

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Statutory Annual Meeting- of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Town Hall in the said Borough, on Tuesday, 9th November, 1937, at 11.45 a.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, Taylor and Capt. Trye, C.B.E., R.N.; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Miller, E. W. Moore, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Winterbotham Councillors Barnett and Morris.

1—Election of Councillors—The Town Clerk reported the Election on the 1st instant of the following as Councillors :—Mr. Frederick Samuel Fletcher for St. Peter's Ward. Mr. Henry Addis for St. Paul's Ward. Mr. Harold Mark Avery for Pittville Ward. Mr. William James Green for All Saints' Ward. Mr. John Brian Till for College Ward. Mr. Edgar William Garland for Park Ward. Mr. Horace Trinley Bush for Lansdown Ward. Mr. Harry Charles Grimwade for St. Mark's Ward.

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

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2—Election of Mayor—Resolved, That Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N. (Retrd.) 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—Election of four Aldermen—The Members of the Council present and entitled to vote and voting delivered to the Mayor papers signed by them, and the same having been openly produced and read, it appeared that the following had been voted for and had received the number of votes set opposite their respective names :—

Moore, James, 1 Oxford Place, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, Company Managing Director 22

Pates, John Poytress, 11 Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, Coal Merchant 21

Pruen, Arthur Sidney Fitzgerald, Fallowfield, St. Stephen's Road, Cheltenham ... 22

The Mayor accordingly declared the above mentioned to be elected Aldermen, and they then made their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

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

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

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Alderman Margrett	St. Peter's Ward.
“ Pates	St. Paul's Ward.
“ Pruen	Pittville Ward.
“ Taylor	All Saints' Ward.
“ Clara Frances Winterbotham	College Ward.
“ Leigh Tames	Park Ward.
“ Moore	Lansdown Ward.
“ Capt. Trye	St. Mark's Ward.

7-Minutes of Previous Meeting-Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 29th 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.

8-Appointment and Duties of Committees-**Public Health Committee**-Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year :-Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Leigh James, Margrett, Moore and Pruen Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Garland, Ben James, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To regulate and manage all matters relating to Public Health or concerning the duties of the Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector, and to carry into effect the powers of the Council under the following Acts and Orders : Public Health Acts, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts and Provisional Orders (Sanitary Provisions), Factory and Workshops Acts, Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890, The Housing Acts, 1890 to 1936, 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 etc. 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, 1936, namely : 37, 39, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 50, 79, 80, 83, 167 and 276, the sections relating to nuisances and unsound meat, also sections 122, 140, 148, 157, 159, 160, 169, 197 and 244, 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.

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Housing committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Housing Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Leigh James, Pates and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Bettridge, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Moore, Morris and Till, 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—Aldermen Leigh James and Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Garland, Grimwade, Howell, and Lipson ; Mrs. E. Boor, Mrs. Lewis Grist, Mrs. E. C. Gurney, Mrs. W. L. Mellersh, Miss Ratcliffe and Mrs. Leonard Wood.

Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Pates ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Morris, Rogers and Till, 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.

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Town Planning Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Town Planning Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Taylor and Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, 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 etc. 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 Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Lipson, 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 Garden, 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.

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Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Electricity and Lighting Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Leigh James, Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Howell. Ben James, Morris and Waite, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Electricity Undertaking of the Corporation, the public lighting whether by electricity or gas, and to carry out the provisions of the Electric Lighting Acts and the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Orders, 1890. 1899, 1900 and 1912, and the Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1927, and the regulations of the Board of Trade and Electricity Commissioners made thereunder.

Water Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Water Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Miller, 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 etc. Act, 1936.

General Purposes and Watch Committee—(Chairmen of the several Standing Committees when appointed, including the Chairman of the Gloucestershire (Area No. 2) Air Raid Precautions Authority, so long as such Chairman is a member of the Council).

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

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

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, Bush, Ben James, Moore and Rogers, 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.

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Cemetery and Crematorium Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Cemetery and Crematorium Committee for the ensuing year:—Councillors Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Moore and Rogers, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Cemetery and Crematorium 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 Leigh James, Moore, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade 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 :—Councillors Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fletcher, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson and Till ; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris, C. E. Walsh, B.A., and F. Vernall, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Public Library and all matters relating thereto, subject to the proceedings of the Committee being submitted from time to time for confirmation by the Council.

Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Leigh James and Margrett ; Councillors Avery, Bendall, Fletcher, Howell and Rogers ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. J. N. Clift and C. R. Mapp 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.

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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, 1938, 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 and Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Howell, Lipson, Smith, Till and Waite ; Messrs. E. Baring, T. J. Craig and Ross M. Logan.

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

10—**Guardians Committee**—Resolved, That the following Members of the Council be nominated the Members of the Town Council to serve on the Guardians Committee for the ensuing year :—Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Miller, Moore, Rogers and Smith.

11—**Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board**—Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed members of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pruen and Taylor.

J. H. TRYE, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 6th December, 1937.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th November, 1937. Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Moore and Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, E. W. Moore, 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 and Councillors Garland, Ben James, Moore, Morris and Waite be appointed the Flooding Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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

4—Insanitary Property at (a) 303 Old Bath Road ; and Basements of 1 Kenilworth Villas and 9 Clarence Square—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these premises are satisfied that the said premises 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 premises requiring them to execute the works to be specified in the notices which will in the opinion of the Committee render the premises fit for human habitation.

(b) 16 Naunton Park Road ; 43 Naunton Lane ; 14 Suffolk Road ; 1 Alexandra Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these houses had failed to comply with the Notices served on them on the 16th, 21st, 21st and 22nd April last respectively, requiring them to execute works necessary to render the houses fit for human habitation. He submitted tenders for carrying out the work in default. RESOLVED, That the following tenders, being the lowest, be accepted ;—

Property.	Contractor.	Amount.
16 Naunton Park Road	F. Booy	£11 16s. 0d.
43 Naunton Lane	do.	£4 15s. 0d.
14 Suffolk Road	W. Drew	£28 0s. 6d.
1 Alexandra Street	F. Booy	£17 6s. 0d.

5—Nuisances from Drains-16 Naunton. Park Road ; Ocala, Eldorado Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the drains on or belonging to the above premises were in such a condition as

to be prejudicial to health and a nuisance. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to examine the drains and apply any test other than a test by water under pressure, and, if necessary, to open the ground.

6—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles—3 St. Paul's Terrace, Dunalley Street ; 5 and 6 Rosehill Terrace, Coltham Fields—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these houses had no proper covered dustbin for the reception of house refuse. RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring them in each case to provide a covered dustbin of such material, size and construction as may be approved by the Chief Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

7—Notices not complied with—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted list of Notices arising from defective roofs, walls ceilings, etc., served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

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8—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Basements of 17 Imperial Square ; 20 Clarence Square and 26 Lansdown Crescent ; 1st floor and part of ground floor of 44 Tewkesbury Road—The Chief 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, the 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 10th January, 1938.

(b) Caravan, Shakespeare Hotel Yard, High Street ; 69 St. George's Place ; 2 Berkeley Avenue ; 27 Albert Place ; 12 Worcester 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 10th January, 1938.

(c) 20 Columbia Street ; 22 King Street ; Hilton Cottage, Commercial Street—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) Witney Cottage, Granley Road—The Committee further considered the application by the Owner for rescission of the Demolition Order made in respect of this house on the 2nd March, 1936. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had submitted to the owner a specification of the work required to render the house fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month

(e) 1 Red Lion Passage, New Street—Read, letter of 19th ult. from the Owner applying for permission to add this property, in respect of which a Demolition Order was made on the 2nd December, 1935, to 309 High Street. The Rota View Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to and that the Owner be required to demolish the premises.

(f) The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses

(i) 10 Tivoli Street and 10 Tivoli Lane—The Owner attended and stated that he was willing to give an Undertaking to recondition the property on obtaining the consent of his mortgagees. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable him to obtain such consent.

(ii) 148 Bath Road—Read, letter from the Owner offering to give an undertaking not to use this house for human habitation but only as a lock-up shop. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Owner to give this Undertaking,

(iii) 12 Glenfall 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 shall not be so used until rendered fit be accepted.

(iv) 16-19 Waterloo Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had not yet carried out his Undertaking to recondition these houses, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month but that the Owner be informed that Demolition Orders will be made next month unless satisfactory progress is reported.

(v) 1 and 2 Harp Hill Cottages—Read, letter of 13th inst. from Mr. W. J. Forbes reporting that these houses had been sold to Mr. F. N. Shenton. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the new Owner to put forward his proposals to the Committee.

(vi) 10 and 12 Malvern Street ; 21 St. Philip's Street ; West Cottage and 5a St. George's Avenue—RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned in the case of these houses pending consideration by the Street and Highway and Housing Committees of the offers for sale reported at the last meeting of this Committee,

(g) 7 Ambrose Place, Ambrose Street—The, Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had not Ambrose Street —The Chief Sanitary , reported the Owner had complied with the Demolition Order made in respect thereof on the 3rd July, 1933, and submitted tenders for carrying out the work in default. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mark Williams & Co. Ltd., amounting to £26 0s. 0d. (being the lowest), be accepted.

(h) 26 Fairview Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported application by the purchaser of this property for permission to use it for storage purposes. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

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9—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) 1 and 2 Richmond Cottages 86, 87 and 88 Albion Street ; 30 Portland Square and 6 Portland Cottages; and 15 Sidney Street—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for a further. two. months in the case of these houses to enable the Chief Sanitary Inspector to prepare specifications for reconditioning.

(b) 26 Albion Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertaking given by the Owners that this house shall not be used for human habitation but only for business or storage purposes be accepted.

(c) 28 Union Street : and 45 Jersey Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertaking 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.

(d) 3 Buckle's Cottages—The Owner of this house attended and asked to be allowed to use it as a store, and the Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the Undertaking offered by the Owner not to use the premises for human habitation but only for storage purposes and to demolish the adjoining outbuildings be accepted.

(e) Stanley Cottage, Sidney Street ; Eaton Cottage, Eaton Place ; 9 Kew Place ; 1-5 Edward Terrace—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had issued specifications which were being considered by the owners of these houses, and that No. 9 New Place had recently changed hands. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month in each case.

(f) 2, 3 and 4 Coltham Fields—The Owner of these houses attended and stated that she was not prepared to recondition them and had instructed agents to sell the property. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for three months to enable the owner to find a purchaser.

(g) 31 and 33 Union Street ; and 2 and 3 Gothic Cottages--RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned in the case of these houses, pending consideration by the Street and Highway Committee of the offers for sale reported at the last meeting of this Committee.

(h) 14 and 15 Witcombe Place—RESOLVED, That if the Owner demolishes the back wings of these houses and reconditions them to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, such work be accepted as sufficient compliance with the Witcombe Place Clearance Order so far as it affects the said houses.

(i) 18 Fairview Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That his Undertaking be cancelled.

10—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness--(a) 24 Sun 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) 68 St. George's Place ; 20 Sandford Street ; 12 King Street ; 15 Waterloo 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,

11—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 8 cwt. 5 qrs. 11 lbs. Pork ; 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 ½ lbs. Beef ; 1 cwt. 0 qrs. 4 lbs. Mutton ; 27 lbs. Rabbit ; 1 qr. 11 ½ lbs Fowls

12—Common Lodging Houses—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported the annual inspection of the Common Lodging Houses. RESOLVED, That the applications for renewal of registration as Common Lodging House Keepers received from Mr. A. A. V. Meulbrouck in respect of Cumberland Villa, Grove Street, and from Mrs. A. A. Evans in respect of Rowton House and The Shamrock, Grove Street, and The Nelson, High Street, be granted until the 31st December, 1938.

13—Offensive Trade—Fish Fryer-82 Tennyson Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that M W. T. Morris had provided a satisfactory apparatus for fish frying at these premises as required by the Committee. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 107 of the Public Health Act, 1936, consent be given to the trade of fish frying being carried on by Mr. Morris at 82 Tennyson Road until the 31st December 1938.

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

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15—Sewer at rear of Pittville Lawn and Albert Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that this sewer was in a defective condition, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine the sewer and report to the Committee.

16—Smoke Nuisances—(a) Bath Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported a considerable improvement in the smoke emitted from Messrs. Shenton's factory in Bath Road. Mr. Shenton attended and stated that he had taken all reasonable steps to prevent a nuisance from smoke. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for three months to see if the improvement is maintained.

(b) Naunton Lane—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported complaints of nuisance caused by the emission of smoke from the Sunshine Laundry, Naunton Lane, and that the proprietor had promised to install a different kind of apparatus which it was hoped would abate the nuisance. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for three months to enable this apparatus to be installed.

17—Flooding—Hewlett Road and Eldon Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted estimates of the cost of his proposals for preventing the recurrence of flooding at Ivydene, Glenvale, Ehrenberg, The Cedars, and 4 Eldon Road, amounting to a total of £250 0s. 0d. RESOLVED, That offers be made to the Owners to carry out this work at the cost of the Corporation.

18—Chelt Main Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that the levels had now been taken and the position of all inlets surveyed and the plans had been prepared for the new sewer which he submitted. This had entailed a great deal of work. He suggested that he should be authorised to confer with a representative of the Ministry of Health on the plans. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

19—Hayden Knoll Cottages—RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. Surman amounting to £897 4s. 0d. for the erection of two houses to replace these cottages be accepted subject to contract, and that application be made to the Minister of Health for sanction to a loan for this amount.

20—Borough Surveyor's Department—Main Drainage Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported application by Mr. W. I. Bell for a special allowance in view of the objectionable nature of the work and the great amount of overtime in connection with the survey of the Chelt Main Sewer. RESOLVED, That he be granted an allowance of per week from the 1st May last until the final plans are sent to the Ministry of Health,

21—Tivoli Road—Morfords—The Borough Surveyor reported complaint of a subsidence of soil in the garden of this house alleged to be due to the laying of Park Place sewer RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fill in the depression with soil.

22—Brooklyn Road—The Committee further considered application by Messrs. Goddard & Hunt for a contribution towards the cost of extending the sewer along Brooklyn Road. The Borough Surveyor reported that the land of the Corporation on the West side of the road was already provided with a sewer. RESOLVED, That the applicants be informed that under these circumstances, the Corporation can make no contribution towards the cost of laying the sewer.

23—Barn Farm --(a) The Town Clerk submitted a number of letters from Mr. G. P. Rymer as to the condition of the bungalow at the above farm. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Farms and Abattoir Sub-Committee.

(b) The Town Clerk reported application by Mr. G. P. Rymer to be allowed the cost of purchasing 500 fencing posts at 5d. each for the improvement of the fences of this farm. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

24—Sewer, Tewkesbury Road- Town Clerk submitted application by Mr. C.A. Corbett for permission to connect a bungalow with the sewer in Tewkesbury Road, RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the applicant entering into an agreement to pay 2s in the £ on the rateable value of the premises to be connected thereto.

25—National Health Campaign—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the British Social Hygiene Council would require a contribution of about £30 towards the cost of the proposed course of lectures to the public on Social Hygiene RESOLVED, That the Corporation's contribution be increased to £10 and that the County Council be asked to make up the balance,

26—Poliomyelitis—The Medical Officer of Health submitted for the information of the Committee a Report on cases of Poliomyelitis in Cheltenham and throughout the country.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th November, 1937. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Addis, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Till.

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

2—**Selection of Tenants and View Sub-Committee**—(a) RESOLVED, That Aldermen Pates and Leigh James ; Councillors Addis, Bettridge, Compton, Rev. Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Moore and Morris be appointed the Selection of Tenants and View Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

(b) Read, report of Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 12th inst. The Sub-Committee reported (inter alia) that they had interviewed 28 applicants for houses and placed 21 of these on the selected list of tenants to be allocated houses, when available. 4 applications were adjourned and 1 was refused. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—**Repairs Sub-Committee**—(a) RESOLVED, That Councillors Addis, Fisher, Moore, Morris and Till be appointed this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Repairs Sub-Committee be asked to inspect from time to time the houses in course of erection.

4—Whaddon Farm Housing Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made by Mr. Sansom and Messrs. Edwards with their Contracts. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have fires lit in the houses where he considers necessary to dry these out before letting. RESOLVED, also, That he be instructed to have privet hedges planted along the front boundary fences of the 190 houses erected under Schemes A and B ; also That he be instructed to surface the roads on the Estate as soon as possible.

(b) Railings—The Borough Surveyor reported on the 15 tenders received for the unclimbable wrought iron railings to be erected along the backs of the houses abutting on to the Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Bayliss, Jones & Bayliss (being the most favourable received) amounting to £738 plus sum of £209 for fixing be accepted subject to contract.

(c) Shelving—The Borough Surveyor reported that, as instructed, he had arranged for Mr. Sansom to fix additional shelving in the 20 angle-type houses on Schemes A and B at a cost of £8 3s. 4d.

(d) Non-Subsidy Houses—The Borough Treasurer reported as to the economical inclusive rent of the 50 non-subsidy houses now in course of erection by Messrs. Edwards. RESOLVED, That the rent of the houses be fixed at 14s 6d. per week inclusive.

5—External Painting of Houses-6 tenders were received for the external painting of 276 houses on the St. Mark's, Piney Lane and Whaddon Avenue Housing Estates and in Hope Street. RESOLVED, That these be referred for the consideration of the Repairs Sub-Committee and they be authorised to accept a tender or tenders.

6—Sale of Houses-11 Shelley Road and 22 Tennyson Road—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. G. H. Organ and Mrs, L. E. Holman to purchase No. 11 Shelley Road and No, 22 Tennyson Road respectively at the prices of £510 and £460 respectively. RESOLVED, That these offers be accepted subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health to the sale being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry for consent to the sales.

7—Housing Manager—(a) The Housing Manager submitted her Monthly Report on the collection of the rents, RESOLVED, That the sum of £14 7s. 7d. arrears be written off as irrecoverable.

(b) Office Accommodation—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of the alterations to the rooms in the Basement to provide Office accommodation for the Housing Department. He estimated the cost of carrying out the work at £222. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

8—Reconditioning-7 and 8 Queen Street—The Sanitary Inspector recommended that the dividing wall between these houses should be carried out through the roof and covered with lead flashing each side, and submitted estimate of Messrs. Trigg Brothers for £2 15s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted.

9—News Cottages—The Town Clerk reported that he had completed the purchase of the sites of Nos. 1 to 9 News Cottages and the strip of land at No. 1 St. John's Cottages. Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Ministry of Health enquiring whether the Corporation were in a position to submit their specific proposals for the development of the site. RESOLVED, That consideration of building on the site be adjourned for the present.

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10—New Houses—Russell Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that tenders had been obtained for the erection of a pair of three-bedroom houses on the site belonging to the Corporation in Russell Place together with two cottages at the Hayden Sewage Farm for the Public Health Committee and 7 tenders were received and opened at the Public Health Committee. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. J. Surman amounting to £833 9s. 0d. for the 2 houses in Russell Place (being the lowest tender received) be accepted subject to Contract and Bond and to the consent of the Ministry of Health to the loan being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the loan of £833 for the erection of the houses and for approval of the houses under Section 105 of the Housing Act 1936. RESOLVED, also, That the Council undertake that the conditions set out in Section 27 of the Housing Act 1930 will be complied with.

J. P. PATES, Chairman

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting -of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd November, 1937. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Till.

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

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

3—**Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That The Mayor ; Alderman Pates , and Councillors Fletcher, Morris and Till be appointed the Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—**Labour Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Addis, Green, Grimwade and Morris be appointed the Labour Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

5—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.

6—Refuse Destructor—The Borough Surveyor recommended the provision of a sluice valve hydrant, standpipe and fittings with 50 yards of hose at an estimated cost of £25 in case fire should break out at the Refuse Destructor RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Annual Tenders—Road Materials—The Town Clerk submitted three further applications for increases in contract prices for the supply of road materials for the current year owing to the recent advances in railway charges The Borough Surveyor reported that he had enquired whether similar applications had been granted by Councils of 12 other towns and in only one case had such an application been granted. RESOLVED, That the applications be not acceded to.

8—Private Improvement Works—(a) Rowanfield Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that there was a balance of expenditure of £65 9s. 10d. over the amount apportioned against the frontagers for making up this road. RESOLVED, That this be charged to the highway expenses.

(b) Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor recommended that the frontage owners should be required to make up the footpath on the South-West side of Arle Road between Alstone Croft and the Railway Bridge. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare specifications, plans and estimates of the works required with a view to notices being served on the abutting owners.

9—Horse—The Borough Surveyor reported that one of the horses used for drawing the scavenging carts was now too old to work. RESOLVED, That the horse be humanely destroyed, and that Alderman Pates and Councillors Green and Till be authorised to purchase another horse to take its place.

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10—Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs Leishman & Copeland asking the Council to reconsider their decision not to make up the slope of the drives and entrances of the houses below the level of this road. RESOLVED, That the Committee's previous decision be adhered to.

11—Old Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by the Borough Electrical Engineer for permission to fix a transformer pillar on a strip of land purchased by the Corporation a few years ago for the improvement of the junction of this road with Charlton Park Gate. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

12—Junction of Whaddon Road and Severn Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted an application from the Head Postmaster for permission to erect a pillar box on the pavement at this junction. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

13—Footpath, St. James' Square to Parish Church Infants School—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Divisional Engineer of the Great Western Railway Co. at Gloucester pointing out that this footpath belonged to the Railway Company and asking for an Undertaking to remove the posts recently erected to prevent cyclists using this footpath if required by the Company, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to give the Undertaking asked for.

14—Junction of Evesham Road and Wellington Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for the erection of a traffic island at this junction RESOLVED, That he be instructed to erect a temporary island for a trial period.

15—Junction of St. Paul's Road and St. Paul's Street North—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Councillor Fisher asking for the position of the omnibus " Stop" sign at this junction to be altered. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

16—View Committee—Read, report of the View Committee held on the 17th inst. Present—
Councillors Addis, Fletcher, Green and Till They recommended as follows :—

(1) Pittville Circus—That Mr. S. H. Harrison's request for lopping of two trees in front of "Burston" be granted.

(2) Sydenham Road—That Mr. R. F. Stratton's request for removal of two trees opposite "Petherton" be not granted but that the trees be thinned out.

(3) Sydenham Villas Road—That Mr. W. G. Barnes's application for pollarding of tree by No. 11 be not granted.

(4) Priory Street—That with regard to the memorial from Miss Broome and other residents, no action be taken in respect of the footpath on the west side but that the footpath on the east side be patched.

(5) Upper High Street—That Miss N. Deering's application for removal of tree in front of "Priory Lodge" be not acceded to.

(6) London Road—That Mr. G. Stannards application for permission to erect two petrol pumps with swing arms extending over the pavement at 21-23 Oxford Place be granted subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

(7) Montpellier Drive—That Mrs. Eden's application for removal of tree near "Granleigh" be not granted but that the tree be thinned out.

(8) Montpellier Spa Road—That Lt.-Col. J.H.H. Jones' application for removal of chestnut tree opposite No. 5 Spa Place be not granted but that the tree be thinned out.

(9) Junction of Park Place and Andover Road—That with regard to Mr. H. W. Priday's application for traffic signs, "Halt, Major Road Ahead" signs be fixed in Park Place and the signs be altered at fork in Andover Road directing through traffic along Suffolk Road only to relieve traffic in Andover Road.

(10) Suffolk Street—That consideration of Mr. M. Willett's application for permission to erect four petrol pumps with swing arms be deferred until plans of new building are submitted.

(11) Leckhampton Road—That Mrs. Twycross' application for removal of two trees in front of No. 48 be not acceded to.

(12) Leckhampton Road—That Mr. C. E. W. Binney's application for retention of tree opposite No. 86 be granted.

(13) Leckhampton Road—That with regard to Councillor Rogers' application for a bus shelter, the Cheltenham and District Traction Co. be asked to place a shelter on the Corporation's land near the Reservoir.

(14) The Park—That Miss Kelly's application for removal of tree in front of "Ireton House" be not acceded to.

(15) Lansdown Road—That no action be taken with regard to Mrs. L. Green's complaint of trees growing too tall near " Mayfield."

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, except that the recommendation No. 9 to alter the direction signs in Andover Road be not approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to approach the owners of the properties adjoining the junction of Park Place and Andover Road with a view to widening the corners.

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17—Cleevemount Estate—The View Committee reported a Meeting with Representatives of the Cheltenham Rural District Council, Prestbury Parish Council and Messrs. G.A.M. Hall Ltd to consider the building by the latter over a footpath and sewer on the Cleevemount Estate. RESOLVED, That the application by G.A.M. Hall Ltd. for consent to the diversion of the footpath be granted subject to their paying the costs of the necessary application to the Court and to their providing a concrete raft under the coalhouse built over the sewer and a manhole as shown on the plan submitted by them to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

18—Sherborne Street—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. A. E. Marshall & Son had agreed to give an Undertaking to dedicate land for the widening and improvement of this road subject to the Corporation agreeing to pave and make up the land as soon as the erection of houses had been completed. RESOLVED, That this condition be agreed to.

19--Chatsworth Drive—The Town Clerk reported that the Notices of Intention to take over this road had been given and no objection had been received. RESOLVED, That the road be adopted and taken over as a road repairable by the Corporation.

20—High Street and Promenade Improvement—(a) The Town Clerk submitted letter from Gloucester Stone Co. that they could not give any guarantee as to the durability of the material. RESOLVED, That a guarantee be not insisted on.

(b) Read, letter of 16th inst. from Lt.-Col. Arbuthnott suggesting the provision of Pedestrian Crossings across the Colonnade, Clarence Street, Lower High Street, North Street and High Street at the ends of the railings round the pavements at this junction. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

21—Mead Road—The Town Clerk submitted memorial from residents in this road complaining of the condition of the road RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare specifications, plans and estimates of the work required with a view to notices being served on the abutting owners

22—Regent Street—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Messrs. Martin & Phelps Ltd. complaining of the condition of the pavement outside Nos. 23 and 24 Regent Street. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

23—Norwood Road--(a) 21 St, Philip's Street—The Town Clerk submitted letters of 4th and 16th inst. from Messrs Haddock, Pruen & Merivale refusing the Corporation's offer of £100 for this property, but stating that an offer of £165 plus their costs would be considered. RESOLVED, That an offer of £165 plus Vendor's costs be made.

(b) 1, 2 and 3 Gothic Cottages—Read, letter of 18th inst. from Mr. W. H. Horsley offering these cottages and adjoining garage for £500. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted subject to Contract.

24—Brooklyn Road—(a) The Committee considered a complaint by Councillor Grimwade of the condition of the footpaths in this road. RESOLVED, That provision be made in next year's estimates for paving the portions of the footpaths in front of the frontages already developed. (b) Read, letter from Messrs. Midwinter & Co. asking for an allowance of £12 to be made to Mr E. G. Cook in respect of his liability to contribute towards the road charges in respect of his frontage to Brooklyn Road in consideration of the land given up by him for the improvement of the corner. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(c) The Town Clerk reported application by Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons on behalf of three clients for the purchase of 1,100 feet frontage of land on the north west side of this road at £3 5s. 0d. per foot less Agents' commission RESOLVED, That the offers be not accepted, but that a counter-offer be made to sell the land at £3 15s. 0d. per foot subject to contract and to the purchasers entering into covenants to erect houses of not less value than £650 each on the south west side of the brook and £550 each on the north east side of the brook, such values to be exclusive of the value of the land. RESOLVED, also, That if any of the applicants will purchase the remainder of the Corporation's frontage on this side of the road (about 500 feet) the price be reduced to that purchaser from £3 15s. 0d. to £3 10s. 0d. per foot.

(d) The Town Clerk reported application from Mr. A. J. Smith to be released from his tenancy of a piece of arable land on the north west side of this road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted and that the proportion of rent due since 29th September last be waived.

(e) The Town Clerk reported application by Mr. F. Townsend to rent a field of about 5 acres on the north west side of this road at 4s per week. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the applicant entering into a tenancy agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

25—Prestbury Road-1-9 Cakebridge Terrace—The Town Clerk submitted report of the District Valuer valuing the site of these houses at 150. RESOLVED, That an offer of £150 be made.

26—Warwick Place and Fairview Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Transport had consented to the erection of " Halt " signs in these roads and that the signs had been erected by the Borough Surveyor.

27—Southern By-Pass—The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Divisional Road Engineer reporting that the construction of the proposed southern by-pass would receive consideration at an early date.

28—Barclay's Bank—The Town Clerk reported receipt of the sanction of the Minister of Health to a loan of £6,011 for the purchase of Barclay's Bank's premises at 107 High Street.

29—Shurdington Road—The Town Clerk reported that the 30 mph. sign at Shurdington Road Bridge had been damaged by a vehicle belonging to Messrs. Ride & Co. of Winchcomb Street, Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of erecting a new sign, estimated at £1 9s. 4d.

30-243a and 244 High Street—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Mr. W. H. Horsley accepting the Corporation's offer to purchase this property for £800, subject to the Vendor's Solicitor's costs being paid. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to the Contract being approved by the Town Clerk,

31—Hewlett Road—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from the Cheltenham and District Traction Co. applying for consent to the erection of an Omnibus "Stop" sign and time board on the pavement outside the Rose Marie Hairdressers establishment in this road. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

32—Priors Road--The Town Clerk reported that Mr A. B. Wood, tenant of the land adjoining the Cemetery, had agreed to the erection of an Omnibus shelter on his land. RESOLVED, That the Cheltenham and District Traction Co. be informed of this and asked to carry out their proposal to erect a shelter at this place.

33—Territorial Army—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter from the Duke of Beaufort, President of the Gloucestershire Territorial Army and Air Force Association, asking for information as to the degree of indispensability of the Corporation employees who are members of the Territorial Army. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for reply.

34—Trunk Road No. 10—(a) Payment of Expenditure—The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 5 (Roads) dated the 13th ult. from the Ministry of Transport asking for provisional estimates of the expenditure on the trunk road for the year 1938-9. The Borough Surveyor reported that these estimates had been forwarded.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 17th inst. from the Ministry of Transport suggesting that the Corporation should enter into an agreement to carry out road works as agents of the Ministry of Transport. RESOLVED, That an Agreement be entered into in the form required by the Ministry of Transport.

35—Traffic Signals—The Town Clerk submitted Circular 508 (Roads) dated the 8th inst. from the Ministry of Transport requesting that for the sake of uniformity the amber period of all traffic light signals should be three seconds. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary alterations.

36—Bath Road—The Town Clerk reported application by Wicliffe Motor Co. Ltd. for permission to erect four petrol pumps and an air line with swing arms extending over the pavement outside their premises in Bath Road, RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual Agreement being entered into.

37—Projecting Signs—(a) RESOLVED, That the application by Messrs. F. H. Bastin and Son for permission to erect an illuminated projecting sign outside the Cambridge Inn, North Street, be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. E. W. & W. J. Moore for permission to erect an illuminated sign outside the premises of the Cheltax Motor Hire Co. be granted subject to the usual conditions.

38—Banners—(a) High Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Cheltenham Association Football Club Ltd. for permission to hang a banner advertising matches across the Strand from Messrs. Leopolds' premises to those of Messrs. Gough & Edwards be granted for the days of the Matches only subject to the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Peace Pledge Union for permission to hang a banner across the Promenade during Peace Week be not acceded to.

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39--Telegraph Lines—(a) Kingsley Gardens—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Superintending Engineer for permission to lay an underground telegraph line across the entrance to Kingsley Gardens be granted subject to the work: being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Superintending Engineer for permission to erect or lay overhead or underground telegraph lines (i) at the back of Montpellier Terrace : (ii) across Suffolk Place : (iii) across lane at rear of Suffolk House : (iv) along and across lane between Western Drive and Evesham Road, be granted subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineer.

(c) Pittville Street—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Superintending Engineer for permission to lay an underground telegraph line along the east side of Pittville Street instead of the west side as previously requested be granted subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineer.

(d) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 17th inst. from the Post Office Superintending Engineer enclosing list of roads proposed to be opened before 31st March, 1938. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report.

40—Wooden Bridge at Hatherley—The Town Clerk reported that a wooden bridge at Hatherley had been maliciously damaged by a Private in the Army who had been dealt with by the Military Authorities. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make good the damage.

41—Prestbury Road—Read, letter of 21st inst. from Councillor Miller suggesting that a white line should be painted round the bend in this road near its junction with Windsor Street, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out this work

42—Tewkesbury Road Bridge Widening—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement prepared by the Solicitor to the London Midland and Scottish Railway Co. for the widening of this bridge which included (inter alia) the following terms:-

(a) The work to be carried out by the Railway Company at the cost of the Corporation in accordance with plans specifications and quantities to be prepared by the Railway Company and submitted to the Corporation for approval.

(b) Any tender accepted by the Railway Company to be first approved by the Corporation.

(c) The Railway Company to be paid 7 ½ per cent. of the total cost of the Contract Work to cover preparation of Plans, specifications and quantities and supervision.

(d) The Corporation to pay the Railway Company all expenses incurred by them in consequence of the widening of the bridge including a sum to be agreed upon for the additional cost of maintaining the widened bridge.

(e) The Corporation to pay the Railway Company £220 for the land of the Railway Company required for the widening of the bridge and to make their own arrangements with the tenants of such land.

(f) The Corporation to relieve the Railway Company of their liability to maintain the roadway in consideration of a commuted sum to be agreed upon.

The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Transport required the County Council to be made parties to the Agreement and he had amended the draft accordingly and added a proviso that the County Council should repay the expenditure incurred by the Corporation after deducting the grant to be made by the Ministry of Transport. RESOLVED, That the draft Agreement as revised be approved.

43—Warwick Buildings—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Councillor Avery suggesting the purchase of this property for use as a Car Park, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

44-7 Pittville Street—The Town Clerk reported an application by the Air Raid Precautions Authority for use of this property as an office when it becomes vacant on the 25th prox. RESOLVED, That the property be offered to the Authority at a rent of £40 per annum exclusive of rates.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th November, 1937. Present—Alderman Leigh James Councillors Avery, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Grimwade and Howell ; Mesdames Booy, Grist: Gurney and Wood.

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

2—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Miss Beatrice Smith for the registration of Askham House, Pittville Circus Road, as a Nursing Home for the reception of the patient now reported to the Committee, be granted up the 31st October next, subject to a fully qualified nurse being employed

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Miss Lily Elizabeth Baylis for the registration of Ashton Priors, Pittville Circus, as a Nursing Home under the title of "Ashton Hydro and Residential Nursing Home" be granted.

(c) 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, 1938.

3—Maternity Services—(a) X-Ray Examinations—The Medical Officer of Health reported that X-Ray examinations were now resorted to more frequently where abnormal pelvic measurements are suspected. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to pay the fees in these cases.

(b) Pathological Examinations—RESOLVED, That the fees for Pathological Examinations also be paid.

4—Maternal Mortality--Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Ministry of Health that the Minister would await in due course the result of the Council's action with regard to the provision of (a) an Emergency Unit, and (b) Obstetric Assistance for Midwives, and also asking to be informed of any arrangements which the Council had made for the examination of post-natal cases and what in-patient accommodation is available for such of those cases as require treatment. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk's letter of 13th inst. in reply be approved.

5—Orthopaedic Scheme—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of the work of the Orthopaedic Clinic for the quarter ended 30th September last Five Clinics had been held and the total number of children on the Register was 25 chargeable to the Education Committee, in respect of which 16 surgeon's consultations had been held, and 39 children chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 14 surgeon's consultations had been held, and he submitted accounts of the proportion of the fees payable by this Committee, including 37 out-patients' fees of 6d. each and an account for £3 8s. 7d. for in-patient treatment in respect of one child. RESOLVED, That these accounts be paid.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd November, 1937. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; and Councillor Moore.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 25th November, 1937. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Barnett and Bendall ; Messrs. A. Hall, J. Walker and A. Yiend (The Deputy Mayor in the chair)

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

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.
1235	G. H. Willis	Additions, cottage at Birdlip.
1238	T. H. Hewinson	Detached bungalow, Crickley Hill.
1239	Cheltenham Estates Ltd.	Extension to existing bungalow, Haywards Lane, Charlton Kings.
1240	A. Mitchell	Bottling house, Northfield Farm, Charlton Kings.
1241	A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd.	Detached house, Charlton Drive, Charlton Kings.
1242	Goddard & Hunt	Detached house, Greenhills Road, Charlton Kings.
1243	G. C. Downer	Detached house, Charlton Drive, Charlton Kings.
1244	E. Gore	Additions to dwelling house, Gretton Fields Farm.
1245	Miss M. Taylor	Additions to cottage, Bishop's Cleeve
1246	W. Bruce Wilkins	Detached house, Stockwell Lane, Cleeve Hill.
1247	F. W. Harris	Additions, Dark's Cottage, Noverton Lane, Prestbury
1248	H. J. Williams	Additions, Sheldon Nurseries, Nr. Boddington.
1249	L. W. Barnard	Re-building of house destroyed by fire, "The Bittams," Leckhampton.
1250	S. C. Stirland	Garage and Filling Station (preliminary plan), Air Balloon, Crickley Hill.
1252	W. H. Parslow	Detached house, Little Herberts Lane, Charlton Kings.
1253	R. G. Hanks	Alterations and additions, Tynning Cottage, Shurdington Road, Shurdington
1254	T. E. Whittaker	Bathroom, Swindon Hall Farm, Swindon.
1255	Mrs. E. J. Watts	Garage (Amended plan), Pinehurst, Lyefield Road West, Charlton Kings.
1256	Cheltenham Corporation	Low tension overhead line between Road A40 and Harthurst (Electricity Department) Field Farm, Golden Valley.
1257	do.	Low tension overhead line, Seven Springs.
1258	do.	High tension overhead line from Shurdington Lane, Leckhampton, to " The Bittams."

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1239, 1240, 1242, 1245, 1246, 1247, 1248, 1249, 1253, 1255, 1256, 1257 and 1258 be approved ; That Plan No 1235 be approved subject to the requirements of the County

Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935 ; That Plan No. 123S be approved subject to the siting of the building and materials used externally being to the satisfaction of the Committee ; That Plans Nos. 1241, 1243 and 1244 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, and in the case of Plan No. 1243, to dark tiles being used on the roof , That Plan No. 1252 be approved subject to the roof being hipped back and natural slates being used ; That Plan No. 1254 be approved subject to the Owner entering into an undertaking to remove the building behind the building line if and when required by the Highway Authority ; That Plan No. 1250 be not approved.

4—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of Mr. R. J. Hunt, Architect, Harrow, Middlesex, dated 2nd November, 1937, for approval to new streets and 42 building plots on the Cleavelands Estate, Cheltenham as shown on the preliminary plans accompanying the application. RESOLVED, That the lay-out be approved in principle subject to plans, sections and specification of roads and sewers being submitted to and approved by the Council before the work is commenced, but that the applicant be informed that this approval does not bind the Committee to approve plans of any houses which cannot be drained into existing sewers or to access from plots 39 to 42, inclusive, to the road on which the plots abut, as this road comes within the provisions of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935.

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(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 18th ult. from Mr. David Melville, asking for permission to convert "Langholme," Hatherley Road into four flats and to erect a detached house on the ground at the rear RESOLVED That the application be granted subject to detail plans of the proposed flats and new buildings and to the width of the approach road being submitted to and approved by the Council.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 18th ult. from Mr. David Melville, asking if land off Alstone Lane could be used for the erection of a block of four maisonettes. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to detail plans of the proposed buildings being submitted to and approved by the Council and to the consent of the Housing Committee to the sale of the land.

(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of Messrs. Eric Cole and Partners, Architects, Cirencester, on behalf of Mr. N. H. Cole, for permission to erect a house on Cleeve Hill, RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(e) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 4th inst. of Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter, asking if permission would be granted for the erection of a house on a plot of land off New Barn Lane, Prestbury. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred pending the views of the Cheltenham Rural District Council on the question of drainage.

(f) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. J. W Turner for permission to convert No. 1 Devon Villas, Millbrook Street, into a shop. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(g) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 22nd inst. from Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell Ltd, Evesham, for permission to erect a Church Hall for St. James' Church Lads' Brigade at the junction of Brandon Place and Tryes Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to detail plans being to the satisfaction of the Committee and to no nuisance being caused to owners of neighbouring properties by reason of noise.

(h) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. W. H. Bowd, Builder, enquiring the number of shops that would be permitted on the vacant shopping site in Whaddon Road, RESOLVED, That Mr. Bowd be informed that the Committee is prepared to consider favourably the erection of eight shops on the site subject to detail plans being submitted to and approved by the Committee.

(i) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 4th inst. from Messrs. Hugh-Jones & Flinn, Solicitors, London, on behalf of the Bugatti Owners' Club, for permission to use " Prescott House " for the purposes of a Country Club and the grounds for speed hill climbing tests. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the Club erecting a chestnut paling fence at the edge of the road anti leaving sufficient space for pedestrians to proceed clear of vehicles using the road ; also to the requirements of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935.

(j) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 10th inst. from Alan V. Stubbs, Architect of Reston, Middlesex, on behalf of Messrs, Gibbard & Co, Ltd., Chocolate Manufacturers, for permission to erect a factory on land at the junction of Kingsditch Lane and Swindon Road. in the parish of Swindon, RESOLVED, That the application be approved subject to detail plans being in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme and the building byelaws and to no objection being raised by the Rural District Council.

5—Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme No. 1—(a) Northleach Rural District Council—Col. C. D. Barrow, Capt. H. G. Green, Mr. J. H. Clifford and Mr. R. S. S. Meade, members of the Northleach Rural District Council, together with the Clerk and Sanitary Inspector, attended as a deputation from their Council. Mr. Meade stated that his Council objected to the zoning of the greater part of the area for the permanent prohibition of building operations, but were willing to agree to the land being scheduled for one house to 50 acres, with the exception that they agreed that no building should be allowed on the skyline of the hills. His Council also objected to paying any compensation for the scheduling of lands which would be of no benefit to them. RESOLVED, That consideration of these representations be deferred and considered on the objections to the draft Scheme.

(b) Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council that the County Planning Committee had passed the following resolution :—

"That subject to the appointment of a joint body, on which the County Council will be adequately represented, as the responsible authority for appropriate purposes and to the making of satisfactory arrangements for meeting the expenses thereof, the County Council do approve the Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Draft Scheme No. 1."

The County Council had appointed a Committee to consider the appointment of joint bodies to administer certain purposes in all schemes being prepared throughout the County, and on hearing that the Council would be prepared to accept in principle the above resolution, they would consider detailed proposals affected by the Scheme and suggest a further meeting with representatives of the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Committee accept in principle the proposal of appointing a Joint Committee subject to constitution and membership of the Committee being approved by the Council.

(c) Road Proposals—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the County Surveyor with regard to the road proposals. The County Surveyor agreed with the suggestion of the Borough Surveyor that Road No. 44 should be diverted opposite Road No. 41. With reference to Road No. 55, he also agreed with the

Borough Surveyor's suggestion that, as this road would not now connect with the Southern Bye-pass, the road should be deleted from the Scheme. RESOLVED, That these alterations be approved and the Draft Scheme amended accordingly.

(d) The Town Clerk reported that the Draft Scheme had been deposited for inspection and copies furnished to the local authorities concerned in pursuance of Article 30 of the Regulations, together with a copy of the proposed resolution of intention to adopt the Draft Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Council hereby adopt the Draft of the above Town Planning Scheme and the Draft Scheme Map and direct that the Scheme and Map be signed and certified by the Town Clerk. RESOLVED, also, That the preparation of the personal notice of adoption of the Draft Scheme for serving on the registered owners be proceeded with, and the necessary advertisements published, as required by Articles 4 and 13 of the Regulations.

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6—Cleeve Mount Estate—The Town Clerk reported that representatives of the Street and Highway Committee had inspected the building which had been erected by G. A. M. Hall Ltd. over the Cheltenham Rural District Council's sewer on this estate. Read, letter of 20th inst. from G. A. M. Hall Ltd. enclosing plan of work which they were willing to carry out to enable inspection of and repairs to the sewer to be carried out without difficulty. They proposed to provide a concrete raft under the coal house and verandah, and to build up the existing manhole and provide a manhole cover level with the ground for easy access if required at any time. RESOLVED, That subject to approval of the Rural District Council the proposals of G. A. M. Hall Ltd. be approved subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

7—Appeal by Mr. A. Halls—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Ministry of Health, enclosing instrument dismissing the appeal made by Mr. A. Halls against the refusal of the Council to allow the erection of dwellinghouses on land near Staverton Bridge, which had been scheduled for the "green belt." The Minister saw no reason to disagree with the Council's view nor did he consider that it had been established that any hardship would result by reason of the inability of Mr. Halls to make a claim for compensation at the present stage.

8—Plan No. T.P. 1155—Read, letter of 19th ult. from Mr. E. Camm asking what materials the Committee would approve for the erection of a bungalow at Little Witcombe. RESOLVED, That the Committee will approve of grey bricks and grey clay tiles subject to detailed plans being submitted and to compliance with the Scheme and Building Byelaws.

9—Dawstone, Old Bath Road—Read, letter of 18th ult. from Messrs. Jessop & Son asking that the garage erected at these premises some years ago should be approved under the Byelaws and not as temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

10—Montpellier Rotunda—The Committee further considered the Order recommended to be made under Section 17 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, in respect of Montpellier Rotunda. RESOLVED, That the premises owned and occupied by Lloyds Bank Ltd. and Ormond House be excluded from the Order. RESOLVED, also, 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 Montpellier

Rotunda (excluding the portion owned and occupied by Lloyds Bank Ltd. and Ormond House) and No. 10 Montpellier Street, being buildings of special architectural or historic interest, directing that without the consent of the Council, the building shall not be demolished, and that application be made to the Minister of Health for approval thereof.

11—Contravention of Byelaws—The Borough Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector submitted report on the work carried out by Mr. M. E. J. Sheppard at Nos. 41 and 43 Bath Road without the submission of plans. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute Mr. Sheppard for penalties under the Byelaws.

12—Ladies' College Sanatorium—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with the Ministry of Transport in regard to the application of the Ladies' College to build a new Sanatorium on the site of the present Sanatorium in Leckhampton Road, adjoining the site of the proposed Southern Bye-pass. The Minister recommended that the Bye-pass on either side of Leckhampton Road should be increased from 80 to 120 feet and on the East side of Old Bath Road to a width of 100 feet RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to approve of the erection of the building as shown on the plan submitted, subject to the approval of the Public Health Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the width of the Bye-pass be amended as suggested by the Ministry and the Draft Scheme and Map amended accordingly.

13—The Hewletts—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Messrs. Longrigg & Pye-Smith, Solicitors, of Bath, that Mr. H. W. L. Bunberry, the owner of this estate, would like to consider entering into an agreement for the scheduling of this land as a private open space, which would enable him to build cottages for employees, instead of as an area permanently restricted from development. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to agree to this, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare and submit draft agreement to Mr. Bunberry's solicitors, as requested by them.

14—New Cinema, Imperial Rooms—The plans submitted by Mr. Leslie Norton on behalf of Associated Cinema Properties Limited for the erection of a new Cinema on the site of the Imperial Rooms, Promenade, were considered. The plans complied with the Byelaws and the Architect undertook to carry out the drainage to the satisfaction of the Corporation. The proposed culvert had a maximum width of 23 feet 4 inches for about a distance of 26 feet, after which it gradually reduced in width to its junction with the existing culvert in Royal Well Place to 8 feet 6 inches and at its junction with the culvert at the rear of the fountain to 12 feet 3 inches. The culvert would be constructed of re-inforced concrete and form an integral part of the superstructure. The Borough Surveyor did not consider this satisfactory, and advised that the superstructure should be carried on piers independent of the culvert, and that the culvert should have a uniform width of 18 feet, with the exception of the junction with the culvert in Royal Well Place, Mr. Downey, the Company's engineer, attended and stated that the proposed construction would be quite safe and was the method commonly adopted in London and elsewhere. He had had difficulty in providing for a depth of 7 feet and this had only been secured by lowering the invert of the culvert. The construction proposed by the Borough Surveyor would involve considerable additional cost, and involve raising the building by about 2 feet, also having projecting steps into the footpath. He was willing, if desired, to widen the junction with the existing culvert and to haunch the widened portions of the new culvert so as to secure a uniform width of 18 feet throughout. The Borough Surveyor stated that in his opinion the steps to the Cinema could be placed inside the building. RESOLVED, That the plans be disapproved, but that the Borough Surveyor be asked

to confer with Mr. Downey with a view to coming to an agreement as to the construction of the culvert.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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The Adjourned Meeting of this Committee was held on Saturday, 27th November, 1937. Present—The Mayor; and The Deputy Mayor (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4707	Goddard & Hunt	10 semi-detached houses and service road, Arle Road.
4733	John Davies Estates Ltd.	Elevation to block of flats, Cambray House site.
4759	Bradshaw, H. E.	4 semi-detached houses, Alstone Lane.
4776	Knight, E. J.	Conversion of houses into 4 flats, 2 Lansdown Terrace.
4780	Nunney, J.	Porch, Norman House, Tivoli Lane.
4781	G. A. M. Hall Ltd.	Revised layout of 2 houses, Cleevemount Estate
4782	Hunt, A. J.	Garage, 20 Morley Terrace, Fairhaven Road.
4783	Parry, Mrs. M. F.	Detached house, Hatherley Court Road.
4784	Cann, H. R.	Garage, 105 Welland Lodge Road.
4785	Brasher, C.	Garage, Painswick Road.
4786	Rogers, W. J.	Cycle shed, 53 Brooklyn Road.
4787	Cole, P. S.	Garage, Bramery, Church Road
4788	Bolton, A.	Detached house, Eldon Road. 4789 John Such & Sons Extension to works, Swindon Road.
4790	Andrews, W. G.	Garage, 93 Gloucester Road.
4791	Jones, E. J.	Garage, The Uplands, Malvern Road.
4792	Shelley, Mrs. A. H.	Bungalow, Brooklyn Road.
4793	Clift, Major J.	Garage, Garden Cottage, Arle Road.
4794	Rogers & Davies	2 detached houses, Hatherley Court Road
4795	Smith, J. T.	Garden shed, Turk's Gardens, Tewkesbury Road.
4796	Shirer & Lances Ltd.	Showroom, Promenade and Clarence Street.
4797	Turner, J.	Conversion of dwellinghouse into shop, 1 Devon Villas, Millbrook Street.
4798	Cheltenham Original Brewery	New sanitary accommodation, Royal Union Inn. Co. Ltd.
4799	Siddall, N. L.	Temporary storage shed, Old Bath Road
4800	G. A. M. Hall Ltd.	13 houses, Hales Road.
4801	Chinn Bros.	Glass canopy over petrol pumps, Bath Parade.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos, 4707, 4733, 4780, 4783, 4784, 4786, 4787, 4791, 4793, 4795, 4797 and 4801 be approve & That Plan No. 4759 be approved subject to the buildings being set back behind the

building line laid down in the Town Planning Scheme, and to the front fences being set back to the improvement line ; That Plans Nos. 4776 and 4798 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 4781 be approved subject to the foundations of house No. 161, to side and rear walls being carried down below the invert level of the main sewer ; That Plan No. 4782 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to remove the building at his own cost and without compensation if and when required; That Plan No. 4785 be approved subject to no access being made to the main road ; That Plans Nos-4788 and 4794 be approved subject to sandfaced tiles being used on the roof, and in the case of Plan No. 4788, subject also to the windows being altered to the satisfaction of the Committee, and in the case of Plan No 4794, subject also to the conduit at the rear of the premises carrying the drainage to the sewer being regarded as a combined drain and not a sewer ; That Plan No. 4789 be approved subject to the roof water being carried to the existing drainage system, and to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor That Plan No. 4796 be approved subject to the building being used only for display purposes in connection with the owners' business ; That Plans Nos 4790, 4792, 4799 and 4800 be not approved.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th November, 1937. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson, Rogers and Waite; and Mr. R. B Seaton.

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

2—Sub-Committees--(a) **Entertainments Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Alderman Pates ; Councillors Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Smith and Waite be appointed the Entertainments Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

(b) **Medical Baths Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Grimwade, Howell, Smith and Waite be appointed the Medical Baths Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

(c) **Advertising Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Councillors Avery, Green and Grimwade together with Councillor H. T. Bush as representing the Chamber of Commerce be appointed the Advertising Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

(d) **Baths Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Grimwade, . Howell, Rogers, Smith and Waite together with two representatives of the Swimming Club be appointed the Baths Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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

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

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

Alstone Baths Councillors Grimwade and Smith.

4—St. Peter's Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported attendances at the Bathing Pools at this Ground during the past season. The total attendance was 9,366 children.

5—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the attendance at these Baths since 10th October.

(b) Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Mr. R. A. Riley, of St. Paul's Training College, asking that in addition to the Winter season tickets the Council should also issue monthly tickets. RESOLVED, That monthly tickets at a charge of 2s 6d. be issued subject to the same conditions as the season tickets.

6—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on 26th October and 16th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Spa Octagon—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Spa Octagon repainted at an estimated cost of £15

(b) Drawing Room—That the tender of Messrs. Cavendish House Ltd. of £5 5s. 0d. for cleaning the carpet in the Drawing Room be accepted.

(c) British Empire Leprosy Relief Association Exhibition—That the Town Hall be let for this exhibition to be held from the 6th to the 13th July, 1938, from 2.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. each day at a charge of £65 plus the cost of lighting used on the stands.

(d) Musical Festival—That the charge for the staff on duty during the last Musical Festival be reduced from £5 to £1.

(e) United Girls' Club Display—That the Town Hall be let for a display by the United Girls' Clubs on 3rd March next at a charge of £10 and that they be allowed to have three rehearsals free of charge on dates to be arranged with the Entertainments Manager.

(f) Whitsuntide Fete—That the offer of Messrs. Hill Brothers to pay £100 for the right to provide a Fair at the Agg Gardner Ground from June 3rd to June 6th inclusive be accepted ; i10 deposit to be paid forthwith, £40 before the 15th April and the balance of £50 before entering the Ground.

(g) Town Hall—Coat of Arms—That the tender of Messrs. R. L. Boulton & Sons to provide the Coat of Arms in the Vestibule in plaster at a cost of £9 be accepted.

(h) That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted to the Cheltenham Municipal Officers' Guild for their Annual Meeting on 30th November.

(i) That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted to the Sanitary Inspectors' Association (South Western District) for their District Meeting on 11th December.

(j) Montpellier Gardens—That the free use of the Pavilion be granted to the Musical Festival on one evening during the Festival next year.

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

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7—Town Hall—(a) RESOLVED, That the Committee affirm their previous decision that the use of the Drawing Room for a Bar be not permitted, except on special occasions when permission is given by this Committee.

(b) Ex-Policeman—Read, letters from the Vice-Chairman of the Local Employment Committee and Councillor D L Lipson, M.P. asking the Committee to reconsider their decision to retain the services of the Ex-Policeman employed at the Town Hall on Dance nights and to engage an unemployed man for this work. The Entertainments Manager reported that an Ex-policeman was only employed on Dance nights to prevent unauthorised persons obtaining access to the Town Hall and to assist in keeping order when necessary. RESOLVED, That the Employment Exchange and the Employment Committee of the British Legion be asked to submit names of men whom they consider suitable for this appointment, and that the Entertainments Manager be instructed to interview the men and, if one of these appears to him to be suitable for the work, he be instructed to appoint him in place of the Ex-policeman.

(c) Balcony Steps—Read, letter from the Fine Art & General Insurance Co. giving particulars of an ex-gratin payment made by them to a person who met with an accident on the balcony steps. The Company asked that a white line should be painted round the steps on both sides of the balcony, and for these to be lighted in some way The Entertainments Manager reported that he had already arranged for this to be done, as requested by the Company. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) Religious Film Services—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Free Church Council, that his Executive Committee had passed a Resolution regretting that the Pillar Room at the Town Hall had been let for a Religious Film Service without the opportunity being afforded to persons interested in the question of Sunday Observance, to state their views. The Entertainments Manager reported that Lt.-Col Jarrett Kerr had decided not to book the Room again for another service in view of the financial loss at the first Service.

8—Conferences—RESOLVED, That an invitation be given to the National Savings Movement to hold their 1939 Assembly in Cheltenham

9—Medical Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Town Hall on Friday, 26th November, 1937. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite en the chair).

10—Sandford Park Swimming Pool--The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative preliminary plans and estimate for construction of a children's pool on the north side of the large pool, including part of the Recreation Ground, measuring 75 feet long by 30 feet wide. He estimated the cost of this at

£2,614. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to approve of the construction of the smaller pool previously reported measuring 50 feet long by 25 feet wide having a depth of 1 ½ feet increasing to 3 feet at an estimated cost of £1,846 RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the construction of this pool, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1,846 for the cost thereof, and also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the appropriation of 360 square yards of Sandford Park Recreation Ground for adding to the grounds of the Pool to enable the children's pool to be constructed.

11—Montpellier Baths—Gymnasium—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of providing a hot shower spray for the gymnasium at these Baths at £25. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that he be instructed to install this.

12—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he was proceeding with the installation of new lighting for the large bath for which provision had been made in the estimates. The Borough Electrical Engineer had since reported that the present wiring was not satisfactory and that he estimated the cost of re-wiring the lamps at £14 11s. 4d. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the lamps re-wired at the same time.

(b) Read, application from the Central School for the granting of free Season and half Season Tickets to boys and girls who had obtained the Bronze Medallion or the Preliminary and Intermediate Certificates of the Royal Life-Saving Society. RESOLVED, That free Full Season Tickets be granted to the 21 boys and girls who had obtained the Bronze Medallion and half Season Tickets to the 30 boys and girls who had obtained the Intermediate Certificate but that no concession be made to the 38 boys and girls who had obtained the Elementary Certificate.

13—Town Hall—(a) New Telephone Box—The Committee inspected the new telephone box in the vestibule of the Town Hall which had been constructed to harmonize with the Pay Box and supplied by the Post Office to the Corporation without charge. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Superintending Engineer expressing the Committee's appreciation of the new telephone box.

(b) Supper Room—The Committee inspected the large side-board in the Supper Room with a view to this being adapted for use as a Bar and providing a moveable counter in front. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to, submit an estimate for the cost of this and that the Entertainments Sub-Committee be authorised to have the work carried out at a cost not exceeding £40.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd November, 1937, Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Addis and Moore.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th November, 1937. Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Howell, Ben James and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

2—Extensions to Mains—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a further Scheme for the extension of the 11,000 volt distribution system in Charlton Kings and Leckhampton by the laying of E.H.T. and low tension distribution cables from the existing Sub-station in Charlton Lane along Greenhills Road and Moorend Road to a new Sub-station to be erected in Cirencester Road, and thence to the existing Sub-station in Overbury Street, Charlton Kings, with a further extension along Cirencester Road to a Kiosk to be erected near the Lilley Brook Hotel. This Scheme would not only provide alternative supplies in Charlton Kings and Leckhampton but would deal with the increasing load in those districts. The estimated cost of the Scheme was £7,053. RESOLVED, That the Scheme be approved and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan for the necessary expenditure.

3—Supply to Rural Areas—Leckhampton—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported application by Mr. L. W. Barnard of The Bittams and an adjoining owner for a supply of electricity to their respective premises The applicants had offered to share the expenses of the necessary extension, estimated at £130. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for consent to the erection of the necessary overhead lines.

4—Kiosk Sites---(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported application by Mr. Bradley for payment of £3 in respect of the land at Charlton Kings which the Corporation acquired some time ago for the erection of a kiosk. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to Mr. Bradley undertaking to execute a conveyance if required.

(b) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported application by Capt. Leschallas of Mill Lane, Prestbury, to be relieved of the cost of laying a service cable to his house, amounting to £4 3s. 6d. as compensation for land given up by him for the erection of a substation. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to Capt. Leschallas undertaking to execute a conveyance if required.

5—Wages—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that after lengthy negotiations, the National Joint Industrial Council had granted increases in the schedule rates of employees, amounting in the case of Cheltenham, to 0.675 pence per hour. RESOLVED, That this increase be granted to all workmen permanently employed by the Electricity Department.

6—Shelters for Workmen—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported a request by the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for the provision of a portable shelter for the use of employees engaged in rural districts, and also that the lorries for transporting these men should be provided with covers He reported that any shelter would to be of considerable size owing to the large number men employed, and that in wet weather, the work could not in any case be in any case proceeded with. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

7—Borough Electrical Engineer's Department—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that Mr. P. H. Cox, having recently changed from canvassing to work of a more technical nature, should be restored to Grade 9 A. Class E. of the National Joint Board Schedule, from which he was removed a

short time ago on the ground that his work did not come within the schedule. This would not immediately alter his existing salary. RESOLVED, That That this be agreed to.

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8—Minimum Charge—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that several consumers had objected to payment of the minimum charge of 5- per quarter, exclusive of meter rent, on the ground that they had not previously been notified of the charge. RESOLVED, That the minimum charge be not enforced in respect of the past year, that existing consumers using less than the above minimum be notified of the above charge, and that a stipulation for the payment of the minimum charge be inserted in the future agreements.

9—Gas Regulation Acts—The Committee considered the reference by the Council of Councillor Grimwade's proposal that the duties of the Corporation under the Gas Regulation Acts should be transferred from this Committee to the General Purposes and Watch Committee. RESOLVED, That all matters relating to street lighting, including as and lighting tests should be referred to this Committee, but that no objection be raised to the transfer of other duties under the Gas Regulation Acts to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

10—Electricity Supply (Meters) Act, 1936—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that in order to comply with the provisions of this Act a Class B. Testing Station should be established in the upper floor of the Manchester Street Substation. The cost of the necessary equipment, including constructional work and the provision of a 15 cwt. motor van was estimated at £584 15s. 0d. He also reported that it would be necessary to engage additional staff for meter testing and recommended the engagement of the following :—

	Approximate Salary or Wages.	Annual Cost. £ s. d.
1 Meter Tester ...	£4 per week	208 0 0
2 Meter Repairers ..	£3 per week	312 0 0
3 Meter Fixers ...	£2 18s. 9d. per week	450 9 0
1 Records Clerk	£120 per annum	120 0 0
1 Meter Superintendent ..	£270 per annum	<u>270 0 0</u>
		£1,360 9 0
Add :—		
Cost of running motor van		£81 2 10
Energy for lighting, heating and testing, say		<u>100 0 0</u>
Total annual expenditure ...		£1,541 11 10

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved, and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to the payment of the expenditure of £584 15s. 0d. out of Reserve Fund

11—Stores—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the engineering stores at the Electricity Works had been checked, and recommended that material valued at £178 5s. 0d. should be retained for the Mains Department, and that the balance should be sold. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain tenders for the purchase of the stores not required

12—District Joint Industrial Council and Board—RESOLVED, That Councillor Waite be again nominated as representative of the Undertaking on the No 6 District Board, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be nominated representative on the District Joint Industrial Council for the ensuing year

13—Christmas Relief Fund—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported application by the Committee of this Fund for a free supply of electricity for the lighting and heating of their temporary office at the Turkish Baths, RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

14—I.M.E.A. Convention—RESOLVED, That a special contribution not exceeding £150 be made to the I.M.E.A. towards expenses in connection with their Convention to be held in 1938 at Torquay.

15—Public Lighting—(a) Mead Road—The Town Clerk submitted memorial from residents complaining of the lighting of this road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(b) Cemetery Entrance—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Cemetery and Crematorium Committee that additional lighting should be provided at the entrance to the Cemetery in Priors Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to consider this and report thereon.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 504 (Roads) from the Ministry of Transport calling attention to the Final Report of the Departmental Committee on Street Lighting. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer.

(d) Promenade—The Committee considered a complaint by Councillor Fisher of the lighting of the pedestrian crossing in the Promenade. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

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16—Overhead Extensions—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Transport to the proposed overhead extension to the Salterley Grange Pump House,

17—Damage to Lamp Standard—The Town Clerk reported that the lamp post at the corner of Burton Street and New Street had been knocked down on the 21st inst. by a car driven by Mr. F. J. Webb, RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of renewal, estimated at £11 9s. 5d.

18—Slot Meters—The Town Clerk reported that slot meters had been broken open and money stolen therefrom at 3 Cambray, 38 Pates Avenue, 33 Clarence Street and 51 Swindon Road. A boy had been prosecuted and found guilty of the offences at 3 Cambray and 38 Pates Avenue. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute in the other cases when the necessary evidence is available.

19—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 19th, 23rd, 27th and 29th ult. and 4th, 10th, 16th and 22nd inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 461.6, 470.8, 472.9, 479.1, 487.1, 465.1, 473.1 and 474.2 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure to be 8.4, 8.6, 9.1, 9.1, 9.1 and 7.2 inches of water.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th November, 1937. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Avery, Barnett and E. W. Moore,

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Alderman C. H. 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, 1937.	Average for corresponding period for past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	95,000 gallons	101,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	226,000	272,000
Leckhampton Springs	13,000	15,000
	334,000	388,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 44,958,000 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.

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5—Supply to Gloucester—The Committee considered the terms on which the Corporation should supply Gloucester with temporary supply of water from the main near Staverton Bridge on the Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That the charge be fixed at 1s 3d. per 1,000 gallons being the same charge as made to the Rural District Council for th bulk supplies ; the Gloucester Corporation also to pay for the cost of the pressure loading valve and meter. Both Corporations to be at liberty to determine the arrangement at any time upon six months' notice, provided that the Cheltenham Corporation may discontinue the supply at any time if, owing to the needs of their own area, they find this is necessary.

6—Trunk Main, Churchdown to Hewletts—(a) Read, letter of 27th ult. from Messrs. McIlquham & Co. that Mrs. Elwes was prepared to consent to the Granting of a perpetual easement for the Watermain over her land subject to th: following conditions :—(1) the area of land concerned being temporarily fenced off : (2) any field drains or other pipes crossing the line of the main being preserved, cleared, if necessary, and re-connected—and if the land is waterlogged the Corporation to drain this with field drain pipes (3) the wall round the orchard not to be damaged and where pulled down to be properly rebuilt : (4) compensation for damage to be assessed and agreed with Mrs. Elwes' Agent on completion of the work : (5) after completion of the work, the land to be left on the same level and turf replaced or grass seed sown to cover bare patches : (6) the Corporation to pay Mrs. Elwes' legal costs. RESOLVED, That these conditions be agreed to.

(b) The Borough Engineer reported that everything had been arranged for the laying Contractor to commence work but no pipes had yet been delivered by the makers.

7—Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) RESOLVED, That when the roach in this Reservoir are netted by the Surrey Trout Farm Co. all roach under four inches not taken by the Company to be put into Pittville Lake. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to take the trout out of Leckhampton Reservoir and place them in Dowdeswell Reservoir.

(b) Whithorne Quarrying Co.—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Herbert Stroud, Solicitor, of Rugby, had issued a summons claiming £27 16s. 8d. for the cost of his clients (The Whithorne Quarrying Company) in respect of his work in connection with the negotiations and agreement as to the support required from the land of the Whithorne Quarrying Company to the Dowdeswell Waterworks. The solicitor acting for Mr. Stroud had now asked that the Corporation should agree to the summons being withdrawn, the Corporation paying the sum of £6 6s. 0d. previously offered in respect of the agreement entered into with Mr. Stroud's clients. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to Mr. Stroud at once handing over the agreement executed by his clients, and which had been retained by him, and to his giving a receipt in full settlement of all costs and expenses due to either the Whithorne Quarrying Company or himself relative to the agreement as to the support of the Waterworks at Dowdeswell.

8—London Road—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the County Surveyor that the improvement of this road opposite the Dowdeswell Reservoir was now going forward but, as this was a Trunk road, the work would be carried out by the Ministry of Transport.

9—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement between the Corporations of Cheltenham and Gloucester and the Joint Water Board with regard to the payment of standing charges. The Agreement provided :—

(1) Each Corporation to take or pay for not less than 165,000,000 gallons of water per annum from the Pumping Station.

(2) That until the date of transfer the salaries of the Clerk and Treasurer should be borne equally by the two Corporations.

(3) The Board should not, up to the date of transfer, remunerate the Water Engineers for their services in their capacity as Joint Engineers of the Board except that the Gloucester Corporation should pay £315 to the Cheltenham Corporation towards the services of the Borough Engineer.

(4) The Corporation of Gloucester to pay the fees of the Consulting Engineer (Mr. Raffety) and the Consulting Chemist (Dr. Beale) and the salary and expenses of the Resident Analytical Chemist up to the date of transfer; also the cost of providing and equipping a suitable laboratory and board room at the Works and also the fees of Messrs. Mouchelle & Partners (Consulting Engineers for reinforced concrete work).

RESOLVED, That the Agreement be approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd November, 1937. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, Moore, Pates, Pruen and Taylor; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Grimwade, Lipson, Smith and Waite.

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

2—**Fire Brigade Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett and Pates and Councillor Grimwade be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—**Market Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Taylor be appointed the Market Sub-Committee for the ensuing year, and that a meeting be held on 2nd December at 11.30 a.m. at the Market.

4—Naming of Roads—Hatherley Court Estate—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. Rogers & Davies for the naming of the two roads on this Estate. RESOLVED, That the road running parallel to Hatherley Court Road be named Bournside Road and the road connecting this road with Hatherley Court Road be named Beaufort Road.

5—Re-numbering of Roads—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and estimate for the re-numbering of Asquith Road. RESOLVED, That the plan be approved, and that he be instructed to have the road re-numbered.

6—Leckhampton Hill Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Scott Plummer had asked that in addition to the timber the Corporation should provide wire for the fencing required for the field at Upper Pilford. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to this request, but that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide timber in the rough in accordance with the terms of the tenancy agreement.

(b) Bungalow—The Town Clerk reported that complaints had been received of the hoardings and unsightliness of the shop at the foot of the Hill on the west side of Leckhampton Road, occupied by Mr. Dewey. RESOLVED, That he be given one year's notice to terminate his tenancy on 18th January, 1939 and that the site be offered to the Cheltenham District Traction Company for erection of a Shelter for passengers.

(c) Topograph—Councillor Waite reported that Mr. Herdman had suggested that a topograph should be erected on the escarpment of Leckhampton Hill. RESOLVED, That Mr. Herdman be asked to obtain estimates of the cost of providing and erecting a topograph.

7—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was now free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Read, circular from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in regard to the application of Part 4 of the Diseases of Animals (Agriculture) Act 1937. Provision had been made for dividing Great Britain into 78 divisions in each of which a divisional office would be situate, and for the County of Gloucester the

office would be at Gloucester. It had been decided to defer the date of operation of this part of the Act to 1st April, 1938.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted circular from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in regard to the Foot and Mouth Disease Regulation of Movement Order 1937.

8—Flower Sellers etc.—The Committee further considered the Order made by the Council prohibiting flower sellers from using certain streets. Read, letter from Mr. A. J. Wilcox, protesting on behalf of the flower sellers against the making of the Order. Read, also, letters from Messrs. W. Hopwood & Son ; the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and the Strand Traders Association asking that the Order should be extended to include the portion of High Street from Sandford Park to College Road or Hales Road, RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this RESOLVED, also, That the Order be modified so as to exclude therefrom the portion of the Promenade from its junction with the south side of Oriel Road to the southern boundary of the Winter Garden, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Order, as amended.

9—Fire Brigade—(a) Air Raid Precautions Scheme—The Town Clerk submitted Forms E.F.B. No. 1, Parts 1 and 2, required to be furnished to the Home Office in connection with the Air Raid Precautions Scheme, containing information in support of application to be made jointly with the Charlton Kings Urban District Council for Exchequer assistance towards the cost of Emergency Fire Brigade Organisation. The Air Raid Precautions Fire Committee recommended that five auxiliary stations should be provided, namely at St. Mark's ; in Tewkesbury Road ; in the Prestbury Road area ; at the Charlton Kings Depot and at the Corporation Depot in Moorend Road, Each of these auxiliary stations would be equipped with one medium trailer pump and other equipment specified by the Home Office, and attached to each station there would be five patrol units, each unit being equipped with one light trailer pump and the other equipment specified by the Home Office. All these appliances would be requisitioned from the Home Office, together with the other equipment, including 165 one hundred feet lengths of hose. The Fire Committee estimated that the number of voluntary auxiliary firemen required for the Scheme was 180. These men would have to be trained in their duties and the Fire Committee were of opinion that it was -important that the recruitment and training of the men should be proceeded with as soon as possible.

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To enable this to be done, they considered it necessary that a whole time Fire Brigade Officer should be appointed. Application would be made for Exchequer assistance towards the salary of any whole time officer appointed, in view of the fact that the appointment was rendered necessary for the Air Raid Precautions Emergency Scheme.

RESOLVED, That the forms to be submitted to the Home Office be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the recommendation of the Air Raid Precautions Fire Committee be approved, and that the Council be recommended to invite applications by advertisement for the appointment of a whole-time Fire Brigade Officer at a salary of £208 per annum.

(b) Read, report of the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 18th inst. They recommended that the provision of foam equipment be adjourned for the present, but that the

Captain be authorised to purchase six additional two gallon Minimax Fire Extinguishers for carrying on the engine and tender.

(c) The Captain reported that since the last meeting the Brigade had attended the following outbreaks of fire:-

Date, 1937.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
10th November	Hayden Sewage Farm	Not known	Slight	£4 6s. 0d.
11 th November	12 Bath Street ...	Fish fat boiling over	Slight	£4 11s. 0d.
18 th November	Suffolk Garage, Suffolk Road	Not known	Slight	£4 15s. 6d.

10—Petrol Licences—The Town Clerk submitted list of six persons who had applied for but had not taken up their petrol licences. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute these persons if they are found storing petroleum without a licence.

11—Post Office Advisory Committee—Read, letter from the Town Clerk of Gloucester, Hon. Secretary to this Committee, that Councillor D. L. Lipson had resigned his membership of the Committee. RESOLVED, That Alderman P. P. Taylor be appointed a representative of the Council on the Committee.

12—Town Clerk's Department—The Town Clerk reported that he had interviewed several applicants for the appointment of general clerk in his department, and had appointed Mr. R. Rouse from the Clerk's Department of the Gainsborough Urban District Council. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

13—Borough Arms—RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to the Rover Scouts of Cheltenham having the Borough Arms woven on a special scarf

14—Armistice Day—RESOLVED, That the sum of £5 10s. 0d. be paid to the Remembrance Day Committee on account of the expenses of Armistice Day.

15—Athletic Ground—The Town Clerk reported that complaints had been received of the nuisance caused by the Fun Fair at the Athletic Ground, and that he had written to the Rugby Football Club pointing out that this was a distinct breach of the covenant in their tenancy agreement. He now submitted letter of 18th inst. from the Hon. Secretary of the Club apologising for the breach of the covenant, which had been an oversight on the part of the officials of the Club, and that he had now given instructions to the owner of the Fair that the nuisance must be stopped. RESOLVED, That the Club be asked to undertake that in future the ground shall not be sublet without the consent of the Council, and that failing this, the Committee will have to consider giving notice to terminate their tenancy.

16—Rodney Road Car Park—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the sanction to a loan of £507 for the layout of the extension of this Car Park had now been received. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work, but to defer the demolition of the studio until the 1st January by which date the premises are to be vacated by Mr. Martyn.

(b) Read, letter of 25th ult. from the Head Postmaster asking on what terms the Corporation would close in the open side of the large shed in this Car Park, and lease this to the Post Office for a term of five years for the purpose of garaging the Cheltenham postal fleet, comprising about 25 vehicles of various sizes. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Post Office be asked to furnish further particulars of the vehicles which would be garaged at the Parking Place, and as to whether they would require to use the premises during the night

17—Minutes—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society to be supplied with a copy of the monthly minutes of the Council and Committees be granted subject to the usual conditions.

18—Municipal Year Book—The Town Clerk reported that he had invited tenders for the printing of the Municipal year Book and Diary for a further period of three years The only tender received was from Messrs. John Jennings of Gloucester to supply 110 copies of the Year Book and Diary for a period of three years at a cost of £38 per annum. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted.

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19—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That the Municipal Offices be closed for the Christmas Holidays from the 25th to 28th December (inclusive).

20—Contributions for Local Charities and Public Institutions—RESOLVED, That in pursuance of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905, the following subscriptions be made to the undermentioned Institutions in lieu of the remission of the General Rate :—

	£. s. d.
General and Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital .	57 0 0
Girls' Orphanage	5 0 0
Nazareth House	50 0 0
Boys' Orphanage	3 0 0
Children's Hospital, Battledown	9 0 0
Home for Aged Pensioners, 3 Monson Terrace	3 0 0
Charity Organization Society, 4 Rodney Terrace	5 0 0
St. Catherine's Home, Cambray	5 0 0
St. John Ambulance Association	12 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—Annual contribution in lieu of free supply of water	<u>12 10 0</u>
	£100 2 0

21—Unemployment Insurance Acts--The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. V. Dance (School Attendance Officer), and Miss J. L. Rushbrooke (Chief Assistant in the Housing Department), had

completed three years' service in designated posts on the 1st October and 7th August respectively, and Miss D. M. Stephens (Clerk in the Town Clerk's Department), and Mr. D Maycock (Water Inspector), would complete three years' service on the 3rd December next. RESOLVED, That they be added to the Certificate of Exception under these Acts.

22—Omnibus Services—Cheltenham to Northleach and Rissington—The Town Clerk reported that the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. Ltd. had made applications to the Traffic Commissioners for a licence to run a Saturday Omnibus service to Rissington and to correspondingly reduce the service to Northleach on Saturdays. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to lodge objections to the applications on the ground that the route proposed along High Street is not the best from the traffic point of view, but that he be authorised to withdraw the objections if the Company will agree to observe the route from the Royal Well Omnibus Station via St. George's Road, across the Promenade into Oriel Road, Bath Road, Bath Parade and College Road into High Street.

23—Air Raid Precautions—Read, letter from Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland, resigning his membership of the No. 2 Authority.

24—Cost of Living—Read, circular of 3rd inst. from the Town Clerk of Jarrow asking the Council to urge their Borough Member to bring before the House of Commons the necessity of increasing the allowances from the Unemployment Assistance Board and Old Age and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions in view of the increase in the cost of living. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

25—Montpellier Rotunda—Read, letter from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter asking whether the Corporation were prepared to make an offer for the purchase of this property. RESOLVED: That the purchase of the property be not entertained.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th November, 1937. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green 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. Harold Thomas Stokes of 2 Hales Road a co-opted member of this Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Mr. Addis as a member of the Council.

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

Councillors Addis and Compton and Mr. Clarkson for Crabtree Piece, Creamery Piece, Gapper's Field and Baglin's Piece.

Councillors Fisher and Green and Mr. Yeend for Whaddon and Marle Hill Estate.

Councillors Bendall and Bush for Asquith Road and Sandford Mead.

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

4—Marle Hill Estate Allotments—Read, letter of 18th ult. from Mr. E H. Wynn, asking for a water supply to be provided. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to entertain the proposal

5—Creamery Piece Allotments—The Town Clerk submitted application from the tenant of No. 115 (a), containing 2 chains 2 perches, to take another allotment. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee are unable to agree to this at present, but that they will be prepared to let him an additional allotment if there are any vacant plots in the Spring.

6—Arrears of Rent—The Borough Treasurer submitted statement of arrears of rents due from tenants of allotments. RESOLVED, That a copy of the statement be circulated to each member of the Committee.

7—Allotment No. 135 Crabtree Piece—Councillor Addis reported that the tenant disputed the area of this allotment. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be asked to inspect and report as to the area of the allotment.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th November, 1937. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green and Smith (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Chairman—(a) RESOLVED, That Councillor Grimwade be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing, year

(b) RESOLVED, That the Committee desire to record their appreciation of the services rendered by Councillor Green as Chairman during the past two years.

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9-Visitors—RESOLVED, That the following be appointed Visitors of the Parks and Recreation Grounds for the ensuing year :—

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground ...	Councillors Addis, Compton and Fisher.
Naunton Park Recreation Ground	Councillors Bendall and Smith,
Montpellier Gardens ...	Councillors Bush and Grimwade,
Whaddon Road Recreation Ground	Councillors Fisher and Green.
Sandford Park	Councillors Bush and Green.
St. Mark's ...	Councillors Grimwade and Smith
Pittville Gardens	Councillors Addis and Smith.

3—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and estimate for the construction of a Children's Paddling Pool in Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground at a cost of £574. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to sanction to loan being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £574 for the cost of carrying out the work.

4—Marle Hill Annexe—The Borough Surveyor reported that during the night of the 3rd/4th inst. the tool shed at Marle Hill Annexe was broken into and a coat and cigarettes belonging to one of the workmen stolen, and the Police had been informed of the theft

5—Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that the old underground convenience had now been broken down and filled in and the site cleared of shrubs. RESOLVED, That the Visitors be asked to inspect and report as to the suggestion of the Gardens Superintendent that additional elm trees should be removed,

6—Whaddon Farm Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor submitted 18 tenders for the iron railings required for this ground. RESOLVED, That the tender of John Lythgoe (Walkden) Ltd. of £325 (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract.

7—Clarence Square—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the recommendation that the gate leading from Clarence Square to St. Paul's Road should be opened. Read, also, letter of 27th ult. from the Rev. W. R. Bellerby. and memorial from owners of houses in Clarence Square, protesting against the gate being opened. RESOLVED, That the gate be kept closed.

8—Pittville Rent charge—The Town Clerk submitted draft deed of grant from Mr. E J. Gibbins of a rentcharge of £2 12s. 6d per annum in respect of Gate House in consideration of the right to use Pittville Gardens. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that Common Seal be affixed to the deed.

9—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Area Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers in regard to the wages paid to four labourers engaged on the layout of this ground. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Labour Sub-Committee.

10--St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Hard Tennis Courts—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Hon. Secretary of the Brooklyn Tennis Club, enclosing balance sheet, showing a deficit of £4 7s. 0d. RESOLVED, That they be granted a rebate of £4 7s. 0d., as provided in their tenancy agreement.

11—St. Peter's Recreation Ground—Sandpit—The Town Clerk reported that the Medical Officer of Health did not recommend the provision of a sandpit for children as this was liable to cause a spread of skin diseases among the children, RESOLVED, That a sandpit be not provided.

12—Piney Lane Recreation Ground—The Committee considered further the letter from Mr. W. G Barrett, complaining of the noise caused by children using this ground during Sunday service at Piney Baptist Church. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision regretting that they are unable to do anything to remedy the complaint.

13—Coronation Planting—Read, circular of 9th inst. from the Coronation Planting Committee asking to be furnished with particulars of any schemes of commemorative planting carried out by the Council for insertion in the Royal Record. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to furnish the information.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th November, 1937. Present—Alderman Winterbotham. Councillors Avery, Fletcher, Howell and Rogers ; Major Clift : and Mr. Mapp (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

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

2—Curator's Report for September and October, 1937—(a) Visitors-7,230 (last. year 7,241). Included in these figures were the following parties :—Cheltenham Ladies' College 112 girls in 9 parties; Practising School 15 boys; St Mary's Training College 28 students in 2 parties ; Overton House 8 girl's ; St. James's School 27 boys and girls.

(b) Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £17 0s. 9d. "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund " £15 9s. 8d. Total £32 19s. 5d.

(c) Exhibitions Held-6th September-2nd October—Gloucestershire Art and Craftsmanship ; 8th October-6th November-18th Annual Exhibition by Cheltenham Group of Artists ; 9th November-4th December—Original Drawings by Living Punch Artists.

(d) Talks by Curator—The Curator had given three talks as follows :—" The Cotswolds" (at Cardiff) 7th October; " Collecting" (3rd November) ; "Cheltenham History " (17th November).

(e) South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries—The Curator attended the half-yearly meeting of the Group held at Dorchester (Dorset) on the 1st October, 1937.

(f) Annual Report—The Annual Report had been issued. RESOLVED, That the Committee place on record their appreciation of the Report.

3—Cotswold Art Club—Read, letter from the Cotswold Art Club expressing thanks for the facilities given for their Annual Exhibition, etc.

4—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Anonymous, Major Beale-Brown, Mr. E. J Gibbins, Inspector Haines, Mr. E. V. Hart, Mr. J. P. Holborow, Miss Hill, Mr. J. Hughes, Miss Iles, Miss Lovell, Miss Marshall, Mr. A. W. Newport, Mrs. Rees, Mr. T. Whiting, Dr. Oliver H. Wild. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

5—Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund—RESOLVED, That Quarter Tod Bronze Woolweight, James II (£7 10s 0d.) ; Vase of Martin Ware Pottery (15s) ; Vase in Royal Lancastrian Ware (£2) ; and 41 Lantern Slides (£4 16s. 6d.) be purchased from this Fund at a total cost of £15 1s. 6d.

6—Specimens for the Museum—RESOLVED, That 8 specimens of ceramics, enamel and glass (£11 2s. 6d.) ; Aquatint of Cheltenham Well Walk by Spornberg (£1 5s. 0d.) ; 18th century Ale Jack in copper (£2 5s. 0d.) ; 2 Glos. Watches (£2 5s 0d.) ; 8 examples of countryside bygones (£3 5s. 6d.) be purchased at a total cost of £20 3s. 0d.

7—Proposed Bequest by Mr. Guy Whinyates—The Curator, as authorised, had visited Mr. Whinyates, and submitted his Memorandum as to this matter, and recommended the acceptance of the proposed bequest. RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Whinyates.

8—Staff Christmas Party—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the staff to hold a private party in the Art Gallery on Friday night, 17th December, 1937.

9—Bequest by the late Miss Annie Grahame—RESOLVED, That the question of inspection and acceptance of specimens of pottery and furniture bequeathed under the terms of this bequest be referred to the Curator for consideration and report.

10—New Art Galleries—The question of what system of day lighting should be employed was discussed. RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to interview the Architect, and if necessary call a special meeting of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee to consider this matter.

11—Christmas Closing—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on 24th and 25th December, 1937.

12—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on 14th January, 1938.

S. ROGERS.

Chairman.

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CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd November, 1937. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Fletcher.

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

E. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Cemetery on Wednesday, 24th November, 1937.

Present—The Mayor; Councillors Avery, Bendall, Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Rogers (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

2—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 16th October to 24th November, 1937. Interments 43 ; Grave Spaces sold (First Position 1, Second Position 2, Fourth Position 24) ; Memorials erected 21 ; New Inscriptions 11.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9682 to 9708.

4—Designs—RESOLVED, That Designs Nos. 2131 to 2148, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

5—Crematorium—(a) Fees and Charges—The Committee further considered the Cremation fees and other charges. RESOLVED, That the following charges or fees be made in pursuance of Section 9 of the Cremation Act, 1902 :—

For the burning of the remains of :

(1) An inhabitant of the Borough	£4 14s. 6d
(2) A non-inhabitant of the Borough ...	£5 15s. 6d.
(including in each case scattering of ashes in Garden of Remembrance).	
(3) A child under 12 years of age	Half the above charges.
(4) A stillborn child ...	£1 1s. 0d.

And that the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this Resolution and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval thereof.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the following optional charges be made:—

Urn or casket according to pattern	from 10s. 6d.
Scattering of ashes in Garden of Remembrance (when Cremation not carried out at Cheltenham Crematorium) ...	10s. 6d
Deposit of Urns in Crematorium Basement (after first month)	5s. 0d. per month.
Burial of Ashes in grave already owned by relatives of the deceased for Interment.	10s. 0d. less than ordinary fee
Burial of Ashes in Unreserved Grave Space	No charge.
Minister's fee, when Minister provided by Corporation	10s. 6d.
Certificate of Cremation ...	2s. 7d.
Packing Case for forwarding Urn or Casket	10s. 0d.

(c) RESOLVED, also, That consideration of the charge for placing Memorial tablets on the Wall in the Garden of Remembrance be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit suggestions of the size of tablet to be permitted.

(d) The Committee inspected the Crematorium and Garden of Remembrance. The Borough Surveyor anticipated that the building would be completed by the middle of December. The Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to the Secretary of State of the intention to open the Crematorium in pursuance of the Cremation Regulations, 1930 RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the scale of fees for Cremation by the Ministry of Health, and to the approval of the Secretary of State, the formal opening of the Crematorium be fixed for the 12th January.

(e) The Committee considered the desirability of purchasing an Organ or Harmonium for use in the Chapels RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the present but that a Harmonium be hired for the Service at the. Opening of the Crematorium.

(f) The Town Clerk submitted draft list of Instructions to Undertakers etc. RESOLVED, That this be approved as now settled by the Committee. (A copy of the Instructions accompanies the Minutes).

6—Cremation Society—(a) Read, letter of 18th ult. from the Organising Secretary of the Cremation Assurance that Life Membership Certificates of the Cremation Society were accepted by every Cremation Authority in the country when presented on the death of a Member of the Society, and that on the cremation of a member, the Society reimbursed the authority to the extent of an agreed sum, and in cases where the scale was greater than £5, it was customary for the Cremation Authority to accept these certificates at a reduced figure. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to accept the sum of £5 for cremation of life members of the Cremation Society whether resident or non-resident

(b) The Cremation Assurance also issued policies whereby persons of limited means may pay premiums to ensure cremation at death. The policy was valued at £5 and was accepted by every Cremation Authority in the country on favourable terms, in that they arrange reduced rates with the Cremation Society so as to include one or more of the optional charges. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to accept the sum of £5 under Cremation Assurance Policies for cremation of the remains of residents or non-residents, such charge to include the scattering of ashes in the Garden of Remembrance and provision of a plain urn or casket.

7—Cemetery—(a) Shelter—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a new Shelter for the inner entrance to the Cemetery for the use of the attendants when on duty at the entrance, for which provision had been made in the estimates.

(b) RESOLVED, That provision be made in next year's estimates for the painting of the seats in the Cemetery.

(c) Superintendent and Staff—The Superintendent reported that he had attended the Bristol Crematorium to witness two cremations, It would be necessary to appoint a Crematorium Attendant, and Mr. J. G. Weaver who was on the staff at the Cemetery and acted as Superintendent in his absence had applied for an increase in his present wage of £2 10s. 6d. per week, and the Superintendent recommended that Mr. Weaver should be appointed Crematorium Attendant at a wage of £3 per week. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

INSTRUCTIONS TO UNDERTAKERS

1. All charges must be paid in advance.
2. A Stock of Urns is kept at the Crematorium which can be purchased at from 10s 6d according to design.
3. The following forms (which can be obtained from the Cemetery Superintendent or Term Clerk's Office) must be delivered to The Medical Referee, Health Dept., Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, at least twenty-four hours before Cremation is to take place:- Form (A). Application for Cremation with Declaration attached to be attested before a J.P. or Commissioner for Oaths.
Form (B). Medical Certificate signed by Medical Attendant of the deceased.
Form (C). Confirmatory Medical Certificate, signed by a Medical Practitioner of not less than five years' standing.
4. Coffins may be placed in the Mortuary at The Cemetery for 48 hours, free of charge.
5. Crematorium Brochure, with full details and instructions, will shortly be printed and copies supplied free of charge.
6. The exterior dimensions of the Coffin must not exceed the following
Length 7 feet; Width 2 feet 5 inches depth 1 foot 10 inches.
7. Coffin must be constructed of readily combustible -wood, such as cottonwood, American Whitewood, Canadian Elm, thin pine, or three ply-wood; English elm and other hardwoods being difficult to burn are most undesirable, and when their use cannot be avoided, the boards should be as thin as possible. There must be no cross piece on the bottom of the coffin. All screws must be countersunk.
8. No objection to coffin being polished but not painted or varnished and must not contain any sawdust, cotton-wool or pitch. Metal furniture not permitted, except specially adapted metal for cremation.
9. Additional charge of £1 1. 0. if coffin not in accordance with stated requirements. Superintendent authorised to postpone cremation until after last cremation for day is completed, if body enclosed in an unsuitable coffin.
10. Not more than two representatives of deceased may, if desired, see the coffin placed in incinerating chamber. No inspection of actual process of cremation is permitted.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on 11th November, 1937. Present—Councillors Bush, Compton, Fletcher, Grimwade; Rev. Barbara Thomas; Dr. R. Davies; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh.

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

2—Vice-Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor H. C. Grimwade be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

3—Times of Meeting—RESOLVED, That future meetings of this Committee be held on the Friday in the week following that in which the Council meets, normally the second Friday in the month, at 5 p m.

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

5— **School Libraries Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee act as representatives of this Committee on the School Libraries Sub-Committee

6—Librarian's Report for September and October, 1937—Receipts £29 18s. 11d. Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 14,603 (last year 12,087); Lending Department 34,917 (last year 33,844) ; Junior Department 4,839 (last year 4,337) ; School Libraries 5,388 (last year 5,116). Total 59,747 (last year 55,384).

Binding and Replacements-266 volumes had been replaced and 473 volumes had been returned from the Binder. A further 170 volumes had been dispatched.

Lectures—The following lectures had taken place in the Art Gallery :— 25th October ... Mr. Montagu A. Phillips, " Wild life off the beaten track." Attendance 102-1st November ... Mr. Claude A. Jones, "Putting a railway over the Rockies." Attendance 178.

Booklists—Select reading lists on G. B. Shaw and J. Galsworthy had been prepared for classes at St. Paul's Training College, and on Nutrition for a W.E.A. Class.

Bookbinding—Owing to increased cost of labour and reduced number of working hours in the industry an advance of 10 per cent on book binding prices had been notified. Annual Report—The Annual Report for 1936-37 had been issued.

7—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 527 volumes, published at £180 15s. 6d., be purchased for the sum of £115 14s. 3d.

(b) That £25 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £30 be spent on Replacements

S—Donations-264 volumes and 125 pamphlets had been received from 34 donors. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors

9—Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That " Contractors' Record," weekly, hitherto presented by the publishers, be now purchased at the special reduced price of 12s 6d. per annum

(b) That " Science Progress," 7s 6d. quarterly, having been purchased for an experimental period, be now added to the list of periodicals regularly purchased.

(c) That " The Microscope," 1s monthly, suggested for purchase, be not taken.

(d) That " Woman's Outlook," weekly, offered as a gift be accepted with thanks

10—National Central Library Appeal—RESOLVED, That a special contribution of £2 2s. 0d. be made for the year ending 31st March, 1938, the subject to be reviewed after that date.

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11—Supply of Periodicals and Newspapers—The Librarian reported as to the practice of supply by contract in six other towns. RESOLVED, That the matter be deferred for further enquiries to be made locally.

12—Lecture Programme—RESOLVED, That the Librarian's suggestions for lectures in the Art Gallery, January—March, 1938, be approved,

13—Heating Boiler—The Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co had examined the boiler and found no defects.

14—Christmas Closing—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library be closed on 24th, 25th and 27th December, 1937.

15—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on the 14th January, 1938.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

WINTER GARDEN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 1st December, 1937. Present-The Mayor; Alderman Capt. Trye ; Councillors Barnett, Howell, Lipson, Smith, Till and Waite ; Messrs. T. J. Craig and Ross Logan.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor D. L. Lipson, M.P. be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Consulting Engineers—(a) Read, letter of 25th inst. from Messrs. Healing & Overbury in regard to the condition made by the Ministry of Health that Consulting Engineers should be employed for the heating, lighting, hot water and electric services, steel and reinforced concrete work. RESOLVED, (1) That Mr. W. E Fretwell, M.I.Mech.E. of Leatherhead, Surrey, be appointed Consulting Engineer for the heating, lighting, hot water and electric services at a fee of 5 per cent on the final cost of this work plus the cost of prints and printing specifications and bills of quantities

(2) That Mr. G. W. Costain, M.I.Struct.E., be appointed Consulting Engineer for the steel and reinforced concrete work at a fee of 5 per cent on the value of this work, such fee to include the preparation of designs, draft bill of quantities, detail drawings for contractors, supervision of work on site, valuing for survey purposes, checking final account and travelling expenses incurred in site supervision.

(b) Quantities—With regard to the appointment of a Quantity Surveyor, Mr. Overbury recommended that one of the three following should be appointed :—

V. Saunders of Cheltenham
Vale & Kingsford of Gloucester
Francis & Sons of London.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Overbury be asked to ascertain from the above firms how long they would require to prepare the bill of quantities, and that the Chairman be authorised to appoint one of the firms having regard to the time required.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 31st October, 1937, Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Ben W. Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Arrears--Mr. McKnight attended and reported on the collection of arrears of rates. The Committee also interviewed a number of defaulters, and in some cases gave instructions for committal orders to be applied for, to be suspended whilst instalments, as settled by the Committee, are regularly paid.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th November, 1937. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bettridge, Bush, Moore and Rogers.

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

3—Unpaid Rates—Statements of unpaid Rates were read and signed.

4—Assessment of Police Properties—Read, circular of 1st inst. from the Clerk to the County Council that the County Valuation Committee considered that all Police properties, which included an office, guard room, cell, flats and quarters attached to or forming part of Police Stations, in which officers are required to reside, and dwellinghouses which are more a Police Station than a private house, should be treated as exempt from rating on the ground that they are occupied for the purposes which are required and created by the Government, and enclosing proposal on behalf of the Standing Joint Committee in respect of 6-8 Leckhampton Road, 210 Gloucester Road, Police Station, Tewkesbury Road and two flats and cottage at Holland House RESOLVED, That the Rating Officers be instructed to lodge objection to the proposal, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the County Council accordingly, but that the Committee are willing to agree to an apportionment of the assessments

being made as between the dwellinghouse part of the premises and the Police part of the premises, and to agree to the assessments in respect of the Police part being exempt from rating.

5—Railways—(a) Let-out Properties—The Town Clerk submitted circulars from the Clerk to the County Council and the Railway Assessment Authority in regard to the completion of the First Railway Valuation Roll. had been served in respect of let-out properties as from the 1st April, 1936, but it was now necessary to serve proposals on the occupiers of railway let-out properties during the five years commencing 1st April, 1931. Read, also, letter of 20th inst from the L.M.S. Railway Company in regard to the proposals for the Second Roll. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Rating Officers for consideration and that they be instructed to lodge proposals for the assessment of let-out properties for the first quinquennium from the 1st April, 1931.

(b) Read, letter from the L.M. & S. Railway Company asking for repayment of the sum of £393 12s. 4d. being the overpayment of rates for the 5 ½ years ended 30th September last. RESOLVED, That subject to certificate of the revised assessment being received from the Assessment Committee, the appropriate repayment be made to the Company.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th November, 1937. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Moore, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite.

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 30th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £21,909 ; Leaving outstanding £93,854.

3—Water Rate--Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1938. Amount collected £6,178 ; Leaving outstanding £16,079

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 30th inst. Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Moore and Taylor (in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

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

Date, 1937.	Purpose.	Amount,	Period of Repayment.
27th October	Purchase 107 High Street	£6,011	60 years.
19th November	Extension Rodney Road Car Park	£507	20 years.

6—Electricity Accounts—The Borough Treasurer submitted monthly report on the collection of the Electricity Accounts up to the 26th inst., and also on the collection of arrears.

7—Loans —(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting £1,000 had been received on loan. RESOLVED, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loan.

(b) Renewals—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £3,350 be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to arrange a loan of £10,000 for 20 years on the terms now approved.

(d) The Borough Treasurer reported that at the end of December there would be a further £11,000 or £12,000 available for loan from the Public Works Loan Board. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Public Works Loan Commissioners for a loan for the full amount which the Corporation are entitled to take up for a period of 60 years at 3 ½ 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 sanction on account of which the loan is to be borrowed. RESOLVED, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to orders authorising delivery of the Commissioners' certificates for the said sums to the Borough Treasurer.

8—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £500 had been received, and £2,000 Housing Bonds had been renewed. RESOLVED, That Certificates be issued accordingly.

9—Housing Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that when the contracts for the erection of houses were completed, the loan indebtedness for housing would exceed £800,000, and he suggested that before any further building is proceeded with the whole financial position should be reviewed.

10—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that W. Hudson (ex-labourer) died on the 15th inst.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that W. Marlow (horse keeper) had died on the 25th inst. following a motor accident. The amount of his contributions to be refunded to his widow was £91 13s. 6d. plus compound interest at 3 per cent. amounting to £7 12s. 11d. RESOLVED, That these sums be paid.

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(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that A. Harris was entitled to a refund of excess contributions prior to October, 1932, amounting to £12 18s. 6d. with interest amounting to £3 17s. 8d. RESOLVED, That these amounts be paid.

(d) The Borough Treasurer reported that the transfer value payable in respect of G. E. Nash who had recently taken up an appointment at Todmorden was £40 11s. 2d. RESOLVED, That this amount be paid.

(e) The Borough Treasurer reported that Miss H. M. Jordon (Heath Visitor) had applied to be admitted to the Superannuation Scheme. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting and

that Miss Jordan be asked to furnish her doctor's certificate of the medical reason for her incapacity during the past three months.

11—Borough Treasurer's Department—The Borough Treasurer reported that he proposed to appoint Mr. K. Selby of Worthing, Accountancy Assistant in Grade F to supervise and manage the additional duties to be undertaken by the Borough Treasurer in regard to the Electricity Accounts, RESOLVED, That this be approved and Mr. Selby commence his duties on the 1st January next.

12—Internal Audit—The Report of the Internal Auditor was submitted, RESOLVED, That the Medical Baths Sub-Committee be asked to consider and report on the portion of the report dealing with the Spa Baths.

13—Unemployed Services Club—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Unemployed Services Club thanking the Council for their continued grant.

14—Physical Training and Recreation Act 1937—Read, letter of 24th inst. from the General Secretary of the Cheltenham Y.M.C.A. that plans had been prepared for the erection of a two-storied building on the site of the present Y.M.C.A. Junior Department but in Royal Well Road at an estimated cost of £4,800, and that they were applying to the Area Committee appointed under the Act for a grant towards the construction of this building. The Area Committee when considering the application would require to be informed of the amount which would be provided from local sources, and that in the event of the application being granted it was unlikely that the grant would exceed 50 per cent. RESOLVED, That the Y.M.C.A. be informed that whilst the Committee are in full sympathy with the need of providing a properly equipped Gymnasium they do not consider that the site proposed for this is a suitable one, but that in any case the application should in the first place be made to the County Council, who are the primary authority under the Act.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 30th December, 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 3rd day of January, 1938. 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 authorise service of Notice of intention to make Demolition Order in respect of Springfield Cottage, Brandon Place.

HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. To appoint representative on Ambulance Headquarters Board of Management in place of Dr. W. Curling Hayward.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully

To each Member of the Council. Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 6th December, 1937, at 3 p.m. Present :

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

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P., J.P., Miller, Moore, Rogers, Smith, Till and -Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham and Councillor Morris.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Statutory Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on the 9th November, 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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Municipal Offices, Cheltenham. 2nd December, 1937.

Sir

You are hereby summoned to attend the Monthly Meeting of the Colwell, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 6th day of December. 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 consider recommendation of Repairs Sub-Committee instructing Borough Surveyor to carry out external painting of 207 houses at cost of £503.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE and to approve or otherwise the following resolution : Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme No. 1 " That the Council hereby adopt the draft of the above Town Planning Scheme and the draft Scheme Map and direct that the Scheme and Map be signed and certified by the Town Clerk.

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

CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM 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 approve recommendations of Winter Garden Committee as to appointment of Quantity Surveyors and reinforced concrete, heating and lighting specialists etc. for the Winter Garden Scheme.

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town, Clerk.

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 November 15

Housing Meeting held November 18

Resolved, also, That the offer of Mr. Martin to purchase No. 38 Spenser Road for £475 be accepted subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained.

Resolved, also, That application he made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

Resolved, also, That the Repairs Sub-Committee having considered all the 7 tenders received for external painting of 276 houses, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work at an estimated cost of £503.

