No. 1210, subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, :935 ; That Plan No. 1206 be approved subject to the building being screened from the road ; That Plan No. 1211 be approved subject to rectangular grey asbestos tiles, or grey clay tiles, being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 1212 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate forthwith the land required for the widening of the road to the line agreed with the adjoining owners ; That Plan No 1217 be approved subject to the elevation being amended to the Committee's requirements ; That Plans Nos. 1201, 1202, 1213, 1214 and 1218 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Divisional Road Engineer, Ministry of Transport (Midland Division), dated the 13th inst., asking for a modification of the improvement and building lines in Oriel Road and building lines in Vittoria Walk as laid down by the Committee on 15th July, 1937. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to the modification of the improvement line proposed by the Divisional Road Engineer as this would seriously affect the alignment and appearance of Oriel Road, but that they are prepared to agree to the building line in Oriel Road being brought forward 10 feet, subject to any buildings being erected on the site being built in design and materials so as to harmonise with other buildings in the vicinity ; also that the building line in Vittoria Walk should be amended to conform with the building line already established by the Post Office, namely 19 feet 8 inches from the back edge of the footpath.

4—Appeal by Mr. A. Halls—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that he had no authority to support the Committee at the Local Inquiry into the appeal by Mr. A. Halls against the decision to refuse to permit development on land near Staverton Bridge.



5—Kidnappers Lane—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that his Council had under consideration the conditions existing in this lane, where many new houses and bungalows had been erected. The drainage was treated by means of septic tanks, and serious trouble had arisen on occasions owing to the fact that the area of land for each house was insufficient for the proper soak-away of the effluent, and his Council would be glad if the Committee would refuse further applications for permission to build houses on plots of land similar to those on which the present houses are built. RESOLVED, That the Committee will give consideration to the District Council's request when applications for permission to develop are made.

6—Contravention of Byelaws—RESOLVED, That notice be given to Mr. M. E. J. Sheppard to show cause why the garage erected by him in Wellington Street and the alterations carried out at Carlton House, Bath Road, without the submission of plans, should not be removed or pulled down, as being in contravention of the Byelaws.

7—Plan No. 4733—Block of Flats, Cambray House—The Town Clerk reported that the John Davis Estates Ltd. were not willing to give an undertaking that the walls of the buildings backing on to the River Chelt should be carried down below the River bed, but were willing to give an undertaking that these should be set back a sufficient distance to avoid any pressure on the existing retaining wall as shown on the detailed plans of the buildings submitted. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Hoarding, 162 Prestbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Arthur Maiden Ltd. had erected a large hoarding on the gable end wall of these premises in contravention of the provisions of the Town Planning Scheme and Advertisement Byelaws RESOLVED. That, if the hoarding is not removed within a reasonable time, the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties under the Byelaws.

9—Cotswold Tiles—Read, circular from the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, drawing attention to the resolution passed at their last annual meeting, that the practice of stripping old Cotswold tiles from cottages and barns for storage by builders and their re-use on new houses and replacement by unsightly substitutes should be stopped, and that owners and others should be reminded that new stone tiles are available

10—Plan No. T.P. 1155—Read, further letter from Mr. E. Camm asking the Committee to approve his application for permission to erect a wooden bungalow at Little Witcombe, RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to approve the plan.

11—Conference—Read, circular from the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, inviting the attendance of delegates to the annual conference to be held at Leamington from 14th to 17th October next. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be appointed to attend, but that if he cannot do so, the Town Planning Assistant be authorised to attend.

12—New Cinema, Imperial Rooms—The Borough Surveyor stated it was desirable to take the opportunity afforded by the cleared site of diverting the Chelt Culvert so as to secure as straight a line as possible and he had submitted a plan to Mr. Norton for the diversion, reconstruction and enlargement of the culvert from the east side of the Promenade, across the Promenade, thence along the line of the roadway on the north side of the fountain under the Cinema site and across Royal Well Lane to a point in Royal Well Place He estimated the cost of this diversion at 18,705. The proposed culvert would be 18 ft. x 7 ft. which would

increase its capacity by approximately 25 per cent. Mr. Lightfoot (Secretary of the Company), Mr. Norton and Mr. Downing (Engineer) attended on behalf of the Associated British Cinemas Ltd. They pointed out that the diversion proposed by the Borough Surveyor would necessitate raising the building about 3 ft. and also the provision of two or three steps to the entrance to the Cinema, with a slight encroachment on the footpath. They submitted an alternative proposal for the diversion and enlargement of the culvert to be carried out entirely at their own cost so as to take out the present acute bend and reconstruct and enlarge the culvert to the satisfaction of the Corporation to a width of 22 ft. by 7 ft. from a point adjoining the west side of the Fountain to a point on the west side of Royal Well Lane, as shown on the plan submitted by them. They submitted that this proposal fulfilled the undertaking given on behalf of the Company when the preliminary plans were approved. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to this proposal.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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#### TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th September, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman. Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Rogers, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 27th July, 10th and 24th August and 14th September. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Town Hall—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the staircase and octagon painted to match the corridors.

(b) Ladies' Cloakroom—That shelves be provided in the Ladies' cloakroom at an estimated cost of £7.

(c) Tennis Courts, Pittville—That the complaints received of the condition of the tennis courts at Pittville be referred to the Parks Committee.

(d) Settees—That the tender of Messrs. Shirer & Lances Ltd. for the supply of cap covers for the settees and easy chairs amounting to £12 15s. 0d. and £2 10s. 0d. for upholstering one easy chair be accepted.

(e) Municipal Dances—That the free use of Pittville Pump Room be granted to Hector Davies and his Band for Benefit Dances on two evenings, and that if these Dances are successful, the Entertainments Manager be authorised to let the Pump Room on terms to be approved by the Sub-Committee.

(f) Winter Garden—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for the letting of the indoor tennis court from the 4th October up to Christmas, and for any period thereafter, reserving the right to take possession at any time on short notice.

(g) Bar—That, having obtained tenders for the right to provide the bar at the Municipal Dances during the winter season, the offer of Messrs. McGeorges Ltd to pay £90, plus 15 per cent on all receipts above £600 be accepted ; £45 to be paid at the commencement of the season and £45 on the 1st January, and the 15 per cent on the receipts above £600 to be paid at the end of each month.

(h) Pillar Room—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to let the Pillar Room to the Peace Council for a meeting on Sunday, 7th November.

(i) Boiler—That the tender of Messrs Such & Sons Ltd. of £21 10s. 0d. for the provision of a new section for the boiler (being the lower tender received) be accepted.

(j) Sunday Concerts—That Mr. Arthur Cole's tender to provide an Orchestra of 14 performers (including himself as director) to play every Sunday from the 9th October, 1937, to the 17th April, 1938, for the sum of £13 17s 6d. per Sunday be accepted subject to contract, the Corporation being entitled to cancel any performance on three weeks' notice, and also to have the option to extend the contract after the 17th April, 1938, on the same terms.

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

2—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee held at Sandford Park Swimming Pool on the 17th inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :

(a) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit estimates for the following at the Pool :—

(1) For providing compulsory footpaths at the exits from the Tray stores.

(2) For attaching curved upright railings to the existing railings and fixing barbed wire to the inside to prevent children from climbing over the railings into the Pool.

(3) For enclosing the Tea Lawn with a paled fence and providing a cash desk, so as to avoid the delay occasioned by the present system of catering.

(4) For diminishing the width of the firm boards on the diving stage.

(5) For fencing in the shrubbery at the back of the Ladies' Dressing Boxes to prevent persons from making holes in the back and to prevent damage to the shrubbery.

(6) For extending the sunbathing lawn on the North side, and setting back the yew tree hedge.

(7) For cementing in the crazy paving around the Pool, with a view to this being carried out in sections, over a period of two to three years.

(8) For providing a short pair of steps from the Bath on either side of the diving stage.

(9) For the provision of rubber matting in the gentlemen's urinal, and on the passageways between the dressing boxes and in front of the tray stores.

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(b) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit another estimate for providing a children's Pool immediately in front of the main entrance in place of the two covered-in shingle beds.

(c) That, having considered a memorial signed by 109 persons asking that the Pool should remain open during the winter months between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock in the morning, the memorialists be

informed that if 50 tickets are taken at a charge 10s each before the end of the month, the Committee will allow the Pool to remain open and provide a tarpaulin shelter near the diving stage for dressing purposes.

(d) Alstone Baths—That these Baths be kept open until the 2nd October and for such further period as the Chairman considers this is warranted by the attendances, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise that the Bath will be kept open accordingly. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Winter Garden—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Badminton Club, applying for the south transept of the Winter Garden for badminton for the ensuing season. RESOLVED, That the south transept be let to them on the same terms as last year, reserving the right to the Corporation to terminate the tenancy at any time on short notice after the 31st December if the building is required for the Winter Garden Scheme, in which case the Club be allowed to transfer to Alstone Baths.

4—Montpellier Baths—(a) The Reports of the Superintendent for the months of July and August were submitted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Swimming Bath at these Baths be closed on the 9th October, and that the Gymnasium be opened on the 18th October.

5—Pittville Gardens—Dog Show—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the opinion of Mr. C. Harman, K.C., on the Case submitted to him Counsel advised that the Council were within their rights in granting or letting the Gardens for the Dog Show or other similar purpose under Section 56 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, but, in view of Section 73 of this Act, he considered it advisable to restrict the granting of the use of the gardens for these purposes to the portion North of the lake and that persons entitled to use the gardens should be admitted without charge. The Town Clerk reported that Mrs. Gardiner had always understood that the use of the gardens were granted on this condition. RESOLVED, That the free use of the portion of the gardens north of the lake be granted to the West of England Ladies' Kennel Club for the Dog Show on the 4th May next.

6—Alstone Baths--RESOLVED, That the use of the Junior Bath be granted to the Education Committee for one hour on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for classes of instruction for elementary school teachers by the Education Committee's Swimming Instructor.

7—Agg Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, Memorial from 213 ratepayers and residents in the St. Paul's district asking for a children's paddling or shallow bathing pool to be provided in this ground. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit preliminary Scheme and Estimate for a paddling pool.

8—Sunday Games—RESOLVED, That consideration of the reference back by the Council of the Committee's recommendation in regard to the playing of tennis on Sunday afternoons, be adjourned for one month.

9—Town Hall—Read, letter of 21st ult. from North Street Motors Ltd. asking the Committee to reduce the charge for the right to place a Cigarette machine outside the Town Hall from 5 per annum to £2 per annum, failing which they would have to remove the machine. RESOLVED, That the charge be not reduced.

10—Conferences—(a) Read, letter from the local Secretary of the National Union of General & Municipal Workers asking the Council to support their efforts to obtain the Biennial Conference of the Union for Cheltenham at Whitsuntide, 1940. The Entertainments Manager reported that the Town Hall had been granted for Whit week, 1940, for the Conference of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. RESOLVED, That an invitation be extended to the National Union of General & Municipal Workers' Union to hold their Conference in 1940, but that they be informed the Town Hall will not be available, but the Committee will endeavour to obtain other suitable accommodation for the meetings in another Hall in the town.

(b) Read, letter of 12th ult. from the Museums Association and letter of 29th July last from the National Council of Women accepting the Council's invitations to hold their respective annual Conferences in Cheltenham in 1939. RESOLVED, That the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for these Conferences.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th September, 1937**, Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Rogers and Smith ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

11—Sandford Park Swimming pool—(a) Read, letter of 20th inst. from Mr. W. H. Brasher, agreeing to guarantee the sum of £25 subject to the Swimming Pool being kept open during the winter season and to monthly tickets at 3s 6d. being issued in addition to season tickets at 10s, as approved at the last meeting of the Committee, RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary report in regard to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Committee, instructing him to prepare a scheme for the construction of a children's bathing pool near the main entrance to the Pool. He considered it was undesirable to place the pool in this position owing to the difficulties which would arise in regard to the filtration pipes and suction pipe for the large pool, and recommended that the pool should be provided on the spare land on the North side. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that he be instructed to prepare a scheme for the construction of a children's pool on the spare land on the North side of the Pool, and that the Minute passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

12—Marle Hill Annexe—Boating—Read, letter of 23rd inst. from Mr. H. Higgins that one of the old Corporation boats was beyond repair and it was not worth spending any more money on it. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to have the boat broken up, and that his rent for next season be reduced by 15s, being 7 ½ per cent. of the cost of the repairs originally carried out to the boat.

13—Alstone Baths—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from the Patesian R. F. C. asking if the Club could reserve four of the slipper baths for the use of visiting teams every Saturday during the football season at a reduced charge of 4s per week instead of the present charge of 6d. per head. Some weeks the baths would be used by from 6 to 12 persons and other weeks there might be 16 or 17, but never more RESOLVED, That the

Committee cannot reserve the exclusive use of any of the baths, but are willing to issue 50 tickets to the Club at a reduced charge of £1 for use of visiting teams.

14—Pittville Gardens and Marle Hill Annexe—Read, letter of 24th inst from the President of the Rotary Club asking the Council to grant the use of Marle Hill Annexe on the 6th November for a Guy Fawkes Festival similar to last year, and also the use of the Pump Room for a Dance. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Annexe and Pump Room be granted subject to any damage being made good.

15—Town Hall—Read, letter of 24th inst from the President of the Rotary Club that they had booked the Town Hall for a Carnival Ball on the 5th November, the proceeds of which would be used for local charities, and asking that the Committee should agree to reconsider the charge for the hire of the Town Hall if the Guy Fawkes Festival on the following day was not a financial success. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to,

16—Boxing Ring—Read, application of 22nd inst. from the St. James' Company Church Lads Brigade asking for the free use of the boxing ring for a boxing display to be held at Clare Street Hall on the 22nd October in connection with the National Brigade Week. RESOLVED, That this be granted subject to their arranging for cartage of the ring and to their making good any damage which may be done to the ring.

17—Conference—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to attend the annual Conference of Residential Hotels Association to be held at Blackpool on the 5th, 6th and 7th October next to support the invitation given to hold the Conference in Cheltenham next year.

18—Floral Fete—Mr. Baring attended on behalf of the Floral Fete Committee and asked for the free use of the Montpellier Gardens for the Floral Fete to be held on the 22nd and 23rd June next. RESOLVED, That the use of the Gardens (with the exception of the Putting Course) be granted for the two days of the Show subject to (1) details of the positions of the tents and side shows etc., and to the time to be taken for the erection and removal of these being submitted to and approved by the Committee ; (2) the Floral Fete Committee agreeing to pay all out-of-pocket expenses and to make good all damage and loss suffered by the Corporation ; (3) the Floral Fete Committee arranging with the Fun Fair contractor not to use any loud speakers or amplifying apparatus, or if this is not possible, to reduce these to a minimum so as to avoid nuisance or annoyance to the neighbourhood ; (4) the Show being closed at 10.30 p.m. each night ; (5) the Floral Fete Committee making provision in their contract for the Fun Fair to retain control over the side shows so as to have power to veto shows which are objectionable ; and (6) to the Floral Fete Committee issuing tickets to persons hiring the hard tennis courts during the Show, as last year. RESOLVED, also, That the grass tennis courts be let one week earlier if the ground is suitable for play, as in previous years.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th September, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Bendall, Howell and Morris (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Extensions to Mains—Salterley Grange—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application received from the Birmingham Corporation for a supply of electricity to their pump house near Salterley Grange. This would involve the erection of a short overhead extension from the existing overhead line to Salterley Grange RESOLVED, That the supply be given on similar terms to those arranged for the present supply to Salterley Grange, and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners and to the Local Authorities concerned for consent to the erection of the necessary overhead line.

2—Direction Sign—Black and White Motorways—Read, letter from the General Manager of this Company asking the Committee to reconsider their decision that the Company should be required to remove one of their existing signs in North Place as a condition to consent being given for a Direction sign to be erected on the Lamp Standard outside Messrs. Dodwell's new premises. RESOLVED, That the erection of the new sign be agreed to unconditionally.

3—Supplies to Factories—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Messrs. Walker Croweller & Co. Ltd and Spirax Manufacturing Co. Ltd., had asked for a supply of electricity to the factories being erected by them on the Whaddon Housing Estate. A transformer would be required for increasing the pressure to 230 volts., and the Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that a supply should be given subject to the Companies paying half the cost of the transformer and making an annual payment in respect of the transformer losses. RESOLVED, That the supply be given on terms to be arranged by the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer.

4—I.M.E.A. Convention—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of hotel accommodation for this Convention had gone into the matter very carefully and found that although there was good hotel accommodation in Cheltenham it was insufficient to accommodate the number of representatives expected to attend the annual Convention of the I.M.E.A. in 1938, and that Gloucester, Tewkesbury and Winchcomb would be unable to provide the necessary additional accommodation. The Council of the I.M.E.A. had considered all the invitations received and had now decided to accept another invitation.

5—Electricity Supply (Meters) Act, 1930—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that under the provisions of this Act, every new meter and every meter now owned by the Corporation would have to be tested during the next ten years and that this would involve the provision of additional testing equipment, accommodation and staff. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to make a further report to the Committee when he has received fuller information as to the requirements of the Electricity Commissioners.

6—Auditor's Report—The Borough Electrical Engineer and the Borough Treasurer having considered together the Auditor's report in regard to the accounts of the Electricity Undertaking made certain recommendations to the Committee. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be referred to the Finance Committee with an intimation that this Committee had considered and approved of them.

7—Accounts, 1936-37—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted statement of accounts for year ended 31st March last showing a net revenue surplus of £5,738 5s. 0d. for the year, which with the sum of £5,729 16s. 8d. carried forward from last year made a net surplus of £11,468 1s. 8d. RESOLVED, That £2,000 be transferred to the Renewals Fund and £3,000 to Reserve Fund, and that the balance be carried forward.

8—Electricity Charges—As a result of the year's trading, the Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the following reduction in charges should be made :—

(a) Urban Area—(1) That the Flat Rate for lighting should be reduced from 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  d. to 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  d.. per unit.

(2) That the Flat Rate for prepayment Meters be reduced from 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  d. to 5  $\frac{1}{4}$  d. per unit

(3) That the guarantee rate for large premises be reduced from 3  $\frac{3}{4}$  d. to 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  d. per unit. continuing the existing discounts on quantity.

(4) That the special charge for supply to cinemas and theatres be reduced from 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  d. to 2  $\frac{1}{4}$  d. per unit with the option of Two-rate Tariff by Contract.

(b) Rural Area under 1927 Order—(1) That the Flat Rate through Prepayment meters be reduced from 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  d. to 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  d. per unit.

(2) That the running charge under the Two-part Tariff be reduced from  $\frac{3}{4}$  d. to  $\frac{5}{8}$  d. per unit continuing the fixed charge portion as at present.

He further recommended that an allowance up to 15s per heater of a capacity of 5 gallons or less, and 20s per heater of over 5 gallons capacity be made towards the cost of wiring and plumbing required for water heaters hired from the Corporation. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and take effect as from the reading of the meters for the September quarter.

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9—Powell—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that this man who was injured in an accident about 18 months ago had recovered sufficiently to undertake light employment and he proposed to engage him to assist in clearing up some of the stock and records in the basement, and afterwards to overhaul and repair switches, fuses and switchgear. RESOLVED, That this be approved

10—Public Lighting—(a) Promenade and High Street Roundabout—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that there was some difficulty in erecting one of the standards for lighting this roundabout proposed to be erected in Clarence Street owing to a cellar extending under the footpath and he recommended that the erection of this standard should be deferred to see whether the lighting would be sufficient without it. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Priory Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Miss Broome had asked for the erection of two additional lamps to improve the lighting of this road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(c) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted detailed plans and estimates of schemes for improving the lighting of the undermentioned roads, previously approved in principle by the Council and for which provision had been made in the Estimates (except in the case of Rowanfield Road) :—



Road.	Work Proposed.	Estimated Cost.	Increase in
		£ s. d.	Running Cost. £ s. d.
Albert Road	Number of lamps to be increased from 6 to 10.	98 0 8	23 2 10
Arle Road	Number of lamps to be increased from 10 to 26.	248 14 9	44 3 2
Whaddon Road ...	Number of lamps to be increased from 10 to 16.	151 6 9	22 7 4
Malvern Road ..	Number of lamps to be increased from 5 to 8.	56 12 2	11 3 8
Douro Road	Number of lamps to be increased from 3 to 6.	55 17 4	8 7 0
Rowanfield Road	Provision of new Mercury lamps on existing standards	64 8 1	29 4 8
		£674 19 9	£138 8 8

(d) Old Bath Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in order to carry out the scheme of the improvement in the lighting of this road it would be necessary to erect one lamp post outside the Borough Boundary in the Parish of Leckhampton RESOLVED, That the Leckhampton Parish Council be asked to consent to the erection of this standard.

(e) London Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported application by Mr. G. Stannard for alteration of the position of a lamp standard to permit him to make a drive-in way into a building which he was proposing to convert into a garage. RESOLVED, That it be pointed out to Mr. Stannard that this can be provided without interfering with the lamp standard, but that it will be removed if he will pay the cost.

(f) The Committee considered the recommendation of the General Purposes and Watch Committee that an additional light should be provided on a bracket on the wall at the rear of the new Cinema in Lower High Street to give additional light in Hereford Place. Mr. Waters, the proprietor of the Cinema, had agreed to this proposal. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to consider this and report at the next Meeting of the Committee.

11—Disused Electricity Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an enquiry by Mr. W. H. Horsley for the purchase of the old Electricity Works for use as a new factory. He reported that the site was surrounded by other Corporation property and was now being used for storage of materials, and that the Surveyor contemplated the provision of a new sewage settling tank on the site, under which the main sewer runs, and that a new sewer would be laid under the site shortly. RESOLVED, That in view of these facts, it is inadvisable to dispose of any of the land.

12—Overhead Extensions—The Town Clerk reported that he had received consent of the Ministry of Transport to the erection of overhead lines for the proposed overhead extensions to (i) "The Dawn," Shurdington ; (ii) Gotherington; (iii) Whaddon Farm Estate.

13—Sanctions to Loans—(a) Gotherington—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the sanction of the Electricity Commissioners to the borrowing of £1,399 for the proposed extension to Gotherington.

(b) Transformers—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the sanction of the Electricity Commissioners to the borrowing of £1,169 for the provision of transformers.

14—Slot Meters—(a) 27 St. Peter's Square—Read, letter of 13th inst. from Supt. Hopkins reporting that Mrs. Williford of 3a Albion Street had been convicted and bound over upon a charge of larceny of £2 8s 3d stolen from an electricity meter at 27 St. Peter's Square.

(b) 316 Gloucester Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the padlock on the prepayment meter at these premises had been forced and that a sum of 12s was missing from the meter. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute the offender, if the necessary evidence is available.

(c) 7 Ormond Terrace—The Town Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. G. F. Watkins asking for an explanation of the fact that six metal discs were found in the electricity meter at his house at 7 Ormond Terrace, but that he had not received any reply. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute if the necessary evidence is available.

15—Price of Gas—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Councillor Garland calling attention to the increase in the price of gas proposed to be charged by the Cheltenham & District Gas Co. Ltd RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

16—Damage to Lamp Standard—Pierreville Lane—The Town Clerk reported that a small lamp standard in Pierreville Lane had been knocked down by a vehicle belonging to Mr. H.J. Survey. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the lamp estimated at £7 4s. 4d.

17—Electricity Distribution—The Town Clerk submitted report received from the Consumers and Tax-payers Council on the Government proposals for the reorganisation of Electricity Distribution and also a circular letter of the 22nd inst from the Committee of Smaller Municipal Electricity Supply Undertakings asking the Council to support the Committee in making representations to the Minister of Transport in order to protect the interests of smaller Undertakings. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

18—Overhead Line Regulations—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 24th inst. from the Electricity Commissioners reporting that the Commissioners were prepared in appropriate cases to approve of modifications in their overhead line regulations. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer.

19—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas tests made on 23rd and 29th July, 4th, 10th and 30th August, 2nd, 12th, 15th, 17th, 20th and 22nd September, which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 467.9, 467.6, 467.3, 476.4, 478.2, 479.0, 470.7, 474.1, 473.3, 477.2 and 480.6 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure to be 9.5, 9.3, 9.6, 9.4, 9.6, 9.8, 9.6, 9.8, 9.8, 9.8 and 9.6 inches of water respectively.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

## WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th September, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Margrett, Moore and a Pates. Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward and Moore (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, 1937.	Average for corresponding period for past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	207,000 gallons	194,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	386,000	368,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	39,000	46,000
	632,000	608,000

### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... .. 76,636,000 gallons.

### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st July, 1937.	Average for corresponding period for past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	157,000 gallons	155,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	281,000	342,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	27,000	33,000
	465,000	530,000

### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 54,332,000 gallons.

### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st August, 1937.	Average for corresponding Period for past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	113,000 gallons	123,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	224,000	220,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	19,000	22,000
	356 000	365,000

### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 41,588,000 gallons.

2- Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the months of June, July and August.

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

4--Wages—The Borough Engineer reported application dated the 12th ult. from the National Union of Municipal and General Workers for the wages of employees in the Water Department to be governed by the Joint Industrial Council. He also submitted letter of 30th ult. from the Joint Secretary of the South Midland District Council asking the Committee to consider the question of affiliation with the Joint Industrial Council. RESOLVED, That these applications be not acceded to.

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5—Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) Read, letter of 31st ult. from the County Surveyor applying for consent to seventy yards of hedge adjoining the Reservoir belonging to the Corporation being replaced by iron railings and barbed wire, to be afterwards maintained by the Corporation. The Borough Engineer recommended that this be agreed to subject to chain link mesh being fixed to the horizontal members as an additional safeguard. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to this condition.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that a lorry owned by Mr. H. Terry had, on the night of the 21st-22nd July last collided with the fence of the Corporation land on the opposite side of the road to Dowdeswell Reservoir, and that the estimated cost of making good the fence (£2 11s. 2d.) had been paid by the owner's Insurance Company.

6—Hewletts Reservoir—Northfield Springs—(a) The Borough Engineer reported that to supply "The Glenfalls" with water from the new plant for chlorinating the water from Northfield Springs, it would be necessary to lay an additional length of pipe at an estimated cost of £120. The alteration would reduce the pressure of the supply to Mr. Mitchell's property. The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Mitchell had had his water analysed and was quite satisfied with his present supply and was unwilling to have the water chlorinated. RESOLVED, That under these circumstances, the present untreated supply to "The Glenfalls " be continued.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Mitchell had offered the land required for the erection of the Chlorination House for £10 subject to the Corporation paying his Solicitors' and Surveyors' charges. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into a Contract for the purchase of the land on these terms.

7—Sandford Pumping Station—Custodian's House—The Borough Engineer reported that the Custodian had asked for repairs and redecorations to the Lodge and for installation of electricity for lighting and power. The Borough Engineer estimated the cost at £26 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That these works be carried out.

8—Salts Farm—Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son reported an application by the tenant for electric light to be installed at this Farm. RESOLVED, That the application be agreed to if the tenant will pay half the cost of the installation and extension of main and service main.

9—Castle Barn Farm—Read, letter of 12th July last from Mr. T. Roberts the tenant of this farm, agreeing to his rent being increased by £7 16s. 0d. per annum subject to the Corporation paying the rates on the cottage from the 29th inst. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to.

10—Land at Dowdeswell—(a) Shooting Rights—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Clutterbuck was not prepared to renew the agreement for the shooting rights but had offered £20 for shooting rights over the

land on the south side of the Railway. RESOLVED, That Mr. Clutterbuck be offered the shooting rights over the whole of the land at £25 per annum.

(b) Messrs. C. C. Castle & Sons reported that Mr. C. Holder had given notice to determine his tenancy of certain fields at Rossley on the 29th September, 1938, but was willing to continue his tenancy if the rent was reduced from £30 to £25 as from the 29th inst. RESOLVED, That this reduction be agreed to.

(c) Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son reported that Mr. T. Ball had asked to be released from his tenancy of certain fields at Rossley at Michaelmas and that Mr. J. C. W. Cresswell of Andoversford was prepared to take them on the terms of the existing tenancy. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to Mr. Cresswell entering into a tenancy agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

11—Lower Hewletts Farm—Read, letter from Mr. Castle stating that there was a balance of rent due from Mr. Robinson of £30 5s. 0d. Against this Mr. Robinson claimed £25 for haulage of poles from Dowdeswell Wood and an allowance for the hedging and cutting of briars on two fields which the Corporation had not carried out. Mr. Castle recommended an allowance of £18 5s. 0d for the hedging and £12 for haulage of poles which would balance the account. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

19 —Trunk Main, Churchdown to Hewletts—(a) Valves and Fittings—The Borough Engineer submitted tender-received from Glenfield & Kennedy Ltd. for the supply of valves and fittings for the trunk main amounting to £1,698 5s. 6d. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted.

(b) Clerk of Works—The Borough Engineer recommended that Mr. Lloyd, Clerk of the Works for the sewage works extensions, which were nearing completion, should be appointed Clerk of the Works for this Contract at a salary of £375 per annum inclusive of travelling expenses. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the appointment being determinable by one week's notice.

(c) The Borough Engineer reported that, owing to the increased cost of steel etc., the cost of laying the main from Churchdown to Hewletts Reservoir would exceed the Parliamentary estimate. He submitted revised estimate amounting to £50,961 10s. 10d. which exceeded the Parliamentary estimate by £12,561 10s. 10d. This included £2,561 17s. 4d for additional work not included in the Parliamentary estimate to provide a 12 inch washout and overflow pipe and 490 yards 18 inch outlet pipe from Hewletts Reservoir. It would be necessary to obtain the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan for any excess expenditure over the Parliamentary estimate. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Ministry of Health that consent to a loan will be required.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th September, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Leigh James and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Green (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Cinematograph Licence—The Committee inspected the Ritz Cinema, High Street, in respect of which Mr. A. Walters had made application for a Cinematograph Licence. Read, letter from Councillor Col. Biggs calling attention to condition of the footpath and lighting etc. of Hereford Place, RESOLVED, That a licence be issued to Mr. Walters for the period up to the 6th February next, subject to Mr. Walters completing the Cinema to the satisfaction of Superintendent Hopkins and the Building Inspector ; and to the spoil heap at rear of building being removed as soon as possible, and to a flue pipe being provided from the Projectors and discharging to the external air.

RESOLVED, also, That the Electricity Committee be recommended to place a bracket street lamp on the rear corner of the Cinema in Hereford Place, also, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to consider the making up of Hereford Place.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st September, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; the Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, Moore, Pruen, Taylor and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

2—Renumbering—(a) Bath Parade—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Miss M. F. Woodard asking for the houses in Bath Parade to be renumbered, and also for names to be given indicating Victoria and Albert Cottages in the lane leading to Sandford Park. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan and estimate for renumbering the road.

(b) Moorend Park Road—Read, letter from Mr. G. R. Theobald in regard to the numbering of the houses in this road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan and estimate for renumbering the road.

3—Municipal Offices—(a) Fire Extinguishers—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Minimax Ltd. that the fire appliances in the offices were in order with the exception of one in the custodian's apartment and one in the basement. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase two new fire extinguishers at a cost of about £3 each.

(b) The Committee considered the recommendation of the Housing Committee that larger office accommodation, and if possible, on the ground floor, should be provided for the Housing Manager in view of the growth of this department. RESOLVED, That Alderman Moore and Councillor Green be asked to consider and report thereon.

4—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that since the last meeting of the Committee there had been one outbreak of Swine Fever in the Borough, and that the infected premises at Gardner's Lane Allotments had been declared free of Swine Fever on the 17th July last.

(b) Sheep Scab Regulations—Read, circular of 9th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries enclosing Order revoking the Regulations made by the Council in regard to movement of sheep dated the 1st February, 1932.

(c) Agriculture Bill—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 28th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, which provided for the functions of Veterinary Inspectors to be discharged by Veterinary Inspectors appointed by the Ministry, and they had asked for returns to be made of the services and remuneration paid to the Corporation's Veterinary Inspector, and these had been furnished, as requested.

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. Edwards for the transfer to him of Licence No. 36 held by Mr. G. Meadows in respect of Taxi Cab Registered No. DF 6855 be granted.