Street and Highway ... Meeting held November 22

except that Minute No. 24 (c) be amended, and that the revised offer of Messrs. Goddard & Hunt to purchase 500 feet frontage of land in Brooklyn Road adjoining Hergiswell at the price of £3 10s. 0d. per foot frontage, be accepted subject to contract and to the proposed houses being erected on plots of not less than 28 feet frontage and to the first five pairs of houses being of a value of not less than £650 per house (exclusive of land), the remaining houses to be erected on the land to be not less than £550 each (exclusive of land) ;

Resolved, also, That the revised offer of Messrs. A. E. Marshall & Sons to purchase the frontage to Brooklyn Road from the brook to the proposed new road to be constructed opposite Alstone Lane, approximately 500 feet, at 0d. per foot frontage be accepted subject to contract and to the proposed houses being erected on plots of not less than 28 feet frontage, and to be of a value of not less than £475 (exclusive of land) ;

Resolved, also, That the offer of Mr. E. T. Stinchcombe to purchase 40 feet frontage of land adjoining the land to be sold to Messrs. Goddard & Hunt at £3 15s. 0d. per foot be accepted subject to approval of the plans of the house or bungalow, and to such house or bungalow being of a value of not less than £550 (exclusive of land).

Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to terminate the tenancies of the allotment holders on the land to be sold, and that Mr. C. C. Castle be instructed to settle any claim for compensation on behalf of the Corporation.

(The following Amendments were lost:-

Moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Bettridge; "That consideration of the revised offers to purchase land in Brooklyn Road be referred to the Committee."

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Moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Bush : " That the ' Halt—Major Road Ahead' signs recommended to be fixed at the junction of Park Place and Andover Road be not approved and that Minute No. 16 (9) be amended accordingly."

Moved by Councillor Rogers and seconded by Councillor Waite : "That Minute No. 16 (9) be referred back for further consideration and consultation with the Police ").

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Waite and seconded by Alderman Taylor : That Minute No. 20 (b) in regard to the provision of Pedestrian Crossings at the High Street and Promenade Traffic Island be referred back " was withdrawn).

-Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held November 19

Town Planning Meetings held November 25 & 27

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held November 19 & 26

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held November 29

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Compton : " That with respect to Minute No. 6 the Committee be asked to consider again the provision of covers for lorries."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 13 be not approved and that the application for free supply of electricity be granted " was withdrawn).

(The following Amendment was lost :—

Moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Alderman Taylor : That Minute No. 6 in regard to the provision of shelters for workmen be referred for the consideration of the Street and Highway Labour Sub-Committee ").

Water Meeting held November 16

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held November 23

Subject to the following Amendments :—

Moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland: "That Minute No. 20 be amended and that a sum equivalent to the cost of electricity consumed at the temporary office of the Christmas Relief Fund at the Turkish Baths be paid to the Christmas Relief Fund Committee."

Moved by Councillor Fisher and seconded by Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland : "That Minute No. 8 in regard to Flower Sellers be referred back for further consideration."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Howell and seconded by Alderman Leigh James : " That Minute No. 25 in regard to the purchase of the Montpellier Rotunda be referred back " was lost).

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Allotments... Meeting held November 15

Parks and Recreation Grounds... Meeting held November 15

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held November 19

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held November 24

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen : "That the Instructions to Undertakers be amended to permit of 4 representatives of deceased to be allowed to see the coffin placed in the incinerating chamber " was not seconded).

Public Library ... Meeting held November 11

Winter Garden Development Meeting held December 1

Resolved, also, That in regard to the employment of the Specialists set out in the Minutes, Mr. T. Overbury be paid 4 per cent commission on the cost of work undertaken by Mr. Fretwell and Mr. Costain.

Rating Meetings held October 28 and November 11

Finance Meeting held November 30

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

3—Cheltenham Gas Acts and Orders—In accordance with notice of motion duly given, it was moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Fisher " That the duties of the General Purposes and Watch Committee shall include all matters relating to the Cheltenham Gas Acts and Orders other than gas and lighting tests, which shall remain the duty of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, together with matters relating to Street Lighting by Gas," and on being put to the meeting the motion was declared to be carried.

4—Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme No. 1—Resolved, That the Council hereby adopt the Draft of the Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme No. 1 and Draft Scheme Map and direct that the Draft Scheme and Map be signed and certified by the Town Clerk.

J. H. TRYE, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 3rd January, 1938.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th December, 1937. Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Pruen ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Moore and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-1, 2 and 4 Ferndale Villas, St. Luke's Place ; 23 Rodney Road ; 27 and 28 Francis Street--The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these houses had no proper covered dustbin for the reception of house refuse. RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners under Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring them in each case to provide a covered dustbin of such material, size and construction as may be approved by the Chief Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation

2—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Basement of 22 St. Stephen's Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basement of these premises. 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, the Owner thereof, and mortgagee, if any, that the condition of the said part of the said house and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or future user thereof, will be considered at a meeting of the Committee to be held on the 14th February, 1938.

(b) 9 and 11 St. James' Street ; 23, 24, 25 and 26 Francis Street ; 30, 31 and 31b Hungerford 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 14th February, 1938.

(c) 1 and 2 Harp Hill Cottages ; 10 and 12 Malvern Street ; 21 St. Philip's Street ; In St. Anne's Terrace; Boswell Cottage, at rear of Montpellier Terrace---The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. The Town Clerk reported that No. 21 St. Philip's Street was being purchased by the Council and that the Owners of the other properties mentioned above had consented to Demolition Orders being made in respect thereof. 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.

(d) 10 Tivoli Street and 10 Tivoli Lane—RESOLVED, That the undertaking 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.

(e) 148 Bath Road—RESOLVED, That the undertaking given by the Owner that this house shall not be used for human habitation but only as a lock-up shop and to render the premises incapable of human habitation be accepted.

(f) 229 High Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had not carried out his Undertaking to recondition this house but had demolished the whole of it except a portion used as a lock-up shop The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the Owner's Undertaking be cancelled.

(g) 18 Prestbury Road ; 16-19 Waterloo Street ; 14, 15 and 16 Clare Place—The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses Mr. Blake of Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson, Solicitors, Cheltenham, attended on behalf of the Owner of 18 Prestbury Road and asked

for a further adjournment to enable the Owner to arrange a loan for reconditioning the property. The Owner of 16-19 Waterloo Street attended and stated that he was arranging a contract with builders for completing the reconditioning of these houses in accordance with his Undertaking of the 13th January, 1936 RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month in each case.

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(h) West Cottage and 5a St. George's Avenue—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses. The Town Clerk reported that the Housing Committee were negotiating for the purchase of the houses. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(i) Witney Cottage, Granley Road—The Committee further considered the application by the Owner for rescission of the Demolition Order made in respect of this house on the 2nd March, 1936. The Town Clerk reported that the Owner had not yet signed an Undertaking to recondition the property in accordance with the specification submitted to him by the Chief Sanitary Inspector RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for one month

(j) Basement of White Lodge, Lansdown Crescent— Read, letter of 6th inst. from Messrs. Scott & Fowler, Solicitors, Gloucester, on behalf of the Owner of these premises, which had been re-let in contravention of a Closing Order, reporting that they had obtained an Order for possession but that the tenant had not been ejected owing to illness. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to interview the tenant's doctor and report to the Committee next month.

(k) 4, 6 and 8 Jersey Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of these houses had failed to demolish them in accordance with the Clearance Order made in respect thereof in 1935, and he submitted tenders for carrying out the work in default. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Edward Eager & Son, amounting to £30 0s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

(l) 26 Fairview Road—The Rota Sub-Committee having reported their inspection of this house RESOLVED, That the application by the Owner for permission to use the premises for storage purposes be not granted and that the Owner be required to demolish the premises.

(m) 47 and 47a New Street----The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that in spite of previous warnings the Owner had re-let this house in contravention of her Undertaking not to allow it to be used for human habitation until rendered fit to the satisfaction of the Council. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against the Owner for penalties under the Housing Acts.

(n) 27 Brunswick Street South—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had failed to carry out her Undertaking to recondition this house to the satisfaction of the Council, and had now stopped work thereon RESOLVED, That the Owner be informed that a Demolition Order will be made unless the work has been completed by the 10th prox.

3—Clearance Orders, 1936—(a) The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses, which had been excluded from the Clearance Orders by the Minister of Health :—

(i) Stanley Cottage, Sidney Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertaking given by the Owner that this house shall not be used for human habitation but only for business or storage purposes and to render the premises incapable of human habitation, be accepted.

(ii) Eaton Cottage, Eaton Place; 9 Kew Place ; 1-5 Edward Terrace—The Town Clerk reported that the Owners of these houses had not yet signed Undertakings to recondition or convert the premises in accordance with the specifications submitted to them by the Chief Sanitary Inspector. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for a further month but that the Owners be informed that Orders will then be made unless the Undertakings have been signed.

(iii) 2 and 3 Gothic Cottages—The Town Clerk reported that these houses were being purchased by the Council for street improvement. 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 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.

(b) 15 Sherborne Street—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Mr. A. J. Nunn on behalf of the Owner offering this property for sale to the Corporation. The Town Clerk reported that the property was originally included in the Clearance Orders but was afterwards withdrawn. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Education Secretary to consider the desirability of purchasing this property and adding the site of it and the former Tallow Factory to the playground of the Holy Trinity Church Schools.

(c) 14 and 15 Witcombe Place—Mr. Pratt Junior attended on behalf of the Owner of these premises and stated that the Owner was obtaining tenders for demolishing the back wings and reconditioning these houses

4—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness-12 King Street ; 15 Waterloo Street ; 63 Brunswick 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.

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5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs. Pork ; 1 qr. 5 ¼ lbs. Beef 1 qr. 7 ¼ lbs. Poultry ; 10 lbs.. Mutton.

6—Offensive Trade—Rag and Bone Dealer—RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 107 of the Public Health Act, 1936, consent be given to the trade of a rag and bone dealer being carried on by Mr. G. Stroud at his premises in Sun Street until the 31st December, 1938.

7—Shops Act, 1934—The Chief Sanitary Inspector recommended that Certificates of Exemption from the provisions of Section 10 (2) of this Act (requiring the provision of suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences) should be granted in respect of the following premises, namely :—

Shop.	Occupier.
27 Clarence Street	Moody Bell & Lamb, Ltd.
28 do.	The Bible and Tract Depot

RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that by reason of restricted accommodation or other special circumstances 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 on condition that the occupiers undertake to inform the Council of any change in the existing arrangements or circumstances.

8—Farms and Abattoir Sub-Committee—Read, report of Meeting of this Sub-Committee on Friday, 26th November, 1937. Present—Alderman Leigh James : Councillors Barnett, Ben James and Rogers.

(a) Abattoir—Lairage and Weighing Charges—The Town Clerk reported that the District Auditor had pointed out that the charges for lairage after the first 36 hours under the bye-laws made by the Council in 1925 were not being strictly enforced and also that the Superintendent had not been authorised by the Council to charge for the issue of weight tickets. The Sub-Committee recommended that the free period for lairage be extended from 36 to 60 hours and that the Superintendent be instructed to charge id. for every weight ticket issued.

(b) Barn Farm Bungalow—The Sub-Committee inspected this bungalow and recommended as follows :—

(i) That Mr: E. L. Clapp's account (amounting to £2 10s. 0d.) for supplying and fixing new white glazed W.C. pan and seat, drain pipe and floorboard, be paid, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a wooden casing constructed to protect the W.C. and drain pipe against frost.

(ii) That the Borough Surveyor be also instructed to have the windows refitted where necessary, all rotted woodwork replaced, and the roof repaired, and that the bungalow be repainted or creosoted in the Spring. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

9—Overcrowding Survey—The Medical Officer of Health reported application by Mr. Pearse for increase in salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased from £3 to £3 5s. 0d. per week as from the 13th inst.

10—Cedros Lodge, Tivoli Road—The Town Clerk read letters from Messrs. Ascroft, Whiteside & Co., on behalf of the Mortgagees of this property, holding the Corporation liable to their clients for any damage to their security which might be due to the laying of the Park Place sewer. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

11—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919-92 and 92a High Street ; 5, 6, 7 and 8 Albion Street ; Norchard, Gloucester Road ; and The Continental, 70a Regent Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises were infested with rats. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 5 of the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919, notices be given to the occupiers of the said premises requiring them within 7 days to take such steps as may be required by the Chief Sanitary Inspector for destroying rats on the said premises and that in the event of failure to comply with such notices the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to enter the said premises and take such steps as may be necessary and reasonably practicable for the purpose of destroying rats therein.

12—Sewer at rear of Pittville Lawn and Albert Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that rats had been traced to this sewer, The Borough Surveyor reported that the sewer had been inspected and had been found to be generally in good order but that some of the drain connections were defective. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make a further examination of the connections and report to the Committee.

13—Sewer at rear of 86 Promenade—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that rats had been traced to this sewer. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine the condition of the sewer and report to the Committee.

14—Central Police Station—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that at the request of the County Architect he had inspected this Station and submitted recommendations to the County Council for improving its sanitary condition.

15—Arle Sewer Outfall—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had received complaints of nuisance from the discharge of sewage into a field on Arle Farm and reported that the sewage was not draining away adequately. The Borough Surveyor recommended the provision of a new drainage system for the Arle Court area in which there had recently been considerable building development. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a scheme and that the owners of land in the area be called upon to contribute towards the cost of the scheme.

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16— Hayden Sewage Works—Sewage Disposal—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to retain for a further period of three months the man appointed in February last to assist in the distribution of sewage over Mr. Rymer's land.

17— Manchester Street Conveniences—Read, letter of 22nd ult from Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson suggesting that these conveniences should be closed. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

18— Flooding, Moorend Road District—Read, letters from Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son on behalf of Mr. A. W. Jennings claiming compensation for the laying of the new sewer across his land. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to assess the amount of compensation payable.

19—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936—Read, circular letter of 18th ult. from the Clerk to the County Council asking officers of the Corporation to report cases in which milk was being sold under special designations without special licence RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

20—Health Congress—Read, circular letter of 6th inst. from the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the attendance of delegates at the Health Congress to be held at Portsmouth from the 11th to the 16th July, 1938. RESOLVED, That Alderman Leigh James and the Medical Officer of Health be appointed to attend on behalf of the Corporation.

21— -County Review Order, 1935—Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Clerk of the Rural District Council enclosing heads of proposed Agreement with regard to sewers in the area transferred to the Borough from the Parish of Prestbury by the County Review Order, 1935. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Town Clerk for consideration.

ARTHUR. S. F. PREEN, Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th December, 1937. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Addis, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Grimwade and Till (Alderman Pates in the chair)

1—Housing Manager—(a) The Housing Manager submitted her Quarterly Report on the collection of rents

(b) The Housing Manager reported an application through Miss Jennings for Miss P. Nash, former Grammar School girl, to be taken on as a trainee in the Housing Office for training. RESOLVED, That Miss Hort be authorised to take Miss Nash as a trainee.

2-52 Hudson Street—The Housing Manager reported that the tenant of this house was carrying on a Greengrocery business at this house. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant requiring him to discontinue forthwith carrying on business at the house and that, if this is not done, he be given notice to quit.

3—Selection of Tenants and View Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 18th ult. and 7th inst., and of the View Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 26th ult (a) The Sub-Committee reported (inter alia) that they had interviewed 23 applicants for houses and had placed 17 of these on the selected list of tenants to be allocated houses when available 4 applications were not granted and two applications were adjourned for further information.

(b) The Sub-Committee had also considered statements of income from 42 tenants and fixed the rents to be charged for houses let to them under the Rent pooling scheme

(c) The Sub-Committee recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(i) That the Housing Manager be instructed to report particulars of any houses occupied by one person.

(ii) 112 Tennyson Road—That a 4 feet close-paled fence be erected along the boundary of the garden of this house adjoining the passageway.

(iii) 28 Thames Road—That the boundary fence of this house be altered so as to enlarge the garden by taking in a portion of the garden of No. 26 Thames Road, and that unless the tenant of No. 26 agrees to give the ground notice to quit be given,

(iv) 63 Kipling Road—That the offer of Mr. Bramwell to purchase a 3 feet strip of land of the garden of this house at the price of £9 be not accepted, and that he be informed that the Committee are not prepared to accept less than £25 for the land.

(v) 5 Kingsley Gardens—That the application of the tenant of this house for internal decorations to be carried out be not granted.

(vi) That the various outbuildings etc. viewed by the Sub-Committee be approved as recommended.

(vii) 316 Swindon Road—That the Committee agree to a portion of the garden of this house at the corner of Malvern Street and Swindon Road being given up for a distance of 10 feet along both streets for the improvement of the corner, and that unless the tenant agrees to this notice to quit be given.

(viii) 2 Wordsworth Avenue—That a portion of the garden adjoining the back of this house be surfaced with concrete to carry off surface water.

(ix) 31 and 33 Byron Road—That having considered further complaints received by the tenants of both these houses of each other, the Town Clerk be instructed to give both tenants a month's notice to quit, but that he be authorised to withdraw the notices on the tenants undertaking to settle their differences.

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

4—St. Peter's and St. Paul's Estates—The View Sub-Committee recommended that the post and wire fences dividing the gardens of 375 houses on these Estates should be replaced with chain link fencing and iron posts, or alternatively with wooden posts and rail fenceings. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain estimates for removing the present fencing and supplying chain link fencing and iron posts, also, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to report as to whether this could be met out of the Repairs Fund or whether he recommends that a loan should be applied for.

5—Reconditioning, St. George's Avenue—The View Sub-Committee reported their inspection of West Cottage and No. 5a St. George's Avenue and also Nos. 1 to 5 St. George's Avenue, included in the Clearance Order. They recommended that the Corporation should purchase all the properties for £20, the Corporation to carry out the demolition of Nos. 1 to 5 St. George's Avenue, and that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for the reconditioning of No. 5a St. George's Avenue and West Cottage as one house. The Sub-Committee also inspected the adjoining disused burial ground, and recommended that the General Purposes Committee should favourably consider taking over and removing the headstones and levelling the ground for use as an open space, but to provide fencing so that the ground could be closed at night RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and the General Purposes Committee be recommended to consider taking over the disused burial ground.

6—Benhall Cottage and Land—The Borough Surveyor reported inspection of Benhall Cottage. In his opinion, it was not worth while carrying out periodical repairs, but he considered that the cottage

should be entirely reconstructed or demolished. The Committee also considered the offer of Messrs. Bayley & Sons to purchase this site. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report on the offer to purchase the site, and to submit plan sheaving how the land could be developed in conjunction with the adjoining land.

7—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made by Mr. Sansom and Messrs. Edwards with their contracts. Mr. Sansom had commenced 96 houses, of which 29 had been completed, and Messrs. Edwards had commenced 194 houses, of which 20 had been completed.

(b) New School—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a footpath to the new school by the time this is opened in January next.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that the Conveyance of the Methodist Chapel site had now been completed. RESOLVED, That the Purchasers be allowed the sum of £10 towards fencing off this land from the adjoining Corporation houses, this being the estimated cost of providing chain link fencing not now required.

(d) Shop Sites—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Bowd has now agreed to pay £700 for the vacant shop sites in Whaddon Road adjoining his present shop. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

8—Sale of House-18 Shakespeare Road—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. S. E. Roberts to purchase this house for £475. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry 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, 20th December, 1937. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Rogers (The Mayor 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—Report of Labour Sub-Committee—Read, Report of three Meetings of the Labour Sub-Committee, as follows:-

At a Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th December, 1937. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Addis and Grimwade

(a) Representation—The Sub-Committee recommended that Representatives of employees be permitted to attend Meetings of this Sub-Committee in support of applications with regard to wages and conditions of employment.

(b) Casual Labourers—Dirty Money—Read, letter of 9th October last from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers requesting that all men working in water should be paid at additional rates for "dirty work." The Sub-Committee recommended that the present arrangement whereby payment of "dirty money" is left to the discretion of the Borough Surveyor be adhered to

(c) Holidays—(i) The Sub-Committee considered the reference back by the Council of Minute No. 9 (d) of the Meeting of the Street and Highway Committee on the 20th September last, and recommended that holidays be granted with pay to all permanent and casual employees according to the scale adopted from time to time by the West Midlands Joint Industrial Council, which at the present time is as follows

For 3 month's service ...	2 days
For 6 month's service	4 "
For 9 month's service	6 "
On completion of one year's service ..	8 " including Bank Holidays
For the second year's service ...	9 "
" third " 	10 "
" fourth and thereafter	12 "

[All to] including Bank Holidays

Provided that where existing conditions are more favourable to any employees, no reduction shall be made in the holidays of such employees.

(ii) Read, letter of 23rd September last from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for alterations in the dates of the annual holiday granted to permanent employees, The Sub-Committee adjourned consideration to enable representatives of the employees to attend and state their views in the matter.

(d) Overtime—Read, letter of 9th October last from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for payment of overtime rates to all employees. The Sub-Committee recommended that except in the case of men employed by agreement for special work, overtime rates be paid to permanent and casual employees according to the scale adopted from time to time by the West Midlands Joint Industrial Council, which at the present time is as follows :—

For the first three hours exceeding 47 hours a week Time-and-a-quarter.

After the first three hours Time-and-a-half.

For work on Sundays and Bank Holidays Double-time.

Provided that in the case of Saturday overtime, for all time worked after normal hours (provided no time has been lost during the same week, except with the consent of the Authority) time-and-a-half rates shall apply.

(e) Tradesmen—Read, letter of 24th July last from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for an increase of 2d. per hour in the wages of paviors. The Sub-Committee recommended that all tradesmen be paid at the rates generally applicable in the building industry, i.e. in the case of bricklayers etc. 1s 5 ½ d. per hour, and an additional 1 ½ d. per hour for foremen.

(f) Permanent Labourers—Read, letters of 16th October last from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for an increase of 7s 6d. per week in the wages of all "permanent" labourers. The Sub-Committee recommended that all employees on the establishment be paid by the hour at the rate of 1s 0 ½ d. per hour instead of 46s 6d. per week as at present,

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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At an adjourned Meeting held on Thursday, 9th December, 1937. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillors Addis and Grimwade.

(g) Motor Vehicle Drivers—Read, letter of 16th October last from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for an increase of 7s 6d. per week in the wages of Motor Vehicle Drivers. The Sub-Committee recommended that drivers of tractors, freighters and gulley emptiers, footpath rollers, and lorries of 2 tons capacity or more be paid 1s 3 ½ d. per hour, roller drivers 1s 4d. per hour, and drivers of mechanical sweepers and lorries of less than 2 tons capacity 1s 3d. per hour, such wages to be reduced to 1s 1 ½ d. per hour when they are not required to drive.

(h) Tewkesbury Water Works—Read, letter of 20th ult. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for an increase in the wages of stokers and drivers at the Tewkesbury Works. The Sub-Committee recommended that the chief Engine Driver and Mechanic be paid 9s 6d. per shift and each of the remaining stokers and drivers 8s 3d. per shift (such payments to include night and Sunday work).

(i) Miscellaneous—The Sub-Committee considered a number of other applications with regard to wages or conditions of individual employees and made certain recommendations as shown in Statement of Wages of Employees (a copy of which accompanies the Minutes).

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

At a further adjourned Meeting held on Friday, 10th December, 1937. Present—The Mayor (in the chair); The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Addis and Grimwade.

(j) Parks and Recreation Grounds Employees—Read, letter of 3rd ult. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for an increase in the wages of labourers employed at the Hatherley Court Recreation Ground, The Sub-Committee recommended that all labourers employed in Parks and Recreation Grounds be divided into two grades, and that those in Grade I be paid 1s 1d. per hour, and those in Grade II (including casual labourers) 1s 0 ½ d. per hour. The Sub-Committee also recommended certain other increases in wages of individual employees as shown in Statement mentioned above.

(k) Horsekeeper—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. Marlow, Horsekeeper, was killed in a recent motor accident. The Sub-Committee recommended that a week's wages be paid to his widow in lieu of the holidays to which the deceased was entitled.

(l) Commencement of Increase in Wages—The Sub-Committee recommended that all increases and alterations in wages recommended at this Meeting and at the two previous Meetings of the Sub-Committee take effect at the commencement of the first working week after the 1st February next.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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

3—View Committee—Read, report of the View Committee of their Meeting held on the 15th inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Grimwade and Till.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Regent Street—That the footpath from the corner opposite Ormond Place to the artificial slab paving opposite Regent Garage be repaved and that the corner be slightly set back.

(3) Promenade—That Miss L. Archer's application for lopping of tree opposite No. 123 be not granted.

(c) Bayshill Road—That Mr. F. J. Gregg's application for felling or lopping of tree near Savoy Hotel be not granted.

(d) Queen's Road—That Miss Nourse's application for felling of tree by No. 71 be not granted.

(e) St. Paul's Road and St Paul's Street North—That the bus stop be removed from this corner and re-erected midway between the last two lamp posts in St. Paul's Street North.

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(f) St Paul's Road—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make a survey and submit a Scheme for widening this road between Folly Lane and the Railway bridge, as suggested by Councillor Addis.

(g) Albion Street—That the owners of the Masonic Hall be requested to waive the condition requiring the Council to re-plant the box hedge, as the present open condition on the corner is an advantage to traffic.

(h) Warwick Buildings—That an offer of £1,500 be made for the purchase of 68 and 69 Winchcomb Street and 2 to 12 Warwick Buildings ; also that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a sketch plan of the property in the vicinity to enable a Scheme for widening Fairview Road and Warwick Place to be considered

(i) Hewlett Road—That Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell Ltd. be required to pave only the strip of land surrendered by them to be added to the highway, and that subject to their agreeing to this the Council relieve them of the cost of paving the existing footpath.

(j) 31 and 33 Union Street and 24 Fairview Street—That Mr. w H. Nutt's offer to sell these premises be not accepted.

(k) Priors Road—That in view of the refusal of the owner of the land adjoining the Cemetery Entrance to allow a bus shelter to be erected on his land, an alternative site be chosen on the footpath on the north-westerly side of the Cemetery Entrance.

(l) College Road—That a " Halt " Sign be not erected as recommended by the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce, but that the College Authorities be required to clear the trees from the corner of the garden of Boyne House at the junction of College and Sandford Roads in order to improve the vision ; and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place a white line in College Road

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

4—Junction of Hatherley Road and Hatherley Court Road—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Ladies' College, reporting that the College Committee had agreed to give up the land required for rounding off one of the corners of this junction, subject to the other corner being treated in the same way, and to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the College at the cost of the Corporation. The Deputy Mayor also indicated his willingness to surrender the land required for rounding off the opposite corner. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the Ladies' College and to the Deputy Mayor, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the improvement.

5---Annual Contracts—(a) Coal—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Forest of Dean Collieries asking the Council to re-consider their refusal to grant an increase in their Contract price in view of the recent advances in railway charges. RESOLVED, That the previous decision be adhered to.

(b) Bathing Costumes—Read, letter of 15th inst. from " The Famous " applying for an additional charge of 4s per dozen for Bathing Costumes ordered for use at the Sandford Swimming Pool. The Borough Surveyor reported that, although their tender was accepted in March last, no costumes had been ordered during the past season, and that the prices of costumes had recently risen by 6s per dozen. RESOLVED, That in view of the special circumstances an increase of 3s per dozen be agreed to

(c) Castings—The Borough Surveyor submitted tender of Messrs. John Needham & Sons Ltd. for 400 stop cock boxes at 2s 5d. each. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted.

6—Junction of Park Place and Andover Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. C. M. Keane of Bryansford House was willing to surrender the land for widening one of the corners at this junction subject to a new gateway being provided in Andover Road The other owners had not yet agreed to the proposals. RESOLVED, That Mrs. Keane's offer be accepted.

7—Norwood Road-217 Bath Road—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Mr. W. H. Poulton asking if the Corporation wished to acquire this property for the proposed widening of Norwood Road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain the price asked for the property.

8—Traffic Signs—Read, report of the Borough Electrical Engineer giving particulars of the present arrangements for lighting Traffic signs, and particulars of alterations which would be required for continuing the lighting of "No Entry" signs throughout the night. RESOLVED, That the Borough

Surveyor be instructed to ascertain the views of the Ministry of Transport as to the desirability of lighting signs in the early hours of the morning.

9—Private Improvement Works—Jersey Avenue—The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment according to frontage of the cost of the private improvement works carried out in this road amounting to £284 3s. 1 ½ d. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that demands for payment be served on the owners named therein RESOLVED, also, That an allowance of 5 per cent. be made off the amount apportioned against each owner provided payment is made within one month from the service of the demand

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10—Trunk Road No. 10—(a) RESOLVED, That the Minister of Transport be asked to make a Unilateral Waiting Order in respect of the portion of the High Street between the Promenade and Cambray.

(b) Lansdown Road Bridge Widening—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received from the Chief Engineer of the Great Western Railway Co. a final estimate for widening this Bridge and that he had submitted this to the Divisional Road Engineer for approval.

(c) Railway Rates—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 17th inst. from the Divisional Road Engineer reporting that the Minister of Transport would not approve of the insertion of clauses providing for variation of Contract prices to cover increases in railway rates in Contracts entered into by the Council as agents for the Minister,

(d) Claims for Damages—The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 507 (Roads) dated the 7th inst. from the Ministry of Transport outlining the procedure which should be followed with regard to claims for damages for (i) injuries to employees of the Council arising out of employment on trunk roads, (ii) damage to Crown property, (iii) claims for damages by third parties.

11—Traffic Signals--The Borough Surveyor reported that the amber period of all traffic light signals in the Borough had been altered to three seconds, as requested by the Ministry of Transport.

12-243a and 244 High Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he was proposing to recommend the Public Health Committee to make a Closing Order in respect of part of these premises, which the Council had resolved to purchase. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to defer entering into Contract until the Committee have inspected the property.

13—Warwick Place and Winchcomb Street --Read, letter of 13th inst. from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland offering Nos, 3 to 10 Warwick Place and Nos. 66 and 67 Winchcomb Street for sale to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the offers be not accepted.

14—Devonshire Street—Read, letter of 24th ult. from Mr. Hodges complaining of the condition of the footpath on the North Western side of this Street. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration.

15-12 North Place and Nos. 1 to 6 St. Margaret's Cottages—Read, letter of 29th ult. from Mr. J. Smith offering these premises for sale to the Corporation for £600 plus costs. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

16—Malvern Street—Read, letter of 30th ult. from Mr. J. Gladwin Green reporting that Nos. 10 and 12 Malvern Street and Nos. 1 to 5 Butt's Cottages had now been sold to another purchaser.

17—Junction of Suffolk Parade and Suffolk Square—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Messrs. Rickerby Thompson Yeaman & Howell on behalf of the St. James' Parish Council agreeing to sell the land required for the improvement of this junction for £50 subject to certain conditions for improvement of the remainder of the property. RESOLVED, That these conditions be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report as to the cost of the work required by them,

18—Montpellier—The Town Clerk reported that two of the guard posts around the Gordon Lamp, Montpellier, had been damaged by a Lorry belonging to Messrs. Packer & Co. of Tewkesbury Road. RESOLVED, That a claim be made against the owners of the Lorry for the cost of replacing the posts, estimated at £2.

19—Sharing Agreement—RESOLVED, That an Agreement be entered into with the Pearl Assurance Co Ltd. for settling claims on the basis of 75 per cent irrespective of legal liability.

20—Steel Supplies—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 6th inst. from the Divisional Road Engineer enclosing model clauses providing for variations in steel prices which would be approved by his Department in respect of Contracts for work eligible for grant from the Ministry of Transport. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor.

21—Cleevemount Estate—The Town Clerk reported that the Prestbury Parish Council would raise no objection to the proposed diversion of the footpath to New Barn Lane subject to a new stile or kissing gate being provided in the position of the present field gate and that Messrs. G. A. M. Hall Ltd. had agreed to this condition.

22—Leckhampton Bus Route—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Manager of the Cheltenham and District Traction Co. asking the Council to approve of the removal of the terminus of this route from High Street to Imperial Circus, RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to the terminus in Imperial Circus being used by only one bus at a time.

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23—Lansdown Place—Read, letter of 20th tilt from Col. Vickers complaining of the condition of the inner road at Lansdown Place. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

24—Albert Road—The Chairman reported that he had suggested to the County Education Committee that the playing field of the proposed Grammar School site in Albert Road should be levelled by tipping, RESOLVED, That the proposal be approved subject to the County Council agreeing to pay half the cost of labour employed in levelling and covering the refuse.

25—Prestbury Road-1-9 Cakebridge Terrace—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Messrs. Midwinter & Co. refusing the Corporation's offer of £150 for the purchase of this property. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 2 of the Public Works (Facilities) Act, 1930, a Compulsory Purchase Order be made in respect of the property and submitted to the Ministry of Transport for confirmation, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give all notices and do all other acts necessary for this purpose.

26—Barclay's Bank, 107 High Street—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland enquiring if the Corporation would be willing to sell these premises. RESOLVED, That a sale be not entertained.

27—College Lawn—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Councillor Lipson reporting a complaint that the surface of this road was very bad for horses, RESOLVED, That this complaint be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration.

28-43 and 44 Montpellier Villas—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Mr. Rice offering these properties for sale to the Corporation for £305. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

29—Petroleum Filling Stations—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Claude-General Neon Lights Ltd. enquiring whether the Council would have any objection to the installation of luminous discharge tube lighting outside garages and filling stations in the Borough. RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to the proposal in principle but that in every case plans should be submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

30—Post Office Telegraph Lines—Millbrook Street—The Town Clerk submitted an application by the Post Office Superintending Engineer for permission to erect a telegraph post and overhead line in Millbrook Street. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineer.

31—Projecting Signs—(a) Winchcomb Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Bastin & Son for permission to erect a luminous Neon sign outside Messrs. Drake's premises in Winchcomb Street be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) Clarence Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs.. Barnard & Partners for permission to erect a luminous Neon sign outside Messrs. Brunner's premises in Clarence Street be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(c) High Street—The Committee further considered applications for permission to erect projecting signs outside the premises of the Saxone Shoe Co. at 110 High Street and the premises of Messrs. Flower & Sons in High Street. The Town Clerk submitted letters from the Divisional Road Engineer raising no objection to the applications on the ground that the premises adjoin the Trunk Road, subject to the Council being satisfied that the signs would not be confused with traffic signals. RESOLVED, That the applications be granted subject to the usual conditions.

32—Shurdington Road—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Mr. G. E. Waghorne applying for permission to erect a projecting sodium or mercury lamp to floodlight his garage in Shurdington Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the light being satisfactorily shaded from the road.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th December, 1937, Present—The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Barnett, Bendall and Moore (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.
4371	Associated Cinema	Properties Cinema, Imperial Rooms site, Promenade. Ltd.
4718	Hall, G. A. M., Ltd.	Revised elevation of block of shops, Cleevemount Estate.
4792	Stinchcombe, E. T.	Bungalow, Brooklyn Road.
4802	Regan, J.	Cycle shed, 199 Arle Road.
4803	Smith, F. J.	Garage, Welland Lodge Road.
4804	House Conversion & Property Investment Co.	Conversion into 4 flats, Langholme, Hatherley Road.
4805	Shenton, Mrs R.	New bathroom, 109 Promenade
4806	Cleavelands Ltd.	Conversion into 4 flats, Cleavelands.
4807	Cruikshank, A. S.	2 garages, The Tower House, Pittville Circus.
4808	Bendall, J. D. & Sons	14 semi-detached houses, Priors Road.
4809	S.P.C.A.	Garage and lethal chambers, Somerset House, Knapp Road.
4810	Smith, L. W.	Shop and dwellinghouse, Arle Road.
4811	Andrews, Mr	Garage, 93 Gloucester Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4792 and 4802 be approved ; That Plan No. 4718 be approved subject to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and to the conditions attached to the approval of the plan at the 12th August meeting; That Plans Nos. 4803 and 4811 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpaths being provided to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and in the case of Plan No. 4811, subject also to the building being set back behind the building line ; That Plan No. 4805 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and to the new work harmonizing with the old ; That Plan No. 4371 be approved subject to (1) the South West wall on outside of curve of new culvert junctioning with the corresponding walls at each end of the existing culvert, (2) steelwork details etc. to be approved by the Borough Surveyor, (3) wherever foundations or other structural concrete is brought against the face of the culvert a complete junction is made with bitumastic expansion joint or other approved material, (4) two manholes in culvert being provided in inner road and Royal Well Road, (5) detailed drainage and sanitation plans being submitted to and approved by the Corporation, (6) to the right of the Council to close to vehicular traffic the road behind the fountain, (7) to the Cinematograph Regulations of the Secretary of State being complied with ; That Plan No. 4806 be approved subject to (1) the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, (2) the existing basement not being used as a dwellinghouse, (3) the garages being used only by persons occupying the flats and not let or used as lock-up garages ; That Plan No. 4807 be approved subject to (1) the new work harmonizing with the old, (2) the washdown being drained through a three-way chamber to the existing system, and (3) the garages being used only by persons occupying the flats in Tower House and not let or used as lockup garages ; That Plan No. 4808 be approved subject to the floor level being at least 12 inches above the level of the back edge of the footpath ; That Plan No. 4809 be approved subject to the building being erected on a 9 inch reinforced

concrete slab ; That Plan No. 4810 be approved subject to the area between the shop and footpath not being enclosed and no placards or goods being displayed more than 3 feet from the shop front, and to the main walls not being used for advertising purposes ; That Plan No. 4804 be not approved.

RESOLVED, also, That Notice under Section 60 of the Public Health Act 1936 be given to the owners of Carlton and Havelock Houses, Bath Road and Cleavelands, Evesham Road requiring them to provide external fire resisting staircases so as to provide means of escape in case of fire.

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.
1233	F. E. Harris	Shop, Six Ways, Charlton Kings.
1259	Charlton Kings Urban District Council	18 houses, Little Herberts Lane, Charlton Kings.
1260	G. A. Fuller	Extension to Garage and 2 lock-up Garages, Station Garage. Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1261	E. H. Holborow	Additions, Bafford Farm, Charlton Kings.
1262	Mrs. M. D Bendall.	Garage (private), 11 Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
1263	Mrs. E. Merrett	Garage (private), " Elvedon," New Barn Lane, Prestbury.
1264	Mrs. E. Merrett	Garage (private), "Chaseley," New Barn Lane, Prestbury.
1265	A. R. Foster	Garage (private), "Penfield," New Barn Lane, Prestbury
1266	Miss M. Taylor	Alterations (amended plan), Bishop's Cleeve.
1267	Cheltenham Rural District Council	3 pairs semi-detached houses, Near Horsebere Bridge, Little Witcombe

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos 1233, 1261, 1266 and 1267 be approved ; That Plan No. 1259 be approved subject to the footpath at the back of the new houses being increased to 4 ft. 6 ins. in width ; That Plans Nos. 1260, 1262, 1263, 1264 and 1265 be approved subject to consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, and in the case of Plan No 1262, also to the roof being amended so as to fall from the front to the back and the parapet being continued along the side of the building.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Committee further considered the application of 4th November, 1937, from Messrs.

Cornelius & Boulter asking for permission to erect a house on a plot of land off New Barn Lane, Prestbury. The Borough Surveyor reported that the matter had been referred to the Rural District Council for their views on the question of drainage and that he had been informed that they do not consider the development satisfactory as it is impossible to drain a house erected on the site into the existing sewers. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 6th inst. from Mr. E. Strawford asking for permission to erect a house fronting the main Cheltenham—Gloucester road at Golden Valley. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted .

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 14th inst. from Mr. H. R. Lapper for permission to remove the top storey of "Lake House," Pittville. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to detail plans and specification of external work being submitted to and approved by the Committee.

(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 15th inst. from Mr. M. A. Roberts for permission to extend the house and shop known as "Shurdington Stores," Shurdington. He reported that the existing building was in advance of the improvement line prescribed by the County Council and would have to be removed at some future date for the widening of the road and that the extensions would be in advance of the building line prescribed by the County Council. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(e) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 15th inst. from Mr. A. W. Eaketts for permission to erect a house on a plot of land at the junction of Leckhampton Lane and the main road at Shurdington. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred for the Borough Surveyor to confer with the County Surveyor on the points of access to the roads and for the preparation of a plan showing how the adjoining land could be developed

4—Common Meadow, Kidnapper's Lane—Read, letters of 9th and 11th inst. from Messrs. Bruton, Knowles & Co. asking that the zoning of this land as an open space shall be removed as the owner wished to offer the land for development purposes. In the alternative, they asked that the Corporation should purchase the ground. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to alter the zoning or to recommend the Council to purchase this land at the present time.

5—Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme No. 1—(a) Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Clerk of the Cheltenham Rural District Council enclosing Resolution of his Council protesting against the proposals in the Scheme which will have the effect of sterilising large acreages of land for building purposes but stating that the Council would raise no objection to the proposals if arrangements are made whereby the Scheme will be administered by a Joint Body on which they are adequately represented and whereby the expenses and compensation are paid by the County Council.

(b) Allotments—Read , letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries asking for particulars of the land proposed to be scheduled in the Scheme for permanent allotments and what additional area was being allocated to replace the Whaddon Farm Allotments now being built on. RESOLVED, That the Ministry be supplied with particulars of the land scheduled in the Scheme for allotments.

6—Cleeve Mount Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had interviewed the Surveyor of the Rural District Council in regard to the building erected over the Prestbury outfall sewer on this estate and that they had both agreed that the owner should be required to pull down the outbuilding and re-erect it on a reinforced concrete slab 9 ins. thick, but as an alternative it would be better to erect it in a new position away from the sewer, also, that the manhole erected near the back door of the house should be closed in and a new one constructed not less than 4 ft. away from the present manhole. RESOLVED, That the owners be asked to carry out the recommendations of the two Surveyors.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th December, 1937. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors-Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Rogers, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton

(Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported the attendances at the Junior Bath. During the week ended the 12th inst. the admissions were, teachers and scholars 103, public 64. and season ticket holders 37. RESOLVED, That if the Education Committee agree, the Bath be closed and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to refund to the season ticket holders the due proportion of the cost of their season tickets from the date of closing to end of winter season.

2—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(a) Proposed Children's Pool—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had obtained from Messrs. Bell Bros, (Manchester) Ltd. their quotation for the heating and filtering of water for the proposed new pool and he recommended that their tender of £225 should be accepted for inclusion in the Contract as a prime cost item. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted subject to sanction to loan for the whole scheme being obtained.

(b) Improvements—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimates for carrying out the various improvements recommended by the Baths Sub-Committee. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Borough Surveyor to expend a sum not exceeding £200 in carrying out the following improvements :—Providing compulsory foot-baths at exits from tray stores ; attaching curved upright railings to the existing railings and fixing barbed wire to the inside to prevent children climbing over ; enclosing the Tea Lawn with a paled fence and providing cash desk ; diminishing width of firm boards on diving stage ; fencing in shrubbery at back. of Ladies' dressing boxes ; providing short pair of steps on either side of diving stage ; providing rubber mats in the passages adjoining the tray stores. RESOLVED, also, That these improvements be carried out before the commencement of next Summer season.

3—Medical Baths—(a) The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted (b) RESOLVED, That the report of the Internal Auditor be referred to the Medical Baths Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

(c) Chiropody—RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be authorised to purchase a Chiropody Visiting Case at a cost of £4 6s. 0d.

4—Montpellier Baths ---Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Y.M.C.A. asking if they could have the use of the Gymnasium on Fridays and Saturdays in addition to Wednesdays and Thursdays. RESOLVED, That they be granted the use of the Bath on these two additional evenings for the remainder of the Winter Season at a rent of £2 10s. 0d.

5—Town Hall—(a) Gentlemen's Cloakroom—The Entertainments Manager reported on the need for extending the gentlemen's cloakroom at the Town Hall. As there was no separate exit, considerable congestion was continually occurring. The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary plan of scheme for enlarging the accommodation by building another floor ; he also submitted another scheme for providing an exit from the Dressing Room in the Stairway octagon and re-arranging the counter and

extending the Cloakroom racks at an estimated cost of £65. RESOLVED, That this work be approved and included in next year's estimates.

(b) Read, application of 15th inst. from the Town Association Football Club for the free use of the Town Hall on the 2nd February next and also for an allowance off the amount paid for the Dance held on the 3rd November last. The Club considered that it was in the interests of the town that the Club should be maintained and expressed the hope that the application would receive the sympathetic support of the Council. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to grant the application but that this be referred to the General Purposes Committee to consider making a grant to the Club.

(c) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to the Cheltenham Christmas Relief Fund Committee for the annual Tea and Concert for the Old Folks to be held on the 5th January next.

6—Meteorological Station—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Meteorological Office enclosing report on the inspection of this Station by Dr. Watson, who reported very favourably on the condition and work of the station. The only matter calling for comment was the fact that the mercury in the Barometer 'vas rather dirty RESOLVED, That the Borough Meteorologist be instructed to send the instrument to the makers for cleaning and overhauling.

7—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their Meetings held on 30th ult. and 14th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) Entertainments Manager's Office—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to convert the small room containing two conveniences adjoining the Entertainments Manager's Office (which were not now required) into an Office for his Typist at a cost not exceeding £15.

(b) That, having interviewed three persons submitted by the Labour Exchange and British Legion, Mr. S. C. Hancock (unemployed) and in receipt of an Army pension of 18s 4d per week be appointed Attendant at large Dances in place of ex-Police Sergeant Garner, for a trial period of one month.

(c) That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted for the Annual Meeting of the Child Guidance Clinic on the 2nd inst.

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(d) Montpellier Gardens—That during next Winter season, Season Tickets be issued for the use of Hard Tennis Courts at these Gardens at a charge of 10s 6d entitling holders to use the courts from the 1st October to the 31st March.

(e) Pillar Room—Bar Counter—That having considered the proposal to provide a sectional Bar Counter for the Pillar Room, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide the Counter at a cost of £66 and that Minute No. 13 (b) passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

(f) South of England. Ballroom Championship—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to engage five judges for this Championship to be held at the Town Hall, at a cost of £34 13s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd December, 1937. Present—Alderman Moore ; Councillors Addis and Bendall (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) Shelburne Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted letter from Councillor Grimwade complaining of the lighting of this road. RESOLVED, That the road be viewed.

(b) Selkirk Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported a complaint about the lighting of this Street and Albert Place and submitted a scheme for improving the lighting by rearranging the existing lamps in this and the adjoining roads at an estimated cost of £121 19s. 7d. with additional annual running cost of £18 13s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved.

(c) Pedestrian Crossings--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported a complaint of the lighting of the pedestrian crossings in the Promenade and London Road. RESOLVED, That these be viewed.

2—Floral Fete—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to take a stand at the Floral Fete in June next as in previous years and to insert a full page advertisement in the Floral Fete handbook

3—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) All Saints' Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a lamp standard in this road had been knocked down by Mr Adams of Pittville Circus Road. He estimated the cost of replacing the lamp at £27 15s. 0d. RESOLVED, That a claim be made against Mr. Adams for this amount and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to lay a length of cable at an additional cost of £2 15s. 0d. in order to dispense with the existing transformer previously used in connection with this lamp.

(b) Swindon Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a lamp standard at the junction of Swindon Road and Queen Street was knocked down by a motor van belonging to Messrs. J. R. Mundy Ltd., London. RESOLVED, That a claim be made against the Company for the cost of replacing the lamp post estimated at £11 3s. 3d.

4—Supply to Rural Areas—Gotherington—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application from four residents in Gotherington for a supply of electricity to their respective houses, and submitted a scheme for making the necessary extensions at an estimated cost of £355 11s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the extensions be approved.

5—Sales Management Conference—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer or one of his assistants be authorised to attend this Conference to be held in London from 31st January to 2nd February next.

6—Electricity Supply (Meters) Act, 1936—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of the 8th inst. from the Electricity Commissioners enclosing notes on various matters in connection with the testing and certification of electricity meters. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer.

7—Covers for Lorries—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of their refusal to grant the application for the provision of covers for lorries used for transporting workmen. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to consider the matter further and report to the Committee.

8—Gas Tests—Read reports of Gas Tests made on the 2nd, 5th, 8th, 14th and 17th inst. which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 472.9, 474.4, 475.8, 475.6 and 476.4 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure to be 9.0, 9.2, 8.2, 8.7 and 8.7 inches of water respectively.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th December, 1937. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett and Pates Councillors Avery, Barnett and E. W. 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 November, 1937.	Average for corresponding Period for past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	90,000 gallons	184,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	316,000 “	1,176,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>13,000 “</u>	<u>25,000 “</u>
	419,000	1,385,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 52,722,000 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—Extensions to Mains—(a) Proposed Chocolate Factory, Swindon Road—The Borough Engineer submitted application for a supply to the Chocolate Factory to be erected on land in Swindon Road. The only way of providing an immediate supply was to connect the 3 inch main at the Cross Hands, Tewkesbury Road, to the main in Swindon Road between Maud's Elm and the Railway Bridge by laying a new 4 inch main for a distance of approximately 1,200 yards. He estimated the cost of this extension at £800. If this supply eventually proved to be inadequate, it would be necessary to lay a 6 inch diameter trunk main along Swindon Lane. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to extend the main subject to the estimated cost being deposited by the owners to be refunded as and when the water charges on the premises connected thereto produce 12 ½ per cent. per annum on the capital outlay.

(b) Mumfords Farm—The Borough Engineer submitted application from Mr. J. L. Hanby for permission to lay a one inch diameter galvanised pipe for a distance of about half a mile to supply Mumfords Farm. The Borough Engineer reported that he had advised Mr. Hanby against proceeding with this extension owing to the lack of pressure which will arise from the use of a galvanised pipe and the long length and small diameter of the pipe, but that Mr. Hanby was anxious to proceed in spite of this advice. RESOLVED, That consent be given to the extension subject to Mr. Hanby entering into an Agreement to bind his successors in title, owners for the time being of Mumfords Farm, that no complaints or objections shall be made of any deficiency of supply.

5—Hewletts Reservoir—Chlorination House—The Borough Engineer submitted three tenders received for the erection of the Chlorination House for these Works. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons amounting to £159 (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract.

6—Supply to Gloucester—The Borough Engineer reported that the temporary supply to Gloucester was commenced on the 10th November last, since when an average quantity of 90,000 gallons per day had been supplied.

7—Salts Farm—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Dunn, the tenant of this Farm, had asked for the Farmhouse to be re-decorated ; the floors made good where necessary, a new grate to be fixed in the Sitting Room, and for provision of a Bathroom, and electricity or gas supply and other minor repairs. Read, letter from Mr. C. C. Castle in regard to the matter, and Mr. Castle Junior attended the Committee. The Town Clerk reported that no repairs or decorations were carried out for Mr. Dunn when he took the property in 1920. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to provide a new grate and to carry out the decorations and repairs which he considers necessary and to have the house wired for electricity supply subject to the tenant paying the cost of service cable.

8—Gloucester to Stow Road—With reference to the proposal of the County Council to construct a short length of new road adjoining Lineover Wood, the Town Clerk submitted letter from the County Surveyor asking if the Committee would agree to a post and wire fence and quickset hedge being planted in lieu of providing a stone wall to the new boundary. Read, letter of 11th inst. from Mr. C. C. Castle stating that he did not consider a quickset hedge would grow in this position. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to the County Council's suggestion but are prepared to approve of an iron fence not less than 4 ft. 6 ins. in height being erected with sheep netting placed on the inside.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st December, 1937. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, Moore and Pruen; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

2—Aerodrome Owners' Association—Read, circular from the Association inviting the attendance of delegates to the

Annual Conference to be held in London from the 19th to the 21st January next RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed

3—Leckhampton Hill—Read, Report of the Borough Surveyor of the behaviour and damage to a tree by 10 College boys on Sunday, the 19th inst. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Headmaster of the College asking him to investigate the matter and deal with the boys.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. S. A. Butt to transfer his Licence to Cab No. CDF 517 be granted.

(b) Read, letter from Mrs. Robertson asking the Committee to approve of the Licence formerly held by her husband being transferred to Mr. D. Edwards. RESOLVED, That this he agreed to subject to a satisfactory report on the taxi being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector.

5—Flower Sellers etc.—(a) Messrs. J. L. Mitchell, Holtham and Tarling attended on behalf of 8 flower sellers and Messrs. Wilcox and Dutton attended as growers. Mr. Mitchell urged that the Council should agree to a scheme of licensing the sellers and providing them with a badge or uniform cap in the same way that street hawkers were licensed in Birmingham, and failing this the Council should allocate stands for the men in the portions of the High Street proposed to be prohibited in the Order. The Town Clerk reported that Birmingham Corporation had power to licence the hawkers under the Birmingham Corporation Act of 1883, but that the Cheltenham Corporation did not possess licensing powers.

Mr. Dutton, on behalf of the growers, stated that hardship would ensue to the growers if the sellers were unable to sell their flowers, as the sellers were their chief customers on days when there was no flower market at the Market. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision to make the Order. RESOLVED, also, That, whereas the Council are satisfied that the streets set out below are between the hours of 10 in the forenoon and 8 in the afternoon thronged and likely to be obstructed on all days except Sundays, 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 are the streets to be included in the Order :—

High Street (from the entrance to Sandford Park to Henrietta Street).

Promenade (from High Street to Oriel Road).

Clarence Street.

North Street.

Pittville Street.

Regent Street (from High Street to County Court Road).
 Rodney Road (from High Street to No. 4 Rodney Road).
 Winchcomb Street (from High Street to Warwick Place).

(b) Read, letters from Miss Bartlett, Messrs. S. Sharpe, C. V. Berry, R. G. Bradbury and H. R. Skidmore protesting against flower sellers being allowed to stand in any of the main streets of the town.
 RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Corporation can only make an order under Section 21 on the ground that the Streets are thronged and likely to be obstructed.

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6—Physical Training and Recreation Act, 1937—Mr. A. E. Naylor, General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., attended and asked the Council to reconsider their decision not to make a grant under this Act of £2,400 towards the cost of erecting a new Gymnasium at the rear of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. W. N. Weech also attended as a member of the Somerset and Gloucester Area Advisory Committee appointed under the Act and stated that the making of a grant by the Corporation would considerably strengthen the application of the Y.M.C.A. for a grant from the Government.

RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to make a grant to the Y.M.C.A., but that the Council be recommended to erect a one-storey gymnasium on land at the rear of the Y.M.C.A. at a cost not exceeding £2,500 plus the cost of the land to be sold by the Y.M.C.A. to the Corporation at a price to be agreed upon, and subject to a grant of not less than 50 per cent of the cost being obtained from the Area Committee and to sanction to loan for the balance of the cost being obtained the building to be let to approved Guarantors of the Y.M.C.A. at a rent to be agreed upon.
 RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Area Committee for a grant of half the total cost.

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

Date, 1937	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
December 5th	8 Clarence Square ...	Not apparent	Not ascertained	£4 10s 6d.
" 10th	103 Promenade ...	Beam in fireplace ...	Slight	£3 16s. 0d.

(b) Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 15th inst. Present-- The Deputy Mayor (in the chair) ; and Councillor Grimwade.

They recommended (inter alia) That the applications of the Rev. J. T. Avent, Chairman of the Dowdeswell Parish Council, and Lt.-Col. Gresson asking for the terms on which the Corporation would supply the services of the Brigade for the Parishes of Dowdeswell, Andoversford, Foxcote, Whittington, Compton Abdale and Brockhampton be not entertained at the present time in view of the large number of commitments already undertaken by the Council to provide the services of the Brigade, and that they be informed that these Parishes could not be served without providing an additional fire engine and equipment.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Captain be instructed to purchase 12 electric Torches for the Brigade

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

8—Wireless Loudspeakers—Read, letter of complaint from Mrs. J. Grayson of the nuisance caused by wireless loudspeakers in private houses. The Town Clerk reported that the Home Office were now prepared to approve a Byelaw making it an offence to cause nuisance to occupiers of private houses by any wireless loudspeaker etc. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to submit draft Byelaw for consideration of the Committee

9—Shops Acts—Read, letters of the 26th and 29th ult. from Messrs. Haines & Strange complaining that garages in Cheltenham were not complying with the provisions of the Sunday (Trading) Restriction Act. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to send to all shops in Cheltenham a pamphlet drawing attention to provisions of the Shops (Sunday Trading) Restriction Act, 1936, and that the Police be instructed to enforce the provisions of the Act

10—Naming of Roads—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Councillor Fisher suggesting that Queen's Circus, Montpellier Avenue, Montpellier Exchange, Montpellier Walk, and Ormond Villas should be re-named Promenade. and re-numbered

RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report on this suggestion.

11—Athletic Ground—Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Honorary Secretary of the Rugby Football Club asking if the Committee had any objection to their letting the Car Park at the Athletic Ground for an Amusement Fair for one week during 1938. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the Fair being confined to the Car Park only, to no vehicles being taken on to the embankment round the Ground, to the music of the roundabouts, loudspeakers and amplifiers etc. being subdued, so as not to cause any nuisance or annoyance to the adjoining neighbourhood, and to the Fun Fair being closed at 10.30 p.m. each night.

12—Petrol Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Wicliffe Motor Co. for a Licence to store 2,000 gallons of petrol in underground storage tanks at their premises in Bath Road (in place of their existing store at the rear of their premises, containing 1,500 gallons) be granted.

13—Joint Airport—The Town Clerk reported the proceedings of the Joint Airport Committee of their meetings held on the 15th and 25th October and 20th inst. The Mayor had been re-appointed Chairman of the Joint Committee for the ensuing year.

Negotiations had been taking place with the Air Ministry in regard to the use of the Airport for an R.A.F. Voluntary Reserve Training Centre

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The Joint Committee now recommended that the Corporations should join in an agreement with the Westgate Motor House Co, Ltd and the Air Ministry granting to the Air Ministry the right to use the Airport for the proposed Training Centre for a term of 12 years, with an option to the Air Ministry to terminate their tenancy at the expiration of the 3rd or 7th year of the said term upon the following conditions. (The expression " Lessors" in the following conditions refers to the Westgate Motor House Co. for the portion of the term up to the end of their Lease, namely 29th September, 1943, and to the Corporations from that date) :—

(1) The Corporations to be paid an additional rent by the Westgate Motor House Co. of £100 per annum, the rent payable by the Air Ministry to be agreed between the Air Ministry and the Westgate Motor House Co, and to be paid to the Company.

(2) The Air Ministry to have the use of the Aerodrome as now existing together with a site approximately 2 acres in extent for their own buildings, the details of which site to be settled with the Lessors when the Ministry's layout has been prepared. The Ministry to have the right to join up to the proposed foul drainage, being provided for the Clubhouse.

(3) The Water, Electricity and Gas services are available on the site, and also facilities for Post Office Telephone connection.

(4) The two Corporations to take immediate steps to bring into the Aerodrome the two fields Nod. 75 and 76 to the east and a portion of the field No. 91 to the south-east (about 25 acres).

(5) The Air Ministry to erect their own buildings, but at the end or sooner determination of the Lease, the Lessors to have the first option of taking over any of the buildings at a valuation. Usual clause as to arbitration on failure to agree value. If not taken over, the Ministry to clear away the buildings, or to pay reasonable compensation in lieu thereof.

(6) The Lessors not to erect any building on the land now owned by them (other than on their own Aerodrome layout) without the Air Ministry's approval, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.

(7) The Lessors to maintain the surface of the Aerodrome.

(8) The Air Ministry to provide their own Night Flying apparatus, and in the event of the Lessors desiring to use it, arrangements to be made accordingly.

(9) The Lessors to maintain control of the Aerodrome, and to provide the necessary Control Officer. The Westgate Motor House Co. to provide the Control Tower.

(10) Usual clause as to replacement of Control Officer in the event of his being found unsuitable.

(11) The Lessors on request to fell any trees forming obstructions on land in their ownership and to cause to be felled trees on other land under their special powers at Air Ministry's expense.

(12) The Treasury Solicitor to prepare draft Lease.

(13) The rent to include the use of the Aerodrome by all types of aircraft controlled by the R.A.F., such user to be confined to machines visiting the Aerodrome in connection with the administration of the Training School. The Air Ministry to have the right to use the Aerodrome in connection with purposes other than those stated above on terms to be arranged with the Lessors prior to user.

(14) If the Air Ministry under this proposal require additional ground to be brought into the Aerodrome then an additional rent to be paid based on the cost of the expenditure involved. On the other hand, should the Lessors be called upon by the Civil Aviation Department to enlarge the Aerodrome or carry out additional work necessary to conform with the requirements of the Licence the Ministry not to be concerned and no additional rent to be paid.

(15) The Air Ministry to pay a contribution in lieu of rates in respect of their own buildings.

The Joint Engineers reported that the cost of levelling, draining and clearing the additional 25 acres of land required to be added to the landing ground would not exceed £1,000 and would probably cost considerably less.

The use of the Airport by the Air Ministry would not interfere with its use by Civil Aircraft and the Cotswold Aero Club.

The Joint Committee also recommended that tenders be obtained for the levelling, draining and clearing of the additional land and that each Corporation should be authorised to apply to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for half the cost.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Joint Committee be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £500 for half the estimated cost of levelling, clearing and draining the additional land.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th December, 1937, Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall Bush, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Carter, Stokes and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair)

1—Visitors—RESOLVED, That Mr. Stokes be appointed a Visitor to Crabtree Piece, Creamery Piece, Gapper's Field and Baglin's Piece for the ensuing year.

2—Arrears of Rent—The Borough Treasurer submitted further statement in regard to the collection of arrears of rent. RESOLVED, That arrears amounting to £6 5s. 3d. due from former tenants be written off as irrecoverable, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against six tenants for recovery of the arrears due from them. RESOLVED, also, That in future the Cashier in the Borough Treasurer's Department be instructed to receive notice from tenants desiring to terminate their tenancies, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to supply him with forms of notice.

3—Gapper's Field Allotments--The Town Clerk submitted application from Mr. Williams to take No 18 which would become vacant on the 25th inst. There were two applicants on the waiting list for allotments at Gapper's Field, but Mr. Williams was prepared to pay the present tenant £3 10s. 0d. for his pigstyes. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

4—Marle Hill Estate Allotments—(a) The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr F. Wynne to take No. 138 provided he could have the allotment rent free up to the 25th March next. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) RESOLVED, That 20 additional allotments of ten perches adjoining Tommy Taylor's Lane be let to the Unemployed Allotment Association at a rent of 8s 8d. per chain, to be rent free up to the 31st December, 1938, in lieu of the land to be given up in Brooklyn Road.

5—Crabtree Piece—(a) The Town Clerk submitted application from Mr. Phillips, tenant of No. 84, to take Nos. 85 and 86 which would become vacant on the 25th December next Mr. Phillip's was willing to pay the present tenant (Mr. Marsh) compensation for his shed and crops, and Mr. Marsh undertook to pay tip his arrears of rent amounting to £2 12s. 11d. out of the money received from Mr. Phillips. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected No 135 and found that the area of this allotment had been reduced by two perches owing to encroachment by the brook RESOLVED, That the rent be reduced by 2s 2d. per annum as from the 25th March last.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th December, 1937. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith.

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

2-Pittville Gardens—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that 57 ducks and drakes from Pittville Lake had been sold at the Market for £5 16s. 0d.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted complaint from Mr. C. A. Yeend, owner of Trouville, Evesham Road, in regard to the condition of a large elm tree in the Gardens, which, he considered, was liable to fall and damage his property. The Chairman also submitted letter from Mr. Yeend. RESOLVED, That the Visitors be asked to view the tree.

(c) Read, application from Mr. N. F. O'Brien for permission to test a Radio controlled model boat on the Lake. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

3—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Children's Paddling Pool—The Borough Surveyor reported that if the construction of the Children's Paddling Fool was carried out by contract, it was possible that this would not be completed for the early part of the Summer. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to have the work carried out by direct labour as soon as the sanction to loan is received.

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4—Pittville Circus Garden—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the hedge round this garden removed, and the garden laid out as a lawn with a large central flower bed.

5—Montpellier Gardens—The Visitors reported that they inspected the three old elm trees near the Lodge, and recommended that these should be removed, as suggested by the Gardens Superintendent. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the trees removed, and

also to have the site of the old underground convenience laid out as a lawn with flower beds round the edge.

6—Playing Field, Brooklyn Road—RESOLVED, That provision be made in next year's estimates for the removal of the elm trees and hedge between the two fields in Brooklyn Road used as a temporary playing field which would enable accommodation for two additional football pitches to be provided,

7—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground--The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association stating that the grant to Cheltenham from the Lord Lieutenant's Fund would be about £400 to £500 towards the cost of Playing Fields in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That this sum be applied towards the cost of Hatherley Court Recreation Ground instead of the Playing Field at St. Mark's, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan and estimate for providing ornamental gates for the entrance in Hatherley Court Road.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th December, 1937. Present—Councillors Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher and Moore (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Designs—RESOLVED, That Designs Nos. 2149 to 2154, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

2—Crematorium—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to purchase the equipment required for operating the furnace etc., including two sets of overalls and gloves for the Superintendent and attendant.

(b) Fees—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 7th inst. from the Ministry of Health stating that in addition to the charges for cremation it would be necessary to obtain the Ministry's approval under Section 34 of the Burial Act, 1852, of the fees to be made for interment and scattering of ashes and for the right to erect Memorial tablets.

The Borough Surveyor also reported in regard to the size of tablet to be permitted to be erected on the Wall in the Garden of Remembrance. He recommended that in order to obtain uniformity, the Memorial tablets should be supplied and fixed by the Corporation, the engraving of the lettering to be carried out by the person desiring to erect the tablet.

RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval under the Burial Acts of the following fees:-

(1) Scattering of ashes in Garden of Remembrance when cremation not carried out in Cheltenham Crematorium... 10s. 6d.

(2) Burial of ashes in purchased grave in which a previous interment has been made ... 10s. 0d less than the fee prescribed by existing table of fees.

(3) For the right to place tablet on wall in Garden of Remembrance—

Tablet size-9" by 6" £3 3 0

do. 9" by 12" £6 6 0

including in each case supplying and fixing of tablet by Corporation (except engraving of lettering).

RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to purchase 50 of the smaller tablets and 10 of the larger ones.

RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Secretary of State for approval of a fee of 10s 6d for the service of a Minister to conduct service in the Crematorium when the Minister is provided by the Corporation.

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(c) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Crematorium, was now ready for opening and that he expected the Garden of Remembrance to be completed in the course of a few days, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give formal notice of the opening of the Crematorium to the Secretary of State in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Cremation Regulations, 1930.

(d) Medical Referee and Deputy Medical Referee— Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Home Office, that the Secretary of State had appointed Donald Ewart Morley, Esq., M.D., B.S., D.P.H. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer of Health, to be Medical Referee in respect of the Crematorium and William Henry Pedlow, Esq., M.D., B.Ch., to be Deputy Medical Referee. It was contrary to their practice to appoint more than one Deputy Medical Referee, but should a case arise in which neither the Medical Referee nor the Deputy Medical Referee was available, the Corporation could have recourse to the services of a Medical Referee or a Deputy Medical Referee of some other Cremation Authority,

(e) Opening—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed with the arrangements for the opening of the Crematorium on the 12th January next, and that he be authorised to arrange for the attendance of a small choir and organist, and to hire a Harmonium.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND, Chairman

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 8th December, 1937. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bush 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—Third Quinquennial Re-Valuation—Promotion of Uniformity in Valuation—(a) Read, circular of 12th ult. from the County Valuation Committee in regard to the assessment of various properties. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Rating and Valuation Officers.

(b) Read, circular from the County Valuation Committee that with a view to the promotion of uniformity, arrangements had been made for the services of the County Valuation Officer to be at the disposal of the Rating and Assessment Authorities particularly as to the making of sample valuations of ordinary properties and also of properties of semi-special character. In order that they might be able to ascertain the extent to which the recommendations already made lead to uniformity, the County Valuation Committee requested the Rating Committee to supply them with periodical lists of proposals and objections made and received and also a copy of 1939 Draft Valuation List when deposited. RESOLVED, That the Rating Officers be instructed to supply periodical lists of proposals and objections but with regard to the 1939 Draft Valuation List, the County Valuation Committee be informed that the preparation of an additional copy of this would entail considerable labour but, that the Committee will be prepared to have a copy made if the County Council will pay the cost of having this done.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th December, 1937, Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Avery, Bush, E. W. Moore and Rogers (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

3—Third Quinquennial Valuation—The Committee commenced the preparation of the new draft Valuation List.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd December, 1937. Present—Aldermen Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Garland and Grimwade (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £32,847 ; Leaving outstanding is:82,916

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, 1938. Amount collected £9,662 Leaving outstanding £13,095.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 23rd inst. Present—Aldermen Pruen and Taylor (in the chair); and Councillor Garland.

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

4—Electricity Accounts—The Borough Treasurer submitted monthly report on the collection of the Electricity Accounts up to the 21st inst., and also on the collection of arrears.

5-3 per cent. Stock, 1956—The Borough Treasurer reported that in connection with last year's issue of this Stock, a claim had been made on the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under Section 10 of the Finance Act, 1907, for a refund of the stamp duty in respect of the valuation of Stock utilised for the redemption of mortgages, and after protracted negotiations, he had now received a cheque for the amount of the claim, £128 15s. 0d., less a reduction of £2 11s. 0d. for the stamp duty on 102 endorsements of renewals and mortgages.

6—Fire Insurances—The Borough Treasurer reported that in effecting fire insurance of the new houses on the Whaddon Farm Estate he had been able to arrange for a further allowance of 15 per cent off the premium on a five years' agreement, and for this reduction to apply to all fire insurances of the Corporation properties.

7—Superannuation—Health Visitor—The Committee further considered Miss Jordan's application to be placed on the Superannuation Scheme. Miss Jordan was still absent from work on account of illness. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until Miss Jordan has resumed work for a period of three months.

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, 3rd January, 1938, at 3 p.m. Present

The Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N. Retd., J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen and Taylor ;

Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grim wade, Lipson, M.A., M.P., J.P., Moore, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Howell, Ben James, Miller and Morris.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 6th December, 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 December 13

Resolved, also, That Springfield Cottage, Brandon Place be added to Minute No. 2 (b) of the Minutes.

Resolved, also, That the application of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd. for licences to use the designation Pasteurised and Tuberculin Tested in respect of milk treated and retailed respectively at their depot in Imperial Lane ; also, the applications of Mr. H. C. Pumfrey, The Cheltenham Milk Bar Ltd. for Dealers' Licences to use the designation Tuberculin Tested in respect of milk retailed from Benhall Dairy and the Milk Bar respectively ; also, the application of the Gloucester Co-operative and Industrial Society Ltd. for a Supplementary Licence to use the designation Pasteurised in respect of milk retailed in the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order, for one year.

Housing Meeting held December 9

Street and Highway Meeting held December 20

Subject to the following Amendments :—

Moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Grimwade: "That the rate of wages for charwomen at Alstone Baths be referred back for further consideration."

Moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That the rate of wages of laundrywomen be referred back for further consideration."

Moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Compton : " That Minute No. 2 (f) in regard to the wages of permanent labourers be referred back."

Moved by Councillor Addis : " That Minute No. 2 (e) be amended by deleting the words i.e., in the case of bricklayers 1s 5 ½ d. per hour."

Moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 9 in regard to the apportionment of the Private Improvement Expenses in Jersey Avenue be referred back for further consideration."

Town Planning Meeting held December 16

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held December 17

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held December 22

Water Meeting held December 14

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General Purposes and Watch Meeting held December 21

(The following amendments were lost :—

Moved by Councillor Fisher and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 5 in regard to Flower Sellers etc. be not approved."

Moved by Alderman Moore and seconded by Councillor Compton : " That Minute No. 6 in regard to the erection of a gymnasium at the rear of the Y.M.C.A. be referred back for further consideration of plans and details.")

Allotments ... Meeting held December 13

Parks and Recreation Grounds ... Meeting held December 13

Cemetery and Crematorium ... Meeting held December 17

Rating ... Meetings held December 8 & 15

Finance ... Meeting held December 23

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

3—Ambulance Headquarters—Resolved, That Dr. W. Curling Hayward be appointed representative of the Council on the Ambulance Headquarters Board of Management.

4--Assessment Committee— Resolved, That the General Purposes and Watch

Committee be authorised to appoint a representative of the Council on the

Assessment Committee, in place of Councillor Lipson, resigned.

J. H. TRYE,

Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the council to be held on Monday, 7th February, 1938.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th January, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. do Courcy Ireland, Garland, Ben James and Moore (Alderman Leigh James in the chair)

1—Insanitary Property at (a) 20 Glenfall Street ; 70 Fairview Street ; and 2 Upper Bath Street—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these premises are satisfied that the said premises 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 premises requiring them to execute the

works to be specified in the notices which will in the opinion of the Committee render the premises fit for human habitation.

(b) 1 Alexandra Street—Read, letter of 20th ult. from Mr. J. R. Houghton reporting the sale of this property to a purchaser who intended to execute the works necessary to render the house fit for human habitation, RESOLVED,

That the Town Clerk be instructed to defer entering into a Contract for carrying out the work in accordance with Minute No. 4 (b) of the Meeting of this Committee on the 15th November last to give the new owner an opportunity to carry out the work.

(c) 16 Naunton Park Road and 43 Naunton Lane—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 15th November 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 £11 10s. 0d. and £4 15s. 0d. respectively.

RESOLVED, That application be made to the owner for payment.

2—Nuisances from Drains—9 and 11 Moorend Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the drains etc. on or belonging to the above premises were in such a condition as to be prejudicial to health and a nuisance. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to examine the drains and apply any test other than a test by water under pressure, and, if necessary, to open the ground.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Basement of 30 Montpellier Villas—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basement of these premises. 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, the Owner thereof, and mortgagee, if any, that the condition of the said part of the said house and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or future user thereof, will be considered at a meeting of the Committee to be held on the 14th March, 1938.

(b) Basements of 20 Clarence Square and 26 Lansdown Crescent ; 1st floor and part of ground floor of 44 Tewkesbury Road—The Committee further considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the above-mentioned parts of these premises. It was reported that the Owner of 44 Tewkesbury Road had consented to an Order. 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 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 use as store, kitchen, scullery, washhouse or other domestic office in the case of the basement of 20 Clarence Square and a store only in the case of the other premises.

(c) 40a St. James' Street ; 81, 83, 85, 87 and 89 Granley Road ; 1, 2 and 3 Laurel Cottages, Rowanfield Road—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 March, 1938.

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(d) 2 Berkeley Avenue ; 27 Albert Place ; Caravan, Shakespeare Hotel Yard, High Street—The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. Read, letter of 23rd ult from the Owners of 2 Berkeley Avenue consenting to an Order being made in respect of these premises The Owner and occupier of the caravan attended and asked for further time to enable him to find another site for 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.

(e) Basement of 17 Imperial Square—The Committee considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of these premises. The Owner attended and asked to be allowed to recondition the premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months to enable the Owner to carry out the works required to render it fit for human habitation in accordance with the specification prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(f) 12 Glenfall Street—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 his Undertaking be cancelled.

(g) The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses:-

(i) 18 Prestbury Road—Mr. Blake of Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson, Solicitors, Cheltenham, attended on behalf of the Owner and asked for a further adjournment as he was expecting a reply from the mortgagees in Australia to a request for a further advance to enable the Owner to recondition the property Mr. Robson, Solicitor, Cheltenham, also attended on behalf of the lessee of the property. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(ii) 14, 15 and 16 Clare Place—Mr. Fowles attended on behalf of the Owner. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months to enable the Owner to consider reconditioning the premises in accordance with the specification to be prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(iii) 16-19 Waterloo Street—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Owner of these premises asking for a further adjournment to enable him to arrange a loan for reconditioning the property,, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(iv) 27 Brunswick Street South—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had restarted work on this house in accordance with her Undertaking. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(v) 69 St. George's Place—Mr. Hooper of Messrs. Bayley & Sons, Cheltenham, attended and offered on behalf of the Owner to give an Undertaking that these premises should not be used for human habitation. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the back wing of the property was in a dangerous state and should be demolished. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Chief Sanitary Inspector to meet the Owner and his builder on the site.

(vi) 12 Worcester Street—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months to enable the Owner to consider carrying out the works required to render the house fit for human habitation in accordance with the specification to be prepared by the Chief Sanitary inspector

(h) 3 Orchard Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises were still occupied although the Owner had been warned that he was liable to prosecution for re-letting the premises in contravention of a Clearance Order. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute the Owner for penalties under the Housing Acts.

(i) 44, 45, 46, 46a, 47 and 47a New Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these houses fit for human habitation in accordance with her Undertaking. RESOLVED, That her Undertaking be cancelled and that the prosecution of the Owner for penalties for re-letting No. 47 before completion of her Undertaking be not proceeded with.

(j) Witney Cottage, Granley Road—The Committee further considered the application by the Owner for rescission of the Demolition Order made in respect of this house on the 2nd March, 1936. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted and that the Owner be required to demolish the premises.

(k) Basement of 2 Oxford Parade—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson, Solicitors, Cheltenham, applying that the Closing Order made in respect of these premises on the 4th November, 1936, should be amended so as to permit the premises to be used as a store, kitchen, scullery, washhouse or other domestic office RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(l) 7 Ambrose Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises had now been demolished by the Owner. RESOLVED, That Minute No. 8 (g) of the Meeting of this Committee on the 15th November last, accepting a tender for carrying out the work in default of compliance by the Owner with the Demolition Order made in respect of the said premises, be rescinded.

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(m) Basement of White Lodge, Lansdown Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises which had been re-let in contravention of a Closing Order had now been vacated.

(n) Basements of Deerpark, Portland Street, and 5 Pittville Lawn-- The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these premises had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That Orders be made determining the Closing Orders made in respect thereof on the 2nd November, 1936, and the 5th April, 1937, respectively.

4—Clearance Orders, 1936—(a) The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses, which had been excluded from the Clearance Orders by the Minister of Health :—

(i) Eaton Cottage, Eaton Place; 9 Kew Place ; 31 and 33 Union 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.

(ii) 1-5 Edward Terrace—RESOLVED, That the Undertaking given by the Owners that these houses shall not be used for human habitation but only as lock-up shops, be accepted.

(iii) 1 and 2 Richmond Cottages ; 86, 87 and 88 Albion Street; 30 Portland Square and 6 Portland Cottages; 15 Sidney Street; 12 North Place and 1 and 2 St, Margaret's Cottages—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month in the case of these houses to enable the Owners to consider the specifications prepared or to be prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(b) 15 Sherborne Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the offer by the Owner to sell this property to the Corporation be adjourned for one month.

(c) 14 and 15 Witcombe Place--Mr. Pratt, Junior, attended on behalf of the Owner and stated that the Owner had entered into a Contract for demolishing the back wings and reconditioning these houses, and that the work would be put in hand almost immediately.

(d) 1 Daffodil Terrace, Commercial Street—The Committee considered an application by Mrs. Stone (who attended), for permission to re-occupy these premises until the premises are required to be demolished under the Clearance Order. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

5—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness-88 Swindon 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.

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 3 qrs. Pork ; 6 cwt. 12 lbs. Beef ; 4 ½ lbs. Pheasants ; 17 ½ lbs. Turkeys.

7—Manchester Street Conveniences—The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the conveniences in Manchester Street adjoining the Banbury Hotel. RESOLVED, That these conveniences be closed to the public and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary alterations for this purpose.

8—Common Lodging Houses—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Common Lodging Houses in the Borough had been inspected at night and found to be in accordance with the bye-laws.

9—Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of treatment given at the Clinic during the half year to the 31st ult. :—

No. of New cases which have received immunising doses	12
“ injections given	22
“ cases in which treatment is completed	5
“ “ in which treatment is partially completed ...	7
“ “ submitted to Shick test after immunisation (negative)	10
“ “ awaiting treatment	9
“ “ awaiting Shick test	4

(b) RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to send a circular to parents of school children calling attention to the Clinic.

10—Blood Pressure Testing Apparatus—RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to purchase apparatus for testing blood pressure at a cost not exceeding £3.

11—Hayden Sewage Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the sludge pumps at these works were very old and in a dangerous state, and he submitted alternative estimates for reconditioning or replacing the pumps RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of Aldermen Leigh James and Pruen and Councillor Moore be appointed to inspect the pumps and report to the Committee.

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12—Golden Valley Drainage Scheme—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare detailed plans and estimates for draining this area.

13—Alma Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted report of his proposals for remedying the nuisance caused by the discharge of sewage from Green Farm into a watercourse near this road. RESOLVED, That his proposals be forwarded to the County Council as the owners of Green Farm.

14—Moveable Dwellings—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Minister of Health for a Declaration that Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, shall be in force in the Borough in place of Section 120 of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board Etc., Act, 1936.

15—Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter inviting the attendance of delegates at the Annual Congress of this Institute from the 31st May to 4th June next. RESOLVED, That no delegates be appointed.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th January, 1938. Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bettridge, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, E. W. Moore and Till (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Whaddon Farm Estate --(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made on the two contracts on this Estate. Mr. Sansom had completed 39 houses, and Messrs. Edwards had completed 68 houses.

(b) Messrs. Edwards' Contract—Read, letters from the Manager of the Employment Exchange asking the Council to make representations to Messrs. Edwards Ltd. with a view to their employing a larger proportion of Cheltenham men. Read, also, letters of the 3rd and 8th inst. from Messrs. Edwards stating that it was their wish to employ as much local employable labour as possible, as the transport of labour was adding greatly to the cost of carrying out their contracts. On the 8th inst. they transported to Cheltenham 32 bricklayers, 2 carpenters, 13 bricklayers' labourers, 4 scaffolders and 4 navvies. On the 21st December they applied at the Labour Exchange for 3 bricklayers' labourers, but two only were sent, one of whom was engaged, and the other could not carry the material, and on the 3rd inst. they applied for 4 plasterers' labourers, but were informed that there were none on the Register. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Messrs. Edwards that the Committee understand that these unemployed builder's labourers are now available in Cheltenham, and to ask them to employ as many Cheltenham men as possible.

(c) Allocation of Houses—Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Ministry of Health, approving of the houses allocated for the purpose of rehousing under Slum Clearance Schemes under Section 105 of the Housing Act, 1936, as follows:-174 three-bedroom houses (accommodating 870 persons), 24 one-bedroom houses (accommodating 48 persons), and 26 four-bedroom houses (accommodating 182 persons). With regard to the Council's application for subsidy in respect of the remaining houses allocated for overcrowding the Ministry stated that a further letter would be forwarded in due course.

(d) Land in Severn Road—Read, letter of 19th inst. from Messrs Walker, Crosweller & Co. Ltd. asking if the Council would sell a small strip of land lying between their side entrance in Severn Road and the brook. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to sell the land, but that the land be let to Messrs. Walker, Crosweller & Co. Ltd. on a yearly tenancy at a rent as for an allotment, the land not to be built on.

2—St. Peter's and St. Paul's Estates—Fencing—The Borough Surveyor submitted 4 alternative tenders for substituting new fencing for the present post and wire fencing on this Estate. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to provide new chain link fencing for a short section in one of the streets by attaching this to the existing concrete posts, and when this is carried out to report on the cost thereof.

3—Benhall Cottage—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative layouts for the development of this site in respect of which an application to purchase had been received. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the View Sub-Committee.

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4-33 Byron Road—Read, letter from the tenant of this house, asking the Corporation to withdraw the notice to quit as his neighbour had now given up possession. RESOLVED, That he be allowed to remain

in the premises for a further month and that if possession is not then given, the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for recovery of possession.

5—Reconditioning—St. George's Avenue—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Mr. W. H. Horsley that he could not advise the owner to accept the offer of the Corporation to purchase Nos. 1 to 5a St. George's Avenue and West Cottage for £20 and stating that he considered the property was worth £100. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to increase the offer made.

6—Housing Manager—(a) The Housing Manager submitted her Monthly Report on the collection of rents.

(b) The Housing Manager recommended that Miss B. Dudin (part-time assistant in her office) should now be appointed whole-time assistant in Grade E. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee for consideration.

7-63 Kipling Road—Read, letter of 22nd ult, from Mr. R. L. Bramwell, asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to accept his offer of £9 for a strip of land of this house for adding to the garden of the adjoining house belonging to him RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to sell the land for less than £25.

8—Exchequer Subsidy—Read, circular from the Town Clerk, Bridlington, asking the Council to support a resolution passed by his Council, urging the Minister of Health to revise his proposals for Exchequer Subsidy so as to provide that the new contribution shall be payable in respect of houses erected for overcrowding, including houses in course of erection and completed after 31st March next. RESOLVED, That the Council support the resolution.

9---Hayden Farm—The Town Clerk reported that the Public Health Committee had agreed to build two new houses at the Farms, RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the erection of the houses under Section 105 of the Housing Act, 1936. RESOLVED, also, That the Council undertake that the conditions set out in Section 27 of the Housing Act, 1930 will be complied with in relation to the two houses. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the appropriation of the site of the houses for the purposes of the Housing Acts under Section 76 of the Housing Act, 1936.

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

(a) The Sub-Committee reported (inter alia) :—That they had interviewed 18 applicants for houses, placed 15 of these on the selected list, 2 applications were not granted, and 1 was adjourned.

(b) The Sub-Committee recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(i) Having considered the report of the Town Clerk in regard to the Exchequer Contribution payable to the Corporation for persons displaced from unfit houses, That for the next three months the Sub-Committee do not consider any applications for the tenancy of houses except from persons occupying overcrowded houses included in the survey and for Non-Subsidy houses, and that the Housing Manager be instructed to proceed as quickly as possible with the rehousing of persons occupying houses in respect of which Clearance, Demolition and Closing Orders have become operative.

(ii) Pooling of Rents—That the rents fixed and rebates granted, as set out in the Rent Rebates Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted,

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

12—Houses Occupied by Police—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to terminate the tenancies of the Chief Constable of the houses on St Mark's Estate let to him for members of the Police Force with a view to increasing the rents of the parlour type houses to 15s 10d per week and the non-parlour type houses to 14s a week, inclusive in each case.

13—Moors Estate—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the sandpit on this estate removed and the hole filled in.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 2.1th January, 1938. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Till (The Mayor 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—The District Valuer and his Assistant attended and reported on the claims for compensation received from owners and occupiers of land affected by the Compulsory Purchase Order RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Fisher and Grimwade be appointed to consider the claims for compensation and all matters relating to the improvement including the development of the surplus land RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman, the Town Clerk, Borough Surveyor and the District Valuer be asked to interview the Ministries of Health and Transport with regard to the development of the surplus land.

3—College Lawn--The Borough Surveyor recommended that this road should be treated with tar spray and chippings in order to improve the surface RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Devonshire Street—The Borough Surveyor reported on the condition of the footpath on the North Western side of this Street RESOLVED, That provision be made in next year's estimates for repaving this footpath.

5-243a and 244 High Street--The Committee considered reports of the Borough Surveyor and Chief Sanitary Inspector on the condition of these premises. RESOLVED, That Minute No. 30 of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 22nd November last, recommending the purchase of these properties, be rescinded,

6—Leckhampton and Tewkesbury Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that these roads had been carpeted with a material called "Saftiphalte" which had been purchased with the approval of the Chairman RESOLVED, That this purchase be approved.

7—Quarry Spalls—The Borough Surveyor submitted 5 tenders received for the supply of an approximate quantity of 500 tons of 4 inch Quarry Spalls required for the roads on the Whaddon Housing Estate. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, that the tender of the Tytherington Stone Co. Ltd. for a supply at 8s 6d. per ton (to be delivered on the site) be accepted. Note :—This was not the lowest tender, but the lower priced materials would not be satisfactory for the purpose.

S—National Safety First Association—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the 11 drivers of mechanical transport employed by the Corporation had been granted the award of Merit of this Association for their driving during the past year

(b) The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 20th ult. inviting Local Authorities to make a special contribution to the 21st Anniversary Fund of the Association. RESOLVED, That a subscription of £1 1s. 0d. be made.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that Col. Cockshott had resigned from the Secretaryship of the Cheltenham Branch of the Association. RESOLVED, That Mr. R. Haidon of Arnwood, Church Road, Cheltenham, be asked to act in his place,

9—Private Improvement Works—(a) Jersey Avenue—The Committee further considered the apportionment of the cost of the Private Improvement Works carried out in this road, amounting to £284 3s. 1 ½ d. which was referred back by the Council. RESOLVED, That the apportionment be approved, except that on punctual settlement allowances of £40 and £15 be made in respect of the amounts apportioned against the owners of "Lowood " and " Mercara" respectively, owing to the considerable frontage of these houses and the fact that they have entrances in Hewlett Road. RESOLVED, also, That an allowance of 5 per cent. be made in respect of the amount due from each owner provided payment is made within one month from the service of the demand.

(b) Mead Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan, specification, and estimate for the making up of this road by the abutting owners. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and that Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting on the road, and of any premises benefitting by the works, though not fronting, adjoining or abutting thereon, requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days, and that in default of the Notice being complied with, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

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(c) Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plan and estimate for making up the footpath on the South Western side of this road between Alstone Croft and the Railway Bridge. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said Street requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good, requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied

with, the Borough Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

(d) Passage between Montpellier Street and Montpellier Avenue--The Committee considered a complaint by Councillor Rogers of the condition of the paving of this passage. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare specifications, plans and estimates of the works required with a view to Notices being served on the abutting owners.

10—Warwick Place—The Borough Surveyor reported an offer to sell Nos. 6 and 7 Warwick Place for the purpose of Street improvement, RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

11—Traffic Signs—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been informed by the Divisional Road Engineer that the Ministry of Transport had not laid down any definite rule with regard to the lighting of signs. He also reported the result of enquiries of the practice in various other towns. RESOLVED, That the "No Entry" signs in High Street, Cambray, The Colonnade, Clarence Street, North Street, Pittville Street and Winchcomb Street be illuminated throughout the night.

12—Junction of Park Place and Andover Road—The Borough Surveyor reported the terms on which the remaining owners of properties at this junction had now agreed to surrender the necessary land for widening the corners. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work.

13—Tewkesbury Road—The Borough Surveyor reported a request by Councillor Rev de Courcy Ireland for the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing in this road near its junction with Malvern Street. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

14—Junction of Suffolk Parade and Suffolk Square—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of the cost of carrying out the conditions on which the St. James' Parish Council had offered to sell the land required for the improvement of this junction, and recommended that an offer should be made for the site of the adjoining outbuildings in order to save the cost of making these buildings good. RESOLVED, That an offer of £150 be made for the larger site shown on the plan submitted

15—Trunk Road No. 10—(a) Southern By-Pass—Read, letter of 18th inst., from the Divisional Road Engineer inviting the Council to act as Agents to undertake the survey in connection with the portion in the Borough of the proposed Cheltenham and Gloucester new road and Cheltenham By-Pass, and agreeing to pay the salary and wages and also travelling expenses of the staff employed. RESOLVED, That the invitation be accepted.

(b) Junction of Hewlett Road and College Road—Read, letter of 31st ult. from the Divisional Road Engineer inviting the Corporation to carry out the construction of a roundabout at the junction of Hewlett Road and College Road and enclosing form of Supplemental Agreement for this purpose. RESOLVED, That the agreement be entered into and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare detailed drawings and plans of the road works and proposed Bill of Quantities to be submitted for the approval of the Ministry of Transport.

(c) Lansdown Road Railway Bridge—The Town Clerk reported letter of 30th ult. received from the Secretary of the Great Western Railway enclosing Heads of conditions for the proposed widening of this Bridge, which he had forwarded to the Ministry of Transport for consideration.

16—Sewer and Concrete Roadworks—The Borough Surveyor recommended that an Inspector should be employed on behalf of the Corporation to supervise the laying of sewers and construction of concrete roads by private developers, who desired the Corporation to take over the works on completion, and that a charge of £3 per week should be made against developers for such inspection. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

17—Main and Contribution Roads—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate amounting to £10,097 for the cost of work in respect of Main and Contribution Roads for the ensuing year, including £3,280 as an instalment of the County Council's contribution towards the cost of widening the Tewkesbury Road Railway Bridge. RESOLVED, That the estimate be forwarded to the County Council.

18—Annual Stores Tenders—The Borough Surveyor reported that 271 tenders had been received for supply of stores during the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That a Meeting of the Requisition Stores and Plant Sub-Committee be called for Wednesday, the 2nd March next at the Central Depot to consider the tenders and report to the Council.

19—Steam Rollers—The Borough Surveyor reported that the two Steam Rollers required fresh steel plating and submitted tender of Messrs. John Allen and Sons (Oxford) Ltd. for carrying out this work, amounting to £110 13s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted.

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20—High Street— RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to re-surface the footpath on the South side of High Street between the Promenade and the Plough Hotel

21—Snow Plough—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase a Snow Plough attachment from Messrs W. Bunce & Sons at a cost of £53.

22—St. Paul's Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted survey of this road in the vicinity of the Railway Bridge and suggested an improvement line for the portion between the Railway Bridge and Folly Lane. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of carrying out the improvement. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate with the owners for the surrender of the land required for the improvement.

23—Fairfield Parade—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for extending Fairfield Parade so as to connect with the new road in front of Emmanuel Church, and recommended that the land should be levelled by tipping and afterwards temporarily covered with scarified material, and that a gravel footpath should be constructed on one side. RESOLVED, That this scheme be approved, and that railings be erected along the boundary of the church, and the small triangular piece of surplus land sown with grass.

24—Borough Surveyor's Department—(a) Senior Architectural Assistant—The Borough Surveyor submitted application by Mr W Rust, Senior Architectural Assistant, for an increase in his salary.

RESOLVED, That he be granted an additional increment on the 1st April next, increasing his present salary from £268 to £294 per annum.

(b) Temporary Junior Engineering Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported the resignation of Mr. R. J. H. Gillingham, Temporary Junior Engineering Assistant. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to engage in his place another temporary Assistant in Grade F at a commencing salary of £200 rising to £250 per annum.

25—Montpellier Walk Improvement—The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Council had agreed to increase their contribution to the cost of this improvement by 10 per cent. in view of the corresponding reduction in the grant by the Ministry of Transport.

26—Hewlett Road—The Borough Surveyor reported a complaint of the condition of the footpath in this road between Oakley Road and Stanley Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to dress and gravel the footpath at an estimated cost of £60.

27---Traffic Census—The Borough Surveyor reported the result of a Traffic Census taken in the High Street on the 13th inst. sheaving an increase of 25 per cent in the amount of traffic since the Census taken in January 1937

28—Report of Labour Sub-Committee—(a) Read, Report of a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Thursday, 13th January, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Addis and Green (The Mayor in the chair).

Messrs. R. Dunn (District Organiser) and G F Tawney (Area Secretary) of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers attended on behalf of the employees.

(i) Permanent Labourers—The Sub-Committee having reconsidered their previous recommendation that labourers on the establishment be paid at the rate of 1s 0 ½ d. per hour, which was referred back by the Council, recommended that the rate be increased to 1s 1d. per hour in view of the further general increase of ½ d. an hour.

(ii) Charwomen etc.—The Sub-Committee having reconsidered their recommendation that the charwoman and laundrywoman at the Alstone Baths be paid at the rate of 6d. per hour, which was referred back by the Council, recommended that the wages of these employees and of the charwomen employed at the Town Hall be increased to 8 ¾ d. per hour.

(iii) Permanent Employees—Read, application of 11th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers that all employees on the establishment should be paid on the basis of a 47 hour working week in winter as well as in summer notwithstanding the resolution of the Council to pay such employees at an hourly instead of a weekly rate. The Sub-Committee recommended that their previous decision be adhered to.

(iv) Water Undertaking—Read, application of 11th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers that all employees of the Water Undertaking should be paid in accordance with the No. 6 Scale of the Joint Industrial Council (Water Undertakings). The Sub-Committee recommended that the application be not acceded to.

(v) Tewkesbury Waterworks—Read, application of 11th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for payment of overtime rates to shift workers employed at these works at Christmas time. The Sub-Committee recommended that time and half rates be paid to such employees for work on Sundays, Christmas Days, Good Fridays and Bank Holidays (commencing with Christmas Day 1937).

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(vi) Casual Labourers—Read, application of 11th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal workers that casual general labourers should be paid according to Civil Engineering Rate from time to time (which at the present time is 1s 1 ½ d. per hour, to be increased to 1s 2d. per hour on 1st May, 1938), The Sub-Committee recommended that the application be acceded to.

(vii) Parks and Recreation Grounds Employees—Read, application of 11th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for payment of the Civil Engineering Rate to labourers employed in Recreation Grounds. The Sub-Committee recommended that the application be not granted but that the wages of Grade I labourers be increased to 1s 1 ½ d. per hour and the wages of Grade II labourers to 1s 1d. as heretofore)

(viii) Ashmen and Tipmen—The Sub-Committee recommended that the wages of Ashmen and Tipmen from 1s 1 ¼ d. to 1s 1 ½ d. per hour (the leading ashmen to be paid an additional 1d. per hour as heretofore).

(ix) Motor Vehicle Drivers—The Sub-Committee recommended that the wages of drivers of mechanical sweepers and lorries of less than 2 tons capacity be increased from 1s 3d. to 1s 3 ½ d. per hour (when driving) and that wages of all drivers when not required to drive be increased from 1s 1 ¼ d. to 1s 1 ¾ d. per hour.

(x) Miscellaneous—The Sub-Committee considered other applications for increases in wages of individual employees and made certain further recommendations as shown in separate Statement.

(xi) Commencement of Increases in Wages—The Sub-Committee recommended that all increases in wages recommended at this meeting take effect at the commencement of the first working week after 1st February next.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted, except that the wages of two elderly charwomen employed at the Town Hall remain as at present.

(b) Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Birmingham District of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers suggesting that the Council should become affiliated to the West Midlands Branch of the Joint Industrial Council. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted circular letter of 17th inst. from the National Federation of Building Trade Operatives calling attention to the increase in wages of craftsmen to 1s 6 ½ d. per hour and of labourers to 1s 2d. per hour as from the 1st proximo, RESOLVED, That these increases be approved.

29—Norwood Road--(a) 21 St. Philip's Street—The Town Clerk reported the completion of the purchase of this property. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to demolish the buildings and submit a scheme for widening Norwood Road at this point.

(b) 217 Bath Road—The Town Clerk reported an offer to sell this property to the Corporation for £1,500. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

30-15 Albion Street—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of this property had given Notice to quit and vacated the premises on the 12th inst. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to let the premises to a suitable tenant at 12s 6d per week inclusive of rates,

31—Warwick Buildings—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland refusing the offer of the Corporation to purchase this property and Nos. 68 and 69 Winchcomb Street for £1,500, but offering to sell the property at £2,300 plus Vendor's solicitors' costs. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted.

32—Pittville Circus Road—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Mr. C. Miller requesting that a tree opposite "Belgrano" should be felled. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

33—St. Paul's Road and St. Paul's Street North—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Cheltenham and District Traction Co. asking the Committee to reconsider the proposed alteration of the position of the Bus stop at this junction. RESOLVED, That the Manager of the Company be asked to meet the View Committee on the site.

34—Land in Brooklyn Road—(a) RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale of land in Brooklyn Road to Messrs. Goddard and Hunt and Mr. E. T. Stinchcombe on the terms approved by the Council on 6th December last.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that it had now been arranged for Messrs. Marshall & Sons to purchase 448 feet frontage of land fronting Brooklyn Road, instead of 500 feet as previously agreed, on the same terms and conditions as approved by the Council on 6th December last. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale of this land.

(c) Read, letter of 22nd inst. from Mr. J Maddox offering to purchase about 60 feet frontage of land on the East side of Brooklyn Road adjoining No. 53 Brooklyn Road at £3 10s. 0d. per foot frontage for the erection of a pair of semi-detached houses. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted but that an offer be made to sell a site, adjoining the 20 feet road proposed to be laid for giving access to the Recreation Ground, at £3 15s. 0d. per foot frontage subject to approval of the plans of the houses and to such houses being of not less value than £1,300 (exclusive of the value of the land).

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35-6 Montpellier Avenue—The Town Clerk reported an application by Mr. F. L. Griffiths to rent these premises on a quarterly tenancy at £1 per week inclusive of rates, subject to the Corporation agreeing to paint the shop front and redecorate the interior. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month, and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of the necessary work.

36—Hewlett Road—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell Ltd. asking to be relieved of all liability for paving the widened footpath in this road in consideration of their undertaking to surrender the land required for road widening. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to.

37—Monson Avenue—Read, letter of 18th ult. from Miss E. M. White, complaining of an advertisement board in this road. RESOLVED, That no action be taken,

38—Telephone Kiosks—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Gloucester District Manager of Post Office Telephones, applying for permission to erect Telephone Kiosks of the new type on the footpath in St. Paul's Road near St. Paul's Lane and on the footpath near the junction of Whaddon Road and Severn Road. RESOLVED, That the application be agreed to.

39—Hire of Transport—The Town Clerk reported that the District Auditor had criticised the present method of paying for the hire of transport through the weekly wage sheets. RESOLVED, That this be discontinued and that the charges for hire of transport be paid by monthly accounts in future.

40—Bath Road—Read, letter of 22nd ult. and 21st inst. from Messrs. Reed & Patterson Ltd., objecting to permission being granted to the Wicliffe Motor Co Ltd. to install Petrol Pumps with swing arms extending over the footpath in this road. RESOLVED, That no action be taken

41—Annual Contracts—Coal—Read, letter of 16th ult. from the Chamber of Coal Traders on behalf of Messrs. John Williams & Co. asking the Council to reconsider their refusal to grant an increase in the Contract price of Messrs. John Williams & Co. in view of the recent advances in railway charges. RESOLVED, That the Committee's previous decision be adhered to.

42—Neon Sign Regulations—Read, letter of 14th ult. from Claude-General Neon Lights Ltd suggesting certain amendments in these Regulations. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration

43—Projecting Sign—St- Paul's Road—The Town Clerk submitted application by Messrs. F. H. Bastin & Son for permission to erect a Projecting Sign outside the Victoria Vaults, St Paul's Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

44—Junction of Oriel Road and Bath Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place a temporary bollard at this junction for a trial period.

45—Bayshill Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place a permanent Pedestrian Refuge in this road near its junction with Parabola Road in place of the present temporary refuge.

46—Institute of Public Cleansing—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter inviting the attendance of delegates at the 40th Annual Conference at Glasgow from the 14th to the 17th June next. RESOLVED, That no delegates be appointed.

47—Institute of Municipal and County Engineers—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter inviting the attendance of delegates at the Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held at Belfast from the 8th to 11th June next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th January, 1938. Present—Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Grimwade, Howell and Lipson ; Mesdames E. Booy, W. L. Mellersh, Lewis Grist and L. Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1937. The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (12 Meetings) ...	15.6	30
At Bennington Hall (12 Meetings)...	25	27
At Clare Street (12 Meetings) ...	32	49
At Highbury (12 Meetings)	35.2	53
At St. Mark's (12 Meetings) ...	34.6	30.3

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, 1937 :—

No. of Children on Register	3,328
“ Un-notified Live Births discovered ...	6
“ Un-notified Still Births discovered ...	1
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	4,430
“ “ (b) over 1 year	5,458
“ Special visits to Mothers (Ante-natal cases 312)	389
“ First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	671
“ Chicken-pox cases visited	35
“ Measles cases visited	21
“ Whooping-cough cases visited . ..	90
“ Mumps cases visited .	1
“ Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited .	1
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	356
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	3

Grants of Milk :

Average number of cases receiving milk daily during the year	278
Average number of families receiving two pints daily ...	71
Cost of milk during the year ...	£1,421 17s. 11 ½ d.
Cost of Dried Milks during the year	£7 17s. 6d.