(b) Read, report of a special meeting of the Committee held on the 1st inst. They recommended that the proposed new taxi cabs, which several licensees were considering purchasing, be approved, subject to these being provided with taxi meters, also that the existing cabs should be provided with meters on or before the commencement of the next licensing year in June next. They also recommended that the Byelaws should now be amended to provide that the maximum fare to be charged should be 8d. per mile instead of 1s 6d per mile as authorised by the Byelaws. Messrs. Harvey and Kent attended as a deputation from the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association and urged the Committee not to require the provision of taxi meters owing to the extra expense involved, and also that the Byelaws should not be amended until they had given a fair trial with the new charge of 8d. per mile. RESOLVED, That consideration of these two matters be adjourned for the present.

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

Date, 1937.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses
30th July	Hay field, The Newlands, Evesham Road	Not apparent	Not known	£4 12s. 6d.
2nd August	331 High Street ... ..	Electric motor	Slight	£3 6s. 0d
21 <sup>st</sup> "	Cakebridge Farm ... ..•	Not known	Not known	£6 3s. 0d.
25 <sup>th</sup> "	Lorry at Cowley ... ..	Motor engine	Not Known	£6 0s. 6d.

(b) Read, circular of 26th July last from the Home Office urging the employment of ex-service men in Fire Brigades, and stating that in the event of mobilisation men in the Army Reserve would be allowed to remain on fire brigade duty for a period of three months. Captain Such reported that as far as possible, ex-service men were engaged in the Brigade.

(c) Read, letter from the Town Clerk, Jarrow, asking the Committee to appoint representatives to attend a Conference of Local Authorities to be held at the Town Hall, Cheltenham, on the 23rd inst. to consider the advisability of appointing a Fire Brigades Authorities Advisory Council. RESOLVED, That Alderman Taylor and Councillor Green be appointed to attend. RESOLVED, also, That the Committee agree to subscribe £3 3s. 0ds. towards the expenses of the Conference.

7—Market—The Borough Surveyor submitted complaint from the Gloucestershire Marketing Society Ltd. of the defective condition of the roof over the office, and on examination he found that the lead flashing was in

bad condition and the felting on the roof cracked. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the roof repaired at an estimated cost of £40.

8—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 prox.

(b) RESOLVED, That the applications of B. Gregory and M. Willetts for licences to store 500 gallons and 2,000 gallons respectively at Alstone Garage and Suffolk Street be granted, subject in the case of the latter, to the swing arms over the footpath being approved by the Street and Highway Committee.

(c) Read, circular of 10th inst from the Home Office asking the Council to consider the advisability of including in the conditions attached to petroleum licences a condition that the holder of the licence should before discontinuing to use any underground tank or similar receptacle, give notice to the local authority of his intention to do so, and also to take such steps as may be necessary to render it immune from danger of fire and explosion, and enclosing suggested form of condition RESOLVED, That this condition be incorporated in all future licences.

9—Flower Sellers etc.—The Committee further considered the desirability of making an order prohibiting flower sellers etc. using certain streets. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to submit draft order to the next meeting of the Committee

10—Naming of Roads—The Town Clerk reported that Mrs. Selby of Welland Lodge had suggested that the road at the side of her house should be called " Welland Road " instead of Welland Lodge Road. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to alter the name of this road.

11—Old Cemetery, St. George's Square---The Committee considered suggestion that the Corporation should take over the old St. Andrew's Church Cemetery at the rear of St. George's Square with a view to this being laid out and used as an open space. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting, and that meanwhile members of the Committee be asked to inspect this.

12—Unemployment Insurance Act—RESOLVED, That F. J. Brown, labourer, be added to the Certificate of Exception under this Act, he having completed three years' service on the 11th July last.

13—Contribution in lieu of refund of Rates—Read, application of 16th inst. from the Y.M.C.A. for a subscription to the Association in lieu of the remission of the General Rate. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905, a subscription of £10 be made for the current year.

14—Traffic Commissioners—Read, circular of 14th inst. from the Ministry of Transport asking the Committee to nominate one person on the panel of persons from whom a traffic commissioner for the area is appointed RESOLVED, That Alderman Capt. Trye be nominated.

15—Leckhampton Hill—(a) The Town Clerk reported that Mr G. A. Price had offered £2 for the right to catch rabbits Leckhampton Hill with ferrets and nets as last year, and the Chairman had accepted this offer. RESOLVED, That this be approved.



(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place three more seats on the hill and that these be placed on Charlton Common in the positions suggested by the Mayor.

16—Turkish Baths and Studio, Oriel Road—The Town Clerk reported that the conveyance of these premises had been completed, and Mr. A. W. Martyn had been given notice to terminate his tenancy of the Studio on the 1st November. Read, letter of 18th inst. from Mr. Martyn that he was unable to obtain alternative accommodation and asking the Corporation to obtain or provide suitable alternative accommodation for him at a rent not exceeding his present rent, namely £30 per annum inclusive. RESOLVED, That Mr. Martyn be informed that the Committee are unable to provide him with other accommodation.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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#### ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th September, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Carter and Clarkson (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 of cultivation :—Nos. 89, 91, 96, 104, 107, and parts of 37 and 111 Asquith Road ; 20, 21, 37 and 40 Alma Road, 14 Wasley's Field, 25 and 141 Crabtree Piece. RESOLVED, That notice to quit be given.

2—Allotment No. 86 Asquith Road—Read, letter of 12th July last from the Unemployed Allotment Association, asking to be released from the tenancy of this allotment as from 31st December next, as the tenant had left the town and they were unable to relet the allotment. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

3—Whaddon Road (New) Allotments—(a) The Town Clerk submitted statement of the compensation amounting to £36 13s. 1d. payable to the tenants of the allotments taken for the laying of the road and sewer required for the new Junior School and factory. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give 6 months' notice to the tenants of the allotments on the land being purchased by Messrs. Walker Croweller & Co. Ltd. and other land required for housing and Playing field.

4—Allotment No. 7 Crabtree Piece—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant to give up half of this allotment be granted

5—Marle Hill House Estate Allotments—RESOLVED, That the Visitors be asked to inspect the roadway leading to these allotments from Evesham Road, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a top dressing laid on roadway, and also to have the entrance gate nearest the drive to Marle Hill House locked and some barbed wire fixed on the top,

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

## PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th September, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Pilley Lane Recreation Ground—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the railings of this ground scraped, brushed and painted at a cost not exceeding £17.

(b) Read, letter of 8th inst from Mr. W. Wallace Yeend complaining of children using this ground getting through the hedge into his orchard. RESOLVED, That Mr. Yeend be informed that the hedge belongs to him and the Corporation cannot accept responsibility for trespass on his land.

2—Pittville Gardens—(a) Aviaries—The Borough Surveyor reported the following gifts of birds for the Aviaries :—Pair of canaries by Mr. J. Pounsett, and one dove by Mr. E. C. King. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

(b) Pump Room—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates of the repairs required to the Pump Room. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Bendall, Fisher and Grimwade be appointed to consider these and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

3—Sandford Park—(a) Lily Pond—The Borough Surveyor reported that Councillor Avery had offered to give a large Gold Fish for the lily pond at Sandford Park, RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted, and that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Councillor Avery.

(b) Foreman—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Hyett had been discharged from Hospital and hoped to resume work after a medical examination on the 15th inst. RESOLVED, That he be paid half pay until he resumes work.

4—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Drinking Fountain—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the provision of a new drinking fountain at these Gardens at an estimated cost of £5 5s. 0d.

b) Cycle Rack—RESOLVED, That provision be made in next year's estimates for a cycle rack at these Gardens.

(c) Read, letter of 29th July last from Mrs. H. Faulkner to the Mayor suggesting that an additional entrance to the gardens should be provided in Montpellier Terrace. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

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5—Marle Hill Annexe—RESOLVED, That permission be given to Messrs. John Morris (Firesnow) Ltd. to demonstrate their pumps in Marle Hill Annexe in connection with the British Fire Service Conference from the 20th to 24th inst., subject to the Company making good any damage which may be caused to the ground.

6—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—Major Lyle and the Misses Church attended in regard to the proposed layout of the children's playground on a site adjoining the gardens of their houses in Hatherley Road. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillors Grimwade and Smith, together with the Borough Surveyor and Town Clerk be asked to inspect the ground with a view to considering whether the playground

can be placed in another position. 7—Athletic Ground—Seven tenders were received for the wiring of the Custodian's house for electricity RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration.

8—Football Pitches—(a) 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.
Whaddon Road	Labour Hall Sports Club	Alternate Saturdays.
“	All Saints' Old Boys' ...	Alternate Saturdays.
Agg-Gardner	Aircraft Components R.F.C.	8 Saturdays during season.
St. Mark's Playing Field	Masons United A.F.C.	Alternate Wednesdays.
“ “	Christ Church Young Men's Club	Alternate Saturdays.
“ “	Central School Old Boys' ... ..	Alternate Saturdays.
Naunton Park.	Naunton Park Old Girls' Association	Alternate Saturdays.

(b) Read, letter of 12th July last from the Patesian R.F.C., asking for an extension of the playing season after the 19th February to enable them to complete their fixtures. RESOLVED, That the matter be considered at the January meeting of the Committee.

9—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs that he had received requests from residents in Hudson Street that the entrance to the Recreation Ground from this street should be kept open. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

10—Tewkesbury Road Playing Field—The Town Clerk submitted Draft Contract for the sale of this land to the Corporation which contained a condition that no building except a Pavilion should be erected thereon without the consent of the Vendors. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th September, 1937.** Present—Alderman Capt. Trye ; Councillors Avery and Bendall (Alderman Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for July and August, 1937—Visitors-5,975 (last year 8,535). Included in these figures were the following parties :—Pate's Grammar School, 13 girls ; Liverpool Grammar School, 40 boys ; Salford Priors, 12 scouts.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £2 10s. 8d. " Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund " £5 19s. 7d- Total £8 10s. 3d.

Exhibitions-24th June to 24th July, 1937—Sixth Annual Exhibition by the Cotswold Art Club ; 28th July to 1st September, 1937—Permanent Collection and 15 Drawings and Paintings by Picasso.

Talks by the Curator—The Curator had given one talk on the "Wool trade of the Cotswolds " on 8th September, 1937.

Art Gallery Roof—Repairs to the Art Gallery roof were being carried out by the Borough Surveyor's Department.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Miss E. Adlard, Mr. H. H. Albino, Mr. C. Armstrong, Col. Brettell, Mr. W. J. Creed, Mr. A. Perrin Dixon, Mr. Elphick, Mr. Farmer, Mr. C. Hunter, Miss Lucie, Mrs. Remonde, Mr. S. B. Russell, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mrs. Tonkinson, Mr. Tom Whiting, Dr. Oliver H. Wild, Mr. G. W. Willis, The Hon. Samuel Vestey.

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

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3—Offer of Gifts—RESOLVED, That " Shades of night " by Mrs. Jennings Campbell, offered as a gift by the artist, be accepted with thanks.

4—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That two pieces of Pleydell Bouverie Pottery (£21), Wedgwood Tobacco Jar (£1 5s. 0d.), Pair of steel, silver and gold Buckles (£3 10s. 0d.), Collection of Bygones (£2 17s. 6d.), and small Chair in ebony and walnut by Peter Waals (£8 10s. 0d.), be purchased from this Fund at a total cost of £17 2s. 6d.

5—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorized to organize the following Exhibitions (a) Punch Drawings-9th November to 4th December, 1937, (b) Exhibition by Cheltenham School of Art—April, 1938.

6—Offer of Bequest by Mr. G. Whinyates—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to view in London and Tunbridge Wells pictures, miniatures and furniture offered as a bequest by Mr. G. Whinyates.

7—S.W. Naturalists' Union Conference at Cheltenham, 3rd-6th June, 1938—RESOLVED, That facilities be given for meetings to be held in the Chinese Porcelain Room, the Art Gallery and Curator's office.

8—Staff—RESOLVED, (a) That George A. Lewis (Bristol Matriculation) be appointed Museum Junior Assistant, on probation, at 17s 6d per week.

(b) That the wages of Miss F. M. Batstone, Art Gallery Attendant, be increased from 27s 6d to 30s per week, as from 12th October next.

9—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on 19th November, 1937,

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th September, 1937**, Present—Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Garland, Green and Rogers (Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 17th July to 24th September, 1937. Interments 107 ; Grave Spaces sold 35 (First Position 5, Second Position 3, Third Position 2, Fourth Position 25) ; Memorials erected 26 ; New Inscriptions 16.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9635 to 9669.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2096 to 2129, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Crematorium—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the erection of the Crematorium ; he anticipated that this would probably be completed by about the middle of November. With regard to the stone walling to be erected round the Garden of Remembrance by Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons, he recommended that instead of Bath stone, Farmington stone should be used, being the same stone as used for the Crematorium, at an extra cost of £20. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to. RESOLVED, also, That the following words, suggested by the Chairman, be inscribed on the lych gate—" Life is Eternal, Love is Immortal,"

(b) RESOLVED, also, That it be left to the Chairman to suggest a form of ceremony which might be held for the dedication or hallowing of the Crematorium.

(c) Read, letter from Messrs. Dale Forty & Co. Ltd., offering organs and harmoniums for sale. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider it desirable to provide an organ or harmonium for use in the chapels, but that consideration of purchasing an instrument be deferred until the building is completed

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th September, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; Councillors Compton, Grimwade and Ben James ; The Rev. Canon Johnstone ; Rev. B. Thomas ; Messrs. S. I. Clarke, H. J. Norris, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for July and August, 1937—Receipts £28 2s. 4d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 14,490 (last year 12,288); Lending Department 32,173 (last year 30,910) ; Junior Department 4,004 (last year 3,207). Total 50,667 (last year 46,405).

Binding and Replacements-199 volumes had been returned from the Binder and a further 275 volumes dispatched. 227 volumes had been replaced.

Re-decoration of the Newsroom—The re-decoration of the Newsroom had been satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Griffiths Bros. Newsroom furniture and woodwork—RESOLVED, That the Librarian's action in asking the Borough Surveyor's Department to carry out the work of cleaning and varnishing the woodwork in the Reading Room at an approximate cost of £6, be approved.

New York Times—The Librarian reported that no reduced rate of subscription to the New York Times (Sunday edition), published at £4 4s. 0d. per annum, could be obtained. RESOLVED, That the Librarian's action in ordering the " Book Review " only, at a cost of 14s 2d per annum, be approved.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 253 volumes, published at £97 9s. 0d., be purchased for the sum of £53 4s. 2d

(b) That £75 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £50 be spent on Replacements

3—Donations—Gifts to the Library had been received from the following : Anonymous, Messrs. The Anglo-Continental and International Publishing Offices, Mr. A. W. Bryant, Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd., The City and Guilds of London Institute, Lt.-Col. A. M. Cockshott, The College of Preceptors, Messrs. The Institute of Chartered Accountants, Mr. G. P. Jackson, Mr. C. E. Key, Director of the National Gallery, Commercial Agent for Quebec, Mr. R. C. Robbins, Mrs. E. J. M. Smith, The Theosophical Society in England, and Messrs. The Times Publishing Co, Ltd.

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

4—Ordnance Survey Maps for Gloucestershire—RESOLVED, That 211 sheets of the six inch scale Ordnance Survey Maps for Gloucestershire, published at £25 9s. 0d., be added to the Reference Library at a cost of £19 1s. 9d.

5—Lectures—RESOLVED, That the Librarian's suggestions for lectures in the Art Gallery, October-December, 1937, be approved,

6—Private Library of the late Rev. W. B. Atherton—The Librarian reported as to an opportunity of purchasing Reference Books privately from this collection. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to spend up to £60, £20 of which to be charged to the Leslie Young Benefaction account.

7—Contract for Periodicals—Consideration was given to this matter. RESOLVED, That the matter be deferred pending an enquiry as to what the practice is in certain other towns.

8—Mutilation of Books—The Librarian reported on a case of mutilation of Reference Library books with regard to which Police Court proceedings were pending. RESOLVED, That the Librarian's action in the matter be approved.

9—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee take place on 11th November, 1937.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

## **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th September, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bettridge, Ben James, Moore and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1--Excusals---The Committee interviewed and dealt with two applicants for excusal of Rates.

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

3—Arrears--Mr. McKnight, Bailiff, attended and reported on the progress made in the collection of arrears of Rates, and received instructions.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th September, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Moore, Pruen and Taylor (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate, Amount collected £108,726 ; Leaving outstanding £6,129.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 29th September, 1937. Amount collected £22,542 ; Leaving outstanding £1,195.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 28th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore Taylor (in the chair), The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted statement shewing the position of Superannuation Fund at 31st March last, The total of the fund at that date was £64,246 3s. 2d. £7,000 had been utilised in lieu of borrowing for new capital purposes at 3 ½ per cent making the total amount invested £62,147 12s. 4d.

(b) J. Dyer—Read, letters of 7th, 8th and 13th inst. from the Branch Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers in regard to refund of contributions made by Mr. J. Dyer to the Fund. The Borough Treasurer reported that his contributions amounting to £87 17s. 7d. had already been refunded to him in accordance with the instructions of the Committee, but he had no claim to interest thereon. RESOLVED, That as a matter of grace and without admitting any legal liability he be paid the interest amounting to £14 13s. 4d.

(c) Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving the designation as established of the posts set out in Minute No. 7 (d) of the Minutes of the Committee of the 29th June last.

(d) Read, circular of 21st inst. from the Ministry of Health drawing attention to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, which repeals as from the 1st April, 1939, the 1922 Act.

5—Sewer at Leckhampton—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Great Western Railway asking for payment of £100 to the Company under the Agreement dated the 30th June last, with regard to the laying by the Corporation of a sewer under the Railway at Leckhampton. RESOLVED, That this be passed for payment.

6—Electricity Accounts—The Borough Treasurer submitted monthly report on the collection of the Electricity Accounts up to the 24th inst.

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7—Salaries and Grading Scheme—(a) Town Clerks Department—The Town Clerk reported that Mr G. Nash in his office had obtained another appointment under the Todmorden Borough Council. He proposed to promote Mr. J. Roberts (Grade B. Clerk) to the vacant appointment in Grade C. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to appoint a Grade B Clerk to fill the vacancy in his staff.

(b) The Borough Treasurer submitted application from E. Jones, Assistant Audit Clerk, for promotion to Grade B. RESOLVED, That this be approved

8—Electricity Department—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that the Borough Electrical Engineer and himself had discussed the suggestions contained in the Auditor's report and agreed upon the division of the work in accordance with the Accounts Order issued by the Ministry of Health in 1930. The Electricity Store Keeper would be relieved of the duty of keeping the records of Stocks and Stores, and would be responsible for the safe custody of stores and the keeping of quantity Stock on bin cards. The Showroom stock would be under the control of the Show-room Manager and Meters and Prepayment Meters Stock under the charge of a technical assistant.

The suggestions of the Auditor in regard to Requisitions and delivery and issue notes would be complied with, and, with regard to the Consumers Accounts, it had been arranged that the Consumers Accounts and Consumers Cards would be completed by the machine operator and then handed over to the Finance Department for posting, collection and cash recording, and the staff in the Electricity Department now carrying out this work would be transferred to the Finance Department. Arrears would also be dealt with by the Finance Department, and necessary account books kept. It was proposed that the transfer of these duties and staff should take place as from the reading of the meters for the December quarter.

To carry out these additional duties, it would be necessary to appoint a new Stores Ledger Clerk on Grade C at a commencing salary of £156 rising to £182 per annum, and also a new Accounting assistant to supervise and manage the additional duties on Grade F at a commencing salary of £200 rising to £250 per annum.

The Town Clerk reported that the Electricity Committee had agreed to these proposals and also to the contribution made by the Electricity Department to the Corporation for the services of the Finance Department, being increased by the amount of the salaries of the Clerks to be transferred and the salaries of the new Stores Ledger Clerk and Accounting Assistant to be appointed

RESOLVED, That these proposals be agreed to and that the Borough Treasurer be authorised to advertise for and appoint a new Stores Ledger Clerk and Accounting Assistant.



(b) Electricity Abstract of Accounts—The Borough Treasurer reported in regard to the overdrawn balance on these accounts, and submitted statement shewing that the amount due from consumers had increased in three years from £p26,567 to £34,925 and the value of stores on hand from £7,988 to £17,861 In order to carry these balances, it was essential that a larger reserve should be built up and the Borough Treasurer suggested that the Reserve investment of 110,000 should be converted into cash. As the Waterworks Reserve Fund of £20,000 had only £10,000 invested, an in addition had a good working balance, the Borough Treasurer suggested that the £10,000 of the Electricity Reserve investment should be transferred to the Waterworks Reserve investment. RESOLVED, That this be approved,

9—Housing Act, 1936—St. George's Nurseries—The Committee considered reference back by the Council of the resolution of the Housing Committee, agreeing to consider applications from lessees of flats proposed to be erected on land at St. George's Nurseries for the Corporation's guarantee to the Building Society to enable them to obtain up to 90 per cent. of the purchase money on mortgage. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to extend their guarantee in respect of flats.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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#### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Monthly Meeting- of the Town Council of the Borough or Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 4th October, 1937, at 3 p.m.** Present

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

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Capt. Trye, C.B.E., RN. (Retd.) ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

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

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on the 6th September, 1937, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held September 8

Resolved, also, That in pursuance of Section 48 of the Public Health Act, 1936, the Chief Sanitary Inspector be authorised to examine the drains at 16 Marle Hill Parade and apply any test other than a test by water under pressure, and, if necessary, to open the ground.

Housing Meeting held September 16

Street and Highway Meeting held September 20

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Alderman Pruen : " That Minute No. 9 (d) in regard to holidays with pay for casual employees, be referred back for further consideration."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland : That Minute No. 9 (e) in regard to the wages of drivers, be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Town Planning ... Meeting held September 23

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Capt. Trye and seconded by Alderman Pruen : " That Minute No. 12 in regard to the diversion of the River Chelt under the proposed new Cinema on the site of the Imperial Rooms, be referred back " was lost).

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held September 17 & 24

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held September 27

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Garland and seconded by Councillor Grimwade : " That Minute No. 15 be not approved and that the Town Clerk be • instructed to write to the Gas Company asking them to reconsider their decision to increase the price of gas."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Fisher and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 11 in regard to the decision not to dispose of the old Electricity Works, be not approved " was lost).

Water Meeting held September 14

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Compton : " That Minute No. 4 in regard to the wages of employees in the Water Department be referred back " was not seconded).

General Purposes and Watch Meetings held September 15 & 21 Resolved, also, That the application of Messrs. Dale Forty & Co. Ltd. for a licence to store 500 gallons of petrol in an underground storage tank at Regent Works, Regent Street, be granted.

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Allotments Meeting held September 13

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held September 13

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held September 17

Burial Board Meeting held September 24

Public Library Meeting held September 9

Rating Meeting held September 9

Finance Meeting held September 28

Subject to the following Amendments :—

Moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Bettridge: " That Minute No. 8 (a) be amended in that the proposed appointment of an Accounting Assistant be not approved."

Moved by Alderman Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Fisher: " That Minute No. 9 in regard to the extension of the Corporation's guarantee under the Housing Act, 1936 to purchasers of the flats proposed to be built on St. George's Nurseries, be referred back for further consideration."

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—Air Raid Precautions—Resolved, That the heads of the various departments be authorised to allow Corporation employees to attend Air Raid Precaution Lectures during working hours where necessary.

4—Education Committee—Resolved, That Mr. Gilbert M. Locke, being a person suitable for, and likely to be of assistance to, the Committee, be appointed a member of the Education Committee for a period of three years expiring on the 4th October, 1940 in place of Mr. F. H. Edwards (resigned).

5-Montpellier Rotunda—Read, letter of 29th ult. from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter, offering to sell the Rotunda for £2,500, subject to contract. Resolved, That consideration be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

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, 29th October, 1937.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 5th October, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Pruen ; Councillors Lt.-Col. Riggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Dr. Hayward, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains-3 and 4 Gratton Street ; 16 Marle Hill Parade—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be in such a condition as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance. He submitted specifications of the

works required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notices be given under Sections 39 and 290 of the Public Health Act, 1936, to the Owners, requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days.

2—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 5a St. Anne's Terrace ; 14, 15 and 16 Clare Place ; and Boswell Cottage, at rear of Montpellier Terrace—The Committee considered the official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises, RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above mentioned premises are unfit for human habitation and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, notices be given under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, 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 works or the future user of the houses will be considered at a meeting of this Committee to be held on the 13th December, 1937.

(b) Hungerford Cottage and 29 Hungerford Street—RESOLVED, That the undertakings given by the Owner to carry out the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit be accepted.

(c) 170 St. Paul's Road : 6 Brandon Place; and 292 High Street (1st and 2nd .floors)—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That their Undertakings be cancelled.

(d) 42 Montpellier Villas—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render this house fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Demolition Order made in respect thereof on the 5th April last be cancelled.

(e) 1 and 2 Hart Hill Cottages ; 10 and 12 Malvern Street ; 21 St. Philip's Street ; West Cottage and 5a St. George's Avenue—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses. The Owner of 1 and 2 Harp Hill Cottages attended and stated that she was negotiating for the sale of these houses to a prospective purchaser who was considering buying the property with a view to reconditioning The Owner of 10 and 12 Malvern Street attended and offered to sell the property to the Corporation for £70, as he was not in a position to recondition the property. The Owner of 21 St. Philip's Street attended and asked for a further adjournment to enable her to consider the specification prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector. The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of West Cottage and 5a St George's Avenue, which the Owner had offered to sell to the Corporation for reconditioning. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month in each case and that the offer to sell 10 and 12 Malvern Street be referred to the Street and Highway Committee and the offer to sell West Cottage and 5a St. George's Avenue be referred to the Housing Committee.

(f) 3 Orchard Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises had been re-let in contravention of the Clearance Order made in respect thereof in 1935. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Owner pointing out that he is liable to prosecution and requiring him to take immediate steps to recover possession of the premises.

3—Clearance Orders, 1936—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the undermentioned houses, which had been excluded from the Clearance Orders by the Minister of Health :—

(a) 3 Buckle's Cottages—The Owner attended and stated that he had been unable to purchase the land at the rear of this house to provide air space, and he wished to convert the house into a garage or store. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month and that the Rota Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the premises again.

(b) 10 and 10a Commercial Street—RESOLVED, That the undertaking given by the Owner to convert these houses into one house and carry out such works as will in the opinion of the Council render the same fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit be accepted.

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4—Housing Act, 1936 —Certificates as to Fitness--(a) 12 Andover Street ; and 60 Union Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these houses had carried out to his satisfaction works which in his opinion would with reasonable care and maintenance render them fit for human habitation for a period of at least 10 years, RESOLVED, That certificates be issued to the Owners under Section 51 of the Housing Act, 1936 that the houses are fit for human habitation and will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period, of the 10 years.

(b) 14 and 15 Hereford Place ; 7 and 8 Upper Bath Street ; and 2 Worcester Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these houses had in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 (1) of the Housing Act, 1936, submitted lists of proposed works with requests in writing that the Council should inform them whether in their opinion the houses would after the execution of those works or of those works together with any additional works be in all respects fit for human habitation and would with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of at least five years. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to submit to the Owners of 14 and 15 Hereford Place and 7 and 8 Upper Bath Street lists of any additional works which he considers should be carried out before certificates could be given. RESOLVED, also, That the Owner of 2 Worcester Street be informed that in the opinion of the Council the works proposed to be carried out by him at that house would not render it fit for human habitation for a period of at least five years.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 qrs. 7 lbs. Beef ; 4 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs. Pork ; 18 cwt. 1 qr. 11 ½ lbs. Mutton ; 3 qrs. 8 ½ lbs. Poultry ; 13 lbs. Game.

6—Offensive Trades—Fish Friers—(a) 176 Tewkesbury Road and 97 Gloucester Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the consents of the Council to the trade of fish frying being carried on by Mr. A. Miller at 97 Gloucester Road and Mr. D. T. Bowen at 176 Tewkesbury Road would expire on the 31st inst. and the 31st December next respectively, RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 107 of the Public Health Act, 1936, the Council consent to the trade of fish frying being carried on by the applicants at their respective premises for another year in each case.

(b) 82 Tennyson Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the consent of the Council to the trade of fish frying being carried on by Mr. W. T. Morris at 82 Tennyson Road would expire on the 3:st October, 1937, and that Mr. Morris had not provided the new apparatus for fish frying as required by the Council in

October, 1936. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 107 of the Public Health Act, 1936, consent be granted for a further period until the 6th December next, but that Mr. Morris be informed that a further extension will not be granted unless new apparatus is provided to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.

(c) 240 Bath Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported application by Mr. C. Bodycote for consent to his carrying on the trade of fish frier at 240 Bath Road, Read, Memorial from residents in Bath Road and letter from the Cheltenham and District Fish Friers Protection Association objecting to the application as there were two fried fish shops in the neighbourhood. The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

7—Health Week—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 10,382 persons had visited the Exhibition at the Town Hall during Health Week. This total included 4,420 complimentary tickets and 4,602 entrance tickets and the remaining 1,360 was made up by parties of school children. In addition 2,457 persons had attended outside meetings during Health Week. RESOLVED, That the Committee desire to record their appreciation of the efforts of the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Sanitary Inspector and all others who have assisted in organising the Exhibition, and to congratulate them on the successful way in which it has been conducted.

8—Overcrowding Survey—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on the progress of the work carried out under the Overcrowding Survey, which showed that overcrowding had been relieved in the case of 16 families occupying Council houses and 53 families occupying other houses, and that 30 of these families had been re-housed. The Report also showed that there were 65 overcrowded families occupying Council houses and 141 overcrowded families occupying other houses still to be dealt with. The Medical Officer of Health also reported that Mr. Doxsey (Assistant in the Overcrowding Department) would shortly complete the work for which he was temporarily engaged. RESOLVED, That notice be given to terminate Mr. Doxsey's employment on the 13th proximo.

9—National Health Campaign— (a) RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to hire from Messrs. Dale Forty & Co. Ltd. a sound film projector (together with operator) for four guineas for use at two lectures on "Heredity" to be given at the Public Library and St. Paul's Training College on the 6th and 7th December next by Miss Pocock, Organising Secretary of the Eugenic Society.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to allow a contribution up to five guineas to be paid towards the cost of a course of lectures to the public on Social Hygiene which the Medical Officer of Health is arranging with the British Social Hygiene Council to be given during the coming winter.

10—Milk Special Designations Order, 1936—The Medical Officer of Health reported the results of Phosphatase test on pasteurised milk produced in the Borough. In one case the milk was not entirely satisfactory and he was obtaining a further test. RESOLVED, That the action of the Medical Officer of Health be approved.

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11—Camping Ground—The Medical Officer of Health reported an application by Mr. Comely of Harthurstfield Farm, Hester's Way, for the consent of the Council to use his land as a camping site for caravans and tents. The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the site. RESOLVED, That

consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Chief Sanitary Inspector to consider the conditions on which consent should be given.

12—Flooding—Hewlett Road and Eldon Road—Read, report of the Flooding Sub-Committee of their Meeting held on the 22nd ult. at which Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Moore and Morris visited and inspected Ivydene, Glenvale, Ehrenberg, The Cedars and 4 Eldon Road ; and of their Meeting held on the 29th ult. at which the Chairman, Councillors Moore and Morris considered the report of the Borough Surveyor on the flooding of this district. The Chief Sanitary Inspector suggested the flooding of the above houses could be avoided by removing the water closets and sinks in the basements and placing ball valves to prevent water backing up from the sewer, and the Sub-Committee recommended that he be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of his proposals. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

13—Smoke Nuisance—Bath Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported the result of observations of the emission of smoke from Messrs. Shenton's Factory in Bath Road during the week from the 27th September to 4th October. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month, and that Mr. Shenton be asked to attend the next Meeting of the Committee.

14—Hayden Farm—The Deputy Surveyor reported that Mr. Rymer had given notice to Mr. C. Mason to terminate on the 28th September, 1938, his sub-tenancy of the orchard at Hayden Green, on which it was proposed to erect two cottages to replace Hayden Knoll Cottages, and that Mr. Mason had offered to give up the land at an earlier date if he were paid one year's rent (£6) by way of compensation. Mr. Rymer had also offered to release the land from his tenancy if his rent were reduced by £6 per annum. RESOLVED, That these offers be accepted.

15—Pasteurisation of Milk—Read, letter from the Safety Milk Association calling attention to the Bill being promoted by the Poole Borough Council for the compulsory pasteurisation of all milk supplies within their Borough, and asking whether the Council were in favour or in opposition to such a Bill. RESOLVED, That no observations be offered.