Children Act :

No. of Children on Register during year ... 33

(b) Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1937 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,628
“ Un-notified Still Births discovered	1
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	1,169
“ “ “ (b) over 1 year	1,316
“ Special visits to Mothers (Ante-natal cases 77)	98
“ First Visits paid by Health Visitors	159
“ Chicken Pox cases visited ...	10
“ Measles cases visited	1
“ Scarlet Fever cases visited ...	1
“ Whooping Cough cases visited	21
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	95
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. Inspector	2

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Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	276
New Orders	123
Orders discontinued during quarter	65
“ continuing to coming quarter	334

Children Act : Health Visitors. School Nurses

No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter ..	24	9
“ visits (under Children Act) paid ...	32	9
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ...	19	9

(c) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss Jordan was still absent owing to illness, but he submitted her doctor's certificate that she had improved considerably and would be able to resume work about 1st April next. RESOLVED, That she be paid full salary to the next meeting of the Committee.

(d) Read, circular of 11th ult. from the Town Clerk, Sunderland, asking the Committee to support the following resolution passed by his Council :—

"That in the opinion of this Council it is desirable that National Scales of Salaries for Health Visitors be formulated, and that the Minister of Health be requested to take the requisite steps to give effect to this proposal. Further, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipal Corporations and the Councils of Boroughs with a request for their support."

RESOLVED, That the Council support the resolution.

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 52 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st October to 31st December, 1937, and that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from the 1st April to 31st December, 1937, was £68 16s. 6d., of which £24 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 ended 31st December, 1937: Still-births 5 ; Deaths of Infants 4 ; Commencement of artificial feeding 2.

4—Dentistry—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 80 mothers and 20 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 97 mothers and 3 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.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted letter from the Charity Organisation Society asking for grants to assist necessitous mothers in providing dentures. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to pay 50 per cent. of the cost of the dentures provided by the Society in cases to be approved by the Medical Officer of Health.

5--Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted an account for the provision of a special nurse in a case of Puerperal Fever. RESOLVED, That this account be passed for payment.

6—Children Act—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of foster mothers who had sent in notifications, and he recommended that the maximum number of children allowed should be fixed as follows :—

Name.	Address.	Maximum No. of Children allowed.
Mrs. Evans ...	46 Whaddon Avenue .	1
Mrs. King	10 Cobham Road	1
Mrs. Viall ...	269 High Street . ..	1

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Nurse Watts of Milton, Leckhampton Road, had taken a child for reward without first giving notice. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Nurse Watts that proceedings will be taken against her if she commits any further offence.

7—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Miss Amy Elizabeth Roberts, S.R.N., S.C.M., for the registration of 2 Berkeley Villas, Pittville, as a Nursing Home for 8 patients, including 2 Maternity patients be granted.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from Mrs. Arkell for the registration of Hereford House, Suffolk Street as a Nursing Home. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the

next meeting of the Committee and that meanwhile Councillor Barnett and Mrs. Mellersh be asked to inspect the premises and report thereon.

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8—Milk Supply—(a) The Medical Officer Health reported that Mr. C. Cummings of 20 Thames Road had made a mis-statement as to his income on the request form for the free supply of milk. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Cummings and warn him that if he commits any further offence proceedings will be taken against him.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Chairman had authorised the free supply of milk in a case where the income was slightly over the scale in view of the illness of the mother, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the submission of the first account by the Gloucestershire Dairy Co, Ltd. it was found that the new terms under the Milk Marketing Board had resulted in an increase of 2d. per gallon in the price of Tuberculin Tested Milk over that for Pasteurised Milk, and he had therefore asked the contractors to supply Pasteurised Milk. The price per gallon, which was 6d. a gallon over the regional wholesale price, would be as follows during the period of the contract :—

October ... 1s 11d. January ... 2s. April ... 1s 10d. July ... 1s 7d.

November .. 2s February ... 2s. May ... 1s 7 1/8 d. August ... 1s 9d.

December ... 2s March ... 1s 11d. June ... 1s 7d. September... 1s 9d.

RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Homes for Children—The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from The Royal Free Hospital, asking for a grant in aid towards the expenses of sending an unmarried mother who was suffering from Syphilis to a home for her confinement. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to make a grant of 10s 6d. a week for a period not exceeding six months subject to the County Council also agreeing to contribute to the cost.

10—Gynaecological Clinic—The Medical Officer of Health reported that arrangements had been made for this Clinic to open on the 3rd February, the clinic to be held fortnightly on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to arrange for one of the Health Visitors to act as assistant at a fee of 5s per evening, and also to arrange for clerical assistance at a fee of 2s 6d per evening.

11—Orthopaedic Scheme—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on the work of the Orthopaedic Clinic for the quarter ended 31st ult. Six Clinics had been held and the total number of children on the Register was 83, of which 41 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 36 surgeon's consultations had been held ; 42 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 25 surgeon's consultations had been held. He submitted accounts of the proportion of the fees payable by this Committee, including 46 out-patients' fees of 6d. each, an in-patient's fee of £26 8s. 0d. and a fee for an X-Ray of £11 1s. 8d. RESOLVED, That these accounts be paid.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from the Cripples Aid Society for a grant towards the cost amounting to £14 0s. 0d. of instruments, boots and repairs for children under five. RESOLVED, That a grant of 50 per cent, namely £7 0s. 0d. be made,

12—Maternity Mortality—Obstetric Assistance—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that with regard to the recommendation of the Ministry of Health that the best obstetric skill should be provided in complicated maternity cases, the Council of the local branch of the British Medical Association were prepared to draw up a list of names of all those practitioners who might indicate their wish to undertake this work. The Council would then be prepared to scrutinise the list and before passing it on to the local authority might, should they see fit, remove names from the list of those practitioners considered by them to be unsuitable for the work. RESOLVED, That this arrangement be agreed to.

(b) Emergency Unit—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the surgeons of the Victoria Home had now prepared a list of equipment which would be necessary for the establishment of an emergency unit, as recommended by the Ministry of Health.

(i) Fees—Fees of £3 3s. 0d. for the specialist and £1 1s. 0d. for anaesthetist were suggested,

(ii) Equipment—The cost of the equipment at the commencement was estimated at £32 7s. 10d., and the annual cost of renewals was estimated at £5 5s. 0d.

(iii) Transport—The specialist had offered to provide transport in his own car for distances up to three miles, but asked for a charge of 1s a mile for distances over three miles.

(iv) County Cases—It was suggested that on establishment the attention of the County Council should be drawn to the existence of the unit, and that its services be offered through the County Medical Officer of Health for use in neighbouring areas at the fees above mentioned, plus the fee of 1s per mile, and a fee of £1 1s. 0d. for the services of the nurse, and also a fee of 10s to the Corporation to cover equipment. RESOLVED, That these suggestions be approved, and that the Cheltenham District Nursing Association be asked to establish an emergency unit on the lines indicated, and that the County Council be offered the unit on the terms recommended.

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13—Midwives Act, 1936—The Medical Officer of Health submitted account of the fees payable to the Cheltenham District Nursing Association for the quarter ended 31st ult., amounting to £22 6s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

14—X-Ray Examination—The Medical Officer of Health submitted an account amounting to £2 2s. 0d. for an X-Ray Examination RESOLVED, That this be paid

15—Midwives Act, 1902—Read, circular of 14th inst. from the Central Midwives Board in regard to the rules for the dismissal of salaried midwives on account of malpractice, negligence or misconduct under Section 8 (2) of the Midwives Act, 1902

16—Central Midwives Board—Read, circular of 14th inst. from the Central Midwives Board asking to be informed of any difficulties which might have arisen as a result of the amendment of Rule E 17 of

the Rules of the Board in regard to domiciliary and ward cases under which the lying-in period was increased from 10 to 14 days. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk's letter in reply be approved.

17—Abortion—Read, circular 1661 of 6th ult. from the Ministry of Health asking to be supplied with statistics regarding abortions reported by midwives to local supervising authorities, and the Town Clerk reported that he had furnished the information,

18—Midwives Defence Union—Read, circular from the Midwives Institute, drawing attention to the Midwives Defence Union which had been set up for providing against payment of claims arising out of accident or illness to patients or their families for which the midwife might be held responsible, and also for claims for accident or damage to property by the midwife. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to bring this to the notice of the midwives in the Borough.

19—Maternity Accommodation—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the County Council had decided not to call a conference of local authorities and institutions at present in regard to the provision of accommodation for the treatment of patients suffering from puerperal sepsis. RESOLVED, That the County Council be asked to convene as early as possible a conference of the local authorities concerned, the District Nursing Association and other Institutions to consider the provision of new accommodation for maternity cases in view of the urgent need for additional accommodation for these cases.

20—Estimate—RESOLVED, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held next month to consider next year's estimate.

LEIGH JAMES, Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 27th January, 1938. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Bendall and Moore; Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. Harris and 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.
4812	Scudamore, L.	Garage and tool shed, Tivoli Road.
4813	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Garage, 113 Welland Lodge Road.
4814	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Garage, 99 Welland Lodge Road.
4815	Elliott Bros.	Garage for lorries, Victoria Ground.
4816	Kellow, M.	Ornamental pump room, Oakley, The Park.
4817	Cheltenham College Council	New classroom block, The College.
4818	Sharpe & Fisher Ltd.	2 garages, Kensington Avenue.
4819	Brown, F. H. C.	Garage, 30 Shakespeare Road.
4820	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd	Garage, 66 Cleevemount Road.
4821	Cinema Houses Ltd,	Internal alterations, Plough Hotel.

4822	Parsloe, T.	Garage, back lane rear of 2 Andover Street.
4823	Wakefield, J. J.	Garage. Westholme, Dunalley Parade.
4824	Sheppard, M. E. J.	Conversion into four flats, Havelock House. Bath Road.
4825	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Licensed premises, junction of Wyman's Road and Whaddon Road.
4826	Holyoake, J.	Demolition of old cottages and erection of lock-up garages, Belmore Place.
4827	Williams, Mrs.	Conversion into one dwellinghouse, 14 and 15 Hereford Place.
4828	George, G.	Garage, 109 Welland Lodge Road.
4829	Rose & Co.	New shopfront, 142 High Street.
4830	Rotteram, Major	Greenhouse, 279 Gloucester Road.
4831	Crabtree (Chelt) Ltd.	New shopfront. Fairview Road.
4832	Bowd, W. H.	2 blocks of shops, Whaddon Road.
4833	Williams, A.	Motor cycle showroom, Portland Street.
4834	Burne,	Garage, 10 Glencairn Park Road.
4835	Hale, E. W.	Cycle and tool shed, 55 Cleevemount Road.
4836	Lloyd-Davies, F.	Garage, Montgomery, Trowscoed Avenue, Naunton Lane.
4837	...	Garden shed, 195 Arle Road,
4838	Wright, W.	Detached house, Arle Road.
4839	....	Garage, Kaden, Battledown Approach.
4840	Collins, E.	Shop and dwellinghouse, Whaddon Road.
4841	Jenkins, Mrs. E. M.	Alterations, 16 Grosvenor Street.
4842	Walker Memorial Church	Conversion of cycle shed into classroom, Whaddon Road.
4843	Goddard & Hunt	Detached house. Brooklyn Road.
4844	Goddard & Hunt	4 pairs of semi-detached houses, Brooklyn Road.
4845	Cleavelands Ltd.	Conversion of dwellinghouse into flats, amended plan for basement, Cleavelands.
4846	Lapper, H.	Alterations, Lake House, Pittville Lawn.
4846a	Cole, P. & J. J.	New showroom, The Famous, High Street.
4847	Bristol Tramways Ltd.	New shopfront etc., Clarence Street,
4850	Wheeler & Mansell Ltd.	2 pairs of semi-detached houses, The Grove Estate.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4812, 4813, 4817, 4829, 4831, 4835, 4837, 4844, 4846a and 4850 be approved ; That Plan No. 4814 be approved subject to the building not being erected over the sewer ; That Plan No. 4815 be approved as a temporary building subject to removal at any time on one month's notice in writing ; That Plan No. 4816 be approved subject to the overflow from the pond being discharged into the water course at the bottom of the garden and not into the existing drainage system ; That Plans Nos. 4818, 4819, 4820 and 4828 be approved subject to proper entrance crossings over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and in the case of Plan No. 4818, subject also to the garages being set back behind the building line and used only by the owners for their private use ; That Plans Nos. 4821, 4824 and 4827 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. 4821, subject also to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 4822 and 4823 be approved subject to the roof water being carried to the

surface water sewer and not discharged on to the highway, and in the case of Plan No. 4822, subject also to the doors being made to open inwards ; That Plan No. 4826 be approved subject to a space of 3 feet being provided between the garages and cottages That Plan No. 4830 be approved subject to the building line being observed ; That Plans Nos. 4832 and 4847 be approved subject to the specification of materials being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and in the case of Plan No. 4832, subject also to the plot of land at the rear being added to the site, and in the case of Plan No. 4847, subject also to the consent of the Street and Highway Committee being obtained to the

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erection of a canopy, and to there being no encroachment on the footpath ; That Plan No. 4834 be approved subject to a 3-way petrol interceptor being provided in the washdown ; That Plan No. 4840 be approved subject to the shop front having a faience surround instead of painted woodwork ; That Plan No. 4843 be approved subject to the building being erected at least 4 feet from the South West boundary of the property ; That Plan No. 4845 be approved subject to the proportions of the new windows being amended so as to harmonize with the existing windows ; That consideration of Plan No. 4825 be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee to enable the Panel of Architects to consider the improvement of the elevations ; That Plans Nos. 4833, 4836, 4838, 4839, 4841, 4842 and 4846 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.
1268	Mrs. M. A. Roberts	Extensions, Shurdington Stores, Shurdington.
1269	A. W. Eaketts	Detached house, junction of Leckhampton Lane and Shurdington Road, Shurdington.
1270	R. L. Harries	Additions, " Elmfield," Finchcroft Lane, Prestbury.
1271	F. Isaac	Garage (private), Shurdington Road, Leckhampton.
1272	Mr. Lockwood	Shed, 18 Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1273	Mrs Whitaker	Alterations, " Rose Cottage," Prestbury.
1274	Mrs. N. M. Gordon	House, Little Herberts Lane, Charlton Kings.
1275	F. N. Dimond-Hogg	Canopy over Petrol Pumps and lock-up Garages, Hoggs Garage, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1276	F C Jones	Detached house, Greenway Lane, Charlton Kings.
1277	Cheltenham Corporation	Chlorination House, Northfields Lane, Charlton Kings.
1278	C. Karn	Detached house, Charlton Drive, Charlton Kings.
1279	Adams Caravans Ltd.	New workshops, Copt Elm Road, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1270 and 1277 be approved ; That Plan No. 1268 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No 1269 be approved subject to the siting of the building being in accordance with the layout plan and to grey Cotswold tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 1271 be approved subject to clay tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 1274 be approved subject to the owner entering into an Undertaking to reserve the land for the widening of the road to byelaw width of 36 feet if and when required by the Highway Authority ; That

Plan No 1275 be approved subject to materials being to the satisfaction of the Committee; That Plan No 1279 be approved subject to (1) the workshop being lined internally with sound absorbing material and the exterior walls being painted green : (2) no nuisance being caused to owners and occupiers in the neighbourhood by reason of .noise, smoke, dust or fumes : (3) surface water to be taken to surface water sewer : and (4) to the building being erected at least 3 feet from the adjoining owner's boundary ; That Plans Nos. 1272, 1273, 1276 and 1278 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 7th inst. from Mr. L. Lethbridge for permission to erect a bungalow near Pilgrove Cottage, Hayden. He reported that the site was in an area temporarily restricted from building on account of lack of sewers, and that the subsoil was unsuitable for septic tank drainage, also that it was undesirable that individual houses should have access to a classified road. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 10th inst. from Mr. F. Howard Allen, Architect, for permission to erect 6 houses on a plot of land fronting Old Gloucester Road. He reported the site was in an area temporarily restricted from building on account of lack of sewers, and that the proposal contravened the Town Planning Scheme with regard to density of buildings. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs Caliph for permission to erect a wooden box, three feet high and one foot square on the present show case at 51 Promenade. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 11th inst. from Mr. F Howard Allen, Architect, together with layout plans for 176 houses at Longlands Farm, Shurdington. He reported (1) the area was restricted from building as it could not be drained into any sewers: (2) the layout was unsatisfactory : (3) the access to the site would be by a narrow private lane (4) the plan showed a wide road where none existed : and (5) the plan contravened the condition attached to the approval of building of Longlands Farm. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

4—The Hewletts, Cheltenham—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement, approved by Mr. Bunbury's solicitors for the scheduling of his land at The Hewletts as a private open space. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and the solicitors' costs of £5 5s. 0d. paid.

5—Plan No. T.P. 1250—Read, letter of 30th ult. from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green that they had given formal notice of appeal to the Ministry of Health against the decision of the Council to refuse permission for the erection of a garage on land at the Air Balloon, Crickley Hill.

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6—Land, Staverton Bridge—Read, letter from Messrs, Merrett, Halls & Co. that they had been instructed to sell Field Part 144 containing 6 acres 3 roods perches included in the proposed Green Belt, and asking whether the Corporation would make an offer for the land. RESOLVED, That the purchase of the land be not entertained.

7—Havelock House and Carlton House, Bath Road—The Town Clerk reported that five informations were laid against Mr. M. E. J. Sheppard for the contravention of the Byelaws in respect of the work carried out at these houses without submission of plans. Mr Sheppard was convicted on 3 summonses,

and the other two were dismissed on his undertaking to reinstate the original party wall and provide another separate access in Carlton House in accordance with the plan approved on the 6th April, 1936. Mr. Sheppard had now given the undertaking and submitted plans, which were in order.

8—Alma Road—RESOLVED, That notice be given of the intention of the Council to make an order under Section 30 of the Public Health Act, 1925, declaring Alma Road to be a new street for the purposes of the application thereto of the Byelaws relating to New Streets and Buildings.

9—Town Planning Scheme No. 1—(a) The Town Clerk reported that Notice had now been given to all the registered owners of the adoption of the Draft Scheme, and that the latest date for objections to this was the 21st February, 1938.

(b) Read, letter of 24th inst. from the River Severn Catchment Board enclosing tracing of the portion of their Lowland Survey Map sheaving the Lowland area lying within 8 feet of the highest known flood level within the area of the Scheme. RESOLVED, That this area be scheduled in the Scheme as liable to flooding and restricted from building

10--Plan No. 4782—Read, letter from Mr. A. W. Hunt that he had decided not to proceed with the erection of a garage at 20 Morley Terrace.

11—Montpellier Rotunda—Read, letter of 15th ult. from the Cheltenham Ratepayers Association forwarding resolution that they supported the Town Council in their efforts to preserve Montpellier Rotunda.

12—Sunnyside and Pengwern, Pittville Circus Road—Read, letter from Mrs Harrison drawing attention to the proposal of the County Council to acquire these properties for a home for aged people, which, she considered, would depreciate the value of the residential property in the road. The Town Clerk reported that the property was scheduled in the Town Planning Scheme for residential purposes and no change of user of the premises could be made without the consent of the Corporation. No application for such consent had been made by the County Council RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Clerk to the County Council drawing attention to the provisions of the Scheme, and as to the necessity of their applying for consent under the Scheme to the change of user of the premises

13—Plan No. 4759—Four houses in Alstone Lane—Read, letter of 16th ult. from Mr. H. J. Bradshaw that he was not willing now to set back the front fence to the improvement line. RESOLVED, That he be asked to enter into an undertaking to give up the land when required for the improvement, and that when this is required the Corporation agree to bear the cost of taking down and re-erecting the wall to the new line and also the cost of making up the widened carriageway and formation of gravel footpath, the owners remaining liable to pave the footpath

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th January, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson, Rogers and Waite; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Manager—The Chairman reported that Mr. G. A. M. Wilkinson had been recommended for the appointment of Entertainments Manager at Weston-super-Mare at a salary of £600 per annum. He had asked Mr. Wilkinson whether he would be prepared to remain in Cheltenham, if satisfactory terms could be arranged. RESOLVED, That Mr. Wilkinson's salary be increased as from the 1st February, 1938, to £550 per annum, rising to £600 per annum on the 1st November, 1938, subject to Mr. Wilkinson withdrawing his application for the appointment at Weston-super-Mare and to his entering into an Agreement to remain in his present post for five years. Mr. Wilkinson subsequently attended the Committee, and accepted the above terms.

2—Medical Baths--The Medical Baths Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the Internal Auditor's report in regard to the deficiency of Cash at the Spa Baths and as to the alteration of receipt book and account records and had interviewed the Cashier (Miss Newman). They recommended that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Miss Newman on the lines now reported. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Conference--RESOLVED, That an invitation be extended to the Motor Agents' Association to hold their 1938 Conference in Cheltenham, and that the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the Conference if the invitation is accepted.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st January, 1938. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Rogers, Smith and Waite; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

4—Winter Garden—(a) RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to let the Centre and South Transepts of the Winter Garden for the Annual Show of the Fox Terrier Club on the 18th May next at a rent of £10 10s 0d.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted letter from Mr. V. C. White drawing attention to the necessity for providing a Parking attendant at the Winter Garden Repertory Theatre. Read, letter from Miss Compton that, in future when they anticipated large audiences, they would provide a Car Park Attendant, RESOLVED, That the Repertory Theatre Co. be asked to provide a Car Park Attendant on all occasions when there were evening functions at the Town Hall, and to park the cars of persons attending the Theatre so as to leave room for entrance and exit of persons attending the Town Hall, or Badminton Club.

(c) Covered Tennis Court—The Entertainments Manager submitted letter from the Repertory Theatre stating that they had commenced playing on Thursday afternoons, and asking that the letting of the Tennis Court to Mrs. Mellersh's Club on this afternoon should be discontinued. The Entertainments Manager reported that, at the commencement of the season before letting the Tennis Court to Mrs Mellersh, he had ascertained that it was not the intention of the Repertory Theatre Co. to run Thursday afternoon matinees The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had considered this matter, and interviewed Mrs. Mellersh, who stated that no other afternoon would suit members

of her Club The Council had already agreed not to let the Covered Tennis Court on evenings after 8 p m. and on Saturday afternoons. RESOLVED, That Mrs. Mellersh's tenancy be not terminated.

5—Montpellier Gardens—(a) RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to let the Montpellier Gardens for the Alsatian Dog Club Show on the 28th June on the usual terms.

(b) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Tennis Courts at Montpellier Gardens be granted to Alderman Pates for the Annual Hospital Tennis Tournament on the 11th June next.

6—Wages—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Labour Sub-Committee in regard to the wages of the staff at the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the recommendations of the Labour Sub-Committee, except that in the case of two elderly Charwomen their wages shall remain as at present.

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

(b) Cash Collection—The Committee considered the system of collection of cash at these Baths. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Baths Sub-Committee for further consideration and report

(c) Cashier—The Town Clerk reported that Miss Newman had left without notice.

(d) Superintendent—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Mr. T. Hudson applying for an increase in his salary of £275 per annum, and also for an increase in the salary paid to Mrs. Hudson of £1 per week during the swimming season. Mr. Hudson pointed out that the new Chiropody treatment started by him was appreciated, and that since the Department was opened on the 17th February last, 475 patients had been treated Also, that during the past two winters the Baths had been let as a Gymnasium every weekday evening, which necessitated their remaining on duty until 10 p m. RESOLVED, That Mr. Hudson's salary be increased by £25 per annum

8—Town Hall—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative tenders received for the provision of a Barrier at the entrance to the Town Hall for regulating the queue to the Cash Desk. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide moveable weighted bronze posts with silk cords at a cost of £16 13s. 4d.

(b) RESOLVED, That the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted on the 2nd and 4th April for the Conference of the Association of Queen's Superintendents.

(c) Electrical Association for Women—RESOLVED, That the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the Annual Conference of the Electrical Association for Women on the 23rd February next.

9—Alstone Mill—Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Cheltenham Steam Laundry drawing attention to a leak in the roof. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this repaired.

10—Berkeley Place Garden—The Town Clerk reported that the purchase of this Garden had now been completed. RESOLVED, That the lay-out and management of the Garden be transferred to the Parks Committee.

11—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their Meetings held on the 4th and 18th January

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) That an item of £80 be included in next year's estimates for the provision of a booster for the heating system.

(b) That Mr. Cole be allowed an extra 5s per week for the extra cost of the vocalist in the Sunday orchestra

(c) Trailer Caravan Club—That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted for the Trailer Caravan Club Conference on the 16th April, and also that delegates attending the Rally be admitted to the Municipal Dance at a reduced charge of 2s.

(d) Faculty of Teachers in Commerce—That the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for this Conference during Easter weekend, and that delegates be admitted to the Municipal Dance on the 16th April free of charge, when the Mayor was giving the delegates a Civic reception.

(e) Montpellier Gardens—That the Hard Tennis Courts be let to the 1930 Tennis Club on the same terms as last year, namely, at the rate of 1s 3d. per hour for all hours booked, whether wet or fine.

(f) Henry Hall and his Band—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for Henry Hall and his Band to give a Concert and play at a Dance on the 16th March next. Mr. Hall to be paid 70 per cent. of the net takings of both Concert and Dance, with a guaranteed minimum payment of £150.

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

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 28th January, 1933. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors' Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson, Rogers, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

12—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—Five tenders were received for the construction of a new Children's Pool. The lowest tender received was that of Messrs. S. C. Morris & Sons Ltd., amounting to £1,860 9s. 10d., but Messrs. Morris & Sons had added a clause to the tender that their tender was based on the present cost of materials and on wages (including the rise due on 1st February, 1938) and was subject to adjustment to meet increased cost due to any advance in either materials or wages between the date of the tender and completion of contract ; the tender also did not include for any increase in Insurances which might come into force by the adoption of the Wet Time Scheme.

RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to accept the lowest firm tender received, namely, that

of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons amounting to £1981 11s. 5d. subject to contract and Bond and to consent to loan being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £1,981 for the cost of the Pool.

13—Town Hall—(a) Bar Counter—The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders received for the construction of the new sectional Bar counter in the Pillar Room. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Morris & Sons of £72 14s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the Annual Conference of the National Union of Holloway Friendly Societies to be held in Cheltenham on 18th June next.

14—Marle Hill Annexe—Boating—Read, letter of 21st inst. from Mr. H. Higgins asking for the consent of the Corporation to his assigning his Lease of the Boating rights to Mr. Griffiths, who had acted as Boatman in charge for him during the past two seasons. Mr. Higgins and Mr Griffiths attended the Committee. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Alderman Pates and Councillors Avery and Green, and that they be asked to consider the desirability of the Corporation themselves taking over the boating.

15—Medical Baths—The Medical Baths Sub-Committee submitted report on the Cash system at these Baths, and recommended a system for the future cash collection at these Baths. RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

16—Winter Garden ---The Entertainments Manager submitted application from Mr. W. A. Woof to rent the South Transept of the Winter Garden during the month of April for indoor cricket. RESOLVED, That this be let to him at a rent of £4 4s. 0d. per week, plus the cost of lighting, subject to Mr. Woof making good any damage, which may be done, and to his not using the premises after 8 p.m.

17—Alstone Baths —(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Schools' Swimming Association for the grant of 65 full season tickets and 94 half season tickets to boys and girls who had obtained Medallions and Intermediate Certificates of the Royal Life Saving Society be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the application of the Boys' Grammar School for the grant of 10 full season tickets to boys who had obtained the Award of Merit, Instructors' Certificates, Bronze Medallions, and 9 half season tickets to boys who had obtained Intermediate Certificates, be granted.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 31st January, 1938. Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall and Waite (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Electricity Charges—Rural Area under 1927 Order—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that a restricted hour-rate of 1d. per unit (plus rent of time switch) should be charged in the Rural

Area, against consumers who agree to their supplies being cut off between the hours of 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Extensions to Mains—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted particulars of cable extensions required to supply a number of building estates in process of erection or planned by private developers, including the Cambray Flats, St. George's Nursery Estate, and the Clevelands Estate, Evesham Road. RESOLVED, That the necessary extensions be approved.

3—Electrical Development Association Area Committee—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be nominated to serve on the South Western Area Committee of the Electrical Development Association for the ensuing twelve months.

4—Westal Green Sub-Station- -The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that certain criticisms had been made by the Coroner and his Jury as a result of a recent fatal accident near this sub-station and submitted plan of the site and the position of the vehicles involved at the time of the accident. RESOLVED, That although the Committee consider that the existence of the building did not contribute in any way to the accident, the Street and Highway Committee be asked to consider making an application to close the short length of road between the sub-station and the petrol filling station or alternatively to place a halt sign at the junction of this road with Lansdown Road.

5—View Meeting—Read, report of the meeting of the View Committee on the 4th inst. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Ben James and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

They made the following recommendations :—

Position	Recommendation		Capital Cost			Additional Annual Cost.
Promenade Pedestrian Crossing	Experimental screened lamp to be erected over the crossing ...	.	.	.	.	.£ s d
Imperial Square, South side	Fit refractor type fittings on existing lamp post and increase size of 1 lamp to 300 watts ...	.	.	.	.	1 11 0
" " North side	Erect new lamp post in front of New Club	25	14	1		5 10 9
Bayshill Road junction with	Erect additional lamp with	17	17	4		
Parabola Road						3 19 8
Shelburne Road ...	Erect 1 extra lamp and improve existing lamps	27	10	1		4 19 4
Old Bath Road near Railway Bridge	Erect 4 new lamps and move and improve 1	69	9	0		10 19 4
Priory Street ...	Erect 2 new lamps.	27	5	4		4 7 2
Selkirk Street etc.	Erect 6 additional lamps	121	19	7		18 13 0
St. Margaret's Road	Erect 7 125-watt mercury lamps, 1 100-watt and 1 60-watt filament lamps in place of 5 existing filament lamps	151	10	7		25 8 0
Brunswick Street	Move 1 bracket and 1 lamp post, erect 2 new lamp posts and increase size of remaining lamps.	30	13	10		8 0 6
Victoria Street, St. Paul's	Erect 1 new lamp and improve existing lamps	27	4	7		4 0 9
Albert Street	Erect 1 new lamp and improve existing lamps	27	4	7		4 0 9
Hungerford Street	Erect 1 new lamp and improve existing lamps	27	4	7		4 0 9

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also, That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to remove the tree on the North West side of the Promenade, which obstructs the view of persons about to use the pedestrian crossing.

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6-Public Lighting --(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted estimates for Public Lighting for the year ending 31st March 1939. He reported that there would be a saving of about £100 on the amount of the estimate for the current recommended that an estimate of £6,547 should be included for public lighting during the coming year, hat the sum of £1,500 should again be provided for improvements in lighting. RESOLVED, That the lto approved and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

(b) Promenade --Read, letter of 21st inst. from W. H. Smith & Sons, Ltd., asking the Council to consider lighting the Promenade between the hours of 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to estimate the cost of carrying out this suggestion.

7—Electricity Supply (Meters) Act, 1936—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it would be more convenient to provide the new meter testing station at the St. George's Place Stores instead of at the Manchester Street Sub- Station as previously resolved, and that this alteration would involve no additional cost. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders for the supply of the necessary apparatus for the testing station. RESOLVED, That the Tender of Metropolitan Vickers Ltd., amounting to £394 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 28th inst. from the Electricity Commission reporting that the Commissioners proposed to advise the Minister of Transport to fix the 1st May next as the appointed day for the purposes of this Act.

8—Covers for Lorries--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had obtained tenders for providing tarpaulin covers for the lorries and that the lowest tender received was that of Alfred Miles, Ltd., amounting to £13 10s. 0d. for each lorry, He also reported that there was no immediate prospect of extensive cable-laying in the Rural Area. RESOLVED, That the matter be deferred for the present, and that the covers be obtained when required,

9—National Joint Board of Employers and Staff Members, Electricity Supply Industry—Read, report of a Meeting of the Municipal Employers representatives of the No. 6 District Board held at Bristol on the 26th inst., at which the following proposals were approved and adopted.

(1) "That this Conference representing the Local Authority Employers in the 13 Districts established under the National Joint Industrial Council and Board is of opinion that it is desirable to establish National and District conciliation machinery to be recognised by the Ministry of Labour as the appropriate machinery for dealing with all questions relating to Salaries and conditions of service of Municipal Chief Electrical Engineers.

(2) That the Local Authority representatives in each district be asked to approve the proposal set out in paragraph (1) and to take the necessary steps to appoint six representatives to form the Employers' side of the proposed District Joint Committee and to elect therefrom one member to sit on the Employers' side of the National Joint Committee.

(3) That the Minister of Labour be informed of this resolution and asked to use his good offices to support the establishment of the Joint Committee, RESOLVED, That the proposals be approved, and that Councillor Waite be appointed a representative of this Undertaking on the New District Board.

10—Overhead Lines—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Transport to the erection of the following overhead lines:—

(1) To Seven Springs Poultry Farm, Coberley. (2) To Harthurstfield Farm, Cheltenham. (3) To The Bittams, Leckhampton.

11—Tennyson Road Sub-Station—The Town Clerk reported a complaint by the Housing Committee that the pathway at the side of 110 Tennyson Road leading to the Sub-Station had not been properly reinstated after cable laying. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for attention.

12—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 31st December last, which showed the average calorific value for the Quarter to be 477.6 B.Th.U. per cubic foot.

(b) Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 21st and 31st ult. and 6th, 21st, 25th and 28th inst. which showed the calorific values on these dates as 495.5, 477.3, 483.8, 498.5, 462.2 and 476.0 B.Th.U. per cubic foot respectively, and the pressure as 8.9, 8.8, 9.1, 9.5, 9.5 and 8.7 inches of water respectively.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th January, 1938. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett and Pates ; Councillors Avery, Barnett and E. W. 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 31st December, 1937.	Average for corresponding period for past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	107,000 gallons	287,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	783,000	1,341,000
Leckhampton Springs	15,000	39,000
	905,000	1,667,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 73,896,000 gallons

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

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

4—Water Statistics—The Borough Engineer submitted statistics in regard to the water supply during the year ending 31st March, 1937. The total quantity of water used (excluding the Borough of Tewkesbury) was 685,517,000 gallons, an average daily quantity of 1,871,000 gallons. The average daily consumption per head was 32.3 gallons. The percentage of water pumped from Tewkesbury was 42 per cent of the total quantity consumed, from Sandford 4 per cent and the supplies by gravitation 54 per cent.

5—Condemned Houses—RESOLVED, That when necessary the Borough Engineer be authorised to cut off the water supply from condemned houses so as to avoid the risk of waste of water.

6—Dowdeswell and Redwood Supplies—The Borough Engineer and the Medical Officer of Health reported that they considered it was desirable that these supplies should be chlorinated. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to submit estimates for the cost of providing a chlorination plant etc, for these two supplies.

7—Joint Industrial Council—The Borough Engineer submitted a letter from the Secretary to the South Midlands District Council of the Joint Industrial Council asking the Committee to receive a deputation for the purpose of discussing the work of the Joint Industrial Council. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to join the joint Industrial Council.

8—Tewkesbury Waterworks—The Borough Engineer submitted tender from the Paterson Engineering Company amounting to £34 10s. 0d. for the supply of complete chlorine solutioning and injecting apparatus to be coupled to the existing Chloronome. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted.

9—Trunk Main, Churchdown to Hewletts—(a) The Borough Engineer submitted correspondence with the County Surveyor in regard to the laying of the above trunk main in the carriageway of Leckhampton Lane, The County Surveyor had pointed out that as the lane was scheduled for widening it was desirable that the main should be laid along the north side of the road. The Borough Engineer agreed with the County Surveyor and had asked the County Council whether they would be prepared to contribute to the extra cost involved. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the proposed new route for the main and that the Town Clerk and Borough Engineer be authorised to arrange terms with the owners of the land concerned for the granting of wayleaves.

(b) The Borough Engineer submitted a letter from Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyds Ltd. asking if the Committee would agree to their obtaining from the Continent approximately 150 tons of material suitable for manufacturing the pipes for this main RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to and that the Contractors be required to adhere to the specification.

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10—Gloucester to Stow Road—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the County Surveyor that it had now been decided to defer the scheme for the proposed improvement of this road.

11—Salts Farm—Read, letter from Mr. L. O. Dunn that he was not prepared to pay for the cost of the electricity service cable for the supply to the farmhouse. RESOLVED, That the proposal to have the house wired for electricity be not proceeded with,

12—Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Board of Severn Conservators that the Board had refused to give their consent to the netting of the Reservoir by the Surrey Fisheries of Nailsworth as it was understood that it was intended to send any fish netted outside the Severn District.

The Board asked on what terms the Committee would give them permission to net the Reservoir for coarse fish to put in other waters in the Severn Area. RESOLVED, That the permission given to the Surrey Fisheries, Nailsworth be withdrawn and that the Committee agree to allow the Board to net the

Reservoir at suitable times subject to the Board paying for the fish taken out at the usual rate and to their depositing a proportion of the coarse fish netted into the Pittville Lake,

(b) Read, report of damage to a fence on the 29th ult. by motor lorry belonging to Messrs. T. Bath & Co. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage, estimated at 18s

13—Supply to Down Hatherley and Norton—Read, letter of 14th ult. from the Clerk to the Gloucester Rural District Council enquiring on what terms the Corporation would afford a supply to these parishes. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to report on the application.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th January, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett and Moore; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, 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.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted various Foot and Mouth Disease Infected Areas Orders, which now included certain parishes in Gloucestershire.

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.
17th December	2 Malvern Place	Heating apparatus	About £100	14 3s 0d.
18th "	108 Evesham Road	Defective fire grate	Slight	£3 0s. 6d.
1st January 1938.	Little Close, Shaw Green Lane, Prestbury		Slight	£5 15s. 0d.
14th "	Fulshaw Lodge, Christ Church Road	Not apparent	About £100	£3 6s. 0d.

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3—Rodney Road Car Park—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. D. V. Davies asking for the removal of 6 of the 8 poplar trees opposite Oriel Villas, and offering to pay for their replacement with flowering trees. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the trees felled (if on clearing the site he considers this desirable), and to accept Mr. Davies' offer to replace these with flowering trees.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. R. Earl to garage a motor car at this Car Park be granted at the usual rent of 15s a month.

4—Leckhampton Hill—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Sutton Goldfield and North Birmingham Automobile Club asking if in connection with the Colmore Trophy Trial, the Club might use the rough track from the quarry floor towards Hartley Farm, The Borough Surveyor reported that the

slopes adjoining this track had been planted, and the use of the track might lead to damage being done to these slopes. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Custodian of the Hill had planted 350 beech and birch trees in the area near his cottage, and was now planting a further 80 trees in another enclosure to provide for replacement etc.

5—Renumbering of Streets—(a) Montpellier—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative suggestions for renumbering Montpellier Walk, Montpellier Avenue and Queen's Circus. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to submit a plan and estimate for renaming and renumbering these streets as one street, namely Montpellier Walk.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan and estimate for renumbering Albion Street and numbering Albert Road.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of R. Taylor, J. Birt, F. J. V. Singer and E. T. Fowles for the transfer of their licences to new motor cabs BAD 41, HY 302, CDF 936 and CDF 935 respectively be granted. RESOLVED, also, That the application of D. Edwards for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be granted.

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

8—Cheltenham Town A.F.C.—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee that the Council should make a contribution to the funds of this Club. RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 59 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, a donation of £50 be made to the Club, and that they be informed that if at the end of the current season they are able to satisfy the Committee that there is a reasonable prospect of their being able to continue next season, the Council will make a further grant of £50.

9—Georgian Group—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from the Georgian Group of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings asking the Council to become corporate members of the Group on payment of a subscription of £1 1s. 0d. per annum. RESOLVED, That the Council agree to become members of the Society.

10—Cinematograph Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications for the renewal of the Cinematograph Licences in respect of the Gaumont Palace, Coliseum, Palace, Theatre and Opera House, Ritz, and Daffodil Picture Houses and St. Gregory's Schools be granted for one year up to the 6th February, 1939.

(b) Read, letter from Mr. R. R. Lewis, Deputy Coroner, that at a recent inquest held as to the cause of death of a man who fell down 4 steps in the balcony at the Coliseum, the Jury stated that in their opinion a rail or other form of barrier should be placed around the entrance to the box. RESOLVED, That the proprietor of the Coliseum be asked to provide this rail and that the renewal of the licence be subject to this being provided.

11—Soup Kitchen—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Adjutant Isa Milligan of the Salvation Army asking the Council to make a grant towards the cost of the Soup Kitchen and relief work in Cheltenham, RESOLVED, That the sum of £20 be subscribed as last year.

12—Glentworth Club—The Town Clerk submitted memorial from 6 residents in Hatherley Road complaining of the noise caused by motor traffic to and from this Club in the quiet hours. He had written to Mr. Ferguson, the proprietor of the Club, and now submitted letter from Mr. Ferguson that he had brought the matter before the Club Committee, and a notice had now been put up in the hall requesting members to leave the Club quietly.

13—Unemployment Insurance Acts—RESOLVED, That the following be added to the Certificate of Exception from Unemployment insurance, the first seven having completed three years' service in designated posts on the 3rd ult., and the remaining two on the 1st and 7th January respectively :—T. Boreham (Freighter Driver), W. Griffiths (Freighter Driver), W. S. G. Hooper (Baths Attendant), R. R. Wood (Pavior), H. Hawkins (Jointer), C. Hawker (Labourer), C. J. Mellor (Labourer), H. V. Webb (Rates Collector), and W. Hawkins (Jointer's Labourer).

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14--Byelaws for Good Rule and Government—The Town Clerk submitted draft Byelaws for Good Rule and Government and for the prevention of nuisances, including Byelaws in regard to the nuisance from Wireless Loudspeakers etc. (A copy of the Byelaws accompanies the Minutes). RESOLVED, That these be approved and that application be made to the Secretary of State for approval thereof.

15—Flower Show—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Hon, Treasurer of the Floral Fete Committee asking the Council to contribute towards the Prize Fund for the next Show. RESOLVED, That the sum of 110 be subscribed, as last year.

16—Price of Gas—Read, letter of 20th inst. from the Cheltenham District Gas Company that the directors, after giving the matter very careful consideration, had decided that they had no alternative but to increase the price of gas in order to cope with the increase in the cost of production in every department. The cost of coal had been considerably increased, and in some instances by 30 per cent., and practically all other materials and services and wages had been increased. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

17—Bath and West and Southern Counties Show—Read, letter from the Secretary of this Society that the Council of the Society at their meeting on the 18th inst. had great pleasure in accepting the invitation of the Corporation to hold the 1940 Show at Cheltenham Representatives of the Society would shortly visit Cheltenham again to inspect the two sites at St. Mark's and Uckington.

18—Local Government Act, 1933—RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 277 of this Act, the Assistant Town Clerk be authorised, when so directed by the Town Clerk, to appear on behalf of the Corporation in any proceedings before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction.

19—Petrol and Carbide Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of the Cheltenham Cycle and Motor Co. to store 224 lbs, of carbide at 82 The Strand, and the application of Messrs. Meats & Co to store 250 gallons of petrol in an underground tank at premises in Keynsham Street be granted.

20—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager's office, when vacated by the Housing Manager, be allocated to the Borough Treasurer's Department.

21—Car Parks—RESOLVED, That notice be put up in Imperial Square (South side) that cars must not be parked without lights.

22—Polling Districts—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to consider whether any modification of the boundaries of the Polling Districts can be made so as to provide for a Polling Station nearer than Devonshire Street for residents in the western end of Tewkesbury Road and on the Moors Estate, for a Polling Station for Whaddon Farm Housing Estate, and to enable electors in the Granley Road district to poll at St. Mark's Schools instead of St. Stephen's Hall.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th January, 1938. Present—Councillors Bendall, Bush Compton, Fisher, Green and Grimwade; Messrs. Carter and Yeend (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Marle Hill Allotments—The Borough Surveyor submitted complaint from Mr. Collins, tenant of No. 11, that the branches of five ash trees were overhanging his allotment. He had made an inspection, and found that between the boundary of the allotment and the trees there was a margin of 12 feet, which the tenant had cultivated.

RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to cut back the branches of the trees which overhang the allotment as originally laid out.

2—Arrears of Rent—Read, letter of 20th tilt from Mr. H. T. Williams, tenant of No. 36 Creamery Piece in regard to his arrears of rent. Since the last meeting he had paid 12s 6d., reducing the arrears to £1 3s. 6d., and he offered to pay 2s per week off the balance. RESOLVED, That the issue of a summons be deferred so long as he pays 2s per week regularly.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th January, 1938. Present—Councillors Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Pittville Circus Garden—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for the layout of this Garden, providing for a lawn with circular path and two intersecting paths, and a lamp in the centre.

RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit estimate for the work.

2—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative plans and estimate for the provision of ornamental gates for the entrance in Hatherley Court Road. RESOLVED, That if a grant is made by the National Playing Fields Association the design (b) for ornamental iron gates with brick piers incorporating the plaques to be provided by the National Playing Fields Association, at a cost of £75 be approved and that the ground be called King George's Field

3—Sandford Park—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation from Messrs Szerelmey Ltd. amounting to £13 15s. 0d. for cleaning the stonework of the Unwin Fountain in Sandford Park, for which provision was made in the estimates.

RESOLVED, That this be accepted, and that they be authorised to carry out the work,

4—Pittville Gardens—(a) The Chairman reported his inspection of the elm tree near the garden of Trouville, Evesham Road, which the owner of this house had asked to be removed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the tree removed.

(b) Aviaries—Read, letters from Mrs. H. E. Coltham and Mrs. D. Griffith-Jones, complaining of the nuisance caused by the pigeons which flew on to their premises adjoining the aviaries. RESOLVED, That the pigeons be reduced from 18 as at present to 12.

5—Land adjoining Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Read, letters of 16th and 20th ult. from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter that their client was not prepared to accept the offer of £2,000 for the 12 acres of land adjoining Naunton Park Recreation Ground RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to negotiate for the purchase of the land

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6—Land in Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 31st ult, from Mr. W. H. Horsley that the owner of the land in Tewkesbury Road, containing about 12 acres, was now prepared to sell the land free of restrictions for the sum of £1,000. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, subject to contract, and to the District Valuer recommending the purchase at this price, and to sanction to loan being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan for the purchase money and costs.

7—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Children's Paddling Pool—Read, memorandum from the Ministry of Health, asking to be furnished with a full report as to the necessity for the provision of the proposed Children's Paddling Pool. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk's letter in reply be approved.

8—Whaddon Farm Estate Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Ministry of Health that the Minister would be prepared to issue his formal sanction to loan for the layout of this Recreation Ground on receipt of a revised estimate, based on a provisionally accepted tender. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out the work.

9—Byelaws, Hatherley Court and Pilley Lane Recreation Grounds—Read, letter of 20th ult. from the Ministry of Health, returning the draft Byelaws with alterations and marginal notes, and asking for the Council's observations on these amendments. RESOLVED, That the draft Byelaws, as revised, be approved and submitted again for approval.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th January, 1938, Present—Councillors Avery and Fletcher; and Dr. R. Davies (Councillor Avery in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for November and December, 1937—(a) Visitors-5,813 (last year 5,761). Included in these figures were the following parties :—St James' Junior School (31 boys and girls) ; Miss Tawney's party from Stroud (12 adults) and party from Campden (6 adults).

(b) Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £2 19s. 4d. Subscriptions to " The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund " £12 10s. 9d. Total £15 10s. 1d.

(c) Exhibitions-9th November to 4th December, 1937: Exhibition of drawings by living "Punch " artists. 9th December, 1937 to 15th January, 1938 Works by Henry Barnett, Dick Field and others.

(d) Talks by the Curator—The Curator had given Talks on " The Wool trade of the Cotswolds" and on " Collecting and Collections" on the 19th November and 8th December respectively.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—The Curator, Mr. F. J. Chambers, Mr. Coates, Mrs. Corrigan, Mrs. L. J. Finzi, Mr. H. Godwin, Miss Holliday, Mr. R. P. Lamb, Mr. H. J. Lewis, Mr. A. W. Newport, Miss Phillips, Miss Harding Stewart, Mr. D. Todd, Mr. C. E. Walsh, Mr. J. G. Williams and Bequest from Miss Annie Grahame.

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

3—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That Bronze Skillet, c 1660 (17s 6d) ; Leeds Pottery Caddy (17s 6d) and Sand Pouncer (8s 6d) ; 2 Shepherds' Crooks £1 1s. 0d.) ; Lignum Vitae Cotton Holder (15s) ; Cup and Saucer in Derby Porcelain (30s) Horsley Stocks (£3); Chinese plaque (£1) and other specimens, at a total cost of £13 14s 6d. be purchased from this Fund.

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4—Specimens for the Museum—RESOLVED, That 5 examples of ceramics, etc., at a total cost of £4 1s. 6d., be purchased.

5—Showcasing—Three sealed Tenders were received for the supply of 2 wall showcases for the Local Room of the Museum. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. The Cheltenham Shopfitting Co. in the sum of £54 18s. 0d. (the lowest) be recommended for acceptance.

6—Staff—The Curator reported on the probationary period of service of George Albert Lewis as junior assistant. RESOLVED, That this appointment be confirmed.

7—Museums Association Conference, Cheltenham, 3rd to 8th July, 1939—The Curator suggested that as this will be the Jubilee Conference of this body, of which he is Hon. Secretary, a letter be sent to all foreign and overseas members of the Association calling attention to the dates fixed for this Conference and conveying an invitation to be present. He further suggested that a certain amount of private hospitality might be organized for overseas visitors.

8—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on 18th February, 1938.

H. AVERY,

Chairman.

CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 28th January, 1935. Present—Councillors Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 25th November, 1937, to 28th January, 1938. Interments 145 ; Grave Spaces sold 37 (First Position 4, Second Position 3, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 29); Memorials erected 23; New Inscriptions 36 ; No. of Interments for year ended 31st December, 1937, 748.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9709 to 9737.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That Designs Nos. 2155 to 2172, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Crematorium—(a) The Superintendent reported that since the opening three cremations had taken place. RESOLVED, That a curtain be placed in the entrance to the anti-chamber, and also a notice put up near the gate directing to the Garden of Remembrance.

(b) Advertising—The Committee considered the suggested scheme of advertising the Crematorium submitted by Councillor Grimwade in the daily and weekly newspapers circulating throughout the County, including Worcester-shire, Wiltshire and Herefordshire. The estimated cost of the scheme was £25 and would extend over a period of 6 months. RESOLVED, That this be approved as now settled by the Committee.

(c) Organ—RESOLVED, That Councillor Bettridge and Mr. Cole be asked to inspect the organs and harmoniums offered for sale by Messrs. Dale Forty & Co. with a view to a sum being included in next year's estimates for the purchase of one.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND.

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th January, 1938. Present—Councillors Bush, Fletcher, Grimwade and Lipson ; Rev. Barbara Thomas; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, F. Vermin and C. F. Walsh (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for November and December, 1937—Receipts £31 7s. 8d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 10,324 (last year 13,772) ; Lending Department 34,492 (last year 31,891) ; Junior Department 5,156 (last year 4,053) School Libraries 9,907 (last year 9,036). Total 59,879 (last year 58,752).

Binding and Replacements-145 volumes had been replaced and 384 volumes had been returned from the Binder. A further 366 volumes had been dispatched.

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

15th November ... Miss M. Dennis : " English Folk-Songs." Attendance 95.

22nd " ... Mr. S. B. Russell : " Some glimpses of life on the Cotswolds in the 17th century." Attendance 138.

29th " Mr. C E. Walsh " Some books for your child's Christmas stocking." Attendance 52.

6th December ... Miss Hilda Pocock : " Heredity." Attendance 116

10th January ... Mr. Alec Miller : "The Artist in a chaotic world " Attendance 51.

South Western Regional Library Scheme—The Librarian reported on the progress of this scheme since its inception on 1st April last. He had undertaken to make copies of the Cheltenham Catalogue entries for incorporation in the Regional Union Catalogue at Bristol, a work which would take at least two years to complete.

Booklists—Select reading lists on Joseph Conrad and Rudyard Kipling had been prepared for classes at St Paul's Training College.

Stonework—The repair of the cornices and steam-cleaning of the exterior of the building was commenced by Messrs. Szerelmey Ltd. on 9th November, 1937, and was still in progress.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 205 volumes, published at £87 4s. 0d., be purchased for £47 11s. 10d.

(b) That £50 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £50 be spent on Replacements.

3—Donations-53 volumes and 69 pamphlets had been received from 25 donors, including " The Catalogue of Drawings in the collection formed by Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart., F R S., and now in the possession of his grandson, T. Fitzroy Fenwick of Thirlestaine House, Cheltenham," presented by Mr. T. Fitzroy Fenwick. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

4—Periodicals--RESOLVED, (a) That "The World Observer" (12s 6d per annum) suggested for purchase be not taken.

(b) That " Practical and Amateur Wireless" (3d. weekly) be added to the list of periodicals purchased in place of " Popular Wireless " now dead.

5—Supply of Newspapers and Periodicals—RESOLVED, That the order for the supply of newspapers and periodicals (other than a small number which are obtained by subscription) should rotate among local newsagents, and that as from 1st March, 1938, the order should be given to Gastrell's successor, R. H. Nichols Sadler, for a period of 12 months.

6—Keesing's Contemporary Archives—RESOLVED, That the supply of this publication should be continued for another year.

7—Anthracite Supply—Read, letter from Messrs. John Williams & Co. asking for 6d. per ton extra (i.e. from 41s 3d. to 41s 9d per ton) over the contract rate owing to increased rail charges. RESOLVED, That this increase be not agreed to.

8—Hand Rail—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to obtain an estimate for placing a Hand Rail at the central of the three entrance doorways

9—Camden Society Publications—RESOLVED, That 38 duplicate volumes of this publication be sold to the Literary and Philosophical Society, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, at 2s per volume.

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on the 18th February, 1938.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 6th January, 1938. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bush and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—New Valuation List—(a) The Committee report that they have had four meetings this month to settle the New Valuation List. The following members attended the meetings :—

The Deputy Mayor	1 meeting
Alderman Taylor	3 meetings
Councillor Barnett	2 meetings
Councillor Bettridge	1 meeting
Councillor Bush	4 meetings
Councillor Ben James	1 meeting
Councillor Moore ...	4 meetings
Councillor Rogers	3 meetings

(b) The Committee, at this meeting, also continued the preparation of the New Valuation List

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—Assessment of Police Properties—The Committee further considered the proposals made by the County Council for the exemption from rating of certain Police Stations and Police residences. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to raise no objection to the assessments made in respect of 6 to 5 Leckhampton Road, 210 Gloucester Road, Police Station, Tewkesbury Road and cottage and one of

the flats at Holland House, but maintain the objection made in respect of the other flat at Holland House.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 2nd February, 1938, Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Garland and Grimwade (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 29th ult., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £95,680 ; Leaving outstanding £20,083.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 29th ult., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1938. Amount collected £18,641 ; Leaving outstanding £4,905.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 2nd inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; and Councillor Grimwade.

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

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

Date, 1937.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
29th December	Erection of 2 houses in Russell Place	£833	60 years
1938.			
7th January	Half cost of erection of Clubhouse at Airport	£1,724	30 years
24th January	Children's Paddling Pool, Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground	£574	20 years

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5—Electricity Accounts—The Borough Treasurer submitted monthly and quarterly reports on the collection of the Electricity Accounts up to the 31st ult. He also reported the system he proposed to arrange with Mr. Bache for making out and sending Consumer's accounts.

6—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that the total number of National Savings Certificates sold in Cheltenham was 35,901 at 15s, representing a cash value of £26,925 15s 0d. The Council were entitled to borrow half of this sum for a period of 60 years at 3 ⁵/₈ths per cent. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Public Works Loan Commissioners for a loan of £13,000 for a period of 60 years at 3 ⁵/₈ths 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 sanction on account of which the loan is to be borrowed. RESOLVED, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to Orders authorising delivery of the Commissioners' Certificates for the said sums to the Borough Treasurer.

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

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that he had now arranged with the Royal Exchange Assurance for a loan of £10,000 for 20 years with five year breaks on the terms now reported. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and the Common Seal affixed to a Mortgage.

7—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting Housing Bonds amounting to £750 had been renewed, and £100 had been received

8—Reciprocal Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Reading Corporation had given notice requiring the repayment of the loan of £10,000 on the 16th June next, and similar notice had therefore been given to repay the loan of £10,000 to the Reading Corporation.

9—Housing Reconditioning—The Borough Treasurer submitted report showing the present position of this fund, RESOLVED, That the Housing Committee be recommended to sell some more of the houses which have been reconditioned.

10—Town Planning Scheme—RESOLVED, That application be made to the County Council for payment of the expenditure incurred by the Corporation in the preparation of the Town Planning Scheme, and for which provision was made by the County Council in the current year's estimates.

11—Excess Capital Expenditure—The Borough Treasurer recommended that the following sums expended in excess of sanctions issued by the Ministry should be charged to the Rates :—Sandford Greenhouse £49, Additional Filter Beds 919d., Gloucester Road Sewer 18s 4d., Old Bath Road Sewer 2s 8d., Whaddon Lane Improvement 8s 6d., Suffolk Road Improvement 9s 9d., Naunton Park Recreation Ground 12s 2d. Land in Old Bath Road £13 9s. 11d., Cemetery Car Park £39 8s. 4d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

12—Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Deputy Mayor be nominated for appointment as Honorary Members of this Institute for 1938.

13—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Treasurer submitted report in regard to the cash collection at these Baths, and as to the new cash system proposed by the Town Improvement and Spa Committee. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

14 —Borough Treasurer's Department—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to purchase steel cupboards for each of the Costing Office, Electricity Stores and Accountancy Clerks' Office, as recommended by the District Auditor.

15—Superannuation—Read, letter of 20th ult. from the Ministry of Health, approving of the designation as established of the post of Assistant Water Mains Inspector,

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd March, 1938.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 7th, day of March, 1938, 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 Stores Sub-Committee. • TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE • ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE • WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE • ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE • RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS SCHEME-To consider further the constitution of the Area No. 2 Authority.
5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 7th February, 1938, at 3 p.m. Present :

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

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P., J.P., Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Moore and Clara F. Winterbotham ; and Councillors Miller and Morris.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 3rd January, 1938, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held January 10

Resolved, also, That the application of Mr. M. E. Chamberlayne of Home Farm, Prestbury, for a Dealer's Licence to use the Special Designation " Pasteurised " in relation to milk sold or intended for sale to the Cheltenham Boys College at Christowe, Sandford Road, Cheltenham, be granted until 31st December next subject to the usual conditions.

Housing... Meeting held January 20

Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Ministry of Health protesting against the provisions of the new Housing Bill which only authorises payment of the new Subsidy of £5 10s. 0d. per annum for 40 years for houses provided for abatement of overcrowding, and in respect of which contracts were placed after 3rd February, 1938 ; and that the Minister be asked to make this retrospective to all houses provided by the Council for abatement of overcrowding under the Housing Act, 1935.

Street and Highway Meeting held January 24

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 9 in regard to the apportionment of the Private Improvement Expenses in Jersey Avenue be referred back for further consideration."

Resolved, also, with reference to Minute No. 34 (c), That the revised offer of Mr. J. Maddox to purchase 60 feet frontage of land on the East side of Brooklyn Road at the price of £3 15s. 0d. per foot frontage be accepted subject to contract and to the value of the pair of houses to be erected thereon being not less than £1,300 exclusive of the value of the land. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held January 24

Town Planning Meeting held January 27

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Barnett and seconded by Councillor Fletcher: " That the resolution to Minute No. 12 be amended and that it be altered to read as follows, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Clerk to the County Council drawing attention to the provisions of the Scheme, and stating that the Council cannot consent to the change of user of the premises' " was withdrawn).

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held January 11, 21 & 28

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Addis : " That Minute No. i in regard to the salary of the Entertainments Manager be not approved " was lost. The following voted for the Amendment :—Alderman Pruen, Councillors Addis, Bettridge and Compton ; and the following voted against the Amendment :—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Avery, Bendall, Bush, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Lipson, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held January 31

Water Meeting held January 11

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General Purposes and Watch Meeting held January 25

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Margrett and seconded by Councillor Grimwade : That the resolution to Minute No. 8 be amended to read as follows, Resolved, in pursuance of Section 59 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act 1889, a donation of £50 be made to the Club, and that they be informed that if at the end of the current season they are satisfied that the Club is then placed on a reasonably satisfactory financial basis, the Council will make a further grant of £50 "

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Bush : " That Minute No. 14 in regard to the Byelaws for Good Rule and Government be referred back " was not seconded).

Allotments Meeting held January 10

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held January 10

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held January 14

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held January 28

Public Library Meeting held January 14

Rating Meeting held February 2

Finance Meeting held February 2

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 Raids Precautions Act, 1937—Scheme of Administration—The Council considered the draft of a scheme, together with explanatory memorandum submitted by the County Council. Resolved, That the County and City of Gloucester Air Raids Precautions Administrative Scheme 1938 be approved and adopted subject to the constitution of the Cheltenham Area Authority being amended as follows :— Cheltenham Borough Council 7 representatives, Charlton Kings Urban District Council 2 representatives, Cheltenham Rural District Council 3 representatives. Resolved, also, That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to any necessary document to signify such approval and adoption.

4—Physical Training and Recreation Act, 1937—Read, letter of 31st ult. from the General Secretary of the Cheltenham Y.M.C.A. that at a special meeting of their Executive Committee held in conjunction with the National Council, it was decided that the proposal of the Corporation to purchase the site at

the rear of their premises for the proposed Gymnasium would decrease the total value of the site to such an extent that it would be unwise for them to accept the offer.

J. H. TRYE, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 7th March, 1938.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th February, 1938. Present—Alderman Pruen; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Ben James, E. W. Moore, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at 122 Naunton Crescent ; and 1 Normal 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 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-68 Duke Street ; 54, 56, 58 and 60 Moorend Crescent—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the drains etc. on or belonging to the above premises were in such a condition as to be prejudicial to health and a nuisance. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to examine the drains and apply any test other than a test by water under pressure, and, if necessary, to open the ground.

3—Notices not complied with—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted list of Notices arising from defective walls, floors etc , served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

4—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 243a and 244 High Street (1st and 2nd floors)—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the above-mentioned parts of these premises. 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 this house, the Owner thereof, and mortgagees, if any, that the condition of the said parts 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 11th April, 1938.

(b) Basement of 22 St. Stephen's Road—The Committee considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of these premises. The Owner attended and stated that she was not in a position to recondition the premises. RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the basement rooms of the said premises, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by

persons of the working classes, 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 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 use as store, kitchen, scullery, washhouse or other domestic office.

(c) 5 Angel Row, Fairview Road; 39 Jersey Street; Stratford Cottage, Columbia Street; and Linda Cottage, Tivoli Lane—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 11th April, 1938.

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(d) 69 St. George's Place—The Committee further considered the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises. Mr. Hooper of Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Co. attended on behalf of the Owner, and stated that the Owner was not in a position to recondition the premises. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the dwellinghouse, which is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, is unfit for human habitation, and is not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertaking having been given by the Owner with respect to the carrying out of the work required or the future user of the house, a Demolition Order be now made by the Council in pursuance of Sub-Section (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.

(e) 30 Hungerford Street and 9 Hewlett Place—RESOLVED, That the undertaking 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) 5 and 6 Waterloo Street—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 the under-taking be cancelled.

(g) 5, 6 and 7 Worcester Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had failed to demolish these houses in accordance with the Demolition Orders made in respect thereof on 2nd October, 1933, and he submitted tenders for carrying out the work in default. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Packer & Sons, amounting to £19 10s. 0d. (being the lowest), be accepted.

(h) Basement of 2 Oxford Parade—The Committee further considered the application that the Closing Order made in respect of these premises on 4th November, 1936 should be amended so as to permit

the premises to be used as a store, kitchen, washhouse, or other domestic office. The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(i) The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses :—

(i) 18 Prestbury Road—Mr. Blake, of Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson, attended on behalf of the Owner and stated that a loan had now been arranged for reconditioning the property. Mr. Robson attended on behalf of the lessee. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(ii) West Cottage and 5a St. George's Avenue—It was reported that the Owner, having refused the Corporation's offer to purchase these houses, was endeavouring to sell the property to another purchaser. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(iii) 23, 24, 25 and 26 Francis Street ; 31 and 31b Hunger-ford Street ; and Springfield Cottage, Brandon Place—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months to enable the Owners to consider the specifications prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

5—Clearance Orders, 1936—(a) The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses, which had been excluded from the Clearance Orders by the Minister of Health :—

(i) 12 North. Place and 1 and 2 St. Margaret's Cottages—The Town Clerk reported that the Owner had not carried out his undertaking to convert these houses into one dwellinghouse and shop combined. 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, 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) 15 Sidney 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 shall not be so used until rendered fit be accepted.

(iii) 1 and 2 Richmond Cottages ; 30 Portland Square and 6 Portland Cottages ; 86, 87 and 88 Albion Street 2, 3 and 4 Coltham Fields—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month in the case of these houses.

(b) 15 Sherborne Street—RESOLVED, That the offer by the Owner to sell this property to the Corporation be refused.

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6—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness—20 Waterloo Street ; 32 and 33 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 lists of any additional works which he considers should be carried out before certificates be given.

7—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 ½ lbs. Beef ; 2 ½ lbs. Mutton ; 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 ½ lbs. Pork ; 23 ½ lbs. Poultry and 9 ½ lbs. Rabbits.

8—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936- (a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr F. Hammond for a supplementary licence to use the special designation " Accredited" in relation to milk sold in the Borough from Carron's Farm, Bredon's Hardwicke be granted (subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order) for the period of operation of the principal licence granted by the County Council of Worcestershire.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported the results of phosphatase tests on pasteurised milk produced in the Borough, which were satisfactory.

9—Shops Acts, 1934-94, 164 and 168 Bath Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these shops had been inspected and found not to comply with the provisions of Section 10 of the Shops Act, 1934. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of that Section, notices be served on the Owners or Occupiers of the shops requiring them within 28 days to take such action as may be specified by the Chief Sanitary Inspector for the purpose of securing compliance with the provisions of the said Section.

10—Overcrowding--The Medical Officer of Health submitted the following report for the year to the 31st December last .—

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	206
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ...	206
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein . . .	1366
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	24
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	112
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ...	616

1—Analyses of Water Supplies—The Chairman suggested that analyses of water supplies should be submitted to this Committee as well as to the Water Committee. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to submit to this Committee such analyses and also all other reports to other Committees on matters concerning Public Health.

12—Flooding—Hewlett Road and Eldon Road—The Town Clerk reported that the owners of "Ivydene," "The Cedars" and "Glenvale" had agreed to the Chief Sanitary Inspector's proposals for preventing recurrence of flooding. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain estimates for carrying out the necessary work at these houses.

13—Rosehurst, Sandford Road—The Town Clerk reported that a Writ had been served on behalf of Mr. Whiting on the Corporation claiming damages and an Injunction in respect of the discharge of water from the Chelt Main Sewer into the River Chelt through the overflow laid across the garden of this property in August, 1933. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enter an appearance and take all necessary steps to defend the action.

14—Sewers in St. Anne's Terrace, Gratton Road and Painswick Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported complaints of rats in the above roads, and that the sewers were believed to be defective. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine the condition of the sewers and report to the Committee.

15—Abattoir—(a) The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that one of the transformers connected to the electrical stunning apparatus had been burnt out and had to be replaced, and it had also been found necessary to extend the circuits on the pig stalls and renew the overhead lighting cables. RESOLVED, That this work be approved.

(b) RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Haywards Ltd. for the supply of 113 glazing bars at 1s 8d. per foot making a total of £86 3s. 3d. be accepted.

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16—Smoke Nuisance, Naunton Lane—The Committee further considered the complaints of nuisance caused by smoke from the Sunshine Laundry, Naunton Lane, reported at the Meeting of the Committee on the 15th November last, The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that a smoke consuming apparatus had been installed but that a better class of fuel should be used. The Manager of the Laundry attended and stated that he had been unable to obtain other fuel owing to the restrictions imposed by the Coal Industry Control Board. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Control Board in support of the Manager's application for a smokeless fuel.

17—Tallow Factory—RESOLVED, That the offer of Messrs. George Bence & Sons Ltd., to purchase the site of the Tallow Factory in Sherborne Street at £250 be accepted subject to Contract and to the

consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained and subject also to a condition that the property shall not be used for any purpose which shall cause a nuisance or annoyance to Trinity Schools or to other neighbouring property by reason of smoke, smell, noise, dust or fumes. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

18—Barn Outfall Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Mr. W. L. Sinton for a reduction in the charge provided in an agreement between him and the Corporation dated the 3rd July, 1935, for laying a connection to this sewer. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

19—Hayden Knoll Cottages—Read, letter of 28th ult. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, enquiring whether the Council intended to demolish the existing cottages. RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to Demolition Orders being made by the Cheltenham Rural District Council in respect of these cottages.

20—Hayden Sewage Works—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. for payment of one half of the retention monies under the Contract for the extensions to the works. The Borough Surveyor reported that the work was completed on 31st December last, except for a few minor details which could not be carried out until the site had dried sufficiently. RESOLVED, That 31st December last be treated as the date of completion of the Contract for purposes of repayment of the retention monies,

21—National Association for Prevention of Tuberculosis—Read, a preliminary Notice of the 24th Annual Conference of this Association to be held in London on 30th June and 1st and 2nd July next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

22—Institution of Sewage Purification—The Town Clerk submitted invitation to appoint delegates to attend the Annual Summer Conference at Glasgow from 7th to 9th July next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

23—Royal Sanitary Institute—The Town Clerk submitted invitation to appoint representatives to attend the Sessional Meeting of the Institute at Hereford on 11th March next. RESOLVED, That representatives be not appointed.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th February, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates; Councillors Addis, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair),

1—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made by Mr. C. Sansom and Messrs. Edwards with their Contracts ; Mr. Sansom had completed 41 houses and Messrs. Edwards 88

(b) Read, letter from Mr. C. Sansom asking the Committee to allow him the increase of id. per hour in wages which he had had to pay as from the 1st inst., as the result of the re-grading of Cheltenham from A3 to A2. He pointed out this rise was in addition to the ½ d. per hour rise under the cost of living scale regulated by the Building Industry. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain the views of the Ministry of Health on Mr. Sansom's application.

2—Housing Manager—(a) The Housing Manager submitted her Monthly Report on the collection of rents.

(b) Office—The Housing Manager reported that her new office was nearing completion. She asked that lavatory accommodation should be provided, as the only Ladies' Cloakroom was on the second floor of the building. The Borough Surveyor reported that this could be provided at the end of the Waiting Room at a cost of £30. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

(c) Staff—The Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the recommendation that Miss B. Dudin, part time Assistant, should be appointed whole time Assistant in Grade E. They recommended that Miss Dudin should be appointed whole time Assistant on Grade C at a commencing salary of £130 per annum, and that her salary should be reviewed in three months' time. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also, That the Housing Manager be instructed to obtain particulars of the salaries, staff and duties in some other towns comparable to Cheltenham.

3—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 11th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Pilley Housing Estate—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to peg out the sites of the proposed sheds to be erected in the gardens of the houses on this Estate, so that the tenants may avoid cultivating the ground. Also, that he be instructed to report as to whether the time is now opportune to invite tenders for the erection of the sheds.

(b) That having considered the report of the Housing Manager of the houses occupied by families of one person and two persons that the single occupier of 37 Tennyson Road should be given three months' notice to quit, two other single occupiers transferred to similar houses, and that families of two persons at present occupying three-bedroom houses be transferred to two-bedroom houses as and when such houses become vacant.

(c) Rent Rebates—That the rents fixed and rebates granted, as set out in the Rent Rebates Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

(d) Selection of Tenants—The Sub-Committee had interviewed 12 applicants for tenancies of houses, and placed 9 of these on the selected list and refused the other three applicants.

(e) 54 Worcester Street—That the Sanitary Inspector be authorised to provide a Bathroom at this house at a cost of about £22. Also, that he be instructed to have a brick built shed erected, subject to the tenant agreeing to pay an additional per week for this. RESOLVED, That the proceedings Of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4-31 Pates Avenue—Read, application from the tenant of this house for permission to fix a gate at the bottom of his garden to give access to the land leading from Gloucester Road to L.M S. siding. RESOLVED, That this application be not acceded to.

5—Reconditioning—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the remaining reconditioned houses should be offered for sale. RESOLVED, That the principal House Agents be instructed to offer the houses for sale.

6—Conference—Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the attendance of delegates to the Regional Conference to be held at Bath on 20th May. RESOLVED, That Councillors Fisher and Grimwade be appointed to attend.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st February, 1938. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Till (The Mayor 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—Report of View Committee—Read, report of a Meeting of the View Committee held on Wednesday, 16th February, 1938. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillors Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade and Till.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) St. Paul's Road—That the Bus Stop at the junction with St. Paul's Street North be removed and re-erected further along St. Paul's Road instead of in St. Paul's Street North as previously recommended and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a scheme for improving the junction of St. Paul's Lane with St. Paul's Road:

(b) Evesham and Wellington Roads Junction—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out kerb improvement and that an adjoining owner be asked to agree to adjustment of the position of an entrance crossing and gates.

(c) Tewkesbury Road—That a pedestrian crossing be constructed west of Malvern Street subject to the approval of the Ministry of Transport and that application be made for such approval.

(d) Gloucester Road—That Miss Foster's application for the removal of a tree in front of No. 289 be not granted.

(e) Horse—That the purchase of a new horse by the Horse Sub-Committee from Thos. Hunt, Millbrook Street, for £70 be approved.

(f) Promenade—That three trees be removed near the Pedestrian Crossing, namely, one on the west side and two on the east side ; also that a young tree be substituted for one of the trees on the east side.

(g) High Street—That the Misses Fletcher's application for the lopping or removal of tree outside Argyll Lawn be not granted.

(h) Park Place and Lypiatt Road Junction—That Mr. Fitzroy Fowles' offer to sell Tunstall Lodge for a Corner Improvement be not accepted.

(i) Libertus and Gloucester Roads junction—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a scheme for improving the corners at this junction.

3—Report of Labour Sub-Committee—(1) Read, Report of a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 15th February, 1938. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillors Addis, Green and Grimwade.

(a) Permanent Labourers—(i) Working Hours—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers asking the Council to fix a 47 hour working week in winter as well as in summer in view of their decision to pay employees on the establishment on an hourly instead of a weekly basis. The Sub-Committee recommended that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ascertain whether employees are willing to reduce the length of their dinner hour by half-an-hour during the winter.

(ii) Foremen and Charge Hands—The Sub-Committee recommended that foremen and charge hands be paid an additional 2d. and 1 ½ d. per hour respectively above the rate of wages paid from time to time to ordinary labourers.

(b) Tradesmen—(i) Paviers—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for payment of foremen's rate of wages to two Paviers. The Sub-Committee recommended that the application be not acceded to.

(ii) Pavior Improvers—The Sub-Committee recommended that these employees be paid 1s 2d. per hour to be increased to full tradesmen's rate after three years' continuous service.

(c) Destructor Works—Stokers—The Sub-Committee recommended that stokers at the Destructor Works be paid at the rate applicable to them under the scale from time to time adopted by the West Midlands Branch of the Joint Industrial Council, but that this should not operate to reduce the wages of present employees. ...

(d) Slab Factory—The Sub-Committee recommended that the employees at the Slab Factory be paid ½ d. per hour above the rate of wages paid from time to time to ordinary labourers (plus present output bonus) and that the leading man be paid an additional 2d. per hour.

(e) Municipal Offices—(i) Charwomen—The Sub-Committee recommended that these employees be paid at the rate of 8 ¾ d. per hour.

(ii) Youth Cleaners—The Sub-Committee recommended that these employees be paid according to the following scale :—

Age.	Wages.
17 years	17s 6d. per week.
18 “	20s “
19 “	25s “
20 “	30s
21 “	Leave employment.

(Borough Surveyor to endeavour to find other employment for these youths, if suitable).

(f) Watchmen—The Sub-Committee recommended that these employees be paid 7s 3d. for each full shift (including Sundays) and 3s 8d. for each Saturday afternoon shift.

(g) Tar Sprayers, Asphalt Spreaders and Chipping Spreaders—The Sub-Committee recommended that these employees be paid an additional 1 ½ d., ¾ d. and ½ d. per hour respectively above the rate of wages paid from time to time to ordinary labourers.

(h) Tewkesbury Waterworks—(i) Stokers—The Sub-Committee recommended that when pumping is not in progress these employees be paid at the rate from time to time paid to ordinary labourers.

(ii) Casual Labourers—The Sub-Committee recommended that casual labourers taken on at Tewkesbury be paid according to the Civil Engineering Rate from time to time applicable to Tewkesbury employees.

(i) Miscellaneous—The Sub-Committee made certain other recommendations with regard to the wages of individual employees as shown in separate statement.

(j) Commencement of Increases in Wages—The Sub-Committee recommended that all increases in wages recommended at this meeting take effect at the commencement of the first working week after 1st February last.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

(2) Horsedriers—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by these employees for increase in wages. RESOLVED, That their wages be increased from 51s 6d. to 53s 6d. per week,

4—Trunk Road No. 10—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had obtained with the Chairman's approval a supply of inch Granophast from the British Quarrying Co at 27s 6d. per ton, being the price quoted in their annual tender of the 26th January, 1937. RESOLVED, That the purchase be approved.

(b) The Committee considered the recommendation by the Electricity and Lighting Committee that the road between the Westal Green Sub-Station and the petrol filling Station should be closed, or a "Halt" sign erected at its junction with the Trunk Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the Divisional Road Engineer's recommendations for improving traffic conditions at this point are received.

5—Junction of Sandford Road and College Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 9th inst. from the Bursar of the Cheltenham Boys' College, offering to give up part of the Garden of Boyne House for improving the corner at this junction, and asking the Corporation to erect a notice

forbidding parking on the south side of Sandford Road for a distance of about 40 yards near the junction. RESOLVED, That the offer of the land be accepted, and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the improvement, and also, That the application for the erection of a notice be agreed to.

6—Naunton Way and Haywards Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 8th inst. from Cheltenham Estates Ltd. asking for an estimate of the cost of making up these reads with a view to their being taken over by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to furnish an estimate.

7—Albion Street—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 3rd inst. from Messrs. Haines & Strange urging the Council to widen this street. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire what grant would be made by the Ministry of Transport towards the cost of this improvement.

(b) Read, letter of 31st ult. from Mr. J. H. Boulter that the Masonic Hall Committee had decided not to press for the replanting of the hedge on the corner of Portland Street at the present time.

8-6 Montpellier Avenue—The Committee considered an application by Mr. F. L. Griffiths to rent these premises for one year certain and thence on a quarterly tenancy at £1 per week inclusive of rates subject to the Corporation agreeing to paint the shop front and redecorate the interior. The Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate for carrying out the necessary exterior and interior decorations, amounting to £14. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted subject to the tenant entering into an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

9—Sandy Lane Refuse Tip—Read, letter of 2nd Inst. from the Gloucestershire Dairy Co offering to rent the land which had been levelled by tipping for grazing, In view of the poor condition of the land they desired to take it free of rent for the first year and afterwards at an economic rent RESOLVED, That an offer be made to let the grazing to them on a yearly tenancy free of rent for the first year and afterwards at a rent of £1 10s. 0d. per acre.

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10—Mersey Road—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Mr. L. W. Smith complaining that the fence on his land in Mersey Road had collapsed owing to excavation of soil by the Corporation in laying out the road. The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Smith's builder had been informed of the finished road levels before the erection of the fence and that he had disclaimed any liability for making good the fence.

11—Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Mr. W. J. Forbes, Solicitor for Mr. J. Maddox, asking the Corporation to agree to erect and maintain a close boarded fence on the south side of the piece of land proposed to be sold to Mr. J. Maddox. RESOLVED, That the Corporation agree to erect and maintain an unclimbable iron fence instead of a close boarded fence.

12—Private Improvement Works—Jersey Avenue—The Committee further considered the apportionment of the cost of the private improvement works carried out in this road amounting to £284 3s. 1 ½ d., which was referred back by the Council. RESOLVED, That the Committee's previous recommendation be adhered to and that the apportionment be approved but that on punctual settlement allowances of £40 and £15 be made in respect of the amounts apportioned against the

owners of "Lowood and " Mercara " respectively, owing to the considerable frontage of these houses and the fact that they have entrances in Hewlett Road, and also that an allowance of 5 per cent. be made in respect of the amount due from each owner provided payment is made within one month from the service of the demand.

13—Norwood Road—(a) 1-3 Gothic Cottages and the Hay Barn—The Town Clerk reported completion of the purchase of this property and submitted application by the tenant of 1 and 2 Gothic Cottages for reduction in his rent. RESOLVED, That his rent be reduced from 9s 7d. to 7s 7d. per week, and that the Housing Committee be recommended to offer him another house at an early date.

(b) 217 Bath Road—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Messrs. J. W. Robson & Son enquiring what price the Corporation offered for the purchase of this property, RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to value the property.

14-139 Tewkesbury Road—The Housing Manager reported that the tenant of this house had been moved to another house in order to abate overcrowding and that the property was now vacant. RESOLVED, That the management of the property be transferred to the Housing Committee until it is required for street improvement.

15—Junction of Suffolk Parade and Suffolk Square—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Messrs. Rickerby & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of the St. James' Parish Council, agreeing to accept the Corporation's offer to purchase the land and buildings at this junction for £150 subject to certain conditions for the benefit of the adjoining property known as " Acton." RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

16—Swindon Road—The Committee considered a suggested improvement of this road near St. Paul's Training College Playing Field RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a scheme for widening the road at this point, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate with St. Paul's Training College for the surrender of the necessary land.

17—Moorend Road—The Town Clerk reported that a pavement in this road had been damaged by a lorry owned by Mr. A. C. Ebborn of Gloucester, and that the Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of making good the damage at £5 7s. 0d. RESOLVED, That a claim be made against the owner for the cost of repairs.

18—Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Shell-Mex and B.P. Ltd. applying for permission to erect a smaller sign in place of the existing sign at their depot in Tewkesbury Road, RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the sign not projecting over the footpath.

19—Hewlett Road—The Committee considered offer by Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell Ltd. to surrender the land required for widening this road adjoining their frontage and to pay a sum of £25 to the Corporation in consideration of their being relieved of the liability to pave the footpath. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

20—Clarence Street—The Committee considered application by Bristol Tramways Ltd. for permission to erect a canopy over the footpath outside their offices in Clarence Street. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the Company entering into the usual Agreement for removal on demand and payment of an acknowledgement to the Corporation of 10s per annum.

21—Contracts—Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Printing and Kindred Trades Association asking the Corporation to insert a clause in contracts to prevent Contractors from prohibiting employees from joining trades Societies or continuing as members of such Societies. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

22—Post Office Telegraph Lines—The Town Clerk submitted applications by the Post Office Superintending Engineer for permission to erect and lay overhead and underground telegraph lines in a large number of streets in the Borough. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to grant the applications when they have been considered by the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineer.

23—Townsend Street—Read, application of 18th inst. from Messrs. Flower & Son Ltd. for permission to construct a cellar entrance in this street. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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STORES SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of the Stores Sub-Committee held at the Central Depot on Monday, 2nd March, 1938.

Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Fletcher and

1—Annual Tenders-271 Annual Tenders were received for Stores (750 items). RESOLVED, That the Tenders of the following firms be accepted at the prices contained in the Schedules, subject, necessary, to samples proving satisfactory and to Contracts being entered into where necessary.

Castings—Messrs. Long, Humphreys & Co., Mather & Smith Ltd., J. Needham & Sow,.

Cement—Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd.

Disinfectants—Messrs. W. H. Keys Ltd., The Killgerm Co. Ltd., Prince Regents Tar Distilleries Co. Ltd.

Drawing Office Materials—Messrs. Allott, Jones & Co. Ltd., Banks Ltd., F. C. Dodwell & Sons, Drawing Office

Supplies Ltd., J. J. Gillham & Son, Norton & Gregory Ltd.

Electric Light Fittings—General Electric Co. Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd.

Forage—W. J. Oldacre Ltd,

Household Goods and Sundries—Birmingham Blind Institute, Browns, Cheltenham Blind Workshops, J. Fisher & Sons

Ltd., T H. Harris & Sons Ltd , Jackson & Painter, Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., Premiere Polish Co. Ltd., Sanitas Co.

Ltd., Johns & Son, E. L. Ward Ltd.

India Rubber Etc.—G. MacLellan & Co. Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., A. C. Woodrow & Co.

Ironmongery—G. Bence & Sons Ltd., J. Fisher & Sons Ltd., J. Gibb & Co. Ltd., T. W. Harvey & Sons, Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd., A. C. Woodrow & Co.

Lead Pipes—G. Bence & Sons Ltd., J. Fisher & Sons Ltd., T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd.

Lime and Bricks—G. Bence & Sons Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd.

Lubricating Oils, Grease etc.—C. C. Wakefield & Co. Ltd.

Hire of Motor Transport—Mark Williams & Co. Ltd., Mechanisation Ltd.

Printing and Stationery—F. C. Dodwell & Sons, J. J. Gillham & Son, H. & H.

Road Materials—Berry, Wiggins & Co.. Br. Quarrying Co. (Arnold Unit), B. Q. Co. (Clee Hill Unit), R S. Clare &

Co. Ltd., Glos. Tile & Sand Co., Packer & Sons, V. W. Rowles & Co., Shell Mex & B.P. Co. Ltd., Stephenson

Clarke & Associated Co's. Ltd., Strickland Stone Co., Tytherington Stone Co., Wickwar Quarries Limited.

Stoneware Pipes and Gullies—G. Bence & Sons Ltd.

Timber—G Bence & Sons Ltd., B. F. Collingridge Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., Smith Bros., T. W. Smith & Sons.

Tools—English Tools Ltd., J. Fisher & Sons Ltd., Hardypick Ltd., T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd., G. Pike Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd.

Uniforms—C. S. Watts.

White Lead, Oils and Colours—Anglo Dutch Petrol Co., Bryce Weir Ltd., J. Dampney & Co. Ltd., J. Fisher & Sons Ltd., Hanger, Watson & Harris, H. Matthews & Co. Ltd., Middleton Bros., Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., O. Pragnell, T W Harvey & Sons Ltd.

Wrought Iron, Steel and Files—Messrs. Stringer Bros., Messrs, A. C. Woodrow & Co.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th February, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Barnett, Bendall and Moore ; Capt. Leschallas ; Col. Godman 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.
4833	Williams, A.	Motor cycle showroom, Portland Street.
4838	Wright, W.	Detached house, Arle Road.
4839	Smith Bros.	Garage, Kaden, Battledown Approach.
4842	Mortimore, Rev.	New classroom, Walker Memorial Church, Whaddon Road.
4846	Lapper, H. R.	Alterations, Lake House, Pittville.
4851	Gibbins, E. J.	Garage, Gate House, Albert Road.
4852	Brown, A. G.	Detached house, Granley Road.
4853	Gloucestershire Standing Joint Committee	Alterations and additions, Central Police Station.
4854	Wheeler & Mansell	2 semi-detached houses, The Grove.
4855	Nunn, A. J.	Garage, Brooklyn Villas, Leckhampton Road.
4856	Bateson, C. P.	Conversion of mews into dwellinghouse, Ravensworth, Pittville Lawn.
4857	Grace, A. W.	Detached house, Sherborne Place.
4858	Stroud Brewery Co. Ltd.	Alterations and additions, Crown Inn, London Road.
4859 C	ruickshank, A. S.	Garage in basement, Melrose, The Park.
4860	Hall, Mrs. P.	Garage, 22 Shelley Avenue.
4861	Rogers & Davies	Detached house, Hatherley Court Road.
4862	--	Garage, Rock House, Vittoria Walk.
4863	Lloyd-Davis, F. M.	Garage, Montgomery, Trowscoed Avenue.
4864	Eager, K. M.	3 garages, 284, 286 and 294 Gloucester Road.
4865	Marshall, A E. & Sons	16 semi-detached houses, Brooklyn Road.
4866	St. Mary's Training College Executive Committee	New gymnasium, St. Mary's Training College.
4867	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Garage, 93 Welland Lodge Road,
4868	--	Garage, 64 Cleevemount Road.
4869	Brasher, W. H.	Garage, 2 Haywards Road.
4870	Challenger, G.	Garage, 7 Merriville Road.
4871	Pye Bros.	1 detached house and 20 semi-detached houses, Brooklyn Road.
4872	Western Estates Ltd.	Layout and 48 semi-detached and 4 detached houses, Brooklyn Road.
4873	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Additions, The Swindon Inn.
4874	Fisher, K. J.	Conversion into flats, Avondale House, Wellington Square.

Decisions under Byelaws-

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos, 4833, 4839, 4851, 4852, 4854, 4855, 4856, 4857, 4859, 4861, 4862, 4863, 4864, 4865, 4866, 4867, 4868 and 4870 be approved; That Plans Nos, 4846, 4853, 4858, 4873, 4874 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 4871 be approved subject to the main surface water drains to all the houses and the foul water drains to four houses at the corner of Alstone Lane being deemed to be

private sewers That Plan No. 4842 be approved under Section 53 of the Public Health Act 1936 for a period of 10 years; That Plan No, 4872 be approved subject to the owners paying to the Corporation the sum of f2 per yard frontage for the right to access to Brooklyn Road ; Thai Plans Nos. 4838 and 4860 be disapproved by reason of insufficient information ; That Plan No. 4869 be disapproved by reason that no satisfactory means of access to the street for the purpose of removal of refuse will be provided under Section 55 of the Public Health Act 1936.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933-

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4851 and 4874 be approved subject to garages being used only by occupants of Gate House, and flats respectively, and not let as lock-up garages; That Plans Nos. 4842, 4846, 4853, 4854, 4855, 4858, 4859, 4861, 4863, 4864, 4865, 4866, 4867, 4868, 4869, 4870, 4871 and 4873 be approved ; That Plan No. 4857 be approved subject to natural slates being used on the roof, and to the front fence being set back to the improvement line ; That Plan No. 4862 be approved subject to asbestos being used for roof in lieu of corrugated iron ; That Plan No. 4839 be approved subject to the half-timbered work being omitted and the front elevation harmonising with the existing building ; That Plans Nos. 4833, 4838, 4852, 4856, 4860 and 4872 be not approved.

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

No. of Plan, Name.	Description.
1280 Hughes, E.	Dwellinghouse, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1281 Marshall, A. E. & Son	Alterations, 1 and 2 Hamletts Yard, Horsefair Street, Charlton Kings.
1282 Winterngill, W. F.	Bungalow, Kidnappers Lane, Leckhampton.
1283 Page & Smith	Extra Petrol Pump, The Garage, Shurdington.
1284 Watson, R. S.	Greenhouse, potting shed and Lights, " High Elms," Bow-bridge Lane, Prestbury
1285 Whitaker, T. E.	Addition of bathroom and over-loggia, Southam.
1286 Woodroofe, O. A.	New bathroom; Evington Villa, Coombe Hill.
1287 ..	Alterations, Prestbury Park Hotel, Evesham Road, Cheltenham.
1289 Day, R.	Conversion of three cottages into two, Elmstone Hardwicke.
1290 Colonnade Estate Agency	Six pairs semi-detached houses, Gotherington Road, Bishops Cleeve.
1291 Bateson, C P.	Development of land, Albert Road, Cheltenham.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1281, 1286, 1287 and 1289 be approved ; That Plan No. 1280 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act ; That consideration of Plan No. 1285 be deferred ; That Plans Nos. 1282, 1283, 1284, 1290 and 1291 be not approved,

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of the 27th ult. from Messrs Young & Gilling on behalf of the Leckhampton Parochial Church Council asking for permission to use land adjoining the Moat, Leckhampton and No, 108 on the Ordnance Map for use as a burial

ground. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to no burials being made in the land reserved for the improvement of the road and that sufficient space be kept between the grave spaces and the improvement line to avoid the disturbance of graves when the road is widened.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 16th inst. from Mrs. W. E. Joseph asking if permission would be granted to the erection of a bungalow between the residences " Hawksworth " and "Bennington " and fronting Albert Road. He reported that the erection of a bungalow in this position would detract from the amenities of Albert Road. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. Caliph for permission to erect a sign on the showcase at 51 Promenade. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. S. Price for permission to build on a plot of land near Gotherington Cross. RESOLVED, That consideration of the application be deferred for further information.

(e) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 3rd inst. from Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson for permission to convert part of the premises known as 4 North Parade, Winchcomb Street, for the sale of greengrocery and allied produce. RESOLVED, That consent be granted.

4—Pengwern and Sunnyside, Pittville Circus Road—The Committee considered letter of 28th ult from the Clerk to the County Council applying for consent to these premises being used for an Old People's Home. The intention of the County Council was to provide accommodation which would not have the character of an Institution ; no boards would be erected showing it was a Public Institution, and the occupants would not wear uniform dress, and as far as possible the premises and gardens would be laid out and maintained as a private dwellinghouse. The suitability of the premises afforded an opportunity to provide a Home for the Cheltenham Area at once and at a cost approximately £9,000 less than the normal cost of providing such a Home.

Mr. A. W. Martyn (Chairman of Public Assistance Committee), Councillor Grimwade and Mr. W. A. Shee (Public Assistance Officer) attended as a Deputation from the County Council to support the application. Mr. Shee stated that the County Council had entered into a Provisional Contract for the purchase of the property, and that application was about to be made for consent to a loan, The object of the County Council was to take the old people away from a workhouse atmosphere and to give them a home unlike the workhouse type ; no nuisance would be caused to the residents in the district ; the buildings would accommodate 80 persons but it was not intended to place more than 65 in the Home. The Town Clerk submitted memorial from 25 owners and occupiers in Pittville Circus Road and Hewlett Road protesting against the proposal of the County Council as they considered the Home would be a detriment to their properties. Under the Draft Scheme this property was in an area zoned as Special Residential and the Scheme provided that certain specified buildings (other than dwellinghouses), which included Institutions, could only be erected with the consent of the Council, but the definition of " Institution" in the Scheme did not include a public assistance institution not being a separate institution for the reception and maintenance of children or of persons suffering from bodily infirmity. Clause 85 of the Draft Scheme provided that nothing in the Scheme should operate to prevent development by a Local Authority (including the County Council) on land approved by the Ministry of Health, either expressly or by way of sanction to a loan.

RESOLVED, That the County Council be informed that they are precluded by the Scheme from giving consent, and also that the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Ministry of Health to hold a Local Inquiry before sanctioning a loan for the purchase money or approving of the purchase so as to afford an opportunity to the residents and occupiers in the vicinity of being heard on their objections.

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5—Public Health Act, 1936—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to sign the Notices of Approval and Disapproval of Plans on behalf of the Corporation.

6—The Peak, Birdlip—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement to be entered into with the owner of Hill Farm, Birdlip for the scheduling of the farm lands as a private open space. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the owner's solicitors' costs of £5 5s. 0d. be paid.

7—Birchwood, Painswick Road—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. R. Hilltout, owner of this property was willing to give up the land in front of the improvement line for the widening of Shurdington Road when required subject to the Corporation rebuilding the wall to the new line and making up the addition to the road. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to Mr. Hilltout entering into an undertaking.

8—Priors Road—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Priors Estates Ltd. asking if the size of the plots of land for houses on land fronting Priors Road could be reduced to 30 feet as the size of the plots stipulated in the conveyance from the Corporation rendered the price of the house too high. Messrs. H. F. Midwinter, Trigg and Morris attended as a deputation from the Company. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to a modification of the covenants contained in the conveyance so as to reduce the size of the plot for each house to 30 feet frontage, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a deed modifying the covenants accordingly.

9—Royal Crescent Garden—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Messrs, Rickerby & Co., that the scheduling of this Garden for a Car Park should be subject to the terms of the covenant contained in the conveyance of the portion of Royal Crescent Garden, that this should not be taken for a Car Park until two-thirds of the houses were used for business purposes. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

10—Hillend, 320 Old Bath Road—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland asking if the Corporation were prepared to purchase this house which was erected on the site of the Southern Bye-pass road. RESOLVED, That they be informed that this is a matter for the Ministry of Transport as the Bye-pass will be a Trunk Road.

11—Brandon House—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Miss E. M. Handcock asking if the Committee could take steps to preserve the beach trees growing on the land belonging to this house, which had been sold for building purposes. RESOLVED, That the Town Planning Assistant be asked to interview the owner thereon.

12—Conference—Read, circular from the Royal Institute of British Architects inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference to be held at Bristol from 22nd to 25th June next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

13—Town Planning Scheme No. 1--(a) The Town Clerk reported as to the objections received to the Draft Scheme. RESOLVED, That the objections be tabulated and a copy supplied to each Member of the Committee.

(b) Natural Reserve, Coldpool, Badgeworth—Read, letter from Mr. G. W. Hedley, Hon. Secretary of the Managers of the Badgeworth Natural Reserve asking if a clause could be inserted in the Scheme to help further in preserving this small piece of land in its natural condition for the benefit of its flora, and in particular the buttercup (*Ranunculus ophioglossifolius*), which flourished in no other spot in Great Britain. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to consider and report whether any protection could be given to the land under the Scheme.

14—Contravention of Byelaws—Cattistock, Keynsham Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the garage erected at this house was approved on the understanding that the adjoining owner had given consent, but that it now appeared that the consent of the adjoining owner was given subject to certain conditions which had not been complied with RESOLVED, That notice be given to the owner of the garage requiring him to show cause why the garage should not be removed as being in contravention of the Byelaws.

15-2 Pittville Lawn—Plan 2231—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green that this plan was approved in 1925 as a Temporary Building, and asking if this might now be regarded as approved under the Byelaws. The Borough Surveyor reported that if the plan had been submitted under the present Byelaws, the garage would have been an exempted building. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th February, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee--Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their Meetings held on the 1st and 15th February.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Summer Bands—That the charges for next Summer's season tickets be as follows:-

3d. seats—Season Ticket 5s : Book of 12 Tickets 2s.

6d. seats—Season Ticket 7s 6d : Book of 12 Tickets 3s 6d.

and that provision be made in next year's estimates for purchasing 100 superior chairs for the 6d. seats.

(b) That having considered the report of the Entertainments Manager as to the nuisance and annoyance caused at the Sunday evening concerts by the behaviour of the public in the free part of the Winter Garden, the area be reduced, and that if the nuisance and noise is not abated, the Sub-Committee will have to recommend that no free admission be allowed to the Sunday night concerts.

(c) That Mr. Arthur Cole's tender for the provision of Summer Bands be accepted, as follows :—

(i) Provision of Quartet to play every weekday morning from the 27th June, 1938, to the 31st March, 1939, at £10 per week subject to the right of the Corporation to cancel performances when the letting of the Hall renders it impossible for them to play.

(ii) Provision of Orchestra of 14 performers to play every evening from 5th June to 1st July at a cost of £5. 10s. 0d. per week.

(iii) Provision of a Military Band of 25 performers to play every evening and on Sunday afternoons from the 2nd July to 18th September at a cost of £110 10s. 0d. per week (including provision of music and uniforms), subject in the case of the Military Band to the right of the Corporation to cancel a performance during the season, in which case the Band to play on August Bank Holiday morning without extra charge, and subject also in the case of both the Orchestra and the Military Band to the right of the Corporation to engage the Band for additional performances when required at a pro rata rate.

(d) Staff—(i) That Mrs. Matthews having intimated that owing to her continued illness and advancing years she now found it impossible to continue her regular duties at the Town Hall as charwoman, she be continued for the time being to carry out part-time duties at a wage of 10s per week.

(ii) That the applications of Messrs. Harding, Jenkins and Savory (attendants and electrician) not to be placed on the hourly wage basis as recommended by the Labour Sub-Committee be acceded to, and that they be paid a fixed wage of £2 11s. 0d. per week instead of 46s 6d. per week as from the 3rd February together with the overtime rates for Sunday Concerts and late Dances as at present in operation, also, that the wages of the Foreman (T Lucassi) be also increased by 4s 6d. per week as from the 3rd inst.

(e) Table Tennis—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for Table Tennis Demonstration Matches at the Town Hall by the World Championship Players on the 21st March at a fee of £20 plus 25 per cent. of the net receipts over and above £30.

(f) Henry Hall and his Band—That, as the proposal for this Band to play at a Concert preceding a Dance on the 16th March had now been abandoned, the guarantee payment to the Band be reduced from £150 to £125.

(g) Town Hall—That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted for an Air Raid Precautions Lecture if it is found that there is not sufficient accommodation for this in the Art Gallery.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

2— Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 14th inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(i) That the charge for season tickets be increased to £1, to include admission on Bank Holidays, but excluding galas etc.

(ii) Winter Opening—That next Winter season, in addition to the Pool being opened from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., it be opened from 12 noon to 2 p.m. to enable ladies to attend and that the Superintendent be instructed to erect an extra dressing tent for the use of the ladies. Also, that a combined season ticket for the period from the 1st May to the 31st March be issued at a charge of £1 5s. 0d.

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(iii) That the Superintendent, Mr. R. T. Cosgrove, be paid 10s per week for the extra work carried out by him in attending the Pool every morning from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. (including Sundays) as from the date the former attendant (who was paid 17s 6d. per week) had given up the duties.

(iv) Advertising—That the advertising now recommended by the Entertainments Manager be approved.

(v) Galas--That having considered the report of the Superintendent and the Entertainments Manager on providing galas and displays at the Pool, they be authorised to arrange displays and attractions at the Pool subject to the Public not being excluded from the actual Pool on more than three occasions, including a Water Polo Match; also, That as an experiment, moonlight bathing (with the Pool floodlit) be held on one night during the season. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Baths Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Catering at the Town Hall--The Entertainment Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the report of the Entertainments Manager in regard to the catering at the Town Hall. He recommended that he should be authorised to carry out all the catering except on special occasions (such as the Hunt Ball, Hospital Ball, and other large functions) and that outside caterers should not be allowed to cater in the building, except on the special occasions referred to. Also, that when outside caterers are permitted to cater at the Town Hall, an extra charge should be made for the hire of the kitchens of from £3 to £5 according to the nature of the catering provided The Sub-Committee recommended that the proposals of the Entertainments Manager be adopted and to come into operation at the commencement of next winter season. Also, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain estimates for modernising the kitchens at the Town Hall with a view to provision being made for this in next year's estimates,

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

4—Travel Association--Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Travel Association that the English Branch of the International Association of Skat Clubs had invited the International body to hold their 5th Annual Conference in London from the 21st to the 24th April, 1938, and that the Travel Association had been asked to help in the matter of arranging hospitality. The members of the Club were the working heads of the various organisations concerned with the travel industry throughout the world, and that following the Congress in London, it was suggested that the delegates should visit a few of Britain's seaside and inland resorts. It was anticipated that 200 delegates would be attending the Conference, and it was proposed that small parties should visit the resorts on the evening of the 23rd April, leaving about mid-day on the next day. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to offer hospitality to

25 of the delegates and to charge the cost to the Advertising Fund, and if the offer is accepted, the Mayor be asked to entertain the visitors on the evening of the 23rd April.