16—Rat Week—Read, circular letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries concerning National Rat Week, which had been fixed from the 1st-6th prox. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Chief Sanitary Inspector and that he be authorised to carry out his usual campaign.

17—Institute of Sewage Purification—Read, circular letter of 23rd ult. inviting attendance of delegates at the Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Sewage Purification to be held in London on the 18th and 19th prox. RESOLVED, That no delegates be appointed.

18—Public Conveniences—The Committee considered a suggestion by Councillor Grimwade that free accommodation for women should be provided at the Public Conveniences, RESOLVED, That for a trial period of six months no charge be made for the use of one of the conveniences provided for women at each of the following places :—

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground  
Arcade, High Street  
Montpellier Gardens  
Leckhampton Road  
Clarence Parade

College Road  
Imperial Square  
Queen's Road  
The Pound, Tewkesbury Road

RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report thereon at the end of the period.

19—Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Mr. A. V. Gregory on behalf of Messrs, Goddard & Hunt asking the Corporation to make a contribution towards the cost of extending the sewer along Brooklyn Road which would be able to serve land proposed to be purchased and developed by his clients and also land on the opposite side of the road belonging to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Borough Surveyor to consider the proposal.

20—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 4th inst. from the Ministry of Health as to the contents and arrangement of the annual reports of the Medical Officers of Health, for 1937. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th October, 1937.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James and Pates; Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. and 1st inst .

The Sub-Committee had interviewed 18 applicants for houses and placed 11 of these on the selected list of tenants to be allocated houses, when available. 5 applicants were refused and 2 cases were adjourned to the next meeting.

The Sub-Committee had also considered applications from tenants whose rent had been increased under 11wthe Pooling of Rents Scheme for rebates in their rent, and fixed the rent to be paid by them in the future. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2—Whaddon Farm Housing Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made by Mr. Sansom and Edwards Contractors (Birmingham) Ltd. on their contracts. The road works were being kept tip as far as to the completed houses so that the footpaths would be available for the tenants, but it would not be economical surface the carriageways until the heavy traffic on the estate ceased. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Plasterers—Read, letters of 6th and 10th inst. from the Secretary of the National Association of Operative Plasterers, complaining that Messrs. Edwards Contractors (Birmingham) Ltd. were not complying with the



local working rules in that plasterers were starting work at 6 30 a.m. and also complaining of the method in which the plastering was being carried out. Read, also, letter from Messrs. Mayhew & Co., Solicitors to Messrs. Edwards stating that no plasterers were commencing work at 6.30 a.m. as stated, but that one, and occasionally two labourers commenced at that time to prepare the plaster for the plasterers, and these men were leaving work correspondingly early, which was customary in the trade. The Borough Surveyor reported that the plastering was being carried out to his satisfaction in accordance with the terms of the contract. He also reported that the Association had communicated direct with the Clerk of Works on this matter.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the local Secretary of the Association that the Committee are satisfied that there has been no breach of the local working rules in regard to the plasterers, and that the Committee do not consider that the method of plastering is one which concerns the Association, and further that any complaints should be sent to the Town Clerk and not made to the Clerk of the Works.

(c) Playing Field—The Borough Surveyor reported that tenders had been invited for the wrought iron railings to surround the playing field at the backs of the houses to be erected on the circular road. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillor Morris be authorised to accept a tender.

(d) Shop sites—The Town Clerk submitted enquiry from Mr. Bowd, enquiring on what terms the Corporation would sell the shop site, having a frontage of 185 feet to Whaddon Road, and adjoining the west side of his present site. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to sell this site at the valuation of the District Valuer, namely £700.

(e) The Town Clerk submitted valuation of the District Valuer, amounting to £130 of the shop site having a frontage to Whaddon Road of 34 feet and adjoining the west side of the site sold to Mr. Mills, which Mr. Collins desired to purchase for the erection of a fried fish shop. RESOLVED, That the site be sold to Mr. Collins at this price subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

(f) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide more shelving in the sculleries of some of the houses on this estate, which had less shelving than others.

3—Reconditioning—The Committee considered offer from Mr. F. Burnett to sell West Cottage and 5a St George's Avenue for reconditioning.. RESOLVED, That this be referred for view by the View Sub-Committee,

4—Benha,11 Cottage and Land—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons, enquiring on what terms the Corporation would sell this land for the erection of one or two houses. RESOLVED. That consideration be referred to the View Sub-Committee.

5—Arrears—The Housing Manager submitted her Monthly Report on the collection of the rents. 6-63 Kipling Road—Read, letter from Mr. R. L. Bramwell, asking. the Corporation to sell to him for £6 a strip of land 3 feet wide belonging to this house to add to the adjoining house No. 61, proposed to be purchased by him. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the View Sub-Committee.

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7—Sale of Houses—The Town Clerk submitted offers to purchase Nos 46 and 71 Tennyson Road at the prices of £460 and £470 respectively. RESOLVED, That these offers be accepted subject to contract and to the

consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sales.

8—The Moors Estate—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 1st inst. from the Ministry of Health, consenting to the appropriation of 95 square yards of land on this estate for the purpose of the Tewkesbury Road Bridge widening subject to the housing account being credited with the value of the land as valued by the District Valuer, namely £4 10s. 0d.

9—Whaddon Avenue—The Borough Surveyor reported that the passageway between houses in this road from Whaddon Farm to a field in Cleeve View Road was no longer required and he had therefore given instructions for this to be done away with and the land divided between the adjoining houses. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

#### STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th October, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Capt. Trye; Councillors Avery, Lt.-Col, Biggs, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, 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—Annual Tenders—(a) Bricks—The Borough Surveyor reported that about 20,000 bricks would be required in excess of the estimated quantity forming the basis of the Contract with Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd., for the current year, and that Messrs. Webb Bros, Ltd., had agreed to supply the additional quantity at 80s per thousand, being an increase of 5s on the existing Contract price. RESOLVED, That the increased price be agreed to in respect of the additional quantity of bricks required during the current year.

(b) Road Materials—The Borough Surveyor submitted applications from British Quarrying Co. (Clee Hill Unit), British Quarrying Co. (Arnold Unit) and Tytherington Stone Co. for their Contract prices for the supply of road materials for current year to be increased by 3d. per ton as from the 1st inst. owing to recent advances in railway charges. RESOLVED, That the applications be not acceded to.

(c) Stationery—The Borough Surveyor reported application by Messrs. J. J. Gillham & Son for their Contract price for the supply of stationery during the current year to be increased by 10 per cent. as from the 4th inst. on account of the increased cost of raw materials and the adoption of a 45 hour working week in their trade. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

(d) Coal—The Borough Surveyor reported applications from Messrs J. Williams & Co. Ltd., and the Forest of Dean Collieries for their Contract prices for the supply of coal during the current year to be increased by 6d. per ton and 5 per cent. respectively as from the 1st inst. owing to the recent advances in railway charges. RESOLVED, That the applications be not acceded to.

3—Footpath from St. James' Square to Parish Church Infants School—Read, application of 24th ult. from the Headmistress of the Parish Church Infants School for notices to be fixed prohibiting cycling on this footpath. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fix posts at either end of this footpath to prevent it being used by cyclists.

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4—Silver Birch Trees—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. A. Yeates of 330 Old Bath Road had presented 50 silver birch saplings to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the donor.

5—Leckhampton Road—(a) Read, letter of 4th inst. from Mr. C. E. W. Binney asking that the Committee should reconsider their decision to remove the tree opposite 86 Leckhampton Road. RESOLVED, That this be viewed again.

(b) Read, letter of 20th ult. from Mrs. Twycross asking for the removal of two trees in front of 48 Leckhampton Road. RESOLVED, That these be viewed.

6—Royal Well Place—The Borough Surveyor reported an offer by the Unitarian Church Authorities to allow the Corporation to remove the railings in front of the Church and throw the land into the footpath provided that seats were placed on either side of the entrance. He reported that if this improvement were carried out, the Church steps would project on to the footpath. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the railings, pave the land to the wall of the Church and place a seat on each side of the projecting steps.

7—Junction of Promenade and High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Gloucester Stone Co. Ltd. only offered to guarantee for 5 years the durability of the material proposed to be used for the fountain on the roundabout. RESOLVED, That their tender be accepted subject to this guarantee being given.

8—Wages and Conditions of Employees—The Committee considered applications from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers (a) for an alteration in the dates for the workmen's annual holiday in August: (b) for the wages of paviors to be increased by 2d. per hour : (c) for payments of overtime rates of wages to all employees whether casual or permanent : and also the reference back by the Council of Minute No. 9 (d) of the last Meeting of the Committee with regard to holidays for casual workers, and recommendation by the Borough Surveyor that three painters who have been continuously employed by the Corporation for the past eight years should be granted the annual holidays with the permanent employees. RESOLVED, That a Labour Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, the Deputy Mayor and Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Green, Grimwade and Morris be appointed to report on all applications received with regard to wages or conditions of employees and that the above matters be referred to this Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

9—Road at rear of Evesham Road—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Councillor Lt.-Col. Biggs complaining of the condition of the road at the rear of Anlaby Court, Evesham Road, leading from Clarence Square to Wellington Road. The Borough Surveyor reported that Anlaby Court Estates Ltd had promised to remove their building materials from this road, and that as soon as this had been carried out he proposed to have the road cleaned up and resurfaced. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Junction of Suffolk Parade and Suffolk Square—The Committee further considered the offer by the Hon. Secretary of St. James' Parish Council to sell the land required for the improvement of this junction for £50. The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of clearing the piece of land, paving the footpath and rebuilding the brick wall on the new line, at £122. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted subject to Contract being approved by the Town Clerk, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the improvement on completion of the purchase.

11—Junction of Park Place and Andover Road—Read, letter of 30th ult. from Mr. H. W. Priday asking for traffic signs to be erected at this junction. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

12—Royal Parade—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Mrs. Kennedy asking the Corporation to take over the inner road and gardens in front of Royal Parade. RESOLVED, That Mrs. Kennedy be informed that this suggestion will be favourably considered if all the other owners agree to the proposal.

13—Norwood Road-21 St. Philip's Street—The Committee further considered offer by the owner to sell this property to the Corporation for £180 The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported as to the condition of the property. RESOLVED, That an offer of £100 be made for the property.

14 —Malvern Street—The Committee considered offer by the owner to sell to the Corporation for £70 Nos 10 and 12 Malvern Street in respect of which notices of intention to consider the question of making Demolition Orders had been served, and Nos. 1 to 5 Butts Cottages in respect of which a Clearance Order had been made and become operative. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for further information to be obtained.

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15—High Street and Promenade Improvement—The Town Clerk reported that the total expenditure on this improvement up to and including 31st March last (after which date the road A 40 had been taken over as a trunk road by the Ministry, of Transport) was £29,140 18s. 3d. and that after deducting the contributions payable by the Ministry of Transport and the County Council there remained the sum of £1,821 6s. 2d. to be paid by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1,821 for this expenditure.

16—Pittville Street Improvement—The Town Clerk reported that the Compulsory Purchase Order had been confirmed by the Ministry of Transport on the 18th ult. and that notice of the confirmation had been advertised in the "Gloucester-shire Echo" and served on every person who had given notice of objection and appeared at the public Inquiry. RESOLVED, That notices to treat for all the properties included in the Order be served on the owners and lessees thereof, and that the District Valuer be asked to advise the Corporation as to the purchase of the properties and development of the surplus land.

17—Tewkesbury Road Bridge Widening—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Health to the appropriation of 95 square yards of land forming part of The Moors Housing Estate for the bridge widening subject to the sum of £4 10s. 0d. being credited to the Housing Accounts. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

18—The Park—Read, letter of 29th ult. from Miss Kelly asking for removal of a tree in front of Ireton House, The Park. RESOLVED, That this be viewed.

19—Montpellier Drive—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Mrs. Eden asking for removal of a tree in Montpellier Drive. RESOLVED, That this be viewed.

20—Junction of College Road and Sandford Road—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the President of Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce requesting that a "Halt" Sign should be placed in College Road near its junction with Sandford Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

21—Cleeveamount Estate—Read, letter of 9th inst. from Messrs. Taylor, Simpson & Mosley on behalf of Mr. G. A. M. Hall submitting plans for the diversion of the public footpath leading into New Barn Lane, and also letter of the 5th inst. from the Clerk to the Prestbury Parish Council reporting that his Council had passed a Resolution objecting to any diversion of the footpath. RESOLVED, That representatives of the Prestbury Parish Council and Mr. Hall be asked to meet the Committee and view the footpath.

22—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Saxone Shoe Co. for permission to erect an illuminated Neon sign projecting more than 3 feet over the footpath outside 110 High Street be not acceded to.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. W. H. Norman & Son for permission to erect an illuminated sign outside 424 High Street be granted subject to the usual conditions.

23—Albion Street—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed as the last Meeting of the Committee he had informed the police that timber wagons were left without horses for long periods in this street, and that he had also informed Messrs. Smith Bros. of the complaint and had received a reply from them promising to keep the street as free from obstruction as possible.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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#### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th October, 1937.** Present—The Mayor, ; Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Compton, Garland, Grimwade and Howell ; Mesdames E. Booy, E. C. Gurney, W. L. Mellersh and L. Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1937.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants, Toddlers.	
At Baker Street (12 Meetings) ,,, ..	20.1	28
At Clare Street (10 Meetings) ..	35.9	46.6
At Highbury (10 Meetings) ..	35.6	50.5
At St. Mark's (11 Meetings) ...	35.5	37.6
At Bennington Hall (10 Meetings)...	26.7	25.6

(b) The Inner Wheel of the Rotary Club had contributed to the cost of sending four children to a Convalescent Home in Weston-super-Mare. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Inner Wheel, thanking them for their generosity.

2—Health Visitors—(a) Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1937 :--

No. of Children on Register	2,626
“ Un-notified Births discovered	3
“Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	1,046
“ “ “ (b) over 1 year	1,227
“ Ante-natal cases visited (a) new	46
(b) return	14
“ First Visits paid by Health Visitors	167
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	79
“ Special visits to Mothers	54
“ Whooping Cough cases visited	15
“ Chicken Pox cases visited ...	5

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	283
New Orders ... ..	. 62
Orders discontinued during quarter ..	69
“ continuing to coming quarter...	276

Children Act :

Health Visitors, School Nurses.

No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter ...	31	13
“ visits (under Children Act) paid ...	34	18
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ...	23	13

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Nurse Jordan was absent owing to illness, and, with the Chairman's authority, he had engaged a temporary nurse, Mrs. H. A. Alcock, S.R.N, C.M.B. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that she be paid 13 13s. 6d. per week, plus cycle allowance RESOLVED, also, That Nurse Jordan be paid her full salary until the next meeting of the Committee, when the matter be reconsidered.

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 68 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. 1937 to 30th September, 1937 was £50 17s. 0d., of which £23 8s 10d. 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 5 ; Commencement of artificial feeding 4.

4—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted an account for a special nurse in a case of Puerperal Fever. RESOLVED, That this account be passed for payment.

5—Home Help—The Medical Officer of Health submitted account for the provision of a Home Help RESOLVED, That this account be passed for payment.

6—Dentistry—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 46 mothers and 14 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 63 mothers and 3 infants on Wednesday evenings in accordance with the arrangements made with the Education Committee. The number of Wednesday evening sessions held during the quarter was 10.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the cost of the Dental Services for the year ended 31st March last was £86 9s. 11d.

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7—Children Act—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of foster mothers who had sent in notifications, and recommended that the maximum number of children allowed should be fixed as follows :—

Name.	Address.	Maximum No of children allowed.
Mrs. Lloyd	10 Severn Road	1
Mrs. Evans	46 Whaddon Avenue	1
The Salvation Army	Victoria House, Tewkesbury Road	1

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

8—Milk—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Chairman had accepted the tender of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd. for the supply of milk for the year commencing 1st inst. at 6d. per gallon above the wholesale price as prescribed by the Milk Marketing Board.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that owing to the continued increase in the number of families receiving free milk, it had become necessary, in order to relieve the congestion at Welfare Centres, to review the incomes of a proportion of the applicants each week instead of reviewing all at the end of the month.

(c) RESOLVED, That milk be supplied in one case in which the income is above the scale owing to exceptional financial circumstances.

9—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Estlin, S.R.N., C.M.B., for the registration of " Dawn," Oakland Avenue, as a nursing home for one medical or surgical patient be granted,

10—Prevention of Blindness—Read, circular 1621 of the 6th August last from the Ministry of Health, in regard to the importance of taking all practicable steps to prevent blindness and impaired eyesight, and drawing attention to the Report of the Prevention of Blindness which was issued last year by the Standing Committee on the Prevention of Blindness of the Union of Counties Associations for the Blind, in which attention was drawn to the powers conferred on County Councils and Local Sanitary Authorities to make

arrangements for assisting in the prevention of blindness, and in particular for the treatment of persons suffering from any disease of, or injury to, the eyes. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that meanwhile the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to discuss the matter with the County Medical Officer of Health and the Education Secretary.

11—Maternal Mortality—(a) Read, letter of 24th ult. from the Ministry of Health asking to be informed of the result of the Council's investigations regarding (a) the provision of Emergency Units and (b) the provision of the best obstetric skill for midwives cases, and also asking whether the Council had considered the question of the establishment of a consultative ante-natal clinic. The Minister also asked whether the cases to be dealt with at the proposed Birth Control Clinic will be referred to it by the Medical Officers of the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics, whether it was proposed that any cases other than expectant or nursing mothers should be seen at the Clinic, and whether it will be used for any other purpose when not in use as a Birth Control Clinic. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk's letter in reply be approved.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had discussed with the County Medical Officer of Health the desirability of providing a small self-contained ward for the treatment of patients suffering from puerperal sepsis, and he now submitted letter from the County Medical Officer of Health suggesting that the matter should be considered by a meeting of representatives of the various societies and institutions concerned and asking the Committee to appoint representatives to attend a Conference, RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Medical Officer of Health be appointed to attend such a Conference when convened.

12—Midwives Act, 1936—(a) Read, letter of 14th August last from the Ministry of Health extending the period within which the Council should carry their proposals under this Act into effect to the 29th ult., and stating that the Exchequer grant would be payable in respect of the additional expenditure imposed on the Council by Section 1 (1) of the Act. If, however, the payment to the Cheltenham District Nursing Association is in excess of the actual net cost to the Association of the midwifery and maternity nursing services provided by them under the agreement, the excess would not rank for grant.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted account of the fees payable to the Cheltenham District Nursing Association for the quarter ended 30th ult., amounting to £44 9s. 6d. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

13—Municipal Maternity Home—Read, letter of 14th July last from the Hon. Secretary of the Womens Section of the Cheltenham Labour Party, enclosing resolution passed by them, requesting the Council to take immediate steps to establish a Municipal Maternity Home and that a full time Surgeon be engaged. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Cheltenham District Nursing Association are considering a scheme for the extension of the Victoria Home so as to provide accommodation for maternity cases where home conditions are unsuitable,

LEIGH JAMES, Chairman,

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st October, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Barnett, Grimwade and Morris ; Col. Godman; Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, J. Walker and A. Wiggett (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).



1—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,
1220 A. E. Marshall & Son	Additions, Brookdene, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1221 G. H. Freeman	Garage (private), Trees, Charlton Drive, Charlton Kings.
1222 E. Hoperaft	Additions, Bafford Cottage, Bafford Road, Charlton Kings.
1223 J. Wilson	Additions, Roman Hackle, Charlton Drive, Charlton Kings.
1224 Mr. Laight	Store Shed, 6 Elmfield Cottages, New Barn Lane, Prestbury.
1225 Mrs. M. D. Bendall	Garage, 12 Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
1226 H. E. Wilkins	Garage (private), Cleeve Rise, Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1227 W. R. C. Clements	Additions, Washpool, Woodmancote,
1228 J.T. Bendall	Proposed Bungalow, Leckhampton Hill.
1229 Mrs. E. Atherton	Garage (private), St. Mary's Cottage, New Barn Lane, Prestbury
1230 Messrs. Oldacre	Alterations, Bakery, Hamilton Street, Charlton Kings.
1231 J. Savery	Amended plan of garage, Murrayfield, Croft Road, Charlton Kings.
1232 Cheltenham Corporation	Pair of semidetached houses, Hayden Green, Staverton.
1233 F. E. Harris	Proposed shop, Six Ways, Charlton Kings.
1234 Mrs. E. Falconer	Proposed greenhouse, Southam End, School Lane, Southam
1235 G. H. Willis	Additions, Birdlip.
1236 Powys, Drummond	Conversion of existing garage into a living room and erection of a new garage, Corndean Lane, Winchcomb.
1237 W. W. Crossweller	Garage with store, Braemar, Oakley Road, Battledown.
1238 T. H. Hewinson	Revised plan for bungalow, Crickley Hill.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1221, 1222, 1226, 1227, 1230, 1231, 1232 and 1234 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 1220, 1223, 1236 and 1237 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing buildings and in the case of Plans Nos. 1220 and 1236, subject also to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935 ; That Plan No. 1229 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935 ; That consideration of Plans Nos. 1233 and 1235 be deferred pending the views of the Ministry of Transport and the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935 ; That consideration of Plan No. 1238 be deferred pending the views of the Gloucester City Council on the erection of a building in their water catchment area and the views of the Rural District Council on the question of water supply and drainage ; That Plans Nos. 1224, 1225 and 1228 be not approved.

2—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 25th ult. from the Sectional Engineer, Post Office Engineering Department, stating that it was proposed to erect a small Automatic Telephone Exchange building near the main road at Coberley and asking if the area was reserved for any particular purpose and other information which would be of assistance in the selection of a suitable site. RESOLVED, That it be pointed out to the Sectional Engineer that the area is scheduled as a rural area in the Town Planning Scheme, but the Committee are prepared to approve of the erection of the building if it is built of local stone and on a site near the sharp bend in the road leading to Coberley about 130 yards from the main road.

(b) The Committee further considered the application of Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson on behalf of Mrs. Hazlewood for permission to use " Old Barn," Southam for business purposes. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider that the conversion of the house into business premises will be detrimental to the amenities of the area and will increase danger to traffic at a bad point of the Cheltenham-Broadway Road, and that the application be not granted.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons, dated 14th October, stating that their Clients were not satisfied with the Council's decision not to approve the layout plan for Brooklyn Gardens, Arle Road, and that they intended to appeal to the Minister of Health under Sub-clause 5 of Section 10 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their decision not to approve the plan

3—Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme No. 1 Road Proposals—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 30th ult. from the County Surveyor setting out his observations on the road proposals The Borough Surveyor also submitted his report thereon.

(a) Eastern By-Pass—Roads Nos. 7, 7a, 113b, 113d and 98—The County Surveyor considered that in view of more recent information on road planning it would be desirable to take the Eastern By-pass farther away from the built-up area of Charlton Kings. He had surveyed a line for the new By-pass now submitted which, subject to certain amendments, had been agreed with the Borough Surveyor. RESOLVED, That the new line for the By-pass as amended be substituted for the old line and the Map and Scheme amended accordingly.

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(b) Southern By-Pass—Roads Nos- 41, 42, 43 and 44—The County Surveyor considered it would be desirable to reduce the number of junctions where these roads joined :he Southern By-pass. RESOLVED, That Road No. 42 be deleted from the Scheme and that Road No. 44 be diverted into Road No. 43 and the Map and Scheme amended accordingly.

(c) Gloucester-Oxford Road, Crickley Hill—Road No. 33a—The County Surveyor asked that the new line of the By-pass to the village of Little Witcombe a now submitted be shown in the Scheme and that the previous proposals for the widening of the existing road be deleted. RESOLVED, That these be approved and the Map and Scheme amended accordingly.

(d) Outer Ring Road—Roads Nos. 49a and 49d—The County Surveyor suggested that these roads should be deleted from the Scheme as he thought the same facilities could be obtained by widening the existing lanes at Bamfurlong. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(e) Western, By-Pass—Roads Nos. 55, 55a, 55d and 55e—The County Surveyor considered that in view of the development already taken place and impending development, this road would lose its value as a By-pass. He suggested that the new line, as amended by the Borough Surveyor and now submitted, which would pass through Fiddler's Green and Hester's Way, be substituted for the original By-pass and that Road No. 55 should not connect with the Southern By-pass. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and the Map and Scheme amended accordingly.

(f) Roads Nos. 77-77m—The County Surveyor considered that this was a duplication of an existing classified road and suggested that it should be deleted from the Scheme. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and the Map and Scheme amended accordingly.

(g) Winchcomb By-Pass—Road No. 102—RESOLVED, That the new line now agreed with the County Surveyor be adopted and the Maps and Scheme amended accordingly.

(h) Ribbon Development—On the request of the County Surveyor, it was RESOLVED, That the Eastern, Western and Winchcomb By-passes be included in Part I of Table A of Clause 5 of the Draft Scheme.

(i) Roads Nos. 33e and 86—The County Surveyor asked that these should be shown in the Scheme for a standard width to be applied under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act. The Borough Surveyor reported that this had already been done.

4-23 Brookway Drive, Charlton Kings—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Mr. O. Such stating that this house had not been erected in accordance with the plans approved by the Committee in that the Building Byelaws of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council had not been complied with. RESOLVED, That Mr. Such be informed that the enforcement of these Byelaws is not a matter which concerns this Committee.

5—Contravention of Byelaws—Mr. M. E. J. Sheppard attended to show cause why the alterations at Nos. 41 and 43 Bath Road and garage erected at rear of 41 Bath Road, carried out by him without the submission of plans, should not be removed or pulled down. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting and that the Borough Surveyor and Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to submit reports on the work carried out.

6—Cleevemount Estate—Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council forwarding extract from report of their Building Inspector in regard to buildings erected over the Prestbury Outfall Sewer on this Estate. A concrete slab at the back door of one house had been placed over a manhole and a lean-to building built directly over the sewer. A second manhole cover had also been covered with excavated soil. The District Council had considered the matter and asked the Corporation to take steps to have removed all buildings over the sewer and obstructions from the manholes. The Borough Surveyor reported that the buildings complained of had not been erected in accordance with the approved plans, which sheaved the buildings some distance away from the sewer. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to serve notice under Section 25 (3) of the Public Health Act, 1936, on the Owner of the building requiring him to pull it down or alter it in such manner as may be necessary.

7—Montpellier Rotunda—RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 17 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, an Order be made under the Common Seal with respect to the Montpellier Rotunda (including the portion owned and occupied by Lloyds Bank Ltd.), Ormond House and No. 10 Montpellier Street, being buildings of special architectural or historic interest, directing that without the consent of the Council, these buildings shall not be demolished ; and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval thereof.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

**At the Adjourned Meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, 23rd October, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Capt. Trye; Councillors Grimwade and Moore ; (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4632	Walker Crossweller & Co.	Factory and Offices, Whaddon Farm (Amended Plan).
4729	Wheeler & Mansell	Amended Lay-out, Cleeve View Road.
4733	John Davies Estates, Ltd.	Block of Flats, Cambray House site.
4754	Bateson, E. P.	Conversion of 57 Promenade into flats (Amended Plan),
4767	Sennington, J.	Cycle and Tool shed Higham House, Hatherley Road.
4768	Gloucestershire County Council.	proposed Topography Room etc., Art School.
4769	_____	Alteration, " Throstles," Sydenham Villas Road.
4770	Bowd, W. H.	Additions, Home Villa, Grosvenor Place.
4771	A. E. Marshall & Son	Two pairs semi-detached houses, Sherborne Street.
4772	Davis, A. E.	Garage, Tewkesbury Road.
4773	Cowlard, R. Garage,	49 Milton Road.
4774	Mills, C. V.	Garage, Whaddon Road.
4775	Barlow, H.	Garage, Beechhurst Avenue.
4776	Knight, E. J.	Conversion of 2 Lansdown Terrace into flats,
4777	Smith, L. W.	Shop and house, Hewlett Road.
4778	Aircraft Components Ltd.	Extension of Factory, Arle Court.
4779	Trigg, H. J.	Alterations to Garage, Argyle Villas.
4780	Nunney, H. J.	Porch, Norman House, Tivoli Lane.
4707	Goddard & Hunt	Houses and service road, Arle Road
4781	G. A. M. Hall Ltd.	Application to erect building over sewer, Cleevemount Estate.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4767, 4768, 4769, 4772, 4773, 4777, 4729 be approved ; That Plan No. 4770 be approved subject to a flat roof and parapet wall being provided in lieu of lean-to roof and to the sanitary and drainage work being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 4774 and 4775 be approved subject to the roofs being covered with russet asbestos tiles; That Plan No. 4778 be approved subject to the Company coming to an arrangement with the Public Health Committee with regard to the drainage of the building and as to contribution to be made by the Company towards the cost of providing a sewerage scheme for the district ; That Plan No. 4733 be approved subject to the elevation being in accordance with the plan approved by the Committee on 26th August last and to details of this elevation being submitted for approval, and also to the steelwork details and foundations of garages being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 4754 be approved subject to all new work harmonising with the old, sanitary and drainage work being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and to the fire escape being provided with intermediate landings and guard rails ; That Plan No. 4632 be approved subject to the Company agreeing to install an acid neutralising plant or other satisfactory treating plant if at any time acid content is found in the watercourse adjoining the factory ; That Plan No 4779 be approved subject to a three-way interceptor being provided for the drainage system ; That Plan No. 4771 be approved subject to

the Owner entering into an Undertaking to set back on completion of buildings, the front fence 22 ft. 6 ins, from centre of road, and to set back the houses 30 ft. from centre of road and to dedicate the land given up for the widening of the road ; That Plans Nos. 4707, 4776, 4780 and 4781 be disapproved.

9—Brooklyn Road—The Committee considered further the proposal to apply Section 2 of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act to this road. RESOLVED, That as an alternative by-pass road has now been provided in the Town Planning Scheme, the proposal be not proceeded with and that Minute No. 4 passed at the meeting of the Committee held on the 24th June last be rescinded.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 8th October, 1937.** Present—Councillors Avery, Smith and" Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Sunday Games—The following is the Minute passed by the Town Improvement and Spa Committee at their Meeting held on the 18th June last, consideration of which was adjourned by the Town Council at their Meeting on the 5th July last for a period of three months :—

" 12—Sunday Games---The Committee considered the recommendation of the Entertainments Sub-Committee that the playing of Tennis in Montpellier and Pittville Gardens be allowed on Sundays from 12.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

The Town Clerk reported that Byelaw No. 3 of the Byelaws made by the Council in February, 1914, prohibited the playing of Games on Sundays in Pittville and Montpellier Gardens, Pittville Long Garden, Marle Hill Annexe and the garden surrounding the Winter Garden building. RESOLVED, That the following Byelaw be made and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for confirmation thereof :—

'From and after the date of the confirmation of this Byelaw the byelaw numbered 3 of the Byelaws made by the Council on the 2nd February, 1914, and allowed by the Local Government Board on the 11th March, 1914, shall be repealed '

RESOLVED, also, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, to come into operation when the above byelaw is duly confirmed."

The Committee report that the following objections have been received :—

(a) Letters from the Rev. A. Hooper (President) and Mr. J. R. Barratt (Hon. Secretary) of the Cheltenham and District Free Church Council, stating that at a Meeting of the Free Church Committee their Committee were convinced that there was no general demand for the playing of Sunday Games in public gardens but, that, if there was any doubt in the mind of the Council, they suggested that the opinion of the ratepayers should be ascertained by a referendum.

(b) Letter from the Cheltenham and District Sunday School Union that the proposal would decrease the attendance at Sunday Schools and militate[?] against the teaching given.

(c) Letter from the Lord's Day Observance Society that, in their opinion, there were ample opportunities for people to play tennis on weekdays.

(d) Letters and petitions signed by over 1,100 residents in Cheltenham viewing with misgiving and apprehension the proposals to permit Sunday tennis, and submitting that this would contribute to the breaking down of the sacred character of the Lord's Day create a harmful precedent for other games ; interfere with the work of the churches, particularly of the Sunday Schools, and add to unnecessary Sunday trading and necessitate extra labour.

2—Medical Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th October, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

3—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary plans and estimates for the construction of a children's pool on the North side of the large pool including a small part of the Recreation Ground. He estimated the cost of providing a pool 30 feet long by 20 feet wide, having a depth of 1 ½ feet increasing to 3 feet, at £1,846. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to submit an estimate for providing a pool 75 feet long by 30 feet wide, having a depth of 1 ½ feet increasing to 2 feet 9 inches,

(b) Winter Bathing--RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to 6d. admission tickets being issued for admission to the Pool during the Winter.