5—Town Hall—Read, letter of 16th inst., from the County Air Raid Precautions Organiser asking whether the Committee would grant the use of the Pillar Room and Refreshment Room for a proposed Air Raid Precautions Exhibition from the 25th to the 28th April and for the occasional use of the Drawing Room during this period for afternoon and evening lectures at a reduced charge. The Entertainments Manager reported that the ordinary charge for all these rooms for four days would be approximately £55, but that he had informed Captain Shakeshaft that the charge would probably be reduced to £35. Captain Shakeshaft had now asked for a further reduction on this charge. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend a further reduction.

6—Pittville Gardens—RESOLVED, That the free use of these Gardens be granted for a Garden Party in connection with the Building Societies' Annual Conference on the 9th June subject to residents on the Estate not being excluded, and that the Entertainments Manager be instructed to arrange for the Municipal Orchestra to play at the Garden Party.

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

(b) RESOLVED, That the Swimming Bath be opened on the 4th April.

(c) The Superintendent submitted applications from St. Mary's College, Glyngarth and Girls' Grammar Schools for reservation of the Bath on the dates and times now reported. RESOLVED, That these be agreed to.

8—Alstone Baths—Read, letter of 4th ult. from the Games Secretary of the Technical College applying for one free full-season ticket for these Baths for one student, who had obtained the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society. RESOLVED, That this be granted.

9—St. George's Square Bowling Green—The Town Clerk reported that the Spa Bowling Club had applied for the tenancy of the Bowling Green for next season. RESOLVED, That this be let to the Club for one year from the 1st March at a rent of £20 subject to an Agreement being entered into containing similar terms to last year's Agreement.

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10—Association of Baths Superintendents—Read, circular from the Association inviting the attendance of delegates at the Annual Conference to be held at Bournemouth in May next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

11—Winter Garden--The Entertainments Manager reported that the Repertory Theatre Co. were considering promoting a Club, in which case it would be necessary to provide a Clubroom which they proposed to do by enlarging the small office in the Vestibule. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to plans for proposed Clubroom being approved.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th February, 1938. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Howell and Waite; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

12—Advertising—The Report of the Advertising Sub-Committee on the result of the advertising carried out during the current year, and also the Scheme for next year's advertising was submitted. The Sub-Committee recommended that £1,250 should be allocated for advertising as last year, including £400 to be spent on the Railway Companies' joint scheme. RESOLVED, That the report be approved and adopted. (A copy of the report accompanies the Minutes).

13—Marle Hill Annexe—Boating—Read, report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the boating at Marle Hill Annexe of their meeting held on the 22nd inst. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Green and Waite (in the chair). The Sub-Committee reported that Mr. Higgins had now withdrawn his application to assign his lease to Mr. Griffiths, but applied for consent to sublet his lease to Mr. Griffiths junior. The Sub-Committee recommended that consent be given to this subletting. RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

14—Conference—Read, letter of 23rd inst. from the Motor Agents Association accepting the Council's invitation to hold their Conference in Cheltenham on the 15th and 16th June next.

15—Baths—Stokers, etc.—The Committee considered letter from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, applying for an increase in the wages of stokers and attendants at Montpellier and Alstone Baths. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be asked to interview these men with the Borough Surveyor, and to report thereon to the next meeting of the Committee.

16—Montpellier Gardens—Alderman Pates reported the provisional arrangements made with a representative of Messrs. Dunlop Ltd. for an exhibition tennis match by champion players on a Monday in Montpellier Gardens next Summer.

The Corporation would be required to guarantee the Lawn Tennis Association £25 towards their expenses, and to carry out the advertising, and provide stands, etc., and the Lawn Tennis Association also made it a condition that any profit should be devoted to local charities. RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to proceed with the arrangements for an exhibition tennis match on the above terms, and that on the day fixed for the match, Montpellier Gardens be closed to the public.

17—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—The Borough Surveyor submitted four tenders received for carrying out the following improvements at the Pool as authorised by the Council, namely New footbaths to Basket Stores ; Alterations to Diving Boards ; Fencing rear of Ladies Dressing Boxes ; and steps at deep end of Pool. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons of £111 8s. 2d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 28th February, 1938. Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Howell, Ben James and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) Promenade—The Committee further considered the application of W. H. Smith & Sons Ltd. for all-night lighting in the Promenade. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the whole of the street lighting was at present controlled by two automatic switches at the Manchester Street Sub-Station and that, for this reason, it would not be possible to extend the hours of lighting of one particular road without incurring considerable expenditure and sacrificing the advantages of central control, He estimated that the annual cost of running an all-night circuit throughout the town between the hours 2 and 5 a.m. would be about £570 RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) Cemetery Entrance—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that a temporary lamp should be erected at the Cemetery entrance at a cost of £2 6s 8d. until the lighting of Priors Road had been completed. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

(c) Fairfield District—Read, letter from Councillor Garland complaining of the lighting of this district. RESOLVED, That the district be viewed in the Autumn.

(d) Trunk Road No. 10—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the lighting of this Trunk Road was not sufficient to comply with the recommendations of the Ministry of Transport Departmental Committee on Street Lighting. RESOLVED, That this matter be further considered in the Autumn.

(e) Granley Road—Read, letter from Mr. W. Taylor complaining of the lighting in Granley Road RESOLVED, That the road be viewed in the Autumn.

(f) Lane between Langdon Road and Ewlyn Road—Read, letter from Councillor Fisher complaining of the lighting of this lane, RESOLVED, That the lane be viewed in the Autumn.

2—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) New Barn Lane—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported application by the Cheltenham Rural District Council to be relieved of the service charge of £1 per house in respect of a supply to 24 houses being erected by them in New Barn Lane. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported application from six residents at Gotherington Cross for a supply of electricity to their respective houses and submitted a scheme for making the necessary extension at an estimated cost of £215 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the extension be approved subject to the consumers guaranteeing a total revenue of £42 per annum during each of the first three years of supply.

3—Direction Signs—(a) Promenade—Read, application from the Secretary of the First Church of Christ Scientists, Cheltenham, for permission to erect a sign on the Lamp Standard outside the Gloucestershire Dairy pointing the way to their Reading Room at 21 Promenade. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) Grosvenor Street—Read, application from the Secretary of the Christadelphian Society for permission to erect a sign on a Lamp Standard in Grosvenor Street pointing the way to the Christadelphian Welfare Centre at the Highbury Hall RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

4—Electricity Supply (Meters) Act, 1936—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Electricity Commissioners were unable to sanction the payment out of Reserve Fund of the £584 15s. 0d. required for the equipment of a Meter Testing Station at the Manchester Street Sub-Station, but that they had suggested that the amount should be paid out Revenue surplus. RESOLVED, That this be paid out of the Renewals Fund.

5—Extensions to Mains—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the sanction of the Electricity Commissioners to a loan of £7,053 for the extension of mains in Charlton Kings and Leckhampton.

6—Air Raid Precautions—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter from the Electricity Commission enclosing Memorandum issued by the Home Office on Air Raid Precautions for Electricity Undertakings. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer.

7—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 1st, 4th, 9th, 10th, 15th, 18th and 23rd inst., which shewed the calorific values on those dates to be 464.7, 475.8, 483.8, 486.3, 469.2 and 473.8 B.Th.U. per cubic foot respectively, and the pressure to be 9.0 inches of water at each test.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th February, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore and Pates ; Councillors Avery and Barnett (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, 1938.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	150,000 gallons (estimated)	369,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,286,000 “	2,062,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	19,000	46,000
	1,455,000 “	2,477,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 91,977,000 gallons.

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

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

4—Supply to Gloucester—The Borough Engineer submitted letter from the Gloucester City Water Engineer thanking the Council for the temporary supply of water given to Gloucester since 16th November last. The supply was discontinued on 23rd January. The total quantity of water supplied was 3,690,000 gallons.

5—Trunk Main, Churchdown to Hewletts—The Borough Engineer submitted letter from the County Surveyor offering on behalf of the County Council to purchase the land for the road widening of Leckhampton Lane, if the Corporation would agree to lay the trunk main in the land to be purchased and contribute 5s per yard towards the cost of the purchase of the land The Borough Engineer recommended that the offer be accepted. RESOLVED, That the offer of the County Council be accepted.

6—Cast Iron Pipes—The Borough Engineer submitted six tenders received for the supply of cast iron pipes and specials for the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Engineer for consideration and report to the next Meeting of the Committee.

7—Dowdeswell and Redwood Supplies—The Borough Engineer reported further on the chlorination of the water from these supplies. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out the work.

8—Northfield Springs--The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Mitchell had given consent to the erection of a stand pipe box on his land adjoining the newly erected Chlorination house.

9—Tewkesbury Waterworks—The Borough Engineer reported that in connection with the proposed construction of an experimental sedimentation tank at these works it was desirable also to make experiments with the existing settling tank by constructing temporary baffles in the tank which he estimated would cost about £100. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to agree to these experimental baffles being provided and to contribute half the cost if the Gloucester Corporation will also contribute half the cost.

10—Water Analyses—RESOLVED, That this Committee approve of the analyses of the water supplies being also submitted to the Public Health Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd February, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, Pates, Pruen and Taylor; Councillors Green, Grimwade, 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.

(b) Agriculture Act, 1937—The Town Clerk submitted circulars from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in regard to the operation of this Act as from the 1st April next and the transfer of officers employed.

(c) Warble Fly (Dressing of Cattle) Order, 1936—The Town Clerk submitted circular from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in regard to this Order. RESOLVED, That pamphlets on the Order be sent to the various farms in the Borough.

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

Date, 1938.	Place.	Cause	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
January 23rd	Lock-up Garage at St. Anne's Promenade...	Not apparent	£150	£5 17s. 6d.
" 25th	Montpellier Garage.	Not apparent	Slight ..	£3 18s 6d.
" 25th	Nursing Home, Montpellier Parade	Heating apparatus	Slight	£4 0s. 0d.
February 4th	47 Duke Street ...	Not apparent	£100	£3 14s. 0d.
" 12th	322 Swindon Road	Not apparent	Slight	£4 6s. 0d.
" 14th	Albert Arms, St, Paul's	Defective Fireplace	Slight	£3 5s. 6d.

(b) Whole-Time Officer—Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 3rd inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the Chair), Alderman Pates, and Councillor Grimwade, and Mr. Wiggett. They recommended that applications be invited by advertisement for the appointment of a full-time Chief Officer of the Brigade at a salary of £300 per annum with house. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted, and that Minute No. 9 (a) passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 23rd November last be varied accordingly.

(c) Rural District—Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that his Council would like the area at present served by the Brigade to be included in the Scheme for providing an auxiliary service to be established for Air Raid Precautions, and that they had appointed a Sub-Committee to go into the question of extending the Fire Brigade services to the whole of their area. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned pending receipt from the Home Office of the Memoranda proposed to be issued in regard to Fire Brigade Services in rural areas.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of V. Horsman, and L. J. Clifford for transfer of their Hackney Carriage Licences to Cabs No. AOP 917 and AOM 94 respectively be granted.

4—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Reed & Patterson Ltd. for licence to store a further 500 gallons of petrol at their premises at 12/22 Bath Road be granted

5—Assessment Committee—RESOLVED, That consideration of filling the vacancy on the Assessment Committee caused by the resignation of Councillor Lipson be adjourned to the next Meeting

6—Re-numbering of Houses—(a) Short Street—Read, memorial from 4 residents in Short Street asking that this Street should be renumbered. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

(b) Hall Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Miss E. Webley enquiring what number her house would be in Hall Road if the road was re-numbered RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan for numbering the road, but to defer carrying out the numbering for the present.

7—Leckhampton Hill—(a) Bungalow Shop Site—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. H. Dewey, the tenant of this land, was willing to give up a portion of his land to enable a bus shelter to be erected. RESOLVED, That the remainder of the land be let to him on a lease for 7 years, terminable by either party at the end of the 3rd or 5th year, at a rent of £2 per annum subject to a Tenancy Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into and to the advertisements and hoardings being removed from the premises.

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(b) Topograph—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Mr. D. W. Herdman, that a representative of Messrs. H. B. Sales Ltd. who had made the topograph on Haresfield Beacon had visited Leckhampton Hill, and now submitted estimate for a Bronze Topograph at £150 to £175 according to the amount of lettering and detail. The price was exclusive of any plinth or pedestal RESOLVED, That the proposal be deferred for the present.

8—Bath and West Show—The Town Clerk reported the progress made by Mr. C. C. Castle for securing a site for this Show in 1940, The Town Clerk also reported that it would be necessary to appoint a local Committee to make the local arrangements for the Show, and to raise the necessary funds. RESOLVED, That the Mayor, Alderman Leigh James, Councillors Garland, Green, Ben James, Rogers and Till be appointed the representatives of the Council on the local Committee, and that the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and Cheltenham Branch of the Farmers' Union be asked to appoint three members each on the Committee. Also, that Mr C. C. Castle be appointed a member of the Committee, and that the Committee be given power to add to their number.

9—Municipal Offices—(a) Air Raid Precautions Scheme—RESOLVED, That the Building Inspector, Mr. G. G. C. King, be instructed to prepare scheme for the protection of the staff and offices on the lines recommended by the Home Office Handbook.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to purchase the necessary new hose for replacing any defective hose.

(c) RESOLVED, That the door of the room on the top floor leading to the external fire escape be kept unlocked, and also that the key to the door to the escape be kept in a prominent place near the door,

(d) RESOLVED, That no smoking be permitted in the Offices of the building.

(e) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, That the Town Clerk be instructed to require the Railway Companies and Black & White Motorways Co. to remove their timetable boards from the railings outside the Offices, also, that the Entertainments Manager be authorised to erect a suitable frame with glass doors on the railings for advertising Corporation Entertainments etc.

10—Shops Acts—RESOLVED, That the duty of the enforcement of the provisions in the Shops Acts dealing with the supply of seats for shop assistants be transferred to the Public Health Committee.

11—Byelaws for Good Rule and Government—Read, letter of 19th inst. from the Home Office in regard to the Byelaws submitted by the Council for confirmation. The Secretary of State pointed out that the Byelaw in regard to Wireless Loudspeakers overlapped the Byelaw made by the Council on

the 4th July, 1932, and therefore this should be repealed as from the date the new Byelaws came into force. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to. RESOLVED, also, That Draft Byelaw No. 12 dealing with the pulling down of public notices be deleted as this is already covered by Section 289 of the Local Government Act, 1933. RESOLVED, also, That the Byelaws be now approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto

12—Omnibus Services—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham District Traction Co. proposed to make application to the Traffic Commissioners for licences to provide an Omnibus service to the Whaddon Farm Estate, via Whaddon Road, at a fare of 1d. from North Street to the junction of Whaddon Road and Severn Road. For the present, they proposed to run the service on week-days between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. and 12 noon to 8 p.m. and later on Saturdays, and that when the Estate was further developed they would consider extending the service. The Company also proposed to extend the penny stage on Route No. 1 from Whaddon Road to Oakland Avenue. RESOLVED, That these proposals be approved,

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th February, 1938. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith; Messrs. Carter, Stokes and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotment No. 21 Alma Road—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. Blackwell to take this allotment provided he was allowed to have it rent free up to the 25th March, 1939, in view of its bad state. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

2—Asquith Road Allotments—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of the tenants of Nos 72 and 73 to be released from their tenancies as from the 31st December last as they were now working out of Cheltenham, be granted.

(b) Read, memorial signed by 24 allotment holders, complaining of the nuisance caused by tenants allowing their dogs to run about the allotments. RESOLVED, That the memorialists be informed that the Committee are unable to do anything to remedy the complaint, and that it is a matter for allotment holders who bring dogs on to the allotments to see that they are kept under control.

3—Marle Hill Allotments—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. E. H. Wynne to be released from his tenancy of No. 138 which he took on the 14th December last, as he had now obtained an allotment nearer his home, be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That Nos. 22, 70, 91 and 134 be let to the Unemployed Allotment Association at a rent of 8s 8d. per chain, to be rent free up to the 29th September next.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th February, 1938. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—(a) RESOLVED, That the amended tender of Messrs. Tangyes Ltd. of £43 10s. 0d. for a 4 inch Centrifugal Pump to pump the water from the basin in the rock garden back to the lake be accepted, and that Minute No. 3 (a) passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 14th December, 1936, be varied accordingly.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted 5 tenders for the provision of the ornamental iron gates and 4 tenders for the erection of the piers. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd. of £33 for the gates and the tender of Messrs. S. C. Morris & Sons Ltd. of £41 6s. 0d. for the piers (being the lowest tender in each case) be accepted, but that the work be deferred until it is definitely ascertained in respect of which ground the grant from the Lord Lieutenant's Fund is to be made.

2—Pittville Gardens—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 8th inst. from Mr. E. J. Gibbins asking for the removal of the trees near the inlet pond in order to minimise the danger to traffic, and suggesting that the whole corner should be rounded off by continuing the road culvert and reducing the size of the pond. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report to the next meeting as to this proposal.

(b) Read, application of 10th inst. from the Cheltenham Model Engineering Society for permission to use the west end of Marle Hill Lake for the purpose of running model ships and yachts, and also occasionally to put down a portable track, mounted on long boards, and comprising a length of about 100 feet for the purpose of running model locomotives, and also to fly model aeroplanes RESOLVED, That permission be granted subject to no damage being caused to the Gardens, and to there being no interference with the waterfowl, and to the right of the Corporation to withdraw permission at any time they consider this is necessary.

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3—Sandford Park—The Borough Surveyor reported the gift by Col. Cockshott of two gold fish and one brown fish for the Lily Pond at Sandford Park. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

4—Whaddon Farm Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor submitted 12 tenders received for the draining, levelling and seeding of this ground. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Bomford Bros. of £859 (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract.

5—Pittville Circus Garden--The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate amounting to £200 for the layout of this garden in accordance with the scheme approved at the last meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that he be instructed to have the work carried out, and also to have the two thuja trees removed.

6—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—Read, letters from Mrs. R. Roberts complaining of the condition of the fence adjoining Morse Villa. The Town Clerk reported that the fence belonged to Mrs. Roberts. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

7—Sectional Shed—The Town Clerk reported offer by Mr. H. J. Bradshaw of a large sectional shed measuring 40 feet by 20 feet and 15 feet in height at the price of £50. The Borough Surveyor reported that the shed would be suitable for a shelter for the Playing Fields at St. Mark's or Tewkesbury Road, and would cost about £25 to dismantle and re-erect. RESOLVED, That an offer of £35 be made for the shed,

8—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of sanction to loan of £574 for the construction of the Children's Paddling Pool, at this Recreation Ground.

9—Berkeley Place Garden—The Town Clerk reported the completion of the acquisition of this Garden. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to submit a layout scheme to the next meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the Post Office be asked to remove the telephone kiosk adjoining the frontage of the garden to High Street to another site.

10—Athletic Ground—Read, application of 12th inst. from St. Paul's College Athletic Club for permission to hold three track athletic meetings on Wednesday or Saturday afternoons during the Summer. RESOLVED, That they be offered the use of the St. Marks Recreation Ground on the Wednesday and Saturday afternoons required, or the Athletic Ground on three Saturday afternoons only.

11---Cheltenham College—Councillor Grimwade reported that he had obtained an offer of 500 tons of soil and sand from the excavations for the new College building. The cost of hauling this would be about £12. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted with thanks

12—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the following Clubs to play cricket on the various grounds during the coming season :—

Ground.	Name of Club,	Day of Play.
St. Mark's Playing Field	Holy Trinity C.C.	Alternate Saturdays and evenings for Hospital Cup Matches.
“	Parish School Old Boys C.C....	Alternate Saturdays,
“	St. Stephen's C.C. ...	“
“	Central School Old Boys C.C.	“

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground	Bennington Hall C.C. ...	Tuesday evenings.
“	St. Gregory's Athletic Club .	Alternate Saturdays and Wednesday evenings for Hospital Cup Matches.
“	St. Paul's United Sports Club .	Alternate Saturdays.
Naunton Park Recreation Ground	St: Phillip's United C.C.	“

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th February, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Fletcher and Howell; Dr. R. Davies and Major J. G. N. Clift (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for January, 1938--Visitors-2,882 (last year 2,726).

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £2 12s. 10d. Subscriptions to " The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund " £6 14s. 2d. Total £9 7s. 0d.

Exhibition-7th February to 26th March—Paintings by Contemporary British Artists.

Talks by the Curator—The Curator had given two talks on " Prehistoric Gloucestershire," to the Loyal Order of Moose, and on "Cotswold Customs" to St. Andrew's Men's Guild, on the 31st January and 17th February.

Loans to the Museum—Mrs. Idiens had lent an embroidered bedspread, dated 1734.

Wagon—The Model of the Cotswold Wagon which had been lent to the International Exhibition in Paris had been returned in a soiled condition. The Curator reported that at the request of the Department of Overseas Trade, he had submitted an estimate for its overhaul.

Armoury—A complete overhaul of the Armoury was in progress, and other sections of the Museum collections were being re-arranged.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Miss E. Maude Bubb, Mr. C. W. Coates, Miss H. E. Donovan, Lady Howard, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Letbe, Mr. B. Newman, Mr. A. W. Newport, Mr. A. Padley, Mr. T. S. F. Paterson, Mr. A. H. and Mrs. Louise Powell, Mrs. C. Rose, Mr. J. Spreutels, Mr. C. E. Walsh, Dr. Oliver H. Wild, Capt. R. P. Wild, and Mr. J. G. Williams. Line-blocks illustrating specimens in the Museum had been given by the following :—" The Times " (Ox-Collars), Mr. A. K. Hartley (The Nativity), and the Curator (8 Drinking Vessels).

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

3—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That the cost of a Bronze 17th century Cauldron (£3), and repairs to the Horsley Prison Stocks (£3 15s. 0d.) be met from funds

provided by Mr. E. J. Gibbins, and that a collection of 27 English 17th and 18th century keys be purchased for £4 5s. 0d. from funds provided by Capt. R. P. Wild.

4—Specimens for the Museum—RESOLVED, That three pieces of Worcester, Liverpool and Enoch Wood ceramics be purchased at a total cost of £3 18s 6d.

5—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the following Exhibitions be arranged as and when convenient :—(a) Paintings by Miss K Kohler. (b) Photographs by Cheltenham Camera Club. (c) Seventh Annual Exhibition by the Cotswold Art Club. (d) "Local Artists in Advertising" by Mr. M. F. R. Kent and other members of the staff of the Priestley Studios.

6—Museums Association Conference—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to attend this Conference at Belfast, 4th-8th July, 1938.

7—Air-Raid Precautions in Museums—A Meeting of Chairmen and Curators had been called to discuss this matter in London on Friday, 11th March. RESOLVED, That Councillor H. C. Grimwade and the Curator be authorised to attend.

8—Distempering—RESOLVED, That the quotation of Messrs. Griffiths Bros., for distempering the Geological Room and Small Corridor, in the sum of £13 9s 6d. be accepted.

9—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.

10—Staff—Read, letter of application for an increase in wage from C. L. Jackson (Art Gallery Attendant). RESOLVED, That his wage be increased from 65s to 70s per week. RESOLVED, further, That the Museum Junior (George A. Lewis) be granted his first scale increment on completion of one year's service on the 1st September, 1938.

11—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 8th April.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th February, 1938. Present—Councillors Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 29th January to 25th February, 1938 Interments 61 ; Cremations 8 ; Grave Spaces sold 22 (Second Position 1, Fourth Position 21); New Inscriptions 9 ; Memorials erected 13.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9738 to 9758.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That Designs Nos. 2173 to 2181, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Crematorium-- (a) Organ—Councillor Bettridge reported that in company with Mr. Arthur Cole he had inspected the secondhand organs at Messrs. Dale Forty & Co. Ltd., and they recommended that the Committee should purchase a secondhand Mason & Hamlin organ at the price of 28 guineas. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted, and that provision be made in next year's estimates for the purchase of the organ.

(b) Organist—The Committee considered the desirability of appointing an official organist, whose services would be available if an organist was required. RESOLVED, That Mr. Arthur Cole be appointed official organist. RESOLVED, also, That a charge be not made for the use of the organ, but that when Mr. Cole is requested to play, a charge of 10s 6d. be made, which sum be paid to Mr Cole.

(c) Fees—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Home Office approving the fee of 10s 6d. for the services of a minister of religion at the Crematorium.

(d) Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the cremation and other fees. The Minister had provisionally approved the cremation fees subject to these being advertised, as directed by the Minister. With regard to the proposed charge for interment of ashes in a purchased grave space, and charges for the right to place a memorial tablet on the wall in the Garden of Remembrance, the Minister considered that it would be necessary to incorporate these in the present table of fees for interments and memorials so as to provide for these fees. RESOLVED, That the table of charges or fees for the burning of human remains in accordance with the draft submitted by the Ministry of Health be approved, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval thereof ; that notice of intention to apply for approval be advertised in the " Echo," and the table of fees deposited for inspection. RESOLVED, also, That the proposed reduced charge for interment of ashes in a purchased grave space be not proceeded with. RESOLVED, also, That in lieu of the proposed charges for the right to place a memorial tablet on the wall in the Garden of Remembrance, an optional charge be made for acquiring a memorial tablet, as follows:—For a single tablet 9 inches by 6 inches £3 3s. 0d., for a double tablet 9 inches by 12 inches £6 6s. 0d., such charge to include the supply and fixing of tablet by the Corporation (except engraving or lettering).

5—Maintenance of Grave Spaces-2115 and 2116, Section 0—Read, letter of 21st inst. from Messrs. Midwinter & Co. enquiring what charge would be made for the maintenance in perpetuity of one or both of these graves. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to accept the usual sum of £50 per grave subject to the memorial, headstones and kerbing being first cleaned and put in order.

6—Conference—Read, circular from the Association of Cemetery and Crematorium Superintendents inviting the attendance of delegates to the 23rd Annual Conference to be held at Edinburgh from the 27th to 30th June next. RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be appointed to attend, and also a member of the Committee to be appointed later.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th February, 1938. Present—Councillors Compton, Grimwade and Lipson; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for January, 1938—Receipts £19 14s. 5d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 6,098 (last year 6,768); Lending Department 20,589 (last year 17,179) ; Junior Department 3,254 (last year 2,101). Total 29,941 (last year 26,048).

Binding and Replacements-204 volumes had been returned from the Binder and 94 volumes had been replaced.

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

17th January Mr. H. B. Button : " Denmark." Attendance 137.

24th “ Mr. H. J. Massingham " Readings from ' Shepherd's Country.' ". Attendance 233.

31st “ Miss E. Newbery : "Spain." Attendance 112.

7th February Councillor The Rev. E. S. de Courcy-Ireland : "Cremation." Attendance 203.

14th “ Mrs. C. Rose : "Fifty years on the Cotswolds." Attendance 201.

Staff—The following members of the staff had passed Examinations of the Library Association held in December, 1937:—

Miss P. E. Morgan. Final Part 2. Miss J. R. Fawn. Intermediate Part 2.

Miss S. Graham-Smith. Intermediate Part 1. Miss F. M. Benney. Elementary.

Inter-availability of Tickets—List of libraries honouring Cheltenham readers' tickets in return for reciprocal facilities now numbered 32.

Skylight—During a recent storm a skylight crashed through a lantern light at the top of the Junior Library stairs. No one was injured. Repairs had been carried out by the Borough Engineer's Department

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 108 volumes, published at £60 11s. 0d., be purchased for £23 4s. 9d.

(b) That £15 be spent on Binding. (c) That £13 be spent on Replacements.

3—Donations-5 volumes, 36 pamphlets and " Greenwood's Maps of the Counties of England " had been received as gifts from 10 donors. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

4—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That (a) " Left News" (monthly), offered as a gift be accepted with thanks. (b) That " Reader's Digest " (1s monthly) be added to the list of periodicals purchased.

5—Library Association Annual Conference—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to attend this Conference at Portsmouth, 13th to 17th June, 1938, as the Committee's delegate.

6—Typewriter—RESOLVED, That an L. C. Smith Standard Typewriter, list price £31, less discount and allowance for Underwood machine, be purchased at a net cost of £13 5s. 0d.

7—Easter Closing—RESOLVED, That all Departments of the Library be kept open on Thursday, 14th April, until 9 p.m., and closed from Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusive, with the exception that the Newsroom be open on Easter Saturday from 9 30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

8—School Libraries—RESOLVED, That this Committee apply to the Education Committee for a grant of .00 per annum towards the administration of 9 School Libraries. (£35 per annum has previously been granted towards 6 School Libraries).

9—Hand-Rail—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotations for a Bronze Hand-Rail to the central of the three Library doors. RESOLVED, That the quotation of Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co. Ltd., in the sum of £18 5s. 0d. be recommended for acceptance

10—Restoration and Repair of Building—It was reported that Messrs. Szerelmey's contract for repairing and steam cleaning the building in Clarence Street and St. George's Place was nearing completion. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor's Department carry out urgent repairs to the gable where the cement rendering had broken away, at an approximate cost of £30. RESOLVED, further, That the cement rendering in Chester Walk be coated with Walpamur by the Borough Surveyor's Department, in the next financial year, at a cost of £40

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11—Bicycle Stands—RESOLVED, That no action be taken in the matter of providing Bicycle Stands in the recesses on each side of the main Library entrance, but that the Borough Surveyor be asked to report as to the desirability of fixing a protecting rail.

12—Staff Salaries—Increments were approved as follows :—

To 5 assistants as from 1st April, 1938.

To 4 other assistants after the completion of one year's service since their last increment ; namely, 2 as from 3rd May, 1938 ; 1 as from 1st November, 1938, and 1 as from 18th October, 1938, all according to scale, and subject to satisfactory report.

RESOLVED, further, That instead of a part-time Charwoman working 9 hours per week, a full-time woman be appointed to work 38 hours per week at 8 ¾ d. per hour.

13—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 8th April, 1938.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th February, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Ben James and Rogers (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—Excusals—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for excusal of payment of Rates.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th February, 1938. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair); and Councillor Bush,

3—Third Valuation List—(a) The Committee reported that they had also had three meetings to settle the new Valuation List at which the following members attended :—The Deputy Mayor (2 meetings), Alderman Taylor (3 meetings), Councillor Barnett (2 meetings), Councillor Bettridge (2 meetings), Councillor Bush (3 meetings), Councillor Ben James (2 meetings), Councillor Moore (2 meetings), Councillor Rogers (3 meetings).

(b) The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Health had announced in Parliament that the Government proposed to postpone for 2 years the new Valuation List, RESOLVED, That preparation of the new list be not proceeded with for the present.

4—Arrears—The Committee went through the list of arrears with the Bailiff and gave him instructions thereon.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st March, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th ult., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £107,823 ; Leaving outstanding £7,940

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th ult., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1938. Amount collected £22,554 ; Leaving outstanding £992.

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

Date, 1938.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
3rd February	Electricity Mains and Services, Leckhampton.	£5,976	25 years.
3rd February	Electricity Mains and Services, Leckhampton	£1,077	20 "
15th " ...	Children's Swimming Pool ...	£1,981	20 "

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 1st inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; Alderman Leigh James and Councillor Garland.

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—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £10,000 on loan.

(b) Public Works Loan Board—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Savings Certificates sold in Cheltenham only entitled the Corporation to borrow the sum of £11,978, RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to a Mortgage of the General Rate to the Public Works Loan Commissioners for securing the repayment of a loan of £11,978 to be repayable by half-yearly instalments of principal and interest combined within the period of 60 years authorised by a loan sanctioned by the Ministry of Health on the 15th March, 1937, for £89,337 for the purposes of the Housing Acts. RESOLVED, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Order for delivery of the Commissioners' Certificates for the said sum to the Borough Treasurer.

7—Housing Bond—The Borough Treasurer reported that £100 had been received for Housing Bond during the month. RESOLVED, That a Certificate be issued accordingly.

8—Auditor's Report—The Committee considered the report of the District Auditor on the Audit of the accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1937, and in particular the following recommendations of the Auditor in regard to Standing Orders in respect of contracts :—(a) That the public Notice inviting tenders shall require them to be returnable to the Town Clerk.

(b) That the tenders be opened in Committee by a member of the Town Clerk's Department, who shall be responsible for the preparation of a schedule of all tenders, and that the tenders recommended for acceptance be signed by the Chairman of the Committee.

(c) A copy of the schedule be sent to the Borough Treasurer (d) Should the lowest tender be not accepted, the reasons therefor to be shown on the schedule. RESOLVED, That the Committee recommend as follows :—

(a) That the recommendations of the District Auditor requiring tenders to be returned to the Town Clerk be adopted.

(b) That this recommendation be not adopted, as Standing Orders Nos. 8 and 9 are satisfactory, but that all Committees be recommended to strictly conform to these Standing Orders.

(c) That a list of the names of the Tenderers be sent to the Borough Treasurer.

(d) That where the lowest tender is not accepted, the reasons therefor be shown on the list of tenders.

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9—Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1937—(a) The Borough Treasurer submitted report on this Act, which would come into operation on the 1st April, 1939. The Corporation were required to submit to the Minister before the 30th June, 1938, preliminary returns of the number of employees who will become compulsorily superannuated under the Act. The following employees will become contributors, namely:—

(1) Officers and servants occupying existing posts designated under the 1922 Act.

(2) All other whole-time officers.

(3) All servants or part-time officers who belong to a class or description specified in a statutory resolution made by the Local Authority.

The Borough Treasurer also submitted a schedule of officers who would compulsorily come under the 1937 Act, shewing 45 officers eligible, and also a schedule of servants, of whom 138 were at present occupying designated posts, and 270 were eligible for admission under the new Act.

RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee, and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit report shewing the names, ages, occupations, and years of service of all the servants eligible for admission to the scheme.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported there were at present 10 designated posts vacant under the 1922 Act scheme. RESOLVED, That the officers now settled by the Committee be appointed to these vacant designated posts subject to their passing medical examinations.

10—Unemployment Insurance—The Borough Treasurer reported that under the Unemployment Insurances (Insurable Employments) Regulations 1937, which come into operation on the 4th April next, the following additional employees were now insurable :-11 Female cleaners, 9 Female Lavatory Attendants, 1 Male Lavatory Attendant, 5 Female Bath Attendants, 4 Male Bath Attendants, 8 Catering Waitresses, 1 Health Visitor, 1 Housing Caretaker and Cleaner. The addition of these employees would involve an addition to the Unemployment Insurance Contributions of about £70 per year.

11—Borough Treasurer's Department—The Borough Treasurer recommended that Mr. S. Morris, Chief Accountancy Assistant in his Department should be promoted from Grade II to Grade I as from the 1st April next at a commencing salary of £300 per annum. His salary in his present Grade II on the 1st April next would be £281 per annum. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

12—Estimates—RESOLVED, That the Meeting of the Committee to consider the estimates for the ensuing year be held on the 24th instant at 7 p.m. and that, as on previous occasions, the Chairmen of the various Committees be invited to attend.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 31st March, 1938.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 4th day of April. 1938, 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 make a General Rate for the ensuing year.
4. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

HOUSING COMMITTEE and to accept offer to purchase 135 Tennyson Road.

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 CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town, Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 7th March, 1938, at 3 pm. Present .

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

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P., J.P., Miller, Moore, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

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

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting— Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 7th February, 1938, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held February 14

Housing Meeting held February 17

Street and Highway Meeting held February 21

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 12 in regard to the apportionment of the Private Improvement Expenses in Jersey Avenue be not approved and that the amounts apportioned against all the properties be reduced by 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent " was lost).

Resolved, also, That the terms arranged by the District Valuer for the purchase of the vacant land (1,685 square yards) in High Street, belonging to Cardigan Estates Ltd., for £35,500 plus surveyor's fees (£266 14s. 0d.) and Vendors' Solicitor's scale costs of deducing title etc. amounting to £176 13s. 4d. be approved.

Also, That the terms arranged by the District Valuer for the purchase of the shop, land and premises, being No. 122 High Street and Nos. 1 and 2 Pittville Street (81 square yards) occupied by Mr. Flemons for £4,600 plus surveyor's fees (£50 8s. 0d.) and Vendor's Solicitor's scale costs of deducing title etc. amounting to £57 6s. 8d. be approved.

Also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £41,052 for the purchase money, fees, costs and stamp duty on conveyances.

Stores Sub-Committee Meeting held March 2

Town Planning Meeting held February 24

Except that Plan No. 4833 be also approved under the Town Planning Scheme.

And subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Avery : " That Minute No. 4 be not approved, and that in view of the advice of the Chief Planning Officer of the Ministry of Health that the Council have authority under its Interim Development powers to agree to the properties known as Pengwern and Sunnyside being used as an old people's home, this Council approves of the altered user of the property subject to an undertaking by the County Council that no boards shall be exhibited indicating that the premises are so used (unless the consent of the Borough Council be first obtained) and that as far as possible the premises and gardens shall be laid out and maintained as a private dwellinghouse.

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Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held February 18 & 25

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held February 28

Water Meeting held February 15

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held February 22

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Rev. de Courcy-Ireland and seconded by Councillor Miller: "That Minute No. 9 (d) in regard to smoking in the Municipal Offices be referred back " was lost).

Allotments Meeting held February 14

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held February 14

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held February 18

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held February 25

Public Library Meeting held February 18

Rating Meeting held February 10

Finance Meeting held March 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.

3—Air Raid Precautions Scheme—Resolved, That the constitution of the Area No. 2 Committee as set out in the draft Scheme be now approved.

J. H. TRYE, Mayor.

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MINUTES of The Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 4th April, 1938.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th March, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James and Pruen; Councillors Barnett, Rev de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Ben James, E. W. Moore, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains-68 Duke Street—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 prejudicial to health and a nuisance. RESOLVED, That Notice be given under Section 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring the Owner within 28 days to do such work as may be necessary for renewing,

repairing, or cleansing the said drains in accordance with the specification prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

2—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Basement of 30 Montpellier Villas—The Committee considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of these premises. Mr. Giddings, the person in control, attended and consented to an Order being made. RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the basement rooms of the said premises, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, 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 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 a store.

(b) 5 Hewlett Place ; Farnah Cottage, Witcombe Place ; 10 Jersey Street ; 15 and 16 Grove Street ; 1, 3, 5, 6, 15-18, 20-23 Queen Street ; Knapp Cottage, New 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 (except Knapp Cottage). 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 9th May, 1938.

(c) 40a St. James' Street—The Committee considered the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises. It was reported that the Owner had consented to an Order being made, RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the dwellinghouse, which is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, is unfit for human habitation, and is not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertaking having been given by the Owner with respect to the carrying out of the work required or the future user of the house, a Demolition Order be now made by the Council in pursuance of Sub-Section (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.

(d) 30 and 31 Worcester Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted tenders for demolishing these houses in default of compliance by the Owner with the Demolition Orders made in respect thereof in January, 1937. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Packer & Sons, amounting to £20 0s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

(e) 19 Bath Road—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Owner of this house asking for permission to use these premises as a store instead of demolishing them in accordance with the Demolition Order made in respect thereof on the 6th July, 1936. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(f) Basement of 69 St George's Road (formerly 6 York Terrace)—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Owner of these premises applying for the Closing Order made in respect thereof on the 6th July, 1936,

to be varied so as to permit the premises to be used as a store or for domestic purposes RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(g) 9 and 11 St. James' Street ; 31b Hungerford Street—RESOLVED, That the undertaking 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.

(h) 70 Duke Street—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 his undertaking be cancelled.

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(i) The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses :—

(i) 16-19 Waterloo Street—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Owner reporting that he had entered into a Contract for reconditioning these houses in accordance with his undertaking, The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the work had already been started. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(ii) West Cottage and 5a St. George's Avenue—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for a further month to enable the Owner to sell these houses.

(iii) 14,15 and 16 Clare Place—Mr. Fowles attended on behalf of the Owner and asked for a further adjournment to enable the Owner to obtain tenders for reconditioning these houses in accordance with the specification prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(iv) 27 Brunswick Street South—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months, but that the Owner be informed that an Order will be made unless she carries out her undertaking with regard to these houses before the 9th May, 1938.

(v) 12 Worcester Street ; 81, 83, 85, 87 and 89 Granley Road—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Owners to consider carrying-out the works required to render these houses fit for human habitation in accordance with the specifications prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(vi) 1, 2 and 3 Laurel Cottages, Rowanfield Road—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months to enable the Owner to consider carrying out the works required to render these houses fit for human habitation in accordance with a specification to be prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(j) Basement of 17 Imperial Square—The Committee further considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of these premises. The Owner attended and asked for a further adjournment to enable him to recondition the premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(k) 8 Hewlett Place—The Committee considered an application by the Owner for permission to convert these premises, in respect of which a Demolition Order was made on the 4th June, 1934. into

a lock-up shop. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the Owner carrying out his undertaking with regard to the adjoining house, 9 Hewlett Place, and also subject to his carrying out within 6 months the work required to render 8 Hewlett Place incapable of human habitation in accordance with a specification to be prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector:

(l) 5, 6 and 7 Worcester Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had started to demolish these premises in compliance with the Demolition Orders made in respect thereof on the 2nd October, 1933. RESOLVED, That Minute No 4 (g) of the last meeting of this Committee, accepting a tender for demolishing the premises in default of compliance with the Orders by the Owner, be rescinded.

(m) 27 Albert Place—The Committee considered an application by a prospective purchaser for the Demolition Order made in respect of this house on the 10th ult. to be rescinded to enable him to recondition the premises. RESOLVED, That the application be granted if the Owner carries out within two months the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation in accordance with the undertaking prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

3—Clearance Orders, 1936—(a) The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses, which had been excluded from the Clearance Orders by the Minister of Health :—

(i) 30 Portland Square and 6 Portland Cottages ; 1 and 2 Richmond Cottages ; and 56-88 Albion. Street—RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for one month in the case of these houses.

(ii) 2-4 Coltham Fields—RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that these 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 have 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.

(b) 31 Sherborne Street ; and 2 Jersey Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted tenders for demolishing these houses in default of compliance by the Owner with the Sherborne Street and Jersey Street Clearance Order, 1936. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mark Williams & Co. Ltd, amounting to £19 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

4—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness-43 Worcester 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 requests 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.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 ¼ lbs. Beef; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lbs. Pork ; 17 lbs. Mutton ; 10 lbs. Veal ; 15 ½ lbs. Poultry ; 44 lbs. Eggs.

6—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd. to be registered as Retail Purveyors of milk at 76 Tennyson Road in place of Mr. W. H. Ecketts, the previous owner, be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order

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7—Shops Act, 1934-20 Clarence Street and 164 Bath Road—The Committee considered applications for Certificates of Exemption from the provisions of Section 10 (2) of this Act (requiring the provision of suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences) to be granted in respect of the above mentioned shops. Mr. Downer appeared on behalf of the owners and occupier of 20 Clarence Street. RESOLVED That a Certificate be granted in the case of 20 Clarence Street subject to the present arrangements being continued, but that consideration be adjourned in the case of 164 Bath Road to enable the Chief Sanitary Inspector to inspect the premises and report to the Committee.

8—Slaughter of Animals —The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that during the previous year 39 renewed licences and 4 new licences had been granted, and that applications for renewal had not been received from 9 Slaughtermen who had previously been licenced.

9—Nuisances from Rats—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that numerous complaints had been received of rat infestation in St. Stephens Road and The Park, and that he was of the opinion that this was due to defective sewer and water culverts. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine the condition of these and report to the Committee.

10—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of analyses of 31 samples of water taken during the preceding month.

11—Hayden Sewage Works—(a) Manager—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by the Manager of these works for an increase in wages. RESOLVED, That his wages be increased from £3 15s. 0d. to £4 10s. 0d. (with house), but that his present allowance for lighting be discontinued.

(b) Extensions—The Committee considered a further application of Messrs, Mark Williams & Co. for an early payment of the retention monies under their Contract for the extension of the works. RESOLVED, That the retention monies be paid by instalments of £500 each on the following dates, that is to say, on the 4th April, 30th June, 29th September and 31st December next, subject to the condition that the Contract is completed except for grass seeding before the 1st June next, and that the seeding is carried out before the final payment.

(c) Sewage Disposal—The Borough Surveyor reported that it would be necessary to continue indefinitely the employment of the man appointed to assist in the distribution of sewage over Mr. Rymer's land. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to retain him for the present

12—Cleeve Mount Estate—The Borough Surveyor submitted application by Messrs. Rainger & Rogers on behalf of G. A M Hall, Ltd., for payment of £325, being the additional cost incurred in complying with the Corporation's request for the provision of larger sewers than those originally planned for this Estate. RESOLVED, That payment be made.

13—Borough Surveyor's Department—Main Drainage Assistant--RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That Mr. W. I. Bell's application for his salary to be maintained at £402 per annum after the date of submission of plans of the Chelt Main Sewer to the Ministry of Health be granted on his undertaking to remain in the service of the Corporation until the new Chelt Main Sewer has been laid.

14—Moorend Sewer—The Town Clerk submitted claim by Mr. A. Lyes, of 54 Moorend Crescent, for compensation for damage caused to his garden by the laying of the Moorend Sewer, The Borough Surveyor recommended payment of £3 15s. 0d. in settlement of this claim. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

15—Alma Road—The Town Clerk submitted letters from the County Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking the Corporation to contribute £30 towards the cost of installing separate drainage disposal systems at Green Farm and a neighbouring cottage in order to prevent the nuisance caused by the discharge of sewage into an open ditch. RESOLVED, That the suggested contribution be made, subject to the County Council and Rural District Council undertaking to carry out the proposed work to the satisfaction of the Corporation and admitting that the above mentioned ditch is not a public sewer.

16—Hayden Knoll Cottages--The Town Clerk submitted report of the District Valuer valuing the land to be appropriated for housing at £50. RESOLVED, That the appropriation at this figure be approved.

17—River Chelt—The Town Clerk reported application by Mrs Parsonage of 439 High Street, for the Corporation to undertake the necessary work to prevent the River Chelt from undermining her bank. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of the necessary work.

18—British Social Hygiene Council—The Town Clerk submitted notice of Conference at Bristol on the 25th and 26th inst. RESOLVED, That representatives be not appointed to attend this Conference.

19—Sanitary Inspectors Association—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter inviting appointment of delegates at the Annual Conference of this Association to be held in Edinburgh from the 5th to 10th September next. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be appointed to attend.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th March, 1938. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Addis, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Moore, Smith and Till (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1 —Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the progress made by Mr. C. Sansom with his contract for the erection of 162 houses on this Estate. The contract provided for the completion of all the houses by June next, but that up to date only 50 houses had been handed over, and 60 of the remaining 112 had not yet been commenced. In his opinion Mr. Sansom had failed to proceed with due diligence in the performance of his contract. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to serve notice on Mr. Sansom under clause 26 of the General Conditions, requiring that the works be proceeded with in a reasonable manner and with reasonable dispatch.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that good progress had been made by Messrs. Edwards with their contract. 104 houses had been handed over and all the remaining 132 houses had been commenced.

(c) Overcrowding—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Ministry of Health that the Minister had now decided to make an annual contribution of £5 per house for 20 years in respect of the 124 houses being provided for the abatement of overcrowding subject to a condition that the houses are completed and fit for occupation by 31st December next.

(d) RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Electricity Department to erect a kiosk in Clyde Crescent and to lay an underground cable therefrom to Priors Road along the North Eastern boundary of the Corporation's land.

2—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that he considered it desirable to defer inviting tenders for the erection of sheds on this Estate until the Autumn. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to invite tenders for the erection of the sheds about the end of August with a view to the construction of the sheds being commenced in October next.

3—Housing Manager's Department—(a) The Housing Manager submitted her Quarterly Report on the collection of the rents

(b) The Housing Manager submitted tabulated statement of replies received from other towns in regard to the collection of rents etc. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(c) Leave of Absence—Read, letter from Miss Hort that an attack of influenza last year and her recent illness had affected her heart and enclosing reports from two doctors recommending that it was desirable that she should have three months rest. Miss Hort therefore applied for three months' leave of absence. Miss Hort had ascertained that Miss Gantz, former assistant in her office, would be able to assist in the department for three months from 1st May next, and she recommended that her second assistant Miss Rushbrook should be placed in charge, and paid an additional remuneration during her absence. RESOLVED, That Miss Hort's application be granted, the leave of absence to include her annual three weeks holiday, and that Miss Rushbrook be placed in charge and paid an extra salary of £1 per week for three months, and that Miss Gantz be appointed temporary assistant for three months from 1st May at a salary of £3 10s. 0d. per week.

4—Selection of Tenants and View Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 25th ult. and 4th and 11th inst.

(a) The Sub-Committee had interviewed 20 applicants for houses, and placed 14 of these on the selected list and refused the other six applicants.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(b) That various sheds, aviaries and greenhouses be approved, as now recommended.

(c) That as the temporary service road between 45 and 47 Whaddon Road is no longer required it be thrown into the gardens of the two houses.

(d) Evenlode Avenue—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide chain link fencing between the gardens of the flats in Evenlode Avenue, and provide a slab path at the rear of the flats.

(e) 7, 6 and 12 Milton Road—That the dry rotted floors be removed and replaced with new ventilated board floors.

(f) 139 Tewkesbury Road—That the Sanitary Inspector be asked to prepare specification and estimate of the repairs required to this house, which the Street and Highway Committee had asked the Housing Committee to let and manage.

(g) 56 Worcester Street—That as the tenant is not prepared to pay an extra 1s per week rent, his application for the erection of a brick built shed be not granted. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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5—Rent Rebates—The Sub-Committee reported that in reviewing rents of tenants they had not granted rebates to tenants in receipt of Public Assistance as they considered that it was not desirable that two authorities should grant assistance from public funds. In a recent case under review the Sub-Committee found that a tenant who had previously been granted a rebate had since obtained Public Assistance, and they had therefore discontinued the rebate and increased his rent, but the Guardians Committee had declined to increase the Public Assistance allowance to enable the tenant to pay the increased rent. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Ministry of Health to ascertain their views on this matter.

6—Reconditioning—(a) The View Sub-Committee reported that they had inspected Nos. 4, 6, 8 and 10 Jersey Street, and recommended that No. 10 Jersey Street should be purchased for £60 plus legal costs with a view to this being reconditioned as a 4 bedroom house, and that the site of Nos. 4, 6 and 8 Jersey Street be purchased for £33 15s. 0d. (being the cost incurred by the Corporation in demolishing the premises in default of the owner), with a view to the site being used as a garden for No. 10 Jersey Street. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

(b) 30 Brunswick Street South—The Sanitary Inspector recommended that the Committee should consider the purchase of the vacant sites adjoining this house which had been purchased for reconditioning. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the View Sub-Committee.

7-21 Tennyson Road—Read, letter from the tenant of this house, enquiring at what price the Corporation would sell this house to him. RESOLVED, That the Council are prepared to sell the house at the valuation of the District Valuer, namely £450, and that if the offer is accepted, application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

8—The Moors, Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 23rd inst. from Mr. W. H. Horsley offering to sell the whole or part of this land. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain at what price the Corporation could purchase the frontage to Brook Road with a depth of about 130 feet.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, 26th March, 1938. Present—The Mayor Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green and Grimwade (Alderman Pates in the chair).

9—Whaddon Farm Estate—Contract, 162 Houses—The Borough Surveyor reported interviews which he had had with Mr. Sansom's Accountant who had assured him that arrangements had now been made to ensure a plentiful supply of materials and labour to enable the work to proceed without delay. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report the progress made by Mr. Sansom at the next meeting of the Committee.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st March, 1938. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor. Alderman Pates; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade and Ropers (The Mayor 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—Slab Factory—Surplus Stocks—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had invited tenders from 12 local Building Contractors for surplus stock at the Slab Factory but had received only one offer, which was from the Strickland Stone Co. and amounted to 70s. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

3—Wages and Conditions of Employees—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 21st ult from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers reporting that their members had unanimously passed a resolution to ask the Corporation to fix the following working hours during the winter, i.e. :- 7.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays, and 7.30 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays. RESOLVED, That these hours be approved.

(b) Gardeners—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers asking that all gardeners should be paid at a uniform rate of 1s 1 ½ d. per hour. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(c) Pavior Improvers—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That these employees be paid 1s 2d. during the first year of their service with the Corporation, 1s 3 ½ d. during the second year, 1s 5d. during the third year and full tradesmen's rate thereafter, and that Minute No. 3 (b) (ii) of the Meeting of this Committee on the 21st ult, be varied accordingly.

(d) Plumber—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That an extra 1d. per hour be paid to Mr. H. Hall owing to the special nature of his work.

(e) Carpenter—The Borough Surveyor reported application by Mr. A. Roberts for an increase of wages. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

4—Annual Tenders—(a)—Road Carpeting Material—The Borough Surveyor submitted 10 tenders for the supply of carpeting material for the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase at his discretion supplies of Saftiphalte" from the Tytherington Stone Co, and " Anglophalte and " Granophasst " from the British Quarrying Co. Ltd. at the prices quoted by those Companies.

(b) Overalls and Boiler Suits--The Borough Surveyor reported that the Stores Sub-Committee had deferred acceptance of tenders for the supply of overalls and boiler suits until samples had been submitted for approval, and that the Deputy Mayor had approved the samples submitted by Mr. C. S. Watts. RESOLVED, That his tender (being the lowest) be accepted.

(c) Sleepers—The Borough Surveyor reported that 1,000 second-hand railway sleepers were required for temporary roads at tips, etc., and he had invited tenders from six of the principal firms dealing in these stocks. He submitted four tenders which had been received by him, the two remaining firms having been unable to quote. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Henry L. Cockle, amounting to £150 (being the lowest) be accepted subject to the approval of samples by the Borough Surveyor.

5—Junction of Gloucester Road and Libertus Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for the improvement of this junction. RESOLVED, That these be approved and that the owners of the corner properties be asked to surrender the land required for the improvement.

6—Hatherley Lane—RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the Ministry of Transport a " Halt " sign be placed in Hatherley Lane near its junction with Gloucester Road.

7—Norwood Road Improvement—(a) 21 St. Philip's Street—The Town Clerk submitted four tenders for the demolition of this property and erection of a new wall. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. J. Surman, amounting to £89 15s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

(b) 217 Bath Road—The Town Clerk submitted Report of the District Valuer on this property. RESOLVED, That an offer of £460 be made for the purchase of the property.

8—Eagle Trailer—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received Statutory Notice from Licensing Authority prohibiting the use of one of the Corporation's trailers. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain quotations for replacing this trailer.

9—Naunton Way and Haywards Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had submitted to Cheltenham Estates Ltd. an estimate of the cost of making up these roads, but the Company objected to the charge of 5 per cent. for supervision etc. RESOLVED, That a reduction in the estimate be not agreed to.

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10—Leckhampton Road—Bus Shelter—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Cheltenham & District Traction Co. asking the Corporation to level and prepare the ground and surface the floor for the proposed bus shelter at the foot of Leckhampton Hill, and also to keep the shelter clean. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

11—Hire of Lorries—The Committee considered a suggestion by the District Auditor that the Corporation should purchase additional lorries in order to save the cost of hiring transport. The Borough Surveyor submitted estimates of the running cost of various types of lorries, which worked out at less than the cost of hiring such lorries, but the Town Clerk pointed out that the wages of drivers who were permanently employed by the Corporation could not be charged to loan expenditure RESOLVED, That no additional lorries be purchased.

12—Rodney Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the developers of Cambray House agreeing to surrender the land required for the widening of the footpath in Rodney Road subject to the Corporation carrying out the necessary work. RESOLVED, That the Corporation agree to set back part of the wall, pave the additional portion of the footpath, and alter the position of the pavement crossing

13—Report of View Committee—Read, report of a Meeting of the View Committee held on Wednesday, 16th March, 1938. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillors Addis, Fletcher and Green, They recommended as follows :—

(1) Suffolk Square and Parade junction—That the purchase of the old Garage be not proceeded with but that the owners be asked to allow the Corporation to lower the circular wall at the corner to within 3 feet of the ground and to place unclimbable railings thereon to the height of the existing wall.

(2) Montpellier Terrace—That Mrs. Sims' application for removal or topping of tree opposite No. 83 be not granted

(3) Bath Road—That Miss Clapham be asked to place a seat outside Devonshire House in Montpellier Drive instead of outside No. 108 Bath Road as offered by her.

(4) Keynsham Road—That one of the two trees opposite the Waterworks be felled and replaced by a white beam, and that the other be bared at the root for the Chairman to decide whether it should be felled or not, and that if felled, it be also replaced by a white beam.

(5) Clarence Square—That Mrs. Newcome's application for the removal of tree opposite No. 12 be not granted.

(6) Townsend Street—That Messrs. Flower & Son's application for permission to make cellar opening in footpath be not granted, but that it be suggested to them that a trap door might be placed in the vestibule of the Adam and Eve Inn.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

14—Albion Street Improvement—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Divisional Road Engineer reporting that he was unable to recommend the Minister of Transport to make a grant towards this improvement:

15-243a and 244 High Street- The Town Clerk submitted letter from Mr. W. H. Horsley asking the Corporation to reconsider their decision not to purchase these houses. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be asked to estimate the cost of reconditioning the premises

16—Prestbury Road-1-9 Cakebridge Terrace--The Committee reconsidered the decision to make a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of this property. RESOLVED, That Minute No. 25 of the Meeting of this Committee on the 20th December last, recommending that an Order should be made, be rescinded.

17-31 Sherborne Street and 2 Jersey Street—The Town Clerk reported a recommendation by the Housing Committee that this property should be purchased for street improvement. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

18—Southern By-Pass—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had submitted to the Ministry of Transport estimates for surveying the line of the proposed by-pass for the years 1937/8 and 1938/9, amounting to £136 and £637 10s. 0d. respectively.

19—County Roads—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 4th inst. from the County Surveyor asking for estimate of expenditure in respect of traffic signs on classified roads for the year 1938/9. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had submitted this estimate

20—High Street and Promenade Roundabout—The Town Clerk submitted report of the Cheltenham and District Ratepayers Association calling attention to the treacherous surface of the road at this junction. The Borough Surveyor reported that the road was covered with grit from time to time to improve the surface. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

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21—Lansdown Parade—The Town Clerk submitted report of Cheltenham and District Ratepayers Association complaining of the condition of the footpaths in this road and other roads in the Lansdown Ward, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Association that provision has been made in next year's estimates for the improvement of these footpaths.

22—Trunk Road No. 10— Westal Green—The Town Clerk submitted report of the Cheltenham and District Ratepayers Association calling attention to the danger to traffic caused by the Electricity Sub-Station, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform them that the Council are awaiting the recommendations of the Divisional Road Engineer for the improvement of traffic conditions at this point.

23—High Street—The Committee considered application by the Borough Electrical Engineer to erect a six-way pillar on the pavement near the junction of High Street and Hewlett Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

24—High Street Unilateral Waiting Order—The Town Clerk reported that at the request of the Ministry of Transport an additional notice had been erected on the north side of High Street.

25-6 Montpellier Avenue—The Borough Surveyor reported that it had been found necessary to carry out decorations at these premises amounting to OA instead of £14 as previously estimated. RESOLVED, That this expenditure be approved.

26—Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Messrs. Darby & Son enquiring whether it was proposed to make a charge of £2 per yard of frontage to Brooklyn Road of the land to be given up for the widening of Alstone Lane in addition to the remaining frontage of the strip of land retained by the Corporation on the east side of Brooklyn Road RESOLVED, That no charge be made in respect of the frontage to Brooklyn Road of land required for the improvement of Alstone Lane.

27—Footpath from St. George's Road to Malvern Road—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Mr. J. Brain complaining of the condition of this footpath. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

28—Sandy Lane Refuse Tip—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd. refusing the Corporation's offer to let the grazing at a yearly tenancy free of rent for the first year and afterwards at a rent of £1 10s. 0d. per acre. RESOLVED, That consideration of letting the grazing be deferred for the present.

29—Junction of Gloucester Road and Millbrook Street—The Town Clerk reported that a School sign at this junction had been knocked down by a car belonging to Mr. E. J. East of Bourton-on-the-Water. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the sign estimated by the Borough Surveyor at £3 15s. 0d.

30—Spotting Truck—The Town Clerk reported that a spotting truck had been damaged by a van of the Gloucester Co-operative Society Ltd. and that the estimated cost of repairs had been paid by the Society.

31—Borough Surveyor's Department—(a) Chief Assistant—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That Mr. W. E. C. Bird's application for his salary to be increased from £365 to £400 per annum, being the maximum salary under Grade K, be granted.

(b) Technical Assistants—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received two further resignations from members of his staff. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to advertise the vacancies at the salaries payable under Grades J and I respectively, and also, That he be instructed to re-advertise the appointment of temporary junior assistant in Grade D for which no suitable applications had been received RESOLVED, also, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Grimwade be appointed to interview applicants for the above posts and select suitable candidates.

(c) Temporary Assistant—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That Mr. N. A. Pritchard be transferred to the permanent staff in Grade E.

(d) Wages Clerk—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. E. W. E. Savoury, Wages Clerk, was seriously ill and that it had been necessary to engage a temporary clerk at a salary of £2 10s. 0d. per week to fill his place. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(e) Chief Store Keeper—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That Mr. F. C. Horlock, Chief Store Keeper, be transferred from Grade D to Grade E.

32—Clarence Street—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Bristol Tramways Co. Ltd. reporting that they did not wish to proceed with their proposal to erect a canopy at 9 Clarence Street.

33—Bridlepath from Tewkesbury Road to Arle Road—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council calling attention to the recent erection of barriers obstructing this path. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

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34—Private Improvement Works—(a) Mead Road—RESOLVED, That Minute No. 9 (b) of the Meeting of this Committee on the 24th January last be rescinded, and that Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act 1889, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting on this road, requiring them within 28 days to carry out the works specified in the plans, specifications and estimates of the Borough Surveyor for making up this road, and that in default of the Notices being complied with, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

(b) The Close, off Mead Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan, specification, and estimate for making up this road. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act 1889, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting on this road, requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days, and that in default of the Notices being complied with, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 8th March, 1938. Present—Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Avery, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Garland ; Mesdames Booy, Grist, Mellersh and Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Gynaecological Clinic—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that a charge should be made to women attending this Clinic. He suggested a fee of 1016 plus the actual cost of any apparatus supplied where the patient was able to pay. As a means of determining whether a patient was in a position to make some payment he submitted scale of income adopted by the Cheltenham District Nursing Association for assessing the fees payable for the services of midwives and recommended that this should be adopted. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved.

2—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—The Committee further considered application from Mrs. Arkell for the registration of Hereford House, Suffolk Street as a Nursing Home Mrs. Mellersh reported her inspection of the premises, which she considered suitable for two elderly patients. RESOLVED, That the application be granted in respect of two elderly female patients suffering from general infirmity, and that the continuance of the registration be reviewed in six months' time,

3—Health Visitor—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss Jordan was still absent owing to illness, and that the temporary Health Visitor engaged was also unable to carry on the work owing to ill-health,

4—Midwives Act—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Cheltenham District Nursing Association asking the Council to recognise for grant the sum of £70 for the proportion of the salary of the Matron of the Victoria Home in respect of her work in supervising the midwives RESOLVED, That this be recognised for grant so long as the grant payable to the Cheltenham District Nursing Association does not exceed £1,043, agreed to be paid to the Association under agreement dated 11th October last.

5—Municipal Maternity Home—Read, resolutions from the Women's Section of the Cheltenham Labour Party, Women's Co-operative Guild (Cheltenham, St. Mark's and Charlton Kings Branches), Railway Women's Guild and Women's Section of the Liberal Association, urging the Council to provide a Municipal Maternity Home Read, also, letter of 1st inst. from Mr. H. G. Billson, Chairman of the District Nursing Association, stating that at a conference of representatives of local authorities and the Nursing Association it was agreed that it was desirable to provide a new Maternity Home of not less than 25 beds. The cost was estimated at approximately £25,000. The capital cost of such an Institution could not be met from the invested funds of the District Nursing Association, and as the new Home would relieve the Corporation of any necessity for building a Municipal Maternity Home, it was suggested that the Corporation would be justified in making a substantial contribution towards the capital expenditure involved. RESOLVED, That this Committee is of opinion that the additional maternity accommodation is urgently required, and that the Finance Committee be asked to consider what financial assistance can be given by the Council to the District Nursing Association towards the cost of building a new Home.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At Meetings of this Committee held on the 24th and 26th March, 1938. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Bendall and Moore; Capt. Leschallas, Lt.-Col. Godman, Messrs. W. S. F. Harris. R. S. S. Meade and J. Walker (The Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4856	Batson, C. P.	Conversion of mews into dwellinghouse, Ravensworth, Pittville Lawn.
4872	Western Estates Ltd.	Layout for 48 semi-detached and 4 detached houses, Brooklyn Road,
4875	Dimmer, G.	Garage, Pyatts Hotel,
4876	G. A. M. Hall Ltd.	Revised planning of Cleevemount Estate.
4877	"	Layout and 15 houses, Hales Road.

4878	Elmfield Park Estate Co. Ltd.	Layout and 32 houses, Swindon Road, Garage, Hatherley Road.
4879	Helsdon, W. G.	Garage, Hatherley Road.
4880	Cruickshank, A. S.	Conversion into 4 flats. Langholme, Hatherley Road.
4881	Lennards Ltd.	New shopfront, High Street.
4882	Maddox, J.	Two houses, Brooklyn Road.
4883	Haslam, F. W.	Garage, 11 Royal Parade.
4884	Wright, W.	Detached house, Arle Road.
4885	Rogers & Davies	Detached house, new road, Hatherley Court Estate.
4886	Wheeler & Mansell	Four houses, Tyres Road.
4887	Hayward, G.	Tool shed, 8 Cleevemount Road.
4888	March, M.	Garden shed, Leckhampton Road.
4889	Daffurn, F. W.	Cycle shed, 69 Cleevemount Road.
4890	Barry, L. W.	Cycle shed, 39 Cleevemount Road,
4891	Stinchcombe, E.	6 semi-detached houses, Rowanfield Road.
4892	Jakeway, I.	Cycle shed, Elmfield Park Estate.
4893	Wynn, E. H.	Temporary shed, Knapp Road.
4894	King, W. L.	Instruction hut, Christowe.
4895	Dixon, T. D.	Garage, 169 Hatherley Road,
4896	Hall, W. H.	Garage, 22 Shelley Avenue.
4897	Black & White Motorways Ltd.	New maintenance shops, Black & White Coach Station.
4898	Ladies' College Council	Internal alterations, 1, 2 and 3 Fauconberg Villas.
4899	Western Estates Ltd.	Lock-up shop, Arle Road.
4900	Gloucestershire County Council	Typography room, School of Art (revised).
4901	G. A. M. Hall Ltd.	Garage, 147 Cakebridge Road.
4902	"	Garage, Welland Lodge Road,
4903	"	Garage, Cleevemount Road.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4876, 4879, 4881, 4883, 4884, 4885, 4887, 4888, 4889, 4890, 4892, 4894, 4895, 4896, 4899, 4900, 4901, 4902 and 4903 be approved ; That Plan No. 4875 be approved subject to the drainage passing through a three-way chamber and connected to existing system ; That Plans Nos. 4877 and 4891 be approved subject to the floor levels being 12 inches above the crown of the roads ; That Plan No, 4878 be approved subject to the road and sewers being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plans Nos. 4880 and 4898 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 4886 be approved subject to the sewer at the rear being deemed to be a private sewer ; That Plan No. 4893 be approved under Section 53 of the Public Health Act, 1936, for a period of 7 years ; That Plan No. 4897 be approved subject to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and to the building being set back to a building line of 20 feet ; That Plan No. 4882 be approved subject to no part of the buildings being in front of a building line of 25 feet.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4856, 4872, 4879, 4881, 4882, 4885, 4887, 4889, 4890, 4892, 4893, 4894, 4895, 4896, 4900, 4901, 4902 and 4903 be approved ; That Plan No. 4875 be approved subject to the garages being used only by residents of the hotel and not let as lock-up garages and to the exterior of the building harmonizing with existing buildings ; That Plan No, 4876 be approved subject to the houses being erected nearer to the building line ; That Plan No. 4877 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence 10 feet to permit the construction of a bay for standing vehicles and to dedicate the land for the widening of the road, the Corporation to be responsible for making up the widened carriageway, the owner remaining liable for paving the footpath, also to grey tiles being used on the roofs and soft grey facing bricks or rough cast for elevation ; That Plan No. 4878 be approved subject to the front fence to the pair of houses in Swindon Road being set back to the improvement line ; That Plans Nos. 4880 and 4898 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with existing buildings ; That Plan No. 4883 be approved subject to the building being used only as a private garage and not as a lock-up garage and to no cars being washed down in the back lane ; That Plan No. 4884 be approved subject to the treatment of the flanks being continued to the front elevation ; That Plan No 4886 be approved subject to brown sandfaced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 4888 be approved subject to the materials being approved by the Committee ; That Plan No. 4891 be approved subject to the roof over the bay being continued to the end of the building, and to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fences to the improvement line on completion of buildings and to dedicate the land for the widening of the road ; That Plan No. 4897 be approved subject to the owners entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence to the improvement line and dedicate the land for the widening of North Place on completion of building ; That Plan No. 4899 be approved subject to the forecourt being paved and not enclosed and to no advertisements or goods being displayed on the main walls or more than 3 feet from the shop front.

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.
1285	Whitaker, T.	Additions, Manor Farm, Southam.
1292	James, F. C.	Detached house, Greenway Lane, Charlton Kings.
1293	Earn, C.	Detached house, Charlton Drive, Charlton Kings.
1294	Sick, D. J. C.	Detached house, Brevels Haye, Charlton Kings.
1295	Hopton, C.	Garages, Baffordville, Bafford Lane, Charlton Kings.
1296	Cleeve Hill Golf Club	Caddies shelter, New Golf Club House, Cleeve Hill.
1297	Roberts, T.	Horse boxes, Morningside Cottage, Mill Lane, Prestbury.
1298	Williams, H. J.	Glasshouses, Sheldon Nurseries, Tewkesbury Road, Near Boddington.
1299	Foster, F. B.	Summer-house, Stockwell House, Cleeve Hill.
1300	Nott, L. W.	Extensions to bungalow and conversion into a shop, Little Witcombe.
1301	Davies, W.	Additions and alterations, Coombe Hill.
1302	Huntriss, G.	Boiler house, St. Elmo, Cleeve Hill.

- 1303 Drummond, P. Detached house, Brookfurlongs, Corndean Lane, Winchcomb.
- 1304 Wintersgill, W. F. Bungalow, Kidnappers Lane, Leckhampton.
- 1305 Edwards, G. W. Garage, 22 Noverton Lane, Prestbury
- 1306 Bowd, W. H. Garage, New Barn Lane, Prestbury.
- 1307 Foster, Mr. Garden shed, Prestbury Road.
- 1308 Beckingsale, Mr. Garden shed, Prestbury.
- 1309 Wilkins, F. Bruce Garage, Stockwell Lane, Cleeve Hill.
- 1310 Page & Smith Petrol pump and cover, Shurdington Garage
- 1311 Schneider, R. Detached house, Charlton Park Gate, Charlton Kings.
- 1312 Smith, Mrs. E. M. Garages, The Folly, Near Gotherington Station.
- 1313 Cheltenham Three pairs semi-detached houses, North Road
Rural District Council The Reddings
- 1314 Tomkins, J. Detached house, Southam.
- 1315 Bateson, C. P. Development, Albert Road, Pittville.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1296, 1299, 1301, 1302, 1303, 1305, 1306, 1309, 1311, 1313 and 1315 be approved ; That Plan No 1255 be approved subject to the external finish of the building being of a grey colour to match the existing stonework ; That Plans Nos. 1292 and 1293 be approved subject to the elevation being amended on the lines now suggested by the Panel of Architects ; That Plan No. 1295 be approved subject to the garages being used as private garages only and not being used for any other purpose including lock-up garages without the consent of the Planning Authority ; That Plans Nos 1297, 1298, 1310 and 1312 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935 and in the case of Plan No. 1312 to corrugated asbestos sheets being used on the roof, and in the case of Plan No. 1310 to the owners entering into an undertaking to remove the pump at their own cost if and when required for the purposes of the Scheme and to compliance with the County Council Byelaws as to Petrol Filling Stations ; That Plan No. 1314 be approved subject to grey sand-faced tiles being used on the roof and walls finished cotswold grey colour ; That Plans Nos. 1294, 1300, 1304, 1307 and 1308 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of the 19th inst. from Mr. W. Clegg, Tredington House, Nr. Tewkesbury, asking what development would be permitted-on a field owned by him at Salters-Hill, on the main road from Gloucester to Tewkesbury. He reported that (1) the site is in an area temporarily restricted from building owing to a lack of sewers, (2) the development of the site would be an unsightly form of ribbon development, (3) it would seriously affect the amenities of the main road, and (4) that new entrances to the trunk road at this spot would be dangerous. RESOLVED, That permission to develop the site be not granted.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of the 21st inst. from Mr. D. G. Sherwood asking permission to erect a house on a plot of land fronting Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred in order to obtain the views of the Cheltenham Rural District Council on the question of drainage and the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, also that the owners be asked to show how it is proposed to develop the remainder of the land.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of the 21st inst. from Messrs. Farmer & Farmer, Architects, Birmingham on behalf of Mr. H. H. Gittings asking if permission would be granted for the erection of a house on a plot of land at Southam. RESOLVED, That the application be approved in principle:

4—Town Planning Scheme No. 1—(a) Objections—The Committee considered the tabulated list of objections. RESOLVED, That negotiations be entered into with some of the objectors as now settled by the Committee

(b) Southern By-Pass—Read, letter of 21st inst., from the Divisional Road Engineer of the Ministry of Transport stating that definite proposals for new sections of trunk roads should not be included in Town Planning Schemes as these would be dealt with under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935 and not under a Town Planning Scheme but there would be no objection to the route of any proposed By-Pass being shown on the plan for the purpose of information and this should be marked as indicated in Memorandum T. & C P. 10 issued in June, 1936.

(c) Joint Planning Board—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing copy of report and recommendations of the County Planning Committee in regard to the constitution of a Joint Planning Board as the responsible authority for carrying into effect the Town Planning Scheme, and asking for the Council's observations as to the purposes for which the Committee suggest the Joint Planning Board should be responsible. It was proposed that the County Council should pay the expenses incurred by the Joint Planning Board for the purposes to which the County Council shall have given express approval. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Vice Chairman be asked to consider this matter and submit recommendations for approval of the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the County Council be asked to submit suggestions as to the constitution of the Board.

(d) Badgeworth Natural Reserve—With reference to the application from the Managers of the Badgeworth Natural Reserve asking for a clause to be inserted in the Scheme to help preserve this small piece of land for the benefit of its flora, the Borough Surveyor recommended that the land should be shown in the Scheme as a flora reserve and a clause inserted in the Scheme providing that it shall not be lawful for any person except with the consent of the responsible authority to construct any ditch, drain or watercourse for the purpose of conducting water away from the marsh or to tip any refuse on the site or to make any drainage connection thereto, RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and a clause as suggested by the Borough Surveyor inserted in the Scheme.

5—Montpellier Rotunda—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health advised, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, that it was desirable to make a new Order for the preservation of Montpellier Rotunda, so as to include the portion owned by Lloyds Bank Ltd. RESOLVED, That the Order made by the Council on the 13th January last be rescinded. RESOLVED, also, 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 thereof owned and occupied by Lloyds Bank Ltd being a building of special architectural and historical interest directing that, without the consent of the Council, the building should not be demolished RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the Order

6—Alma Road—The Town Clerk reported that notice had been given of the intention of the Council to make an Order declaring Alma Road to be a new Street RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 30 of the

Public Health Act, 1925, that an Order be made declaring Alma Road to be a new Street for the purposes of the application thereto of the byelaws in respect of new Streets and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

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7—Rowanfield Road—RESOLVED, That notice be given of the intention of the Council to make an Order under Section 30 of the Public Health Act, 1925, declaring Rowanfield Road to be a new Street for the purposes of the application thereto of the Byelaws relating to new Streets.

8-30 and 32 Fairview Road and 1 to 5 Angel Row—Read, letter of 22nd inst., from Messrs. Potts Martyn & Co., enquiring whether the Corporation would approve of the erection of a suitable Factory on the site of these premises for Messrs. Will R. Rose Ltd., Photographic Dealers. RESOLVED, That permission be granted subject to approval of the plans.

9—Contravention of Byelaws—(a) Cattistock, Keynsham Road—The Town Clerk reported that the owner of the garage erected at this house had now removed the garage more than 10 feet away from the adjoining property and the building was therefore now exempt under the Byelaws.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Stevens had erected a workshop and garage on land belonging to Buckingham Villa, Wellington Street without submitting plans. RESOLVED, That notice be given to the owner requiring him to show cause why the buildings should not be removed as being in contravention of the byelaws.

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Loughran had erected some stabling and horse boxes on Wonson's Gardens and on land at the rear of Pittville Circus Road without submission of plans RESOLVED, That notice be given to Mr. Loughran to show cause why the buildings should not be removed as being in contravention of the byelaws.

10—Building Byelaws—Asbestos Cement Soil Pipes—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Turner's Asbestos Cement Co Ltd. asking the Committee to approve of the use of Asbestos Cement pipes for new buildings.

RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the use of these pipes for the conveyance of rainwater only.

11--Imperial Rooms—The Borough Surveyor reported that the front wall which had been left standing became unsafe and dangerous and therefore had to be partly demolished, but the Architect had undertaken to rebuild the wall to the same architectural detail.

12—Plan No. 4771—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. A. E. Marshall & Sons for permission to drain 4 new houses to be erected by them in Sherborne Street into a combined drain with one connection to the sewer. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the drains being deemed to be private sewers.

13—Footpath, Little Witcombe—RESOLVED, That Mr. L. W. Nott's application for provision to be made in the Scheme for the diversion of a footpath on Field No. 607 at Little Witcombe be referred for the views of the Rural District Council.

14—Common Meadow, Kidnapper's Lane—The Town Clerk submitted further letter from Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. in regard to the scheduling of this land as a private open space. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform them that if they wish to expedite a decision in regard to this land they should submit a development plan on which, if the plan is not approved, they can appeal to the Minister of Health.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th March, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson, Rogers, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Spa Baths—(a) Typewriter—RESOLVED, That the Typewriter belonging to the Superintendent be purchased from him at a price as valued by the Borough Surveyor.

(b) Swimming Bath—The Committee considered report of the Superintendent regarding the opening hours during the ensuing season. RESOLVED, That the Bath be opened from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

(c) Staff—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Chairman and he had interviewed the stoker and attendant at these Baths and reported the arrangements made so as to reduce the working hours of these men to 50 hours per week without reduction of wages. RESOLVED, That this be approved

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

(e) Charlton Kings Council School—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Official Correspondent asking if the boys and girls of the school could attend the Montpellier Baths this season instead of Alstone Baths in view of the fact that the Borough schools which formerly used Montpellier Baths now used the Junior Bath at Alstone RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that they be allowed to attend on Friday afternoons from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. on the usual terms

(f) Church Lads' Brigade—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the County Education Secretary asking what charge would be made for the exclusive use of Montpellier Baths for one night per week by this Brigade. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to grant the use of the Baths from 7 to 8 p.m. on one evening per week at a charge of per night.

2—Alstone Baths—(a) Staff—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Chairman and he had interviewed the stoker and relief attendant at these Baths and re-arranged the working hours so that these were reduced to 50 hours per week without reduction of wages. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) Garage - RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Superintendent to erect a temporary Garage at the Baths subject to his agreeing to pay any increased insurance premium which may be payable by the Corporation by reason of the erection of the garage.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of the Boys' Grammar School for the use of the Baths on the 25th and 26th July, for their Annual Gala be granted on the same terms as in previous years.

(d) RESOLVED, That the large bath be opened on the 4th April and the Junior bath on the 2nd May.

3—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their Meetings held on the 1st and 15th instant

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—(a) That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to Billy Gammon and his Band for a Benefit Dance on the 30th April.

(b) That Mr. Gammon's tender to provide his Dance Band to play at the Dance Teas on Saturday afternoons and Municipal Dances on Saturday evenings from the 8th October 1938 to the 15th April 1939 on the same terms as last year, namely £15 15s. 0d. per week be accepted subject to contract.

(c) Winter Garden—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to reduce, as far as possible, the pigeons roosting in the Winter Garden.

(d) Cricket Festival—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to organise a Cricket Festival Ball at the Town Hall and also a Fete and Firework Display at Marle Hill Annexe on one evening during the Festival.

(e) That having considered the three tenders received for curtains for the windows in the Pillar Room, the tender of Cavendish House Ltd. of £58 11s. 0d. for the supply of curtains and pelmets be accepted RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Camping Sites—The Committee further considered the suggestion of Councillor Fisher that the Corporation should provide a site for Caravans, etc. and equip this with water supply, lavatory accommodation, etc. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, and Councillors Avery, Fisher and Smith,

5—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the District Conference of the Wives Fellowship on the 30th and 31st May and 1st June next

T. WILFRED WAITE. Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 28th March, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; councillors Addis, Bendall, Ben James and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair):

1—Transport Drivers—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that new rates of wages for transport drivers had been fixed by No. 6 District Joint Industrial Council The rates for Cheltenham would be 14.625d. for drivers of lorries of up to 2 tons capacity and 15.637d. for drivers of lorries of over 2 tons capacity. RESOLVED, That these rates be paid.

2—Electricity Supply (Meters) Act, 1936—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted 6 tenders received for carrying out the necessary alterations and additions for providing a new meter testing

station at St. George's Place Stores. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs E. W. & W. J Moore amounting to £112 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

3—Direction Signs—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported application by the Black & White Motorways Ltd for permission to maintain two unlighted direction signs on lamp standards in North Street and North Place. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to payment of an acknowledgment of per annum per sign.

4—Public Lighting—Merriville Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported application by Western Estates Ltd. for public lighting to be provided in this road. He submitted scheme for erecting six lamps at an estimated cost of £110. RESOLVED, That this scheme be approved.

5—Association of Public Lighting Engineers—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Annual Conference of this Association would be held at Bournemouth from the 5th to 8th September next. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend.

6—Promenade—RESOLVED, That the trees in the Promenade be floodlit during two Conferences to take place in June next (at the request of the Town Improvement Committee) and also during the Cricket Festival in August next and the special Shopping Week to be organised by the Chamber of Commerce in November next.

7—Arrears—RESOLVED, That the list of arrears amounting to £206 3s. 3d. now submitted, be written off as irrecoverable.

8—Imperial Square—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted scheme for lighting the south side of this square for use as a Car Park, at an estimated cost of £22. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved.

9—Transformers and Switch Gear—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that owing to increased load it was necessary to provide additional transformers and switch gear at various sub-stations at a total estimated cost of £2,093 8s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the purchase of this apparatus be approved and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to a loan for the purchase.

10—Overhead Lines—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Transport to the erection of overhead lines in Hatherley Road.

11—Cleevelands Estate, Evesham Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had negotiated with Cleevelands (Cheltenham) Ltd for the purchase of a site for the erection of an electricity kiosk required for the supply of electricity to this Estate and other houses in the neighbourhood, RESOLVED, That the purchase on the terms reported be agreed to.

12—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 4th, 9th, 14th, 18th and 22nd inst., which shewed the calorific values on those dates to be 477.1, 475.8, 475.0 475.1 and 474.6 B.Th.U. per cubic foot respectively, and the pressure to be 8.9, 9.1, 9.0, 9.0 and 9.0 inches of water respectively.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th March, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Margrett ; Councillors Avery and Barnett (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, 1938	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	156,000 gallons	394,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	787,000	1,707,000
Leckhampton Springs	39,000 “	66,000
	982,000 “	2,167,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 87,894,000 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—Cast Iron Pipes—The Borough Engineer reported on the six tenders received for the supply of cast iron pipes and specials for the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Thomas Spittle Ltd (being the lowest) be accepted subject to Contract.

5—Supply to Down Hatherley and Norton—The Borough Engineer reported on the application received from the Gloucester Rural District Council enquiring on what terms the Corporation would afford a supply to these Parishes. To enable a supply to be given the District Council would have to provide approximately 5 miles of new water mains and to make a satisfactory circuit he recommended that an additional nine-tenths of a mile of main should be laid between Down Hatherley and Staverton Bridge, towards the cost of which the Corporation might contribute. RESOLVED, That the District Council be informed that the Committee are prepared to provide a bulk supply for the Parishes at the usual charge of 1s 3d. per 1,000 gallons, subject to the mains being laid by the District Council in accordance with a Specification approved by the Borough Engineer and to their contributing an agreed proportion of the cost of the main from Down Hatherley to Staverton Bridge

6—Dowdeswell and Redwood Supplies—The Borough Engineer reported that he had prepared a preliminary scheme for the chlorination of these supplies. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to invite tenders for the apparatus and buildings required and that the Mayor and Chairman be authorised to open the tenders and accept a suitable tender.

7—Waterworks Superintendent—The Borough Engineer reported that it was becoming increasingly difficult for the Waterworks Superintendent (Mr. H. G. Bosworth) to carry out his duties satisfactorily with only the use of a bicycle. He was prepared to use his own car, if the Corporation would make him a suitable allowance. He would not use the car for his ordinary work within the Borough except in special circumstances. RESOLVED, That he be paid 3d. per mile for the use of his car and that the matter be reviewed in 12 months' time.

8—Extensions to the Main—The Borough Engineer submitted application from Crook's Laundry Ltd. for an additional 2 inch main to be laid to their premises in Croft Street. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

9—Supply to Gloucester—The Borough Engineer submitted application from the City Engineer of Gloucester asking for the temporary supply to Gloucester to be resumed, and he had arranged for this to be done. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Hewletts Reservoir—Northfield Springs—Read, letters from Mr. A. Mitchell that he now wished to have his water supply to "The Glenfalls" taken from the Chlorinated supply. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to lay the additional length of main necessary at an estimated cost of £120 and to fix a valve on the old main so that in the event of fire this can be used.

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11—Water Supplies—Read, circular No. 1684 of the 12th inst. from the Ministry of Health in regard to purity of public water supplies.

12—Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to re-stock this Reservoir with trout at a cost not exceeding £25.

(b) Furunculosis—Read, circular from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in regard to post mortem examinations of fish suspected to have died of furunculosis.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd March, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James and Margrett ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, 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

(b) The Town Clerk submitted various Orders made by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries which had been made consequent on the passing of the Agriculture Act 1937 RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to publish these, as required by the Ministry.

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. S. Alsbury for the transfer of Licence No. 78 to Taxi Cab Registered No. DG 6285 be granted

3—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Aircraft Components Ltd. for a licence to store 500 gallons of petrol in an underground storage tank at their works at Arle Court be granted.

4—Renumbering of Houses—Queens Circus and Montpellier Avenue—Read, memorial from owners and tenants of properties in these roads, asking that these roads should be renumbered with the Promenade instead of with Montpellier Walk as proposed by the Council. RESOLVED, That the proposed renumbering be not proceeded with.

5—Men over 45 years of age—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Manager of the Labour Exchange that the Local Employment Committee were interested in the problem of the re-absorption into industry of men over the age of 45 years, and were considering an appeal to the larger employers in the district. The following members of the Local Employment Committee attended as a deputation :- Mr. W Hayward (Vice-Chairman), Major A. S. L. Wolley, Mr. R. Purnell and Mr Bartlett (Manager). The deputation stated that of the unemployed men in Cheltenham, one in every four was a man of 45 years and over. They did not desire that any young men should be displaced, but asked that in taking on new employees, consideration should be given to the older men. In particular, the deputation urged (1) that the clause included in Corporation contracts with regard to local labour should be amended so as to define local labour as being men who have been resident in the Borough for not less than 6 months; (2) that the Corporation should abstain from granting extensions of service under the Superannuation Scheme ; (3) that the Corporation should discourage the engagement of pensioners who had sufficient income to live on, and (4) that the Corporation should give preference to men over 45 for such employment as watchmen, gate-keepers, car park attendants, ticket clerks and meter inspectors etc. The deputation also put forward other points for consideration. RESOLVED, That the Local Employment Committee be informed that the Committee are in full sympathy with their object, and that the various Committees and officers be asked to consider the views put forward by the deputation when making any new appointments.

6—Parks Superintendent—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee, That the Gardens Superintendent be the official directly responsible to the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee on all matters associated with the layout and maintenance of the parks and recreation grounds, except as concerns the erection and maintenance of structures, roads and railings, for which the Borough Surveyor shall remain the responsible official.

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7—General Hospital—RESOLVED , That Councillors Lipson and Howell be nominated the representatives of the council on the Hospital Board of Management for the ensuing year.

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

Date, 1938.	Place	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
27th February .	Wood Green, Christ Church Road...	Heating apparatus	Slight ...	£4 0s. 6d.
6th March ...	Co-operative Stores, Gloucester Road	Fusing of electric motor	Slight	£4 10s. 6d.

The Brigade had also attended fires at 227 High Street and 87 Painswick Road on the 19th and 20th inst. particulars of which would be reported at the next meeting.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee be authorised to consider the applications for the appointment of Chief Officer and to select applicants for interview by this Committee ; also that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to appoint a suitable applicant on the terms advertised.

9—Marle Hill House—(a) Read, letter of 23rd ult. from Col. Whitmore Jones complaining of the damage being caused to the lawns by the roots of a large tree in the garden. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the tree felled.

(b) The Committee considered recommendation of the Allotments Committee that Mr. Stephens' tenancy of the 16 acres of land at Marle Hill should be terminated so that the Corporation might have the use of this as a Car Park on the occasion of Dog Shows and Race Meetings. RESOLVED, That the tenant be given one year's notice to quit expiring on the 29th September, 1939.

10—Air Raids Precautions Scheme—RESOLVED, That The Mayor (Alderman Capt. J. H. Trye), Councillors Bush, Fisher, Grimwade, Till and Waite be appointed the representatives of the Council on the Air Raids Precautions Authority No. 2.

11—Public Health Act, 1936—Read, letter of 21st ult. from the Ministry of Health that whilst it was not obligatory, the Ministry considered it desirable that application should be made to the Ministry under Section 313 of this Act for the amendment of any Local Act provisions which were inconsistent or redundant in consequence of the passing of this Act. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Town Clerk for consideration.

12—Sale of Gas Acts—Testing of Gas Meters—Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Town Clerk. Gloucester, that the above Acts were in force in the City of Gloucester, and that the testing of gas meters thereunder was carried out by a qualified inspector of gas meters appointed by the Gloucester Corporation. Practically the whole of the meters tested by his Corporation were submitted by Cheltenham Meters Ltd., and the number of meters tested had increased in the last five or six years from 1,018 in 1932 to an estimated total of 12,000 for the year ending 31st inst., and in consequence the Gloucester Corporation had increased the testing equipment and employed two full time assistants on the work. Cheltenham Meters Ltd had now asked his Corporation to establish a branch testing station at the company's premises at Cheltenham in order to obviate the expense of transporting the meters to and from Gloucester. The Gloucester Corporation would be glad to hear that the Corporation would raise no objection to their establishing a branch testing station at Cheltenham. The Town Clerk reported that the Gas Acts under which the testing was carried out were not in force in the Borough, but had been adopted by the County Council, who could delegate their power to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Council raise no objection to the Gloucester Corporation establishing a branch testing station at Cheltenham.

13—Bath and West and Southern Counties Show —The Town Clerk reported that arrangements had now been made for the Show to be held on land at St. Mark's belonging to the executors of Mr. H. Unwin in the occupation of Mr. C. Harris and Mr. Walley. He now submitted draft agreement to be entered into with the Bath and West and Southern Counties Society for the holding of the Show.

Under this agreement the Corporation undertook to pay the sum of £600 to the Society before the 1st August, 1939, and to provide the ground for the Show and car park with a water supply on the 1st January, 1940, except that a small area would be required on the 1st July, 1939, for store sheds. The Corporation also to construct all necessary entrances and exits to the Show Ground and car parks and clear and level all fences and ditches as may be required and to replace these after the Show ; to provide a constant supply of electric current for the Society and stand holders, who would pay the ordinary rate for the current consumed. The Society undertook that for every £10 subscribed to the local fund they would present to the Local Show Committee for distribution to subscribers one member's badge and car park ticket, and the equivalent of 10 day tickets. RESOLVED, That this agreement be approved, as now settled.

14—Cricket Festival—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Entertainments Manager for certain streets in the town to be decorated during the Cricket Festival in August next. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £25 in decorating some of the streets.

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15—Municipal Offices—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had ordered four 75 feet lengths of new fire hose for the offices. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That he be instructed to provide an additional fire hydrant at the rear of the offices, with a suitable length of hose, and also to report as to the provision of a fire bell.

16—Rodney Road Car Park--The Borough Surveyor reported that the Turkish Baths had now been demolished and he was proceeding with the layout of the extension of the Car Park. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to remove the present railings and to plant a suitable hedge along the frontage ; also to submit a design for the erection of an illuminated sign.

17—Unemployment Insurance Acts—RESOLVED, That the following employees be added to the Certificate of Exception under these Acts, the first named having completed three years' service in a designated post on the 3rd inst., the second named on the 27th inst. and the remainder on the 4th inst.—J. H Jones (Jointer), J. W. Long (Clerk), H. A. Davis (Painter), T. Deakin (Lorry driver), W. Deakin (Street Lighting attendant), R. W. Jones (Lorry driver), S. L. Knight (Labourer), J. H. Major (Clerk), R. S. Paynter (Clerk) and L. Sheppard (Slot Collector).

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th March, 1938. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith; Messrs. Carter, Stokes and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Asquith Road Allotments--Read, letter of 8th inst. from Mr T. C. Daniels, complaining again of the nuisance caused by tenants allowing their dogs to run . about the allotments, and asking that a notice

should be erected at the entrance, forbidding tenants to take their dogs on to the allotments unless they are kept on a lead. RESOLVED,

That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a notice erected as requested.

2—Rent Rebates—(a) The Town Clerk reported that he had received offers to take Nos. 12 (b) Alma Road, 9 Hatherley Road, and 86 Asquith Road provided these were let rent free for 12 months in the case of the three first named allotments, and 6 months in the case of the last named allotment. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted application from Mr. J. A. Hodge, tenant of No. 14 Wasley's Field, for six months' rebate in his rent in view of the bad condition of the allotment. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(c) Read, application from Mr. A. S. Clutterbuck, tenant of No. 44 Alma Road, for a further rebate in his rent in view of the bad condition of the allotment. The Town Clerk reported that he had had the allotment rent free since the 3rd November last. RESOLVED, That a further rebate be not granted.

3—Land and Buildings in Folly Lane—RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to Mr. L. F. Cook assigning his tenancy of the land and buildings in Folly Lane to Mr. F. Shea.

4—Baglin's Piece Allotments—The Gardens Superintendent reported that a length of the boundary fence of these allotments had been blown down. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the fence repaired at a cost of about £10.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th March, 1938, Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Whaddon Farm Recreation Ground—Pavilion-7 tenders were received for the erection of the Pavilion at this ground. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to a special meeting to be held in time to recommend the acceptance of a tender at the next Council meeting.

2—Sectional Shed—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. H. J. Bradshaw was not prepared to accept £35 for the sectional' shed offered by him to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to purchase the shed at a price not exceeding £45, and that this be re-erected at the new Playing Field in Tewkesbury Road.

3—Berkeley Place Garden—The Gardens Superintendent submitted plan and estimate for the layout of this garden as a Rose Garden at a cost of £98. RESOLVED, That the layout be approved, and that he be authorised to have the work carried out.

4—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Brooklyn Hard Courts Tennis Club, applying for the use of the two hard courts at this ground for the coming season. RESOLVED, That the courts be let to them 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.

5—Cricket Pitches--(a) RESOLVED, That permission be given to the following Clubs to play cricket on the various grounds during the coming season :—

Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Whaddon Recreation Ground .	Wesley C C.	Alternate Saturdays
Whaddon Recreation Ground .	Labour Hall C.C.	Alternate Saturdays
St. Mark's Playing Field	Christ Church Young Men's Club	Alternate Saturdays
“	Y.M.C.A.	Alternate Saturdays
“	St. Mark's Young Men's Club	Alternate Saturdays

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham District Traction Co. Sports Club to play cricket on St. Mark's Playing Field on one evening per week be not granted as there are no available pitches for evening play.

6—Pittville Gardens— (a) Read, letter of 10th inst. from Mr. G. Norman asking for the removal of a tree opposite No. 1 Pittville Lawn RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be asked to inspect the tree and report thereon to the next meeting.

(b) Read, report of the Gardens Superintendent in regard to a tree in the garden of Marle Hill House, which Col. Whitmore Jones had asked should be removed as the roots were damaging his lawn. RESOLVED, That the tree be removed.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted complaint from Mrs. Webster in regard to an acer tree adjoining the garden of Handley Cross, and recommended that this should be reduced in height. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

(d) Aviaries—The Borough Surveyor reported the gift of six small birds for the aviaries by Mrs. Kershaw. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 93rd March, 1938. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Green in the chair).

7—Whaddon Farm Recreation Ground—The Committee further considered the tenders received for the erection of the Pavilion and construction of brick piers and erection of iron railings at this Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons of £1,556 4s 8d. be accepted subject to Contract. (A lower tender of £1,513 14s. 0d. was received, but the Committee were not satisfied that the firm whose tender this was, conformed to the local rules with regard to conditions of labour).

RESOLVED, also, That application be now made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £3,786 made up as follows :--

	£ s. d.
Clearing, levelling, draining and seeding—Messrs. Bomford Bros.' tender	859 0 0
Railings—Messrs. John Lythgoe of Walkden Ltd.'s tender ..	325 0 0
Erection of Pavilion, construction of brick piers and erection of railings— Messrs Amos. Wilson & Sons' tender	1,556 4 8
Work to be carried out by direct labour— Chains and posts at School entrance	10 5 0
Entrance drives and paths.	628 10 4
Trees ..	190 0 0
Playground equipment	122 0 0
Contingencies ..	<u>95 0 0</u>
	£3,786 0 0

and that Minute No 12 passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 22nd October last be varied accordingly.

8—Tewkesbury Road Playing Field—(a) Read, letter from the Ministry of Health asking to be furnished with a report by the Borough Surveyor as to the suitability of this land for a Playing Field, together with detail plans and estimates of the works proposed to be carried out. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to furnish a statement as to the suitability of the ground. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of 3,640, made up as follows

	£
Construction of entrance drive and parking place .	420
Fences, conveniences, pavilion and contingencies .	<u>220</u>
	£640

(b) Sectional Sited—The Chairman reported that he had interviewed Mr. Bradshaw and he was prepared to accept £42 10s. 0d. for the sectional shed offered by him to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the shed be purchased at this price, and re-erected at Tewkesbury Road Playing Field for use as a Pavilion at a cost of about £25.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At [a Meeting of] this Committee held on Friday, 25th March, 1938 Present—Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Coupe., Ireland and Fletcher (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair),

1-Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from the 26th February to the 25th 1938. Interments 59 Cremations 11 : Grave Spaces sold (First Position 1, Second Position 2, d Position 1, Fourth Position 14); New Inscriptions 10 Memorials erected 12.

2- Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9759 to 9776.

3—Designs ---RESOLVED, That Designs Nos. 2182 to 2196, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved

4—Maintenance of Grave No. 2116, Section 0—Read. letter from M. MacLennan, Notary of Montreal, asking if the Council would accept a sum of less than £50 for the maintenance of this Grave in perpetuity. The Superintendent reported that the headstone and kerbing were in a bad state of repair. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accept less than £50.

5---Staff --(a) The Superintendent recommended that G. Aylward be promoted to gardener at a wage of Oki. per hour in place of J. C. Weaver who had been appointed Crematorium attendant. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal 'Workers applying for an increase of 1d. per hour in the wages of the members of the Union employed as grave diggers or labourers, and also for holidays with pay and overtime rates for Sunday work. The Superintendent reported that for some time past grave diggers at the Cemetery, who also did labouring and gardening work, had been paid 1s 1d. per hour for a 48 hour week, and were also paid extra remuneration for acting as gate-keepers on Sundays. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted except that the Union be informed that the Resolution already passed by the Council in regard to holidays will also apply to the Cemetery staff.

6—Crematorium—Brochure—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare a draft Brochure for the Crematorium and to have some suitable photographs taken for inclusion therein.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th March, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Bush and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Unpaid Rates—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed and dealt with persons who had not complied with orders of the Magistrates for payment 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—Air Raid Precautions—Read, letter of 21st ult. from Messrs. Smith Bros. enquiring whether Air Raid Shelters would be assessable for Rating Purposes. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to

reply that a building erected solely for the purpose of an air raid shelter and used for no other purpose would not be assessed for rates.

4—New Valuation List—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 3rd inst. from the Clerk to the County Valuation Committee containing recommendations in regard to the assessment of certain types of property. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Rating and Valuation Officers.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th March, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Grimwade, Garland and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair). The following Chairmen of Committees also attended Alderman Margrett ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Smith and Waite.

1—Estimate for Rate—The estimates for the Rate were considered. RESOLVED, That the same as now settled be approved and submitted to the Council, and that the Council be recommended to make a General Rate of 10s 8d in the £ for the year commencing on 1st April, 1938, with an abatement of 4d. in the £ in respect of the areas transferred to the Borough under the County of Gloucester Review Order, 1935.

2—Loan—RESOLVED, That facilities by way of Loan up to a principal sum of £3,950, at any one time outstanding, be arranged with the Corporation's Bankers, Lloyds Bank Ltd., and the Corporation hereby acknowledge liability for the said loan and undertake to make repayments, spread over a period of seven years, at the rate of £564 5s. 9d. per annum exclusive of interest RESOLVED, also, That an Equitable Mortgage over the Corporation's premises known as Hayden Sewage Farm, near Cheltenham, be created in favour of the Bank to secure repayment to the Bank of all moneys and liabilities at any time due owing or incurred by the Corporation to the Bank, and that the Borough Treasurer (Mr. E. W. Deacon), be authorised to make the necessary arrangements with the Bank, and that the Town Clerk (Mr. R. Owen Seacome) be authorised to sign on behalf of the Corporation such charge form as the Bank may require.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th March, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair),

3—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £109,358 ; Leaving outstanding £6,405.

4--Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1938. Amount collected L-23,030 , Leaving outstanding £516.

5—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the following sanction :—

Date, 1938.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
28th March	Two Houses, Hayden Knoll	£897	60 years.

6—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 29th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; Councillor Garland.

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

7—Electricity Accounts—(a) Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity Charges since the last meeting.

(b) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, That the list of arrears amounting to £206 3s. 3d. be written off as irrecoverable.

8—Central Schools—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for the additional expenditure incurred in connection with the extensions to the Central Schools, amounting to £167 2s. 6d., and on the erection of the new Gloucester Road Junior School, amounting to £329 2s. 8d.

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9—Dovedale Cottages Clearance Order—RESOLVED, That the sum of £109 9s. 0d. due to the owner of these cottages, for compensation under the Housing Act be now paid to the owner, the houses having been demolished to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

10—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported as to the new money which would be required during the next few months, and he recommended the Committee to consider the advisability of issuing further Stock of about £150,000 and reported the terms on which this would be available. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to enter Cheltenham on the rota kept by the Government brokers with a view to application being made to the Ministry of Health for the issue of a consent order.

11—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting ,1,700 Housing Bonds had been renewed on the terms and for the periods reported.

12—Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937—(a) The Borough Treasurer submitted report, showing the names, ages and years of service of all servants eligible for admission to the Scheme. RESOLVED:—(1) That the Chairman, Alderman Pruen, Councillors Garland and Grimwade be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the employees who should be admitted under the Act ; (2) That all part-time officers, part-time servants and domestic staff be excluded from any Scheme ; (3) That all eligible employees be circularised to ascertain whether they desire to be admitted to a Superannuation Scheme.