4—Sunday Games--The Committee further considered the objections received to the proposal to permit the playing of Tennis on Sundays in Montpellier and Pittville Gardens. RESOLVED, That the Committee withdraw their previous recommendation made at their Meeting on the 18th June last to repeal the Byelaws prohibiting Sunday Games.

5—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 12th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) Town Hall—Balcony Steps Lighting—That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to have the steps of the balcony lighted in accordance with the suggestion made by the Borough Electrical Engineer.

(b) Coat of Arms—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to obtain quotations for the Coat of Arms in plaster to be erected in the Town Hall Vestibule.

(c) Quartet—That Mr. Arthur Cole's tender to provide a Quartet from the 11th September last up to the 25th June next at a charge of £10 per week be accepted, subject to Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(d) Dance Teas—That the offer of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Society of Amateur Dancers to pay sixpence to the Corporation in respect of each subscription of 2s 6d received by them subject to their members being admitted to the Dance Teas at a reduced charge, be accepted, and that such members be admitted at a reduced charge of 1s 3d.

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

6—Alstone Baths --Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club asking that the small Bath at Alstone should be kept open throughout the winter season, and that season tickets should be issued, Read, also, letter of 6th inst. from Mr. R. A. Riley, of St. Paul's Training College, asking that the large Bath should be kept open, and for reduced admission charges or monthly season tickets to be issued.

RESOLVED, That the small Bath be kept open throughout the winter season, and that season tickets be issued, to be available on such days and times when the Bath is not required by the Education Committee, at a charge of 7s 6d. for the season ; the Corporation reserving the right to close the Bath at any time, in which case ticket holders be refunded the proportion of the charge from the date the Bath is closed until the commencement of the Summer season.

7—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted on a date to be arranged for a Whist Drive and Dance in aid of the Cheltenham and District Christmas Relief Fund,

8-B.B.C.—The Town Clerk reported interview with a representative of the Public Relations Office of the B.B.C., Midland Regional Division. The B.B.C. were prepared to include in their announcements, items of public interest received from local authorities. RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to keep the B.B.C. informed of all items of public interest,

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday. 18th October, 1937.** Present—Aldermen Moore ; Councillors Ben James, Howell, Morris and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) Victoria Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported application by Councillor Fisher for additional lighting in this road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(b) Hereford Place—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the cost of providing an additional lamp on a bracket on the wall at the rear of the Ritz Cinema, as recommended by the General Purposes and Watch Committee, would be £4 14s. 7d. if a secondhand bracket were used, and he estimated that the annual running cost would be £2 3s. 7d. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to install this lamp

2—Cables—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the Hackbridge Cable Co. Ltd should be asked to supply cables for a further period of six months on the terms of their contract, which expired on the 30th September last RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

3—Copper Tubing—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported offer by the Brass and Copper Tubing Association to allow a preferential wholesale discount of 15 per cent. if the Corporation would guarantee to purchase brass and copper tubing only from members of the Association. RESOLVED, That the guarantee be given.

4—Extensions to Rural Areas—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted report on the capital expenditure and revenue in respect of the extensions to rural areas. RESOLVED, That a copy of this report be sent to each member of the Council

5—Result of Year's Trading—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted report on the result of the year's trading to the 31st March last. RESOLVED, That a copy of this report be sent to each member of the Council.

6—Sanctions to Loans--(a) Whaddon Farm Estate—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the sanction of the Electricity Commissioners to the borrowing of £2,183 for overhead and underground mains in connection with the supply of electricity to Whaddon Farm Housing Estate.

(b) Public Lighting Lamp Posts and Fittings—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the sanction of the Minister of Health to the borrowing of £2,049 for the provision of new public lighting lamp posts and fittings.

7—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) St. Margaret's Road—The Town Clerk reported that a small lamp post at the junction of St. Margaret's Road and Oxford Passage had been knocked down by a vehicle belonging to the Cheltenham and District Gas Company on the 20th ult. RESOLVED, That a claim be made against the owners for the cost of replacing the lamp, estimated at £7 5s. 3d.

(b) Andover Road—The Town Clerk reported that as a result of a collision between two motor cars a lamp post in Andover Road had been knocked down on the 27th ult. RESOLVED, That a claim for the cost of replacing the lamp, estimated at 6s. 5d. be made against the person responsible.

8—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 30th ult., which showed the average calorific value for the Quarter as 473.6 B.Th.U. per cubic foot.

(b) Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 24th, 27th, 28th and 29th ult., and 8th and 13th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 477.4, 470.6, 478.9, 466.3, 478.4 and 462.5 B.Th.U. per cubic foot respectively, and the pressure 10.5, 9.8, 9.2, 9.2, 9.8 and 9.2 inches of water respectively.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.



## WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th October, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Dr. Hayward and Moore (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, 1937.	Average for corresponding period for past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	84,000 gallons	104,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	174,000	232,000
Leckhampton Springs	15,000	18,000
	273,000 "	354,000 "

### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... .. 39,565,000 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--Hewletts Reservoirs—(a) The Borough Engineer and Medical Officer of Health reported with regard to the yield of the springs supplying these reservoirs. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to reconnect the supply from the Hewletts Spring.

(b) Northfield Spring—Read, letter from Messrs. J. Matthew & Son, enquiring whether, if in future Mr. Mitchell wished to take a supply from the treated water, the Corporation would make the necessary alteration of his service pipe at their cost RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

5—Trunk Main, Churchdown to Hewletts—(a) The Borough Engineer submitted letter of 27th ult. from Mr. T. Murray of Glasgow quoting similar fees for inspections in connection with the pipes and fittings for the above main as quoted to the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board, namely 2s 6d. per ton for steel pipes and £1 10s. 0d. per day, and pro rata according to time occupied, plus out-of-pocket expenses, for inspecting the sluice valves etc. RESOLVED, That this quotation be accepted.

(b) The Borough Engineer reported that he had arranged with the contractor to commence laying this main as soon as the supply of pipes were available. He proposed to commence in Copt Elm Road and proceed towards the Hewletts No. 2 reservoir.

6—Leckhampton Estate—The Borough Engineer submitted application from the County Council for the supply of water for the small holdings on the Leckhampton Estate near Kidnappers Lane. RESOLVED, That the supply be given subject to the County Council entering into an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk that no objection will be made to any deficiency of supply due to levels or diameter of pipe.

7—Castle Barn Farm—(a) The Borough Engineer submitted two tenders received for the alteration and repairs to the old farm house at this farm in accordance with the plan and specification submitted, RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. M. J. Partridge of £86 (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract.

(b) Read, letter of 29th ult. from Mr. T. Roberts, the tenant of this farm, agreeing to pay an increased rent of £7 16s. 0d. per annum and rates for the cottage from the date the cottage was occupied.

8—Analyses of Water—RESOLVED, That the Chemist employed by the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board at Tewkesbury be asked to furnish copies of the reports of analyses on the Cheltenham supply made by him for the Board.

9—British Waterworks Association—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Alderman Moore be authorised to attend the winter session to be held in London on 18th November.

10—Gloucester to Stow Road—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the County Surveyor that the County Council proposed to avoid a dangerous bend on this road near Lineover Wood by constructing a short length of new road, and asking that the Corporation to dedicate the land (containing 2.1 acres) for this purpose free cost, on the understanding that stone wall would be built by the County Council on the new highway boundary. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Corporation will be prepared to give up the land required at the valuation of the District Valuer.

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11—Supply to Gloucester—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Town Clerk of Gloucester enquiring whether and, if so, on what terms the Corporation would furnish Gloucester with a temporary supply of water from the Tewkesbury Works, as the Gloucester Corporation were apprehensive that, in view of the growing increase in the consumption of water and the recurrence of periods of drought, there might be insufficient water from their existing sources of supply to meet their constant requirements pending the completion of the Joint Water Board Scheme.

The Borough Engineer reported that he could arrange for a temporary supply to be given to Gloucester from the main in Gloucester Road, near Staverton Bridge, and possibly, also from the main in Shurdington Road, provided that a loaded pressure valve was fixed so as to prevent the pressure on these mains dropping below the level required for distribution in these districts.

RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to provide a temporary supply to Gloucester if this can be satisfactorily arranged, without interfering with the supply to consumers within the Cheltenham area, subject to the Corporation being put to no expense in the matter, and to the Gloucester Corporation paying for the water taken at a charge and upon terms to be arranged and approved by the Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT. Chairman.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th October, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James, Moore, Pates, Pruen and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green and Waite (Alderman Capt. Trye in the chair).

1—Renumbering—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the renumbering of St. Luke's Place from St. Luke's Road to Sandford Park, Bath Parade and Moorend Park Road. RESOLVED, That these be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to serve notices requiring the renumbering of the houses, and that no charge be made where a number is legibly marked on the door. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to renumber Asquith Road.

2—Market--The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 19th July last from the Gloucester Marketing Society Ltd. that complaints had been received from Market users of lack of ventilation in the Covered Market. He had inspected the building and recommended that two pivot-hung opening windows should be fixed in the two gable ends as shown on the drawing submitted at an estimated cost of £43. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Market Sub-Committee.

3—Petrol Licences—The Petroleum Inspector submitted list of persons who had not applied for the renewal of their licences to store petroleum or carbide. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write and warn these that if they are found storing petroleum or carbide without licences, proceedings will be taken against them.

4—Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that there had been no further outbreak of disease since the last meeting, and that with the exception of one case of swine fever the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of A. L. Dartnell, G. Edwards and A. J. Harvey for the transfer of Licences Nos. 24, 35 and 42 to Taxi Cabs Registered Nos. DG9724, CDF141 and CDF140 respectively be granted.

6—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, 1937.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
1st October	Ash Destructor	—	Slight	£4 3s. 0d.
3rd “	The Bittams, Leckhampton Hill	—	£1,500	£7 12s 6d.
6th “	Lock-up shop, back Argyll Road	—	About £50	£3 14s. 0d.
15th “	Lorry, Lansdown Road ...	—	—	£4 15s. 0d

(b) RESOLVED, That the Captain be authorised to purchase two or three smoke masks for use by the Brigade.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee be asked to consider the provision of apparatus for extinguishing fires by chemicals etc.

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7—Naming of Roads --(a) Read, letter of 9th inst. from Messrs. Western Estates (Lawes Cherry) Ltd. suggesting that the new road constructed by them off Arle Road should be named " Merriville Road." RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Moorend Road—Read, letter from Councillor Garland drawing attention to the confusion which was caused through there being a Moorend load in the Borough and a Moorend Road in Chariton Kings, and

asking the Committee to approach the Charlton Kings Urban District Council with a view to one of the roads being renamed. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

8—Unemployment Insurance Acts—RESOLVED, That Miss P. M. Wilkins, Public Library Assistant, be added to the Certificate of Exception under these Acts, she having completed three years service on the 5th inst.

9—Borough Arms - Read, letter of 1st inst. from Messrs. Stapleton, Henke & Sandford Ltd., asking for permission to weave the Borough Arms on neckties. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this

10—Omnibus Services—Compton Abdale to Cheltenham—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Traffic Commissioners asking if the Council had any objections or representations to make on the application of Messrs. W. Perrett & Son for the modification of this service, RESOLVED, That the Council make no objection.

11—Town Clock—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Borough Electrical Engineer, enclosing copy of report from The Synchronome Co. on their inspection of the Town Clock which showed that the clock was in satisfactory condition. He also reported that one of the glass dials was cracked and submitted quotation from the Synchronome Co. amounting to £2. 18s. 9d. for the provision of a new opal centre. RESOLVED, That this quotation be accepted and that Messrs. R. F. Beard Ltd, be instructed to fit this.

12—Rodney Road Car Park—(a) The Town Clerk submitted complaint from Mr. D. V. Davies of the monthly ticket holders using this car park after 11 p.m. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to call in the keys supplied for the side gates in Oriel Villas Road, and to exchange these for keys of the main entrance in Rodney Road.

(b) Read, letter from Mr. E. C. Cholmondeley asking the Committee to lop the poplar trees growing on the land fronting Oriel Villas Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have these lopped when the work of laying out the new entrance to the car park is completed.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Martyn had now obtained other premises for his studio, but would not be able to obtain possession of these until 1st January next. RESOLVED, That he be allowed to remain in occupation of the studio until that date.

13—Old Cemetery, St. George's Square—The Committee further considered suggestion that the Corporation should take over the old St. Andrew's Cemetery at the rear of St. George's Square as an open space. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred until the Housing Committee have come to a decision as to the suggested purchase of houses in St. George's Avenue,

14—Montpellier Rotunda—The Committee considered offer by Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter to sell the Montpellier Rotunda, Ormond House and 10 Montpellier Street to the Corporation at the price of £2,500 RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained,

15—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That the services of E. Willmore (ashman) be extended for one year from 19th August last.

(b) RESOLVED, That the services of Mr. R. Owen Seacome (Town Clerk) be extended for one year up to 18th November, 1938.

16—Leckhampton Hill Estate—RESOLVED, That the Committee assent to the assignment of the two tenancies of Mr. Murray Lindner of the land on the west side of Leckhampton Road, to the purchaser of his premises.

17—Council Meeting, 9th November—RESOLVED, That the Council Meeting on 9th November be held at 11.45 a.m. at the Town Hall, and that Colleges and Schools be invited to attend as last year.

18—Municipal Offices—Alderman Moore and Councillor Green reported that they had considered the question of providing more convenient office accommodation for the Housing Department, and recommended that two rooms in the basement (at present used as a store for the Rates Department and Water Inspectors' office) should be fitted up as offices for the Housing Department. These rooms were conveniently approached from Royal Well Road, and an adjoining outbuilding could be removed and so provide space for perambulators and cycles. RESOLVED, That these suggestions be referred to the Housing Committee, and that if approved by them, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary alterations and decorations.

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19—Flower Sellers, etc.—The Committee further considered the desirability of making an Order prohibiting flower sellers etc. from using certain streets RESOLVED, That an Order be made under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847, directing that no costermonger, hawker, pedlar or other person shall use the streets set out below between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. on weekdays for the purpose of selling therein toys, postcards, souvenirs, fruit, vegetables, flowers, confectionery, ice-cream, or other articles or commodities. Provided that the Order shall not prohibit the use of the said streets after 6 p.m. by any of the above mentioned persons for the purpose of selling the before mentioned goods, articles and commodities, otherwise than from carts, trucks, barrows or other vehicles or stands, and that the constables be directed to enforce the provisions of the Order and to prevent any obstruction of the said streets.

The following streets are to be included in the Order :—High Street (from Bath Road to Henrietta Street), Promenade, Clarence Street, North Street, Pittville Street, Regent Street (from High Street to County Court Road), Rodney Road (from High Street to Essex Place), Winchcomb Street (from High Street to Albion Street)

20—Cambray Car Park--The Borough Surveyor reported further complaints of the obstruction caused by persons parking their cars in this road otherwise than in the space allotted when the attendant was not on duty. RESOLVED, That the attention of the Police be called to this, and that they be asked to take the necessary steps to prevent obstruction. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Planning Committee be informed that this Committee consider that the opportunity now presented of the proposal to demolish Cambray House, should be taken to provide a through road from this road to Rodney Road.

21--Bath and West Show---The Town Clerk reported interview with the Secretary of the Bath and West Show. The Show Committee were prepared to consider holding their 1940 Show in Cheltenham if a suitable site could be obtained, and representatives were visiting Cheltenham to inspect sites on the 21st inst. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to invite the Society to hold the Show in Cheltenham in 1940, and that Aldermen Pates, Leigh James and Councillors Green and Waite be appointed a Sub-Committee to meet the representatives of the Show on the 21st inst. and to inspect the sites.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman

## ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 5th October, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, 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 of cultivation :—Nos. 89, 90, 91, 104, 107, 110 and part 111 Asquith Road; 12, 13, 20, 21, 37, 38 and 40 Alma Road 14 Wasley's Field ; and 141 Crabtree Piece. There had been a general improvement in the condition of the allotments since the last meeting. RESOLVED, That no further reports be required on the condition of the allotments until next Spring.