(b) Borough Treasurer's Department—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the designation as established of the posts of Electricity Stores Clerk and Electricity Accountancy Assistant.

(c) 1922 Scheme—RESOLVED, That the officers now reported to the Committee be appointed to the vacant designated posts in the present Scheme.

13—Promenade Car Park—RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to arrange for an attendant to be on duty at this Car Park in the evening.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham. 28th April, 1938.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of May. 1938, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted, at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting.

2. Communications by the Mayor.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE PARKS & RECREATION GROUNDS & TOWN IMPROVEMENT & SPA JOINT COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE and to accept tender for Playground equipment at Hatherley Court Recreation Ground. ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. GUARDIANS COMMITTEE-To fill vacancy caused by resignation of Councillor H. M. Avery.

5. DELANCEY Hospital—To appoint a representative Trustee of Delancey Hospital to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Dr. Kirkland.

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 4th April, 1938, at 3 p.m. Present

The Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N. Retd., J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Moore, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Compton, Lipson, Miller and Morris.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 7th March, 1938, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held March 14

Housing Meetings held March 17 & 26

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bush: " That Minute No. 3 (c) be amended and that Miss Hort be granted leave of absence for one month with full pay, and that if any further leave is required a medical certificate be sent in to the Committee, who will consider any further extension."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Green : " That the Housing Manager be granted one month's leave of absence (to include her annual 3 weeks holiday) with full pay, any further extension of leave to be on a basis of half salary and to be subject to the presentation at the end of the first and second months of medical certificates and to the approval of the Housing Committee. Also, That Miss Rushbrook be placed in charge and paid an extra salary of per week, and that Miss Gantz be appointed temporary assistant during Miss Hort's absence " was withdrawn).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Avery and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Miss Hort be granted one month's sick leave (excluding her annual holiday) with full pay and two further months on half-pay on presentation of monthly medical certificates " was lost).

Resolved, also, That the offer of the Rev. J. W. Churchill to purchase No. 135 Tennyson Road at the price of £475 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.

Street and Highway Meeting held March 21

Subject to the following Amendments:—

Moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That Minute No. 3 (c) in regard to the wages of Pavior Improvers be referred for the consideration of the Labour Sub-Committee."

Moved by Councillor Barnett and seconded by Alderman Pruen : " That Minute No. 13 (i) in regard to the improvement of the junction of Suffolk Square and Suffolk Parade be referred back for further consideration."

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held March 8

Town Planning Meetings held March 24 & 26

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Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held March 18

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held March 28

Water Meeting held March 15

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held March 22

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade : " That Minute No. 10 be amended and that Councillor Compton be appointed on the Air Raid Precautions Committee in place of Councillor Till."

Allotments Meeting held March 14

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meetings held March 14 & 23 and April 1

Subject to an Amendment moved by the Mayor : " That Minute No. 9 in regard to the proposed International Ladies' Football Matches at the Athletic Ground be not approved and that the matter be referred to the Parks and Recreation Grounds and Town Improvement and Spa Committees with power to act."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Garland and seconded by Councillor Waite : " That Minute No. 9 in regard to the proposed International Ladies' Football Matches at the Athletic Ground be not approved " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen : " That Minute No. 9 be amended and that the Athletic Ground be let to Messrs. F. H. Edwards and F. B. Leopold at a rent to be approved by the Parks Committee subject to agreement with the Cheltenham Motor Club " was withdrawn).

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held March 25

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Green: That Minute No. 5 in regard to the wages of grave diggers etc. be referred back for the consideration of the Labour Sub-Committee."

Rating Meeting held March 10

Finance Meetings held March 24 & 29

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

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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 1938 and terminating on the Thirty-first day of March 1939, 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 8d. in the £ on the Rateable Value of each hereditament as show 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 1938 and terminating on the Thirty-first day of March 1939, 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 1938 : Also, That in pursuance of Article 89 of the County of Gloucester Review Order 1935, an abatement of fourpence 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.

J. H. TRYE, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 2nd May, 1938.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th April, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James and Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Ben James, E. W. Moore, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains—Wharfdale, Alstone Lane—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises were in such a condition as to be prejudicial to health and a nuisance. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to examine the drains and apply any test other than a test by water under pressure, and, if necessary, to open the ground.

2—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-53 Rodney Road (two flats)--The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these houses had no proper covered dustbin for the reception of house refuse. RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners or occupiers under Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a covered dustbin of such material, size and construction as may be approved by the Chief Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Basements of Berkeley House, Berkeley Street ; 11 Albert Place and 26 Winchcomb Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basements of these premises. The Rota Sub-Committee also reported their inspection of the basements of Berkeley House and 11 Albert Place. The Town Clerk reported that an Order was made on the 11th October, 1935, closing the basement of 26 Winchcomb Street for sleeping purposes, but the Chief Sanitary Inspector recommended that the premises should now be altogether closed for human habitation. 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, the 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 13th June, 1938.

(b) 10 Burton Street; 4 Sun Street; 1 and 2 Lower Park Street; 49 Fairview Road; and 8 Sidney 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 13th June, 1938.

(c) 12 Worcester Street ; 23-26 Francis Street ; 5 Angel Row, Fairview Road ; Stratford Cottage, Columbia Street ; Linda Cottage, Tivoli Lane—The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. It was reported that the Owners of 23-26 Francis Street 5 Angel Row and Stratford Cottage had consented to Orders being made, and Mr. Green, Solicitor, attended on behalf of the Owner of Linda Cottage and consented to an Order being made in respect of these premises. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above-mentioned 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.

(d) West Cottage and 5a St. George's Avenue ; 79, 81, 83, 85, 87 and 89 Granley Road ; and 31 Hungerford 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.

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(e) 70 Duke Street—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 his undertaking be cancelled.

(f) The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses :—

(i) 18 Prestbury Road—Read, letter of 9th inst. from Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson on behalf of the Owner of this house asking for a further adjournment. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(ii) Springfield Cottage, Brandon Place—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Owner to sell the premises.

(iii) 39 Jersey Street—Mr. Rowberry of Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend attended on behalf of the Owner of this house and asked for an adjournment owing to the ill-health of the Owner RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months

(g) 243a and 244 High Street (1st and 2nd floors)—The Committee considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of these premises. Mr. Green of Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green attended on behalf of the person in control, and asked for an adjournment to enable his client to consider reconditioning the premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month

(h) 69 St. George's Place—Read, letter of 18th ult. from the Owner of this house, in respect of which a Demolition Order was made on the 8th ult , offering the premises for sale to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this offer be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration

4—Clearance Orders, 1936—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses, which had been excluded from the Clearance Orders by the Minister of Health :--

(a) 1 and 2 Richmond Cottages ; 86—88 Albion Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the Owners to carry out the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation be accepted.

(b) 30 Portland Square and 6 Portland Cottages—Read, letter from A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd., reporting their purchase of these houses, and asking for permission to use the premises for storage purposes. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(c) 12 North Place and 1 and 2 St. Margaret's Cottages—The Town Clerk reported that Barclay's Bank, the Mortgagees of this property, had not had notice of the Meeting at which Demolition Orders were made, and he had asked them to attend the Meeting so that any objection made by them could be

considered. The Manager of Barclay's Bank attended with Mr. Smith, the Owner, who stated he was prepared to carry out the specification of the Sanitary Inspector subject to certain modifications therein RESOLVED, That consideration of these suggested modifications be adjourned for view.

5—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness-- (a) 70 Duke Street ; 20 Sandford 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 10 years.

(b) 33 Exmouth Street ; 10 Hungerford Street ; 102 Swindon Road ; and Springfield Cottage, Brandon Place—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 3 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs. Beef ; 1 qr. 2 lbs. Veal ; 3 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs. Pork ; 1 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs. Mutton ; 1 qr. Fish ; 1 qr. ½ lb. Poultry.

7—Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of treatment given at the clinic since 1st January last :—

No. of new cases (immunisation commenced or completed) ..	132
“ injections given ...	405
“ cases in which treatment was completed during the period	135
“ cases partially completed when attendance ceased ...	—
“ cases Schick tested after immunisation (negative)	3

8—Health Department—The Committee considered an application by Mr. C. W. Clifford, Chief Assistant Sanitary Inspector, for an increase of salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased from £275 to £300 per annum as from the 1st inst.

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9—Flooding—Hewlett Road and Eldon Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted three tenders for carrying out his specification of work required to prevent recurrence of flooding in this district. RESOLVED, That the tender of S. C. Morris & Son Ltd. amounting to £116 18s. 7d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

10—Hayden Sewage Works—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported application by Mr. Ilott, tenant of the land round the Hatherley Tank Building, for reduction in his rent. RESOLVED, That his rent be reduced from £5 to £4 per annum.

(b) Sludge Pumps—The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders for renewing the sludge pumps at the sewage works. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and that the Chairman be authorised to accept the lowest tender.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted two letters from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for increases in the wages of employees at the sewage works. RESOLVED, That the applications be referred to the Labour Sub-Committee for consideration

11—River Chelt—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported a claim by the owner of Pengwern, Keynsham Road, as a result of the undermining of the bank of the River Chelt adjoining that property. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inform him that the Council do not admit liability.

(b) The Committee further considered an application by Mrs. Parsonage of 439 High Street for the Corporation to carry out the necessary work to prevent the Chelt undermining her bank as she had not the means to undertake this. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of the necessary work at £50. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

12—Moorend Sewer—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd. for an increase in their contract price for laying this sewer in view of the unsatisfactory nature of the ground. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred until the Contract is completed.

(b) Read, letter of 6th inst. from Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son, claiming on behalf of Mr. Jennings of 52 Moorend Crescent, compensation amounting to £72 17s. 0d. for laying the sewer through his land. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter be instructed to negotiate a settlement of this claim on behalf of the Corporation.

13-334 High Street—The Town Clerk submitted memorial from residents in High Street complaining of the untidy and dirty condition of this shop. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

14—Moveable Dwellings and Camping Grounds—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had made an Order declaring Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, to be in force in the Borough and repealing Section 120 of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board etc. Act, 1936, and that Notice of the Order had been advertised in the local Press.

15—Windsor Street Sewer—The Town Clerk submitted Bill of Costs received from Messrs. Rickerby & Co. for advising Mr. W. Russell in respect of the reconstruction of the Windsor Street sewer and connections therewith. RESOLVED, That payment of this Bill be not agreed to.

16—Royal Sanitary Institute—Read, circular letter of 24th ult. inviting the attendance of representatives at a Sessional Meeting of the Royal Sanitary Institute to be held at Cardiff on 6th May next. RESOLVED, That representatives be not appointed.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th April, 1938. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Till (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1-21 Tennyson Road—Read, letter from the tenant of this house, that he was not prepared to purchase this house unless the Council would accept his offer of £430. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted as it is below the valuation of the District Valuer.

2—Community Centres—Read, circular from the Area Committee for National Fitness urging the provision of community centres on Housing Estates and giving particulars of the grants which were available towards the cost of approved Schemes. RESOLVED, That no action be taken at present.

3--Swimming Pool—RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to a poster advertising the swimming pool being placed in the shrubbery nearest Gloucester in a position to be approved by the Chairman and Councillor Grimwade

4—Housing Department—(a) The monthly report of the Housing Manager on the collection of the rents was submitted

(b) RESOLVED, That Miss Nash, student in the housing office, be paid a wage of 5s per week clear of all deductions for insurances.

(c) The Committee further considered the tabulated statement of replies received from other towns in regard to the system of collection of rents and repairs to houses etc. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the Housing Manager be instructed to arrange for one of her assistants to give particular attention to the collection of arrears and where necessary to arrange for the collection of rent from such tenants on Friday evenings.

5-1930 Act Houses—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be asked to report at the next meeting on the rents of the three-bedroom houses erected under the 1930 Act, in view of the increase of rates.

6—Reconditioning-30 Brunswick Street South—The Sanitary Inspector submitted three tenders received for the reconditioning of this house. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. W. H. Barnett amounting to £222 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to Contract.

7--139 Tewkesbury Road—The Sanitary Inspector submitted report of his inspection of these premises which had been purchased for future road widening, and which the Street and Highway Committee had requested this Committee to manage. He was of opinion that the premises were unfit for habitation and should be demolished. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to have the premises demolished.

8—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) C. Sansom's Contract—The Borough Surveyor reported that good progress was now being made with this Contract. The Town Clerk submitted letter of 5th inst. from the Sureties (The Eagle Star Insurance Co, Ltd.) stating that as a result of action taken by them they did not anticipate any difficulty in completing the Contract. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to withdraw the Notice served on Mr. Sansom under Condition No. 26 of the Contract.

(b) The Borough Surveyor also reported the progress made by W. Edwards Ltd. with their Contract for 236 houses, 136 of which had now been completed and the remainder commenced.

(c) The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of fencing in the gardens of the flats at £39 7s. 6d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this done.

9—St. Peter's and St. Paul's Estates—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had now erected an experimental length of 100 yards of chain link fencing between the gardens of houses in Margrett Road and Folly Lane. RESOLVED,

That the View Sub-Committee be asked to inspect this and report.

10—The Moor's Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was now desirable to paint the exterior of the houses on this Estate he estimated the cost at £460 4s. 0d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work done by direct labour.

11—Houses Occupied by Police—Read, letter of 21st ult. from the Chief Constable agreeing to pay as from 27th June next the increased rents of 15s 10d. for parlour type houses and 14s per week for non-parlour type houses, in respect of all the houses let to him, except he asked that the present rents should be allowed to stand in cases where the houses were occupied by a reserve constable or young constable. In these cases the men were responsible for their own rent and rates and in his opinion their means did not justify an increased rent. At present only one man was affected, namely, the occupier of 63 Byron Road. RESOLVED, That the request of the Chief Constable be agreed to in the case of 63 Byron Road, but that he be informed that the Committee cannot agree to vary the rents for any future cases that may arise.

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12—Exchequer Subsidy—Read, letter of 25th ult. from the Ministry of Health that the number of displacements approved by the Ministry in respect of the Swindon Place etc. and News Cottages etc, Clearance Areas was 262, whereas the number of displacements claimed for subsidy for the years 1935/6 and 1936/7 was 271. The claims for these year had therefore been reduced accordingly. The Town Clerk reported that when the displacements from all the area concerned had been completed the Committee would be able to consider whether an application for a revised census of displaced population should be submitted to the Ministry.

13—Garden Prize Scheme—RESOLVED, That the sum of £23 be allocated this year for the Garden Prize Scheme to be awarded at the discretion of the Garden Prize Scheme Sub-Committee.

14-50 Non-Subsidy Houses, Whaddon Farm—The Borough Treasurer reported that now that the assessments of these houses had been definitely fixed the rent could be reduced from 14s 6d to 13s 10d per week. RESOLVED, That the rents be reduced as from the 4th inst. to 14s per week.

15—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Sub-Committee of their Meetings held on the 17th ult., 23rd ult. and 8th inst. The Sub-Committee had interviewed 20 applicants for houses. 16 were placed on the selected list of tenants, 2 were refused and 2 adjourned.

They recommended (inter alia) :—

(a) 37 Tennyson Road—That the application of the single tenant of this house to take two lodgers be granted and the Notice to quit withdrawn.

(b) Rent Rebates—That the rents fixed and rebates granted as set out in the Rent Rebates Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th April, 1938. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Till (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Report of View Committee—Read, report of a Meeting of the View Committee held on Wednesday, 13th April, 1938. Present—Councillors Addis, Fisher, Green and Till.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Bridlepath front Tewkesbury Road to Arle Road—That the Cheltenham Rural District Council be asked to furnish statement of evidence obtained by them in support of the claim that this is a bridlepath and that consideration be adjourned until this is received.

(b) Alstone Croft—That the offer of Mrs. Batson to give up land on the East side be accepted and that street improvement be carried out at an estimated cost of £35 in accordance with plans submitted by the Borough Surveyor.

(c) Alstone Lane—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to write to the owner of No. 6 Alstone Lane, requiring him to remedy a dangerous brick pier at that house.

(d) Leckhampton Road—That the application of Miss Mills and Mrs. Johnson for a flowering tree to be planted between Lowmandale and Merton Lodge be not acceded to.

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(e) Battledown Approach—That the application of Mr. J. T. Green for removal of a tree outside Redcliffe be not acceded to.

(f) Hewlett Road—That the application of Mrs. Addis for removal of a tree outside No. 68 Hewlett Road be not acceded to, but that a dead tree adjoining be felled and not replaced.

(g) Oriel Terrace—That with regard to Miss Morley's complaint the tree outside No. 4 Oriel Terrace be lightly trimmed.

(h) Footpath from Malvern Road to St. George's Road—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to reform and dress the surface of this path.

(i) No's. 31 Sherborne Street and 2 Jersey Street—That the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate for the purchase of these houses and that this property and No's. 4, 6, 8 and 10 Jersey Street, which the Council are also negotiating to purchase, be demolished for the improvement of Jersey Street. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the View Committee be approved and adopted

2—Wages and Conditions of Employees—(1) Report of Labour Sub-Committee—Read, report of a Meeting of this Sub-Committee on Wednesday, 13th April, 1938. Present—Councillors Addis and Green (Councillor Green in the chair): Mr. Tawney attended in support of applications on behalf of various members of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers.

(a) Pavior Improvers—The Sub-Committee having reconsidered their recommendation that these employees should be paid 1s 2d. per hour during their first year of service with the Corporation, 1s 3 ½ d. per hour during the second year, 1s 5d. per hour during the third year and full tradesmen's rate thereafter, which was referred back for further consideration by the Council, recommended that this scale should be adopted except in the case of Messrs Harmer and Skeene whose wages they recommended should be immediately increased to 1s 3 ½ d. per hour, and further increased to 1s 5d. per hour in a year's time and to full tradesmen's rate in two years' time.

(b) Labourers at Cemetery—(i) The Sub-Committee considered an application by the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for an increase of ¾ d. per hour in the wages of gravediggers and labourers at the Cemetery, which was referred to them by the Council. It was reported that under the Scale of the Joint Industrial Council, gravediggers (while so employed) were entitled to a higher rate of wages than ordinary labourers The Sub-Committee recommended that the wages of these employees be increased from 1s 1d. to 1s 1 ½ d. per hour, and that the leading gardener he paid 1s 2d. per hour.

(ii) The Sub-Committee also considered an application for an increase in the rates of wages paid to these employees for Sunday duty. They recommended that the application be not acceded to.

(c) Hayden Sewage Works-- (i) Read, letter of 9th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for an increase of 1d. per hour in the wages of permanent employees at the sewage works, in order to comply with the scale of the Joint Industrial Council. The Sub-Committee recommended that the application be granted.

(ii) Read, letter of 9th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for payment of a special rate of wages to Messrs. Price and Barnett, two employees at the sewage works. The Sub-Committee recommended that the application be not acceded to.

(d) Blacksmith—The Sub-Committee recommended that the wages of Mr. H. Arkell, Blacksmith, be increased from 1s 2½ d. per hour to 1s 4d. per hour.

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

(2) Carpenter—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That the wages of Mr. E Sutton, Carpenter, be increased from 1s 5 ½ d. to full tradesmen's rate.

(3) Sewer Foreman—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That the wages of Mr. C. Cox, Sewer Foreman, be increased from 1s 3d. per hour to 1s 4d. per hour.

(4) Pavior Labourers—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for payment of 1s 2d. per hour to these employees. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

(5) Ashmen—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for payment of an additional id. per hour to all ashmen in charge of vehicles, RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

(6) Tarsprayers and Asphalt Spreaders etc.—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for provision of overalls for these employees and also for payment of an extra rate of wages to men employed in spreading cold emulsion. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to

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3—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.

4—Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 28th ult. from Messrs. Selby Bros. reporting that they would have to reduce the price paid by them for mixed waste paper from 30s to £1 per ton. RESOLVED, That this reduction he agreed to.

5—Borough Surveyor's Department—Wages Clerk—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. E. W. E. Savory, Wages Clerk, was still unfit for work, and had been absent for three months. RESOLVED, That payment of full wages be continued for another month.

6—Private Improvement Works--Passage Between Montpellier Walk and Montpellier Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans, specification and estimate for making up this passage. RESOLVED, That the same be approved and that notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act 1875 and under the Cheltenham Improvement Act 1889 to the Owners of the premises abutting on this passage, requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days, and that, in default of the notices being complied with, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

7—Langdon Road—The Borough Surveyor reported application by Miss M. Davies for payment of £4 16s. 0d. incurred by her in making good a defect in the drainage of No 22 Langdon Road caused by the roots of a tree in the highway. RESOLVED, That the payment of this sum be agreed to.

8—Sydenham Villas Road—The Borough Surveyor reported application by W. G. Barnes for reconsideration of the decision not to fell the tree outside No. 11 Sydenham Villas Road. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

9—Annual Tenders—Voxsan—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that as no tenders had been received for the supply of Voxsan for the ensuing year he had invited quotations from two firms RESOLVED, That the quotation of Messrs. Voxsan Ltd., amounting to 1s 10d. per gallon, being the lowest, be accepted.

(b) Drawing Office Materials—The Borough surveyor reported application by Messrs. F. C. Dodwell & Sons for increase in their contract price for the supply of Drawing Materials owing to an error in their quotation. RESOLVED, That the application be not agreed to

10—Mechanical Gulley Emptier—The Borough Surveyor reported that the running costs of the mechanical gulley emptier during the 9 months to the 30th ult., amounted to £184 2s. 2d., and that during that period 3,286 gullies had been emptied at an average cost of 1s. 1.45d. per gulley.

11—Factories Act, 1937—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation by the National Boiler and General Insurance Co. Ltd., for guaranteeing the pulley blocks and slings and other tackle at the Central Depot on payment of an annual fee of £3 0s. 6d. RESOLVED, That this be accepted.

12—Junction of St. Paul's Road and Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for improving this junction at an estimated cost of £35. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved and that the St. Paul's Training College be asked to surrender the land required for the improvement.

13—Trunk Road No. 10—Westal Green—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Divisional Road Engineer proposed to convert the Petrol Station and Electricity Sub-Station into a traffic island, and that the owner of the Petrol Station had agreed to the proposals affecting her property, subject to a condition that she should be allowed to display on the Electricity Sub-Station a neon sign advertising her Petrol Station. RESOLVED, That this condition be not agreed to.

(b) Unilateral Waiting Order—The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Transport had advertised notice of intention to make a Unilateral Waiting Order for the portion of High Street between the Colonnade and Cambray

(c) High Street and Promenade Improvement—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan of £1,821 for the Corporation's contribution towards the cost of this improvement.

14-243a and 244 High Street—Read, report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, estimating the cost of reconditioning these premises at £135 RESOLVED, That purchase of these houses be not entertained.

15--Refuse Trailers and Lorry—The Borough Surveyor submitted 10 sealed tenders for the supply of refuse trailers and lorry. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and that the Stores Sub-Committee be authorised to accept a tender.

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16—Pittville Street Improvement —(a) Surplus Land—The District Valuer attended and advised the Committee with regard to the disposal of the surplus land not required for the street improvement. RESOLVED, That enquirers be informed that the Council are prepared to sell the freehold of the surplus land in one block for not less than £80,000, subject to the approval of the Minister of Health, and subject to the scheme of development being approved by the Council. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise the site in the Times, Telegraph, and Estates Gazette.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Minister of Health to a loan of £41,052 for the purchase of land from Cardigan Estates Ltd.

17—High Street—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 29th ult., from the Ministry of Transport provisionally approving the establishment of a pedestrian crossing near Malvern Street, subject to consideration of objections received as a result of public notice of the scheme. He also reported that the notice of the scheme had been advertised in the local Press.

18—Building Byelaws—The Town Clerk submitted circular dated the 29th ult. from the Ministry of Health, urging Councils to submit proposals for new Byelaws under the Public Health Act, 1936, at an early date RESOLVED, That the circular be referred to the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor for attention.

19—Junction of Suffolk Parade and Suffolk Square—Read, letter of 21st ult. from Messrs. Rickerby & Co on behalf of St. James' Parish Council refusing to agree to the proposal that the wall at the corner should be lowered to improve vision for traffic. RESOLVED, That consideration of proceeding with the purchase of the land be adjourned to the next Meeting

20—County Roads—The Town Clerk submitted letter of the 29th ult., from the County Surveyor with regard to advances by the County Council towards expenditure on County Roads. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Treasurer and the Borough Surveyor.

21—Norwood Road Improvement—(a) 217 Bath Road—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Messrs. J. W. Robson & Son, on behalf of the owner refusing the Corporation's offer of £460 for the purchase of this property, and submitting a counter offer of £600 plus Vendor's Solicitors costs etc RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted and that the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate more favourable terms for the purchase of the property.

(b) Homelea and adjoining garage—Read, letter of 29th ult., from Mr. C. S. Watts offering to sell this property to the Corporation for £2,250. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

(c) Hay Barn—Read, letter of 6th inst., from Mr. Blissett, asking to be released from his tenancy of this property. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

22-124 Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had been informed by the Police that this property, which was vacant, was being rendered unsafe by the action of trespassers. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect the property and make it safe.

23—Brooklyn Road—(a) The Town Clerk reported an offer by Mr. I. Maddox, to purchase a further piece of land having a frontage of 60 feet to Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That the land be offered to him at the same price of £3 15s. 0d. per foot frontage and on the same conditions as the land recently purchased by him from the Corporation. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

(b) Read, letter of 19th inst., from A. Ballard & Co., Oxford, offering on behalf of Messrs. Hayward & Co. (Yarnton) Ltd. to purchase a piece of land having a frontage of about 100 for to Brooklyn Road, at £3 10s. 0d. per foot frontage, subject to the Corporation agreeing to grant an option for 9 months to purchase the remainder of their land at the same price. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted, but that an offer be made to sell sufficient land for the erection of 4 houses at £3 15s. 0d. per foot frontage, or the whole of the land for £3 10s. 0d. per foot frontage subject to approval of the plans of the houses to be erected thereon and to such houses being of not less value than £550 (exclusive of the value of the land).

24--Tewkesbury Road—The Committee considered a complaint of the refuse and litter in this road. RESOLVED, That this complaint be referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

25—Naunton Way Estate—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a memorial from residents in the neighbourhood of this estate complaining of the noise caused by building labourers on Sundays, and that he had referred the complaint to Cheltenham Estates Ltd., who had replied that the noise complained of was caused by men employed by a sub-contractor, who had since been dismissed.

26—Gloucester Road and Queen's Retreat—Read, letter of 22nd ult., from Mr. A. C. Evans, complaining of certain advertisements in these roads. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

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27—Prestbury Road—(a) The Town Clerk reported that a "Keep Left " sign in this road had been wilfully damaged, and that the offender had been prosecuted and ordered to pay the cost of the damage, estimated at £2 1s. 11d.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that a silver birch tree in this road had been damaged by a car driven by Mr. E. R Hopkins, of Bath Road, Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That a claim be made against the driver for the cost of making good the damage, estimated at 18s 1d.

28—Junction of High Street and Colonnade—The Town Clerk reported that a " Look Left " sign at this junction had been damaged by a car driven by Mr. E. Woodrow, of Naunton Lane, Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That a claim be made against the driver for the cost of making good the damage, estimated at £1 7s. 4d.

29—Hales Road—The Town Clerk reported that the traffic signals in this road had been damaged by a lorry belonging to the Whithorne Quarrying Co. Ltd. RESOLVED, That a claim be made against the Company for the cost of making good the damage, estimated at £20 9s. 6d.

30—Montpellier Roundabout—The Parks Superintendent submitted plan for laying out the traffic island with ornamental beds at an estimated cost of £31 14s 11d. RESOLVED, That the proposal to lay out the island as an ornamental feature be approved and that the Parks Committee be asked to carry this out.

31—Tewkesbury Road—The Committee considered a suggestion that the Corporation should negotiate for the purchase of a strip of land at the rear of properties between Lower Mill Street and St. Peter's Church. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

32—Bath Road—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Wicliffe Motor Co. Ltd., applying for a reduction of 5s in the annual amount payable by them under their agreement for maintenance of swing arms extending over the pavement in this road, as they had found it necessary to provide only 4 swing arms instead of 5. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

33-107 High Street—Read, letter of 13th inst. from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale enquiring whether the Corporation would be willing to grant a lease of these premises after they have come into possession of it. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate terms for a tenancy of the property.

34—Projecting Sign—Read, letter of 19th inst. from Mr. F. O. Hopes, applying for permission to erect a projecting sign outside his premises at No 17 High Street. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

35—Banner—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Chief Administrative Officer of the No. 3 Flying Training School, R.A F., South Cerney, applying for permission to display a banner advertising Empire Air Day on the 28th prox. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

36—Albion Street Improvement-17, 18 and 19 Albion Street—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons on behalf of Messrs. Haines & Strange, stating that Corpus Christi College were anxious to assist their clients in the improvement of their premises and to meet their request to proceed at once with the demolition of the premises and the erection of new buildings to the improved building line, and enquiring whether in the event of the College giving their formal licence to the proposal, the Corporation would agree that the work should be carried out without prejudice to any claim for compensation to which the College might be entitled, and also asking that the District Valuer might inspect the premises before they are pulled down. It was also stipulated that there should be no claim for betterment and that no part of the cost of making up the road to the new line should fall on the College. RESOLVED, That no claim for compensation be admitted, but that the Corporation agree to bear the cost of making up the road to the improvement line.

37—National " Safety First " Association—RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Borough Surveyor be appointed to attend the 31st Anniversary National Safety Congress to be held in London from the 24th-28th May next.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th April, 1938, Present—Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bush, Compton, Grimwade, Howell and Lipson ; Mesdames E Booy, W. L. Mellersh, Lewis Grist, E. C. Gurney and L. Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1938.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (13 Meetings)	14	37.5
At Bennington Hall (13 Meetings)...	29.1	29
At Clare Street (13 Meetings) ...	35.7	50
At Highbury (13 Meetings) ..	35.7	63.6
At St. Mark's (13 Meetings)	34	35.7

2—Health Visitors--(a) Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1938 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,673
Un-notified Live Births discovered	1
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	1,169
(b) over 1 year	1,627
Ante-natal cases visited (a) New	73
(b) Return ..	45
Special visits to Mothers ...	71
First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	148
Chicken Pox cases visited ...	29
Measles cases visited	3
Scarlet Fever cases visited ...	2
Whooping Cough cases visited	20
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres ...	100
Attendances of Health Visitors at Gynaecological Clinic	4

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	334
New Orders ...	87
Orders discontinued during quarter	91
“ continuing to coming quarter	330

Children Act :

	Health Visitors.	School Nurses
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter	31	9
“ visits (under Children Act) paid	38	9
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ...	19	9

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss Jordan was still absent owing to illness, but she had improved considerably and hoped to commence light duty on the 9th May. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to report to the Chairman as to the state of her health at the end of one month from the date of her return to work and that Miss Jordan be paid full salary up to such date-

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 61 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st January to 31st March, 1938, and that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from the 1st April 1937 to 31st March, 1938, was £95 11s. 6d., of which £39 8s. 4d. was chargeable to patients.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from Midwives during the quarter ended 31st March, 1938 : Still-births 3 ; Deaths of Infants 1 ; Commencement of artificial feeding 7.

4—Dentistry—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 48 mothers and 10 infants had attended the School Dentist Saturday mornings and 75 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 12.

5—Consultant Fees—The Medical Officer of Health submitted 2 accounts for Consultant's fees. RESOLVED, That the accounts be passed for payment.

6—Milk Supply—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a free supply of milk had been provided in 3 cases where the income was slightly over the scale in view of the illness of the mothers. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Gynaecological Clinic —The Medical Officer of Health reported that 4 Clinics had been held to date and the total number of attendances was 17, including 8 Borough and 2 County patients.

8—Orthopaedic Scheme—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on the work of the Orthopaedic Clinic for the quarter ended 31st ult. The total number of children on the Register was 108, of which 53 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 31 surgeon's consultations had been held, 55 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 32 surgeon's consultations had been held. He submitted accounts of the proportion of the fees payable by this Committee. RESOLVED, That these accounts be paid.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from the Cripples Aid Society for a grant towards the cost amounting to £2 4s. 3d. of instruments, boots and repairs for children under five. RESOLVED, That a grant of 50 per cent, namely £6 2s. 1d. be made.

9—Midwives Act, 1936—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted account of the fees payable to the Cheltenham District Nursing Association for the quarter ended 31st ult., amounting to £32 13s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

(b) Read, letter of 31st ult. from the Ministry of Health, enclosing draft amending scheme to be made by the Council under Section 131 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1929, providing for the omission from the approved scheme made by the Council under Section 101 of that Act of the annual contribution of £160 at present included in it for domiciliary midwifery and maternity nurses as this was now provided for under the agreement relating to Midwives. RESOLVED, That this be approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

(c) Read, circular of 13th inst. from the Central Midwives Board, enclosing copy of the Rules made by the Board under Section 7 (1) of this Act, which had been approved by the Minister of Health. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

10—Prevention of Blindness—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on Circular 1691 from the Ministry of Health in regard to the steps to be taken by local authorities to prevent blindness and impaired eyesight. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to ascertain whether it is the intention of the County Council to carry out the Model Scheme suggested by the Ministry in regard to adults, for which the County Council are the Authority.

With regard to children, the majority of the recommendations of the Ministry were being carried out, except that the Ministry suggested the School Clinic might be used for examination and treatment of children under school age suffering from eye defects. The Medical Officer of Health reported that he did not consider this practicable or desirable in Cheltenham, where such children are sent direct to the Eye Hospital, under a special arrangement with the eye specialist.

The Ministry also suggested the need for continuous supervision of children with serious eye defect after leaving School. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to notify the County Council of such cases, with a view to the County Insurance Committee arranging for the treatment of such cases under the new National Health Insurance Act.

LEIGH JAMES, Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st April, 1938, Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall and Moore ; Col. Godman, Messrs. W.W. S. F. Harris. A. Wiggett 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.
4826	Holyoake, J.	Lock-up garages, Belmore Place. (Amended Plan).
4904	Bushall, Miss A N.	Garage, Quantock House, Shurdington Road.
4905	Cheltenham Estates Ltd,	Detached house, Naunton Way.
4906	Rogers & Davies Ltd	Detached house, Hatherley Court Road.
4907	Goodhall, E	Alterations, 47 Queen Street
4908	Powell, E. G.	Cycle shed, 12 Elmfield Park Estate.
4909	Avery, H. M.	Alterations, 74 Winchcomb Street.
4910	Wood, F.	Enclosure to open porch, 2 Byron Road.
4911	Cruickshank, A S.	Garage, Wydrington, Pittville Lawn.
4912	Brooks, S. G	Garage, 14 Kingsley Gardens
4913	Cruickshank, A. S.	Preliminary plans for conversion into 8 flats, Parkhurst and Hereward, Shurdington Road.
4914	Flower & Sons	Licensed premises, Whaddon Road.
4915	St. Mary's College Governors	Additional storey, new hostel, Fullwood Park.
4916	Aircraft Components Ltd.	Extension to machine shops and stores, Arle Court,
4917	Young, G. W.	Garage, 1 Alstone Avenue.
4918	Haines & Strange	Reconstruction, 17, 18 and 19 Albion Street,
4919	Corpus Christi College	Additions, 6 and 7 Devonshire Street.
4920	Houghton, T. H.	Reconstruction, St, Paul's Garage, St. Paul's Road.
4921	Gibbard & Co. Ltd.	Sweet factory, Tewkesbury Road.
4922	Yeates, C W.	Detached house, Arle Road.

4923	Joseph, Mrs. W.	Bungalow, All Saints' Villas Road,
4924	Children's Hospital Committee	Additions, Children's Hospital, Harp Hill.
4925	Anderson, W. Ellery	Garage, 26 Queens Road. (Revised).
4926	Seward, W.	Porch, Glenavon, Naunton Parade.
4927	Cirencester Conservative Benefit Society Garages etc.	Suffolk Square Flats. (Revised).

Decisions under Byelaws—RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4826, 4904, 4905, 4906, 4908, 4909, 4910, 4911, 4912, 4915, 4917, 4921, 4922, 4923, 4925 and 4926 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 4907, 4919 and 4924 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 4914 be approved subject to details and calculations of a proper raft being submitted to and approved by the Committee ; That Plan No. 4916 be approved subject to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and to the Company coming to an arrangement with the Public Health Committee with regard to the drainage of the building and as to the contribution to be made by the Company towards the cost of providing a sewerage scheme for the district ; That Plan No. 4918 be approved subject to the water closet in the basement being disconnected and proper accommodation being provided above ground, and to no connection apart from W.C. or rainwater being made to the sewer unless it passes through a three-way chamber ; That Plan No. 4927 be approved subject to no cars being washed in the back lane and all drainage passing through a three-way chamber , That Plans Nos. 4913 and 4920 be not approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4826, 4904, 4906, 4907, 4908, 4909, 4910, 4914, 4915, 4916, 4917, 4919, 4922 and 4924 be approved ; That Plan No. 4905 be approved subject to the bay window being carried up at a constant width ; That Plan No. 4911 be approved subject to the garage being set back 6 feet from the boundary of the road ; That Plan No. 4912 be approved subject to the consent of the Minister of Transport to the erection of a building within 220 feet from the centre of a Trunk Road ; That Plan No. 4918 be approved subject to the front wall of the new building being set back to the improvement line laid down for Albion Street ; That Plan No 4921 be approved subject to (1) the entrance and exit of the service road being amended as required by the Committee, (2) the works entrance being removed from the entrance to the roundabout when the new road is made to a point to be agreed upon, (3) the front fence in Tewkesbury Road to be set back to the improvement line laid down in the Scheme and the land dedicated for the widening of the road, the owners to be relieved of all road charges in respect of the Tewkesbury Road and the Corporation to erect a new fence or hedge on the new line and to turf the portion added to the road until the land is required for the widening and improvement of the carriageways and footways, and (4) to dark plain clay tiles being used in lieu of corrugated asbestos on the back roofs ; That Plan No 4923 be approved subject to the roof being covered with natural slates ; That Plan No. 4925 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to remove the building behind the building line at his own cost and without compensation if and when required by the Corporation for the purposes of the Scheme ; That Plan No. 4926 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to remove the erection if and when required by the Corporation for the purposes of the Scheme ; That Plan No. 4927 be approved subject

to the garages being used only by the residents of the flats and are not let as lock-up garages ; That Plans Nos. 4913 and 4920 be not approved.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1316	Watson, R. S.	Greenhouse and potting shed, High Elms, Bowbridge Lane, Prestbury.
1317	Bendall, J. D. & Son	Two detached bungalows, Undercliff Avenue, Leckhampton Hill.
1318	Hewinson, Mr	Conversion of barn into dwellinghouse, Dry Hill Farm, Crickley Hill.
1319	Surman, L. J.	Additions to house, The Breaches, Butts Lane, Woodmancote.
1320	Williamson, C. B.	Alterations and additions to garage, Ladymead, Park Estate, Prestbury.
1321	Cheltenham Rural District Council	Pair semi-detached houses, Uckington.
1322	Rendall, J. N.	Pair semi-detached farm cottages, Reddings Farm, Near Badgeworth.
1323	Duke, Mrs. L. S.	Detached house, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings.
1324	Holborow, J.	Layout of new roads and 22 building plots, Bafford Farm, Charlton Kings.
1325	Gittings, H. J.	House, Southam
1326	Bick, D. J. C.	Dwellinghouse, Brevets Have, Charlton Kings.
1327	Wiggett, A.	Development and layout for 19 houses, off Noverton Lane, Prestbury.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1316, 1317, 1320, 1321 and 1325 be approved ; That Plan No. 1318 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No. 1319 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking not to claim compensation in respect of any part of the building which is in front of the building line if at any time it has to be removed for the purposes of the Scheme ; That Plan No. 1323 be approved subject to the reservation of land for the widening of Moorend Road to 40 feet ; That Plan No. 1326 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence 36 feet from the opposite side of the footpath for the provision of a road to comply with the Bye-laws if at any time this is found necessary for the purposes of the Scheme ; That Plan No, 1327 be approved subject to details as to sewers, road construction, surface water sewers and water supply being to the satisfaction of the authorities concerned ; That consideration of Plan No 1322 be deferred for further information ; That consideration of Plan No. 1324 be deferred in order to obtain the views of the Ministry of Transport on the question of the reservation of land for the purposes of a by-pass to the trunk road.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application dated 25th March, 1938 from Mr. H. James, Hanley Castle, Worcester for permission to erect a bungalow on a plot of land fronting the road from Gotherington to Gotherington Cross. RESOLVED, That consideration be

deferred pending the approval of the Committee and the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act of a layout plan of the whole of the site.

(b) The Committee further considered application of the 21st ult. from Mr. D. G. Sherwood asking permission to erect a house on a plot of land fronting Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

4—Contravention of Byelaws—(a) Mr J. Loughran attended in reference to the stables and horseboxes erected by him on land at the rear of Pittville Circus Road and on Wonson's Gardens without the submission of plans. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee and that Mr Loughran be required to submit plans for approval.

(b) Buckingham Villa—The Town Clerk reported that notice had been given to Mr. R. J. Stevens to show cause why the timber frame workshop and garage erected by him on land at the rear of Buckingham Villa should not be removed as being in contravention of the byelaws and he submitted letter from Mr. R. J. Stevens stating that if the workshop was contrary to the Byelaws he was willing to take it down. RESOLVED, That Mr Stevens be required to remove the building and that failing his doing this, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the building removed.

5—Town Planning Scheme No. 1—Objections—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of interview with some of the objectors (a) Northleach Rural District Council—It has been arranged for the County Planning Officer to submit an amended plan on behalf of the Northleach Rural District Council which it is thought will meet the requirements of the Committee in regard to the preservation of the hilltops and at the same time meet the objection of the Northleach Rural District Council

(b) Glenfall Estate—Arrangements have been made to peg out the route of the By-pass road across Mr. Mitchell's property and for the Town Planning Assistant to go over the land with Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell also objected to the reservation of land in Greenway Lane as a public open space. RESOLVED, That the Charlton Kings Urban District Council be asked if they still desire this land to be scheduled in view of the fact that they have recently purchased other land for a Playing Field.

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(c) Prestbury Hill—Discussions had taken place with Mr. F. J , Newman in regard to the zoning of his land at Prestbury Hill. RESOLVED, That negotiations be continued on the lines reported to the Committee.

(d) Charlton Park—Negotiations were proceeding in regard to the scheduling of land belonging to Lilleybrook adjoining Charlton Park as a public open space and a further report would be made next month. Mr. W. S. F. Harris stated that the Charlton Kings Urban District Council strongly objected to this proposal.

6—Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend that their Chem., Mr. E. H. T. Stinchcombe, had purchased a plot of land having a frontage of 65 feet to Brooklyn Road adjoining a bungalow called " Erina." When the land was sold by the Corporation, a covenant was included in the Conveyance that no building other than one dwellinghouse should be erected on the land and they asked if the Council would agree to a modification of this covenant so as to permit of two semi-detached dwellinghouses being erected to the value of £650 each exclusive of the site value.

Read, letter from the owner of the bungalow that he had bought the bungalow knowing that the adjoining plot of land was restricted for one house, and he objected to any modification of the covenant Eight adjoining owners of detached houses had also written objecting to the proposal. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot agree to any modification of the covenant on this land.

7—Cleevelands Estate--Read, letter of 8th inst. from Messrs. Hansell Preston & Co. enclosing notice of application made under Section 84 of the Law of Property Act 1925 for the modification of the covenants affecting this land. The proposed modification of the covenants was in accordance with the plans approved for the development of the Estate, RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the application.

8—Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme No. 2—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Ministry of Health enquiring whether the Council had yet adopted the Draft Scheme. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry for extension of time for the preparation of the draft scheme to the end of the year.

9—Land—Junction Whaddon Road and Prestbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham Estates Ltd. had asked what form of development the Committee would permit on a portion of this land. The Borough Surveyor submitted a suggested development plan providing for the erection of 9 houses (2 fronting Whaddon Road and 7 houses fronting a cul-de-sac to be constructed from Whaddon Road towards Prestbury Road). RESOLVED, That this plan be submitted to Cheltenham Estates Ltd.

10—Common Meadow, Kidnapper's Lane, Leckhampton—Mr. Coates of Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. attended in regard to the scheduling of the 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land belonging to Mrs. Lloyd-Evans as a public open space. Mr. Coates stated that the zoning of this land had precluded the owner from selling the property for development and he asked that either the zoning should be removed or that the land should be purchased by the local authority. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee and that meanwhile the Rural District Council be asked whether they are prepared to proceed with the purchase of the land.

11—Charlton Kings—Proposed Extension of Cemetery—Read. letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council that the Ministry of Health was holding a local Inquiry on the 27th inst. into the Council's application for a loan in regard to the proposed extension of the Cemetery. The Borough Surveyor reported that the land proposed to be used was now in use as allotments and if this land was used for cemetery purposes it would be necessary to schedule other land for allotments, RESOLVED, That the Committee raise no objection to the proposal, but that they consider that the Urban District Council should undertake to provide alternative land for allotments on a site to be approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

12—Building Inspector—Read, application from Mr. G. G. C. King to be transferred to a higher Grade. The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. King had reached the maximum in Grade I, namely £345 per annum, RESOLVED, That he be transferred to Grade J at a commencing salary of £345 per annum rising by two annual increments of £15 to £375 per annum, The first increment to take effect on the 1st April, 1939.

13—Gloucestershire Tile and Sand Co.—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 29th ult. from the Gloucestershire Tile and Sand Co. enclosing plan for a workmen's canteen proposed to be erected at the Gravel Pits, Shurdington Road, and for development of portions of the adjoining land. The Borough Surveyor reported that there were no services available, RESOLVED, That the Company be informed that the Committee cannot consider any plans for further buildings requiring water and drainage services until the new water main from Churchdown is laid and until arrangements as to drainage are made to the satisfaction of the Rural District Council.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd April, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bush, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson, Rogers, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their Meetings held on the 29th ultimo and 12th instant.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Exhibition Tennis Match—That the 13th June be fixed for the proposed Exhibition Tennis Match in the Montpellier Gardens.

(b) Bacchus—That the gift of a bust of Bacchus by Mrs. de Haviland be accepted with thanks and that Mr. Herdman be asked to advise as to a suitable place for this.

(c) Town Hall—That the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the meeting of the Western section of the British Dental Society on the 18th June.

(d) Entertainments Manager's Office—That Miss G. Stephens, shorthand typist, be placed in Grade B of the salary scale as from the 1st inst.

(e) Municipal Offices—That the tender of the New Street Shopfitting Co. for the supply of a metal and glass frame to be fixed on the railings at these Offices, amounting to £12 15s. Od., be accepted, one section to be allocated for Art Gallery advertisements, and one-third of the cost charged to the Art Gallery Committee.

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

2—Town Hall—(a) Catering—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had considered modernising the kitchens at the Town Hall. The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders for the supply of gas and electric cookers. RESOLVED, That subject to satisfactory terms being arranged with the Electricity Committee for the supply of energy, that the tender of Messrs. Revo Ltd. for the supply of treble electric ovens, range and stockpot stand amounting to £110 plus for £28 fixing be accepted.

RESOLVED, also, That the tender of the Gas Co of £6 for cleaning and spraying the existing roast oven and hot plate cupboards be accepted.

(b) The Committee also considered estimate of the Borough Surveyor for re-decorating the kitchen and service room and various other alterations including the tiling of the walls of the kitchen and floors of both kitchen and service room, alterations to lighting and tables in both rooms, refixing sinks and for contingencies amounting to £289, of which £68 had been provided for in the estimates.

RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

(c) Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Performing Rights Society asking the Corporation to take up a Comprehensive Licence for the performance of copyright music so as to cover all entertainments at the Town Hall whether Corporation or otherwise. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

3—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 1st inst. (a) The Sub-Committee dealt with various matters in connection with the Swimming Pool and fixed the opening of the Pool for the 30th April.

(b) The Sub-Committee recommended that the offer of the G.W.R. to issue cheap return tickets from Gloucester to include admission to the pool, at a charge of 1s 6d. for adults, 4d of which would be paid to the Corporation be accepted (such tickets not to be available for Sundays and Bank holidays), and also that the Corporation agree to contribute £5 towards the cost of advertising these cheap tickets.

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

4—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from Mr. W. H. Brasher that at a Public Meeting held in the Drawing Room at the Town Hall on the 21st inst., a resolution was carried unanimously that every encouragement should be given to men and women of all classes and all ages to make use of the Sandford Park Swimming Pool daily for physical fitness, and in furtherance of this, the Corporation be asked to grant a cheap season ticket available for 9 a.m. RESOLVED, That the Committee regret they cannot issue a cheap morning ticket.

5—Medical Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted

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6—Alstone Baths—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Girls' Grammar School for the grant of free season tickets for girls who have passed the Life Saving Examination be granted, and that 13 full season tickets be granted to the girls who have obtained the Bronze and Silver Medallions of the Royal Life Saving Society, and 6 half season tickets to the girls who have obtained the Intermediate Certificate.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for the use of the Alstone Baths for Galas and Mixed Bathing be granted on the same terms as previous years.

(c) Education Committee—Read, letter of 24th inst., from the Education Secretary, asking for a reduction in the charge of £75 made for the use of the large Bath at Alstone by school children. Since the construction of the Junior Bath, there has been considerable reduction in the number of children using the large Bath and there was now additional time available for the general public, and also

Montpellier Baths was not now used so much by Elementary school children. RESOLVED, That the charge be not reduced.

7—Municipal Offices—The Town Clerk reported that the L M.S. Railway Co. and the Black & White Motorways Ltd. had agreed to remove their boards from the railings in front of the Offices. Read, letter of 20th inst. from the Divisional Superintendent of the G.W. Railway Co. that they regretted the Council's decision to require the removal of their board and asking if this could be erected on the railings in front of the Winter Garden. RESOLVED, That this request be not acceded to.

8—Winter Garden—RESOLVED, That the South Transept of the Winter Garden, if available, be let to the Cheltenham Badminton Club next Winter season on the same terms as previous years, but if the building is required either before the commencement of the season or during the season the Club be transferred to the Alstone Baths.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS AND TOWN IMPROVEMENT & SPA JOINT COMMITTEE.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Friday, 22nd April, 1938, Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bush, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson, Rogers, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Athletic Ground—(a) The Joint Committee considered the application of Messrs. F H. Edwards and F. B. Leopold on behalf of the Town A.F.C. for the use of the Athletic Ground on Whit-Monday, June 25th and August Bank Holiday for Ladies International Football Matches. They were willing to rent the ground or for the Corporation to join with them in organising the three matches, paying half the expenses and taking half the receipts.

The Town Clerk reported that he had informed the Cheltenham Motor Club of the proposal, but that no reply had been received from them.

RESOLVED, That the ground be let to Messrs. Edwards and Leopold for the above three afternoons at a rent of £5 per afternoon, subject to any damage done to the ground and property being made good.

(b) St, Gregory's Athletic Club—Read, application from this Club for the use of the ground for training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.30 p m. to 9 p.m. in conjunction with Cheltenham and County Harriers as they had last year by arrangement with the Cheltenham Motor Club. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Parks Committee with power to act.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th April, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Howell, Ben James and Waite (Councillor Taylor in the chair),

1—Extensions to Mains—Charlton Kings—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an offer through Messrs. Leishman & Copeland of a piece of land, containing about 6,000 sq. feet, at the junction of Moorend Road and Cirencester Road, which he considered would be a suitable site for the erection of the new Sub-station required in connection with the scheme for extending the mains in Charlton Kings and Leckhampton. RESOLVED, That Councillor Waite and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to negotiate a purchase of the property on the terms approved by the Committee.

2—Public Lighting—(a) Chapel Walk—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported a complaint by the Bayshill Unitarian Church Committee of the lighting of this road, and recommended the provision of an additional 200 watt lamp in this road and also an additional 200 watt lamp in Royal Well Place at a total estimated cost of £35 1s. 2d and an increased annual running charge of £7 19s. 4d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Suffolk Square—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that owing to the proposed improvement of the corner at the junction of Suffolk Square and the lane at the rear of the new Suffolk House Flats, it would be necessary to remove the existing lamp on this corner and replace it by two new lamps in Suffolk Square and a new lamp in the lane. He estimated the total cost of this work at £56 5s. 9d. and the additional annual running cost at £6 17s. 5d. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved, and that the Street and Highway Committee be asked to pay the cost of removing the existing lamp, estimated at £27 11s. 6d.

(c) Imperial Square—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted an amended scheme for lighting the south side of this square for use as a Car Park by suspending four 100 watt lamps from the trees in the highway at an estimated cost of £18 7s. 4d. He reported that the Superintendent of Police had agreed to allow cars to be parked without lights at this place, if the scheme was adopted and the lamps kept alight until 2 a.m. every night. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved.

3—Supply to Rural Areas---Dixton—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application for a supply of electricity to Dixton Manor, which was outside the Corporation's area of supply. He submitted a scheme for laying a cable from Gotherington to Dixton Manor by means of an overhead line with a short length of underground cable to cross the railway line at Greenway Lane, at an estimated cost of £510. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved subject to prospective consumers agreeing to the terms approved by the Committee, and subject also to the consent of the Ministry of Transport to the erection of the necessary overhead lines and to a fringe order being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for consent to the erection of the necessary overhead lines and to the Electricity Commissioners for an Order under Section 6 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1909, authorising a supply to Dixton Manor and other houses in the neighbourhood thereof.

4—Overhead Lines—Prestbury—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Transport to the erection of overhead lines for the proposed extension of the mains at Prestbury.

5—British Electrical Development Association—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted the Annual Report of the Association for the year to the 31st December, 1937.

6—Fire Risks—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 28th ult. from the Electricity Commission, enclosing Report of Technical Committee on fire risks at Generating Stations and Sub-stations. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for attention.

7—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, reports of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1938, which showed the average calorific value for the Quarter to be 473.7 B.Th.U. per cubic foot.

(b) Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 6th, 19th and 21st inst., which showed the calorific values on those dates as 466.6, 474.5 and 460.6 B.Th.U. per cubic foot respectively, and the pressure as 9.0, 9.1 and 9.0 inches of water respectively.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th April, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Margrett ; Councillors Avery, Barnett 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 31st March, 1938	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	141,000 gallons	355,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	484,000 "	1,560,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>35,000 "</u>	<u>63,000 "</u>
	660,000 "	1,978,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 80,094,000 gallons.

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

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

4—Trunk Main Churchdown to Hewletts—(a) The Borough Engineer reported progress with the laying of this main. He had arranged for the payment of £12 to Mr. S. W. Winstone for compensation in respect of the damage etc. to his field by the laying of the main.

(b) Wayleaves—The Town Clerk submitted letters from Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co, stating the terms arranged by them for the acquisition of some of the necessary wayleaves as follows --

Owners etc.	Ref. No. of Parish.	Amount.
Executors of A. Moore, deceased	40, Churchdown	£9
H. J. H. Tombs ...	1 and 1a, Badgeworth and land coloured blue.	£21
H. J. H. Tombs ...	3, 4, 5 and 6, Badgeworth and land coloured blue	£40
H. J. H. Tombs ...	9, Badgeworth	£20
Executors of J. T.		
Hewinson, deceased	1, 2, 6, 7, 13, 14, Shurdington and 1, Leckhampton	£110
Gloucestershire County Council	36, Churchdown	£20
F. Brown	7, Badgeworth	£6
W. G. Oaken	8, 11 Badgeworth.	£18
Mrs. Hitch	11 and 12, Badgeworth	£25
Mrs. Hitch	5 and 5a, Shurdington	£12

RESOLVED, That these be approved.

(c) Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Branch Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers that the Contractors for the laying of this main were not complying with the rates of wages as jointly agreed upon by the Civil Engineering Conciliation Board. The Town Clerk reported that he had sent a copy of the letter to Messrs. Bugbird & Son, and now submitted letter from them that they considered they were paying in excess of the classified rate, but were willing to submit the matter to the Conciliation Board for arbitration, RESOLVED, That Messrs. Bugbird's letter be submitted to the Union for their observations,

5—Sandford Supply—The Borough Engineer reported that he had recommenced pumping from Sandford Well.

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6—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board Act—The Town Clerk submitted statement of the costs paid by the Gloucester Corporation for the promotion of the Bill amounting to £1,920 7s 0d. The Act provided that the costs of and incidental to the promotion of Parts VIII and X should be paid by the Cheltenham Corporation. After consultation with his London Agents, he considered that a fair proportion of the costs to be paid by Cheltenham was £284, being £150 for Agents professional services, £126 for Printer etc., and for Prints of Acts and London Gazette charges. RESOLVED, That this sum be paid to the Gloucester Corporation.

7—Water Charges—Charlton Kings—Read, letter of 22nd ult from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council asking for the scale charges for water to be reduced to the same as in the Borough. RESOLVED, That the Committee regret that they are unable to recommend the Council to accede to the application.

8—The Vineyards Park, Tewkesbury—Read, letter of 16th ult from the Town Clerk, Tewkesbury, asking for permission to make a connection to the nine inch main in the Park for a supply of water for drinking purposes and to a proposed paddling pool and sanitary conveniences. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot agree to this at present, but that they will reconsider the matter when the new works are completed

9—British Waterworks Association--Read, circular of 31st ult. from this Association inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference to be held at Plymouth from the 21st to the 25th June next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Engineer be authorised to attend.

10—Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) Trout—The Borough Engineer submitted tenders received for supply of trout. RESOLVED, That the tender of The Surrey Trout Farm and United Fisheries Ltd. of £31 6s. 0d. for 600 Finch Crown trout be accepted.

(b) Residuum—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for cleaning out the residuum.

(c) Coarse Fish—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Board of Severn Conservators agreeing to net the Reservoir in the Autumn, the Board to take 10,000 fish each day for wages, nets, transport and other expenses, and to pay for the remainder at £1 per thousand RESOLVED, That these terms be approved and that the Board be asked to deposit some of the fish in Pittville Lake.

(d) Fishing—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to send to the members of the Council copies of the regulations made by the Council in regard to the fishing at Dowdeswell.

11—Dowdeswell and Redwood Supplies—The Borough Engineer submitted three tenders received for the supply of Chlorination plant for these supplies. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Engineer for consideration and that the Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting be authorised to accept a suitable tender.

12—Dowdeswell and Hewletts Works—The Borough Engineer recommended that new sanitary conveniences should be provided for these works RESOLVED, That he be instructed to submit estimates for these at the next meeting of the Committee.

13—Extension to Main—(a) Abbots Court Farm, Deerhurst—The Borough Engineer submitted application for a supply to these premises, which would involve the laying of approximately one mile of 4 inch main and about two-thirds of a mile of 3 inch main if the existing main supplying Apperley proved to be inadequate for the proposed new supply. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to extend the main subject to the estimated cost of the whole work being paid by the applicant, to be refunded as and when the water charges on the premises connected thereto produce 12 ½ per cent. on the capital outlay.

(b) Shuthonger—Parish of Twinning—The Borough Engineer submitted applications for a supply to premises at Shuthonger. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee

14—Redwood Spring—The Borough Engineer reported that he had invited tenders for supply of a " V " notch for the de-aerating chamber on the Redwood main. RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Chairman be authorised to accept a tender.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 8th April, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Grimwade (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

Brigade--(a) New Captain—The Sub-Committee reported that 59 applications were received for this appointment which had been considered by them, and five applicants were selected for interview by the Committee. The following five applicants attended :—

R. S. Cunningham	2nd Officer, Eccles Fire Brigade.
K. A. Devereux	Deputy Chief Officer, Bournemouth Fire Brigade,
J. Farrell ...	Chief Officer, Redcar Fire Brigade.
J. R. Jones	Chief Officer, Newburn Fire Brigade.
A. W. Matthews...	Assistant Superintendent, Gloucester Fire Brigade.

RESOLVED, That Mr. J. R. Jones (age 40) be appointed Captain of the Cheltenham Fire Brigade as from the 1st June next, at a salary of £300 per annum, plus house, fuel and light and uniform ; the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Fire Brigade Pensions Acts, 1925-1929, and to Mr. Jones passing a medical examination, and to be determinable by either party by three months' notice in writing.

(b) House—The Committee considered the provision of a house for the Captain. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th April, 1938 Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett and Taylor; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

2—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—The Town Clerk submitted Order made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries imposing controlled area restrictions over the greater part of England, which he was publishing as required by the Ministry.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the annual Meeting of the Committee for the licensing of hackney carriages be held at the Central Depot on the 11th May, at 10 a.m.

(b) RESOLVED, That the applications of J. Cairns, A Salter, W. A. Edwards and H. Bishop for transfer of their licences to new vehicles Nod. AHP 172 ; ONA 965 ; BDG 154 ; and DG 9458 respectively, be granted.

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

Date, 1938.	Place.	Cause.	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
March 20	87 Painswick Road	Chimney ...	£40 ..	£4 6s. 0d.
" 21	102 Evesham Road	Defective Grate ...	£10 .	£5 7s. 0d.
" 24	Wasley's Farm, Spenser Road	Boys firing rick ...	Not known	£6 4s. 6d
" 24	2 Spenser Avenue (Garage) ...	Not known ...	Slight	£2 3s. 0d.
" 24	Benhall Gardens	Boys firing rick ...	Not known	£6 1s. 0d.
" 26	St. John's Schools	Not apparent	Not known	£6 4s. 0d.
April 3	99 Gloucester Road	Not apparent	£25	4 10s. 6d.
" 8	Upper Coberley Farm, Seven Springs	Not apparent ...	Not known	£5 12s. 0d.

(b) House for new Captain—RESOLVED, That the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee be authorised to consider the acquisition or leasing of a house for the newly appointed Captain and to report direct to the council.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee be authorised to take the necessary steps for the recruitment to and training of auxiliary firemen required for the Air Raid Fire Protection Scheme.

(d) Captain J. L. Such—RESOLVED, That notice be given to Captain J. L. Such to terminate his appointment as Captain of the Fire Brigade on the 31st May next. RESOLVED, also, That this Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the faithful, efficient and long services rendered by Mr. Such as a Member of the Fire Brigade during the past 49 years and of which he has been Captain since 1915, RESOLVED, also, honorarium of £50 be paid to Captain Such in recognition of his long service to the town.

5—Aeroplanes—Read, letter from Alderman Clara Winterbotham complaining of the nuisance and annoyance caused to residents by the noise from low flying aeroplanes. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain from the Air Ministry a copy of their regulations dealing with the matter.

6—Parish Church—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Rector asking if the Council could grant some financial assistance towards the debt incurred on the repairs to the roof of the Parish Church, The Church was now faced with considerable unforeseen expenditure on the steeple of St. Matthew's Church. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to subscribe the sum of towards the cost incurred in restoring the Parish Church roof.

7—Telephone Directory—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the District Manager Post Office Telephones that it was desired that entries in the telephone directory should be as comprehensive as possible and asking the Corporation to increase the number of entries of lines rented by them. The charge for each extra entry was 4s. per entry per issue. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider the present entries are sufficient.

8—Numbering of Houses—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Head Postmaster asking for Mead Road to be numbered. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

9—Car Park—(a) Promenade—The Committee considered recommendation of the Finance Committee that an attendant should remain on duty in this car park in the evenings. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to engage an extra attendant through the British Legion to be on duty in the evenings up to 10 30 p.m. at a wage of 1s. per hour.

(b) Rodney Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted designs and estimates for a sign to be erected at this car park at the junction of Oriel and Rodney Roads. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for a wrought iron illuminated sign.

10—Bath and West Show—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Secretary of the Bath and West and Southern Counties Society asking if the Council would agree to bear the cost of any fencing required on the show ground and car park RESOLVED, That the Council agree to pay half the cost of restoring any fences or ditches that may be removed

11—Leckhampton Hill—Read, report of the Borough Surveyor of a youth found rolling stones down the slopes of the hill. RESOLVED, That the Cheltenham Rural District Council be asked to consider applying for an Order under the Public Health Act, 1875, applying Section 171 of that Act to the Rural District which would enable the Police to prosecute persons found throwing stones and lighting fires etc. on the hill.

12—Shops Acts—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Official Exhibitions Ltd applying for certificate of exemption under the Shops Acts in respect of the Exhibition at the Town Hall under the auspices of the "Gloucestershire Echo" from the 5th to 12th May next. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue a Certificate of Exemption under Section 5 of the Shops (Hours of Closing) Act, 1928, in respect of the Exhibition, as the trade thereat will be ancillary and subsidiary to the main purpose of the Exhibition which is advertisement, and that in respect of such retail trade or business half past nine o'clock in the evening be substituted for the general closing hours fixed by the Act, subject to the shop Assistants employed in or about the retail trade or business not being employed on the 4th and 13th May, 1938.

13—Petrol Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of E. Knott & Co. for a licence to store 500 gallons of petrol in an underground tank at their premises in Cleaveland Street be granted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th April, 1938. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Grimwade and Smith; Messrs. Carter and Stokes (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—Read, report of the Garden's Superintendent's monthly inspection of the allotments The following allotments were in an untidy state of cultivation ;—Nos. 86, 89, 90, 104, 107 and parts of 87, 91 and 111 Asquith Road ; 13, 37, 38, 39 and 40 Alma Road ; 19 Gapper's Field ; 20, 21, 22, 134 and 141 Marle Hill Estate. The tenant of No. 85 at Marle Hill Estate had erected a large pigeon-house on the allotment in contravention of the terms of his tenancy agreement. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the tenants of the untidy allotments that unless these are put in a satisfactory state of cultivation before the next inspection, they will be given notice to quit, also to require the tenant of No. 85 to remove the pigeon house.

2—Rent Rebates--(a) The Town Clerk submitted offers to take Nos. 11 Hatherley Road, 91 Asquith Road and 19 Gapper's Field provided these were let rent free for 12 months, 6 months and 3 months respectively in view of their bad condition. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted application from the tenant of No. 141 Crabtree Piece for a rebate in his rent in view of the bad condition of the allotment at the commencement of his tenancy. RESOLVED, That he be granted six months rent free.

3—Marle Hill Estate Allotments—(a) It was reported that one of the tenants was in the habit of driving his tax-cab across the field leading to the allotments, instead of using the roadway. RESOLVED, That

the Town Clerk be instructed to write to him, requiring him to use the roadway if he wishes to drive his taxi on to the allotments.

(b) It was reported that on the 9th inst., cattle belonging to Mr. W. J. Stephens were found straying on the allotments. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Stephens and ask him to take steps to see that his cattle do not stray on to the allotments.

P. T. SMITH, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 1st April, 1938. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor- Green in the chair)

9—Athletic Ground—Ladies' Football Batches—The Committee considered a proposal that the Council should promote jointly with Messrs. F H. Edwards and F B. Leopold, on behalf of the Cheltenham Town A F.C. three Ladies' International Football Matches on the Athletic Ground on Whit-Monday, Saturday, 25th June and August Bank Holiday. Mr. F. H. Edwards attended and stated that he and Mr. Leopold would be prepared to promote the matches on sharing terms with the Corporation, or to rent the ground and organise the matches themselves. He estimated the total expenses of the three matches at £175. RESOLVED, That the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be recommended to join with the Football Club in promoting the three matches on a fifty-fifty basis subject to consideration of any proposals made by the Cheltenham Motor Club for the use of the ground on the two Bank Holidays.

10—King George V National Memorial—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Hon. Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant's Fund for Gloucestershire that it had now been decided to make a grant of £500 towards the cost of a playing field in Cheltenham, The Committee wished that the grant should be spent on a specified portion of the Playing Field off Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that the ornamental gates and piers, tenders for which were accepted at the meeting of the Committee on the 14th February, be erected at this ground, and the balance of the grant allocated towards the cost of laying out the top football pitch, and that Minute No, 7 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 13th December last be varied accordingly.

11—Gardens Superintendent—At the request of the Grammar School Governors and the Delancey Hospital Trustees, RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised, to advise on the layout of the gardens of the new Technical College at The Park and prepare scheme and estimate, and also the cultivation of the garden of the Delancey Hospital.

12—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to expend the sum of £20 on the provision of agricultural drains for the playing pitch at this ground in order that this may be ready for use by June next.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

[APPROVED, 4th APRIL, 1938, SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT THAT MINUTE No. 9 BE REFERRED BACK TO THE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA AND PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEES WITH POWER TO ACT].

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th April, 1938. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1---Hatherley Court Recreation Road—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders received for the playground equipment at this ground. RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Councillor Green) be authorised to consider the tenders with the Borough Surveyor, and recommend a tender for acceptance at the next meeting of the Council.

(b) The Gardens Superintendent reported the progress made with the layout of this ground. One quarter of the playing pitch had now been seeded, and he anticipated that the ground would be ready for opening at the end of July.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write again to Leckwith Estates Co. Ltd., requiring them to complete without further delay the construction of the roads in accordance with their covenant in the conveyance to the Corporation.

2—Recreation Grounds—Custodians—The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from the Custodians of the Recreation Grounds for an increase in the allowance of 2s 6d. paid to them in consequence of the opening of the grounds on Sunday mornings. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

3—Chelsea Flower Show—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to attend this Show, as in previous years.

4—Pittville Gardens—(a) The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from R. Hale (aged 18) employed at the Pittville greenhouses, for an increase in wages. RESOLVED, That his wages be increased by 2s 6d. per week forthwith and a further increase of 2s 6d. in six months' time.

(b) The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had inspected the tree opposite No. 1 Pittville Lawn, which Mr. G. Norman had asked to be removed, and recommended that the tree should not be removed. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Marle Hill Annexe—The Gardens Superintendent reported that on the 3rd inst. the Park Constable found William Johns and Arthur Peters, aged 14, picking daffodils in Marle Hill Annexe. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the boys' parents, warning them that if there is any further offence, proceedings will be taken.

6—St. Mark's Playing Field—Read, letter from Mr. J. F. Fisher, complaining of the conduct of boys using this ground. The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had investigated the complaint, and instructed the Custodian to see that there was no re-occurrence of the cause for complaint.

7—Pittville Circus Garden—The Committee considered suggested layout of this garden submitted by the Gardens Superintendent, which provided for one winding path with two groups of flowering trees and five seats at an estimated cost of £138. RESOLVED, That this layout be adopted, and that Minute No. 5 passed at the meeting of the Committee on the 14th February last be varied accordingly.

8—King George V National Memorial—The Town Clerk reported interview which he had had with the Hon. Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant's Fund for Gloucestershire in regard to the allocation of the proposed grant of £500 towards the playing field at St. Mark's. RESOLVED, That the grant be applied

towards the cost of 12 acres of the land nearest St. Mark's Recreation Ground, and that Minute No. 10 passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly. RESOLVED, also, That the ornamental gates be erected at the new entrance to the ground to be constructed off Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, also, That the hedge adjoining Messrs. Smiths Systems Works be cut and laid in the Autumn.

9—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Cheltenham Municipal Officers Guild Junior Section to play cricket on the St. Mark's Playing Field on alternate Thursday evenings during the coming season.

10—Byelaws—The Town Clerk reported that under the County Review Order, 1935, the Byelaws in respect of Pittville Gardens, Marle Hill Annexe, Montpellier Gardens, Winter Gardens, Clarence Square, Wellington Square and Pittville Crescent Gardens were now obsolete, and he submitted draft Byelaws proposed to be made in respect of these Gardens and Hatherley Court and Pilley Recreation Grounds. RESOLVED, That these be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Health for approval. (A copy of the Byelaws accompanies the Minutes).

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 8th April, 1938. Present—Councillors Bendall and Fletcher Dr. R. Davies ; Major J. G. N. Clift and Mr. C. R. Mapp (Councillor Fletcher in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for February and March, 1938—Visitors-5,489 (last year 5,968). Included in these figures were the following parties :-48 girls from Ladies' College (2) ; 20 boys from Naunton Park School , 20 girls from Naunton Park School ; 35 boys from Practising School ; and 36 students from St. Mary's College (3).

Annual Attendance—The total attendance for the year ending 31st March, 1938 was 37,010 (last year 38,190). A printed Report will be issued in due course.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc £3 3s. 11d, Subscriptions to " The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund " £26 17s. 2d. Total £30 1s. 1d.

Talks by the Curator—The Curator had given talks on "The Cotswolds" and "The Cotswold Wool Trade" to the Women's Branch of the Stroud British Legion on 9th March ; to Forthampton W. I. on the 17th March ; and to Winchcomb Congregational Literary Guild on the 7th April.

Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club—The Curator reported that the first out-door meeting of the season was to be a combined meeting in the Art Gallery and Museum on the morning of Saturday, 16th April, and after lunch a visit to Belas Knap Long Barrow.

Picture by Miss E. Mary Wilkinson--The Curator visited London on 21st March at the invitation of the Arlington Gallery, to select a picture as a gift. RESOLVED, That the oil painting entitled "Tulips" by E. Mary Wilkinson be accepted with thanks, and that the Curator's action in the matter be confirmed.

Visit to London—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to meet a Museum donor in London, at a date to be arranged in May, with regard to museum specimens.

Air Raid Precautions and Museums--RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to prepare a brief list of not exceeding 6 pictures in the Baron de Ferrieres collection, and to take precautions for their safeguard as outlined to the Committee.

Fire Insurance—RESOLVED, That adjustments to insurance values of the Baron de Ferrieres pictures be carried out as recommended by the Curator, resulting in a net increase of £850 in the policy. RESOLVED, further, That 80 show-cases, now the property of the Art Gallery and Museum, be insured in the sum of £2,100.

"Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund"—The Curator reported that during the eight years this Fund had been in operation, £422 18s. 9d. had been subscribed. RESOLVED, That a brief Report on the activities of this Fund be issued as publicity matter, at an early date.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Mr R. C. Alcock, Miss F. M. Batstone, Miss E Maude Bubb, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Jennings Campbell, Mr. E. H. G. Cox, Dr. J B. Davey, Mr. E. J. Gibbins, Mr. H. P. Giles, Miss Goddard, Mr. H. S. Goodhart-Rendel, Miss Holliday, Mr. E. G. Lawrence, Mrs. A. W. Newport, Messrs. The Pilkington Tile and Pottery Co., Miss Probert, Mr. Puesy, Mrs. F. Rees, Mrs. Southern, Mr. J. Spreutels, Mr. I. E. C. Thomson, Alderman Capt. J. H. Trye, Mrs. Waite, Dr. Oliver H. Wild, Miss E. M. Wilkinson, Miss M. E. Wilson.

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

3—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That 8 examples of ceramics ; a reproduction in bronze of the bust of Seneca in the Naples Museum ; and three specimens of trees be purchased from this Fund at a total cost of £17 15s. 0d.

4—Specimens for the Museum—RESOLVED, That 13 examples of ceramics, 4 bygones and 2 black-wood spill vases be purchased at a total cost of £9 18s. 0d.

5—Picture Offered as a Gift—RESOLVED, That a tempera painting, offered as a gift by Mr. E. C. Campbell, entitled "Still Life" by G. Steel, R.S.A., be accepted with thanks.

6—Poster Frame outside Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That this Committee contribute £4 5s 0d., being one-third the total cost of a notice frame, on condition that one of the three double-crown spaces be made available for Art Gallery and Library notices, and that a key to the frame be supplied to the Curator

7—Art Gallery Attendant—The Curator reported the resignation of Miss F. M. Batstone on her approaching marriage. RESOLVED, That the resignation be accepted, and that the Curator be authorized to appoint another woman to fill the vacancy, at a wage not exceeding 27s 6d per week.

8—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 13th May, 1938.

F. S. FLETCHER., Chairman.

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CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd April, 1938. Present—Councillors Avery, Bendall, Fletcher, Green, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from the 26th March to the 22nd April, 1938. Interments 59 ; Cremations 6 ; Grave Spaces sold 10 (Second Position 2, Fourth Position 8 Inscriptions 11. Memorials erected 11.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9777 to 9786.

3—Designs- -RESOLVED, That Designs Nos. 2197 to 2235, set out in the Deigns Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Crematorium-(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted design of proposed bronze tablet recording the opening of the Crematorium. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this cast and erected inside the Crematorium Chapel.

(b) Fees—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Ministry of Health stating that if the proposed fees for memorial tablets in the Garden of Remembrance and interment of ashes in purchased grave spaces involved no departure from the present scale of fees, no further approval by the Minister was necessary.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 8th April, 1938. Present—Councillors Bendall, Bush, Fletcher and Grimwade; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for February and March, 1938—Receipts £35 1s. Od. Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 12,039; Lending Department 38,467 ; Junior Department 5,636; School Libraries 9,882. Total 66,024 (last year 61,039).

Annual Issue—The total issue for the year ending 31st March, 1938, was 347,331 (last year 322,472). This is the highest issue on record. A printed report will be issued in due course.

Replacements-171 volumes had been replaced.

Lectures—The following lectures had taken place in the Art Gallery except the first which was held in the Town Hall :—

28th February ... Capt. A. H. Shakeshaft on "Air defence and the civil population." Attendance 491.

8th March ... Commander the Hon. S. Hay. O.B.E., R.N. on "This sea affair of ours." Attendance 113

21st March ... Miss A. R. Burgess on "Some aspects of life in Russia." Attendance 193.

The total attendance at the 15 Winter lectures had been 2,415 an average of 161 per lecture. The collections had produced the sum of £18 2s. 7d. towards "The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund."

Inter-availability of tickets—The name of Loughborough had been added to the list of Libraries honouring Cheltenham readers' tickets in return for reciprocal facilities.

Fire Insurance—At the request of the Committee the Librarian reported on the properties of the Library and recommended that insurance against fire should be increased to the following sums:-

Book Stock.

Reference Library-1,346 volumes as per special valuations	1,476
30,000 volumes at 4s per volume ...	6,000
Day Library of Natural History-1,200 volumes ...	1,000
Lending Library-23,700 non-fiction volumes at 4s per volume	4,740
6,100 fiction volumes at 2s per volume	610
Junior Library--4,000 volumes at 2s per volume ...	<u>400</u>
	£14,226
Public Library Furniture	<u>1,000</u>
	Total £15,226

RESOLVED, That the foregoing valuations be approved, and that the Borough Treasurer be asked to effect the necessary insurance. RESOLVED, further, That the question of increasing the valuation of the Public Library and Art Gallery building be deferred for further consideration

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2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 331 volumes, published at £112 12s 0d., be purchased for £69 3s 0d.

(b) That 1 volume published at £4 4s. 0d. be purchased for £3 15s. 7d. out of the Leslie Young Bequest Fund.

(c) That £75 be spent on Binding.

(d) That £50 be spent on Replacements.

3—Donations-61 volumes, 32 folios of reproductions, and 13 pamphlets had been received as gifts from 27 donors. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

4—Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That "The Medical Herbalist," offered as a gift, be not accepted.

(b) That "The K. H. News Letter" (10s per annum) be added to the list of periodicals purchased.

(c) That a list of all periodicals received as gifts be circulated to the Committee prior to the May meeting.

5—Wrought-iron plinth guards—Consideration was given to the possibility of fixing a wrought-iron plinth to the front elevation of the Library building. RESOLVED, That no action be taken at present.

6—Notice Boards for Vestibule—RESOLVED, That two Notice Boards be fixed to the wall in the vestibule at a cost of £5 17s. 0d.

7—National Central Library Appeal—RESOLVED, That a special direct contribution of £2 2s. 0d. be made for the year ending 31st March, 1939, the subject to be reviewed after that date.

8—Bookmarks—Read, application from Messrs. Wright's Publicity Service for permission to contract for the supply of Bookmarks. RESOLVED, That the matter be deferred for further information to be obtained, and to ascertain whether Messrs. Hearn's Advertising Service Ltd. desired to quote.

9—Book Licence—RESOLVED, That the name of Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son Ltd., 92 Promenade, Cheltenham, be added to the list of firms on the Net Book Licence.

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 13th May, 1938.

H. C. GRIMWADE, Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th April, 1938. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Ben James, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

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

2—Unpaid Rates—(a) The Committee interviewed one defaulter.

(b) A Statement of unpaid Rates for the half year ended the 31st ult. was submitted and signed by members of the Committee.

3—New Valuation List—Read, circular letter 1691 of 28th ult. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the decision of the Government to postpone for two years the operation of the Third Valuation List. Read, also, circular from the County Council urging the desirability of continuing with the preparation of the new lists. RESOLVED, That having regard to the new Rent Restrictions Bill and to the many changes that may take place in the rentals of houses during the next two years, the Committee do not consider it expedient to proceed with the revaluation at the present time.

4—Railway Let-out Properties—Read, letter of 28th ult. from the Coal Merchants' Federation of Great Britain asking the Council to defer pressing for payment of the rates from let-out properties now due as from the 1st April, 1931, in view of the negotiations now proceeding between the Federation and the Railway Companies for the payment thereof. The L.M. & S. and L.N.E.R. Companies had now agreed with the Federation to take over the liability for rates from the 1st April, 1931, and the

Federation were endeavouring to make a similar arrangement with the G W.R. Company. RESOLVED, That the Rating and Valuation Officers be instructed not to press for payment for three months.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th April, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 31st ult., on the collection of the Second Instalment of last year's Rate. Amount collected £11,093 ; Allowances to Owners £-803 ; Voids £3,532 ; Excusals £302; Irrecoverable £1,230 ; Leaving outstanding £2,579.

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, 1938, Amount collected £6,415 ; Abatements £61 ; Voids 206 ; Defaulters £16 ; Arrears £99.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 26th 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.

4—Electricity Accounts—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity Charges since the last meeting

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

Date, 1938.	Purpose	Amount.	Period of Repayment,
April 5	High Street and Promenade Traffic Island ...	£1,821	20 years.
April 19	Pittville Street Improvement Scheme	£41,052	60 “
April 20	Whaddon Farm Recreation Ground (Lay-out)	£2,291	20 “
April 20	“ (Pavilion) ...	£1,370	30 “
April 20	“ (Playground Equipment)	£125	10 “
April 25	Gloucester Road and Central Schools (Excess Expenditure)	£496	28 “

April 25 .	Tewkesbury Road Playing Field (Purchase)	£1,058	60	“
April 25 .	“ (Fencing& Pavilion)	£105	10	“
April 25 .	“ (Lay-out)	£485	20	“

6—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that the balance of £4,978 of the loan from the Public Works Loan Board had now been received.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that he had raised a temporary loan of £20,000 from the British Bank of South Africa for one month and thence on one month's notice at £1 ¼ per cent per annum plus brokerage. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Proposed Loan of £150,000—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to approach the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society to ascertain on what terms they will make a loan up to £150,000 to be borrowed as and when required by the Corporation.

7—Maternity Home Accommodation—The Committee considered the resolution of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee asking this Committee to consider what financial assistance could be given by the Council to the District Nursing Association towards the cost of erecting a new Maternity Home. The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report on the present accommodation at the Victoria Home and as to the need of further beds for cases requiring admission on account of unsatisfactory home conditions. Councillor Grimwade reported that the County Council were about to institute a survey of the maternity home accommodation throughout the County with a view to considering the whole position. RESOLVED, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending the result of the County Council survey, and that meanwhile the Maternity Committee be recommended to consider making arrangements with private nursing homes for the admission of any urgent cases which cannot be accommodated at the Victoria Home.

8—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that he had circularised 202 employees and servants at present not included in the Superannuation Scheme enquiring whether they wished to become contributors under the new Act, and that 173 had replied in the affirmative, 8 in the negative and 21 had not replied. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the matter.

(b) Borough Treasurer's Department--Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving the resolution of the Council designating the posts of Electricity Stores Clerk and Electricity Accountancy Assistant as established for the purposes of the 1922 Superannuation Act.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham. 3rd June, 1938.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of June, 1938, 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 accept offers for purchase of land in Brooklyn Road. 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 CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

N.B.—PLEASE NOTE DATE 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 Monday, 2nd May, 1938, at 3 p.m. Present.

The Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye. C.B.E., R.N. Retd., J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green. Grimwade, Howell. F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P., Moore. Rogers, Smith. Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen J. Moore and Clara F. Winterbotham ; and Councillor Morris.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th April, 1938 having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read. and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held April 11

Subject to an Amendment moved by the Deputy Mayor : " That Minute No. 3 (c) be referred back for further consideration so far as it affects Linda Cottage."

Housin Meeting held April 14

Street and Highway Meeting held April 20

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 2 (c) (i) be referred back for further consideration." (An Amendment moved by Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland and seconded by Councillor Compton : That Minutes Nos. 2 (4) (5) (6) be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held April 20

Town Planning Meeting held April 21

Resolved, also, That with reference to Plan No. 4877 for 15 houses in Hales Road, approved at the last Meeting of the Council, the condition requiring the floor levels to be kept 12 inches above the crown of the road be amended and that the floor levels be allowed to be fixed at 6 inches below the crown of the road, as agreed with Mr. G. A. M. Hall, this being 18 inches higher than the adjoining houses.

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held April 22

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Waite and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 3 (b) be amended and that the Corporation do not agree to contribute ,C5 towards the cost of advertising Cheap Tickets from Gloucester including admission to the Swimming Pool."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 3 (b) be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Howell : That Minute No. 4 in reference to Sandford Park Swimming Pool be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Parks and Recreation Grounds and Town Improvement and Spa Joint Meeting held April 22

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held April 25

Water Meeting held April 12

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General Purposes and Watch Meeting held April 8

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Bettridge and seconded by Councillor Compton " That Minute No. 4 (d) be amended and that Captain Such be paid an Honorarium of £100 " was lost).

Allotments Meeting held April 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held April 11

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held April 8

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held April 22

Public Library Meeting held April 8

Rating Meeting held April 7

Finance Meeting held April 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—Guardians Committee—Resolved, That Councillors J. B. Till and H. T. Bush be appointed members of the Guardians Committee to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Councillors H. M. Avery and P. T. Smith.

4—Delancey Hospital—Councillor Grimwade reported that Dr. Kirkland had withdrawn his resignation as a Trustee of the Delancey Hospital.

J. H. TRYE, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday, 8th June, 1938.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th May, 1938. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James and Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Ben James, E. W. Moore and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair)

1—Insanitary Property-74 Suffolk Road--The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee on the 15th November last the works specified to be done at these premises had now been carried out to his satisfaction by Mr W. Drew at a cost of £28 0s. 6d.

RESOLVED, That application be made to the Owner for payment.

2—Nuisances from Drains—Wharfedale, Alstone Lane ; 1, 2 and 3 Warwick Villas—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 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936 to the Owners requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days and 14 days respectively.

3—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Notices arising from defective walls, floors, ceilings, etc , served but not complied with, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

4—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Basement of 6 Suffolk Square—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basement of these premises. 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, the Owner thereof, and mortgagee, if any, that the condition of the said part of the said house and any offer with respect to the carrying out of the works or future user thereof, will be considered at a meeting of the Committee to be held on the 5th July, 1938.

(b) 243a and 244 High Street (1st and 2nd floors)—The Committee further considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the above-mentioned parts of these premises. Mr. Green attended on behalf of the person in control and consented to Orders being made. It was reported that the Owner also consented to Orders being made. RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the above-mentioned parts of the said premises, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, 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 Owner 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 a store.

(c) 24, 25, 26 and 27 Exmouth Street: 24 St. James' Street; Brickyard Cottage, Folly Lane; 14, 15, and 16 Hereford 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 5th July, 1938.

(d) The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses (i) Linda Cottage, Tivoli Lane—The Committee reconsidered their decision to make a Demolition Order in respect of this house, which was referred back for further consideration by the Council. Mr. Green, Solicitor, attended on behalf of the owners and asked for an adjournment to enable the Owners and their Mortgagees to submit proposals for reconditioning the premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(ii) 16-19 Waterloo Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner was not proceeding with the work required to comply with his Undertaking to recondition these houses. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Owner that an order will be made next month unless satisfactory progress is then reported.

(iii) 27 Brunswick Street South—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner had nearly completed the reconditioning of these premises in accordance with her Undertaking. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(iv) 1, 2 and 3 Laurel Cottages—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these houses had been sold to a purchaser who was willing to give an Undertaking to recondition. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the purchase to be completed

(v) 18 Prestbury Road—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson, reporting that a contract had been arranged for reconditioning this house in accordance with the specification prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for four months.

(vi) Springfield Cottage Brandon Place—RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for one month to enable the Owner to sell the premises.

(vii) 14, 15 and 16 Clare Place—RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for two months to enable the Owner to consider reconditioning these houses in accordance with the specification of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(viii) 5 Hewlett Place—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Mr H. Boreham on behalf of the Owner applying for consideration to be adjourned to enable plans to be prepared for reconditioning this house. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month

(ix) 10 Jersey Street—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned pending negotiations for the purchase of this house by the Council.

(x) 15 and 16 Grove Street—The Owner attended and offered to carry out repairs at these premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month, and that the Rota Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the premises again.

(xi) 1, 5, 15, 20, 21, 22 and 23 Queen Street—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months to enable the Owners to consider carrying out the works required to render these houses fit for human habitation in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(xii) 3, 6, 16, 17 and 18 Queen Street--RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Owners to consider carrying out the works required to render these houses fit for human habitation in accordance with the specifications of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(xiii) Farnah Cottage, Witcombe Place ; Knapp Cottage. Knapp Road----RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the Owners that these premises shall not be used for human habitation be accepted.

(e) 19 Bath Road—The Committee further considered the application by the Owner for permission to use these premises as a store instead of demolishing them in accordance with the Demolition Order made in respect thereof on the 6th July, 1936. The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(f) 50 Worcester Street--The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported an application by the Owner for a Demolition Notice to be served in respect of this house. The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the premises, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable enquiries to be made as to the arrangements for re-housing the tenant.

(g) 30 and 31 Worcester Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had made further progress with the demolition of these houses since the report to the Committee on the 14th March last, but had again stopped work leaving the premises in a condition dangerous to the public RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain from Messrs. Packer & Sons a revised tender for completing the demolition of the property in default of compliance by the Owner with the Demolition Orders made in respect thereof in January, 1937, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept such tender.

(h) 33 Worcester Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That his Undertaking be cancelled.

(i) Basement of 17 Imperial Square—The Committee further considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of these premises. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had undertaken to carry out by the 4th July next the work required to render the premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(j) Basement of 6 Bayshill Terrace—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had 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 in respect thereof on the 8th May, 1935.

5—Clearance Orders, 1936—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses, which had been excluded from the Clearance Orders by the Minister of Health :—

(a) 30 Portland Square and 6 Portland Cottages—The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of these premises. RESOLVED, That the Undertaking given by the Owners that these premises shall not be used for human habitation be accepted.

(b) 12 North Place and 1 and 2 St. Margaret's Cottages—The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of these premises. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to reconsider their decision not to purchase the property for street improvement, and that consideration be adjourned in the meantime.

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6—Housing Act, 1936 —Certificates as to Fitness—(a) 14 and 15 Witcombe Place ; 33 Exmouth 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 10 years.

(b) 45 Worcester Street ; 10 Portland Terrace ; 6 Newest Place ; 8 Queen Street ; 14, 15 and 16 Hereford Place—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.

7—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 qr. 1 lb. Beef ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs. Pork , 14 ½ lbs. Poultry

8—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. A. E. Phillips of St Peter's Stores, 113 Tewkesbury Road, and Mr. W. E. Lawrence of St. Anne's Dairy, St. Anne's Promenade, Albion Street, for registration as Retail Purveyors of milk in the Borough from their respective premises be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order.

9—Shops Act, 1934—(a) 164 Bath Road—The Committee further considered the application by the occupier of these premises for a Certificate of Exemption from the provisions of Section 10 (2) of the Shops Act, 1934 (requiring the provision of suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences). The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported his inspection of the premises, RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the Owner undertaking to inform the Council of any alteration in the arrangements reported to the Committee.

(b) 2 Cambray ; 5 and 7 Bath Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these shops had been inspected and found not to comply with the provisions of Section 10 of the Shops Act, 1934, RESOLVED, That in pursuance of that section, notices be served on the owners or occupiers of the shops requiring them within 28 days to take such action as may be specified by the Chief Sanitary Inspector for securing compliance with the provisions of the said Section

10—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 1937 :—

Population 51,420--Showing an increase of 30 on the estimate for the previous year

Birth Rate .. 13.2 per thousand The figure is slightly lower than the one for 1936 but is again above the average of recent years.

Death Rate 16.2 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 12 per thousand (as compared with 12.4) per thousand for the whole country,

Death Rate of Children, 55.8 per thousand (as compared with 58 for the whole country). under one year.

11—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of Analyses of Water taken during the preceding month.

12—Rag Flock Act, 1911—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that samples of rag flock had been taken from the premises of F. Rouse & Co. Ltd. at Market Street, and had been found not to comply with the standard of cleanliness prescribed by the Rag Flock Regulations. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to warn Messrs. F. Rouse & Co. Ltd. that they are liable for penalties under the Act, and that further samples will be taken at a later date.

13—Waste Land and Ditch between Mead Road and Railway—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had interviewed the Owner of this land who had undertaken to fix additional notice boards prohibiting the deposit of refuse and to institute proceedings against persons disregarding the Notices

14—Health Department—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. E. J. Jackson, Sanitary Inspector, had passed the examination of the Royal Sanitary Institute in advanced knowledge of Sanitary Administration and was entitled to full membership of the Institute He also reported that Mr H. E Clapp, Pupil, had passed 1st in four subjects and 2nd in the remaining subject in Building Construction and Sanitary Science at the North Gloucestershire Technical College.

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15—Chelt Main Sewer etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted Plans and Estimates as finally settled by him for the following sewers :—

1. Chelt Main Sewer ...	£72,800
2. Rowanfield Road Sewer ...	£11,633
3. Part of Wyman's Brook Sewer	<u>£5,101</u>
	£89, 534

RESOLVED, That these be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to loans for the cost thereof

16—Public Conveniences—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the provision of free conveniences for women during the trial period of 6 months to the 30th ult. RESOLVED, That the arrangement be continued for the present (b) Leckhampton Road—Read, letter of 22nd ult., from Mr. A Parsons, requesting that a Public Convenience should be provided at the foot of Leckhampton Hill. RESOLVED, That consideration of this matter be deferred until the estimates for next year are considered.

17—Nuisances from Rats—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted a report on the condition of the undermentioned sewers, which it had been suggested were infested with rats :—

(i) St, Anne's Terrace—The report showed that this sewer was defective and it was recommended that a new 12 inch sewer should be laid at an estimated cost of £450.

(ii) Painswick Road—In this case it had been found that an old brick drain was connected with the Minnow Ditch Culvert and it was recommended that this should be cut off and connected to the new sewer at an estimated cost of £20

(iii) Gratton Road—It was reported that the sewer in this road was not defective but that the nuisance from rats was probably due to the filling in of the Minnow Ditch Culvert, which had driven them into the open.

(iv) St. Stephen's Road—It was reported that the sewer in this road and certain connections therewith were defective and it was recommended that the sewer and connections therewith should be relaid at an estimated cost of £320.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Borough Surveyor be approved, and that the expenditure be met out of revenue.

(b) Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that complaints had been received of rats in these gardens and that upon investigation it had been found that they were working out of a disused water connection at the back of the new Conveniences, which he had arranged to be filled in.

18—Agricultural Act, 1937—The Town Clerk submitted circular dated the 22nd March, 1938, from the Ministry of Health enclosing copies of the Milk (Special Designations) Amendment Order, 1938, and the Milk and Dairies Amendment Order, 1938, which had been made in consequence of the transfer of the functions of Veterinary Inspectors of Local Authorities to Inspectors appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and also calling attention to the Tuberculosis Order, 1938.

19—Albert Road—Read, letter of 24th ult., from the Clerk of the Cheltenham Rural District Council, reporting that his Council had decided that the Prestbury Sewage Works were not capable of dealing with the sewage from the new Grammar School in Albert Road, and that a connection to the sewer in this road could only be permitted upon payment of a sum sufficient to cover the cost of enlarging the works. RESOLVED, That this letter be referred to the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor for consideration in connection with the claim for financial adjustment in respect of the area recently transferred to the Borough.

20—Moorend Sewer—Read, letter of 27th ult., from Mark Williams & Co. Ltd., with regard to their claim for an extra payment for the laying of this sewer owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the ground. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee are still of opinion that consideration of this claim should be deferred until the Contract is completed.

21—Abattoir—The Farms and Abattoir Sub-Committee reported that they had considered quotations for the provision of a new weighing machine at the Abattoir, but they recommended that this matter should be deferred until the estimates for next year are submitted. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th May, 1938. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Bettridge, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Moore and Till (Alderman Pates in the chair)

1—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made by Mr. C Sansom with his Contract. All the houses had now been commenced, and 77 completed. Messrs Edwards Ltd had also completed 152 houses.

(b) Evenlode Avenue—RESOLVED, That in lieu of providing fencing for the gardens at the rear of the one-bedroom flats in Evenlode Avenue and Windrush Avenue, that gates be fixed at the rear of each block of flats.

(c) Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk submitted consent of the Ministry of Health dated 20th April, 1938 to the appropriation of 738 acres of land for a playing field The consent was given on the understanding that the Housing account was credited with the value of the land, namely £1,330.

2—Hayden Farm—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the two houses in course of erection at Hayden wired for electricity. RESOLVED, also, That the Public Health Committee be recommended to have the two adjoining houses belonging to the farms also wired, and to share the cost of the service cable.

3-2 Folly Lane —RESOLVED, That notice be given to Mr. H. J. Trigg, tenant of this house, to give up the portion of the garden at the junction of Folly Lane and St. Paul's Road required for the improvement of this junction.

4—Whaddon Avenue—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell had asked that the occupation road from Whaddon Avenue leading to the land in Cleeve View Road should not be thrown into the gardens of the two houses on either side of the roadway as proposed, as the purchasers of two new houses in Cleeve View Road abutting on the road desired to use this for a garage entrance. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to grant a right of way over this road subject to an annual acknowledgment of 10s per annum, to the road being maintained by the owners of the two houses, and to their erecting unclimbable gates at the entrance to the road in Whaddon Avenue.

5—Housing Manager—(a) The monthly report of the Housing Manager on the collection of the rents was submitted. (b) The Deputy Housing Manager reported that Miss Nash, pupil trainee, had resigned RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Garland, Grimwade, Moore and Till be appointed to consider the staff in this department and that they be authorised to make arrangements for filling the vacancy.

6—1 Byron Road --RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. L. N. Green to purchase this house for £490 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.

7—New Houses—(a) The Town Clerk submitted report in regard to the present position of the rehousing of persons occupying houses in Clearance Areas and in respect of which Demolition or Closing Orders have been made. The Housing Manager also reported that there were a large number of applicants consisting of married persons without any children or with one child who could conveniently be rehoused in two bedroom houses, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be

instructed to submit plans for the erection of two blocks of two-bedroom maisonettes (8 in number) on the site of News Cottages, Alstone Lane, belonging to the Corporation, similar to those being erected on land off Queen's Retreat, but with more accommodation, the maisonettes to be Non-Subsidy and to be let at economic rents. RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to obtain tenders for the erection of the maisonettes

(b) Whaddon Farm Estate--The Committee considered the desirability of building additional Non-Subsidy three-bedroom houses on this Estate The Borough Surveyor reported that there was still sufficient land on the Estate off Cam Road for the erection of 32 three-bedroom houses This would utilise all the land available with the exception of the land fronting Priors Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the erection 32 Non-Subsidy three-bedroom type houses.

(c) Higgs Cottages—The Committee considered the desirability of acquiring the site of Higgs Cottages which protruded into the Alstone Lawn Estate and prevented the Corporation from completing the development of this Estate. The Town Clerk reported that the land and cottages were owned by various members of the Higgs families. RESOLVED, (a) That an Order be made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section 74 of the Housing Act, 1936, for the compulsory purchase of Higgs Cottages, comprising 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 Higgs Cottages, the building formerly No. 7 Higgs Cottages, the site of No. 8 Higgs Cottages and the gardens, sheds, washhouses and water closets appurtenant to Higgs Cottages or some of them, and that the same be submitted for the confirmation of the Ministry of Health (b) That when the Order is confirmed the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the property ; (c) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plans for the erection of houses fronting Alstone Lane, including the vacant strip of land now belonging to the Corporation with a view to these being erected under the Housing Financial Provisions Act, 1938 for rehousing persons displaced from overcrowded or unfit houses.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 2.3rd May, 1038. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade and Rogers. (Councillor Green 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) Drawing Materials—(1) Read, letter of 4th inst. from Messrs. F. C. Dodwell & Sons. requesting the Council to reconsider their decision not to grant an increase in their Contract Price for the supply of Drawing Materials. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to. (2) Read, letter of 29th ult. from Messrs. Banks Ltd., asking to be released from their Contract for the supply of Drawing Materials. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

(b) Coal—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 17th inst. from John Williams & Co. Ltd. applying for an increase in the price of coal supplied by them beyond the approximate quantity of 250 tons

mentioned in their Contract. RESOLVED, That the application be granted in respect of coal supplied beyond a margin of 5 per cent. above the quantity stated in the Contract.

(c) Gravel—The Borough Surveyor reported that the samples of gravel submitted by the Gloucestershire Tile and Sand Co. had proved unsatisfactory. RESOLVED, That their tender be not accepted and that the tender of Strickland Stone Co. to supply gravel at 6s per ton be accepted.

3—Imperial Square—Read, letter of 30th inst. from the Borough Electrical Engineer requesting permission to attach electricity wires and lamps to the trees on the South side of Imperial Square for the purpose of lighting the car park. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

4—Promenade—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Messrs. Eckersall and Watterson, Solicitors, on behalf of Mrs. M. E. Yeend, asking the Corporation to contribute towards the cost of throwing the portion of the inner road in front of 101 Promenade into the adjoining pavement. RESOLVED, That an offer be made to pay half the cost of paving the land given up by this owner.

5—Wages and Conditions of Employment—(a) Transport Drivers—Read, circular letter from the National Joint Conciliation Board for the Road Motor Transport Industry (Goods), asking the Corporation to comply with the latest agreement with regard to wages of transport drivers and also to require Contractors to comply with this agreement. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

(b) Destructor Stokers—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for the wages of these employees to be increased from 1s 2d. to 1s 2¼ d. per hour while engaged on stoking. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

(c) Hayden Sewage Works—The Committee further considered the application for an increase of >.d. per hour in the wages of the permanent employees at the sewage works, which was referred back to them by the Council. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Labour Sub-Committee.

(d) Parks Custodians—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for an increase of 7s 6d per week in the wages of two of the Parks Custodians. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Labour Sub-Committee.

6—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Slab Factory Plant had had to be closed down as it was beyond repair, being over 30 years old. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the supply of Slabs and Kerbs, and that the Stores Sub-Committee be authorised to accept the most favourable tender. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a scheme and estimate for a new slab factory plant.

7—Asphalt Plant—The Borough Surveyor reported that this plant was very dilapidated and not giving satisfactory results. RESOLVED, That the plant be closed down and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to purchase a supply of asphalt on the basis of tenders already accepted by the Stores Sub-Committee.

8—Trunk Road No. 10—(a) Westal Green (i) The Committee considered various suggestions and letters with regard to the new traffic island at this junction. RESOLVED, That the Ministry of Transport be

recommended to change the "Keep Left " sign in Lansdown Road nearest the centre of the Town into a "Turn Left " sign. RESOLVED, also, That further consideration be adjourned for view.