2—Wasley's Field Allotments—(a) Read, letter from the tenant of No 14, asking the Committee to release him from his tenancy. RESOLVED, That he be released as from the 29th ult. subject to the arrears of rent being paid up.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted report of damage to an iron stay at these allotments by a motor van belonging to Messrs. George's Ltd. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

3—Allotment No. 96 Asquith Road—RESOLVED, That the tenant of this allotment be allowed the rent up to 25th March next in view of the condition thereof.

4—Crabtree Piece Allotments—Councillor Compton submitted complaint from a tenant on these allotments of broken bottles being thrown into his pigstyes, and also of youths using the paths for cycling. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to draw the attention of the Police to the complaints.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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## PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 5th October, 1937.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Whaddon Farm Housing Estate -Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for laying out the Recreation Ground in the centre of Whaddon Farm Housing Estate. The scheme provided for gyrotilling the ground, draining, levelling and seeding, the provision of flower beds opposite the entrance and ornamented entrance gates, at an estimated cost of £2,598. He also submitted sketch plans for the erection of a Pavilion including conveniences for both sexes, dressing rooms and showers with hot water supply at an estimated cost of £1,550. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare amended plans and estimates for a shelter of a smaller type without the provision of dressing rooms, showers etc., and also to obtain tenders for the gyrotilling, for submission to a special meeting of the Committee, with a view to the whole layout scheme being submitted for approval at the next meeting of the Council.

2—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—Read, report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider as to the site for the Children's Playground at their meeting held on the 29th ult. They recommended that the Playground should be provided in a central position at the end of the playing pitch, so as to avoid proximity to the gardens of the houses in the roads adjoining the ground, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the ground levelled by forming a terrace at an estimated cost of about £75. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Gift of Water Lilies--The Borough Surveyor reported the gift of a quantity of pink and white water lilies by Mr. L. Gillett of " The Gardens," Dumbleton Hall. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

4—Pilley Lane Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 29th ult. from Mr. W. G. Barrett, on behalf of Pilley Baptist Church, complaining of the noise caused by the children using this ground during Sunday service. RESOLVED, That the Committee regret that they are unable to do anything to remedy the complaint.

5—Athletic Ground—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the cinder path leading to the grandstand rolled and consolidated at a cost of about £12.

(b) Custodian's House—Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Borough Electrical Engineer in regard to the tenders received for wiring this house, RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the work carried out by direct labour at a cost of about £19.

6—Pittville Circus Garden—The Town Clerk reported that the purchase of this Garden had now been completed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor is instructed to submit plans and estimates for laying out the Garden.

7—St. Peter's Recreation Ground--The Committee considered the recommendation of the Housing Committee that a sandpit should be provided for the children in this ground. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be asked to advise as to the desirability of the provision of sandpits.

8—Land adjoining Naunton Park Recreation Ground -Read, letter of 15th ult. from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter that the owner was willing to sell the land, containing 12.124 acres, adjoining Naunton Park Recreation Ground, together with the small frontage to Old Bath Road, at the price of £350 per acre. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the District Valuer be asked to submit a valuation of the land.

9—Pittville Gardens—(a) Read, letter from the Headmistress of the Parish Church Junior Girls' School, asking for permission to take classes into the Gardens for Nature Study without payment of the admission charge. RESOLVED That this be agreed to subject the children being accompanied by a teacher.

(b) Pump Room----Read, report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of the repairs required to the Pump Room, at their meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> ult.

The Sub-Committee had considered alternative schemes of reconstruction and renovation submitted by the Borough Surveyor, and inspected the building,

Scheme 1 provided for the reconstruction of the loggia, with a terrace walk over same and access from the first floor; provision of a new staircase giving access to the ground floor, maintaining the present staircase for the private use of the custodian ; the removal of the partitions to the East and West Rooms and provision of folding doors; the reconstruction of the lantern light in the dome ; the provision of kitchen accommodation, cloakrooms and lavatories; the installation of a new system of electric lighting and a central heating plant ; the redecoration of the whole of the interior of the building ; and the refacing of all decayed external stout and the steam cleaning the whole of the external stonework. (Estimated cost £9,942).

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Scheme II provided for the reconstruction of the loggia, with a terrace walk over the same along the front of the building ; the reconstruction of the partitions on the first floor ; the reconstruction of .the lantern light ; the ; and general reconditioning of the structure ; the installation of an amended scheme of lighting ; the provision of a heating plant ; the redecoration of the interior of the building; the renovation of the 3 Georgian fireplaces the reconditioning only of the external stonework. The estimated cost of this scheme was £6,000, made up as follows :—

Reconstruction of loggia	2,095
New partitions	627
New lantern light to dome	300
Electric light installation.	300
Heating installation ...	500
General repair work ...	600
Redecorations	300
Cleaning and renovation of stonework	1000
Add 5 per cent. for contingencies	<u>288</u>
	£6,000

and the Sub-Committee recommended this scheme. RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for the cost of carrying out the work,

10—St. Mark's Playing Field—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the shelter formerly used at Sandford Park Swimming Pool erected at this Playing Field at a cost of £14.

11—Clarence Square—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to keep open the gate leading from Clarence Square to St. Paul's Road.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd October, 1937.** Present—Councillors Compton, Fisher, Garland and Grimwade (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

12-Whaddon Recreation Ground--The Borough Surveyor submitted revised plans and estimates for the layout of this ground, including the erection of a pavilion and sanitary conveniences. RESOLVED, That these



be approved, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £3,800, made up as follows :—

Clearing, draining, seeding, railings, gates, entrance gates, drives and paths	2,678
Erection of Pavilion and conveniences .	1,000
Playground equipment . . .	<u>122</u>
	£3,800

RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman (Councillor Green) be authorised to accept a tender for the iron railings.

13—Tewkesbury Road Playing Field—The Committee further considered the question of the purchase of this land. 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 field, being part of No. 129 on the Ordnance Map situate in Tewkesbury Road in the Parish of Uckington, containing 12 acres 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.

H. C. GRIMIVADE,

Chairman.

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#### BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th October, 1937,** Present—Councillors 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 September to 15th October, 1937. 1 Grave Spaces sold 12 (First Position 2, Second Position 1, Fourth Position 9) ; Memorials erected 5; New Inscriptions 6,

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9670 to 9681.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That Design No. 2130, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Crematorium -(a) The Town Clerk submitted summary of the fees charged for cremation etc. in 25 other towns. RESOLV That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, with a view to further enquiries being made.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted copy of the Cremation Regulations made by the Secretary of State, which prescribed the forms of application, certificates and registers to be used. The regulations also required the Corporation to nominate a medical referee and deputy medical referee for appointment by the Secretary of State, RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be nominated Medical Referee, and that Drs. Pedlow and Wingate be nominated Deputy Medical Referees, and that a fee of 10s 6d in respect of each cremation

be paid to the doctor carrying out the duties required. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain the necessary forms of application, certificates and registers.

(c) Opening or Crematorium—The Chairman reported that he had provisionally arranged for the dedication of the Crematorium by the Archdeacon and Rector of Cheltenham and President of the Free Church Council. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that consideration of fixing a date for the opening be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That notice be given to the Secretary of State in pursuance of Regulation 3 of the intention to open the Crematorium.

(d) The Superintendent reported the progress made with the preparation of the Garden of Remembrance RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be asked to advise as to the planting of this, and that it be left to the Superintendent to carry out the work of planting as advised by Mr. Leuchars.

5—Chapels—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the gullies of the existing chapels. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to arrange with Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons to provide new type gullies for all the roof water down pipes round the existing chapels at a cost of not exceeding £40.

6—Grave Space 1399. Section B. 1.—Read, letter from the owner asking the Corporation to repurchase this grave space, as, since purchase in 1934, she had decided to be cremated. RESOLVED, That the space be repurchased at a cost of £7, the owner to pay the cost of the stamp on the assignment.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

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

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th October, 1937.** Present—The Mayor; Councillors Bendall, Compton and Grimwade ; Rev. Canon Johnstone ; Rev. B. Thomas ; Dr. Davies ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Library Facade, Perishing Stonework—The Library Sub-Committee report that they met on the 27th September, 1937, Present—The Mayor ; Councillor Grimwade and Mr. H. J. Norris (The Mayor in the chair).

The Borough Surveyor presented estimates from three firms for the treatment of the stonework on the facade of the building. The Sub-Committee recommend that the estimate of Messrs. Szerelmey Ltd. in the sum of £248 16s. 0d. plus £50 for contingencies, be accepted, and that all possible steps be taken to have the work carried out, as a roaster of urgency, at the earliest convenient date.

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

2—Police Court Case--Read, letter from Superintendent Hopkins, expressing satisfaction with the Deputy Librarian's detection of, and evidence in this case.

3—Staff—The Librarian reported the resignation of Miss M. N. Nealon, Assistant-in-charge of the Junior Department, on her approaching marriage. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to

Miss Nealon for her past services. RESOLVED, further, That (a) Miss J. R. Fawn be transferred from Assistant-in-charge of the Reference Department to Assistant-in-charge of the Junior Department ; (b) That Miss S. Graham Smith be promoted to Grade A, Div. 2, to fill a vacancy ; (c) That Miss B. J. Burford (Oxford School Certificate) be appointed Junior Assistant in Grade A, Div. 1, to fill a vacancy.

D. L. LIPSON.

Chairman.

#### RATING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th October, 1937.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, 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—Mr. McKnight, Bailiff, attended and reported on the progress made in the collection of arrears of rates and received instructions. RESOLVED, That a Meeting of the Committee be held on the 18th inst to certain defaulters.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman

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#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Friday, October, 1937,** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen • Pruen and Taylor ; Councillor Col. Riggs (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 22nd inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £108,968 ; Allowances to owners £822 ; Voids £3,721 ; Excused £350 ; Otherwise irrecoverable £182 Leaving outstanding £1133.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer dated 22nd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended 30th September, 1937, Amount collected ; Voids £206 ; Defaulters £16 ; Abatements £31 ; Leaving outstanding £986,

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 22nd inst. Present—Aldermen Pruen and Taylor (in the chair), and Councillor Col. Riggs, The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

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

Date, 1937.	Purpose.	Amount,	Period of Repayment.
29th Sept.	Electricity Mains, Whaddon Estate	£2,173	25 years.
7th Oct.	Public Lighting	£2,049	25 years

5—Loans—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £3,800 be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

6—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting Housing Bonds amounting to £100 had been renewed and £1,500 had been received, RESOLVED, That Certificates be issued accordingly:

7—Electricity Department—(a) The Committee considered the Resolution of the Council disapproving of the appointment of an Accounting Assistant to supervise and manage the additional duties to be undertaken by the Borough Treasurer as recommended at the last meeting of the Committee. The Borough Electrical Engineer attended and reported on the staffing of his Department. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider that the appointment of an additional Accounting Assistant in the Borough Treasurer's Department is essential if the work to be carried out by the Borough Treasurer's Department in accordance with the recommendations of the District Auditor is to be efficiently done, and that the recommendation to appoint an Accounting Assistant on Grade Fat a commencing salary of £200 per annum be again submitted for approval of the Council.

(b) Read, letter of 20th inst. from the Ministry of Health acknowledging copy of the Minutes passed at the last Meeting of the Committee, as amended by the Council, and stating that the Minister was in communication with the Electricity Commissioners on the matter.

(c) Store Ledger Clerk—The Borough Treasurer reported that he proposed to appoint Mr. R. V. Petfield to this post on Grade C as authorised. RESOLVED, That this be approved, subject to Mr. Petfield passing a medical examination.

8—Borough Treasurer's Department —The Borough Treasurer recommended that the salary of Mr. A. M. Smith, at present £117 per annum, should be increased to £143 per annum. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to Mr. Smith not receiving a further increment on the Grade until the 1st April, 1939.

9—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. A. E. Keen (General Labourer), died on the 6th inst. RESOLVED, That his representatives be refunded his contributions with compound interest amounting to £78 0s. 7d.

(b) Library Assistant—The Borough Treasurer reported that Miss Nealon, Library Assistant, had resigned. RESOLVED, That she be refunded her contributions amounting to £18 17s. 6d.

10—Unemployed Service Club —Read, letter of 19th inst. from the Honorary Secretary of this Club asking the Council to continue their grant of £50. RESOLVED, That the grant be made.

11—Housing Act, 1936—St. George's Nurseries—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the recommendation of the committee not to approve of the Corporation's guarantee under the Housing Acts being extended to purchasers of Flats proposed to be erected at St. George's Nurseries. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision .

12—Electricity Accounts—The Borough Treasurer submitted monthly report on the collection of the Electricity Accounts up to the 19th inst., and also on the collection of arrears.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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**Borough of Cheltenham**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 5th November, 1937.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held at the TOWN HALL, on TUESDAY, the 9th, day of November, 1937, at A QUARTER TO TWELVE in the FORENOON, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. Election of Councillors—Town Clerk to report Elections on 1st November.
2. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing year.
3. To elect four Aldermen.
4. To assign the Aldermen to be Returning Officers for Ward Elections.
5. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.
6. To appoint Committees.
7. To appoint twelve Members on the Guardians Committee.
8. To appoint six Members of The Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board.
9. Communications by the Mayor.

Yours faithfully,

N.B.—Robes and Orders will be worn.

Town Clerk.

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

**BUSINESS.**

1. To read the Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. To 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, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Friday, 29th October, 1937, at 3 p.m. Present :**

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

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. (Retd.)  
Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Smith.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham, and Councillors Col. Biggs and Waite.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th October, 1937, 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—Ex-Alderman Sawyer—Resolved, That the Council record their deep regret at the death of Ex-Alderman Sawyer and desire to express to the members of his family their sympathy with them in their bereavement.

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3—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 October 5

Resolved, also, That Minute No. in regard to Camping Sites be referred to the Town Planning Committee for their observations.

Housing Meeting held October 14

Resolved, also, That the offer of Mr. and Mrs. Haynes to purchase No. 69 Tennyson Road at the price of £460 be accepted subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

Street and Highway Meeting held October 11

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held October 11

Town Planning Meetings held October 21 & 23

Except that consideration of Minute No. 7 in regard to the Montpellier Rotunda, be adjourned to the December Meeting of the Council. (An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Miller : "That Minute No. 8 be amended that Plan No. 4733 be not approved" was lost).

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held October 8 & 15

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Compton : "That Minute No. 4 in regard to Sunday Games, be not approved, and that Minute No. 12 passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 18th June last be approved" was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held October 18

Water Meeting held October 12

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held October 19

Subject to the following Amendments :—

Moved by Councillor Rogers and seconded by Councillor Avery : "That Minute No. 19 be amended by including in the streets mentioned in the Order under Section 21 of the Town's Police Clauses Act the portion of Winchcomb Street from Albion Street to Warwick Place."

Moved by Councillor E. W. Moore and seconded by Councillor Ben James "That Minute No. 19 be amended by including in the streets mentioned in the above Order the portion of High Street from Bath Road to the entrance of Sandford Park."

(An amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : "That Minute No. 19 be amended by excluding from the provisions of the Order such portion of the pavement near the Head Post Office as may be determined by the General Purposes Committee" was withdrawn).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Howell and seconded by Councillor Green : That Minute No. 14 be not approved and that the offer to sell the Montpellier Rotunda for £2,500 be accepted" was. withdrawn).

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Allotments Meeting held October 5

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meetings held October 5 & 22

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Fisher and seconded by Councillor Compton "That Minute No. 11 in regard to Clarence Square gate, be referred back for further consideration."

Burial Board Meeting held October 15

Public Library Meeting held October 15

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Capt. Trye "That Minute No. 1 be amended and that the tender of Messrs. Szerelmey Ltd. of £266 10s. 0d. for cleaning the stonework be also accepted, making a total cost of £565 6s. 0d."

Rating Meeting held October 7

Finance Meeting held October 22

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—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board—Resolved, That Alderman Capt. J. H. Trye be appointed a member of the Joint Water Board to fill vacancy caused by resignation of The Mayor (Councillor D. L. Lipson).

5—Joint Airport—Resolved, That the Report of the Joint Airport Committee of their Meeting held on the 25th October, 1937, be approved and adopted.

6—Duties of Committees—Councillor Grimwade moved in accordance with Notice of Motion duly given "That the duties of the General Purposes and Watch Committee shall include all matters relating to the Cheltenham Gas Acts and Orders." The Motion was seconded by Alderman Pruen. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned until the December Meeting to enable the General Purposes and Electricity and Lighting Committee to consider the matter.

D. L. LIPSON, Mayor.