(ii) Read, letter of 16th inst. from Miss Atherton reporting an accident in which a drain pipe used in connection with the temporary traffic island was damaged. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

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(b) The Town Clerk submitted circular No. 516 (Roads) from the Ministry of Transport fixing the charges to be made for the use of plant and tools owned by Agent Authorities in connection with the maintenance, improvement and construction of Trunk Roads RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

(c) Read, letter of 29th inst. from the Divisional Road Engineer provisionally approving the estimates for the maintenance and minor improvements of the Trunk Road for the financial year 1938-39.

9—Private Improvement Works---Arle Road—Read, letter of 19th inst. from Mr. A. V. Gregory, requesting that the Notices of Apportionment of the Private Improvement Expenses should be sent to Messrs. Goddard & Hunt. RESOLVED, That this request be complied with.

10—Norwood Road Improvement—Hay Barn—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Mr. Blissett giving notice to quit on the 25th prox The Town Clerk reported that when the property was purchased he was informed that the premises were let on a yearly tenancy. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Vendor's Solicitor for an explanation.

11-7-12 Winchcomb Street—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the District Valuer reporting that the Owners were prepared to sell this property to the Corporation for £2,500 plus Solicitors' costs. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan for the purchase money and costs.

12—High Street Unilateral Waiting Order—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Order proposed to be made by the Ministry of Transport for the portion of the High Street between the Colonnade and Cambray did not correspond in dates with the Order made for the Lower High Street. RESOLVED, That the attention of the Ministry of Transport be called to this

13—Junction of Gloucester Road and Libertus Road--Read, letters from the Owners of the corner properties at this junction refusing to surrender the land required for the improvement of this junction. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Owners to reconsider their decision.

14—Road at rear of Anlaby Court Estate, Evesham Road—Read, letter from Mr. S. Robson, complaining of the condition of this road RESOLVED, That the builders of the Anlaby Court Estate be required to remove the material and rubbish deposited by them in the road, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make up the road

15—Evesham Road---Read, letter of 12th inst. from the President of the Chamber of Commerce suggesting that a sign directing traffic to the "Town Centre" should be erected at the junction of this road with the Central Cross Drive. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

16—St. Margaret's Road—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Black & White Motorways Ltd., requesting that the refuse at the Motor Coach Station, St. Margaret's Road, should be collected twice weekly. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to, but that the Company be offered a free tip for their refuse, subject to their arranging the necessary transport.

17—Junction of Suffolk Square and Suffolk Parade—Read, letter of 12th inst. from Councillor Fisher offering to purchase the land offered by the St. James' Parish Council on the terms mentioned in Messrs. Rickerby & Co.'s letter of the 16th February last, and to pay their costs not exceeding £10, and to give up the portion of the land required by the Corporation for the improvement of this junction for £50. RESOLVED, That consideration of this offer be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a fresh estimate of the cost of carrying out the improvement.

18—Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that the scheme for the establishment of a pedestrian crossing near Malvern Street had been approved by the Ministry of Transport.

19—Great Norwood Street—The Town Clerk reported an application by Mr. G. A. Smith for the removal of the school sign outside the Bethesda Chapel, Great Norwood Street. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

20-107 High Street—(a) Read, letter of 18th from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend on behalf of Barclay's Bank requesting the postponement of the date for completion of the purchase of this property until 2nd January next. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) Read, letter of 17th inst. from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale offering on behalf of Clients to rent half of these premises for £200 per annum on a 7 years' lease. The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of dividing the premises into two parts at £400. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to put the premises in the hands of estate agents for letting at a rent of £350 per annum

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21—Borough Surveyor's Department— Wages Clerk—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. E. W. E. Savory would be fit to resume light work on the 23rd inst.

22—Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor reported a request by the Borough Electrical Engineer that the kerb lines of footpaths in Arle Road should be fixed in order that the lamp standards might be erected. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fix the kerb lines.

23—Pittville Street Improvement—The Borough Surveyor reported that a substantial offer had been received for the purchase of the surplus land not required for street improvement for the erection of a hotel and shops. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the District Valuer and he be asked to attend a Special Meeting of the Committee to consider the matter.

24—Lorry and Refuse Trailer—The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they had considered a number of tenders for the supply of a lorry and refuse trailer, but that they had adjourned consideration so that alternative tenders for a 2 ton and 3 ton lorry without overload might be obtained The Borough Surveyor reported that an additional refuse trailer need not be purchased if one of the existing trailers was repaired. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have

the trailer repaired and that the Sub-Committee be authorised to accept a tender for the supply of a lorry.

25—Warwick Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Winchcomb Street Traders' Association recommending the purchase of this property for a car park. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

26-31 Sherborne Street and 2-8 Jersey Street—The Town Clerk reported that the owner of this property was willing to sell it to the Corporation for the sum of £58 from which would be deducted the cost of demolition estimated at £52 15s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted.

27-15 Albion Street—The Town Clerk reported an offer to rent this property as a watch repairing shop RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted and that the premises be not relet.

28-139 Tewkesbury Road—The Committee considered a recommendation by the Housing Committee that this property should be demolished as being unfit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for demolition.

29-12 North Place and 1-6 St. Margaret's Cottages—The Committee considered a recommendation of the Public Health Committee that this property should be purchased for street improvement The Town Clerk reported that the owner had offered to sell the property for £600 plus solicitor's costs RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to contract, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into the necessary contract.

30-69 St. George's Place—The Committee considered an offer to sell this property to the Corporation, referred to them by the Public Health Committee. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner was unable to comply with the Demolition Order made in respect of the premises and that it would cost £200 to carry out the work in default, owing to the necessity of supporting the adjoining buildings. He submitted plans for reconstructing the premises as a shop and office at an estimated cost of £500. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain whether the Ministry of Health would approve of this scheme.

31—St. Paul's Road Improvement—Read, letter from the G.W.R. agreeing to give up the land required from them for this improvement for £5 subject to the Corporation setting back the fence. Read, also, letter from the Clerk of the County Council offering to give up the land required from the County Council at the price determined by the District Valuer subject to the Corporation re-erecting the existing fence and outbuildings on the new frontage. The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer had valued the land to be given up by the County Council at £23. RESOLVED, That these terms be agreed to.

32—Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk submitted letters from Messrs, G. H. Bayley & Sons and W. H. Horsley, offering on behalf of various clients to purchase land in Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That these offers be not accepted, but that land be offered for sale (subject to contract) on the following terms :—

Land	Price Per foot frontage. (exclusive of value of land).
	Minimum value of each house to be erected

280 feet frontage measured from brook on both sides of Brooklyn Road	£4 0s. 0d.	£475
Remaining frontage on West side of Brooklyn Road (approximately 287 feet)	£3 15s. 0d.	£550
560 feet frontage on East side of Brooklyn Road adjoining the 280 feet mentioned above)	£3 15s. 0d	£550

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33—St. George's Road—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Mr. B. M Singleton, requesting that the trees outside No. 77 St. George's Road should be thinned RESOLVED, That this application be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

34—Suffolk Square—The Committee considered a request by the Electricity and Lighting Committee for payment of the -' cost (estimated at £27 12s 6d) of removing the lamp for the improvement of the corner of Suffolk Square and the lane at the rear of the new Suffolk House Flats. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

35—Post Office Lane—Read, letters from Mr. G. Bradfield complaining of the obstruction of the footpath in this lane by bicycles and goods belonging to Mr. Berry RESOLVED, That this complaint be referred to the Police.

36—Shurdington Road—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Mr. J. Curtis applying for permission to erect a cigarette machine on the footpath outside his premises in Shurdington Road. RESOLVED, That the application not granted.

37—Post Office Telegraph Lines- -The Town Clerk submitted application by the Post Office Superintending Engineer, Cardiff, for permission to erect an overhead telegraph line in the Central Cross Drive, Pittville. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the conditions recommended by the Borough Surveyor.

38—London Road --The Town Clerk reported that the London Guarantee and Accident Co. Ltd., had offered to pay 75 per cent. of the cost of repairing the traffic signal near the junction with Hales Road, which was knocked down by a vehicle belonging to the Whithorne Quarrying Co. Ltd., last month RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted in settlement of the Corporation's claim.

39—Evesham Road—The Town Clerk reported that a traffic sign in this road had been damaged by a motor vehicle owned by the Emscote Foundry Co. Ltd of Warwick RESOLVED, That application be made for the cost of replacing the sign, estimated at 9s 10d

40—High Street—The Town Clerk reported that one of the unilateral parking signs in High Street had been damaged by a motor vehicle owned by Dicks & Sons Ltd. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the sign estimated at £1 2s. 10d

41—Junction of Grove Street and New Street—The Town Clerk reported that the pavement at this junction had been damaged by a car owned by Messrs. Stevens & Co. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of repairing the damage, estimated at 12s 6d.

42—Banners—(a) Read, letter of 17th inst., from the Secretary of the Floral Fete Committee applying for permission to display a banner across the Colonnade advertising the Floral Fete on the 22nd and 23rd prox. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(b) Read, letter of 21st ult., from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club applying for permission to erect a banner across the Colonnade advertising their sports events. RESOLVED, That the application be granted for the days of the events only.

43—Projecting Signs—(a) Read, letter from the Scintillating Signs Services, London, applying for permission to erect an illuminated neon sign outside the Plough Hotel, High Street. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) The Town Clerk reported an application for permission to erect a projecting sign calling attention to the Army Recruiting Office in the lane at the rear of 353 High Street. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions

44—Junction of Hewlett Road and High Street—The Town Clerk reported that a Halt Sign at this junction had been damaged by a motor vehicle owned by Mr. E. Neil of Broadway. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the sign estimated at £1 13s. 1d.

45—Sanctions to Loans—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for sanction to a loan of £600 for the estimated cost of demolishing Nos. 100, 137 to 139 and 143 Tewkesbury Road and Nos 5 and 6 Montpellier Avenue, which have been acquired for street improvement.

46--Conference—Read, letter inviting the Council to appoint a delegate to the summer school and Conference of the Men of The Trees at Oxford from the 11th to 23rd July next RESOLVED, That a delegate be not appointed.

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47—Report of View Committee—Read, report of a Meeting of the View Committee held on Wednesday, 11th inst. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) Councillors Fisher, Fletcher and Grimwade.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) 69 St. George's Place—That consideration of the owner's offer to sell this property to the Corporation be adjourned and that the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to ascertain whether the adjoining properties are also in the market.

(b) Mechanical Sweeper—That Messrs. Haines & Strange be informed that this machine is not working satisfactorily and must be returned, unless its present failure to clean the channels and pick up dirt, etc. can be remedied.

(c) Queen's Retreat—That Mr. W. H. Horsley be asked to remove the advertisements of maisonettes in this road.

(d) Gloucester Road—That Messrs. Rouse & Co. and Mr. W. G. Andrews be required to remove the advertisement boards and placards erected in front of Nos. 99 and 93 Gloucester Road in breach of their covenants with the Corporation.

(e) Thornclyffe Drive—That Lt.-Col. C. B. Herapath be informed that this Drive cannot be scavenged by the Corporation until a suitable surface is provided.

(f) Bayshill Road—That the seven dying trees be removed and replaced in the Autumn by London planes ; and that, if the ground is found to be waterlogged, a ground drain be laid

(g) Albert Road—That Mr. Gibbin's suggestion that a corner improvement should be carried out in this road be not approved, but that, when the new Girls' Grammar School is in use, consideration be given to a scheme for converting the present island into a traffic roundabout.

(h) Elm Street—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to demolish the wall between 30 Elm Street and the site of 100 Tewkesbury Road belonging to the Corporation, and replace it by railings ; also That the site of 100 Tewkesbury Road be made up and thrown into the highway.

6) Suffolk Road—That Mr. H. S. Jones' application for permission to install two additional swing arms for delivery of petrol across the footpath be granted subject to the usual agreement being entered into.

(j) Junction of Queen's Road and Gloucester Road—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to measure this junction and submit a Scheme for a Traffic Roundabout.

(k) Royal Well Place—That the portion of this road between St. George's Road and Royal Well Road be closed to vehicles to enable the diversion of the River Chelt culvert to be carried out

RESOLVED, That the above recommendations be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also, That an Order be made in pursuance of Section 47 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, prohibiting the use by vehicles of the portion of Royal Well Place mentioned in (1) above during the progress of the works of reconstruction of the said road and culvert.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday. 30th May, 1938. Present-The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall and Moore ; Lt.-Col. Godman, Captain Leschallas and Mr. 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.
4914	Flower & Sons	Foundation plan and calculations for new licensed premises, Whaddon Road.
4928	Hiller, J.	Cycle shed, 241 Brooklyn Road.

4929	A. H. Taylor & Co	Garage, Albion Street.
4930	Parfitt, J.	Garage, 146 Cakebridge Road.
4931	McKee, Mr.	Garage, Ravensgate, Charlton Lane.
4932	Lane, G. F.	Additional room, 2 Tennyson Road,
4933	Brasher, C. H.	Extension to factory, Tivoli Box Factory, rear Tivoli Place.
4934	Brador Estates Ltd	New shopfront, Clarence Street and Promenade.
4935	Rogers & Davies	Detached house, Hatherley Court Road,
4936	Smith, Jas. & Son	Alterations, 39/41 Promenade.
4937	Meulbrouck, A. H.	Tool shed, 44 Cleevemount Road.
4938	Moore, F	Tool shed, 3 St. George's Drive.
4939	Vicary, F. J	Garage, 213 Arle Road.
4940	Heacock, H.	Garage, Burston House, Pittville Circus.
4941	Jenkins, S. W.	3 houses, Hatherley Road.
4942	Wheeler & Mansell	2 detached houses, Painswick Road.
4943	Wilson, Mrs. M. E	Detached house, Church Road, St. Mark's.
4944	Hawker, A. E. & Co.	New shopfront and minor alterations, 370 High Street
4945	Gloucestershire Committee Education	Additional classroom, Grammar School.
4946	Enoch, G. W	Additional bay, Cranmere, Shakespeare Road,
4947	Pike, A.	Addition at rear, 15 Milton Road
4948	Jones, H. S.	New shopfront, 54 Suffolk Road.
4949	Gloucestershire Standing Joint Committee.	Garage and recreation room, Central Police Station

Decisions under Byelaws-

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4914, 4928, 4929, 4930, 4931, 4933, 4934, 4935, 4936, 4937, 4938, 4939, 4940, 4942, 4943, 4944, 4945, 4946, 4947, 4948 and 4949 be approved ; That Plan No. 4932 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 4941 be approved subject to the floor levels of the ground floor being kept twelve inches above the crown of the road.

Decisions under Town. and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933-

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4928, 4930, 4931, 4933, 4934, 4937, 4938, 4939, 4945, 4946, 4947, 4948 and 4949 be approved ; That Plan No. 4929 be approved subject to owners entering into an undertaking to set back forthwith to the improvement line laid down for Albion Street and to dedicate the land for widening of Albion Street ; That Plan No. 4932 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with existing buildings; That Plan No. 4935 be approved subject to dark sand faced tiles or natural slates being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 4940 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to move the building back to the building line in the event of the Corporation laying down a building line for the private road ; That Plan No. 4941 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence to the improvement line on completion of the buildings and to dedicate the land for the widening of the road ; That Plan No 4942 be approved subject to the half-timbered work being omitted , That Plans Nos. 4936, 4943 and 4944 be not approved

1—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.
1322	Kendall, J. N.	Pair semi-detached Farm Cottages, The Reddings Farm, Badgeworth.
1324	Holborow, J.	Lay-out of new roads and 22 building plots, Bafford Farm, Charlton Kings.
1328	Tandy	Cycle shed and store, The Shop, Croft Road, Charlton Kings.
1329	Enoch, G. W.	Greenhouse, Ferndale, Copt Elm Road, Charlton Kings.
1330	Hoseason, Mrs.	Alterations and additions, Bardowie, Sandy Lane Road.
1331	Conolly, Col. A. M.	Bungalow, Bafford Lane, Charlton Kings.
1332	Howard, J.	Detached house, Sandy Lane, Charlton Kings.
1333	Pearce, R. E.	Greenhouse, Bushcombe Lane, Bishop's Cleeve.
1334	Croxford, F. O.	Alterations and additions, Greystones, Cleeve Hill.
1335	Davis, P. P.	Greenhouse, Inglecroft, Cleeve Hill.
1336	Webb, P. R.	Greenhouse, Ivydene, North Road, The Reddings.
1337	Price, Mrs. D.	Three private garages, 8, 9 and 10 New Barn Lane, Prestbury.
1338	Willis, G. H.	Bay window to replace existing, Gloucester-Cirencester Road, Birdlip.
1339	Thompson, Mrs.	Conversion of old Golf Club House into two houses and three garages, Cleeve Hill.
1340	Whitaker, T. E.	Conversion of two cottages into one, Southam.
1341	Sherwood, H. G.	Detached houses, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington.
1342	Cheltenham Rural District Council	Lay-out and 9 pairs semi-detached houses, Back Lane, Winchcomb.
1343	Cheltenham Rural District Council	Houses, Elmstone Hardwicke.
1344	Cheltenham Rural District Council	Lay-out and 5 pairs semi-detached houses, Old Gloucester Road, Staverton.
1345	Moss, T. G.	Detached house, Leckhampton
1346	Horsley, W. H.	Development, South Bank, Alstone Lane,
1347	Bayley, G. H. & Son	Development, Thirlestaine Hall.
1348	Lamb, R. P.	Development, Eton Place, Cheltenham,

1349 Cheltenham Master Amended plan for development of frontage
Builders' Association to Priors Road, Cheltenham.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1322, 1329, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1336, 1341 and 1349 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 1328, 1335, 1337 and 1338 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, and in the case of Plan No. 1328, subject also to russet brown asbestos sheets being substituted for grey asbestos sheets on the roof ; That Plan No 1340 be approved subject to new work harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No. 1342 be approved subject to materials being Cotswold grey in colour and to the elevation being amended as suggested by the Panel of Architects; That Plan No. 1346 be approved subject to amendment as suggested by the Committee ; That consideration of Plan No 1339 be deferred in order to obtain the views of the County Council thereon ; That Plans Nos. 1324, 1343, 1344, 1345, 1347 and 1348 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 18th inst. from the Sand, Lime and Artificial Stone Industries Ltd., Portsmouth, asking for permission to erect buildings and machinery at the Sand Pits of the Gloucestershire Tile and Sand Co. Ltd., Shurdington, for the purpose of making bricks with sand and lime. He reported that the erection of these buildings and the noise of machinery would be a great detriment to the district, also that the manufacture of bricks would require a good supply of water which the Corporation are not, at the present time, in a position to supply. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of Mr. C. E. Adams for permission to amend the elevation of the building now in course of erection at Upper Dowdeswell. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the new work being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

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(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted application dated 27th May, 1938, of Aircraft Components Ltd., for permission to erect a new building in front of the building line of Hatherley Lane. They stated that in order to meet the requirements of the Air Ministry it was not possible to place the building in any other position RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the owners entering into an undertaking to (1) remove the building when it is no longer required for the purpose for which it is about to be erected (2) reimburse the Corporation for any extra cost involved by them in the widening of Hatherley Lane owing to the building being erected in front of the building line: (3) no windows to be made in the garden wall overlooking Hatherley Lane (4) the garden wall to be raised and a parapet formed so as to hide the roof from the road : and (5) the roof to be in two spans of 25 feet each.

(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted application dated 13th May, 1938, from the Misses A. E Vaughan and B. Smith, for consent to use Ash Priors, Pittville Circus, as a Nursing Home RESOLVED, That the application be granted. (e) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of Mr. A. W. Martyn for permission to erect a show case on the fence in front of the premises No. 129 the Promenade. He reported that these premises had been converted into business premises without the consent of the Town Planning Authority, also that the erection of a show case on the railings would detract from the amenities of the Promenade. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(f) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of the 12th May, 1938, from Mr. R. V. Atkinson, for permission to erect a house on land at Shurdington and fronting the main Cheltenham-Painswick Road, He reported this area was temporarily restricted from building on account of lack of sewers, and that consent of the Highway Authority under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, had not been obtained. RESOLVED, that the application be not granted.

4—Footpath, Little Witcombe—The Committee further considered Mr. L. W. Nott's application for provision to be made in the Scheme for the diversion of the footpath on Field No. 607 at Little Witcombe. The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 12th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking that the application be not acceded to RESOLVED, That the application be not approved.

5—Town Planning Scheme No. 1—Objections—The Borough Surveyor submitted reports on interviews with some of the objectors (a) Charlton Park—Interviews had taken place with Mr. I. D. Yeaman and Mr. L. W. Bayley in regard to the scheduling of the public open space through Charlton Park. The owners stated that their objections would only be met by deleting from the Scheme the scheduling of the land, but in the alternative, they were prepared to agree to the land being scheduled as a private open space, in which case they would withdraw the other objections made by them RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the members of the Committee to view the site.

(b) By-Pass to Little Witcombe—RESOLVED, That consideration of Mr. Cam's suggestion that the route of the by-pass should be slightly altered so as to take this further away from his house be referred for the views of the County Council

(c) By -Pass to Postlip House—Discussion had taken place with Messrs. Young & Gilling in regard to Miss Adlard's objection to the proposed by-pass through her fields, but no agreement had been arrived at.

(d) Allotments, Charlton Kings—The arrangement made by the Committee that provision should be made in the Scheme that the land, reserved in the Scheme for allotments, belonging to Mr. McLaren should not be acquired during the lives of Mr and Mrs. McLaren had been accepted by Mr. McLaren subject to an agreement being entered into

(e) Prestbury Hill—Further negotiations had taken place with Mr. F. J. Newman in regard to the zoning of his land on Prestbury Hill. Mr. Newman was willing to the land below the line of the springs being zoned at two acres to one house, and the land above the springs being prohibited from building for a period of 21 years. RESOLVED, That Mr. Newman be asked to agree to the land below the springs being zoned for one house to five acres.

(f) Northleach Rural District Council—An amended plan of the zoning was submitted on behalf of the Northleach Rural District Council. The proposed zoning would effectually protect the amenities of the tops of the hills and the Borough Surveyor recommended that the proposals be adopted and incorporated in the Scheme, with the exception that the tree preservation areas should be included in the agricultural zone. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned with a view to negotiations being made with the owners of land on the South side of the Gloucester to Stow road for the scheduling of this land so as to extend the area of land prohibited from building for safeguarding water supplies.

(g) Winchcomb Rural District Council—Discussions had taken place with Mr. G. E. Arthurs, on behalf of Col. Le Marchant. Lady Durand, Postlip Estate, Corndean Estate, Sudeley Estate, and Winchcomb Brick and Tile Co., in regard to the objections made by these owners, and a further report would be submitted thereon at a later meeting.

(h) London Road Nurseries—Messrs. Fuller & Maylam submitted a scheme for the development of their London Road Nurseries, which if approved, would involve the deletion of part of Road No. 4 from the Scheme. RESOLVED, That this scheme be approved and the Town Planning Map and Scheme amended accordingly.

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6—Common Meadow, Kidnappers Lane—The Committee further considered letter from Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. asking that the zoning of this land as a public open space should be removed from the Scheme or that the land should be purchased by the local authority. Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that his Council had decided not to purchase the land. RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. be not acceded to.

7—C.P.R.E.—Read, circular inviting the attendance of representatives to a public conference to be held at Stow-on-the-Wold on the 18th June. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, the Mayor and Borough Surveyor be appointed to attend.

8—Rowanfield Road—The Town Clerk reported that notice had been given of the intention of the Council to make an Order declaring this road to be a new street. RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 30 of the Public Health Act, 1925, That an Order be made declaring Rowanfield Road to be a new street for the purpose of the application thereto of the Byelaws with respect to new streets, and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

9-93 Naunton Crescent—Read, application from Mr. T Parslow for permission to re-erect the iron railings in front of the forecourt of this house, which had been removed some years ago when the premises were used as a shop. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to report thereon.

10—Cleevemount Estate—Roads—Read, letter of 26th inst. from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers in regard to the making up of the roads on this Estate. They pointed out that when the plans were submitted in November, 1936, for approval they provided for the asphalt surface of the roads to be two inches thick, and the plans were approved by the Council subject to the roads and sewers being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor. The Borough Surveyor had now informed them that if the roads were to be taken over by the Corporation it would be necessary that the asphalt should be three inches thick, which, they stated, would involve their clients in an extra cost of £731. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Rainger & Rogers be informed that the Committee approve of the asphalt being two inches thick, but that if it is desired that the roads should be taken over by the Council it will be necessary to provide an asphalt surface of three inches, as recommended by the Borough Surveyor.

11—Little Theatre—Read, letter of 9th inst. from Mr. G. Collinson complaining of the nuisance caused to residents in Montpellier Grove by the use of this building as a School for small children and a Dancing Academy, for which purpose it had been sublet by Madam Irving. RESOLVED, That as Madam

Irving no longer requires the building for her own business, she be given three months notice to remove the building in accordance with the undertaking given by her, dated 28th June, 1933.

12—Town Planning Scheme No. 2—Read, letter of 29th ult from the Ministry of Health extending to the 31st March, 1939, the period within which the Draft Scheme is to be adopted.

13—Plan No. 4921—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Gibbard & Co who were proposing to erect a sweet factory at The Moors, Tewkesbury Road, had accepted the conditions upon which the Corporation had approved their plans and were prepared to surrender the land required for widening Tewkesbury Road, but they desired to use Turner's Trafford green tiles on the back roofs instead of clay tiles. They also asked whether the Corporation would provide a dwarf stone wall instead of a hedge or fence along the frontage to Tewkesbury Road, as they considered that this would be more in keeping with the building proposed to be erected. RESOLVED, That the use of the Trafford green roof tiles be agreed to, and that the request for provision of stone wall along the frontage be referred to the County Council.

14—Southern Bye-pass—The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plan for the route of the proposed Southern By-pass road on the south side of the Borough. The County Surveyor attended and explained to the Committee the reasons for the alteration in the line of the road, which as at present shown, did not conform to the requirements of the Ministry of Transport for Trunk Roads as set out in Circular No. 483. RESOLVED, That the line of the road be approved, but that the By-pass as shown in the Town Planning Scheme be not deleted for the present, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to whether it is desirable to retain this as a development road.

E. L. WARD.

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th May, 1938. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman. Pates ; Councillors Avery, Fletcher, Green, Rogers, Smith and Waite; Messrs. D. V. Davies and R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. B. G. Morris Ltd. offering to climb and examine Alstone Baths' chimney and submit a report and estimate thereon without charge RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted.

2—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—RESOLVED, That the Mayor be asked to formally open the Children's bathing pool on the 1st June and that the members of the Council and Officers be invited to attend.

3—Entertainments Sub-Committee--Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their Meetings held on the 26th April and 10th May.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:--

(a) Musical Festival—That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for next year's Musical Festival from the 12th to the 21st May, 1939.

(b) That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the British Legion Area Conference on the 25th February next.

(c) Bands----That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to engage the band of the 2nd Gloucester Regiment to play on Whit-Sunday and Whit-Monday at a fee of £60 and £10 extra for the Whit-Monday Dance.

(d) Summer Bands--That the tender of Hector Davis of £12 13s 6d. per week for the provision of his band for the Summer Dances on Wednesday and Saturday in each week, be accepted.

(e) Cricket Festival—That, on the recommendation of the Festival Committee, an inclusive ticket for the Cricket Festival and entertainments etc. be issued for the 9 days of the Festival at a charge of 1l, the price to include the following :—Admission to cricket ground for 9 days – 9s, to be paid to the County Cricket Club ; Cinemas 9 seats (1s) at 9d. – 6s 9d., to be paid to the Cinemas ; Admission to Corporation Concerts, Dances, Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts, Putting Course and Mineral Waters 3s 3d ; Admission to Cheltenham and Spa Bowling Greens 1s, to be paid to the Clubs.

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

4—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Meeting of the Baths Sub-Committee held on the 13th May.

They recommended (inter aim) as follows (a) That the Committee approve of the Scheme for the purchase of season tickets for the Swimming Pool by instalments of double the admission charge at each visit to the Pool until a total of has been paid, when a season ticket is handed to the purchaser.

(b) That the following allowances be made for the purchase of blocks of season tickets:-

20-29 tickets	Reduction of 12 ½ per cent.
30-39 “	“ 20 “
40-59 “	“ 25 “
60 or over “	“ 30 “

(c) Alstone Baths—That 6 free season tickets be granted to the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club to be awarded to children who have left school, in connection with the Scheme organised by the Club.

(d) Alstone Baths—That on Thursday evenings the charge for admission to members of the Business House section of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club be reduced from 4d. to 3d., as requested by the Club.

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

5—Medical Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

6—Meteorology—The Annual Report of the Borough Meteorologist for 1937 was submitted. RESOLVED, That this be printed as in previous years.

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7—Town Hall—(a) Copyright Music—The Committee further considered letters from the Performing Right Society asking the Corporation to take out a licence to cover the performance of copyright music at functions for which the Hall is let. The Town Clerk reported that he had communicated with other Spas and found that similar licences were held by them. RESOLVED, That the Society be asked to state the terms on which they are prepared to issue a licence covering lettings of the Town Hall at which music is provided.

(b) Read, application from Miss Ratcliffe, Vice-President of the British Red Cross Society for Cheltenham and District, that a County Red Cross Church Parade was being held at Cheltenham on June 19th and asking for the use of the Town Hall as an assembly place for the women taking part in the Parade and for dispensing light refreshments afterwards. RESOLVED, That the application be granted. (c) Read, application of 10th inst. from Miss Ratcliffe, Hon. Secretary for the County Nursing Association asking what charge the Corporation would make for the use of the Town Hall for a 2 day Bazaar proposed to be held in October at which it was hoped H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester would attend to receive purses. RESOLVED, That the Hall be let on the same terms as when a similar Bazaar was held in 1925 at which Her Majesty The Queen, as Duchess of York, attended.

8—Committee—Read, letter of 27th ult from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce, that they had appointed Mr. D. V. Davies and Mr. R. B. Seaton as representatives on the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for the ensuing year.

9—Montpellier Baths—Read, letter of 13th inst. from Mr. J. V. Fry, asking on what terms the St. James' Church Lads Brigade could have the use of the Montpellier Baths on one evening per week for swimming instruction. RESOLVED, That they be granted the use of the Swimming Bath for one hour after the ordinary closing time on one evening per week at a charge of 15s per night

10—Municipal Military Band—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Cheltenham Spa Hotels Association that the Committee were of the opinion that the tone of the Town Band would be improved if the crooning were omitted. RESOLVED, That this be referred for consideration by the Entertainments Sub-Committee.

11—Camping Sites—Read, report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the provision of a camping site at their Meeting held on the 29th ult. The Sub-Committee had inspected the site off Daisybank Road on Leckhampton Hill, and also a site on the North side of the entrance to Marge Hill House. The Sub-Committee, while agreeing that the site at Leckhampton Hill was in the most attractive situation, came to the conclusion that the site would not be level enough or suitable for the purpose of a Camping site. They therefore recommended that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plans and estimates for the provision of conveniences and water supply for the site adjoining Marge Hill House. The Town Clerk reported that Col. Whitmore Jones, of Marle Hill House, strongly objected to the proposal which he considered would be a nuisance. Read, also, letter from Mr. W. A. Noel Davies on behalf of himself, Col. Whitmore Jones and Mr. Baines of Mount Sorrel, Evesham Road, objecting to the proposal on the ground that the use of this land as a camping site would be a

nuisance and depreciate their property and detract from the amenities of the neighbourhood. RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be not approved RESOLVED, also, That the Public Health Committee be recommended to favourably-consider licensing the camping site provided by private enterprise in Gloucester Road and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the R.A.C. to recognise this site as a suitable camping site and to include it in their official handbook.

12—Summer Programmes—The Entertainments Manager submitted 4 tenders received for the printing of the summer programmes for the summer season. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Gillham & Son (being the lowest) be accepted.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th May, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Leigh James; Councillors Bendall, Howell, Ben James and Waite (The Mayor in the chair)

1—Vice-Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor Waite be appointed Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the current year.

2—Electricity Charges--Mr. A. NV, Bryant attended and suggested certain amendments to the present system of charging for electricity. RESOLVED, That his criticisms and suggestions be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report

3—Public Lighting--(a) Norwood Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a scheme for installing 3 additional lamps in this road at an estimated cost of £61 13s. 10d. and an additional annual running cost of £6 10s. 9d. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved.

(b) Promenade—Read, letter from the President of the Chamber of Commerce suggesting that the floodlighting of the Municipal Offices should be continued throughout the night in order to provide some illumination in the Promenade when the Street lamps are not alight. RESOLVED, That this be not approved.

(c) Alstone Croft—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that there had been considerable building development in this road since the original lighting was installed, and he submitted a scheme for installing 3 additional lamps at an estimated cost of £47 5s. 2d. and an additional annual running cost of £7 9s. 4d. RESOLVED, That this scheme be approved.

(d) Cleeve View Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a scheme for installing 5 additional lamps in this road, which had now been fully developed, and he estimated the cost at £77 17s. 8d. with an additional annual running cost of £12 15s. 1d. RESOLVED, That this scheme be approved.

(e) New Roads—The Borough Electrical Engineer suggested that the Street and Highway Committee should be asked to co-operate with this Committee by arranging the positions of trees and lamps in new roads so as to cause as little interference as possible with public lighting RESOLVED, That the

Borough Surveyor be asked to confer with the Borough Electrical Engineer before planting trees in new roads.

4—Cables-- --The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders received from nine Companies for the supply of extra high tension and low tension cables. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report

5—Transformers and Switchgear—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in order to meet further applications for supplies to factories and other large premises which had been recently received, it would be necessary to provide additional transformers and switchgear at three sub-stations at an estimated cost of £864 12s 0d. RESOLVED, That the purchase of this apparatus be approved. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to a loan of £2,958 for the purchase of this apparatus and the apparatus referred to in Minute No. 9 of the meeting of the Committee of the 28th March last, and that that Minute be amended accordingly.

6—Extensions to Mains—Charlton Kings—The Town Clerk reported that it had been arranged to purchase the land required for the erection of a new sub-station at the junction of Moorend Road and Cirencester Road for £150 subject to the Corporation erecting a close board fence between the land and other property retained by the Vendor. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

7—Gas Supply—Read, letter of 13th ult., from Councillor Garland suggesting that the quality of gas supplied in the Borough had deteriorated- RESOLVED, That this complaint be referred to the Cheltenham and District Gas Company,

8—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 29th April, 6th, 11th, 13th, 17th, 20th, 22nd and 26th inst., which showed the calorific values on those dates to be 481.3, 455.2, 469.3, 476.7, 482.5, 470.2, 460.1 and 460.2 B.Th.U. per cubic foot respectively, and the pressure to be 9.2, 9.2, 9.1, 9.1, 9.2, 8.1, 8.1 and 8.3 inches of water respectively.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th May, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Margrett; Councillors Avery and Barnett (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	Average for corresponding period
	30th April, 1938.	during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	111,000 gallons	292,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	312,000 "	849,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	24,000 "	54,000 "
	447,000 "	1,195,000 "

RESOLVED, That if there is no substantial fall of rain in the next few days the Borough Engineer be authorised to issue an advertisement in the " Echo " warning consumers against waste of water.

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Estimated Usable Quantity about 71,781,000 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—(a) The Borough Engineer reported that the Mayor and the Chairman had opened the tenders received for the supply of specials required for the Hewletts No. 2 Reservoir in connection with this main, and recommended that the tender of the Staveley Coal and Iron Co Ltd., amounting to £124 6s. 6d. be accepted. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(b) The Borough Engineer reported that approximately girds miles of this main had been laid.

(c) Wayleaves—The Town Clerk submitted letters from Messrs. Bruton, Knowles & Co. of the terms arranged by them for the acquisition of the following wayleaves :—

Owner	Reference No of Parish.	Amount.
John Cook	Shurdington 8, 9 and 10 ...	£32
F. Hopton	Churchdown 37 and 38 ...	£28
E S. Vines ..	Badgeworth 2 ...	£19
G. H. Cockburn	Churchdown 41, 42 and 43	£41
E C. Maynard	Shurdington 3 and 4 ...	£16

RESOLVED, That these be approved.

(d) Read, further letters from the Branch Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers in regard to the rates of wages being paid by Messrs. T Bugbird & Son Ltd. on the pipe laying contract. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider that as the facts are disputed it is a matter which should be submitted to the Conciliation Board for arbitration, as suggested by Messrs. Bugbird.

5—Employees—RESOLVED, That the application received from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for increase in wages for two employees be referred to the Borough Engineer for consideration and report thereon.

6—Dowdeswell and Redwood Springs—(a) The Borough Engineer reported that since the tenders had been invited for the chlorination plant for this supply he had made a connection with the new trunk main and existing 9 inch main connecting Hewletts Reservoir with Charlton Kings and Redwood Springs, and that when a supply was available through the trunk main it would not be necessary to chlorinate Redwood Spring water. RESOLVED, That in these circumstances the proposal to chlorinate the spring be not proceeded with at present.

(b) Dowdeswell—RESOLVED, That consideration of accepting a tender for chlorinating this supply be deferred for the present, and that meanwhile a series of analyses from the rapid gravity filters be taken over a short period and submitted to Dr. Suckling.

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7—Joint Water Board—The Borough Engineer reported that the trunk main had now been completed from Stonehouse Farm to Staverton Bridge, and that in view of the water shortage at Gloucester the City Engineer had asked for a supply to be furnished through the new main. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to afford a supply to Gloucester through the trunk main on terms to be arranged, the supply to be given so long as the Borough Engineer considers that this can be done without impairing the pressure or quantity of water required for the Cheltenham area of supply,

8—Extension to Main—(a) The Borough Engineer submitted application for a water supply to premises in Leckhampton Lane. The existing main at Leckhampton terminated at a point opposite Home Orchard, and at the Shurdington end the supply had been extended to supply houses recently erected by the Rural District Council, He estimated the cost of providing a 4 inch main between these two points (a length of 2,170 yards) at £1,350, but with a view to further distribution being made off the mains he recommended that a 6 inch main should be laid at a cost of £1,900. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to extend the main subject to the estimated cost of the 4 inch main of £1,350 being paid by the applicants, to be refunded as and when the water charges on the premises connected thereto produce 12 ½ per cent. on the capital outlay.

(b) Shuthonger—The Borough Engineer reported in regard to the application for a supply to Shuthonger. He now found it possible to provide a supply without making use of the water tower on Mythe Hill, but the cost of altering the mains on Mythe Hill to by-pass the water tower and underground tank he estimated at £165. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to provide a bulk supply for the district at the charge of 1s 3d per thousand gallons subject to the mains being laid in accordance with specification approved by the Borough Engineer and to the cost of by-passing the water tower being paid by the applicants

9—Dowdeswell and Hewletts Works—The Borough Engineer submitted schemes for new sanitary conveniences and drainage at these Works. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to provide a convenience at Dowdeswell behind the filter house with septic tank on the land belonging to Salts Farm at an estimated cost of £100, and that the tenant of Salts Farm be given notice to terminate his tenancy of the small piece of land required for the work also to provide a convenience at Hewletts Reservoir and the necessary drainage at an estimated cost of £175, and that he be instructed to approach the owners of the adjoining land with a view to making arrangements for the disposal of the effluent on their land.

10—River Avon Improvement—The Borough Engineer reported that the River Severn Catchment Board were proposing to construct a new automatic lifting sluice gate at Stamford Bridge, Tewkesbury. They proposed to protect the Cheltenham main under the Severn from scour by driving steel piles on either side of the main for a distance of 10 feet. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to the steel piles on either side of the main being placed 10 feet apart to afford sufficient clearance from the main

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 11th May, 1938 Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Grimwade (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Fire Brigade—(a) House for Captain—The Committee further considered the report of the Sub-Committee in regard to the acquisition of a house for the Fire Brigade Captain. RESOLVED, That No 6 St. George's Parade be purchased at the price of £640 plus vendor's solicitor's costs subject to vacant possession being given on completion by the 31st May. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £660 for the cost of the house, including solicitor's costs and stamp duty on conveyance.

(b) The Sub-Committee also reported that Mr F. W. Haslam had offered to sell his premises, including St. James' Cottage, which adjoined the Victoria Nursing Home at £2,400 RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the property.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th May, 1938. Present—Aldermen Margrett, Pates and Pruen ; Councillors Green, Grimwade and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

3—Rodney Road Car Park—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Major A. C. McLachlan for permission to garage his car at this Car Park be granted on the payment of the usual charge of 15s per month.

(b) Gates—The Borough Surveyor submitted three designs for Entrance gates and signs at this Car Park RESOLVED, That the design now approved by the Committee for erection of iron railings and iron gate with a wooden sign at an estimated cost of £15 plus the cost of lighting the sign be approved.

4—Athletic Ground—Read, letter of 30th ult. from Major R Begbie, President of the Rugby Football Club asking for new changing and washing accommodation to be provided under the Grandstand as the present accommodation was unsuitable, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

5—Cinematograph Licence—Ritz Cinema—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Messrs. Norman Hart & Mitchell applying on behalf of Mr. Alton Caplan of Salford for the transfer of the Cinematograph Licence held by Mr A S. Waters in respect of the Ritz Cinema, which Mr Caplan had contracted to purchase. Mr E. Watterson together with the Transferor and Transferee attended. RESOLVED, That the

application be granted. RESOLVED, also, That consent be given to an assignment to Mr. Caplan of Mr. Waters' tenancy of the land at the rear used as a Car Park.

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

Date, 1938	Place.	Cause,	Damage.	Brigade Expenses.
April 24th	Rubbish Dump, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings	Not apparent ..	-	£5 3s. 0d.
May 3rd	Granley Service Garage	Accident with Petrol	Slight	£3 9s. 6d.
May 5th ..	Grass and fencing, close Arle Court	Not known	-	£3 18s. 6d

(b) A.R.P —Fire Emergency Scheme—Read, letter of the 28th ult, from the Home Office stating that with regard to payment to auxiliary firemen, it had been assumed that they would give their services voluntarily ; it would be open to the Council under regulations shortly to be issued to make them some payment towards out-of-pocket expenses if necessary.

(c) Fire Brigade Week—Read, circular of 16th inst. from the Joint Council of the British Fire Service inviting the attendance of delegates to the British Fire Week Conference to be held at Brighton from the 19th to the 23rd September next RESOLVED, That Mr. J. R. Jones, the Captain of the Fire Brigade, be appointed to attend.

(d) Captain J. L. Such—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Captain J. L. Such thanking the Council for the honorarium granted to him.

7—Game Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of MacFisheries and Messrs. Lipton Ltd. for renewal of their Licences to deal in game be granted for the ensuing year.

8—Six Chimney Lane—Read, letter from Councillor Fletcher that 22 of the owners in this road had asked that this road should be re-named Arle Avenue. RESOLVED, That the application be acceded to and the road named Arle Avenue

9—Soup Kitchen—Read, letter from Adjutant Isa Milligan on behalf of the Salvation Army, applying for the use of the Soup Kitchen for next Winter season and also asking if this could be white washed. RESOLVED, That the use of the Kitchen be granted to the Salvation Army as in previous years, and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to have this white washed etc.

10—Assessment Committee—The Committee further considered the appointment of a representative on the Assessment Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Lipson. RESOLVED, That Mr. D. V. Davies be appointed the representative of the Council on the Committee.

11—Bath and West and Southern Counties Show—Read, letter of 27th ult., from the Chamber of Commerce that they had nominated Mr. R. W. NV. Edwards, Capt. H. B. Leschallas and Mr. J. T Wyatt as their representatives on the Bath and West Show Committee. RESOLVED, That these be appointed members of the Committee.

12—Committee Meetings—Read, letter of 16th ult., from the Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Labour Party asking if the Committee would consider the possibility of holding Committee Meetings in

the evening. Many persons were willing to serve the town, but were unable to spare the time for Committee work in the day time, and they felt that the present system was preventing a number of younger men of all classes from taking their share in the work of Local Government. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

13—Domestic Servants Agencies—Read, report of Superintendent Hopkins that all the agencies had been inspected and the books found in order, with the exception of one which appeared to be closed. RESOLVED, That Superintendent Hopkins be instructed to report on this agency at the next Meeting of the Committee.

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14—Municipal Wards—Polling Districts—The Town Clerk submitted report on the alterations of the boundaries of Polling Districts in St. Peter's and St. Mark's Wards and the division of Polling Districts D in St. Paul's Ward and H in Pittville Ward. (Copy of the report accompanies these Minutes) RESOLVED, That the recommendations contained in the report be approved and adopted.

15—Re-numbering of Houses—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for re-numbering of Albion Street, Albert Road and Cleeve View Road. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to serve Notices requiring these roads to be re-numbered in accordance with plans submitted.

16—Leckhampton Hill—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to report as to the desirability of making Byelaws for the regulation of Leckhampton Hill.

17—Marle Hill House Estate—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Col. Whitmore Jones complaining of the unsafe condition of an elm tree on this Estate, together with a report from the - Freeman who also recommended that three diseased elm trees should be removed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the four trees felled

18—Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, report of the Annual Licensing Meeting of the Committee held at the Central Depot on the 11th May. Present—Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Green. All the Hackney carriages had been inspected They recommended that all the applications for renewal of the Licences be granted for one year to the 6th June, 1939, except that Licence No 73 in respect of Taxi No. YT 869 (which the Committee regarded as unsatisfactory) be renewed up to the 30th June, 1938. They also recommended that the applications of Messrs. H. G. Sallis, A. J. Bunce and H. O. Smith for transfer of Licences Nos. 3, 43 and 15 be granted subject to the satisfactory reports on their vehicles being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector. Also, That the applications of Messrs C. W. Moxey, W. Elliott and W. Waldron for transfer of Licences Nos. 14, 27 and 60 to Taxi cabs registered Nos DF 6S55, ADF 308 and FH 9210 respectively be granted. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Annual Licensing Meeting be approved and adopted.

19—Aeroplanes—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Air Ministry stating that stringent regulations exist in the Royal Air Force forbidding pilots to fly aircraft in any manner likely to cause unnecessary annoyance or to fly below an altitude of 2,000 feet except in the vicinity of an aerodrome, or when weather conditions are unfavourable, and that these regulations were enforced by disciplinary action against any service pilot who could be identified, With regard to civil flying the Department would gladly make suitable representations to pilots in respect of unnecessary low or inconsiderate flying if

particulars of the registration markings of the aircraft together with the dates and times of the incidents are furnished

20—Central Police Station—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Chief Constable enclosing application from the woman cleaner at the Central Police Station for an increase in her wages. Since the cleaner was appointed, the rooms formerly occupied by the Superintendent had been made available for the use of unmarried constables, and the number of rooms, passages etc. which had to be cleaned had thereby increased. RESOLVED, That her wages be increased from 25s to 35s per week

21—Cheltenham Town A.F.C.—Read, letters from the Town Association Football Club enclosing Trading Account and Balance Sheet for the period up to the 10th inst. and applying for the further donation of £50 which the Council intimated they were prepared to grant if they were satisfied that there was reasonable prospect of the Club continuing next season The Club had already paid the deposits for entry into the Southern League and Birmingham Combination for next season. RESOLVED, That the further grant of 450 be made.

22—Car Parks—Capt. D. Bourner, Area Secretary of the British Legion, attended in regard to the British Legion Scheme for taking over the Municipal Car Parks. The Scheme provided for the formation of a Company by the Legion to take over the Car Parks which would then be staffed with Ex-service men in uniform; no charge would be made for Car Parks in public streets, the Company relying on their revenue from gratuities from Car owners. They undertook not to displace the existing men and guaranteed a wage of £2 per week for all attendants who would work 8 hour shifts. They were prepared to pay a rent approximating to half the net profit to the Corporation, in respect of Car Parks not on the highway. In the event of the Committee deciding not to accede to the application so far as the existing Car Parks at which attendants were already provided, he asked that the Legion should be allowed to take over the Car Park at the South side of Imperial Square and Montpellier Walk (Inner Road). RESOLVED, That the Committee regret they are unable to recommend the Council to accede to Capt. Bourner's application and that he be informed that the Committee intend as far as possible to employ the older disabled Ex-service men for Car Park attendants, and that if and when it is decided to appoint attendants for the Imperial Square and Montpellier Walk Parking Places, preference will be given to disabled Ex-service men.

23—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. D. R. Stewart, H. S. Jones, and Sharpe & Fisher Ltd. for Licences to store 500 gallons of Petroleum spirit each at their respective premises in Norwood Road, Suffolk Road, and 51 Rutland Street be granted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th May, 1938. Present:—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith : Messrs. Carter, Stokes and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments. No. 87 Asquith Road was still uncultivated, but the only other untidy allotments were five at Asquith Road and four at Alma Road, and of these, seven were vacant, and two had only recently been let. There had been a distinct general improvement in the condition of the allotments since the last inspection. The entrance gates and a length of fencing at Creamery Piece required repair. RESOLVED, That the tenant of No. 87 Asquith Road be given six months notice to terminate his tenancy, with an intimation that this will be withdrawn if the allotment is put to a satisfactory state before the expiration of the notice. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the gates and fencing repaired.

2—Rent Rebates—(a) The Town Clerk submitted offers to take Nos. 39 Alma Road, 107 Asquith Road and 4 Hatherley Road provided these were let rent free up to 25th March next. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted application from the tenant of No. 111. (b) Asquith Road for a rebate in his rent up to the 25th March next in view of the bad state of the allotment at the commencement of his tenancy. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

3—Marle Hill Estate Allotments—(a) The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the tenant of No. 85 requiring him to remove the pigeon house erected by him, and he now submitted letter from the tenant stating that the pigeons which he kept on the allotment were racing homers, which were only let out once a day, and never settled on the ground, and asking that under these circumstances, he should be allowed to keep about 10 birds on his allotment. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to no complaint being received from other tenants of any nuisance caused thereby.

(b) It was reported that the tenant of No. 71 was keeping tumbler pigeons on his allotment, which were causing considerable damage to the other tenants' crops. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to require him to cease keeping pigeons.

4—Trespass on Allotments—It was reported that complaints had been received of children and others using the roads over Crabtree Piece and Marle Hill Estate Allotments. RESOLVED, That notices be erected at the entrances to these allotments with the words "No public right of way." RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Headmaster of Swindon Road Schools, and ask him to warn the children attending the School that they must not trespass on to Crabtree Piece Allotments.

5—Hatherley Road Allotments—The Town Clerk submitted application from the tenant of No. 7 Hatherley Road for permission to cut down the weeds and plant potatoes on the adjoining plot, No. 6, which was otherwise unsuitable for cultivation owing to flooding from the brook which passed through the allotment. RESOLVED, That the allotment be let to him at a nominal rent of 1s per annum.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th May, 1938. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders received for the playground equipment at this ground RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Charles Wicksteed & Co Ltd. of £93 9s. 0d. be accepted.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing suggested site for the tool shed at this ground in a position at the rear of the houses in Hatherley Road. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) It was reported that the Leckwith Estates Company had still not yet put in hand the surfacing of the roads in accordance with the covenant contained in the conveyance to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write again to the Company and inform them that unless the work is put in hand immediately proceedings will be taken to enforce the covenant.

2—Pittville Gardens—(a) Pump Room—(i) The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders received for treating the wood-work in the Dome, which was infected with the powder post beetle. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs, J Dawson & Sons for cleaning the woodwork with their high pressure vacuum cleaner and spraying with Presotim for the sum of £55, and for spraying the woodwork again in 1939 and 1940 for £48 and supplying and fixing a new wood ring under the lead coping at the apex of the Dome, and making good all defective puttying and cleaning and painting the woodwork of the lantern light for the sum of £8 be accepted subject to contract.

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(ii) The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders received for the renovation of the stonework. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs A. Dreyfus Ltd. of £743 (being the lower) be accepted subject to contract.

(iii) Councillor Grimwade asked for permission to use the Pump Room as a First Aid Post under the Air Raid Precautions Scheme. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to detailed proposals being submitted for the approval of the Committee.

(b) Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Cheltenham Model Engineering Society asking for permission to use the Upper Lake instead of the Lake in Marle Hill Annexe for their demonstrations of model motor boats, as they had experienced difficulty in controlling the children in Marle Hill Annexe. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(c) Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Headmistress of the Parish Church School Junior Girls' and Infants' Department applying for permission to take a party of young children into Pittville Gardens free of charge to see the birds in the aviaries. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

3—Motor Mowers—The Gardens Superintendent submitted three tenders received for motor mowers, provision for which had been made in the estimates. RESOLVED, That the following tenders be accepted .

Messrs. T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd. of £85 19s. 6d. (after allowing £7 10s. 0d. for old mower) for a Ransomes' 30 inch 4-stroke Motor Mower listed at £98

Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd. of £45 2s. 6d. for a Ransomes' 16 inch 4-stroke Motor Mower.

Messrs. John Fisher & Son Ltd. of £27 11s. 0d. for a Ransomes' 14 inch 2-stroke Motor Mower listed at £29.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Hard Tennis Courts—The Entertainments Manager attended in regard to the recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee that two additional hard tennis courts should be provided in these Gardens. RESOLVED, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

5—Greenhouse—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders for the erection of the new greenhouse to be erected at Sandford Park, provision for which had been made in the estimates.

6—Athletic Ground—(a) The Gardens Superintendent reported that the turf at this ground had deteriorated considerably during the last few seasons owing to the additional wear, and he recommended that this should be dressed with a light loam at a cost of about £20. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(b) Read, application from St Gregory's Athletic Club and Cheltenham and County Harriers for the use of the ground for training purposes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 30 p.m. to closing time during the summer season. Mr Larry Cummins attended in support of the application. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the right of the Corporation to have the use of the ground on any Tuesday or Thursday evening when required for any special engagement.

(c) Read, letter of 4th inst. from Mr F. H. Edwards, accepting the offer of the Council to let the ground to Mr. F. B. Leopold and himself for International Ladies' Football Matches on Whitmonday, and Saturday, 25th June for £5 per match, but stating that they would not require the ground on August Bank Holiday.

(d) Read, application from the Spa Boxing Club for the use of the ground for a boxing tournament on a Wednesday to be arranged RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

7—Berkeley Place Garden—Read, letter of 11th ult. from Post Office Telephones agreeing to move the telephone kiosk from its present position in High Street in front of Berkeley Place Garden to a site in Central Cross Drive opposite the Pittville Chalet RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

8—Montpellier Roundabout—The Gardens Superintendent submitted estimate amounting to £31 14s. 11d. for laying out this roundabout with flower beds etc. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Whaddon Farm Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 20th ult. from the Ministry of Health, enclosing sanction to loan of £3,786 for the layout of this ground, together with consent to the appropriation of the land for the purpose of a Recreation Ground.

10—Tewkesbury Road Playing Field—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had now issued sanctions to loans for the purchase and layout of this ground, but had deleted the sum of £50

included in the application for the provision of temporary conveniences, The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and estimate amounting to £440 for permanent conveniences for both sexes, with drainage to septic tank, and including the provision of a water supply. RESOLVED, That the provision of permanent conveniences be adjourned for the present, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect temporary conveniences of galvanised iron, and also to provide a water supply,

11—Lansdown Crescent—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to circularise the owners of the houses in Lansdown Crescent with a view to the Corporation taking over the gardens in front of these houses.

12—St. Mark's Playing Field—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Y.M.C.A. to play baseball on this ground on two evenings per week during the current summer season.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th May, 1938. Present—Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors. Avery and Rogers ; and Major J. G. N. Clift (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for April, 1938—Visitors-3,007 (last year 2,454). Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £1 10s. 0d. Subscriptions to " The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund " £1 5s. 0d. Total £2 15s 0d.

Talks by the Curator—The Curator had given the following talks :-21st April—Norton W.I. (Wool trade of the Cotswolds) 26th April—Stanton W.I. (Cheltenham) 4th May—Chastleton and Little Compton W.I. (From flint to wool on the Cotswolds) , 11th May—Kemerton W.I. (Cotswold wool trade).

Exhibitions-29th March to 22nd April, 1938—Paintings and water-colours lent by T. Rishworth, Esq

25th April to 7th May, 1938—Photographs by members of the Camera Club.

14th May to 27th May, 1938—School of Art.

Loans to the Museum—Dr. Linton Bogle had lent an oil painting entitled "Catspaws off the land," by H. Moore, R.A.

South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries—The Curator reported his attendance at the Annual Meeting of this Group at Weston-super-Mare on the 30th April, 1938.

Art Gallery Attendant—The Curator reported the appointment of Miss Caroline Sexton to this post.

Cotswold Waggon—The Department of Overseas Trade had paid the account for renovating this specimen lent to the Paris Exhibition

2— Donations —Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Mr. Aston, Mrs. C. Ayscough, Mr. C. W. Coates, Miss Donovan, Mr. Daffurn, Mr. C. 1. Gardiner, Mrs. Letbe, Mr. J. Liggins,

Mr. C. R. Mapp, Mr. G. Gould Marsland, Mr. R. Miller, Mr. Mitchell, Miss L. M. Saul, Mr. Seward, Mr. Spreutels, Late Rev. G. E. Webster, Dr. O. H. Wild, and the Curator.

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

3—Lantern Clock—A brass Lantern Clock, in going order, made by John Bicknill, Cirencester, c.1670, had been purchased (cost £0[?]) by Mr. E. J. Gibbins, and presented to the Museum RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Gibbins for his generous gift.

4—Oil Painting by H. Hall—RESOLVED, That "Horses and jockeys in landscape, including a portrait of Fred Archer on Bend Or, 1880" by H Hall, offered as a gift by Mr. T Rishworth, be accepted with thanks.

5—"Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund"—RESOLVED, That two Worcester Porcelain Teapots (Dr. Wall period) be purchased at a total cost of £3 10s. 0d.

6—Specimens for the Museum—RESOLVED, That 17 examples of ceramics and 8 Bygones be purchased at a total cost of £19 1s. 0d.

7—Picture by Charles Cundall, A.R.A.—RESOLVED, That an oil painting "The Pump Room, Bath by Charles Cundall, 1925, be purchased at a cost of £7 10s. 0d.

8—Chalk Drawing—RESOLVED, That a chalk drawing of G. L. Jessop by A. C. Tayler, submitted for purchase at £5 be not bought

9—Exhibition—RESOLVED, That the Exhibition of Gloucestershire Art and Craftsmanship, to be arranged at Painswick during July-August be transferred to Cheltenham Art Gallery in September, as last year

10—Whit-Monday—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum remain open on Whit-Monday (6th June, 1938) until 6 p.m.

11—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on 15th July, 1938.

LEIGH JAMES, Chairman.

CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th May, 1938, Present—Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from the 23rd April to 27th May, 1938. Interments 78 ; Grave Spaces sold 19 (First Position 2, Second Position 1, Third Position 1, Fourth Position 15); Memorials erected 12 ; New Inscriptions 7 ; Cremations 10.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9787 to 9816.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That Designs Nos. 2206 to 2244, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Cemetery Staff—E. Tiesac—The Superintendent reported that E. Tiesac's extended services expired on the 19th June, and he had applied for another year's extension. The Superintendent stated that he was quite fit, and he recommended that his services should be retained for another year. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to extend his services for one year from the 19th June, and that meanwhile the Council be recommended to extend his services until the date of the July meeting of the Council.

5—Conference—Read, circular from the Cremation Society inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference to be held at Oxford from the 26th to 29th July RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th May, 1938. Present—Councillors Bendall, Bush, Grimwade and Lipson; Rev. B. Thomas; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris, F. Vermin and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for April, 1938—Receipts £13 0s. 6d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 5,393 (last year 7,127); Lending Department 17,702 (last year 16,744) ; Junior Department 2,396 (last year 2,338). Total 25,491 (last year 26,209).

Replacements and Binding-265 volumes had been replaced ; 651 volumes had been returned from the binder and a further 502 volumes had been dispatched.

Booklists—Booklists on T. S. Eliot and Virginia Woolf had been prepared for classes at St. Paul's Training College, and one on John Wesley had been printed in connection with the lii-centenary

2—Books--RESOLVED, (a) That 411 volumes, published at £155 10s. 6d., be purchased for £93 9s. 11d
(b) That £75 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £50 be spent on Replacements.

(d) Two reference volumes previously ordered at pre-publication price of £13 4s 7d. had been received. (Leslie Young Bequest Fund).

3—Donations—6 volumes and 38 pamphlets had been received as gifts from 10 donors, RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

4—Publicity—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorized to secure quotations for printing an eight page list of new books with notes on the institution's activities.

5—Hansard's Parliamentary Debates—RESOLVED, That part runs of 431 volumes and 119 unbound parts of this publication be sold for £22 10s 0d.

6—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That "The Tablet," 6d. weekly, be added to the list of periodicals purchased, and that " West Country Magazine " be not purchased.

7—Bookmarks—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Wright's Publicity Service to supply 10,000 bookmarks per annum for three years, be accepted on payment of £15.

8—South-Western Regional Library System—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Meeting at Bristol on 20th May, 1938.

9—Whit-Monday—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library be closed on Whit-Monday, 6th June, 1938.

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 15th July, 1938.

D. L. LIPSON, Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th May, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bush, Ben James and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

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

2—Arrears—The Committee went through the list of arrears with the Bailiff and gave him instructions thereon.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 31st May, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Taylor; Councillors Garland, Grimwade 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 £20,516 ; Leaving outstanding £100,658.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended 30th September, 1938. Amount collected £4,774 ; Leaving outstanding £20,183

3—Electricity Accounts—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity Charges since the last meeting

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 28th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Waite and Alderman Taylor (in the chair).

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

5—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society were willing to loan on Mortgage £150,000 at 3 ½ per cent to be advanced as and when required, for a term of 30 years, with power for either party to terminate the whole or one half thereof at the end of the 20th year, and one half of the loan to be subject to the usual Building Society stress clause providing that the Society shall be entitled to give the Council six months' notice at any time requiring repayment in the event of any unusual demand being made upon their resources for the purpose of their business. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Mortgage Deed

6—Borough Treasurer's Department—(a) 2nd Assistant—The Borough Treasurer submitted application from Mr. W. J. Morrell for promotion to a higher grade His present salary was £182 in Grade D RESOLVED, That he be transferred to Grade E at a salary of £200 per annum.

(b) Cost Clerk—The Borough Treasurer submitted application from Mr. J. G Ayres for promotion to Grade C. His present salary was £156 in Grade B. RESOLVED, That he be transferred to Grade C at a commencing salary of £169 per annum.

(c) Junior Assistant—RESOLVED, That Mr. J. Wright be paid the usual cycle allowance of £2 per annum.

7—Institute of Municipal Treasurers—Read, circular from this Institute inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference to be held at Southport on the 11th to 17th June next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Treasurer be appointed to attend.

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8—Housing Act, 1936--The Town Clerk submitted eight applications asking the Corporation to undertake to guarantee, in pursuance of Section 91 of this Act, the repayment of advances proposed to be made by the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society on a 23 years term to enable the

applicants to purchase houses in course of erection in Brooklyn Road and Tryes Road, such guarantees to be limited in each case to the amount between such amount as the Society would normally advance without guarantee and ninety per cent. of the value of the houses. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned pending receipt of certified copies of the reports of the Building Society's Surveyor as to the value of the houses, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to interview the applicants and submit report upon the financial circumstances of the applicants in accordance with the form now settled by the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to furnish reports upon construction of the houses. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the proposal to give guarantees to the Building Society.

9—Capital Expenditure—Read, circular No. 1687 of 6th inst. from the Ministry of Health asking the Council to formulate a programme of probable capital works for the five years ending 31st March, 1943, and to submit a summary thereof to the Ministry of Health within the next six month's. The Ministry suggested that the various Committees should be invited to formulate their proposals and that arrangements should be made for their examination by a co-ordinating Committee, and then submitted to the Council for approval. RESOLVED, That the various Committees be asked to submit their proposals to this Committee by the date of the August meeting of the Committee, with a view to this Committee co-ordinating the proposals as suggested by the Ministry.

10---Borough Extension--The Town Clerk submitted claim received from the Prestbury Parish Council for compensation under Section 151 of the Local Government Act, 1933, in respect of the portion of Prestbury Parish added to the Borough, amounting to £556 6s. 4d., together with interest at 4 per cent from the 1st April, 1935. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned pending receipt of the claim to be made by the Rural District Council.

11—Superannuation Scheme—(a) 1937 Act—The Committee considered the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the admission of employees to the Superannuation Scheme under the 1937 Act as from the 1st April, 1939. The Sub-Committee had considered the reports of the Borough Treasurer thereon. He had circularised the 202 servants eligible under the Act to be admitted, drawing attention to the provisions of the Act to ascertain if they wished to become contributors to the Scheme, Of the 202 employees only 8 had intimated their desire not to become contributors.

The Borough Treasurer reported that if the Council agreed to admit all the 202 employees concerned and the 45 whole-time officers who were at present not in the 1922 Act Scheme, but were now compulsorily included under the 1937 Act, the estimated annual cost would be as follows:-

	£
Officers ...	413
Servants	<u>1753</u>
	2166
Less portion chargeable to Trading Undertakings	<u>679</u>
Charge on rates	1487
Deduct saving to Corporation in respect of Unemployment Insurance Exception (excluding Trading Undertakings) :-	
Officers ...	£65
Servants	<u>£252</u>

Net cost to Rates

£1170

The Town Clerk reported that 28 days' notice must be given to the Council of the intention to pass the necessary resolution under the Act.

RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended at their Meeting on the 4th July next to pass the Statutory Resolution required under the Act, providing for the admission of all the 202 employees eligible.

(b) Medical Examinations—RESOLVED, That the appointment of all new entrants to the service of the Corporation, both officers and servants, be subject to the entrant satisfactorily passing a medical examination ; also, That the servants who have not completed two years' service on the 1st April, 1939 be required to pass a medical examination.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that under the 1937 Act a servant or officer who has completed more than 40 years service before attaining the age of 65 years was entitled to have the total number of years of service reckoned for Superannuation purposes (instead of a maximum of 40 years as hitherto) provided his pension did not exceed two-thirds of his average remuneration. The provisions would at present benefit three officers and one servant provided they were retained on the Council service until the 1st April next.

RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 6 of the Local Government and Other Officers Superannuation Act 1922, the services of Mr. F. H Harris (Rating and Valuation Officer) and E Willmore (Ashman) be extended up to the 1st April next. RESOLVED, also, That consideration of extending the services of the other two officers concerned be adjourned until the question of their retirements comes before the Committees concerned.

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(d) Superannuation Allowances—The Borough Treasurer reported that the undermentioned scale of Superannuation Allowances had been adopted recently by the County Council and the Stroud and Cirencester Urban Districts Councils A similar arrangement was in operation in the neighbouring areas of Herefordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Swindon, Gloucester, Coventry and Weston-super-Mare and many other towns :—

" That, in fixing the superannuation allowance of any employee, the whole or any portion of whose service is non-contributory, his non-contributory service be henceforth calculated according to the following scale, subject in all cases to the statutory maximum of two-thirds not being exceeded, viz. :—

Years of Service.	Denominator of Fraction.	Years of Service.	Denominator of Fraction.
10 ..	120	26	88
11	118	27 ..	86
12	116	28 ..	84
13	114	29 ..	82
14	112	30	80
15	110	31 ..	78
16	108	32	76
17	106	33	74
18	104	34	72
19	102	35	70
20	100	36	68
21 ..	98	37	66
22	96	38	64
23 ..	94	39	62
24 .	92	40 or more ..	60
25	90		

As the Superannuation Act was not adopted in Cheltenham until 1925 it followed that no employee could at the present time receive more than thirteen-sixtieths in respect of contributory service and even if he has completed 40 years service his total pension must still be considerably less than half-pay He further reported that the Cheltenham Municipal Officers' Guild had requested him to bring the County scale to the notice of the Committee with the request that the scale be adopted for the Cheltenham Officers

The cost of the additional allowances would be greater in the first few years as the older officers retired, and would gradually decrease as the non-contributory service became liquidated and ultimately, when all officers had been contributing through all the years of their service, would cease: The Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the scale and recommended the Committee to adopt it. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to adopt the scale, and that Minute No 10 passed at the Meeting of the General Purposes Committee on the 23rd April, 1929 and confirmed by the Council on the 6th May, 1929 be rescinded.

(e) Joint Appointments—The Borough Treasurer reported that it was necessary to determine the apportionment of salaries of holders of joint appointments for the purposes of the Superannuation Act. RESOLVED, That these be apportioned as follows, and that where the holders are in receipt of emoluments by way of living accommodation, etc. such emoluments be apportioned in the same proportion as the salaries

Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield (Custodian of Offices) ... £200 and £78 respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook (Superintendents, Alstone Baths) ... £140 and £75 respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowles (Caretakers, Clarence Parade Conveniences) £78 and £52 respectively.

RESOLVED, also, That the apportionment of the salary of the Custodians of Montpellier Gardens be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

12—Air Raid Precautions—Read, letter of 30th inst. from the Hon. Clerk to the Air Raid Precautions Central Authority that the authority were unable to agree to Mrs. Carlisle's services as Clerk at the Air Raid Precautions Office being retained after the 31st inst., as they felt that it should be possible to make arrangements for the existing staff of the Council to do the necessary work The Town Clerk stated that whilst he was willing to do all he could to assist with the organisation of the Air Raid Precautions services he had not sufficient staff, especially during the summer months when members of the staff were away on holiday, to undertake the work now being carried out by Mrs. Carlisle, which included the interviewing and enrolment of about 2,000 volunteers, and arranging the various classes of instruction for them. He pointed out that he was attending to the enrolment of the 180 volunteers required for the Auxiliary Fire Brigade RESOLVED, That Mrs. Carlisle be asked to continue the work for the present and that the Council be recommended to pay her an honorarium of £1 a week for her services as from the 31st May.

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 Of in the said Borough, on Wednesday, 8th June, 1938, at 3 p.m. Present :

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

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P., J.P., Miller, Moore, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; and Councillor Morris.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 2nd May, 1935, 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 May 9

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Bendall : " That Minute No. 16 (b) be not approved, and that provision be made in next year's estimates for a public convenience at the foot of Leckhampton Hill.

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Housing Meeting held May 12

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Compton : "That Minute No. 5 (b) be amended by substituting the word recommendations' for the word arrangements ' in the last line " was lost).

Street and Highway Meeting held May 23

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Waite and seconded by Councillor Howell: "That Minute No. 4 in regard to the inner road in front of 101 Promenade be referred back for further consideration."

Resolved, also, That the offer made by Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons on behalf of Messrs. A. E. Marshall & Sons to purchase 562 feet frontage of land in Brooklyn Road adjoining the brook at £4 2s. 6d. a foot (being 280 feet on the West side and 282 feet on the East side) be accepted subject to contract.
Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

Town Planning Meeting held May 30

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held May 20

Resolved, also, That the Montpellier Pavilion be let to Mr. Roy Cowl's Concert Party for the 1938 season with an option for the 1939 season at a rent of £5 per week and on the conditions approved by the Entertainments Sub-Committee.

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held May 30

Water Meeting held May 10

General Purposes and Watch Meetings held May 11 & 24

Allotments Meeting held May 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held May 19

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held May 13

Cemetery and Crematorium , Meeting held May 27

Public Library Meeting held May 13

Rating Meeting held May 5

Finance Meeting held May 31

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Alderman Leigh James : "That Minute No. 11 (d) in regard to Superannuation allowances be referred back for further consideration, and that Minute No. 10 passed at the Meeting of the General Purposes and Watch Committee on 23rd April, 1929, and confirmed on 6th May, 1929, be rescinded.

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.

J. H. TRYE, 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 July, 1938.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th June, 1938. Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, Garland, Rev, de Courcy Ireland, Ben James, E. W. Moore, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair)

1—Insanitary Property at Basement of 43 Bath Road ; 48 Worcester Street ; 9 and 10 Queen Street ; Basra, Lansdown Place Lane ; 155 St. George's Road—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these premises are satisfied that they 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 premises requiring them to execute the works to be specified in the notices which will in the opinion of the Committee render the premises fit for human habitation.

2—Nuisances from Drains--38 and 40 All Saints' Road ; 38 and 40 Moorend Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises were in such a condition as to be prejudicial to health and a nuisance. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to examine the drains and apply any test other than a test by water under pressure, and, if necessary, to open the ground.

3—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles--53 Rodney Road ; 12 Montpellier Grove ; 18 Montpellier Villas ; and 24 Suffolk Road--The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these houses had no proper covered dustbins for the reception of house refuse. RESOLVED, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective Owners or occupiers under Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a covered dustbin of such material, size and construction as may be approved by the Chief Sanitary Inspector on behalf of the Corporation.

4—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Notices arising from defective roofs, walls, ceilings, etc , or lack of proper ash receptacles, served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

5—Houses Unlit for Human Habitation—(a) Basements of Berkeley House, Berkeley Street ; and 26 Winchcomb Street—The Committee considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of these premises. The Owner of Berkeley House attended and consented to an Order being made in respect of the basement of that house, but he asked that it should not become operative until the 1st September next which was agreed to. RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the basement rooms of the above-mentioned 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 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 storage purposes.

(b) 17 All Saints' Road ; 32 Fairview Road ; 13 Witcombe Place 50 Worcester 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. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that arrangements would be made for rehousing the tenant of 50 Worcester Street if the Owner's request for a Demolition Order to be made in respect of these premises were granted. 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 September, 1938.

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(c) 39 Jersey Street, Linda Cottage, Tivoli Lane ; 5 Hewlett Place ; 10 Jersey Street-The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above-mentioned 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.

(d) 32 Worcester Street ; 43 Montpellier Villas ; Hungerford Cottage and 29 and 30 Hungerford Street ; 27 Brunswick Street South; 6 and 8 Fairview 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 and that the Demolition Order made in respect of 43 Montpellier Villas on the 5th April, 1937, be rescinded.

(e) 11 Albert Place (basement)—The Committee also considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of these premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Owner or person in control to consider carrying out the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation in accordance with the specification of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(f) 30 and 31 Worcester Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the demolition of these houses had been completed by Messrs. Packer & Sons at a cost of £12 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this account be paid, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to recover the cost from the Owner.

(g) The Committee also considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses :—

(i) 16-19 Waterloo Street—Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Owner that the works had been delayed owing to a dispute with his builder but was now proceeding. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that satisfactory progress was now being made with the work. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for three months.

(ii) 1, 2 and 3 Laurel Cottages—RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for one month to enable the purchaser of these houses to give an Undertaking to recondition them in accordance with the specification prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(iii) 15 and 16 Grove Street—The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of these premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month, and that the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to enquire if the Owner would be prepared to sell the houses to the Corporation.

(iv) Springfield Cottage, Brandon Place ; 3 and 6 Queen Street ; 49 Fairview Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the Owners to carry out the works required to render these houses fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit be accepted.

(v) 16, 17 and 18 Queen Street—RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for one month to enable the Owners to consider carrying out the works required to render these houses fit human habitation in accordance with the specification of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(vi) 10 Burton Street; 4 Sun Street; 8 Sidney Street—The Owners of 4 Sun Street and 8 Sidney Street attended the Committee. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for three months to enable the Owners to consider carrying out the works required to render the houses fit for human habitation in accordance with the specifications to be prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(vii) 1 and 2 Lower Park Street—Read, letters from the Owner and his builder. The Owner also attended the Committee and offered to recondition the houses. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month, and that the Chairman and Councillor Moore be asked to inspect the premises. RESOLVED, also, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to issue to the Owner a short summary of the work required to render the houses fit for human habitation.

6—Clearance Orders, 1936—(a) 12 North Place and 1 and 2 St. Margaret's Cottages—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these houses, which had

been excluded from the Clearance Orders by the Minister of Health and was now being purchased by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that these 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. 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.

(b) 1 Lacy's Cottages—The Town Clerk reported that this house had been re-let in contravention of the Clearance Order, and he submitted letter from the Owner reporting that he had arranged for the house to be vacated and demolished in the near future. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to keep the premises under observation and report to the Committee next month.

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7—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness--(a) 32, 33 and 43 Worcester Street ; 27 Brunswick Street South ; 4 Waterloo Place, Waterloo Street ; and 10 Hungerford 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 10 years.

(b) 19 Lower Park Street ; Kington Cottage and 41a Sun Street ; and 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Clare Place—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.

8—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 cwt. 3 qrs. 9 ½ lbs. Beef ; 2 cwt. 24 lbs. Pork , 3 qrs. 19 lbs. Poultry ; 10 lbs. Rabbit ; 272 tins of Milk.

9—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mrs. E. H. Cousins of 74 Duke Street, and Mr. G. P. Haidon of Sunfield, Badgeworth Lane, near Cheltenham, for registration as Retail Purveyors of milk in the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order.

10—Shops Act, 1934—(a) 5 and 7 Bath Road—The Committee considered an application for a Certificate of Exemption from the provisions of Section 10 (2) of this Act (requiring the provision of suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences) to be granted in respect of these premises, Mr. H G. Norton attended in support of the application. RESOLVED, That a Certificate of Exemption be granted

subject to the applicants undertaking to inform the Council of any change in the arrangements and circumstances reported to the Committee.

(b) 2 Cambray—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises had been inspected and found not to comply with the provisions of Section 10 of the Shops Act, 1934. The occupier of the premises attended and asked that consideration of the matter should be adjourned to enable him to arrange with his landlord for the provision of additional sanitary conveniences. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

11--Rag Flock Act, 1911—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that further samples of rag flock had been taken from the premises of F. Rouse & Co. Ltd. at Market Street, and that these had been found to comply with the standard of cleanliness prescribed by the Rag Flock Regulations.

12—Analyses of Water--The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of analyses of water taken during the preceding month. RESOLVED, That the Water Committee be recommended to install the proposed chlorination plant at Dowdeswell Reservoir as soon as possible.

13—Waste land and ditch between Mead Road and Railway—The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of this land, when they met the owner and a representative of the residents in Mead Road. They recommended that the Chief Sanitary Inspector should be instructed to approach the Great Western Railway Co., with regard to draining the stagnant water on their land. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and that further consideration be adjourned in the meantime.

14—"NOVOX" Apparatus—Read, letter of 21st ult., from the Hon. Secretary of the Ambulance Headquarters applying for payment of an account of 14s. 4d. for recharging the cylinders of the "Novox" resuscitation apparatus. RESOLVED, That this account be paid.

15—Hayden Sewage Works—Two Cottages—The Town Clerk reported a recommendation by the Housing Committee that the two cottages at the Hayden Works should be wired for electricity at an estimated cost of £10 7s. 4d. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be not approved.

16—Sewer—Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Mr. P. S. Long, applying for permission to connect a new house between Kingsditch Lane and the Cross Hands with the sewer in Tewkesbury Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the applicant agreeing to pay 2s in the £ on the Rateable Value of the premises to be connected to the sewer.

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17—Barn Farm—(a) Fencing—The Borough Surveyor submitted 3 tenders for erecting 121 yards of wire fencing required at Barn Farm. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher amounting to £17 17s. 6d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

(b) Bungalow—The Town Clerk reported a further complaint by Mr. G. P. Rymer as to the condition of the roof of this Bungalow, and the Borough Surveyor reported that he had carried out some further repairs. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

18—Offensive Trade—Fish Frying—Read, letter of 7th inst., from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Fish Friers' Protection Association suggesting that the Corporation should

grant offensive trade licences to members of their Association for longer periods than 12 months. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Town Clerk for reply.

19—Capital Expenditure—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a 5 years' programme of works involving Capital Expenditure in accordance with the requirements of the Circular No. 1687 from the Ministry of Health.

20—Camping Site—The Committee considered a recommendation by the Town Improvement Committee that they should consider favourably an application for a Licence under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, in respect of a camping site belonging to Mr. Comley at Harthurstfield Farm, Gloucester Road, which had been approved by the R. A.C. as a Camping Site, RESOLVED, That a Licence be granted for the period ending 31st October next, subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) That not more than 20 caravans or tents shall be placed on the land at any one time.
- (2) That adequate sanitary accommodation for both sexes shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.
- (3) That the sanitary conveniences shall be emptied and cleansed daily.
- (4) That a constant and sufficient supply of water for drinking and washing purposes shall be provided and maintained.
- (5) That provision shall be made for the disposal of sullage and waste water to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.
- (6) That all refuse shall be collected and suitably disposed of.
- (7) That there shall be not less than 8 ft. space between every tent and caravan and 15 ft. between groups of tents and caravans.

21—Chelt Main Sewer—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the G.W. Railway Co., enclosing Heads of Conditions upon which the Company would be prepared to agree to the laying of the Chelt Main Sewer across their land. RESOLVED, That these conditions be agreed to

22—Central Council for Health Education—Read, circular letter of 2nd inst., inviting the appointment of delegates to attend the 11th Annual Health Conference at Glasgow on the 28th and 29th September next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

23—Public Health Services Congress—Read, circular of 13th ult., inviting the attendance of delegates at this Congress on the 14th November next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

24—Empire Health Week—Read, letter of 10th inst., from the Royal Sanitary Institute asking the Council to organise a health week celebration during Empire Health Week from the 2nd to 8th October next. RESOLVED, That no action be taken this year.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th June, 1938. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Moore and Till (Alderman Pates in the chair)

1—Housing Manager's Department—(a) The Deputy Housing Manager submitted her quarterly report on the collection of the rents.

(b) Trainees—The Housing Manager submitted suggested scheme for the training of local girls in the work of house property management. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Staffing Sub-Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the question of appointing a pupil trainee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Nash be referred to the Sub-Committee, and that they be authorised to appoint another trainee if they consider this is desirable.

(c) Second Assistant—Read, letter from Miss Hort in regard to the appointment of Miss B. Dudin as second assistant in the Housing Department. At the present time there were over 1,700 houses occupied, and over 100 still to be completed, and with the further houses proposed to be built, it was her opinion that a fully qualified second assistant should be appointed. The male assistant (Mr. Ponting) was fully occupied with the rent collection, book-keeping and repairs of the houses on the St. Mark's Estate, which would leave about 1,400 houses to be dealt with by the Housing Manager and her two assistants if Miss Dudin was appointed. Miss Dudin had now passed all her examinations and was a fully qualified woman property manager, and she considered that it was in the interests of the Council that Miss Dudin should be retained in the office, RESOLVED, That Miss Dudin be appointed second assistant at a salary of £180 per annum, the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Superannuation Act, to Miss Dudin passing a medical examination, and to be determinable by either party on one month's notice in writing.

(d) Clerk The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the staffing of the Housing Department reported that they considered it was desirable to appoint a shorthand-typist in the Housing Office to carry out the clerical work and the keeping of the records in regard to the Rent Rebates System and the preparation and dispatch of forms in connection therewith to the tenants etc. They had therefore advertised the appointment and interviewed three applicants and recommended that Miss V Dartnell, aged 18, be appointed shorthand-hand typist at a salary of £65 per annum on Grade A, subject to her passing a medical examination, the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Superannuation Act, and to be determinable by either party on one month's notice in writing RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 6th and 20th May and 2nd and 10th June.

(a) The Sub-Committee had interviewed 56 applicants for houses, granted 38, refused 12 and adjourned 6.

(b) They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(i) Rent Rebates—That the rents fixed and rebates granted, as set out in the Rent Rebates Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

(ii) That the Housing Manager be instructed not to receive any applications for tenancies of houses from persons living outside the Borough, except in very exceptional circumstances.

(iii) Alstone Lawn Estate--That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the exterior of the houses on this estate painted.

(iv) 1 and 55 Piney Crescent—That the applications of the tenants of these houses for permission to remove the brick coppers and replace these with gas coppers be granted subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and to the gas coppers being left on the premises at the expiration of their tenancies.

(v) 26 Kipling Road—That the application of the tenant of this house for the range to be removed and replaced with an open grate be granted subject to his contributing £1 towards the cost.

(vi) Housing Manager's Office—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the bicycle shed adjoining the entrance to the Housing Manager's office painted, and also to have a spring fixed to the door of the exterior W.C.

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

3-46 Whaddon Avenue—Read, letter from the tenant of this house offering to purchase the house, of which he had been tenant for the past eight years. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to sell the house.

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4—Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restriction) Act, 1938—The Town Clerk submitted report on this Act, which required houses in lower Class B, viz. houses of rateable value between £13 and £20, to be registered with the Corporation if the landlord claims that they are decontrolled. The Act also made it compulsory for rent books to be provided for all controlled houses let on weekly tenancies as from the 26th August next. Landlords would now be entitled to the benefit of any allowance in respect of compounding of rates. The Minister asked that local authorities should give publicity to the Act. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise the Act by means of advertisements in the "Echo," posters and handbills to be sent to landlords, and also to purchase the necessary forms.

5—Grove Street—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Public Health Committee that the various condemned properties in this street should be purchased by the Council. RESOLVED, That the View Sub-Committee be asked to inspect and report thereon.

6—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made by Mr. C. Sansom and Messrs. Edwards with their contracts. Mr. Sansom had completed 93 houses and Messrs Edwards 184 houses.

(b) Road Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the final work on the roads was now in hand, and the surfacing of Tamar Road had been completed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to defer having the verges turfed until the Autumn, when the matter be further considered.

7—Hayden Farm—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Borough Electrical Engineer estimated the cost of providing overhead service lines to the two new houses in course of erection at Hayden at £47

16s. 7d. and £10 7s. 4d. for the service line to the existing cottages He also reported that the Public Health Committee had decided not to have the existing cottages wired. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the wiring of the houses in course of erection and to have the overhead service line erected.

8—Pilley Lane Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that the interior decoration of the houses on this estate had been carried out a cost of £129 9s. 9d., as compared with his estimate of £160 0s. 0d.

9—St. Mark's Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that the exterior and interior decoration of houses on this estate had been carried out at a cost of £135 16s. 3d. as compared with his estimate of £157.

10—Telegraph Lines—Read, applications from the Post Office Telegraphs Department for permission to place one pole and stay in Wasley's Brake, Milton Road, one pole and stay in the Playing Field in Brooklyn Road, and one pole and stay in the Recreation Ground in Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That the applications in respect of Wasley's Brake and the Playing Field be granted subject to an annual acknowledgement of 1s in respect of each pole and, stay, on the understanding that any damage done to the property shall be made good, the consent to be determinable by three months' notice in writing on either side. RESOLVED, also, That the application in respect of the Recreation Ground be not granted and that it be suggested to the Post Office that they should make arrangements for fixing the pole and stay on adjoining property.

11—New Houses—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of two types of two-bedroom maisonettes. He reported that only one block of maisonettes could be erected on the site of News Cottages, but he considered that the site was not suitable for this purpose. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the erection of two blocks of maisonettes (8 in all) of a superficial area of approximately 575 feet, 8 two-bedroom houses and 16 three-bedroom houses, to be erected without subsidy on the remaining land at Whaddon Farm Estate. RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to accept a tender or tenders.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be asked to submit a list of all sites which have been cleared by the demolition of condemned houses.

12—St. Peter's and St. Paul's Estates—The View Sub-Committee reported they had inspected the length of chain link fencing erected between the gardens of houses in Folly Lane, and recommended that this be approved and similar fencing erected between the gardens of all the houses on these estates. The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of carrying out the work at £1,200. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out subject to the Borough Treasurer being satisfied that there is sufficient surplus in the Housing Revenue Account to cover the cost thereof.

13—Housing Repairs—RESOLVED, That Miss Hort be instructed to submit a report to the meeting of the Housing Committee in September on the system of carrying out repairs to Council houses.

14—Rent Rebates—Read, letter of 20th ult. from the Ministry of Health asking if representatives could attend for interview in regard to the questions raised in the Town Clerk's letter concerning Rent Rebates. RESOLVED, That Councillor Grimwade be asked to attend.

15—Housing Financial Provisions Act, 1938 —The Town Clerk submitted memorandum from the Ministry of Health in regard to the provisions of this Act.

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16—Capital Expenditure—The Committee considered the circular from the Ministry of Health in regard to the preparation of a five year programme of capital expenditure. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillors Fisher and Grimwade be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and submit an estimate of the number of houses which will be required during the next five years

17—Housing Act, 1936—Read, letter of 18th ult. from Messrs. C. J. Curtis & Co., enquiring whether the Council would entertain a scheme for the erection of 200 houses to let by their client at rents to be approved by the Council, the Corporation to join in a mortgage to a Building Society to guarantee two-thirds of the amount by which the sum to be advanced by the Society exceeds the sum which would normally be advanced without guarantee, and in the event of any loss to the Corporation, half of such loss to be reimbursed by the Ministry of Health. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Curtis & Co. be informed that the Committee are prepared favourably to consider the application, and that they be asked to submit the name of their clients, with references, particulars of schemes carried out by him, plans of the proposed houses, proposed site, and rents.

18—Whaddon Avenue—Read, further letter from Messrs. Cross, Son & Hodgetts that their clients, Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell would prefer to purchase the strip of land off Whaddon Avenue formerly used as an occupation road instead of renting this, and offering to pay £15 for the land. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained and subject to the purchasers erecting unclimbable gates at the entrance to the land in Whaddon Avenue RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

19—Manser and Hudson Streets—RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to plant trees in these streets.

20—Reconditioning-16 and 17 Queen Street—The Committee considered offer to sell these houses to the Corporation for reconditioning. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th June, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Till (The Mayor 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 Scheme--(a) The Pittville Street Sub-Committee reported that they had received an offer from Messrs. Norfolk & Prior, Estate Agents, of 14 Hay Hill, Berkeley Square, London, W.1., on behalf of a client to purchase the surplus land not required for street improvement

for £65,000 for the erection of an hotel with some shops on the ground floor along the frontages to High Street and Pittville Street and recommended that this offer be accepted subject to the following conditions :—

- (1) That the site be cleared of buildings by and at the expense of the Corporation.
- (2) That the Purchaser shall afford shopkeepers to be displaced in High Street and Pittville Street an opportunity of taking at economic rents shops available under the scheme.
- (3) That the Purchaser shall not be liable for any road charges in connection with the improvement scheme.
- (4) That plans and elevations shall be submitted for approval by the Council and comply with the building Byelaws and requirements of the Ribbon Development Act.
- (5) That the sale is subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health and to approval of formal Contract, to be exchanged on receipt of the Council's approval of the final plans and elevations.

RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that he had served notices to quit on the tenants of 5 and 9 Pittville Street. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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3—Trunk Road No. 10—Westal Green—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Divisional Road Engineer had again inspected the trial roundabout at this junction and arranged certain minor alterations including the closing of the road between the petrol station and the electricity sub-station, the lengthening of the tongue at the junction of Lansdown Road and Queens Road and the placing of a refuge at the point where west bound traffic is required to turn left to make a circuit of the island.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 13th inst. from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale reporting the conditions on which the owner of the petrol station would agree to the proposals affecting her property. Read also, letters from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce, Cheltenham and District Ratepayers' Association and Mr. Gordon Taylor with regard to the traffic roundabout. RESOLVED, That these letters be referred to the Ministry of Transport for consideration.

4—Annual Tenders—Gravel—Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Co. Ltd., calling attention to Minute No. 2 (c) of the meeting of this Committee on the 23rd ult. , which they thought was open to be read as a reflection on the quality of their gravel. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to assure them that there was no such intention and that the Minute was only intended to convey that the sample submitted by them had proved unsuitable for the particular purpose for which it was required and that the Press be asked to call attention to this Minute in publishing the proceedings of the Council.

5—Bridle Path, Tewkesbury Road to Arle Road—Read, letters from the Clerk to Cheltenham Rural District Council submitting evidence in support of this being a bridle path. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to require the owner of the land to remove the obstruction erected by him.

6—Brooklyn Road—The Borough Surveyor recommended that a strip of land 10 feet wide including the brook should be reserved for the construction of a new sewer when required. The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. A. E. Marshall & Sons had agreed to the exclusion of this strip from their purchase. RESOLVED, That Messrs. A. E. Marshall & Sons' revised offer to purchase 280 feet frontage on each side of Brooklyn Road adjoining the strip of land mentioned above at £4 2s. 6d. per foot frontage for houses of not less value than £475 (exclusive of the value of the land) be accepted subject to contract and the consent of the Minister of Health, and that application be made to the Minister of Health for consent to the sale.

7—Junction of St. Paul's Road and St. Paul's Lane—Read, letters from the Principal of St. Paul's College suggesting that a "Halt" sign should be erected at this junction instead of the proposed corner improvement. RESOLVED, That this suggestion be not approved and that the College be approached again with a view to their giving up the land required for the improvement.

8—Waste Paper—Read, letters of 3rd and 9th inst. from Messrs. Selby Bros. reducing their prices for the purchase of waste paper to 10s per ton for mixed paper and £2 10s. 0d. per ton for brown paper. RESOLVED, That these prices be accepted.

9—Old Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 13th inst. from the County Surveyor reporting that the Ministry of Transport was not prepared to classify the portion of this road above its junction with Thirlestaine Road.

10—Wages and Conditions of Employment—Part Time Employees—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers enquiring what holidays would be granted to part time employees of the Council. RESOLVED, That such employees be granted an annual holiday of three days with pay after six months' regular service with the Corporation.

11—Junction of Suffolk Parade and Suffolk Square—RESOLVED, That the proposed purchase of land for the improvement of this junction be not proceeded with in view of the expense involved, but that, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Transport, a " Halt" sign be erected in Suffolk Square.

12—Evesham Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to construct a permanent traffic island at the junction of Evesham Road and Wellington Road with a radius 2 ft. more than that of the present temporary island.

13—Refuse Trailers—The Borough Surveyor reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the condition of these trailers had been criticised by the Vehicle Inspector and he therefore recommended that they should be replaced. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain comparative quotations for the supply of refuse trailers and freighters.

14—Gloucester Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the occupiers of 99 and 101 Gloucester Road requiring the removal of advertisement boards and placards erected in front of these premises, and that the board in front of 101 Gloucester Road had been removed and he had received a letter from the occupier of 99 Gloucester Road promising to remove the board in front of these premises at an early date.

15—Tivoli Street—The Town Clerk reported that he received complaints of a hoarding erected in this street and that he had written to the owner requiring its removal.

16—High Street—Read, letter from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland offering to sell 365 square yards of land at the rear of 373 and 375 High Street for £1,825. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted.

17—Nos. 16 and 17 Queen Street—The Town Clerk reported an offer to sell these premises to the Corporation for £50 plus solicitor's costs. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

18—Norwood Road Improvement—(a) 217 Bath Road—The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer had negotiated the purchase of this property at £550 subject to the vendor having the right to remove the workshop fittings and bench and to payment of the vendor's Solicitor's costs. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved subject to Contract and that the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into the necessary Contract.

(b) RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £1,331 6s.

4d. for the purchase of the undermentioned properties acquired for this improvement –

		£. s. d.	£. s. d.
21 St. Philip's Street	Purchase money	165 0 0	
	Vendors' Solicitor's costs	6 13 10	
	Cost of demolition	89 15 0	
	Stamp duty ...	<u>17 6</u>	
			£262 6 4
1-3 Gothic Cottages and Hay Barn, Norwood Road			
	Purchase money	£500 0 0	
	Stamp duty ...	<u>2 10 0</u>	
		£502 10 0	
217 Bath Road. Purchase money			
	Vendor's Solicitor's costs	£11 0 0	£550 0 0
	Stamp duty ...	<u>£ 5 10 0</u>	
		<u>566 10 0</u>	
			£1331 6 4

19—St. Paul's Estate—The Town Clerk reported a recommendation of the Housing Committee that trees should be placed in Manser Street and Hudson Street RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

20--Tewkesbury Road Pedestrian Crossing—Read, letter of 11th inst.from the Ministry of Transport reporting that the maximum grant of £8 had been made to the Council in respect of this pedestrian crossing.

21—Private Improvement Works—Mead Road—Read, letter of 10th inst.from Mrs. F. E. A. Minty with regard to the notices served on her in respect of the Private Improvement Works to be carried out in this road. RESOLVED, That consideration of this letter be deferred until the apportionment of expenses is submitted by the Borough Surveyor

22-68-69 Winchcomb Street—Read, letter of 16th inst.from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland offering this property for sale to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

23—Thornclyffe Drive—Read, letter of 30th ult. from Cheltenham and District Ratepayers' Association complaining of the use of a plot of land in this road as a builders' dump and for stone breaking and washing lorries. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

24-139 Tewkesbury Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted three tenders received for the demolition of this property RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Packer & Sons amounting to £21, less an allowance of £1 for materials (being the lowest), be accepted.

25-31 Sherborne Street and 2 Jersey Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the lowest tender received for the demolition of this property when the matter was under consideration by the Public Health Committee in March last was that of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co, Ltd. amounting to £19 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted.

26—High Street Unilateral Waiting Order—Read, letter of 28th ult. from the Ministry of Transport reporting that the Order proposed to be made for the portion of the High Street between the Colonnade and Cambray had been altered to correspond in dates with the Order in force in the lower High Street, and that the Minister also proposed to exempt vehicles used for delivery or collection of goods.

27—Post Office Lane—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Superintendent of Police, reporting that as a result of complaints of obstruction in this lane he had kept the lane under observation and that there had been no further cause for complaint.

28—Expenditure—The Town Clerk submitted circular from the Minister of Health requesting the preparation of a five years programme of works involving capital expenditure. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a programme of street improvement works.

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29-1 Spa Buildings—Read, letter of 10th inst. offering to sell this property to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

30—The Grove, Hales Road—The Town Clerk submitted memorial of 8th inst. from the residents in this road complaining of its condition. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply that the Council will be prepared to take over the road, if the footpaths and verges are made up to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

31—Granley Road—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Mr. Shakspeare Shenton applying for permission to paint the petrol pumps at his garage in this road "Sunshine " colour. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted and that he be required to paint the pumps dark rural green.

32—Leckhampton Road—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Cheltenham and District Traction Co. offering to erect a shelter on the site at the foot of Leckhampton Hill similar to the shelter at Sixways, Charlton Kings. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

33—Projecting Sign—Manchester Street—Read, letters of 25th ult. and 15th inst. applying for permission to erect a projecting sign outside the Railway Hotel, Manchester Street. The Town Clerk reported that the height and projection of the proposed sign would not comply with the usual

conditions. RESOLVED, That the application be only granted subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

34—Banner—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association applying for permission to display a banner across the Colonnade advertising their exhibition in the Town Hall from the 7th to 12th July next. RESOLVED, That the application be granted on the usual conditions.

35—Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that a sweeper's truck in this road had been damaged by a motor lorry belonging to Messrs. Packer & Sons. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of repairing the damage, estimated at £2 5s. 8d.

36—Telegraph Lines—Read, application from the Post Office Superintending Engineer for permission to erect overhead lines in Brooklyn Road and St. Paul's Road. RESOLVED, That the applications be granted subject to the conditions recommended by the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer.

37—Great Norwood Street—(a) RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the Minister of Transport " Halt " signs be placed in this road on either side of its junction with Suffolk Road. (b) The Committee considered a suggestion that a traffic island should be constructed in this road near its junction with St. Philip's Street. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

38—Promenade—The Committee reconsidered their recommendation to pay half the cost of paving the land in front of 101 Promenade which was referred back by the Council for further consideration. RESOLVED, That the previous recommendation be adhered to

39—Report of Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee—Read, Report of a Meeting of this Sub-Committee on the 17th inst. Present—Alderman Pates (in the chair) and Councillor Fletcher. They recommended acceptance of the following tenders:-

(a) Coal :

Tenderer.	Description.	Price (Per ton).
Webb Bros. Ltd	West Cannock No. 1 Cobbles (House)	{34s 7d. (in winter). {32s 7d. (in summer).
do.	Kingsbury Ryder Beans ...	26s 5d.
John Williams & Co. Ltd	Welsh Smokeless Steam Nixon's Navigation Best Lorry Large	36s 6d.
do	Glyncastle Big Vein Anthracite	40s 4d.
do.	Ferrol Washed Beans ...	35s 5d.
Forest of Dean Collieries Ltd.	Princess Royal rough small steam coal	{22s 10d (at Cheltenham). {23s 9d. (at Tewkesbury).

(b) Slabs and Kerbs—Tender of Tarmac Ltd. for supply of paving slabs at 3s 3d. per sq. yd., 3 ft. kerbs at 2s 8d., 18 in. kerbs at 1s 4d., and 3 ft. circular kerbs at 3s 5d.

(c) Lorry—Tender of Haines & Strange Ltd. for supply of 1938 Bedford hand-operated end-tipping lorry, having 67 ½ cwt. pay load capacity, at £273 13s. 0d., plus £7 for timber gantry, steel lining, lettering, painting etc. RESOLVED, That the above recommendations be approved.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd June, 1938. Present-The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall and Moore; Col. Godman; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and J. Walker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1-Plans of New Buildings-The Committee considered the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, namely :-

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4950	Stroud Brewery Co. Ltd.	Garages, coals, ladies' W.C.'s and improvements to urinals, Railway Hotel.
4951	Green, V. A.	Alterations, Westal Green Stores.
4952	Walton, A. H.	Cycle and tool shed, 7 St. George's Drive.
4953	Sutherland, H.	Shed, Tryes Road.
4954	Sutton, A. H.	Cycle shed, 5 St. George's Drive.
4955	Stinchcombe, E. T.	Garage, new house, Rowanfield Road,
4956	Rogers & Davis Ltd	2 garages, Hatherley Court Estate,
4957	Mahoney, R. S. G.	Semi-detached houses, Painswick Road.
4958	Stinchcombe, E. T.	House, Brooklyn Road.
4959	do.	2 detached houses, Albert Road,
4960	Wheiday, Mrs. F M.	Garage, Hopedene, St. George's Road.
4961	Cruickshank, A. S.	Conversion into 4 flats, Parkhurst and Hereward, Shurdington Road.
4962	Canter. F. W.	Bathroom, The Croft, Albany Road.
4963	Higgs, E.	New bathroom, 1 Brighton Cottages, Alstone Lane
4964	Berryman, Mr.	Pantry and lobby, Ferleys, Overton Park Road.
4965	Shenton, S.	New shop front, The Red Apple Filling Station, Gloucester Road
4966	Stroud Brewery Co. Ltd	Alterations, Great Western Hotel.
4967	Goddard & Hunt	Detached and semi-detached houses, Brooklyn Road
4968	Smith Bros.	Garage, Corinth House, 117 Bath Road.
4969	Wynn, E. H	Timber garden shed, Merriville Road.
4970	Smith, J. & Sons	New shop, 39/41 Promenade.
4971	Collins, E.	Garden Shed, new shop, Whaddon Road.
4972	Aircraft Components Ltd.	Drawing office, Arle Court.
4973	_____	Alterations, The Oyster Bar, Albion Street.
4974	Houghton, T.	Reconstruction, St. Paul's Garage.
4975	Dean Close School Council	New Classrooms, Falfield, Lansdown Road.

Decisions under Byelaws-RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4951, 4952, 4953, 4954, 4955, 4956, 4957, 4958, 4959, 4960, 4963, 4964, 4965, 4966, 4967, 4968, 4970, 4971, 4972, 4973, 4974 and 4975 be approved

; That Plans Nos. 4950, 4961 and 4962 be approved subject to drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector; That Plan No 4969 be not approved, by reason of insufficient information and that proposed shed will obstruct the secondary means of access

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933-

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4950, 4951, 4952, 4954, 4955, 4960, 4963, 4965, 4968, 4971, 4973, 4974 and 4975 be approved ; That Plan No. 4956 be approved subject to the garages being placed at the rear of the plot ; That Plan No. 4957 be approved subject to dark sand faced tiles being used on the roof and to the walls being finished with grey bricks stucco or rough cast ; That Plan No. 4958 be approved subject to materials being to the satisfaction of the Committee ; That Plans Nos. 4961, 4962 and 4964 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building and in the case of 4964 to slates being used on the roof in lieu of corrugated asbestos ; That Plan No 4966 be approved subject to approval of the elevations by the Panel of Architects ; That Plan No 4967 be approved subject to sand faced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 4970 be approved subject to both sides of the shop being treated in a similar manner and to the oak fascia, oak base and black base being extended to the other side of the shop as recommended by the Panel of Architects, also that the owners be notified that approval of this plan must not be taken as a precedent in the event of the shop being brought forward to the line occupied by the adjoining building ; That Plan No. 4972 be approved subject to Aircraft Components Ltd. entering into an undertaking (1) to remove the building behind the building line if and when the building ceases to be used by Aircraft Components Ltd. as a factory, (2) to reimburse the Corporation in respect of any loss involved by them in widening Hatherley Lane owing to the building being erected in front of the building line, and (3) to the garden wall being raised and a parapet formed so as to hide the roof from the road, and that Minute No. 3 (c) passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly ; That Plans Nos. 4953, 4959 and 4969 be not approved.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1339	Thompson, Mrs.	Conversion of Old Golf Club House into two houses and erection of 3 garages, Cleeve Hill
1350	Gardner, W. J.	Detached house, Gretton Road, Winchcomb Road, Winchcomb.
1351	Henney, J.	Pair semi-detached houses, Langley
1352	Bowd, A.	Pair semi-detached houses, Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1353	Martin, R. F.	Additions, Bye Ways, Marle Hill Court Road, Nr. Cheltenham.
1354	Houston, Miss	Additions, Whistling Down-Hay, Stockwell Lane, Cleeve Hill.
1355	Warren-Smith, Fl. S.	Lean-to shed, Cockbury Butts Farm, Winchcomb
1356	Long, P.	Detached house, Tewkesbury Road, Swindon, Nr. Cheltenham.
1357	Sealey's Industries	New lime kiln, Crickley Hill.
1358	Cheltenham Steeplechase Co Ltd.	Extension to weighing room, Prestbury Race-Course.
1359	Flooks, D. J. H.	Detached dwelling house and Sectional Summer House, Charlton

		Drive, Charlton Kings.
1360	Smith, A. H.	Detached dwelling house, The Avenue, Avenue Estate, Charlton Kings.
1361	Connolly, Col. A. M.	Conversion of stables into a dwelling house, Brierton House, Charlton Kings.
1362	Gregory, E. & J.	Detached dwelling house, Junction of The Avenue with Moored Road.
1363	Marshall, A. E. & Sons	Pair semi-detached cottages, Horsefair Street, Charlton Kings.
1364	Tortonese, C. H.	Greenhouse, Cranbourne, Ryeworth Road, Charlton Kings.
1365	Jotham, Miss	Detached house, The Avenue, Avenue Estate, Charlton Kings.
1366	Coates-Carter, Miss	Conversion of condemned cottage into a garage, Manor House, Lake Street, Prestbury.
1367	Lloyd-Johns, Mrs, G. M.	Alterations and additions, Farm Lane, Bentham.
1368	Tufnell, N.	Additions, The Old Forge, Hayden.
1369	Cleavelands (Cheltenham) Ltd,	Pair semi-detached bungalows, Tommy Taylor's Lane, Prestbury.
1370	Western Estates (Lawes Cherry) Ltd.	Development and 22 bungalows, Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1371	Moss, T. G.	House, Crippetts Road, Leckhampton.
1372	Nott, L. W.	Conversion of barn into cottage, Little Witcombe.
1373	Brill, F. W.	Additions, Hayden Hill House, Hayden Hill.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1357, 1358, 1361, 1364, 1366, 1367, 1368 and 1373 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 1339, 1356 and 1372 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, and in the case of 1339 to the garages being used only by the occupants of the houses shown on the plan and not let off as lock up garages without the consent of the Planning Authority, and in the case of 1356 to the gable being hipped back as recommended by the Panel of Architects ; That Plan No 1350 be approved subject to Cotswold grey tiles being used on the roof and the walls finished externally a Cotswold grey colour ; That Plan No. 1351 be approved subject to the undertaking already entered into for the widening of Langley Road ; That Plans Nos. 1353 and 1354 be approved subject to new work harmonising with existing building ; That Plans Nos. 1360, 1362 and 1363 be approved subject to sand faced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plans Nos. 1352, 1355, 1359, 1365, 1369, 1370 and 1371 be not approved.

(b) Plan No T.P. 1347—Read, letter of 20th inst. from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons asking the Committee to reconsider their decision requiring them to provide service roads for the development of a portion of Thirlestaine Hall Estate fronting Sandford Road and Old Bath Road. RESOLVED, That Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons be informed that the Committee are prepared to reconsider their decision provided that (1) the entrances to the houses are placed side by side and recessed from the road : (2) the stone wall in Old Bath Road lowered by 3 feet and the bank battered back so as to improve the line of vision : (3) to the wall at the junction of Old Bath Road and Sandford Road being set back : and (4) to the present access to Sandford Road near its junction with Old Bath Road being closed up.

3—Little Theatre, Montpellier Grove—The Town Clerk reported interview which he had with Madam Irving and Mrs. Weston in regard to the complaint received of the use of this building as a school and

dancing academy. The occasion on which the building was used late at night was an exceptional one, and for the remainder of this term the building would not be used after 6 p.m. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken at present, and that Minnie No. 11 passed at the last meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

4-93 Naunton Crescent—The Borough Surveyor reported on the application of Mr. T. Parslow to re-erect the iron railings in front of the forecourt of this house. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this subject to similar railings to those enclosing the adjoining gardens being used.

5—Cleevemount Estate—Mr. W. J. Rogers attended in regard to the making up of the roads on this estate and asked the Committee to approve of the surfacing of the roads with two inches of asphalt for the purpose of their being taken over by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Street and Highway Committee.

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6—Trevordene, Evesham Road—Read, letter from Messrs, Jessop & Son asking if the garage erected at these premises some years ago and approved as a temporary building could now be approved under the Byelaws and not regarded as a temporary building. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

7—Town Planning Scheme No. 1—(a) Proposed Joint Planning Board—The Town Clerk reported that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor met the Chairman of the County Planning Committee on the 11th inst. to discuss the proposed Joint Planning Board as the responsible authority for this Scheme, The following arrangements were provisionally agreed subject to confirmation by the Council and the County Council.

(i) The Corporation to be the responsible authority for all the provisions of the Scheme inside the Borough, except those relating to County roads, the County Council contributing towards the cost of any reservation of County interests expressly approved by them.

(ii) The Joint Board to be set up to administer the Scheme in the remainder of the area in relation to (a) use and density zonings (b) reservation of land for open spaces of County interest : (c) any other purposes included for the benefit of the whole County or for which no other authority could reasonably be made responsible.

(iii) The representation on the Board to be as follows :—County Council 5, Cheltenham Corporation 5, Cheltenham Rural District Council 5, Charlton Kings Urban District Council 2, Northleach Rural District Council 1.

(iv) The Corporation, if requested, to agree to their officers staffing the Joint Board. (v) The Corporation not to make any claim against the Joint Board with regard to the sterilization of the water gathering grounds belonging to the Corporation.

RESOLVED, That these arrangements be approved.

(b) Planning Expenses—The Mayor and Deputy Mayor also discussed with the Chairman of the County Planning Committee the question of the payment of the expenses of the Corporation. It was agreed that the County Council should pay the past planning expenses amounting to £3,423 3s. 7d., together with the expenditure for the year ended 31st March last as soon as the clause constituting the Joint

Board had been agreed by both authorities. With regard to the future planning expenses to be incurred in completing both the No. 1 and No 2 Schemes it was agreed that the Council should submit an estimate to the County Council at the commencement of each financial year, such estimate not to be exceeded without the County Council's approval. It was also agreed that the Corporation would not incur legal or other professional expenses without obtaining the approval of the County Council, RESOLVED, That these proposals be agreed to.

(c) Glenfall Estate—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Charlton Kings Urban District Council that their Council no longer required the reservation of land in Greenway Lane belonging to Mr. Mitchell as a public open space. RESOLVED, That the scheduling of this land as a public open space be deleted from the Scheme and the map amended accordingly.

(d) Read, letter of 11 th inst. from the Ministry of Health enquiring when it was anticipated that this Scheme would be submitted for the Minister's approval. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain from the Ministry of Health whether the Ministry would be satisfied with the present Draft Scheme Map or whether they will require a new Map to be prepared.

(e) Charlton Park--The Committee further considered the objection made to the scheduling of the public open space through Charlton Park. RESOLVED, That the land be scheduled as a private open space subject to the Cheltenham College also agreeing to their portion of Charlton Park being scheduled as a private open space and to agreements being entered into with the owners of the properties consenting to the land being so scheduled and as to the buildings to be permitted to be erected for use in connection with the use of the property for a school, and subject also to the owners of Charlton House withdrawing the other objections made by them to the Draft Scheme.

(f) Prestbury Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had endeavoured to arrive at an agreement with Mr. F. J. Newman in regard to the zoning of his land on Prestbury Hill, but had been unable to do so.

(g) Glenfall Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had pegged out the route of the bypass across Mr. Mitchell's land and this had been inspected on behalf of the County Council, who were unable to recommend its adoption. He submitted alternative plan for amending the line of road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain the views of the owners concerned on this plan.

(h) Little Witcombe—Mr. Camm—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative plan for the route of the bye-pass at Little Witcombe, RESOLVED, That this be not approved and that the original line be adhered to.

8—Plan No. 4941—The Town Clerk submitted letter from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale that Mr. S. W. Jenkins was willing to set back the front fence of the proposed three houses to be erected in Hatherley Road and dedicate the land for the widening and improvement of the road subject to the Corporation paying the cost of making up the widened carriageway and kerbing and channelling the footpath, Mr. Jenkins to provide a gravel footpath and to pave this when required. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to an undertaking being entered into accordingly.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th June, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Rogers and Waite; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 24th ult. and 8th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Military Band—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for the Military Band to play in the Recreation Grounds on Sunday afternoons.

(b) That the application of the County Association for the Blind for the grant of 34 free season tickets for the band concerts for blind persons be granted, as in previous years.

(c) Piano—That the tender of Messrs. Dale Forty & Co. for the provision of an upright piano at £32, for which provision had been made in the estimates, be accepted.

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

2—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 17th June. Present—Councillors Grimwade, Howell, Rogers and Waite, and Mr. R. F. Fowles.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Refrigerator—That a 15 cubic feet capacity refrigerator be purchased for use at the Pool in the summer and at the Town Hall in the winter, at a cost of £70 ; to be charged to the Swimming Pool and £40 to the Town Hall.

(b) Galas—That the Swimming Galas and Displays arranged by the Entertainments Manager and the Superintendent for the 7th July and 11th August be approved, and the same charges made for admission as for the display last year.

(c) Hospital—That six transferable season tickets be granted to the Matron of the General Hospital for the use of nurses at the Hospital, as last year.

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

3—Medical Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

4—Town Hall—(a) Screens—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative tenders received for the supply of new screens and renovation of the old screens at the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That the tender of the New Street Shopfitting Co. Ltd. to renovate the old screens amounting to £11 8s. 0d. be accepted, subject to the Entertainments Sub-Committee being satisfied as to the renovation work proposed to be carried out.

(b) Heating System—The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders received for the supply of a boosting pump for the heating apparatus at the Town Hall, for which provision had been made in the estimates. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd. amounting to £73 be accepted.

5—Municipal Offices—Read, further letter from the Divisional Superintendent, G W. Railway Company, asking the Committee to reconsider their decision to require their timetable board to be removed from the railings of these offices. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to allow the board to remain subject to this being repainted and maintained in good condition,

6—Capital Expenditure—The Committee considered the circular from the Ministry of Health asking the Council to prepare a five year programme of capital expenditure. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report.

7—Winter Garden—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Miss B. Kent asking if the Committee would grant her a renewal of the tenancy of the Winter Garden Theatre for next season on the same terms as last season. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the tenders for the Winter Garden Scheme have been considered by the Council.

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8—Gramophone Records--Read, letter of 26th ult from Phonographic Performance Ltd, reminding the Council of the obligation to obtain their licence before gramophone records are played in properties belonging to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to include a clause in the hiring agreement for the Town Hall, whereby the hirer undertakes not to use gramophone records without obtaining a licence, and indemnifying the Corporation against any infringement of copyright.

9—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(a) Rates of Wages—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for increases in wages for the employees at the Pool. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Baths Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

(b) The Entertainments Manager reported that a display in connection with the National Fitness Campaign had been arranged to take place at the Pool on the evening of the 22nd inst. RESOLVED, That the charge for spectators on this evening be reduced to 3d.

10—Tennis Display—RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Committee be conveyed to the Cheltenham Town A.F.C. Ltd. for the loan of stands for the recent tennis exhibition matches.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th June, 1938. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade and Waite ; and Mr R. B Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

11—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 21st inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows:—

(a) Tennis Tournament—The Entertainments Manager having reported that the receipts from the Tennis Tournament amounted to £115 4s. 0d. and the expenditure £104 14s. 0d., that the profit of £10 10s. 0d. be paid to the Children's Hospital.

(b) Summer Dance Band—That Hector Davis be paid an extra £1 12s. 0d. per week for increasing his Band by two.

(c) Organ—That the revised tender of Messrs Rushworth & Dreaper of £75 for cleaning the organ, for which provision had been made in the estimates, be accepted.

(d) Cricket Festival—That the tender of Mr. Edwards of £30 for the right to provide the Fun Fair in Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground from the 10th to 13th August be accepted.

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

12—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Baths Sub-Committee, That the cadets attending the Public Secondary Schools Cadet Camp be admitted to the Swimming Pool at the reduced charge of 4d per head as last year subject to the cadets attending in parties and at times arranged with the Superintendent.

(b) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Baths Sub-Committee, That 8 Swedish girls visiting Cheltenham as the guests of the Rotary Club be admitted to the Swimming Pool free of charge.

(c) Staff—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 24th inst. and considered the letter of the 16th inst. received from the Area Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying on behalf of their members employed at the Swimming Pool for reduction of working hours to 47 hours per week and for increased wages, as follows:—

Male Pool and Tray Store Attendants—From £2 10s. 0d. to £2 14s. 0d. per week.

Female Tray Store Attendants—At rate of 9d. per hour (Present wages £1 10s. 0d. per week).

Cashier—From £2 5s. 0d. to £2 10s. 0d. per week.

Filter House Attendant—From £2 13s. 6d. to £2 16s. 0d.

Car Park Attendant—From £1 15s. 0d. to £2 19s. 7d. per week.

Buffet Staff—From £1 10s. 0d. to £2 5s. 0d. per week.

Waitresses and Cleaners—At rate of 9d. per hour (Present wages—Waitresses £1 5s. 0d. per week. Cleaners £1 per week).

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The Union also asked that overtime rates should be paid in accordance with the scale bid down by the West Midland Joint Industrial Council, and for Sunday rates of pay.

The Superintendent reported that the present hours worked were incorrectly stated by the Union as no allowance had been made for the time allowed for meals nor for the time allowed to the employees when weather was unfavourable. He submitted revised schedule of hours, which showed that, by engaging two youths and an additional cashier, the hours could be reduced to an average throughout the season of 48 hours per week.

The Sub-Committee recommended as follows :—

(i) Car Park—That in future no charge be made for the parking of cars, and that the services of the Car Park Attendant be dispensed with, and in the case of the few season tickets issued, the holders be refunded the due proportion for the remainder of the season.

(ii) That the schedule of hours submitted by the Superintendent providing for an average throughout the season of 48 hours per week for all the staff (except cashiers-44 hours, and the two youths 43 hours) be approved.

(iii) Male Pool and Tray Store Attendants—That their present wage of £2 10s. 0d. per week be continued.

(iv) Female Tray Store Attendants—That their wages be increased from £1. 10s. 0d. to £1 15s. 0d. per week.

(v) Cashiers--That two cashiers be employed instead of one, to work an average of 44 hours per week at wages of £1 15s. 0d. per week.

(vi) Filter House Attendant—That his wages be increased from £2 13s. 6d. to £2 15s. 0d. per week.

(vii) That two youths, aged 17, be employed to carry out relief and cleaning work and to work an average of 43 hours per week throughout the season at a wage of £1 5s. 0d. per week each.

(viii) Buffet Staff—That the wages of the two female attendants in the Buffet remain at £1 10s. 0d. per week, including free meals, as at present.

(ix) Waitresses—That the wages of waitresses be increased to £1 7s. 6d. per week plus free meals.

(x) Cleaner—That the wages of the female cleaner be increased to £1 5s. 0d. per week plus free meals.

(xi) Ticket Checker—No application was made in respect of this man, but the Sub-Committee recommended that his hours be reduced to 48.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted RESOLVED, also, That in regard to the Car Park, the British Legion Car Park Company be authorised to provide Car Park Attendants for the Car Park subject to no charge being made for parking, and to the Corporation being under no liability in respect of damage to cars or loss therefrom

(d) Winter Opening—With reference to the guarantee given by Mr. W. H. Brasher to pay £25 in respect of the Winter Opening of the Pool, the Borough Treasurer reported that the receipts amounted to £11 12s. 6d. and the expenses, including wages and cost of printing and erecting and demolishing but on side of the pool amounted to £19 1s. 0d. RESOLVED, That an account be rendered to Mr. Brasher for the loss of £7 8s. 6d.

13—Alstone Baths—The Committee considered further the charge to be made to the Patesians' Rugby Football Club for the use of the Washing Baths at Alstone last Winter Season by visiting teams 349 men had used 90 baths during the Season. RESOLVED, That a charge of £4 10s. 0d. be made and that Minute No. 13 passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 24th September last be varied accordingly.

14—Town Hall—(a) Copyright Music—Read, letter of 27th ult. and 16th inst. from the Performing Right Society Ltd. in regard to a licence to cover the performance of copyright music at the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to take out a licence to cover lettings of the Town Hall for occasions at which music is used on payment of a fee of 5 per cent on the first £1,000 on the gross annual rent, 2 ½ per cent. on the second £1,000, and 1 per cent on the residue, excluding the rent from lettings at which no music or only religious or incidental music is performed.

(b) Two tenders were received for the tiling of the kitchen and servery at the Town Hall in connection with the proposed new kitchen arrangements. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son of £247 12s. 11d. be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd. for the ventilation of the kitchen amounting to £27 11s. 6d. be accepted.

15—Marle Hill Annexe—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Cirencester Silver Band to give an afternoon and an evening Concert on a Sunday in this ground and to make a collection thereat.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th June, 1938. Present—Alderman Leigh James; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Howell and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Electricity Charges—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported on Mr. A. W. Bryant's suggestions as to electricity charges. His criticisms of the two part domestic tariff system did not take into account the load factor and diversity factor, which were universally recognised as having important influence on electricity costs. The Central Electricity Board handled the whole of the country's supply of electricity on a two-part tariff, and practically every Electricity Undertaking, whether owned by a Municipality or by a Company, included a two-part tariff in its scale of charges. Mr. Bryant also contended that expenditure on publicity and advertising was a waste of money and that all development work should be discontinued, but this opinion was at variance with the general practice throughout the Industry, and the main criticism of existing Undertakings in the McGowan report on electricity distribution was that sufficient development work was not undertaken by some Undertakings.

2—Street Illuminations—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that at the request of the Chamber of Commerce he was preparing a scheme for floodlighting and illuminating Montpellier Walk during the special shopping week arranged for November next, and that he was also preparing a scheme of special lighting in the High Street between North Street and The Belle Vue Hotel.

3—Cables—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders for cables and recommended the acceptance of the tender of the Hackbridge Cable Co., for the supply of Extra High Tension cables (being the lowest of the tenders received from Members of the Cable Manufacturers Association). There were three lower tenders from firms who had only recently commenced operations and he could not recommend acceptance of any of them He also recommended acceptance of the tenders of Aberdare Cables, Ltd., for the supply of Low Tension Cables (being the lowest received). RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved

4—Charlton Kings—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had been asked by the Charlton Kings Urban District Council to submit a quotation for lighting London Road between The Holy Apostles Church and East End, Charlton Kings. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to submit a quotation,

5—Electricity Department—Foreman --The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. J. Pates reached the age of 65 years on the 28th inst. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes Committee be recommended to retain his services for another 12 months.

6—Electricity Supply (Meters) Act 1936—Read, circular letter of 17th inst., from the Electricity Commission, reporting that the 1st prox. had been fixed as the appointed day for the purposes of this Act, and enclosing further explanatory notes concerning the testing and certification of the Electricity Meters etc RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer.

7—Capital Expenditure--The Town Clerk submitted circular from the Ministry of Health requesting the Council to prepare a five years' programme of works involving capital expenditure. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to prepare such programme.

8—Gas Supply—The Town Clerk reported that he had referred Councillor Garland's complaint as to the quality of gas to the Cheltenham and District Gas Co. and had received a letter from the Company denying the suggestion that the quality had deteriorated in the Borough. He had sent a copy of the letter to Councillor Garland.

9—Salesmanship Training Course—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that 5 employees of the Department who had taken the salesmanship training course of the Electrical Development Association had successfully passed the examination and had obtained Certificates

10—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 1st, 3rd, 9th, 15th, and 24th inst., which showed the calorific values on those dates to be 484.6, 477.9, 482.0, 479.0, 460.3 B.Th.U. per cubic foot respectively, and the pressure to be 8.4, 8.7, 8.8, 8.6 and 8.6 inches of water respectively.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th June, 1938, at Dowdeswell. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Barnett and Moore (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st May, 1938.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	97,000 gallons	266,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	257,000 "	638,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>17,000 "</u>	<u>48,000</u>
	371,000	952,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 69,586,000 gallons.

(b) RESOLVED, That unless there is a substantial fall of rain in the next few days the Borough Engineer be instructed to issue further advertisements in the "Echo," warning consumers against waste of water. RESOLVED, also, That for the present no further applications for lawn sprinklers be granted.

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—Trunk Main, Churchdown to Hewletts—(a) The Committee inspected portions of this main.

(b) Wayleaves—The Town Clerk submitted letters from Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co., setting out the terms arranged by them for the acquisition of the following wayleaves

Owner.	Reference No. of Parish.	Amount.
Major A. Harrison	Leckhampton 2	£47 10s. 0d.
W, Cook ...	Up Hatherley 1a, 1 and 2	£5 0s. 0d.
Rev. W. H. Jordan	Charlton Kings 3	£8 0s. 0d.

RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

5—Water Charges, Charlton Kings—Read, letter of 11th ult. from the Charlton Kings Urban District Council asking the Committee to reconsider their application for reduced water charges. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to grant the application in view of the heavy capital expenditure now being incurred on the provision of new mains and works.

6—The Hyde, Prestbury—Read, letters of 17th and 19th ult. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that his Council had received an application for a supply of water to the Hyde and Hyde Farm from the District Council's mains. The properties were in the Corporation's area of supply, but were considerably nearer the District Council's water main. RESOLVED, That the Council consent under Section 116 (2) of the Public Health Act, 1936, to the supply by the District Council to these premises.

7—Wells—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Hon. Clerk to the Central Air Raid Precautions Authority that opportunity should be taken to prepare a record of all wells in the Borough which are fit for drinking purposes in order to supplement existing supplies should a breakdown occur in an emergency. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Engineer for consideration and report.

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8—Capital Expenditure—The Committee considered the circular from the Ministry of Health asking the Council to prepare a five year programme of capital expenditure. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Engineer for consideration and report.

9—Hewletts Reservoirs—The Committee inspected these reservoirs.

10—Dowdeswell Reservoir--The Committee considered the recommendation of the Public Health Committee that the chlorination of this supply should be provided as soon as possible, and the Borough Engineer and Medical Officer of Health reported that they were consulting Dr. Stickling as instructed with regard to the method to be adopted.

11—Tewkesbury Works—The Borough Engineer reported that he had invited tenders for the sand and gravel from the disused slow sand filters at these works. RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor and the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st June, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Leigh. James, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Green and Grimwade (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—Read, report of Superintendent Hopkins that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals

2—Game Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of C. Barnett & Sons, W. Dean, Miss Woodard, D. Barnett, Gloucestershire Marketing Society Ltd , Olive & Olive, W. H. Iddles, H. F. Barnett, and L. A. Soper, for renewal of their Licences to deal in Game be granted.

3—Capital Expenditure--The Committee considered circular from the Ministry of Health with regard to the preparation of a Five-year programme of Capital expenditure. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report.

4—Municipal Offices—Air Raid Precautions Scheme—Mr. G. G. C. King (Building Inspector) attended and submitted preliminary Air Raid Precaution Scheme prepared by him for the Offices. The Scheme dealt with the measures which could be taken in the event of an emergency for the protection of the Offices, staff and records RESOLVED, That the Scheme be approved, but that no work thereunder be carried out at the present.

5—Domestic Servants Registry—Read, report of Superintendent Hopkins that the Register at 54 Keynsham Street had now been inspected and the books were found to be in order.

6—Fire Brigade—(a) Monthly Report of Captain—The Captain of the Fire Brigade submitted his first monthly report. Since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended outbreaks of fire at the Windsor Hotel, Bayshill Road on the 8th June, and Swindon Road on the 10th June.

(b) A.R.P. Emergency Fire Brigade Scheme—The Captain reported the steps he was taking for the enrolment of volunteers for the Auxiliary Fire Service.

(c) The Captain submitted report on his examination of the efficiency and sufficiency of the Fire Fighting equipment and personnel and submitted an Inventory of the present equipment and a report as to its conditions. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee and that they be authorised to report direct to the Council.

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(d) Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Home Office, that the Secretary of State proposed to give instructions for one medium trailer pump, three light trailer pumps and the corresponding number of sets of hose and equipment to be supplied to the Council for use in connection with their emergency scheme. The appliances and equipment would be supplied under the terms of the Memorandum on Emergency Fire Brigade Organisation dated 23rd February last. RESOLVED, That the Home Office be informed that the Council are ready to accept these appliances and equipment, and undertake that the conditions in the Memorandum shall be observed so far as they apply to the Council and their officers.

(e) Read, letter of 23rd ult. from the Home Office enclosing Memorandum setting out a number of inquiries for consideration in connection with Air Raid Precautions Scheme submitted by the Council. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade and the Borough Surveyor.

(f) 6 St. George's Parade—The Borough Surveyor submitted his report on the inspection of the Fire Brigade Captain's house and submitted an estimate of the work to be carried out amounting to £56 which included £10 for the exterior painting, RESOLVED, That The Deputy Mayor and Alderman Taylor be asked to inspect the premises and that they be authorised to instruct the Borough Surveyor to carry out such work as they consider necessary.

7—Committee Meetings—The Committee further considered the letter of the 16th April from the Cheltenham Labour Party asking that the Council should consider holding Evening Committee Meetings. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to make any change in the time of Committee meetings.

8—Leckhampton Hill—(a) RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. G A. Price to pay £2 for the right of trapping rabbits on the hill be accepted on the understanding that only ferrets and nets are used.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telephones Department for permission to erect an overhead line with 4 poles on land adjoining Daisy Bank Road be granted subject to the exact position of the poles being agreed by the Borough Surveyor, to an annual acknowledgment of 1s - per pole being paid, and to the consent being terminable by either party by three months' notice

9—Athletic Ground—(a) The Committee further considered letter of 11th April last from the President of the Rugby Football Club, asking that improved dressing and washing accommodation should be provided at the Athletic Ground. The Borough Surveyor submitted scheme for the provision of new dressing room and lavatory accommodation under the Grandstand at an estimated cost of £600, and an alternative scheme for erecting a new structure on the site of the present accommodation to comprise separate Dressing Room, Lavatory and Plunge Bath facilities for two teams at an estimated cost of £350. RESOLVED, That the Club be informed that the Council are prepared to carry out the alternative scheme at a cost of £50 subject to the Club agreeing to pay an additional rent of 10% on the cost thereof.

(b) The Borough Surveyor also submitted estimate for regrading and surfacing with tarmacadam the westerly entrance, renewing wooden gate at the easterly entrance and constructing a new sleeper retaining wall adjoining the Car Park at a total cost of £87. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

10—Re-Numbering of Houses—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for the re-numbering of houses in Short Street and Mead Road. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to serve the necessary notices and to have the houses re-numbered.

11—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of Shakspeare Shenton & Co. and J H. Horsman for Licences to store 1,000 gallons and 500 gallons respectively at their premises at the Granley Road Filling Station and St. Mark's Garage, be granted.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

FIRE BRIGADE SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held at the Fire Station on Monday, 27th June, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Green and Grimwade (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

The first Report of the Fire Brigade Captain was considered. (A copy of the report accompanies the Minutes).

(a) Personnel—The Sub-Committee considered the recommendation of the Captain that a Deputy Chief Officer, Station Officer and six whole-time Firemen should be appointed. RESOLVED, That advertisements be issued in the "Echo" inviting applications for the appointment of Deputy Chief Officer, age not exceeding 40 years, at a salary of £225 per annum with free living accommodation in the house adjoining the Fire Station, and uniform ; also for four whole-time Firemen, age not exceeding 35 years, at salaries of £182 per annum, and uniform, the appointments to be subject to persons selected passing a medical examination, and to the provisions of the Fire Brigades Pensions Acts, and to be determinable by either party on one month's notice in writing. RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to authorise this Sub-Committee to make the appointments.

(b) Fire Station—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare preliminary plans for enlarging the present station by using a portion of the ground floor of the adjoining house to provide an additional bay to the Fire Station.

(c) Fire Engine—RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for a new Fire Engine of a capacity of 700/1000 gallons with Fire Escape attached thereto, and that the Captain be instructed to have the existing engine overhauled in due course. (d) Hose and Equipment—RESOLVED, That tenders be obtained for the supply of the following hose and equipment

2,000 feet of canvas fire hose complete with 30 pairs of couplings.

2 Hook Ladders.

2 Safety Belts (Hook ladder).

2 "Salvos" Sets (Breathing apparatus).

2 100 feet Life Lines.

2 50 feet Hauling lines.

1 Jumping Sheet.

2 Ceiling Hooks (Preventors).

100 feet of Rods complete for chimney fires.

1 Hose Repair Outfit (Steinerizer),

4 Electric Hand Lamps.

1 Hydrant Testing Gauge.

1 Hose Winder.

4 Scaling Ladders.

2 Ambulance boxes complete with requisities

1 50 feet length of 1 inch rubber hose,

(e) Car Allowance—The Sub-Committee considered the Captain's application for an allowance for his motor car. RESOLVED, That he be allowed the sum of £50 for the first year.

(f) Office Equipment—RESOLVED, That the Captain be authorised to purchase a secondhand desk and chairs and the necessary stationery for his office, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have some shelves fitted room to a in the Captain's house, to be used for the office.

(g) Uniform—RESOLVED, That the Captain be instructed to obtain tenders for a complete set of uniform and boots for himself and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender.

(h) Station Officer—RESOLVED, That in view of the appointment of a Deputy Chief Officer, who will be required to live in the house adjoining the Fire Station, Mrs. Niblett be given one month's notice to terminate her tenancy.

RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Home Office for a grant towards the salaries of the proposed deputy officer and whole-time firemen, and the proposed new engine and equipment and alterations to the Fire Station in view of the fact that the men will be partly engaged in training auxiliary firemen, and that the additional engine etc. and enlarged station is necessitated by the Air Raids Precautions Fire Emergency Scheme.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th June, 1938. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; and Mr. Stokes (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments. The following tenanted allotments were in an untidy state of cultivation :—Nos. 79 Asquith Road, 24 Alma Road and 82 Marle Hill House Estate. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the tenants of these allotments that they will be given notice to quit unless their allotments are put in a satisfactory condition before the next inspection.

2—Allotment No. 87 Asquith Road—Read, letter from the tenant of this allotment that he had been ill and had therefore been unable to attend to it, but he had employed a man to put it in order. The Gardens Superintendent reported that this allotment was now in a satisfactory state. RESOLVED, That the notice to quit served on the tenant be withdrawn.

3—Land and Buildings in Folly Lane—Read, letter from Mr. F. Shea, tenant of these premises, asking the Committee to provide a water supply, and offering to contribute 50 per cent towards the cost. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of proving a supply to a standpipe, including a supply to Baglins Piece and Creamery Piece Allotments.

4—Allotment No. 13 Alma Road—The Town Clerk submitted offer to take this allotment provided it was let rent free up to the 29th September next RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted.

5—Crabtree Piece Allotments—It was reported that the tenant of No. 134 had erected a large shed on his allotment, which he was using as an oil store. RESOLVED, That he be given notice to quit.

6—Soya Bean—Read, circular of 18th ult. from the British Soya Bean Growers' Research and Development Society Ltd., asking the Council to carry out a further test in the cultivation of Soya Beans with special seeds. The Gardens Superintendent reported that when the last test was made in 1936 the soil of the allotments was found to be unsuitable, and the beans which were grown at Pittville Gardens Nurseries were not a success. RESOLVED, That a further test be not made.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th June, 1938. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—Tool Shed—The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders received for the erection of a tool shed at this ground. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Smith Bros. of £46 5s. 0d. for the provision of a timber shed be accepted and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to lay the concrete foundation and provide a tiled roof at a cost of £17.

2—Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Post Office for permission to place one pole and stay in Montpellier Gardens near the lodge. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the exact position of the pole and stay being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to payment of an annual acknowledgment of 1s per annum.

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3—Pittville Gardens—(a) Monkey Temple—The Borough Surveyor submitted three alternative sketches and estimates for the provision of a monkey temple, amounting to £2,500, £1,900 and £1,000 respectively. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the proposal in principle, but that consideration be adjourned for the Borough Surveyor to obtain the advice of an expert zoologist and also further details as to maintenance costs, etc.

(b) Pump Room—The Borough Surveyor submitted four tenders received for the work of reconstruction required to the loggia. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd of £2,699 (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract.

4—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the use of this ground be granted to the Education Committee for Naunton Park School Sports on the 6th July, as in previous years.

5—Berkeley Place Garden—The Gardens Superintendent reported that this garden had now been cleared, levelled and four flower beds formed. He proposed to use the old bricks from the wall adjoining Hewlett Street for the foundation of the path across Pittville Circus Garden, and to erect temporary chain link fence when the wall had been removed until the permanent iron fence was erected. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Marle Hill Annexe----The Gardens Superintendent reported that on the 6th inst. two large heaps of light manure in Marle Hill Annexe were set on fire by Reginald Hall, aged 9, of 21 Hudson Street, Kenneth Beard, aged 8, of 34 Manser Street, Stanley Taylor of 29 Hudson Street, and Desmond Dicks, aged 9, of Milsom Street, and about 60 tons of manure valued at £22 10s 0d.were destroyed.

RESOLVED, That the Police be asked to prosecute.

7—Conference--Read, circular from the Institute of Park Administration inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference to be held at Aberdeen from 31st August to 2nd September next.

RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be appointed to attend.

8—Capital Expenditure—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Addis, Bush and Grimwade be appointed a Sub-Committee to prepare a programme of capital expenditure during the next five years, as required by the Ministry of Health

9--Land adjoining Naunton Park Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer had now provisionally negotiated terms for the purchase of the land adjoining Naunton Park Recreation Ground, containing 12.124 acres, at the price of £2,750 plus Vendor's Surveyor's fees amounting to £37, and Solicitor's costs. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase the land on these terms for the purpose of a playing field subject to sanction to loan being obtained, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £2,857 for the purchase of the land, including Vendor's Solicitor's costs and Surveyor's fees, and stamp duty on conveyance.

10—Tewkesbury Road Playing Field—The Town Clerk submitted agreement entered into by Mr. A. T. Gilbert, tenant of this land, providing for the reduction of his rent from 25s to 20s per acre as from the 24th inst., the tenant to give up the land on the 24th December next, and the Corporation to be entitled to enter the land at any time after the 31st July next for the purpose of preparing it for a playing field, and also to have the exclusive use of the land as a playing field on every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon and evening after the 26th August next. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Cemetery on Friday, 24th June, 1938. Present—Councillors Avery Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Green (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 28th May to 24th June, 1938. Interments 37 ; Grave spaces sold 11 (Fourth Position) ; Memorials erected 21 ; New Inscriptions 9 ; Cremations 10.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9817 to 9830.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That Designs Nos. 2245 to 2252, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Crematorium—(a) The Committee inspected the Crematorium and gave the Borough Surveyor instructions to carry out some adjustments to the Catafalque.

(b) Fees—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving of the table of fees for the Cremation of human remains.

(c) Memorial Tablets—The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders received for fixing the Memorial tablets on the wall of the Garden of Remembrance. RESOLVED, That the tender of E. A. Emms & Son of 5s 6d. per small tablet plus the cost of materials be accepted.

5—Land, Bouncer's Lane—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Mr. G. T. Cluer asking if the Corporation would let to him the small piece of land at the corner of Bouncer's Lane and the lane leading to the Orchard, which was purchased from him by the Corporation for widening the road in connection with the Car Park Scheme which it has since been decided not to carry out. RESOLVED, That the County Council be asked to consider carrying out the improvement, in which case the Council be recommended to surrender the land for the purpose, and that meanwhile the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the weeds cut and hedge trimmed

6—Capital Expenditure—The Committee considered the circular from the Ministry of Health in regard to the preparation of a Five year Programme of Capital expenditure. RESOLVED, That the sum of £500 be included in the Programme for the purchase of an additional Furnace at the Crematorium.

7—Maintenance of Grave—No. 2116 Section "0"—The Town Clerk reported that the Executors of William Draper deceased had paid the sum of £50 for the maintenance of this grave in perpetuity. RESOLVED, That this be accepted and the Common Seal affixed to an Undertaking for the maintenance of this grave

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th June, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Bush 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—Arrears—The Committee went through the list of arrears with the Bailiff and gave him instructions thereon.

3—Unpaid Rates—The Committee interviewed one defaulter.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 29th June, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £34,297 ; Leaving outstanding £86,877.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended 30th September, 1938. Amount collected £9,758 ; Leaving outstanding £15,199.

3—Electricity Accounts—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity Charges since the last meeting.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 29th inst. Present—Alderman Leigh James and Alderman Taylor (in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Housing Act, 1936—(a) The Town Clerk submitted the following applications asking the Corporation to undertake to guarantee the repayment of advances proposed to be made by the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society on a 21 years' term in connection with the purchase of the houses mentioned opposite the respective initials of the applicants :--

Mr. A. C. K. and Miss B. N. House, Trye's Road ... £638

Mr H. J T.... ... House, Brooklyn Road ... £575

He submitted reports upon the financial and other circumstances of the applicants, certified copies of the Reports of the Building Society's Surveyors as to the value of the houses, and a Report by the Borough Surveyor upon the construction of the houses. RESOLVED, That the Council undertake to guarantee in pursuance of Section 91 of the Housing Act. 1936, the repayment of the proposed advances to the above applicants, such guarantee to be limited in each case to the amount between $66\frac{2}{3}$ and 90 per cent of the value of the house ; and the rate of interest to be charged in respect of advances not to exceed per cent, subject in the case of the first mentioned applicants to the Endowment Policies held by them being also on charge as additional security to the Building Society, and in the case of the other applicant to the house being completed to the satisfaction of the Building Society's Surveyor ; and that the Common Seal be affixed to the formal Guarantees to be approved by the Town Clerk.

(b) Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving generally the proposals of the Corporation to give guarantees under Section 91 of the Act to the Building Society.

6—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk submitted Sanction to loan for £796 for the purposes of sludge Pumps at Hayden Sewage Works ; the loan to be repayable in term of 15 years.

7—Loans--The Borough Treasurer reported that since last Meeting a further £10,000 had been received from the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society and £10,000 arranged to be advanced on July 5th, making a total of £70,000, leaving £80,000 to be borrowed in the next 12 months.

8—Institute of Municipal Treasurers--The Borough Treasurer submitted report on the Conference held at Southport from the 14th to the 17th inst.

9—Superannuation Scheme—(a) Non-contributory Service—The Sub-Committee reported that they had had two meetings and re-considered the Scale of Superannuation allowances adopted by the County Council, which was referred back for further consideration by the Council. The Borough Treasurer had reported to them that the scale would affect only 8 officers and 33 employees during the next five years. He estimated that, assuming all the 8 officers and 33 employees retired on their respective due dates, and were receiving pensions on the basis of the County Council scale at the end of five years, the maximum cost at the end of such fifth year would be as follows :—Chargeable to Trading Undertakings and County Council :—

Electricity .	4 employees		85
“	1 officer ...		210
Waterworks .	3 employees...		47
Rating ...	2 officers ...	..	<u>101</u>
			443
Chargeable to Rates :—			
General...	26 employees	..	409
“	5 officers ...		537
Rating ...	2 officers ...		<u>100</u>
			<u>1046</u>
			£1489

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The Borough Treasurer had also reported that if, in lieu of adopting the County scale, the Council agreed to pay officers and employees one-eightieth for each year of Non-contributory service, the above cost to Trading Undertakings etc, would be reduced to £268, and to the rates to 1648. The Sub-Committee recommended that the County scale be not adopted, but that in fixing the Superannuation allowance of any officer or employee the whole of any portion of whose service is Non-contributory, and who retires on or after the 1st January next, such allowance in respect of Non-contributory service shall be one-eightieth of the average remuneration of such officer or employee. RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

(b) 1937 Act Scheme—The Sub-Committee had also further considered the admission of the 202 eligible employees to the Superannuation Scheme under the 1937 Act as from the 1st April, 1939, and in respect of which the necessary statutory resolution would be moved at a special meeting of the Council on the 4th July next. As reported last month, the Borough Treasurer estimated the annual cost of admitting the 202 employees and the 47 officers not in the 1922 Act Scheme, but who were from the 1st April next, compulsorily included under the 1937 Act as follows:—Chargeable to Trading Undertakings:—

Officers (compulsory)	150	
Employees ...	<u>529</u>	
	679	
Deduct saving to Corporation in respect of exception from Unemployment Insurance contributions (after first 3 years) ...	<u>170</u>	
	509	
Chargeable to Rates :-		
Officers (compulsory)	263	
Employees ...	<u>1224</u>	
	1487	
Deduct saving in respect of Unemployment Insurance contributions as above ...	<u>317</u>	
	<u>1170</u>	
Total cost to Rates and Trading		£1679

The Town Clerk had reported that under the Widows, Orphans and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act 1936, as amended by the Superannuation Act 1937, the Corporation were entitled to submit to the Minister of Health a Scheme for modifying the Superannuation allowances under the Superannuation Act so far as it related to insured persons who may become entitled to receive the contributory Old Age Pension of 10s a week, and if married £1 a week, by reducing the Superannuation allowance to any such person by an amount not exceeding the amount of the Old Age Pension to which he, and if married, his wife, may become entitled, and reducing the contributions under the Superannuation Act accordingly. Before confirming the Scheme the Minister would require to be satisfied that the persons affected thereby or their representatives had had an opportunity of objecting.

The Borough Treasurer had reported that if such a modified Scheme were made the cost of admitting the 202 employees would be reduced as follows :—

	£	£
Chargeable to Trading Undertakings, as above ...	509	
Deduct saving in contributions under Superannuation Act in respect of the allowances ...	<u>164</u>	
		345
Chargeable to Rates, as above ...	1170	
Deduct saving in contributions under Superannuation Act		<u>361</u>
	<u>809</u>	
Total cost to Rates and Trading		£1154

The Sub-Committee recommended that a modified scheme be submitted to the Minister under Section 28 of the Widows, Orphans and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act 1936 providing that in computing both the contributions and Superannuation benefits of the 202 employees to be included in the statutory resolution (that is, excluding the employees already in the 1922 Act Scheme) the first

20s of the weekly wage shall be ignored provided that in the case of a woman or an unmarried man only the first 10s of weekly wage shall be ignored. They also recommended that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to notify each of the 202 employees concerned of the proposed modified Scheme and to ascertain before the Council Meeting whether any of the employees have any objection thereto, so that the Council may be informed.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare formal modifying Scheme and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for confirmation thereof.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 5th, June, 1938.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Special Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, On MONDAY, the 4th day of July, 1938, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which, Meeting the following resolution of the Finance Committee will be proposed :—

"Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937—That, in accordance with Subsection (2) of Section 3 of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, the following classes or descriptions shall be deemed to be classes, or descriptions, the members of, or persons falling within which, are to be contributory employees, namely :—

Any servant of the Corporation who has been, or from time to time will be, appointed to or occupy an established post in the employ of the Council, but excluding all part-time officers and servants not on the permanent staff and domestics staffs.

For the purpose of this resolution an established post' shall be deemed to be :—

(a) Any post occupied or to be occupied before the 1st day of April, 1939, by a servant of the Corporation who is, or will be, subject to the provisions of the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, or

(b) Any post or posts occupied on or after the 1st day of April, 1939, by a servant of the Corporation for a period of not less than two years shall be for this purpose declared by the Council to be an established post, provided that such servant satisfactorily passes a medical examination, Provided also, that such two years' service shall include previous service with another local authority."

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 21st July, 1938.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council. to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 25th, day of July, 1938, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted. and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Meetings.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—

THE WINTER GARDEN COMMITTEE 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 and to accept tender for new Greenhouse at Sandford Park. ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. 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, 4th July, 1938, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N. Retd., J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen and Taylor Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P., J.P., Moore, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Moore and Clara F. Winterbotham Councillors Bettridge and Morris.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 8th June, 1938, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Finance Meeting held June 29

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Leigh James : " That Minute No. 9 (a) in regard to Non-contributory Superannuation allowances be not approved and that no additional allowance be granted in respect of Non-contributory service" was not seconded).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Rogers and seconded by Alderman Leigh James : " That Minute No. 9 be referred back for further consideration at a Special Meeting of the Council to be arranged " 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.

Public Health Meeting held June 13

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Fisher and seconded by Councillor Howell : " That Minute No. 15 in regard to the electric wiring of the two cottages at Hayden be referred back."

Housing Meeting held June 16

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Fisher and seconded by the Deputy Mayor : " That Minute No. 3 in regard to the sale of No. 46 Whaddon Avenue be referred back."

Street and Highway Meeting held June 20

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Barnett and seconded by Councillor Addis : " That Minute No. 11 be not approved, and that provision be made in next year's estimates for the purchase of land for the improvement of the junction of Suffolk Square and Suffolk Parade."

Town Planning Meeting held June 23

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held June 17 & 24

(The following Amendments were lost :—

Moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Addis " That Minute No. 12 (c) be referred back for further consideration and that any increases granted be made retrospective from the date of the opening of the Pool this season."

Moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Fisher : " That Minute No. 12 (c) be amended in that the increases of wages shall commence from the date of the opening of the Pool this season)."

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Electricity and Lighting Meeting held June 28

Water General Meeting held June 14

Purposes and Watch Meeting held June 21

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Howell and seconded by Alderman Pruen : " That Minute No. 9 (a) in regard to the erection of new dressing rooms etc. at the Athletic Ground be referred back for further consideration."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Addis : " That Minute No. 7 in regard to evening meetings be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Fire Brigade Sub-Committee Meeting held June 27

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Garland : " That the four whole-time firemen be not engaged until the Council know of, and have an opportunity of considering, the grant (if any) to be made by the Home Office " was lost).

Allotments Meeting held June 13

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held June 13

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Grimwade : " That Minute No. 3 (a) in regard to the provision of a monkey temple at Pittville Gardens be not approved."

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held June 24

Rating Meeting held June 9

3—Death of James Stewart, Esq.—Resolved, That the Council record their regret at the death of James Stewart Esquire, who was a member of this Council both as Alderman and Councillor for over 25 years, during which time he rendered valuable service and earned the esteem and regard of the members of the Council, and desire to express their sympathy with the members of his family in their bereavement.

J. H. TRYE,

Mayor.

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At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 4th July, 1938, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N. Retd., J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P., J.P., Moore, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Moore and Clara F. Winterbotham, Councillors Bettridge and Morris.

"Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937—Resolved, That, in accordance with Subsection (2) of Section 3 of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, the following classes or descriptions shall be deemed to be classes, or descriptions, the members of, or persons falling within which, are to be contributory employees, namely :—

Any servant of the Corporation who has been, or from time to time will be, appointed to or occupy an established post in the employ of the Council, but excluding all part-time officers and servants not on the permanent staff and domestic staffs.

For the purpose of this resolution an 'established post' shall be deemed to be:—

(a) Any post occupied or to be occupied before the 1st day of April, 1939, by a servant of the Corporation who is, or will be, subject to the provisions of the Local Government and Other Officers' Superannuation Act, 1922, or

(b) Any post or posts occupied on or after the 1st day- of April, 1939, by a servant, of the Corporation for a period of not less than two years shall be for this purpose declared by the Council to be an established post, provided that such servant satisfactorily passes a medical examination, Provided also, that such two years' service shall include previous service with another local authority."

J. H. TRYE, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 25th July, 1938.

WINTER GARDEN COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th July, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, Lipson, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. Ross Logan (Councillor Lipson in the chair),

1—Town Hall Extension Scheme—The Town Clerk reported that the following tenders received in connection with this Scheme were opened by the Mayor and Councillor Waite and referred to Mr. Overbury and the Consulting

Engineers for consideration and report :—

For partial demolition of Winter Garden

For erection of new building	9
For Heating, hot water and steam supplies	8
For Electrical work	14

Mr. Overbury reported that he and the Consulting Engineers had considered the tenders and recommended that the lowest tender in each case be accepted, as follows :—

Demolition of Building—The offer of The Demolition and Construction Co. Ltd. to pay the Corporation £60, including an allowance of £15 for the old boilers.

Erection of New Building—Messrs. Collins & Godfrey of Tewkesbury	£72,581
Heating, Hot Water and Steam Work—Freeman Heating Co. Ltd. of Swindon	£11,015
Electrical Work—Electrical Installations Ltd. of London	£4,647 13 0

Mr. Overbury further reported that Messrs. Collins & Godfrey were prepared to carry out the work in 18 months.

The whole Scheme had been worked out in a very detailed manner, and the existing structure, where sound, utilised to the best advantage. While being in no way extravagant, the estimates included materials, both structural and decorative, of good quality. The tenders covered all work relative to the Scheme, including electrical equipment, fittings, lifts and other items to the Baths block, as discussed at the interviews with the Ministry of Health, and decorations and electric light fittings, throughout.

The tenders did not include the cost of laying out the grounds and paving of service yard, nor the cost of fitting up the Assembly Hall as a complete Theatre.

Mr. Overbury estimated that the additional cost of providing raked floor, dressing rooms, flies, stage, fireproof curtain, stage equipment, lighting, tip-up seats, draw curtain and carpets, etc. would be £7,500, including architect's fees.

In the event of the Scheme being abandoned, the amount already incurred for architect, surveyors, consulting engineers fees and printing amounted to approximately £5,115, plus the cost of the advertisements.

The Borough Surveyor reported that on re-reading his report on the existing building dated the 12th December, 1934, he did not wish to amend this (a copy of this report is sent herewith for the information of the Council).

Since that report, only absolutely necessary expenses for maintenance had been incurred, in view of the proposed Scheme.

He had not prepared detailed estimates, but if the proposed Scheme was not carried out he estimated that the cost of providing ties for the walls ; overhauling and strengthening and glazing where necessary the roof ; ventilation of roof ; repairs to towers ; renewal of doors and woodwork ; new lavatories ; replacement of defective electrical wiring ; new heating installation, and the redecoration of the whole building would be approximately £15,000.

The Borough Treasurer submitted the following estimate of the capital cost and annual charges.

ESTIMATE OF CAPITAL COST AND ANNUAL CHARGES.			
CAPITAL COST.		ESTIMATED INCOME.	
	Annual Loan Estimated Charges Annual 15 & 30 yrs Expenditure		
	£	£	£
Building Work	... £72581		
		Exhibition Hall	
Professional Charges—		Rents and Sundry Receipts ...	500
Consulting Structural		Assembly Hall	
Engineer ...	500	Rents ...	750
Surveyor ...	1500	Medical Baths	
Architects ...	5000	Increase of Revenue ...	400
Clerk of Works	<u>600</u>	Cafe—from Sales	2000
	<u>7600</u>	Annual Charge on Rates	7787
	£80181		
LESS Capital receipt		(Against this should be set the present	
re Demolition of		cost of maintaining the Winter Garden,	
Winter Garden ...	<u>60</u>	including loan charges, 11,040, the	
	80121	loan for which expires in December,	
Heating, Hot Water, .	11015	1938. The proceeds of sale of the	
Steam, etc Electrical Work		Spa Baths would be applied against	
and Fittings	<u>4648</u>	the Capital Cost of the above Scheme	
	15663	The cost of purchase and improve-	
Consulting Engineer ...	<u>850</u>	ments amounted to £9,615 If £5,000	
	16513}	was received from the sale of the	
Furnishings, etc.	3000}	premises, the annual saving in loan	
Estimated cost of Theatre	<u>7500</u>	charges would be £270	
	407 (30)	6457	The Medical Baths loan, £2,847,
	£107134		expires in June, 1939, a further saving
			of £195.
Art Gallery—Attendants, Cleaning. etc		400	The Bandstand loan, 11,850 expires
Cafe—Provisions, etc.		800	in 1940, effecting an additional saving
Staff, etc.		400	of £125.
General—Repairs and Maintenance,			Taking into account these items and
Heating and Cleaning		2650	the fact that half the rates (350)
Rates	700		would remain in the Council's hands
Insurances	30		the net cost would probably by the
			time the Scheme is completed work
			out at about 3d. rate, £5,807).
		<u>£11437</u>	<u>£11437</u>

RESOLVED, To recommend the Council as follows (a) That subject to sanction to loan being obtained, the above tenders of The Demolition and Construction Co. Ltd , Messrs. Collins & Godfrey, Freeman Heating Co. Ltd. and Electrical Installations Ltd. be accepted, subject also in each case to satisfactory bonds, as provided in the respective specifications, being furnished, and to contracts to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(b) That provision be made for the adaption of the Assembly Hall as a Theatre at an estimated cost of £7,500.

(c) That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £107,134 for the cost of carrying out the Scheme.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 5th July, 1938. Present—Alderman Leigh James; Councillors Garland, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Ben James, E. W. Moore, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Garland in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at 20 Hatherley Street—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house are satisfied that the 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-38 and 40 All Saints' Road—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 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936 to the Owners requiring them to do the specified works within 14 days.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation--(a) Basement of 11 Albert Place—The Committee further considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of these premises. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner and person in control had consented to an Order being made, RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the basement rooms of the said premises, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation 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.

(b) 15 and 16 Grove Street ; 16 and 17 Queen Street ; 24 Exmouth Street ; 32 Fairview Road—The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of 15 and 16 Grove Street had made an offer to sell these houses to the Corporation, which would be considered by the Housing Committee. Read, letter from the Owners of 32 Fairview Road consenting to an Order being made in respect thereof. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above-mentioned 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) The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses :— (i) 14, 15 and 16 Clare Place—RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for three months to enable the Owner to consider reconditioning these houses in accordance with the specification of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(ii) 1, 5, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23 Queen Street; 27 St. James' Street—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months to enable the Owners to consider reconditioning these houses in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(iii) 1, 2, and 3 Laurel Cottages—RESOLVED, That the Undertaking given by the Owner to carry out the works required to render these houses fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit be accepted.

(iv) 1 and 2 Lower Park Street—The Owner attended and asked for further adjournment to enable him to prepare and submit plans for reconditioning these houses. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(v) 25, 26 and 27 Exmouth Street—Read, letter of 30th ult. from Messrs. Byrch, Cox & Sons, Solicitors, Evesham, reporting that the names and addresses of the Owners of these houses were incorrectly stated in the Notice of Intention to consider making Demolition Orders, and also that the property was in mortgage. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months to enable fresh notices to be served.

(vi) Brickyard Cottage, Folly Lane—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Owner of this cottage asking for an adjournment. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(vii) 14, 15 and 16 Hereford Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner was negotiating for the sale of this property, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months

(d) 27 Albert Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported an application by the Owner of this house, in respect of which a Demolition Order was made on the 9th February, 1938, for permission to recondition the premises with a view to re-letting the same. RESOLVED, That the Owner be informed that if he carries out within three months the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, the Council will regard the Demolition Order as rescinded.

(e) 49 Fairview Street ; 38 York Street (formerly 38 and 38a); 102 Swindon Road (formerly 102 and 104); 10 Commercial Street (formerly 10 and 10a)—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) The Committee considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the following premises ;—

(i) Basement of 17 Imperial Square—The Owner attended and asked for a further adjournment to enable him to complete the work required to render the premises fit for human habitation RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(ii) Basement of 6 Suffolk Square—Read, letter of 24th ult from Mr. R Jones, reporting that the name and address of the Owner of this property were not as stated in the Notice of Intention to consider making a Closing Order. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months to enable fresh notices to be served.

4—Clearance Orders, 1936—(a) 1 Lacy's Cottages--The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises, which were re-let in contravention of the Clearance Order, had now been vacated.

(b) 15 Sherborne Street—Read, letter of 27th ult. from Mr. A. J Nunn, Solicitor, on behalf of the Owner. applying for payment of costs incurred in opposing the Clearance Order made in respect of these premises. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted

5—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness-32 St. James' Street ; 45 Worcester Street ; 49 Fairview Street ; 10 Commercial Street : 1 Clare Cottages, Clare Place—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 ,ill with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of 10 years

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 cwt. 17 lbs Beef; 1 cwt 2 qrs. 26 lbs Pork ; 10 lbs Mutton ; 19 lbs. Poultry

7—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of analyses of water taken during the preceding month

8—Shops Act, 1934 --2 Cambray—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that sanitary conveniences were being provided for the female staff at this shop, but that the occupier would require a Certificate

of Exemption from the provisions of Section 10 (2) of the Act, as there would be no separate accommodation for himself. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

9—Camping Site—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted an application for a Licence to be granted under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, in respect of a camping site belonging to Mr. Tovey, adjoining the Malvern Inn, Leckhampton Road. RESOLVED, That a Licence be granted until the 31st October next, subject to the following conditions :—

- (1) That not more than four caravans and two tents shall be placed on the land at any one time.
- (2) That adequate sanitary accommodation for both sexes shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health
- (3) That the sanitary conveniences shall be emptied and cleansed daily.
- (4) That a constant supply of water for drinking and washing purposes shall be provided and maintained on or near the site.
- (5) That provision shall be made for the disposal of sullage and waste water to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.
- (6) That all refuse shall be collected and suitably disposed of.
- (7) That there shall be not less than 8 feet space between every tent and caravan.

10—Flooding—Hewlett Road and Eldon Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the work required to prevent flooding at Nos 4 and 9 Eldon Road, and No. 145 Hewlett Road had been carried out by S. C. Morris & Son Ltd. at a cost of £118 13s. 1d. being £1 14s. 6d in excess of their contract price owing to the necessity of laying additional lengths of drainage work. He reported that he had visited the premises during a recent storm and found the valves working and no sign of flooding. RESOLVED, That the contractors' account be passed for payment subject to deduction of the retention moneys under the contract

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11—Nuisances from Rats—Queens Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that complaints had been received of rats in this road, and that his assistants were making an investigation to locate the source of the infestation.

12—Health Department—Pupil—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, That his pupil, Mr. H. L. Clapp, be paid 10s a week for clerical assistance in his department.

13—Smoke Nuisance—Bath Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had received further complaints of nuisance from smoke issuing from Messrs. Shenton's premises in Bath Road. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had interviewed the Owner, who had explained that the complaints were due to the use of an inferior fuel which it had been necessary to use for a short period owing to the difficulty of obtaining the normal fuel from the coal factors. RESOLVED, That this explanation be accepted.

14—Waste land and ditch between Mead Road and Railway—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Divisional Engineer of the Great Western Railway Co., offering to level and drain the land inside their boundary, if the Corporation would do the same with the adjoining land. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

15—Abattoir—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that a scheme was under consideration for the technical training of apprentices to the Meat Trade at the North Gloucestershire Technical College, and that it was desired to use the Public Abattoir for part of the training. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

16—Factories Act, 1937—RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health, the Chief and District Sanitary Inspectors, the Borough Surveyor and his Deputy and Chief Assistant, be authorised generally to exercise such powers of entry and inspection as are conferred upon the Council by Section 128 (5) of the Factories Act, 1937, and that Certificates of Authority under the Common Seal be issued to such officers.

17—Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic—The Medical Officer of Health submitted the following report of treatment given at the Clinic for the Quarter to the 30th ult. :—

No. of new cases in which immunisation commenced or completed.	218
No. of injections given	533
No. of cases in which treatment completed during quarter	147
No. of cases in which treatment partially completed when attendance ceased	4

18—Disinfecting Inspector—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. W. Townsend, Disinfecting Inspector, would attain the age of 66 years on the 9th October next. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes Committee be recommended to extend his services to the end of the current financial year.

19—Hayden Sewage Works—(a) Two Cottages—The Committee reconsidered the suggestion that these cottages should be wired for electricity, which was referred back by the Council for further consideration. The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of the necessary overhead wiring would be £10 7s. 4d., and that he estimated the cost of internal work in each house would be from £10 to £12. RESOLVED, That the Committee's previous recommendation that the work should not be carried out in view of the expense involved be adhered to.

(b) Sludge Pumps—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Minister of Health to a loan of £796 for the installation of electrically driven sludge pumps at these works.

20—Public Conveniences—Leckhampton Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and estimate for the provision of a Public Convenience at the foot of Leckhampton Hill, and that a site be reserved for this purpose on land of the Corporation near the junction of Leckhampton Road and Old Bath Road.

21—Moorend Sewer—Read, letter of 20th ult. from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter reporting that they had settled Mr. A. W. Jennings' claim for compensation for damage and disturbance due to the laying of a sewer through his land for the sum of £35. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

E. W. GARLAND,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th July, 1938. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Addis, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland and Grimwade (Alderman Pates in the chair)

1—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with Schemes D and E. 105 houses had been completed by Mr. Sansom and 202 houses by Messrs. Edwards.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the tenants of 18 Clyde Crescent and 1 Windrush Place had taken down a portion of the front fence for the purpose of driving motor vehicles into the gardens. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to require the tenants to replace these forthwith and to inform them that motor vehicles cannot be kept on the premises.

(c) New School—The Borough Surveyor reported that plans had been deposited for the erection of a Senior School ; he asked whether the Committee desired that the roads works opposite the site for the new school should be deferred until the buildings are completed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the completion of the road forthwith.

(d) Hedges—The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders received for the planting of privet hedges on Schemes A and B. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs Fuller & Maylam of £14 per 1,000 lineal feet (being the lowest) be accepted.

(e) Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd.--The Town Clerk reported further in regard to the account of £42 13s 6d. submitted by Messrs. Bloss & Co for fees in respect of valuations made by them on behalf of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co on giving up the Whaddon Farm Estate, and he recommended that the account should be settled by payment of £25. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(f) Scheme A—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. Sansom asking to be excused from the erection of the pair of houses under this Contract the erection of which had been deferred by the instructions of the Committee in view of the fact that the old buildings on the site were used for fumigation purposes and would still be required for this purpose for some time to come. RESOLVED, That these two houses be deleted from Mr. Sansom's contract and included in the next tender for the erection of houses.

2—New Houses—The Borough Surveyor submitted revised plan of proposed two-bedroom maisonettes having a superficial area of 575 feet for each dwelling. He also submitted layout plan for the proposed additional houses to complete the Whaddon Farm Estate, and also shewing the layout of adjoining land, if at any time it was decided to acquire more land. The layout of the remaining land belonging to the Corporation provided for the 8 maisonettes and 22 houses. RESOLVED, That the layout be approved and the Borough Surveyor instructed to obtain tenders forthwith and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to accept a tender or tenders. RESOLVED, also,

That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1,900 for the construction of the roads and sewers for the above houses and maisonettes and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to proceed with the construction of the Contractors' roads.

3—Alstone Lawn Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of external painting of the 78 houses on this Estate at £230 2s. 0d. and, as instructed, he was proceeding with the work. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Moors Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that the external painting on this Estate was now in hand and that he proposed to paint the railings on the west side of Brook Road at the same time. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Housing Manager's Department —(a) The Deputy Housing Manager submitted her monthly report on the collection of rents.

(b) Staff—Read, report of the Housing Staff Sub-Committee of their Meeting held on the 7th July. The Sub-Committee reported that, in view of the fact that one of the Assistants was in hospital with appendicitis and that the Temporary Assistant (Miss Gantz) could not remain after the 31st July, they had authorised Miss Rushbrooke to obtain another Temporary Assistant (Miss Sturge) who was available until the 6th August, at a salary of £3 10s. 0d. per week. The Sub-Committee also recommended that Miss Barrett be appointed part-time Assistant to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Delgoffe (part-time Assistant) at the same salary namely £1 10s. 0d. per week. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Staff Sub-Committee be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman be authorised to arrange for further temporary assistance for the month of August.

6—Garden Prize Scheme—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be asked to recommend to the Sub-Committee, the tenants to whom prizes should be awarded under the Garden Prize Scheme.

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7—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants' Sub-Committee of their Meetings held on the 16th and 24th June, and 1st July, 1938.

(a) The Sub-Committee had interviewed 27 applicants for houses, granted 22, refused 4 and adjourned 1.

(b) They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(i) Rent Rebates—That the rents fixed and rebates granted as set out in the Rent Rebates Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

(ii) 38 St. Peter's Square—That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to have a shed erected at this house in accordance with the plan submitted at a cost of £15 10s. 0d. to provide accommodation for the chimney sweeping truck and equipment belonging to Mr. Timbrell to whom the house was to be let.

(iii) That the Sanitary Inspector be authorised to have a door constructed in the dividing wall at Nos. 14 and 15 Hanover Parade so as to enlarge No. 15 into a 5-bedroom house and leaving one bedroom at

No. 14 at a total cost of £16 10s. 0d. This would avoid moving the tenant of No. 15 who was overcrowded, and prevent any interruption to his business which was carried on in the neighbourhood.

(iv) 136 Whaddon Road—That the application from the tenant of this house for permission to erect a garage be not granted.

(v) Whaddon Avenue—That the applications of several tenants in this road for permission to remove brick coppers and replace these with gas coppers be granted subject to the coppers becoming the property of the Corporation and being left on the premises at the expiration of the tenancies.

(vi) Moors Estate—That the application of the Cheltenham & District Gas Co for permission to alter the position of gas meters in houses on this Estate be granted subject to the proposed new positions being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to any damage caused by removal being made good. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

8—Clearance Orders—The Sanitary Inspector reported that Nos. 3, 4 and 5 Providence Cottages and 26 Fairview Road had now been demolished in compliance with the Clearance Order. RESOLVED, That the compensation payable to the owners as directed by the Ministry of Health be now paid.

9—Rent Rebates—Councillor Grimwade reported that in company with the Assistant Town Clerk he had interviewed the Ministry of Health, as requested by them, to discuss the question of rent rebates to persons in receipt of poor law relief or entitled to such relief, and the Ministry urged the desirability of co-operation between the Guardians Committee and the Housing Committee. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the County Council to arrange for the proposed conference between the representatives of the Public Assistance Committee and this Committee to take place in September.

10—Housing Act, 1936—Read, letters of 6th and 12th inst. from Messrs. C. J. Curtis & Co. in regard to the proposed scheme for the erection of 200 houses to let in respect of which it was proposed that the Corporation should join in a Mortgage to a Building Society under the Act. The houses would be built by Mr. A. Bornstein and Mr. C. J. Curtis who had carried out similar schemes in the Borough of Eastleigh, Hants, and in Rochester. The Town Clerk submitted letters received from the Town Clerks of these two towns stating that their Corporations were quite satisfied with the houses which were let at rents of 10s 9d. and 11s 3d. and were meeting a very real need in their towns. Sample plans were submitted of the proposed houses, the applicants were in negotiation for the purchase of a suitable site which would be submitted to the Committee for approval. RESOLVED, That the sample plans be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report, and the applicants be informed that the Committee are prepared to proceed with the Scheme and they be asked to submit plans of the houses, proposed site and rents, and the name of the Building Society which will be making the advance.

11—Ribstone Cottage, Swindon Road—Read, letters of 18th and 23rd ult. from Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson that Mr. Dutton was now prepared to sell the whole or a portion of his property as a housing site and that the owner of the adjoining land was prepared to sell his land to enable the adjoining road to be continued through to Cobham Road. RESOLVED, That they be asked to state the prices at which the owners are prepared to sell the land.

12-46 Whaddon Avenue—The Committee considered reference back by the Council and the Resolution of the Committee not to accept the offer of the tenant of this house to purchase the house, Councillor Grimwade reported that he had mentioned this matter to an official of the Ministry of Health who had informed him that the Ministry did not favour the selling of the smaller type of house erected under the 1924 Act except in special circumstances. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to sell the house.

13—St. Mark's Estate—Sale of Houses--(a) The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. P. Jenkins to purchase No. 21 Spenser Road at the price of £450. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to Contract, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

(b) 75 Byron Road—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. W. H. Horsley on behalf of Mr. Evans to purchase this house at the price of £475. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to Contract, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

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14—Housing (Rural Workers) Amendment Act, 1938—The Town Clerk submitted circular No 1716 from the Ministry of Health calling attention of local authorities to this Act. RESOLVED, That consideration of giving publicity to the Act be adjourned until the proposed illustrated booklets and forms to be supplied by the Ministry are received.

15—Grove Street—Read, letters from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend and Miss E. Millin in regard to the sale of properties in Grove Street. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

16—Priors Estate—RESOLVED, That this Committee approve of the proposed modification of the covenants on the land sold to Priors Estate Ltd., so as to permit of the erection of three shops with living accommodation and 1 lock-up shop and a pair of houses instead of three shops on the land at the junction of Hewlett Road and Mersey Road subject to the approval of the Town Planning Committee

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th July, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Till (The Mayor 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—Report of View Committee—Read, report of a Meeting of the View Committee held on Wednesday, 6th July, 1938. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillor Till.

(a) Warwick Buildings--The Committee reported that they had met representatives of the Winchcomb Street Traders' Association who stressed the need for a Municipal Car Park in their part of the Town, but the Committee recommended that Warwick Buildings should not be purchased for this purpose, as the site would provide very limited accommodation for cars.

(b) Bouncer's Lane—The Committee reported that they had inspected a small piece of land belonging to the Corporation in Bouncer's Lane, the untidy condition of which had led to complaints. They recommended that the County Council be asked to take over the land for road improvement.

(c) Junction of St. Paul's Lane and St. Paul's Road—The Committee met the Rev Beck and Mr. Mould on behalf of St. Paul's Training College, who agreed to recommend the College to give up a triangular piece of land with a frontage of 15 feet to each road to enable a corner improvement to be carried out.

(d) Manser and Hudson Streets—The Committee recommended that a certain number of prunus and similar low growing trees be planted in these streets as a trial in the first place, the trees to be widely spaced and each surrounded with a wrought iron guard.

(e) Junction of Libertus and Gloucester Roads—The Committee recommended that the owner of No 265 Gloucester Road be asked to agree to a modified improvement scheme involving the setting back of his fence to the tree nearest the corner, and that the kerb improvement shewn on the original plan be adhered to as far as possible, leaving a footpath on the corner approximately 6 feet wide.

(f) Andover Road—The Committee recommended that the Town Clerk be instructed to take such action as may be necessary to secure the removal of the large advertisement erected on the wall of 4 Tivoli Place.

RESOLVED, That the above recommendations be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED, also, That trees be planted in Folly Lane similar to those recommended to be planted in Manser and Hudson Streets.

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3—Report of Labour Sub-Committee—Read, report of a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, 1st July, 1938. Present—The Mayor Councillors Addis, Green and Grimwade (The Mayor in the chair).

(a) Hayden Sewage Works—The Sub-Committee having further considered the application by the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for an increase of ½ d. per hour in the wages of the permanent employees at the sewage works, which was referred back by the Council, again recommended that the application be granted in order to comply with the appropriate scale of the Joint Industrial Council, the increase to take effect from the 5th May last.

(b) Tewkesbury Waterworks—(i) Read, letter of 25th ult. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, applying for an increase of 1s per shift in the wages of stokers and engine drivers at these works. The Borough Surveyor had reported that one of these employees was receiving 71s 3d. and the remainder 61s 10 ½ d. per week of 7 shifts, and that, if the appropriate scale of the Joint Industrial Council were adopted, their wages would be reduced to 60s 5d. for drivers and 55s 5d. for stokers per week of 6 shifts. The Sub-Committee therefore recommended that the application be not granted.

(ii) Holidays—Read, letter of 25th ult. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for 12 days' holidays to be granted to shift workers at Tewkesbury Waterworks. The Sub-Committee recommended that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to reply that these employees will receive holidays according to the scale adopted by the Street and Highway Committee on the 20th December last.

(c) Parks Custodians—Read, letter of 14th April last, applying for the wages of Messrs. O'Brien and Mitchell, Parks Custodians, to be increased by 7s 6d. and 5s respectively. The Sub-Committee recommended that Mr. O'Brien's wages be increased from 4616d. to 49s per week (exclusive of emoluments) and that Mr. Mitchell's wages be increased from 49s to 50s 2d. per week, in order to comply with the scale of the Joint Industrial Council, such increases to take effect from the 5th May last. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Labour Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Waste Paper and Scrap Metal—The Borough Surveyor reported that the price of waste paper had fallen to such an extent that it was uneconomical to collect it for sale, and that he had therefore stopped collection. He was, however, continuing the baling of scrap metal, and he proposed to keep this until more favourable prices could be obtained. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Annual Tenders—(a) Coke—The Borough Surveyor recommended that he should be authorised to purchase such quantities of South Yorks. Coke Nuts from Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd., and also Coke from the Cheltenham Gas Co. Ltd., as might be required for the Corporation and the Delancey Hospital on the basis of the tenders received from those Companies. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Oil—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That the tender of the Anglo-Dutch Petroleum Co. Ltd. for the supply of " Steveco " Oil for the Crossley Engines at the Hayden Sewage Works at 6 ½ d per gallon until the 31st March next, be accepted.

6—Refuse Trailers and Freighters—The Borough Surveyor submitted comparative estimates of the working costs of refuse trailers and freighters. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to obtain quotations for the supply of four refuse freighters.

7—Winchcomb Street Improvement—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for the widening of Winchcomb Street to 50 feet. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Trunk Road No. 10—(a) Westal Green—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received from the Divisional Road Engineer an outline of the final proposals for construction of a permanent round-about at this junction. It was proposed to widen the carriageways adjoining the island from 24 feet to 27 feet and to round off the boundaries of the Petrol Filling Station and re-arrange its entrances. RESOLVED, That the final proposals be approved.

(b) Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Ministry of Transport submitting draft agreement with regard to the maintenance and repair of the Trunk road and other functions in relation thereto. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Transport had approved the estimates for special repairs and re-surfacing in connection with the Trunk road amounting to a total of £8,202 for the current financial year

9—Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the County Surveyor reporting that the County Highways Committee would be prepared to recommend the County Council to contribute towards the rate-borne expenditure incurred in widening Tewkesbury Road near the proposed Chocolate Factory in the same proportion as the Ministry of Transport contributed to the whole cost of the improvement. RESOLVED, That the County Council be informed that the Corporation are not prepared to bear any part of the cost of the improvement, as it will have no local improvement value.

(b) Read, letter of 8th inst. from Messrs. Mcllquham & Co. stating that if the Corporation wished to acquire the strip of land in front of Turks Gardens for the improvement of Tewkesbury Road, the Owner would require an unclimbable iron fence to be erected in front of his property. RESOLVED, That this letter be referred to the County Council.

(c) Read, letter of 9th inst. from Councillor Compton complaining of the unsightliness of demolished properties in this road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned till the next meeting of the Committee.

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10—Junction of Suffolk Parade and Suffolk Square--RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the Ministry of Transport a " Halt " Sign be erected in Suffolk Square near this junction until the proposed improvement can be carried out.

11—Pittville Street Improvement—Read, letters from Messrs Smith-Wood & Roberts, Solicitors, Winchcomb, on behalf of Mr. S. H. Pitcher, claiming compensation for loss of goodwill in respect of 9 Pittville Street. RESOLVED, That this claim be referred to the District Valuer.

12—Albion Street Improvement—(a) 17, 18 and 19 Albion Street—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons, reporting that the owners of this property had agreed to the proposal to set back the buildings to the proposed improvement line and surrender the land in front for the widening of the road on the understanding that the Corporation would make no claim for betterment and pay all road charges. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

(b) 20 Albion Street—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Mr. F. J. Chambers offering to sell these premises to the Corporation for £500. RESOLVED, That this offer be referred to the District Valuer.

13—Cycle Stands—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Mr. C. H. Leeson, suggesting that Cycle Stands should be provided on the footpaths of busy streets in order to leave the carriageways free for traffic. RESOLVED, That this suggestion be not approved.

14—Norwood Road Improvement—(a) Hay Barn—The Town Clerk reported that he had interviewed the tenant of this property and was satisfied that he was a quarterly tenant and entitled to determine the tenancy on the 24th ult. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate for demolishing 21 St. Philip's Street, 1-3 Gothic Cottages and The Hay Barn.

15—Bath Road—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Mr. G. E. Waghorne, calling attention to confusion caused by signs directing traffic to Stroud via Birdlip and via Painswick. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the direction sign to Stroud via Birdlip.

16—Junction of Gloucester Road and St. George's Road—The Committee considered a suggestion that a bollard should be placed at this junction. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report

17—Cleeve Mount Estate—Read, letter of 16th ult. from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers on behalf of G. A. M. Hall, Ltd., complaining that the specification issued by the Borough Surveyor for making up these roads with a view to their being taken over by the Corporation required a minimum thickness of 3 inches of asphalt, whereas the original plans of the estate submitted and approved by the Council included a minimum thickness of only 2 inches of asphalt RESOLVED, That in the circumstances a thickness of 2 inches of asphalt be agreed to.

13—Air Raid Precautions—Read, letter from Mr. F. R. Jefford, as Executive Head Officer of the A.R.P. Decontamination Service in the Borough applying for permission to use a Corporation lorry for training decontamination personnel. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

19—Post Office Telegraph Lines—The Town Clerk submitted application from the Post Office Superintending Engineer for permission to lay an underground telegraph line across Ashford Road and along a lane leading from Ashford Road to Andover Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the conditions suggested by the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineer.

20—Projecting Signs—(a) Suffolk Road—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Cheltenham Shop Fitting Co. Ltd, applying for permission to erect a neon sign at the Suffolk Garage, Suffolk Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions, and subject to the colours red and green not being used in illuminating the sign.

(b) Henrietta Street—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Eagle Sign Works applying for permission to erect a projecting sign at No 6 Henrietta Street. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions

21—Banner—Read, letter of 24th ult from the Hon. Treasurer of the Withington Horse Show applying for permission to display a banner advertising the Horse Show across the Colonnade on the 29th and 30th inst. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th July, 1938. Present—Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland and Grimwade ; Mesdames E. Booy, W. L. Mellersh, Lewis Grist and L. Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1938

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (12 Meetings) ...	15.7	30
At Bennington Hall (12 Meetings) ∴	24	27.5
At Clare Street (11 Meetings)	36	50.8
At Highbury (11 Meetings)	40.2	64.4
At St. Mark's (11 Meetings)	32	36.2

(b) Annual Report—A copy of the 29th Annual Report of the Association was submitted.

2—Health Visitors—(a) Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1938 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,734
Un-notified Live Births discovered ...	2
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	1,096
(b) over 1 year ...	1,396
Ante-natal cases visited (a) New .. .	59
(b) Return . . .	39
Special visits to Mothers ...	79
First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	177
Chicken Pox cases visited ...	12
Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C. ..	1
Whooping Cough cases visited	4
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres ...	77
Attendances of Health Visitors at Gynaecological Clinic	6

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	330
New Orders ...	73
Orders discontinued during quarter	71
“ continuing to coming quarter	332

Children Act :	Health Visitors. School Nurses.	
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter	31	9
“ visits (under Children Act) paid ...	38	9
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter .	16	9

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss Jordan commenced working mornings on the 9th May and was continuing to do so. She had also carried out some work in the afternoons during the week, but had not been allowed to do the Clinic work, nor to work on Saturday mornings. RESOLVED, That the matter be considered at a special meeting of the Committee to be held in September. The Medical Officer of Health also reported that the temporary Health Visitor terminated her employment on the 7th June, and, with the approval of the Chairman, he had arranged for Nurse Cardew to assist at the Highbury Centre on Tuesday afternoons. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that Nurse Cardew be paid 5s for each afternoon's attendance.

(c) Holidays—The Medical Officer of Health submitted scale of holidays for Health Visitors. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 82 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st April to 30th June, 1938, and that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from the 1st April 1938 to 30th June, 1938, was £29 3s. 0d., of which £14 0s. 9d. 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 30th June, 1938 : Still-births 3 ; Deaths of Infants 1 ; Commencement of artificial feeding 2 , Deaths of Mothers 2 ; Liability to be a source of infection 1.

4—Dentistry--(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 48 mothers and 16 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 66 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 11.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the cost of the Dental Services for the year ended 31st March last was £89 6s. 4d.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health submitted account from the Charity Organisation Society for the provision of dentures to necessitous mothers, amounting to £2 2s. 6d. RESOLVED, That 50 per cent of this amount be paid by the Corporation.

5—Gynaecological Clinic —The Medical Officer of Health reported that 6 Clinics had been held to date and the total number of attendances was 33, including 21 Borough patients.

6—Orthopaedic Scheme—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on the work of the Orthopaedic Clinic for the quarter ended 30th ult. The total number of children on the Register was 120, of which 61 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 41 surgeons' consultations had been held ; 59 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 47

surgeons' consultations had been held. He submitted accounts of the proportion of the fees payable by this Committee. RESOLVED, That these accounts be paid.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from the Cripples Aid Society for a grant towards the cost amounting to £12 13s. 3d. of instruments, boots and repairs for children under five. RESOLVED, That a grant of 50 per cent, namely £6 6s 8d. be made.

7—Midwives Act, 1936—(a) 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 £30 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted an account of £8 8s: 0d. for X Ray Examinations RESOLVED, That this be paid.

8—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted an account for treatment in the General Hospital of a case of Puerperal Fever, amounting to £2. RESOLVED, That this be passed for payment.

9—Children Act—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of foster mothers who had sent in notifications, and he recommended that the maximum number of children allowed should be fixed as follows :—

Name.	Address.	Maximum No. of Children allowed.
Miss Symonds	Maitland Nursing Home	1
Miss Golden	17 Priory Street	2
Mrs. Clemm	9 Brighton Road	1

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had difficulty in obtaining a sufficient number of foster mothers. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to advertise in the "Echo" for persons willing to act as foster mothers.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mrs. Hawker of 158 Whaddon Road had failed to give notice of removal of a foster child, as required by the Act. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mrs. Hawker drawing attention to this offence, and warning her that if there is any further offence proceedings will be taken against her.

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10—Milk Supply—RESOLVED, That advertisements be issued, inviting tenders for the supply of pasteurised milk for the year ending 30th September, 1939, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender. RESOLVED, also That in accepting a tender the Corporation reserve the right to terminate the contract at any time before the expiration of twelve months on giving two weeks notice if this is rendered desirable by reason of the proposed arrangement to be made by the Government for the supply of milk to Maternity and Child Welfare Authorities at reduced prices.

11—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—RESOLVED, That the application of Miss Bessie Ada Matilda Vaughan S.R.N., C.M.B., and Miss Beatrice Smith for the registration of Ash Priors, Pittville Circus, as a Nursing Home: be granted.

12—Prevention of Blindness—The Medical Officer of Health submitted letter from the County Medical Officer of Health stating that the County Council considered that the suggestions of the Ministry in Circular 1691 were already being met, and that the existing means of ascertaining serious eye defects were already sufficient, and that a further method of notification was therefore unnecessary.

13—Maternal Mortality—Read, circular 1705 of the 14th ult. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the recommendation that local authorities should consult with the local medical practitioners to ensure that the best local obstetric skill is made available in all cases in which midwives are required to call in a doctor, and setting out suggestions for giving effect to this. RESOLVED, That the Ministry be informed that the Committee have already arranged in conjunction with the local branch of the British Medical Association for the drawing up of a list of practitioners who are willing to be called in by midwives in an emergency, and that a copy of the list would be supplied to midwives and revised from time to time, as may be necessary.

14—Training of Midwives and Health Visitors—The Town Clerk submitted circulars 1693 and 1694 of the 12th April last from the Ministry of Health in regard to the training of Midwives and Health Visitors. Health Visitors would in future no longer be required to obtain the certificate of the Central Midwives Board, but intending Health Visitors would be required to undertake a course of midwifery training of six months in the case of trained nurses and 18 months in other cases.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday 14th July, 1938 Present-The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Barnett and Moore ; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1-Plans of New Buildings-The Committee considered the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, namely :-

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4943	Wilson, Mrs.	Detached house, Church Road.
4953	Sutherland, H.	Garage, Tryes Road
4976	Taylor, Mrs. H.	Garage, Hartford House, Evesham Road.
4977	Snowden, Mr.	Garage, 11 Pittville Lawn.
4978	Martyn, H. H. & Co. Ltd.	Extensions at rear Sunningend Works.
4979	Turner, W.	2 semi-detached houses, Exmouth Street,
4980	Smith, W. H.	Additional bay at front, Windermere, Cleeve View Road.
4981	Stinchcombe, E. T.	2 tool sheds to 2 houses, Rowanfield Road.
4982	Guy, Mr	Garage, Grove Street.

4983	Wheeler & Mansell	3 garages to 3 houses, Tryes Road
4984	do.	5 garages to 5 houses, Hewlett Road.
4935	Flower & Sons	Beer and fuel store and urinal, Rose and Crown Passage.
4986	Cheltenham Motor & Cycle Co	New shopfront, 167 High Street.
4987	Cunningham & Giband	24 semi-detached flats, Elmfield Park Estate.
4988	Wynn, E H	Garden shed, Merriville Road
4989	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	New shopfront, Tennyson Road.
4990	Bowd, W. H.	4 semi-detached houses, Whaddon Road.
4991	Providence Chapel Committee	Cycle shed, Providence Chapel, Naunton Parade.
4992	Cirencester Conservative Benefit Society	3 garages. rear of Raynesford, Suffolk Square.
4993	Shakespeare, W.	W.C. and tool shed, The Haven, Whaddon Road.
4994	Cheltenham Education Committee	Senior Mixed School, Whaddon Housing Estate.
4995	...	Garage, 22 London Road.
4996	Andrews, F.	Additions at rear, 2 Kings Road.
4997	Goddard & Hunt	2 houses, Brooklyn Road
4998	Loughran, J.	Stables and exercising ring, Lane rear of Pittville Circus Road.
4999	Stroud Brewery Co.	W.C., rear of Sandford Inn.
5000	Wheeler & Mansell	6 houses, The Grove, Hales Road.
5001	do.	12 houses, Priors Road

Decisions under Byelaws-

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4976, 4979, 4980, 4981, 4982, 4983, 4984, 4986, 4988, 4989, 4990, 4991, 4994, 4995, 4997, 4998, 5000 and 5001 be approved; That Plan No 4977 be approved subject to the doors being made to open inwards; That Plan No 4978 be approved subject to steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and to surface water being carried to the surface water sewer ; That Plan No 4992 be approved subject to no washing of cars on the highway at the rear of the premises and to adequate washing facilities being provided on the site ; That Plans Nos 4993, 4996 and 4999 be approved subject to sanitary arrangements being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 4985 and 4987 be not approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933-

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4953, 4978, 4980, 4981, 4982, 4983, 4984. 4985, 4986, 4988, 4990, 4991, 4993, 4994, 4997, 4998 and 4999 be approved ; That Plan No. 4943 be approved subject to a stucco finish instead of shingle dash ; That Plan No 4977 be approved subject to the building being set back 6 feet from the back edge of the lane ; That Plan No, 4979 be approved subject to the building being set back 52 feet from the opposite side of the road to conform to the building line ; That Plan No. 4992 be approved subject to the garages not being let off as lock-up garages without the consent of the Planning Authority ; That Plan No 4996 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the

existing building , That Plans Nos. 5000 and 5001 be approved subject to sand faced tiles being used on the roof, and in the case of Plan No. 5000 to no part of the building projecting over the building line, and in the case of Plan No 5001 to the half timbered work being omitted from the gables ; That Plans Nos. 4976, 4987, 4989 and 4995 be not approved.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1374	Flooks, D J. H.	Detached house, Charlton Drive, Charlton Kings.
1375	Cleavelands (Cheltenham) Ltd	Detached house, Cleavelands Drive.
1376	Adlard, Miss	Detached house, Postlip, Winchcomb.
1377	Colonnade Estate Agency (Cheltenham)	Layout and six pairs semi-detached houses, Gotherington Lane, Bishops Cleeve.

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No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1378	Walker, A. E.	Detached house, near Swindon Village.
1379	Spiers, W. F.	Alterations to cottage, Tredington.
1380	Hicks, D.	Layout and 42 houses, Leckhampton Farm.
1381	Bendy, A. J.	Garage (private) "Wayside," 6 Sandy Lane, Charlton Kings.
1382	Cheltenham Corporation	Convenience and Septic Tank, Dowdeswell Reservoir.
1383	Deakin, B.	Alterations and additions, " Camden," Langton Grove Road, Charlton Kings.
1384	Jotham, Miss	Detached house, The Avenue, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1375, 1376, 1379, 1381, 1382, 1383 and 1384 be approved , That Plan No. 1374 be approved subject to no part of the building being erected in front of the building line approved for this road ; That Plan No. 1377 be approved subject to the front fence being set back to the improvement line on completion of the buildings and to details of road construction and drainage of surface water being to the satisfaction of the Highway Authority ; That Plan No. 1378 be approved subject to the house being erected in a position to conform with the development plan prepared for this area ; That Plan No. 1380 be not approved.

3—Town Planning Scheme--(a) Read, letters from Messrs. Hall, Brydon & Chapman, enclosing memorandum setting out the views of the Master Sign Makers Association in regard to a clause, which they suggested should be included in the Scheme for the regulation of advertisements in lieu of the Model clause. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report.

(b) Objections—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Hanks had now agreed to the amended proposals for the density zoning of his land at Shurdington, and withdrawn his objection.

4—Land, Albert Road—Read, letter of 13th inst. from Messrs. Young & Gilling asking if in view of the erection of the new Grammar School in this road, the Committee would be prepared to alter the

requirements in regard to the density and value of houses to be erected on land in Albert Road. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

5—Sunday Work—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Cheltenham District Trades Council that they had received a number of complaints of speculative builders working in Cheltenham on Sundays, which was causing a nuisance to people living in the vicinity of the sites. The complaint did not refer to the Corporation Housing Schemes or to Cheltenham builders RESOLVED, That they be asked to furnish the Town Clerk with particulars of the firms complained of, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the firms requesting them to refrain from Sunday work.

6—Land, Junction of Prestbury and Whaddon Roads—Read, letter of 24th ult. from Messrs. McIlquham & Co. that they understood that Cheltenham Estates Ltd were endeavouring to obtain removal of the covenants on a portion of this land so as to permit of the development of the frontage to Prestbury Road for building, and asking that when plans were submitted the Committee should give their clients an opportunity of placing their views before the Committee. RESOLVED, That they be informed that if and when plans are submitted the Committee will be prepared to consider the views of the residents in Prestbury Road.

7—Priors Estate—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Messrs. Midwinter & Co , on behalf of Priors Estate Ltd , asking the Committee to agree to a modification of the covenants contained in the conveyance of the land in Hewlett Road so as to permit of three shops with living accommodation and one lock-up shop being erected fronting Hewlett Road, and a pair of semi-detached houses at the rear of the plot fronting Mersey Road. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and the Common Seal affixed to a deed modifying the Covenants accordingly.

8---Southern Bye-pass—(a) Read, letter of 11th inst. from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green, applying on behalf of the owner of Concord, Old Bath Road, for permission to erect three houses fronting Southern Road on a portion of the garden at the rear of Concord, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until a decision of the Ministry of Transport is come to with regard to the proposed new Southern Bye-pass Road.

(b) Animals Shelter—Read, letter from the Animals Welfare Association asking for permission to build a new cottage in the grounds of the Animals Shelter, Leckhampton Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the decision of the Ministry of Transport is come to with regard to the proposed Southern Bye-pass Road.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted report and plan in regard to the utilisation of the Southern Bye-pass Road shown in the Town Planning Scheme as a development road in the event of the Ministry of Transport deciding to proceed with the laying down of a line for a new Bye-pass south of the Bye-pass shown in the Scheme. RESOLVED, That this be provisionally approved, but that pending the decision of the Ministry of Transport in regard to the proposed new Bye-pass the present Bye-pass road be retained in the Scheme

9—Town Planning Office—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Junior Clerk had resigned RESOLVED, That he be authorised to appoint a youth to fill the vacancy.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 8th July, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Avery, Rev de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Rogers, Smith and Waite; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Medical Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

2—Conference—Read, letter from the Branch Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers. asking the Council to invite the National Union to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham in 1940. The Conference usually opened on a Sunday morning and continued for 4 or 5 days, and would be attended by about 300 delegates. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to invite the Union to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham in 1940 subject to the dates not clashing with the dates of the R.A.O.B. Conference, which will be held at Whitsuntide in the same year.

3—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Secretary of the General Hospital that the Board were aware that some nuisance was being caused by the smoke from the Hospital chimney, but a special Sub-Committee was now considering the question of installing new boiler house and boilers, and it was anticipated that an entirely new plant would be provided which, it was hoped, would remove all cause for complaint.

4—Montpellier Baths—Read, application from the Y.M.C.A. for the use of the Baths next winter season on four evenings per week for physical training and on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons for Badminton RESOLVED, That the application be granted on the same terms as last year subject to the days selected being arranged with the United Girls Clubs who also had the use of the Baths last season for physical training.

5—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Read, letter of 28th ult from the Hon. Secretary of the Spa Bowling Club asking the Committee to consider having this green relaid, as it had become worn out. Read, also, report of the Gardens Superintendent thereon. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the Meeting of the Committee in September, and that the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to keep the green under observation and report further thereon

6—Joint Guide—The Entertainments Manager reported that the stock of guides was nearly exhausted, and it would be necessary to proceed with the preparation of a new Guide. The Chamber of Commerce had appointed five members to serve on a joint Committee to produce a new Guide, and asked that the Corporation should appoint five members on the Committee to produce the Guide on the same terms as the present Guide. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell and Smith be appointed the representatives of the Corporation on the Joint Committee.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th July, 1938. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

7—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 12th inst. They recommended (inter aim) as follows (a) Town Hall—That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the Conference of the South Western Printers Alliance from the 24th to 26th September next.

(b) Sandford Park swimming Pool—That Aircraft Components Band be allowed to give a Concert at Sandford Park Swimming Pool on the afternoon of Sunday, 17th July, RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

8—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(a) Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Branch Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal workers that the employees at the Swimming Pool were not satisfied with the decision of the Council on their application for increased wages and a 47 hour week. They also asked that after any increases of wages or reduction of hours.

(b) Read, also, letter of 14th inst. from the Branch Secretary of the Union, protesting against the delay in putting into operation the reduction of hours of employees at the Pool, as approved at the last Council Meeting. The Borough Surveyor reminded the Committee that the reduction of hours approved by the Council was conditional on the employment of two youths, but these had now been engaged, and the reduced hours were now in operation.

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(c) Read, letter of 14th inst. from Mr. Fitzgerald H. Milne, Technical Chemist, drawing attention to the advantages of the properties of solid Hydrogen Peroxide for the sterilization of water in Swimming Pools. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain the views of the Medical Officer of Health and the Chemist at the Tewkesbury Waterworks thereon and report to the Committee.

9—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That the use of these Baths be granted for the Practising School Sports on the evening of the 28th September at the usual charge of £1 1s. 0d.

10—Town Hall—Catering—The Borough Surveyor reported that the tender accepted for the tiling and renovation of the kitchen and service room at the Town Hall was considerably in excess of his estimate and that the total cost of the work would exceed by £70 his original estimate of £289. The increase was due to the increase in the price of tiles required for the tiling of the floors and walls. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons, whose tender was accepted at the last meeting of the Council, be instructed to proceed with the work

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th July, 1938. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Leigh James; Councillors Addis and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Street Illuminations—Montpellier Walk—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had submitted to the Chamber of Commerce a scheme for illuminating Montpellier Walk during the special shopping week in November next at an estimated cost of about £223, and that the Chamber had approved the scheme in principle subject to the Corporation agreeing to pay half the cost. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the estimate included the sum of about £150 for the purchase of necessary apparatus and fittings, which would afterwards remain the property of the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to pay one half of the cost of the scheme.

2—Public Lighting—Leckhampton Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a scheme for improving the lighting of this road by replacing the existing 25 filament lamps with sodium lamps and also erecting 22 additional sodium lamps at a total estimated cost of £538 17s. 6d. and an additional annual running cost of £102 17s. 4d. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved.

3—Salesmanship Training Course—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that three of the employees in his department who took the Salesmanship Training Course as reported last month, namely Miss M. C. Gould and Messrs. J H. Long and A. G. Widdows, had been awarded Diplomas by the British Electrical Development Association. RESOLVED, That the congratulations of the Committee be extended to these employees, and that the Mayor be asked to present the Diplomas to them at the next Council Meeting.

4—Electricity Department—Mains Superintendent—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That Mr. W. R. Poole, Mains Superintendent, be raised as from August 1st, to Grade 2, Class E, of the National Joint Board Schedule of Salaries commencing with the salary payable after two years, which would increase his salary from £541 6s. 0d. to £568 10s. 0d.

5—Gas Examiner—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Mr. A C. Saxby resigning his appointment as Gas Examiner as from the 1st October next. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to invite applications for the appointment of another Examiner in his place.

6—Damage to Lamp Standard—The Town Clerk reported that a lamp standard at the junction of Townsend Street and Russell Street had been knocked down by a motor lorry belonging to Messrs. Tizer, Mineral Water Manufacturers, of Kingswood, Bristol. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of repairing the damage, estimated at £7 3s. 10d.

7—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Retort—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1938, which showed the average calorific value for the Quarter to be 471.0 B.Th.U. per cubic foot.

(b) Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 8th and 11th inst. which showed the calorific values on those dates as 463.3 and 465.5 B.Th.U. per cubic foot respectively, and the pressure as 8.8 and 9.0 inches of water respectively.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 7th July, 1938, Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett and Pates ; Councillor Avery (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

	For month ended 30th June, 1938.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	84,000 gallons	157,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	247,000 “	310,000 „
Leckhampton Springs	<u>17,000</u> “	<u>34,000</u> “
	348,000 “	501,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Estimated Usable Quantity about 63,000,000 gallons.

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

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

4—Cadet Camp—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to provide a supply of water for the Public Secondary Schools Camp to be held at Hunting Butts Farm from the 25th July to the 6th August next.

5—Trunk Main—Churchdown to Hewletts—The Borough Engineer reported the progress with this main. The total length of 3 miles had now been completed At the request of the County Surveyor, the main had been placed at a lower level at the point where the proposed By-pass road crosses Leckhampton Lane ; the extra cost involved would be paid by the Ministry of Transport For the purpose of sterilising the main, it would be necessary to purchase a portable chlorination plant and he submitted tenders received for the supply of this. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Wallace & Tiernan Ltd amounting to £105 be accepted.

6—Wells -The Borough Engineer reported that he did not consider it advisable to adopt the suggestion of the Central Air Raid Authority that a report should be made of all wells in the Borough which are fit for drinking purposes in order to supplement existing supplies should a breakdown occur in an emergency. Many of the wells in the Borough had been condemned and most of them were obviously liable to pollution and would require to be constantly analysed. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken thereon, except that the Borough Engineer be instructed to make enquiries in regard to a well belonging to the Brewery Co and the well at Thirlestaine House.

7—Supply to Monk's Croft, Gloucester Road— Read, letter from Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son asking, as it would be necessary to lay on a water supply to this field for the Bath and West Show in 1940, if the Committee would agree to lay the supply on now so that this could be used by the tenant. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to report thereon at the next Meeting.

8—Dowdeswell Reservoir—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to obtain a new boat for Dowdeswell and to dispose of the old boat in part exchange.

9—Staverton Court—Read, letter from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen and Merivale, on behalf of Mr. Prettejohn that he had now sold Staverton Court to Mr. R. E. Sadler, and asking that the water charges payable under the Agreement with Mr. Prettejohn should be charged direct to the three parties concerned, instead of the whole account being rendered to Mr. Prettejohn to be apportioned by him. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Town Clerk for consideration:

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th July, 1938. Present—The Mayor Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett and Pruen ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Smith and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) The Town Clerk reported that since the last meeting an outbreak of foot and mouth disease had occurred in the County and that the Borough was included in the infected area, but had now been declared to be free from restrictions. The various foot and mouth disease orders had been published as required by the Ministry.

(b) Superintendent Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals

2—Hackney Carriage Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. G. Marshall for transfer of licence No. 73 to motor car DF 7012 be granted.

3—Domestic Servants Agencies—Superintendent Hopkins reported that all the Agencies had been inspected and their books found in order.

4—Athletic Ground—The Committee considered reference back by the Council of the Committee's resolution to provide new dressing accommodation at the ground at an estimated cost of £350. The Committee further considered the alternative scheme of providing new dressing rooms etc. under the Grand Stand at an estimated cost of £600. Major Begbie, President of the Rugby Football Club attended and stated that the Club considered that the smaller scheme for providing accommodation on the site of the present dressing rooms would be satisfactory, but that the Club could not afford to pay more than 5 per cent. on the cost by way of additional rent. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision to recommend the Council to provide new dressing room accommodation including lavatories, and plunge baths, as now slightly amended, on the site of the present accommodation, subject to the Club paying an additional rent of 5 per cent. on the actual cost, but not exceeding £20 per annum RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders for carrying out the work, and that The Deputy Mayor and Alderman Margrett be authorised to accept a tender.

5—Fire Brigade—(a) The Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended outbreaks of fire on the 20th June at Belle Vue Hotel, and on 2nd July at Piff's Elm, Hardwicke.

(b) Auxiliary Fire Service—The Chief Officer reported that he was commencing training the first section of volunteers for this Service. A portion of the training equipment had been received and he had been notified that the trailer pumps were being dispatched. He had arranged for these to be stored temporarily at the Rodney Road Car Park.

(c) Inspection of Buildings—The Chief Officer reported that at the request of the Post Office he had inspected the Head Office, Telephone Exchange and fire appliances installed thereat, and that a fee of 7s. 6d had been received for carrying out this service. RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be instructed to pay this and all fees received by him to the Corporation, and to report to the Sub-Committee all requests received for the inspection of buildings and appliances in the area served by the Brigade.

6—Grammar School—RESOLVED, That Aldermen Leigh James and Moore be re-appointed Representative Governors of the Grammar School for a further term of three years expiring on the 29th July, 1941.

7—Borough Arms—RESOLVED, That the application of the for permission to print the Borough Arms on their Winter Syllabus, be not granted.

8—Unemployment Insurance Acts—RESOLVED, That Miss A. E. Stroud (Clerk, Education Office), and J. F. Ursell (District Sanitary Inspector) be added to the Certificate of Exception under these Acts, they having completed three years in a designated post on the 3rd June and 1st July, 1938, respectively.

9—Airport—Read, Report of the Joint Airport Committee of their Meeting held on the 30th June. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) That the two Corporations waive the stipulation requiring sureties to join in the lease of the new Clubhouse to the Cotswold Aero Club Ltd., subject to the Club agreeing to pay the rent quarterly in advance.

(b) That the plans submitted by the Air Ministry of the buildings to be erected on the Airport in connection with the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve Training Centre be approved.

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(c) That the plans and specifications for the levelling, draining and clearing of the additional 25 acres of land required to be added to the Landing Ground, prepared by the Joint Engineers, be approved ; that the Corporations be recommended to authorise the Joint Engineers to invite Mr. J. B. Carr, who carried out the similar work on the present landing ground, to submit a tender for the work, and that the Chairman of the Joint Committee (Alderman Capt. Trye) be authorised to accept the tender if he considers this satisfactory, but otherwise to instruct the Joint Engineers to invite further tenders for the work.

(d) That the two Corporations agree to pay one-half of the premium for the renewal of the Public Liability Insurance for the Airport for the second year, subject to the first-aid and crash equipment in accordance with the requirements of the Air Ministry, being provided and maintained by the Tenants. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Joint Committee be approved and adopted

10—Leckhampton Hill Estate—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of the field at Upper Pilford for a contribution towards the cost of dressing the field with basic slag, in lieu of the provision of timber in the rough for fencing repairs, be not granted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 5th July, 1938. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton and Smith ; and Mr. Stokes (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments. All the tenanted allotments were in a satisfactory state of cultivation, and the weeds on the vacant allotments were being mown. The tenant of No. 3 Creamery Piece had complained of the nuisance caused by the branches of three elm trees overhanging his allotment. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to have the lower branches cut.

2—Baglin's Piece and Land and Buildings in Folly Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of providing a standpipe water supply to Baglin's Piece Allotments at £6, to the land and buildings in the occupation of Mr. Shea at £6 15s. 0d. and to Creamery Piece at £4 1s 0d. Read, memorial signed by all the tenants of Baglin's Piece, asking for a water supply to be provided, and offering to pay 1s per annum towards the cost. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide the supply to Baglin's Piece subject to the tenants paying 1s per annum in respect of each allotment, and also to provide the supply to the land and buildings in the occupation of Mr Shea subject to Mr. Shea contributing half the cost

3—Allotment No. 104 Asquith Road—Read, letter from Mr. C. W. Russell offering to take half this allotment provided he was allowed a rebate in the rent in view of its bad condition. RESOLVED, That the allotment be divided into two half chains and that one half be let to him rent free up to the 25th March next.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 5th July, 1938. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Add Bendall, Bush, Compton and Smith (Councillor Smith. in the chair).

1—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Leckwith Estates Ltd had now deposited the cost of surfacing the carriageway of Hatherley Court Road and the work was in hand. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to apply to Leckwith Estates Ltd. for the cost of surfacing the carriageway of Bournside Road with a view to the work being put in hand forthwith

2—Pittville Gardens—Aviaries—The Gardens Superintendent reported the gift of three canaries by Mr. Morgan of Newport, and seven Bengal finches by Dr. Blake. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors. RESOLVED, also, That the Garden Superintendent be instructed to let the peacocks out of the aviaries on to the lawns.

3—Montpellier Roundabout—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the layout of this roundabout had now been completed. Instead of importing soil for the beds, he had mixed Sorbex Peat with the soil on the site, thus reducing the cost by about £10.

4—Football and Hockey Pitches—(a) RESOLVED, That permission be given to the undermentioned Clubs to play football or hockey on the various recreation grounds and playing fields during the coming season :—

Ground.	Club.	Day of Play.
Whaddon Road	Wesley Sunday School ...	Alternate Saturdays.
do,	Whaddon United A.F.C.	Alternate Wednesdays.
Agg-Gardner	St. Gregory's R.F.C. ...	Alternate Saturdays.
do.	St. Paul's United F.O	do.
Naunton Park	St. James' Church Lads Brigade	do
do.	Naunton Park Rangers ...	do
do.	Naunton Park Old Boys R.F.C.	do.
do.	Naunton Park Old Girls Hockey Club ...	do.
St. Mark's Playing Field		
	Cheltenham and County Harriers .	Alternate Wednesdays
	Ladies' Hockey Club	and Saturdays.
do.	St. Gregory's Ladies' Hockey Club ..	do.
do.	Central School Old, Boys	Alternate Saturdays.
do.	Y.M.C.A.	do. (2 pitches)
do.	Christ Church Young Men's Club	do.
do.	Post Office Sports Club ...	do.

(b) Read, application from Cheltenham Original Brewery Sports Club for the use of a football pitch on Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on alternate Saturdays during the coming season. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted, but that they be offered the use of a pitch on the new Playing Field in Tewkesbury Road on alternate Saturdays at a charge of £5 5s. 0d.

5—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Y.M.C.A. Residents Cricket Team to play occasional evening cricket matches on the St Mark's Playing Field when the ground is not otherwise used

6—Pillee Lane Recreation Ground—Read, report of damage to a growing tree in this ground on the 11th ult. by Cecil Joseph Greenwood, aged 13, of 65 Pillee Crescent, and Thomas Percival Godwin, aged 13, of 23 Pillee Crescent. The Town Clerk reported that he had asked the Police to prosecute the boys. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Floral Fete—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to enter a non-competitive display in the Floral Fete next year.

8—Athletic Ground—RESOLVED, That the use of the Athletic Ground be granted for a display of athletics by the Public Secondary School Cadets on a Saturday afternoon and evening to be arranged, when a charge for admission would be made, and half the profits given to the General Hospital.

9—Lansdown Crescent—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to prepare scheme and estimate for the layout of the garden in front of the houses in Lansdown Crescent, including the provision of post and chain fencing.

P. T. SMITH.

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th July, 1938. Present—Councillors Avery, Bendall, Fletcher and Rogers ; Dr. R. Davies ; Major J. G. N. Clift ; and Mr. C. R. Mapp (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for May and June, 1938—Visttors-5,901 (last year 7,167). Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £2 1s. 11d. Subscriptions to " The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund " £5 13s. 6d. Total £7 15s. 5d.

Talks by the Curator—The Curator had given the following talks :-1st June—Tuffley and Whaddon W.I. ("The Cotswolds, old-time industries and customs") , 9th June—Shurdington W. I. ("The Cotswold Wool Trade").

Exhibitions-2nd to 29th June, 1938—Seventh Annual Exhibition by Cotswold Art Club.

Loans to Museum—The following loans had been received :—Messrs, Cheltenham Shopfitting Co., Mahogany counter case ; Mr. R. Hanmer, oil painting by P. Paonini.

South-Western Naturalists' Union Conference—A letter of thanks had been received for the local arrangements made for this Conference last Whitsuntide.

Curator's Visit to London—The Curator reported as to this visit, and as to specimens to be bequeathed to the Corporation.

Museums Association Conference—The Curator read his report of the 49th Annual Conference held at Belfast, 4th-8th July, 1938. H.M. Queen Mary had accepted the position of Patroness of the Association. Viscount Bledisloe had been elected President for the ensuing year, and the Curator had been re-elected Hon Secretary. The Jubilee Conference of the Association will be held in Cheltenham from 3rd to 7th July, 1939, and the Association were inviting representatives from the Dominions and from the national museums of foreign countries. The Conference in Cheltenham would therefore be international in character, It was agreed that the Reception Committee should be the Art Gallery and

Museum Committee with power to add to their number, and that the question of a detailed programme should be deferred until November, 1938.

2—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That an oil painting by J. A. Park, entitled "A Peaceful Haven " ; and a wood-engraving by John Hamilton-Holden, entitled " The Gate" be purchased from this Fund at a total cost of £3 10s. 0d.

3—Specimens Purchased for the Museum—RESOLVED, That 46 Bygones (£6 6s. 0d.), 19 examples of Ceramics (£15 8s. 6d.) ; and 2 coins and 10 Medals in case (5s 6d) be purchased at a total cost of £22.

4—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Miss E. Adlard, Anonymous, Mr T. W. Archer, Mrs. Bryan, Mr C W. Coates, Major-General Sir Henry Croker, Mr. C. I. Gardiner, Mr. E. J. Gibbins, Mr. A. K Hartley, Miss Lovell, Mr. J Spreutels, Mr. F. Swaffield, Mr. C. H. Taunt, Miss N. Taylor, Mrs. Waite, Dr. Oliver H Wild, Mr. H. Wood, and Messrs. The Worcester Royal Porcelain Co Ltd.

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

5—Oil Painting by G. P. Chalmers, R.S.A.—RESOLVED, That this picture, offered as a gift by Mrs. Jennings Campbell, be accepted with thanks.

6-2 Etchings by late Ed. J. Burrow—RESOLVED, That two etchings of Sedbergh School, presented to the Mayor on 2nd July, 1938, by the Gloucestershire Society in London, be accepted with thanks.

7—Bronze Statuette, " The Dancing Girl "—RESOLVED, That this bronze by the late Mrs. Lodowick Rees of Cheltenham, offered as a gift by her daughter Mrs. Laithwaite, be accepted with thanks.

8—Exhibitions— RESOLVED , That the following be held as and when convenient—

(a) Cheltenham Group of Artists.

(b) Handwork, Fabrics and Household Goods etc. arranged in connection with the schools.

9—Art Gallery and Museum Attendant—RESOLVED, That Miss Sexton's wage be increased from 27s 6d to 30s per week from 18th July, 1938, as per current Estimate.

10—August Bank Holiday—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum remain open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on August Bank Holiday, 1st August, 1938.

11—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 16th September, 1938

S. ROGERS, Chairman.

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CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th July, 1938. Present—Councillors Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 25th June to 15th July, 1938. Interments 28 Grave Spaces sold 8 (Third Position 1, Fourth Position 7); Memorials erected 14 ; New Inscriptions 5 ; Cremations 6.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9831 to 9336.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That Designs Nos. 2253 to 2258, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Grave Spaces Nos. 1697 I and 1346 G—Read, letters from Messrs. J. & F. Anderson and Mrs. A. M. Nichols, asking on what terms the Corporation would undertake the maintenance of these graves in perpetuity. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to accept the sum of £50 in respect of each grave subject, in the case of Grave No. 1697 I, to the stone being first cleaned.

5—Federation of Cremation Authorities—Read, letter from this Federation asking the Corporation to become members of the Federation, which consisted of representatives of all the Cremation Authorities in Great Britain. The annual subscription was £5 5s. 0d. for authorities whose number of cremations did not exceed 105 during the preceding year, and 1s per cremation beyond 105. RESOLVED, That the Corporation agree to become members of the Federation.

6—Crematorium—(a) The Superintendent recommended that window boxes should be placed in the windows of the Crematorium Chapel to stand flower pots in, and he submitted tender from Messrs. Smith Bros. to provide six zinc-lined boxes for £6 15s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have two gas lights provided in the Crematorium Chapel and one in the basement.

(c) Councillor Avery suggested that rubber tiling should be put down on the floor of the Chapel. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain estimates for this.

(d) Garden of Remembrance—RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be instructed to put up notices requesting members of the public not to walk on the grass in the Garden of Remembrance.

7—National Association of Cemetery and Crematorium Superintendents—The Superintendent submitted report on the proceedings of the Annual Conference of this Association held at Edinburgh, which the Chairman and he attended.

8—Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of the Committee be held at the Cemetery on the 23rd September at 4 p.m.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th July, 1938. Present—Councillors Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fletcher, Grimwade and Lipson ; Rev. Canon Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris and F Vernall (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for May and June, 1938—Receipts £34 10s. 5d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 13,225 (last year 12,176); Lending Department 38,086 (last year 31,235) ; Junior Department 5,018 (last year 3,954) ; School Libraries, April to June 8,059 (last year 7,499). Total 64,388 (last year 54,864).

Replacements and Binding-233 volumes had been replaced ; 502 volumes had been returned from the binder and a further 280 volumes dispatched.

Inter-availability of Tickets—The number of towns co-operating in this matter now numbered 34.

Heating Boiler—The Vulcan Boiler insurance Co. had examined the boiler and found no defects.

Staff—The following members of the staff had passed examinations of the Library Association held in May, 1938 :—Miss J. Fawn, Intermediate Part I ; Miss S. Graham Smith, Final Part I.

Library Association Conference—The Librarian read his report on the 61st Annual Conference of the Library Association held at Portsmouth and Southsea from 13th-17th June, 1938, which was approved.

South-Western Regional Library Bureau—The Librarian had attended the Annual Meeting at Bristol on 20th May, 1938 and had been re-elected a member of the Committee.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 467 volumes, published at £158 4s. 0d., be purchased for £105 7s. 6d

(b) That £75 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £50 be spent on Replacements.

3—Donations-20 volumes and 49 pamphlets had been received from 23 donors RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

4--Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That "Fire Protection and A.R.P. Review" (bi-monthly), 5s per annum, be added to the list of periodicals purchased.

(b) That " The Political Quarterly " and "Synopsis" be not purchased.

5—Staff—RESOLVED, (a) That the resignation of Miss P. M. Wilkins, Assistant-in-Charge of the Lending Department, on her approaching marriage, be accepted and the best wishes of the Committee be conveyed to her.

(b) That Miss N. B. Stevens be promoted to Grade A Div. 2 to fill a vacancy.

(c) That the Librarian be authorized to appoint a new Junior in Grade A Div. 1 to fill a vacancy.

6—Booklist—The Librarian reported on various schemes for giving effect to the Committee's wish for publicity. RESOLVED, That he be authorized to secure quotations for five issues per annum of an 8

page brochure, 2,000 copies per issue, and that the Chairman be authorized to accept a quotation within the limit proposed by the Committee.

7—Insurance of Building—Read, letter from the Borough Engineer suggesting that the building should be insured against fire in the sum of £22,000. RESOLVED, That this be passed to the Finance Committee for their attention and necessary action.

8—Supply of Fuel—RESOLVED, That quotations be secured for the supply of Anthracite for the winter season 1938-39

9—August Bank Holiday—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library, including the Newsroom, be closed on August Bank Holiday, 1st August, 1938.

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 16th September, 1938

D. L. LIPSON, Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 6th July, 1938. Present—Councillors Barnett, Bush, Ben James, E. W. Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

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

2—Excusals—(a) The Committee considered and dealt with one application for excusal of Rates.

(b) RESOLVED, That a special meeting of the Committee be held on the 4th prox. to consider other applications for excusals of rates.

3—Railway Let-Out Properties—Read, letter of 29th ult., from the L.M.S. Railway Co., claiming that if the Company undertook responsibility for the payment of rates on Let-Out properties from the 1st April 1931, they should receive the Owners' allowances under Section 11 of the Rating and Valuation Act, 1925, from that date. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

4—Third Valuation List—Read, circular letter of 23rd ult. from the Clerk of the County Valuation Committee inviting the attendance of 4 representatives at a Conference to be held at the Shire Hall, Gloucester, on Thursday, the 15th September next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillor Bush, the Town Clerk and one of the Rating and Valuation Officers be appointed to attend this Conference.

S. ROGERS, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th July, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 16th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £72,464 ; Leaving outstanding £48,710.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 16th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1938. Amount collected £15,466 ; Leaving outstanding £9,491.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 19th inst. Present—Aldermen Pruen and Taylor (in the chair), and Councillor Garland

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

4—Housing Act, 1936—The Town Clerk submitted the following applications asking the Corporation to undertake to guarantee the repayment of advances proposed to be made by the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society on a 21 years term in connection with the purchase of the houses mentioned opposite the respective initials of the applicants :—

Mr. J. L. J. ...	92 Brooklyn Road	£665
Mr. B. J. I. ...	House do.	£575
Mr. W. R. ...	do. do.	£575
Mr. A. H. T. ...	do. do.	£575

He submitted reports upon the financial and other circumstances of the applicants, certified copies of the Reports of the Building Society's Surveyors as to the value of the houses, and a Report by the Borough Surveyor upon the construction of the houses. RESOLVED, That the Council undertake to guarantee in pursuance of Section 91 of the Housing Act. 1936, the repayment of the proposed advances to the above applicants such guarantee to be limited in each case to the amount between $66\frac{2}{3}$ and 90 per cent of the value of the house; and the rate of interest to be charged in respect of advances not to exceed $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, subject to the houses being completed to the satisfaction of the Building Society's Surveyor ; and that the Common Seal be affixed to the formal Guarantees to be approved by the Town Clerk.

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5—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk submitted Sanction to loan for £2,670 for the purchase and demolition of properties in Tewkesbury Road, Albion Street and Montpellier Avenue ; the loan to be repayable in term of 60 years.

6—Loans--The Borough Treasurer reported that since last Meeting a further £10,000 had been received from the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society, making a total of £80,000, leaving £70,000 to be borrowed in the next 12 months.

7—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer submitted a statement of the accounts of the Superannuation Fund for the year ended 31st March last. The Fund had now accumulated to £70,303 12s. 5d., the surplus for the past year being £6,057 9s. 3d.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that F. C. Taylor (retired ashman) and H. B Studd (retired sweeper) who were in receipt of pensions of 15s 4d. and 10s 9d. per week respectively, had recently died.

(c) Modified Scheme—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the District Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers asking for an interview with the Committee to enable him to bring to the notice of the Committee the dissatisfaction felt by the employees at the Modified Scheme under the Widows, Orphans and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act 1936, as amended by the Superannuation Act 1937. Their members complained that they had not sufficient time to make their objections, and at a meeting held on the 13th inst., 70 employees (in addition to the 24 Electricity employees, who objected before the last Council meeting) passed a resolution asking the Council to adhere to the original full scheme. RESOLVED, That the Committee recommend the Council to adhere to the Modified Scheme as already approved by the Council

(d) A. J Hodson—The Borough Treasurer reported that A. J. Hodson, Engineer, Sandford Waterworks, had resigned his post to take effect on the 23rd inst. His contributions, without interest, to the Fund amounted to £124 5s 6d., which he was entitled to have refunded to him, but under Section 8 of the Act the Corporation would be liable to pay a transfer value to another local Authority if within six months of his leaving the employ of the Corporation he obtained employment with another local Authority. RESOLVED, That his contributions be refunded to him on the 23rd January next.

8—St. Peter's and St. Paul's Housing Estates—The Borough Treasurer submitted statement as to the position of the Housing Repairs Fund, showing a balance in hand on the 31st March last of £13,686 ; the annual contribution to the fund would as a result of the completion of the contracts on the Whaddon Estate be increased by £950 per annum He recommended that the cost of £1,200 for the new fencing on these Estates, approved at the last meeting of the Council, be charged to the Repairs Fund. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Loan Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported that the actual interest on loans for the last financial year had worked out more favourably than was estimated and had resulted in the following savings, namely :—Rates £264, Waterworks £280, Electricity £576 and Housing £1,048.

10—County Rate—The Borough Treasurer submitted report in regard to the increase of 1 ½ d. in the County Rate Precept for the half year commencing 1st October next. RESOLVED, That a supplementary rate be not made for this increase, but that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to transfer to the Rate Fund the sum of £2,566 from the available balance accrued in respect of the 1924 Act Housing Schemes.

11—Insurances —(a) Library—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Public Library Committee recommended that the insurances on the Library buildings should be increased from £11,765 to £22,000 and on the books and furniture from £3,985 to £15,226. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to effect the increased Insurances.

(b) Winter Garden—RESOLVED, That the Borough be instructed to increase the public liability insurance the in respect of the Winter Garden from £1,000 for any one accident to £5,000.

(c) RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit a full schedule of the Insurances on Corporation buildings.

12—Extension of Borough—The Town Clerk submitted claim received from the Cheltenham Rural District Council amounting to £4,794 9s. 7d in respect of the financial adjustment necessitated as a result of the areas added to the Borough under the County of Gloucester Review Order 1935. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Town Clerk and Borough Treasurer for consideration and report.

13—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk reported that the Winter Garden Committee were recommending the Council to approve of the new Winter Garden Scheme and to make application to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £107,134. RESOLVED, That in view of the financial commitments of the Council for the next two or three years the Winter Garden Committee be recommended to reconsider the scheme to see if some reduction can be made in the cost.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st September, 1938.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 5th day of September, 1938, 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 TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. To consider offer to purchase 66 Kipling Road.
5. To authorise Town Improvement and Spa Committee to advertise for and appoint a Cafe Manageress.
6. 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, 25th July, 1938, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N. Retd., J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grim wade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P., J.P., Miller, Moore, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies-Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Compton and Morris.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly and Special Meetings of the Town Council held on the 4th July, 1938, having been printed and copies 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 :—

Winter Garden Meeting held July 15

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Garland : " That the recommendations of the Committee be referred back and that the Committee confer with the Finance Committee with a view to reducing the capital expenditure involved."

Public Health Meeting held July 5

Except that Nos. 1, 5 and 18 Queen Street and 27 St. James' Street be excluded from Minute No. 3 (c) (ii), and that the Council accept the undertakings given by the owners of those houses and Nos. 10 Burton Street and 50 Worcester Street that the said houses shall not be used for human habitation until the Council are satisfied that they have been rendered fit for human habitation and cancel such undertakings. (An Amendment moved by Councillor Fisher and seconded by Councillor Howell :

" That Minute No. 19 (a) be not approved and that electricity be installed at the two cottages at Hayden Sewage Works at the estimated cost shown in that Minute" was lost).

Resolved, also, in view of the fact that the owner of No. 4 Eaton Place has failed to carry out his undertaking to recondition those premises and has consented to a Demolition Order being made in respect thereof, That a Demolition Order be now made by the Council in pursuance of sub-section (4) of Section II 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.

Resolved, also, That the Building Inspector be included with the other officers mentioned in Minute No. 16.

Housing Meeting held July 15

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by the Deputy Mayor : " That Minute No. 12 be not approved, but that negotiations for the sale of No. 46 Whaddon Avenue be proceeded with."

Street and Highway Meeting held July 12

Except that Messrs. Stevens & Co. be substituted for the Anglo-Dutch Petroleum Co. Ltd. in Minute No. 5 (b).

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held July 18

Town Planning " " 14

Except that Plan No. 4985 be approved under the Byelaws, and that the approval of that Plan under the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order 1933 be subject to the condition that the building shall be set back to the line approved by the Committee.

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Town Improvement, and Spa Meetings held July 8 & 15

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held July 18

Water Meeting held July 7

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held July 7

Resolved, also, That the tenders of The Famous and C. Watts for the provision of

uniform, boots and equipment for the Chief and Deputy Chief Officers of the Fire Brigade and four whole-time Firemen he accepted, as recommended by the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee, the total of the tenders amounting to approximately :—

Chief Officer	£23 16s. 2d.
Deputy Chief Officer	£15 2s. 3d.
Four Firemen	<u>£47 12s. 8d.</u>
	£86 11s. 3d.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Fisher: " That Minute No. 7 in regard to the application of the Y.M.C.A. for permission to print the Borough Arms on their Winter Syllabus be referred back for further consideration" was withdrawn).

Allotments Meeting held July 5

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held July 5

Except that Minute No. 9 in regard to the garden in front of the houses in Lansdown Crescent was ruled out of order on the ground that consideration of this matter was not within the powers or duties of the Committee.

Resolved, also, That the tender of Messrs. S. & J. Parker of £508 10s. 0d. for the provision of a new greenhouse at Sandford Park be accepted subject to contract. Resolved, also, That the Council agree to pay the wages of the Custodians of the School Playgrounds which the Education Committee propose to open for the use of Children during the Summer Holidays.

Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held July 15
Cemetery and Crematorium	Meeting held July 15
Public Library	Meeting held July 15
Rating	Meeting held July 6
Finance	Meeting held July 19

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

J. H. TRYE,
Mayor.

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 25th August, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Barnett and Bendall; and Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. Wiggett (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Plans of New Buildings—The Committee considered the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, namely:-

No. of Plan.	Name,	Description.
3406	Mellersh, Mrs. W. L.	Garage, "Bergholt," Painswick Road.
4944	Hawley & Co., A. E.	Shopfront, 370 High Street (Sketchley Dye Works)
4976	Taylor, Mrs.	Garage, Hartford House, Evesham Road.
4987	Cunningham & Gibaud	24 semi-detached Flats, Elmfield Park Estate.
5002	Rogers & Davies Ltd.	Detached house, Hatherley Court Road,
5003	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Garage, 115 Welland Lodge Road.
5004	Wood, F.	Addition at rear, 2 Byron Road.
5005	Jones, H. S.	New roof at rear, Suffolk Garage.
5006	Stroud Brewery Co. Ltd.	Scullery and sanitary wing, The King's Arms, King Street.
5007	Rogers & Davies Ltd,	Detached house, Hatherley Court Road.
5008	Dean Close School Governors	Garage, "Fortfield," Lansdown Road.
5009	Lockey, H.	Garage, Alstone Lane.
5010	Paragon Laundries Ltd.	New power and boiler house, Paragon Laundry, Hatherley Road
5011	Williams, S.	New store room, rear of Portland Street and Albion Street.
5012	Cavendish House Co	Ladies' lavatory to Café, Cavendish House, Promenade.
5013	J. W. Smart, Ltd.	New shopfront, 411a High Street,
5014	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Garage, 104 Welland Lodge Road.
5015	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Garage, 167 Overbrook Drive
5016	Little, J. J.	Additions, 66 Portland Street.
5017	Gardner, Miss	Bungalow, Whaddon Road.
5018	Western Estates Ltd.	Layout of estate, Arle Road.
5019	Marshall's Ltd.	20 houses and garages, Brooklyn Road
5020	Cheltenham General & Eye Hospital.	New boiler house, Cheltenham Hospital.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3406, 4987, 5002, 5003, 5004, 5005, 5007, 5008, 5009, 5010, 5011, 5013, 5014, 5015, 5017, 5019 and 5020 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 5006, 5012 and 5016 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 5018 be not approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 3406, 4944, 4976, 4987, 5003, 5004, 5006, 5009, 5010, 5011, 5012, 5013, 5014, 5015 and 5016 be approved ; That Plan No. 5005 be approved subject to corrugated asbestos sheets being substituted for corrugated iron ; That Plan No. 5008 be approved subject to the roof being covered with rectangular asbestos slates to match roof of adjacent classrooms ; That Plan No 5017 be approved subject to brown sand faced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No 5019 be approved subject to square heads to arches being used throughout ; That Plan No. 5020 be approved subject to materials being to the satisfaction of the Committee ; That Plan No. 5018 be deferred for further consideration ; That Plans Nos. 5002 and 5007 be not approved.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1385	Currie, T. C.	Detached house, Charlton Park Estate.
1386	Kelson, S. F.	Bungalow near The Dingle, Charlton Hill, Charlton Kings.
1387	Green, P. F.	Detached house, Sandy Lane, Charlton Kings.
1388	Parson, W. F.	Additions, Grove House, Langton Grove Road, Charlton Kings.

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No. of Plan.	Name.	Description
1389	Marsland, G. Gould	Detached house, The Avenue, Charlton Kings.
1390	Brookes, C. S.	Bungalow, Sandy Lane, Charlton Kings.
1391	George, D. Bruce	Alterations and additions, Owl Pen and Roost, The Burgage, Prestbury.
1392	Brown, E. G.	Garage (private), Paunceford, Stockwell Lane, Cleeve Hill,
1393	Wolley, Major H. S. L.	Detached house, Stockwell Lane, Woodmancote.
1394	Breeze, J.	Detached house, Cleeve Hill.
1395	Barratt, Mrs. E. M.	Detached house, Ant's Hill, Witcombe, Near Gloucester.
1396	Bowd, A.	Pair of semi-detached houses and one detached house, Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1397	Nash, J. N.	Garage (private), Lake End, Lake Street, Prestbury.
1398	Giles, Mrs.	Garage (private), Birdlip.
1399	Smith, H. S. Warren	Lean-to shed, Cockbury Butts, Near Winchcomb.
1400	Pleydell, F. W.	Conversion of three cottages into two, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 The Row, Bushcombe Lane, Woodmancote
1401	Ames, Mrs.	Detached house, Bowbridge Lane, Prestbury.
1402	Barnard, J.J.	Alterations and additions, Crickley Hill Farm.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1386, 1387, 1388, 1389, 1394, 1397, 1399, 1400 and 1402 be approved ; That Plan No. 1385 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the

land for the widening of Moorend Road to 40 feet ; That Plans Nos. 1392 and 1398 be approved subject to undertakings being entered into by the respective owners for the removal of the buildings behind the building lines at their own cost and without compensation if at any time they are required to do so for the purposes of the Scheme, and in the case of Plan No. 1392 also to rectangular russet brown asbestos tiles or grey corrugated asbestos sheets being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 1393 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land for the widening of the road to 36 feet if and when required by the Highway Authority ; That Plan No. 1396 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to set back the front fence to the improvement line laid down for Noverton Lane on completion of the buildings and to the rough cast being carried down to the plinth ; That Plan No. 1401 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to dedicate the land 18 feet from the centre of the road for the widening of Bowbridge Lane to 36 feet ; That Plans Nos. 1390, 1391 and 1395 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of Messrs. R. F. Beard, Ltd. for permission to fix a showcase on the side of their premises fronting the Little Promenade. RESOLVED, That the application be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of the 24th inst. from Messrs. Young & Gilling asking if permission would be granted for the erection of a Church Holiday Hostel on land Nod. 541 and 557 on Crickley Hill. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred pending the views of the Authorities concerned.

4—Common Meadow, Kidnappers Lane—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of an Appeal made on behalf of Mrs. Lloyd Evans against the refusal of the Council to grant permission for the development of this field, which had been scheduled as a Public Open Space, and that a Local Inquiry would be held on the 15th September. RESOLVED, That as the Cheltenham Rural District Council and Leckhampton Parish Council do not desire the land for a Recreation ground, the restriction on the land as a Public Open Space be removed from the Scheme, and the land zoned in the same way as the adjoining land, and that the Scheme and Map be amended accordingly.

5—Committee—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Area Committee for National Fitness asking if they could co-opt a member on the Committee in order to acquaint this Committee with any applications received by the Area Committee for grants for the purchase of land for open spaces. RESOLVED, That they be informed that as the scheme is nearly completed and the Draft Map already approved, no purpose would be served by acceding to this request, but that they be invited to inspect the Map to ascertain the land reserved for Recreation Grounds and Playing Fields.

6—Suffolk House Flats—Read, letters from Messrs. L. W. Barnard & Partners in regard to the condition attached to their Plan No. 4927 for the erection of Garages. RESOLVED, That the condition be amended to read as follows. namely :—That the Plan be approved subject to the garages not being let as lock-up garages without the consent of the Town Planning Committee.

7—Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme No. 1—(a) Read, letter of 15th ult. from the Ministry of Health consenting under Article 14 of the Regulations to the use of the Draft Scheme Map as the Scheme Map provided that a separate note is kept of the amendments sufficient to enable the Draft Scheme Map to be reconstructed if necessary. The Minister also extended the period within which the Scheme should be made by the Council to the 31st December next. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration, and that he be authorised to interview the Ministry of Health thereon.

Objections to Draft Scheme—The Borough Surveyor submitted reports of interviews with some of the objectors :—

(b) Open Space along River Chelt—Discussions had taken place with representatives of owners of the land along the River Chelt, between Charlton Drive and Charlton Park, which had been scheduled as a Public Open Space. The Borough Surveyor submitted amended plan showing a modified boundary of the Open Space. RESOLVED, That this plan be submitted to the owners, and if they are not prepared to accept the same and withdraw their objections, the original proposals be adhered to.

(c) Proposed New Road, Old Bath Road to Cirencester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the same objectors to the open space along the River Chelt also objected to the proposed new road between Old Bath Road and Cirencester Road. He submitted a revised plan shewing an amended line for the road in view of the fact that the proposed new road across Messrs. Fuller & Maylam's nursery had now been deleted from the scheme. As the amended line would render the land originally shown for building purposes to be of insufficient depth for building, he suggested that this should be included in the Public Open Space. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and the Scheme and Map amended accordingly.

(d) Proposed Walk, Sandy Lane to Leckhampton Hill—The Borough Surveyor had interviewed Mr. J. Ivelaw-Chapman in regard to his objection to the scheduling of this land. Mr. Ivelaw-Chapman suggested that the land should be reserved for allotments as originally proposed. RESOLVED, That subject to the consent of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council being obtained, the back land be scheduled as allotments as originally proposed, and the Scheme and Map amended accordingly.

(e) Sandywell Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Young & Gilling on behalf of Capt. Colville were prepared to agree to Sandywell Park being scheduled as a private open space if the Council would agree to a lodge being erected at the end of the avenue near Sandywell Lane, if at any time this was found desirable. RESOLVED, That as the proposed site of the lodge is in the Corporation's watershed, the Committee are unable to agree to this.

(f) Balcarras Farm, Charlton Kings—Discussions had taken place with Mr. Shakspeare Shenton and his Agents, regarding the objections made by Mr. Shenton which included objection to the scheduling of land along the River Chelt as an Open Space. RESOLVED, That the Scheme be adhered to and that Mr. Shenton be informed that the question of water supply for cattle would be considered if and when the land was taken by the Local Authority for the Open Space.

(g) Swindon Manor—A discussion had taken place with Messrs. Bayley & Sons on behalf of Mr. T. E Whittaker with regard to the density zoning of the land around Swindon Manor. RESOLVED, That the density zoning be amended to permit of the erection of 8 houses per acre instead of 4.

(h) Cleeve Hill—RESOLVED, also, That in regard to Mr. Whittaker's objection to the zoning of his land fronting the main road and Cleeve Hill, the zoning be amended to permit of the erection of houses of the density of four to the acre instead of two to the acre in view of the fact that the provisions of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act now apply to this land.

8—Southern Bye-Pass—The Committee further considered the application from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green on behalf of the owner of Concord, Old Bath Road, for permission to erect three houses fronting Southern Road on a portion of the garden at the rear of Concord. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider there is not sufficient land to permit of the erection of three houses, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan shewing how the land could be developed and submit this to the applicants.

9—Land, Whaddon Road—With reference to Plan No. 4990 approved at the last Meeting of the Council for the erection of four semi-detached houses on land in Whaddon Road, it was RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to a Deed modifying the covenants on the land that the land should be used for shops only, so as to permit of the erection of these four houses.

10—Conference—Read, letter from the Council for the Preservation of Rural England inviting the attendance of delegates to the National Conference to be held at Chester from the 13th to the 16th October next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend.

11—Summer School—The Borough Surveyor submitted programme of the Town and Country Planning School to be held at Exeter from the 2nd to the 9th September. RESOLVED, That the Town Planning Assistant be authorised to attend.

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12—Plan No. 1403—Development Bafford Farm Estate—Read, letter of 23rd ult., from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale enclosing amended layout plan for the erection of houses on this Estate. The Borough Surveyor also reported interview with them. The previous plan was disapproved by the Council. on the 5th June last on the grounds (1) that the gardens of some of the houses included land reserved as a public open space, (2) public rights of way were shown as obstructed, (3) the alignment of the new road, where it connected with Bafford Lane was unsatisfactory, (4) the two cul-de-sacs had not been continued to the boundary of the Estate to connect up with the future development of adjoining land, and (5) part of the development was on a site reserved for the original Southern By-pass Road.

Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale stated that the amended plan was submitted on the understanding that the public rights of way would be legally disposed of by them and, in regard to the connection with Bafford Lane, they stated it was not possible to make a better alignment with the new road as the land did not belong to their Clients. They asked that the public open space should be reduced as shown on the plan so as to enable the two plots which encroached thereon to be of

reasonable size. They objected to one of the proposed new roads which would form a link with the proposed Southern Development Road being required to be laid out to a width of 60 ft.

RESOLVED :—

(1) That the plan be disapproved.

(2) That with a view to meeting the developers the public open space be reduced as requested and the Scheme and Map amended accordingly.

(3) With regard to the connection with Bafford Lane : That with a view to assisting the developers the small piece of land between the proposed new road and Bafford Lane be reserved in the Scheme for road connection subject to the developers entering into an Agreement to reimburse the Local Authority for any expense incurred by them in reserving or acquiring the land for the road and to their making the road to the satisfaction of the Highway Authority at their own expense when required.

(4) With regard to the width of the road to form part of the Southern Development Road : That the Committee adhere to their requirement that this should be laid out to a width of 60 ft., but with a view to meeting the developers they be informed that this Committee are prepared to agree and also to recommend the Highway Authority to agree to the carriageway being 20 ft. in width instead of 24 ft. as required by the Byelaws made by the Charlton Kings Urban District Council.

(5) That the objection to the development on the portion of the Estate reserved for the Southern Bypass be withdrawn in view of the fact that the Ministry of Transport propose to reserve a new line for this road.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th August, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor Councillors Bush and Ben James, (Councillor Bush in the chair). ;

1—Excusals -The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for excusal of Rates.

H. T. BUSH,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 24th August, 1938. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors E. W. Moore and Ben James (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

2—Bailiff—The Committee further considered the appointment of Bailiff. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give one month's notice to Mr. J. McKnight terminating his appointment as Bailiff on the 29th September, RESOLVED, also, That Mr. Arthur E. Garner, Ex-Police Sergeant, be appointed Bailiff of the Cheltenham Rating Authority as from that date, and that he be paid a retaining

fee of £15 per annum together with a payment amounting to 10 per cent on all amounts personally collected by him, and a fee of 5 per cent on all amounts paid direct to the Rates Office by persons from whom the Bailiff is instructed to collect arrears and has visited ; the fees and expenses of levying distress to be chargeable to the debtors and to be paid by the debtors to the Bailiff ; the Corporation to pay to the Bailiff the sum of 5s for each abortive levy ; the appointment to be terminable by either party by two weeks' notice in writing. RESOLVED, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to a copy of this Resolution.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th August, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; and Councillor Garland (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 27th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £111,831 ; Leaving outstanding £9,343.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1938. Amount collected £21,902 ; Leaving outstanding £3,055.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 30th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Electricity Accounts—The Treasurer submitted statements sheaving former and present electricity consumers who were in arrear with their electricity accounts. He also reported in regard to the staff transferred to his Department from the Electricity Department. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman of this Committee and the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Electricity Committee be appointed to consider the lists of arrears and also as to the staff engaged on the Accounts in the Borough Treasurer's and Electricity Departments.

5—Insurances-- Winter Gardens-The Borough Treasurer reported that as instructed he had increased the Public Liability Insurance in respect of the Winter Garden to £5,000 for one accident or series of accidents arising out of one occurrence.

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6—Housing Revenue Account—The Borough Treasurer reported in regard to the charge made to the Housing Revenue Account in respect of the services of the Town Clerk's, Surveyor's and Treasurer's Departments The present charge for the three Departments amounted to £230. He recommended that this should be increased to £896 10s. 0d. made up as follows:-

Town Clerk's Department	£196 10s. 0d. ...
Borough Treasurer's Department .	£350 0s. 0d.
Borough Surveyor's Department	£350 0s. 0d.

RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Fire Brigades Pensions Acts—The Borough Treasurer submitted report on the Fire Brigades Pensions Acts, which required a separate Pensions Fund to be set up in respect of permanent members of the Brigade. He recommended that a sum equivalent to 5 per cent of the salaries and wages with equal contributions from the officers and men be set aside and a fund accumulated at 3 ½ per cent interest. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Borough Treasurer's Department—The Borough Surveyor recommended that Mr. K Selby, Grade F Accountancy Assistant, in his Department, should be transferred to a higher grade. RESOLVED, That Mr. Selby be promoted to Grade G at a commencing salary of £225 per annum.

9—Superannuation Act—(a) Read, letter from Mr. A. Ricketts, who retired last year, asking if the decision of the Council to pay 80ths in respect of non-contributory service could be retrospective so as to enable his superannuation to be calculated at the increased rate. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 1735 of the 25th inst. from the Ministry of Health enclosing Drafts of the Local Government Superannuation (Transfer Value ; Additional Contributory Payment ; Sum in lieu of Transfer Value ; Reckoning of Service on Transfer and Mental Hospital, etc. Employment) Regulations, 1938. (c) Read, circular of 23rd inst., from the Women's Public Health Officers' Association in regard to the retirement of nurses, midwives and health visitors at the age of 55 or 60 years as permitted by the Act. RESOLVED, That the Circular be reconsidered if and when any of the nurses, midwives, or health visitors of the Corporation give notice under Section 16 that she desires to retire at the age of 55 or 60 as required by Section 16 of the Act.

10—Alstone Playing Field--Read, letter of 19th inst., from the Education Secretary asking the Council to make application for consent to loan of £1,166 for the provision of a new Pavilion for the Playing Field at Alstone ; the provision of which had been approved by the Board of Education for the purposes of a 50 per cent grant. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £1,166 for the cost of the Pavilion.

11—Housing Act, 1936—The Town Clerk submitted the following applications asking the Corporation to undertake to guarantee the repayment of advances proposed to be made by the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society on a 23 years' term in respect of the first mentioned application and a 21 years' term in respect of the other four applications, in connection with the purchase of houses mentioned opposite the respective initials of the applicants:—

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. ...	New house, Brooklyn Road	£750
Mr. J. C. H. ...	New house, Brooklyn Road	£575.
Mr. C. J. S. ...	New house, Brooklyn Road	£575.
Mr. W. S. B. ...	New house, Brooklyn Road	£575.
Mr. C. E. M.	New house, Brooklyn Road	£575.

He submitted reports upon the financial and other circumstances of the applicants, and a Report by the Borough Surveyor upon the construction of the houses. RESOLVED, That the Council undertake to guarantee in pursuance of Section 91 of the Housing Act, 1936, the repayment of the proposed advances to the above applicants, such guarantee to be limited in each case to the amount between 66 2/3 and 90 per cent of the value of the house ; and the rate of interest to be charged in respect of

advances not to exceed 4 ½ per cent, subject to the houses being completed to the satisfaction of the Building Society's Surveyor ; and that the Common Seal be affixed to the formal Guarantees to be approved by the Town Clerk.

12—Audit Stamp Duty—The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 1733 of the 25th inst., enclosing an Order fixing a revised basis in respect of which stamp duty is to be charged in connection with the audit of accounts by District Auditors.

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

Date, 1938.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
19th August	Purchase of Nos. 7, 7a and 8 to 12 Winchcomb Street.	£2,601	60 years.
24th "	Construction of Roads and Sewers, Whaddon Farm Estate.	£1,100	30 years.
24th "	Construction of Roads and Sewers, Whaddon Farm Estate.	£758	20 years.

P. P. TAYLOR.

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th September, 1938.

Sir,

You, are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 3rd day of October, 1938, 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 JOINT MEETING OF THE FINANCE & WINTER GARDEN COMMITTEES ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. To appoint a Representative Trustee of Delancey Hospital to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Mrs. McAldowie.

5. To appoint a Representative Trustee of Stansbys Charity to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Mr. W. Turner Long.

6. To authorise the General Purposes Committee to appoint a Food Control Committee if necessity arises.

7. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c. Fours 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 September, 1938, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N. Retd., J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bettridge, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Moore, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Moore and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Green, Lipson and Morris.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 25th July, 1938, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read. and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Town Planning Meeting held August 25

Except Minute No. 7 (d) in regard to proposed walk, Sandy Lane to Leckhampton which be referred back for further consideration by the Committee.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Rogers and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 7 (b) in regard to the Open Space along the River Chelt be referred back " was withdrawn).

Rating Meetings held August 4 & 24

Finance Meeting held August 30

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

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

3-66 Kipling Road—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Nottingham to purchase No. 66 Kipling Road at the price of £540 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.

4—Cafe Manageress— Resolved, That the Town Improvement Committee be authorised to advertise for applications for the appointment of Cafe Manageress, applicants to state salary required, to manage the catering at the Town Hall during the Winter Season and at the Swimming Pool during the Summer. Resolved, also, That the Committee be authorised to appoint a suitable applicant.

J. H. TRYE, Mayor.

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MINUTE'S of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 3rd October, 1938.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th September, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Garland, Rev, de Courcy Ireland, Ben James, E. W. Moore, and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at 54 Waterloo Street and 17 Albion Parade—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to these houses are satisfied that the said houses are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that they are capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 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— 5-10 and 16-19 Denmark Villas ; 1-13 St. Anne's Terrace and Cottage at rear; 1-3 St. Anne's Cottages—Read, Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises were in such a condition as to be prejudicial to health and a nuisance. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to examine the drains and apply any test other than a test by water under pressure, and, if necessary, to open the ground.

3—Notices not complied with—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted list of Notices arising from defective walls, floors, drains, etc , served but not complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

4—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation--(a) Basements of 17 Imperial Square and 6 Suffolk Square— The Committee further considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the basements of these premises. It was reported that no further progress had been made with the work required to render the basement of 17 Imperial Square fit for human habitation and that no offer had been made

in respect of the basement of 6 Suffolk Square. 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 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 stores, kitchens, sculleries, washhouses or other domestic offices.

(b) 13 Witcombe Place ; 25, 26 and 27 Exmouth Street—The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. 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) 60 Duke Street ; 15 Sidney Street ; 1-3 Clare Cottages, Clare Place; Springfield Cottage, Brandon 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 their Undertakings be cancelled.

(d) The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses :—

(i) 8 Sidney Street and 17 All Saints' Road—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the Owners to carry out the works required to render these houses fit for human habitation, and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit, be accepted.

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(ii) 15, 20 and 21 Queen Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the Owner that these houses shall not be used for human habitation until the Council are satisfied that they have been rendered fit for human habitation, and cancel such Undertakings, be accepted.

(iii) 18 Prestbury Road—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson reporting completion of the work of reconditioning this house in accordance with the Specification prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector. RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for one month for a report to be made by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(iv) 16-19 Waterloo Street—It was reported that satisfactory progress was being made with the work of reconditioning these houses. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for another month.

(v) 4 Sun Street—It was reported that specifications of the work required to render these houses fit for human habitation had been issued to the Owners, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(vi) 22 and 23 Queen Street—Read, letter of 5th ult, from the Owner inviting the Corporation to make an offer to purchase these houses. RESOLVED, That this suggestion be referred to the Housing Committee and that consideration of the question of making Demolition Orders be adjourned in the meantime.

(vii) 1 and 2 Lower Park Street—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Owner of these houses, stating that he was prepared to recondition them in accordance with the specification prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Owner to sign the usual form of Undertaking.

(viii) Brickyard Cottage, Folly Lane—Mr. Troughton attended on behalf of the Owner of this house and asked for a further adjournment. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months, and that the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to furnish the Owner with a Summary of the principal work required to render the house fit for human habitation.

(ix) 14 15 and 16 Hereford Place—It was reported that these houses were being sold to a Purchaser who was prepared to recondition them. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(x) 50 Worcester Street—It was reported that the Owner of this house had carried out the work required to render the premises fit for human habitation in accordance with the specification prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector, and no further action was required.

(e) 49 and 50 Sun Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted three tenders for demolishing these houses in default of compliance by the Owner with the Sun Street (No. 1) Clearance Order, 1936 RESOLVED, That the tender of Mark Williams & Co. Ltd., amounting to £15 10s. 0d. (being the lowest), be accepted.

5—Slum Clearance Area-117-124 Tewkesbury Road—The Committee upon consideration of an official representation submitted by the Medical Officer of Health were satisfied as respects the area comprising the houses and premises of the Corporation known as Nos. 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123 and 124 Tewkesbury Road:-

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

(b) that the most satisfactory method of dealing with the conditions in the area is the demolition of all buildings in the area, and the Committee were also satisfied :

(c) that, in so far as suitable accommodation available for persons of the working classes who will be displaced by the clearance of the area does not already exist, the Council can provide, or secure the provision of such accommodation in advance of the displacements which will from time to time

become necessary as the demolition of buildings in the area, or in different parts thereof, proceeds, and (d) that the resources of the Council are sufficient for the purpose of carrying the resolution hereinafter contained into effect.

It was therefore RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended in pursuance of Section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936, to declare the said area which has been defined on a map and thereon coloured pink, to be a clearance area, that is to say, an area to be cleared of all buildings in accordance with the provisions of the said Act. RESOLVED, also, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for the demolition of the buildings in the said area

6—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness—3 Clare Cottages, Clare Place ; Springfield Cottage, Brandon Place ; 8 Fairview Street ; 18 and 22 Columbia Street ; 62 Duke 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 10 years

7—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 ½ lbs. Beef ; 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs. Pork ; 1 qr. 9 lbs. Mutton , 2 qrs. 14 ½ lbs. Fish ; 3 qrs. ½ lb. Poultry.

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8—Shops Act, 1934—(a) 2 Cambray—The Committee further considered the question of granting a Certificate exempting these premises from the provisions of Section 10 (2) of the Shops Act, 1934, which requires the provision of suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences. RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for one month for the Chief Sanitary Inspector to report on the progress with the provision of sanitary conveniences for the female staff.

(b) 168 Bath Road—Read, letter of 15th July last from George J. Mason Ltd. reporting arrangements for the provision of additional sanitary conveniences at these premises. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to report on the progress with this work next month.

9—Offensive Trade—Fish Fryer—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, That consent be given under Section 107 of the Public Health Act, 1936, to the trade of fish frying being carried on by Mr. Collins at his shop in Whaddon Road until the 31st December, 1939.

10—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936— The Medical Officer of Health reported the results of phosphatase tests on pasteurised milk produced in the Borough, which were satisfactory.

11—St. Mark's Tip—The Medical Officer of Health reported a complaint by Councillor P. T. Smith of nuisance from flies at the Corporation tip at St. Mark's. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

12—Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, That Nurse Foote be paid the sum of 5s for assisting at this Clinic.

13—Wyman's Brook—Read, reports of the Borough Surveyor and Chief Sanitary Inspector of investigations made as the result of complaints received of pollution of this brook, from which it

appeared that sewage matter was being discharged from an old culvert. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor and Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to make further investigations to discover the source of the pollution.

14—Public Conveniences—(a) Clarence Parade—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Custodian for the conveniences in Clarence Parade had requested the provision of private sanitary accommodation for the use of himself and his family RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and estimates for the provision of such accommodation.

(b) Leckhampton Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for the erection of public conveniences in conjunction with a Bus Shelter on Corporation land at the foot of Leckhampton Hill at an estimated cost of £465. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Traction Co. be asked if they would be prepared to make a contribution towards the cost of providing the Shelter.

15—Moorend Sewer—The Borough Surveyor submitted a further letter from Mark Williams & Co. Ltd. with regard to their claim for extras in connection with the laying of this sewer. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Mayor and the members of the Flooding Sub-Committee be appointed to consider this claim.

16—Chelt Main Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had had an interview at the Ministry of Health to settle certain engineering details in connection with this scheme. The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Ministry of Health asking the Council to submit a revised estimate based on a provisionally accepted tender. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders for carrying out the work and that the Flooding Sub-Committee be authorised to open and consider these tenders. RESOLVED, also, That the Ministry of Health be urged to sanction a loan period of 40 years for this scheme.

17—Hayden Knoll Cottages—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham Rural District Council had made Demolition Orders in respect of these cottages. RESOLVED, That Alderman Leigh James and Pruen be asked to investigate the possibility of rehousing the tenants in new cottages erected by the Corporation.

18—Health Department—The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Health had approved of the increase of Mr. C. W. Clifford's salary to £300 per annum.

19—Waste Land between Mead Road and Railway—RESOLVED, That consideration of the nuisance caused by the deposit of refuse on this land be further adjourned for one month.

20—Rosehurst, Sandford Park—The Town Clerk submitted Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter's account, amounting to £5 5s. 0d. for acting on behalf of the Corporation in negotiations for settlement of Mr. Whiting's claim for compensation against the Corporation for the laying of a storm water overflow through his land. RESOLVED, That this account be passed for payment.

21—Smallpox—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter and Memorandum on Smallpox received from the Ministry of Health. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for consideration.

22—Course of Lectures—Read, circular letter from the University of Bristol reporting arrangements for a Course of Lectures on "Sampling and Testing of Milk " on the 19th and 20th October, RESOLVED, That one of the District Sanitary Inspectors be authorised to attend.

23—Conferences—(a) Read, circular letter from the National Council for Mental Hygiene inviting the attendance of delegates at a Mental Health Conference to be held at Westminster from the 12th to the 14th January next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed

(b) Read, circular letter from the Association of Municipal Corporations calling attention to a Health Conference to be held at Glasgow on the 20th inst. RESOLVED, That representatives be not appointed to attend this Conference.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th September, 1938 Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Rev de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson and Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair)

1—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made by Mr. C Sansom. Of the 162 houses 119 had been completed and 8 more would be completed this week He also reported that all the 236 houses included in Messrs. Edwards' contract had been completed.

(b) Scheme F—The Borough Surveyor reported that tenders for the 32 houses, including 8 maisonettes, would be received on the 30th inst. RESOLVED, That a meeting of the Committee be held on that date to accept a tender, The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had sanctioned the loan for the construction of the road and sewers, and the Borough Surveyor was proceeding with the construction of the contractor's road. The Borough Surveyor also submitted detailed specification for the houses. RESOLVED, That this be approved, as now settled by the Committee.

(c) Read, letter of 24th ult from the Cheltenham District Traction Company suggesting that a footpath should be provided leading from Clyde Crescent to Priors Road, which would provide a much shorter route to the omnibus terminus for tenants on the northern portion of the Estate. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan and estimate of the cost of providing this

2—St. Peter's and St. Paul's Housing Estates—The Borough Surveyor reported that in connection with the new fencing to the gardens on these Estates he had obtained tenders for the posts and wire fencing, and the Chairman had accepted the most favourable tenders, namely that of Messrs. Tarmac Ltd. for the posts and Messrs. Penfold Fencing Ltd. for the fencing. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be now instructed to advertise for tenders for the erection of brick-built sheds on this Estate.

4—Ribstone Cottage, Swindon Road—The Borough Surveyor reported on his inspection of this land offered for sale by Mr. Dutton He also reported that if the adjoining land belonging to " Ashcroft " was purchased it would enable Cobham Road to be continued through to Swindon Road and provide

sufficient depth on either side of the road, when continued, to enable the road to be economically developed. He reported that the owners of " Ashcroft " wished to retain the house, lawn and land with a depth of about 180 feet from Swindon Road. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to negotiate terms for the purchase of both properties, and that the owners be informed that the Council will be prepared to consider letting them the house and a portion of the land until such time as this is actually required for the erection of houses.

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5—Housing Manager—(a) The monthly report of the Housing Manager was submitted.

(b) The Housing Manager thanked the Committee for the leave of absence granted to her, and expressed her appreciation of the manner in which Miss Rushbrooke had carried out her duties during her absence. RESOLVED, That the Committee desire to record their appreciation of Miss Rushbrooke's services during Miss Hort's absence.

6—Reconditioning-22 and 23 Queen Street—Read, letter from Mr. W. Seward offering these properties for sale. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Sanitary Inspector be asked to report thereon.

7—Community Centres—Read, circular from the National Council of Social Service, inviting the attendance of delegates to a Regional Conference on Community Centres to be held at Taunton on the 8th October. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

8—National Housing and Town Planning Council—Read, circular inviting the attendance of delegates to the National Housing and Town Planning Conference to be held at Harrogate from the 25th to 28th November. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

9-1 Windrush Road—Read, application from the tenant of this house for permission to erect double gates in the front fence to enable him to take a motor cycle combination into the garden. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

10—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Selection of Tenants' Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 22nd July, 5th and 19th August and 9th September.

(a) The Sub-Committee had interviewed 66 applicants for houses, granted 55, refused 7 and adjourned 4. The Sub-Committee had also dealt with 20 applications from tenants for transfers.

(b) They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(i) Rent Rebates—That the rents fixed and rebates granted as set out in the Rent Rebates Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

(ii) 24 Wyman's Road—That the application of the tenant of this house for permission to substitute an electric boiler for the gas boiler be granted.

(iii) St. Mark's Estate—Crowing Cockerels—That, having considered complaints of the nuisance caused by crowing cockerels on this Estate, in future new tenants be prohibited from keeping crowing

cockerels, and that the Housing Manager be instructed to give existing tenants three months' notice to discontinue keeping crowing cockerels.

(iv) 27 Hudson Street—That, having received complaints of neighbouring tenants and the Caretaker in regard to the behaviour of the tenant of this house, he be given notice to quit and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for possession of the premises.

(v) Daffodil Terrace Clearance Order—That the tenants of 2, 3 and 4 Daffodil Terrace having intimated that they do not desire to move into Council houses, the Town Clerk be instructed to give them notice to vacate the premises in accordance with the Clearance Order.

(vi) Moors Estate—That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to remove the hedge in front of the inner road adjoining Yarnold Terrace, and replace this with a suitable fence. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

11—View Sub-Committee—Read, report of the meeting of the View Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 29th July last. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) That the outbuildings and sheds be approved, as now reported.

(b) 7 Kingsley Gardens—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect a trellis fence with metal posts at the bottom of the garden of this house subject to the tenant undertaking the maintenance and painting of the fence.

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

17—Arrears—RESOLVED, That arrears of rent amounting to £7 14s. 10d. set out in the book now signed by the Chairman be written off as irrecoverable.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th September, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Till (The Mayor 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—Private Estate Development—The Borough Surveyor submitted a standard specification for the construction of roads and sewers to be taken over by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Winchcomb Street Improvement—(a) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 9th ult. from the Divisional Road Engineer of the Ministry of Transport, stating that he had no observations to offer on the proposal to widen Winchcomb Street to 50 feet.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan of £2,601 for the purchase of Nos, 7-12 Winchcomb Street.

4—Pittville Street—Read, letter of 12th ult. from Mrs. Brinkworth, the tenant of this shop, asking for permission to remove the counter and two sets of shelves on the termination of her tenancy on the 29th inst. if the compensation payable to her by the Corporation under her Tenancy Agreement was reduced from £54 1s. 0d. to £50 1s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

5—Leckhampton Road—Read, letter of 9th ult. from Mrs. A. J. Wootton on behalf of the Equine Defence League, asking the Corporation to provide a bucket secured by a chain and padlock to the Cattle Drinking Trough near the Norwood Arms. RESOLVED, That this request be not agreed to.

6—Annual Tenders—Sandpaper and Twine—Read, letter of 17th ult. from Sharpe & Fisher Ltd, applying for increases in their contract prices for the supply of Sandpaper and Twine to the Corporation owing to errors in their quotations. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

7—Junction of Pittville Circus Road and Hewlett Road—Read, letter of 8th ult. from Miss E. A. Hughes, applying for a traffic direction sign to be placed at this junction. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

8—Passage from Whaddon Road to Pittville Circus Road—Read, letter of 2nd ult. from Mr. C. J. Sawyer, asking the Corporation to construct a road for the relief of traffic in place of this passage. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

9—Tewkesbury Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that, as required by the Town Planning Committee, Messrs. Gibbard & Co. had agreed to give up the land required for widening Tewkesbury Road near their proposed Chocolate Factory in consideration of the Corporation agreeing to contribute £88 towards the cost of building a wall along their new boundary. It was estimated that the total cost of the improvement would be £228, including the contribution mentioned above, and the County Council had agreed to pay the difference between the total cost and the grant made by the Ministry of Transport. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant towards the cost of the improvement.

10—Trunk Road No. 10—(a) Westal Green—The Borough Surveyor reported that the final lay-out of the traffic roundabout had been provisionally approved by the Divisional Road Engineer, and that he had been asked to prepare detailed plans and estimates for constructing a permanent roundabout.

(b) R.A.C. Signs—The Borough Surveyor submitted revised Schedule of Direction Signs prepared by the R.A.C. after consideration of observations which he had previously submitted to them, RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to consider and approve the revised Schedule.

11—Unauthorised Traffic Signs—The Town Clerk submitted Circular No 518 (Roads) from the Ministry of Transport asking for a statement giving particulars of the number and type of any unauthorised traffic signs erected since 1st January, 1934, and what steps have been, or will be, taken for the removal of unauthorised signs and their replacement, if necessary, by standard signs. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be authorised to furnish the required particulars.

12—Ashman—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. Jenkins, Ashman, would attain the age of 65 years on the 23rd November next. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes Committee be recommended to extend his services for another twelve months.

13—Borough Surveyor's Department—(a) Senior Engineering Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Mr L. F. Bretherton for a grant towards his removal expenses to Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That he be granted the sum of £5.

(b) Junior Architectural Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Mr. C. J. Such for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased from £180 to £200 per annum.

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14—Suffolk Square—The Borough Surveyor reported an application for a seat to be placed on the footpath at the North West corner of Suffolk Square. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

15—Jersey Avenue—The Surveyor reported an application by one of the owners of properties in this road for the road to be taken over by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That notices be given of intention to take over the road as repairable by Corporation.

16—Refuse Vehicles-- The Committee opened tenders from nine firms for the supply of refuse vehicles. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration, and that the Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee be authorised to accept the most favourable tender.

17—Norwood Road Improvement—(a) 217 Bath Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had completed the purchase of this property. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to put it in the hands of Agents with a view to letting the premises until required for road improvement.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan of £1,331 for the purchase of 1 to 3 Gothic Cottages and Hay Barn, Norwood Road, 217 Bath Road, and the purchase and demolition of 21 St. Philip's Street.

(c) The Committee opened tenders from ten firms for the demolition of 1 to 3 Gothic Cottages and Hay Barn, Norwood Road. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report.

18—Loan for Road Improvements--The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan of £2,670 for the purchase and demolition of 100, 137-139, and 143 Tewkesbury Road, and 5 and 6 Montpellier Avenue, and the purchase of 14 and 15 Albion Street.

19—High Street Unilateral Waiting Order—Read, letter of 8th ult, from Mr. C. E. NV. Binney suggesting that this Order should be amended so as to require cycles to be parked on the opposite side to other vehicles. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

20-20 Albion Street—Read, letter of 11th ult. from the District Valuer, reporting that he considered the price at which the owner had offered this property to the Corporation, viz. £500 (to include compensation for disturbance and loss of business), was reasonable. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted subject to the Contract for sale being approved by the Town Clerk, and to the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan for the purchase and demolition of the property being obtained, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan for the purchase and demolition of the property.

21—" Halt " Signs—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Transport had approved the erection of " Halt " Signs in Suffolk Parade and Great Norwood Street near their junction with Suffolk Road, and in Suffolk Square near its junction with Suffolk Parade.

22—St. Paul's Road—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Surveyors of the Great Western Railway, agreeing to give up the land required for improvement of this road near the Railway Bridge, subject to the Corporation paying the sum of £5 compensation and agreeing to erect an unclimbable iron fence along the new boundary. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

23—Jersey Street Improvement—(a) The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the demolition of 33 Sherborne Street and 2 Jersey Street had been satisfactorily carried out by Mark Williams & Co. Ltd. RESOLVED, That their account, amounting to £19 10s. 0d., be passed for payment.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that he had completed the purchase of 10 Jersey Street. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to invite tenders for demolishing this property and that consideration of the question of carrying out the improvement of Jersey Street between Sherborne Street and Columbia Street be adjourned for view.

24—Brooklyn Road—(a) The Town Clerk reported an offer by Mr. W. H. Horsley, on behalf of Messrs. Pye Bros., to purchase for £417 a piece of land on the West side of Brooklyn Road having a frontage of 118 feet adjoining the footpath immediately opposite Alstone Lane Messrs. Pye Bros. proposed to use part of the land for the construction of a 42 ft. road to give access to their land at the rear, and they were prepared to enter into a covenant not to build houses on the land of less value than £475 each (exclusive of the value of the land), and they also agreed to the reservation by the Corporation of a strip of land 12 feet wide for the erection of an electricity sub-station to replace the existing sub-station on the land, which would have to be moved. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to Contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health. RESOLVED, also, That the Electricity and Lighting Committee be asked to remove the existing sub-station and re-erect it off the strip of land reserved for that purpose, on the understanding that this Committee will pay the cost of removal less £25 for the value of the land.

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(b) Read, letter of 5th inst. from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons, on behalf of Messrs. Goddard & Hunt, offering to purchase land having a frontage of 168 feet on the East side of Brooklyn Road at £3 15s. 0d. per foot frontage for the erection of houses of not less value than 050 each (exclusive of the value of the land). RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to Contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health.

(c) Read, letter of 8th inst. from Messrs G. H. Bayley & Sons, on behalf of Marshalls (Charlton Kings) Ltd., offering to purchase land having a frontage of 280 feet on the West side of Brooklyn Road at £3 15s. 0d. per foot frontage for the erection of houses of not less value than £475 each (exclusive of the value of the land). RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted.

(d) Read, letter of 27th ult from Marshalls (Charlton Kings) Ltd., asking the Corporation to lay pipes for carrying the water of the brook past the land recently purchased by them from the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this request be not agreed to.

25—Wages of Tarsprayers—Read, letter of 14th July last from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, applying for payment of an extra 6d per day to men working at or near tar spraying machines. It was reported that these employees were already being paid additional wages in accordance with the Scale adopted by the Joint Industrial Council. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

26—Gloucester Road—Read, letter of 14th July last from Mr. J. Williams, suggesting that a pedestrian crossing should be provided in this road near its junction with St. George's Road RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view

27—Tewkesbury Road—RESOLVED, That consideration of Councillor Compton's letter, complaining of the unsightliness of demolished properties in this road, be further adjourned for view.

28—Passage near Parish Church Junior Schools—Read, letter of 31st ult. from the Correspondent of the Parish Church Junior Schools, asking the Council to put up a notice forbidding cycling along this passage. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view

29—Former Refuse Tip, Sandy Lane—The Town Clerk reported an application to graze this land free of charge for six months and afterwards at a rent to be arranged RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

30—Bridle Path, Tewkesbury Road to Arle Road—The Town Clerk reported that the owner of the land had now agreed to certain alterations being made to the fence erected by him which would remove the obstruction of this bridleway and that the Cheltenham Rural District Council had approved of this arrangement RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this alteration carried out

31—Private Improvement Works—Passage between Montpellier Walk and Montpellier Street—The Town Clerk submitted letters from the adjoining owners, objecting to the notices requiring them to make up this passage. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to report on these objections.

32—Tewkesbury Road Railway Bridge—The Town Clerk submitted Agreement for reconstruction of this bridge between the London Midland & Scottish Railway Co., the County Council and the Corporation, under which the work would be carried out by the Railway Company at the expense of the Corporation, but any expenditure incurred by the Corporation after deduction of the grant made by the Ministry of Transport would be refunded by the County Council. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal of the Corporation be affixed to this Agreement.

33—Park Place Traffic Lights—Read, letter of 25th ult from Lt. -Col. H. Jarrett-Kerr, complaining that the situation of the Garage and Petrol Pump near these traffic lights was dangerous for traffic. RESOLVED, That no action be taken

34--Junction of Norwood Road and Grafton Road—Read, letter of 12th ult. from Mr. G. E. Waghorne, suggesting the provision of "Halt Signs" at this junction. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

35—Junction of St. Paul's Road and St. Paul's Lane—Read, letter of 26th July last from the Principal of St. Paul's College agreeing to give up a triangular piece of land having a frontage of 15 feet to each of

the above roads, on the understanding that the Corporation would set back the wall to the new boundary. The Borough Surveyor reported that the work had already been put in hand.

36—Andover Road—The Town Clerk reported that the advertisement hoarding on the wall of 4 Tivoli Place had been removed at the request of the Council.

37—Junction of St. George's Road, Bayshill Road, and St. George's Place—Read, letter of 23rd July last from the Rev. W. S. Herbert Wylie, suggesting the provision of "Halt Signs" at this junction RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

38—Sandford Road—Read, letter of 19th July last from the Bursar of the Boys' College, asking the Council to place wire litter baskets near the seats in this road RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

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39-1 and 2 Spa Place—Read, letter of 29th July last from Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson, on behalf of Mrs. H. G. Harrison, offering this property for sale to the Corporation for £1,800. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted.

40—Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 29th ult. from Mr. A. E. Butler, complaining of a tree outside the White Horse Inn. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

41—High Street—The Town Clerk reported that two Unilateral Parking Signs in this street had been damaged by a vehicle belonging to Messrs. Burrows & Burnard, of High Wycombe. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the signs, estimated at £2 3s. 3d.

42—Gloucester Road—The Town Clerk reported that a lime tree in this road had been knocked down by a vehicle driven by Mr. George Groves, of Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the tree, estimated at £3 3s. 8d.

43-12 North Place—Read, letter of 27th July last from Mr. J. Smith, asking for permission to remove the counter and fittings from these premises, which he had recently sold to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That permission be granted.

44—Projecting Signs—(a) Read, letter from The Cinescope Publicity Co. Ltd, applying for permission to erect illuminated signs at nine premises belonging to the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd., namely : York Hotel and Swan Hotel, High Street ; New Inn, Hewlett Road ; Suffolk Arms, Suffolk Road ; Golden Cross, Tewkesbury Road ; Hop Pole Inn, Market Street ; New Inn, Gloucester Road ; Swindon Inn, Swindon Road ; and Turk's Head, Fairview Street. RESOLVED, That permission be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) 110 High Street—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Signcrafts, applying for permission to use Neon gas, burning either an "off red" or a "brilliant pink" colour, for the sign to be erected by them at 110 High Street. RESOLVED, That they be required to use a colour which could not be confused with traffic signs.

(c) Read, letter of 12th ult. from "Cheltax," applying for permission to erect a Neon sign at 335 High Street. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(d) Read, letter of 14th inst. from Messrs. F. H. Bastin & Son, applying for permission to erect a Neon sign at Messrs. Waghorne & Evans' Garage, Shurdington Road. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

45—Little Promenade—The Town Clerk reported an application by Cheltenham Shopfitting Co. Ltd. for permission to erect a photographer's show case along the side wall of the premises of R. F. Beard Ltd. in Little Promenade. RESOLVED, That permission be granted subject to the owner undertaking to remove the frame when required by the Corporation.

46—Cleeve View Road—The Town Clerk reported an application by the Post Office Superintending Engineer, Cardiff, for permission to erect an overhead telegraph line along the East side of this road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the conditions suggested by the Borough Surveyor.

47—High Street—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Post Office District Manager, Gloucester, applying for permission to erect a telephone kiosk on the pavement near the Belle Vue Hotel, High Street. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 20th September, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Till (The Mayor in the chair).

48—Air Raid Precautions—The Committee inspected certain buildings at the Central Depot and Leckhampton Depot, which the Air Raid Precautions Authority desired to convert for use as Decontamination Centres. RESOLVED, That the plans submitted by Mr. F. R. Jefford, Chief Decontamination Officer, be approved.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd September, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall and E. W . Moore ; Col. Godman ; Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and J. Walker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair)

1—Plans of New Buildings—The Committee considered the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, namely :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4959	Stinchcombe, E. T.	Two detached houses, Albert Road.
5021	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Amended layout for 8 houses, Cakebridge Road, Cleeve Mount Estate.
5022	Godwin, W. L.	Garage, Overbrook Drive.
5023	Henderson, H. J. D.	Garage, 72 Milton Road.
5024	Pates, W.	Two detached houses, Tivoli Road.
5025	Knight, C E.	Cycle Shed, 34 St. George's Drive.
5026	Black & White Motorways, Ltd.	Wash shed, St. Margaret's Road.
5027	Bowd, A	Garage, 6 and 8 Fairview Street
5028	Cheltenham Estates Ltd.	6 semi-detached houses, Naunton Way
5029	Goddard & Hunt	Two garages, Brooklyn Road.
5030	Price, H	Cycle shed, Alstone Lane.
5031	Cruickshank, A. S.	Three garages, Langholme, Hatherley Road
5032	Wintle, G. E.	Bathroom, 53 Selkirk Street.
5033	Sumner, L. H.	Garage, 19 Merriville Road.
5034	Newman, J FE	Rebuilding of sheds, rear of 13 Langdon Road.
5035	Pye, Bros.	Two houses, Brooklyn Road
5036	Wheeler & Mansell	14 houses, The Grove Estate.

Decisions under Byelaws-- RESOLVED, That Plans Nos, 5021, 5022, 5023, 5024, 5025, 5026, 5028, 5029, 5030, 5031, 5033, 5035 and 5036 be approved ; That Plan No. 5032 be approved subject to sanitary arrangements being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 5027 and 5034 be not approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5021, 5022, 5023, 5025, 5026, 5029, 5030. 5033 and 5036 be approved ; That Plan No. 5028 be approved subject to the omission of the imitation half-timbered work ; That Plan No. 5031 be approved subject to the garages being used only by the tenants occupying the flats and are not let as lock-up garages ; That Plan No 5032 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; That Plans Nos 4959, 5024, 5027, 5034 and 5035 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.
1404	Duke, Mrs. L. S	Garage and greenhouse, Fidra, Greenhills Road, Chariton Kings
1405	Mitchell, A.	Alterations and additions, Greenway Farm, Greenway Lane, Charlton Kings
1406	George, D. Bruce	Alterations and additions, Owl Pen and Roost, The Burgage, Prestbury
1407	Levett, R. W.	Greenhouse, Firsbrake, Leckhampton Hill.
1408	Brookes, C. S.	Bungalow, Sandy Lane, Charlton Kings.
1409	Tomkins, J.	Detached house, Brookside, Cheltenham Road, Bishop's Cleeve.
1410	Pye, Bros.	Preliminary Plan for development of about 40 acres of land behind Brooklyn Road.

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RESOLVED, That Plan No. 1407 be approved ; That Plan No 1404 be approved subject to rectangular tiles to harmonise with the tiles on the existing buildings being used on the roof of the garage; That Plan No. 1405 be approved subject to the owner entering into an Undertaking to remove the new out-buildings behind the building line without compensation if at any time he is required to do so for the purposes of the Scheme ; That Plan No. 1408 be approved subject to (1) three light windows being substituted for the two light windows in the front of the building, (2) to brown or grey sand faced tiles being used on the roof and (3) bonnet hip tiles being substituted for ridge tiles ; That Plan No. 1409 be approved subject to consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act and to the owner entering into an Undertaking to dedicate the land between the existing hedge and the improvement line prescribed by the County Council for the widening of the road if and when required by the Highway Authority ; That consideration of Plan No. 1410 be deferred in order to ascertain how the proposed development will fit in with the development of adjoining properties ; That Plan No. 1406 be not approved.

3—Town Planning Scheme—(a) Advertisements—The Committee further considered letters from Messrs. Hall, Brydon & Chapman and memorandum setting out the views of the Master Signmakers Association in regard to the clause which it was suggested should be included in the Scheme in lieu of the model clause for the regulation of advertisements. The Borough Surveyor reported that the effect of the proposed clause would be to give free access to all signs, advertisements projecting over footpaths and would be detrimental to the town. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to the model clause of the Ministry.

(b) Allotments—The Borough Surveyor reported an interview with the Assistant Land Commissioners of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in regard to the scheduling of land for allotments.

(i) Marsh Lane—If it was desired to widen the road shown in the Scheme, which would utilise approximately three quarters of an acre of the allotments, it was necessary to make formal application for appropriation of the land for the road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application for the approval of the appropriation of the land required for the road.

(ii) Alma Road—The Ministry required that the whole of these allotments should be shown as existing public allotments and that the frontages should not be scheduled in the Scheme as building land as proposed. RESOLVED, That the whole of the land be scheduled as allotments as required by the Ministry and that the map be amended accordingly.

(iii) Charlton Kings—The Ministry required that the Allotments now scheduled for the extension of the cemetery should be scheduled as existing public allotments. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that the Scheme and map be amended accordingly.

4—Undercliffe Drive—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson on behalf of Miss Moore of Undercliffe Terrace complaining that the bungalows in course of erection in Undercliffe Drive were not being erected in the positions shown on the Plan approved by the Committee, Members of the Rural District Council stated that the buildings were being erected in accordance with the positions shown on the deposited Plan but that the Plan did not show correctly the positions of existing houses. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson be informed that the Committee are satisfied that the buildings are being erected in the positions approved.

5—Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935—The Town Clerk submitted Notice received from the County Council that the Ministry of Transport had approved the Resolution of the County Council applying Section 2 (2) of this Act to the roads specified in the Notice, being unclassified roads in the County. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the map and found that only four of the lengths of unclassified roads in the Town Planning area had been included. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to discuss with the County Surveyor the desirability of applying the Act to the many unclassified roads in the Town Planning Area, not included in the Notice.

6—Plan No. 4972—Read, letter of 21st inst. from Aircraft Components Ltd. asking the Committee to approve of the use of Insulight Glass Masonry in connection with the construction of their drawing office. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Bendall inspected a sample section of wall built with this material and it was RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the sill level being raised to the level of the drawing tables.

7—Montpellier Rotunda—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had confirmed the Order made by the Council for the preservation of the Montpellier Rotunda (including the portion owned and occupied by Lloyds Bank Ltd.) and No. 10 Montpellier Street under Section 17 of the Town Planning Act.

(b) Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Gloucestershire Branch of the C.P.R.E. conveying their appreciation of the steps taken by the Corporation to secure the preservation of the Rotunda.

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8—Sunday Work—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed he had obtained the names of the firms whom the Cheltenham and District Trades Council complained of working on Sundays, and had written to the four firms concerned, lie now submitted letters from the firms that they were quite agreeable to comply with the request of the Council and had given instructions that no work should take place on Sundays.

9—St. George's Road—Read, two letters complaining that an automatic cigarette machine had been erected in the railings of the Portmore Hotel, fronting St. George's Road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owner pointing out that the erection of this machine in a residential area is contrary to the provisions of the Town Planning Scheme and asking for the machine to be removed.

10—Priors Estate—With reference to Plan 1349 approved by the Committee at their Meeting on the 30th May last, RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to a deed for the modification of the Covenants contained in the Conveyance of the land in Priors Road so as to permit of the erection of a pair of houses on either side of the frontage of Whaddon Road near its junction with Priors Road.

11—Plan No. 1396—Read, letter of 21st inst. from Mr. A. Bowd that he was willing to surrender the necessary land for the widening of Noverton Lane provided that the widening of the road was carried out forthwith and that a suitable fence was erected to the improvement line. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the County Council.

12—Common Meadow, Leckhampton—The Town Clerk submitted letters from Bruton, Knowles & Co. objecting to this land being temporarily restricted from building. The Borough Surveyor reported that the land at the back had now been scheduled the same as the front land, namely, 8 houses to the acre subject to the issue of a General Development Order under Section 15 of the Act. RESOLVED, That in view of the fact that there are no public services available at the present time and that the provision of the necessary services would be premature or likely to involve unnecessary expenditure of public money, the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to accede to the application.

13—Summer School, Exeter—The Town Planning Assistant reported that he had attended the Summer School held at Exeter when included amongst the papers was a paper read by Mr. R. L. Moon, Clerk to the County Council, dealing with the place of Planning in Local Government,

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th September, 1938. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Lipson, Rogers and Smith (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Catering Manageress—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the applications received for this appointment and had selected five applicants for interview by the Committee. Two of the applicants had since intimated they were unable to attend. The following attended:—

Miss M. Goodchild Sheffield.

Miss B. Hulatt New Barnet.

Miss D. Leeming Cheltenham.

RESOLVED, That Miss B. Hulatt be appointed Catering Manageress for the Town Hall and Winter Garden at a salary of £234 per annum, the appointment to commence on the 3rd October and to be determinable by either party by one month's notice in writing.

2—Montpellier Baths—(a) Medical Baths—The Report of the Superintendent for the months of July and August were submitted.

(b) Swimming Bath—RESOLVED, That this bath be closed on the 8th October, so as to be ready for use as a gymnasium on the 17th October.

3—Alstone Baths—(a) The Committee considered the date of closing these baths. RESOLVED, That the Large bath be kept open for so long as the Chairman considers this is justified, having regard to the attendances; also, that the small bath be kept open as long as required by the Education Committee.

(b) Chimney—The Borough Surveyor submitted report from Messrs. V. G. Morris Ltd. of their examination of the chimney stack. They recommended that the rusted iron cramps holding the coping stones should be with copper cramps also that stout iron bands be fitted around the outside of the coping, and that the brickwork of the top thirty feet of the chimney be pointed. They were prepared to undertake this work for the sum of £46. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Morris. Ltd. be instructed to carry out the work in accordance with their offer.

4—Town Hall—Refreshment Room—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders for new linoleum for the floc:- and alternative tenders for laying down oak parquet flooring. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next year's estimates are prepared, and that meanwhile the Borough Surveyor be instructed to patch the worn places of the existing linoleum.

5—Sandford Swimming Pool—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Area Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers asking that all their members at the pool should be paid overtime rates as other employees; also that the overtime rates should be paid to the employees for the overtime worked during the two weeks ended the 27th July last pending the putting into operation of the 48 hour week in view of the fact that other employees of the Corporation are paid overtime rates. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

6—Meteorological Station—The Town Clerk submitted report from the Meteorological Office of the inspection of the Meteorological Station when the various instruments were examined and approved.

7—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meetings held the 26th July, 9th and 30th August, and 13th September.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Montpellier Pavilion—That Mr. Roy Cowl's application for interior decoration and painting be not granted, but that he be allowed a rebate of five weeks' rent subject to his carrying out the work required by him.

(b) Winter Garden—That the free use of the Theatre be granted to the Musical Festival Committee for dramatic competitions at next year's Festival, subject to this being available.

(c) Town Hall—That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted to the Musical Festival Committee on a date to be arranged, for a Presentation to Mr. Sumsion.

(d) Mineral Waters—That the application for reduction in the charge for delivery of mineral waters to houses in the Borough be not granted, and that the Committee adhere to the charge now made, namely, double the ordinary charge for the water.

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(e) Sunday Concerts—That Mr. Arthur Cole's tender for provision of an Orchestra of 14 performers for the Sunday evening concerts amounting to £14 5s. 0d. per Sunday be accepted, subject to contract ; that the concerts commence on the 9th October and terminate on the 16th April, 1939 ; and that the charges for admission be 1s 6d (reserved), 1s (including the balcony) and 6d.

(f) Town Hall—That the large hall be let to Sound Services Ltd. for one week in March for an Exhibition at a rent of £60, subject to the hall being cleared in time for the Saturday evening dance.

(g) Gift—That the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mrs. Nicholas for her gift of a gilded jardinière seat for the Town Hall.

(h) Latter Day Saints—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to let the Pillar Room and Drawing Room to the Latter Day Saints on the morning, afternoon and evening of Sunday, 20th November next at the scale charges

(i) Screens—That the tender of the New Street Shop Fitting Co. of £22 10s. 0d. for covering with ply wood, eight screens at the Town Hall, be accepted.

(j) Bar Refreshments—That the tender of Georges Ltd for the right to provide the bar refreshments at Municipal dances etc. during the winter season be accepted as follows :—Messrs. Georges to pay £90 in respect of the first £600 receipts and 15 per cent on the receipts over £600, plus 2 ½ per cent on receipts of £45 and over on any individual occasion.

(k) Winter Garden—That in view of the bad state of repair of the roof of the central transept, and the nuisance caused by pigeons and other birds, the indoor tennis court be not let this winter.

(l) Montpellier Gardens—That the application made for reduced rate for the hire of the hard tennis courts at these gardens for the winter season be not granted in view of the fact that season tickets at 10s 6d. are now issued.

(m) Winter Programme—That the tender of Messrs J. J. Gillham & Sons for printing the weekly Winter Programme of music at 35s per week be accepted.

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

8—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Meeting of the Baths Sub-Committee held on the 16th August. They reported that in view of the inclement weather on the occasion of the Gala at the Swimming Pool on the 11th August, they arranged another Gala on the 29th August with the Cheltenham Swimming Club, the Club paying half the cost and taking half the receipts, as on the previous occasion. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Pittville Gardens—Read, letter of 10th ult., from the West of England Ladies' Kennel Society applying for the use of the Gardens and Pump Room for their Annual Show to be held on the 3rd May, 1939. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Pump Room and the portion of the Gardens north of the Lake be granted as last year.

10—British Health Resorts Association—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Dr. R. Fortescue Fox in regard to information required for next year's handbook of the Association, which the Town Clerk reported he was supplying. Dr. Fox stated that he had recently visited Cheltenham after many years ; he was greatly attracted by Cheltenham, which in his opinion was one of the most beautiful health resorts in this or any other country, and he had a very high opinion of its possibilities as a health resort both in summer and winter months.

11—Part Time Employees—Read, letter of 14th July from the Area Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers asking that all female or other part time workers be given six days holiday a year after one year's service, and three days after six months' service. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd September, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben James, Lipson and Waite ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

12—Floral Fete—Mr. E. Baring attended on behalf of the Floral Fete Committee and asked for the free use of Montpellier Gardens for the Floral Fete to be held on either the 21st and 22nd June or 28th and 29th June next year. 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.

13—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted applications from the Area Secretary, National Union of General and Municipal Workers for Mrs. Cripps, female attendant in the Swimming Bath to be paid at the rate of 8 ¼ d. an hour for 44 hour week, and for the youth, R. Lane, to be paid overtime rates RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to, but that the wages of the female attendant

be increased from 25s a week to 30s per week and that the wages of the youth be increased from 20s a week to 23s per week.

14—St. George's Square Bowling Green—The Committee further considered the application from the Spa Bowling Club for the re-laying of the green. The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had carefully examined the green. He found the foundation of the green to be in good condition. He thought it might be possible to save the green, and recommended that he be authorised to treat the green with Poult peat, scarify and plug it and then in the early spring to dress it with loam and sand and seed it with bowling green mixture, at a total estimated cost of £59. He further recommended that the Corporation should in future take over the maintenance of the green, which he estimated would cost £120 per annum. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Gardens Superintendent be adopted and that he be authorised to carry out the work recommended. RESOLVED, also, That the green be let to the Spa Bowling Club for next season at an increased rent of £50, subject to the Club handing over to the Corporation their electric mower and roller. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a larger notice board on the front railings giving particulars of the charges made for use of the green by the public

15—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted for A.R.P. lectures in the afternoons, when available.

16—St. Peter's Recreation Ground—Mr. F. R. Jefford attended and asked for permission to use the dressing room of the bathing pools in this ground for the purpose of a decontamination depot, and he submitted plan showing the alterations which would be necessary to adapt this for the purpose. The alterations would not interfere with the use of the building as a dressing room. RESOLVED, That permission be granted.

17—Montpellier Baths—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club that on the 12th October, the County Rugby team were playing the North Midlands County team at the Athletic Ground, and applying for the use of the washing baths at these baths for the two County teams. The Club would provide towels and soap and transport to and from the ground for teams, RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

18—Cheltenham Bulb and Spring Flower Show—Read, letter of 23rd inst. from Miss Edith Clarence applying for the free use of the 'Winter Garden South Transept for this Show in the week commencing 12th March next. Hitherto the Show had been held in Highbury Schools, but the Show was now too large to be accommodated in this building. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to promise the use of the Winter Garden for a date so far ahead, but that Miss Clarence be offered the free use of the Pittville Pump Room

19—Winter Garden—Repertory Theatre—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Miss Maureen Anderson of the Blake-Anderson Productions, Theatre Royal, Bath, applying for the tenancy of the Repertory Theatre for the ensuing season. RESOLVED, That the building be let to Miss Anderson on the terms now approved by the Committee and agreed to by Miss Anderson, subject to a satisfactory Report being made by the Borough Surveyor on the building and roof. NOTE.—The Borough Surveyor has since examined the roof and he estimates that the cost of stripping, cleaning and glazing the portion of the roof over the Theatre, to put it in a satisfactory condition for letting at £300, and that the time

required for carrying out this work would be from 2 to 3 months Miss Anderson has therefore been informed that the building cannot be let to her

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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JOINT MEETING OF FINANCE AND WINTER GARDEN COMMITTEES.

At a Joint Meeting of the Finance and Winter Garden Committees held on Friday, 16th September, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Pates, Preen, Taylor and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Garland, Grimwade, Howell, Lipson and Smith ; and Mr. Ross Logan (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Town Hall Extension Scheme—RESOLVED,—That the Council be recommended to postpone consideration of the Winter Garden Scheme for the present until the International situation is cleared,

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th September, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James and Taylor; Councillors Addis, Howell, Ben James and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Supply to Rural Areas—Dixton Manor—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the owner of Dixton Manor had withdrawn his application for a supply of electricity from Cheltenham.

2—Stores—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, that £250 be written off the value of the old stock at the disused Electricity Works.

3—Telephone Installations—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, that telephones be installed at the house of Mr. Ball, Public Lighting Assistant, and at the Meter Testing Station.

4—Air Raid Precautions—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application by Mr. F. R. Jefford, the Chief Decontamination Officer, for permission to convert part of the old Electricity Works for use as a Decontamination Centre in case of emergency. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 3rd ult. from the Electricity Commission with regard to the preparation of Air Raid Precautions Schemes for Electricity Supply Undertakings. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration.

5—Brooklyn Road Sub-station—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Street and Highway Committee had asked that the Sub-station in this road should be moved to another position in order to facilitate the development of the frontage land. The Street and Highway Committee were prepared

to pay the cost of removal, estimated at between £60 and £70, less £25, being the estimated value of the site to be reserved for the new Sub-station. RESOLVED, That this arrangement be approved.

6—Cirencester Road Kiosk—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it was desirable to erect a Kiosk near the road leading from Cirencester Road to the Charlton Kings Railway Station and that the Great Western Railway Co. had offered to sell a suitable site for £25. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

7—Suffolk Flats—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application for the Corporation to remove to another position a lamp post in the lane at the rear of the Suffolk Flats which was preventing access to one of the Garage entrances. RESOLVED, That the application be granted, subject to the owners paying the cost of removal estimated at £2 6s. 1d.

8—Transformers and Switch Gear—The Town Clerk reported that the Electricity Commissioners had sanctioned a loan of £2,958 for the purchase of Transformers and Switch gear

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9—Public Lighting—(a) High Street—Read, letter of 7th inst., from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce complaining of the lighting of High Street between Hales Road and Hewlett Road and also of the entry from Bath Street into Cambray. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred for the present.

(b) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted schemes for the lighting of new roads and the improvement of lighting in existing roads in various parts of the town. RESOLVED, That in view of the present international situation consideration of these schemes be deferred for the present.

10—Gas Examiner—The Committee considered five applications for the appointment as Gas Examiner RESOLVED, That Mr. J. G. Cleator be appointed Gas Examiner at a salary of £50 per annum upon the conditions previously communicated to him, and that application be made to the County Council and the Charlton Kings Urban District Council for payment of a proportion of his salary.

11—Electricity Supply (Meters) Act, 1936—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the approval of the Electricity Commissioners of the apparatus proposed to be used at the Meter Testing Station in Cheltenham

12—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests, made on the 25th and 29th July, 4th, 8th, 11th, 15th, 18th, 21st and 25th ult., and 6th and 8th inst. which showed the calorific values on those dates as 456.0, 476.5, 474.2, 476.1, 477.7, 471.9, 467.2, 467.3, 470.4, 481.6 and 470.7 B.Th.U. per cubic foot respectively, and the pressure as 9.0, 8.8, 9.0, 8.6, 8.7, 8.5, 8.8, 8.6, 8.6, 8.7 and 8.6 inches of water respectively.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th September, 1938. Present—Councillors Avery, Barnett and Moore (Councillor Barnett 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 July, 1938.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	73,000 gallons	131,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	203,000 “	344,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	13,000	24,000
	289,000	499,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 58,798,000 gallons.

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st August, 1938.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	65,000 gallons	117,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	235,000	220,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	8,000	22,000
	308,000	359,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 53,963,000 gallons.

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the months of July and August.

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

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4—Freshwater Biological Association—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application of this Association for a subscription be adjourned, and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to ask the Association for a list of authorities now subscribing.

5—Wells—The Borough Engineer reported on his inspection of the well belonging to the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until he has been able to report on the well at Thirlestaine Hall.

6—Supply, to Cheltenham Original Brewery—The Borough Engineer reported as to the amount of water taken by the Brewery Company from Hewletts No. 1 Reservoir. He had arranged with the Company to take a supply from the ordinary town mains for all purposes except brewing at the usual

charge of 1s 6d per thousand gallons. The Company had also agreed to bear the cost of the necessary connections to the mains, estimated at £12, and the alterations to the pipe lines inside the brewery. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer's action be approved

7—Churchdown to Hewletts Main—The Borough Engineer reported the progress made with the laying of this main, 6 miles had now been laid, of which miles had been tested. The length between Six Ways and Leckhampton Road had been brought into use so as to enable water to be pumped from Sandford Well to Leckhampton

8—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Borough Engineer submitted report dated 28th July last from Dr. E. W. Suckling, on his inspection of Dowdeswell Waterworks, and analyses of water, and also as to the methods for treatment of the water, The sample of final water, as taken from the clear water tank, i.e. after treatment from the rapid filters and slow sand filters showed the water to be of very good quality, The water was clear and bright, of normal colour and free from iron and other metals ; was not unduly hard in character ; was of satisfactory organic quality and of a high degree of bacterial purity, and in his opinion was a pure and wholesome water, suitable for the purposes of public supply. He did not consider chlorination as essential but recommended this as an additional safeguard. the method of chlorination, he recommended the retention of the slow sand filters. The most desirable for applying chlorination was at a point where the slow sand filtered water entered the clear water tanks. The Borough Engineer estimated the cost of connecting the individual fresh water tanks and converting them into a contact tank and providing the necessary chlorination plant at £752.

RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work put in hand and that the cost thereof be charged to revenue.

9—Tewkesbury Waterworks—(a) The Borough Engineer submitted application from the Pumping Station Superintendent for an increase in his present salary of £195 per annum. RESOLVED, That he be given the maximum salary of his Grade, namely £215.

(b) Sand—The Borough Engineer reported that the tender of Mr. H. Walkley of Tewkesbury of £40 for the sand in the old sand filters had been accepted, and in addition his offer of £10 had been accepted for as much of the small gravel as could be removed up to the 1st September. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) The Borough Engineer reported that the Vulcan Boiler and General Insurance Co. had asked for certain works to be carried out to the large and small air receivers to ensure their safety. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have the necessary work carried out.

10—Sandford Waterworks—The Borough Engineer reported the arrangements made for the staffing of these works consequent on the resignation of the mechanic and storekeeper. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

11—Leckhampton Reservoir—The Borough Engineer reported that the depth of water in these reservoirs was now only five feet and recently only four feet. By using a portion of the new Churchdown to Hewletts Trunk Main he was now able, for the first time, to pump water from Sandford Well to the Leckhampton Reservoir, and also to transfer water more regularly from Hewletts to Leckhampton, but if this supply was not sufficient to keep up with the demand he recommended that the supply from this reservoir should be shut off during the night hours. RESOLVED, That, if

necessary, the Borough Engineer be authorised to shut off the supply from Leckhampton Reservoir between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., but that before doing so he be instructed to notify the individual consumers who would be affected thereby.

12—Rights of Way Act 1932—Read, letter from the Prestbury Parish Council that the Council had prepared a plan under the above Act, which included the two public footpaths on a portion of Lower Hewletts Farm in the parish of Prestbury.

13—Castle Barn Farm—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. H. M. Clutterbuck of Dowdeswell Manor had complained of the nuisance caused by a portion of Castle Barn Farm being used for a motor cycle trial by a London Motor Cycle Club. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant informing him that he must not allow his farm to be used for this purpose without the consent of the Committee

H. O. BARNETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th September, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett and Pruen ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson 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—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of A. G. Dartnell for the transfer of his licence to Hackney Carriage Registered No. BNW 993 be granted.

(b) Read, circular of 2nd ult, from the A.M.C. that a Departmental Committee had been appointed to review the local provisions applying to hackney carriages licensed to ply for hire and private hire vehicles, and enclosing questionnaire in regard thereto. One of the questions asked was "Did the Corporation consider that private hire vehicles should be made subject to the provisions of the Town's Police Clauses Act or the whole of the Byelaws except those relating to fares." RESOLVED, That the Committee consider that private hire vehicles should be made subject to the whole of the Byelaws except those relating to fares.

3—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 application of Road Deliveries Ltd. for a licence to store 1,000 gallons of petrol in an underground tank at their depot in Windsor Street be granted.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. T. C. Phillips for the transfer of the licence issued to Shakspeare Shenton in respect of Granley Road Filling Station be granted.

4—Fire Brigade—(a) The Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended a fire at Greenwode Leigh, Up Hatherley.

(b) Report of Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 18th and 25th July, 18th August and 6th September. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(i) Deputy Chief Officer—Having considered the applications received for the appointment of Deputy Chief Officer, the Sub-Committee had appointed Mr. R. J. Cox of the Birmingham Fire Brigade on the terms approved by the Council.

(ii) Whole-time Firemen—Having considered the applications received for the appointment of Whole-time Firemen, the Sub-Committee had appointed Messrs. J. R. Brooking, A. E. P. Clifford, G. Pike and D. G. Miller on the terms advertised.

(iii) Pending the proposed alteration and enlargement of the Fire Station the Sub-Committee had taken a tenancy of a flat at 14 Royal Crescent at a rent of £1 per week as a residence for the Deputy Chief Officer.

(iv) Helmets—Having considered the report of the Chief Officer that it was undesirable for the men to wear brass helmets when attending fires in view of the possibility of coming into contact with electric wires, the tender of James Hendry Ltd. for the supply of 20 leather helmets at a cost of £2 15s. 0d. each be accepted.

(v) Tools—That the Chief Officer be authorised to purchase tools at a cost of not exceeding £25 to enable him to fit up a workshop for the maintenance of the engine and equipment.

(vi) Retained Brigade—That the Chief Officer be authorised to dismiss any members of the retained brigade for insubordination or lack of discipline etc. at any time, and also to engage further men to maintain the Retained Brigade at its full strength.

(vii) Alarms—That, having considered the report of the Chief Officer as to the provision of a Fire Alarm System for the Borough, he be instructed to submit schemes, together with preliminary estimates.

(viii) That the Council be recommended to make an annual subscription of £1 10s. 0d. per annum to the National Fire Brigades Association, and also that the Council adopt the scale of charges of the Association for attendance at fires.

(ix) Whole-time Men—That when a member of the whole-time brigade is called to a fire during the time he is on leave he be paid the same rate of pay as paid to the retained men during attendance at fires.

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

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(c) New Engine—The Sub-Committee reported that six tenders were received for the supply of a new Fire Engine with 60 feet escape. The Chief Officer recommended the purchase of a 700/1000 G.P.M. Leyland Engine with limousine type body, together with 60 feet steel escape mounted thereon. For the reasons mentioned in his report he recommended that the engine should be purchased direct from the manufacturers, RESOLVED, That the tender of Leyland Motors Ltd. for the supply and

delivery of a Leyland Fire Engine of 700/1,000 G.P.M. capacity with limousine type body for the sum of £1898, plus the sum of £315 for a Merryweather steel escape mounted thereon be accepted subject to contract and to sanction to loan being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £2,213 for the cost thereof.

(d) Retained Brigade—The Chief Officer submitted report on the members of the Retained Brigade. He recommended that the services of the following members who were 50 years of age and over should be discontinued :—

	Age.	Service.
Lt. J. Pike	61	41 years.
Lt. F. Boite	57	23 "
Eng. Lt. W. T. James	57 ..	38 "
Driver S. F. James	55	29 "
Fireman F Broom	57	26 "
Sub-Lt. W. Longley	55	21 "
Sub-Lt. E. Ursell	50	26 "
Fireman W. James	53	23 "
Fireman W Dodwell	50	19 "

RESOLVED, That the services of the above members be discontinued (with the exception of Fireman W. Dodwell) and that in lieu of notice they be paid one quarter's retaining fee of £1 in addition to the proportion of the fee up to the date of discharge. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the men and express the Council's appreciation of the services rendered by them.

RESOLVED, also, on the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, That Fireman W. Dodwell, who had completed over 19 years' service, be retained until he has completed 20 years' service to enable him to obtain his 20 years' service medal RESOLVED, also, That the Chief Officer be authorised to promote Driver-Fireman W. James and Driver-Fireman W Fennell to the rank of Sub-Officers, and that the retaining fees of both these men be increased to £8 per annum.

(e) Equipment—The Sub-Committee reported that 15 tenders had been received for the following equipment :-2,000 feet of 2 ½ in. canvas hose complete with 30 pairs of couplings, 2 hook ladders, 2 safety belts (Hook ladder), 2 "Salvus" Sets (Breathing apparatus), 2 100-foot life lines, 2 50-foot hauling line, 1 Jumping Sheet (10 feet square approx.), 2 Ceiling hooks (Preventors), 100 feet of rods complete for chimney fires, 1 Hose repair outfit (Steineriger), 2 Electric Hand lamps, 4 scaling ladders and 1 50-foot length of 1 inch rubber hose. RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to accept a suitable tender or tenders.

5—Auxiliary Fire Brigade--(a) The Town Clerk reported that tenders had been invited for the supply of 150 sets of uniform and equipment for members of the Auxiliary Fire Brigade. RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to accept a tender or tenders.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted circular from the Home Office, enclosing forms asking for estimates to be submitted of the amount of expenditure incurred or to be incurred for Air Raid Fire Precautions for the half year ending 30th inst. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to submit the estimate.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted circular of 24th ult. from the Home Office that a special buttonhole badge was being issued for distribution to persons who volunteer for Auxiliary Fire service duty, and satisfactorily complete the training.

6—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Public Health Committee, That the services of W. Townsend (Disinfecter Inspector) be continued until the 31st March next.

(b) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Rating Committee, That the services of Mr. E. D. Ricketts, Rating and Valuation Officer, be extended for one year up to the 6th October, 1939.

(c) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That the services of W. Jenkins (Ashman) be continued for one year up to the 23rd November, 1939.

7—Car Parks—Read, letter of 1st ult., from Mr. R. Winterburn of Twentieth Century Enterprises, offering to supply motor car park tickets free of cost to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

8—Minutes— Read , letter of 6th ult. from Industrial Daily News asking to be supplied with a copy of the monthly minutes to enable them to extract news items likely to be of interest to various trades. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

9—Film From the Manger to the Cross"—The Committee further considered the application of Dawn Trust Ltd. for permission to show this film in Cheltenham, together with report thereon from Sir Herbert Cuming, the Local Film Censor. Sir Herbert Coming did not consider that the atmosphere of Cinemas was suitable for a sacred film of this type. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

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10—Athletic Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that the lowest tender received for the provision of new dressing room on the site of the existing room was that of Mr. J. T. Surman, amounting to £730. The Borough Surveyor reported that the specification provided for the front portion of the building comprising the dressing rooms to be constructed of timber and the rear portion comprising the showers, baths and lavatories to be constructed of brick and concrete, with a concrete roof. If the portion of the roof to be constructed of concrete was omitted and a wooden roof substituted the tender would be reduced to £657 15s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the concrete roof be omitted, and that the tender of Mr. Surman amounting to £657 15s. 0d. be accepted subject to contract and to sanction to loan being obtained ; also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £658 for the cost of the building ; also, That application be made to the Area Committee for National Fitness for a grant towards the cost ; also, That when the building is completed the rent of the Rugby Football Club be increased by £20 per annum.

11—Pawnbroker's Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Harry Higgins for the renewal of his Pawnbroker's Licence for the years ended 9th November, 1938 and 9th November, 1939, be granted

12—Factories Act—Read, letter from Cheltenham Newspapers Ltd. asking for a certificate under the Act that sufficient means of escape are available in case of fire at their premises in Clarence Parade.

RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report thereon with a view to the certificate being issued

13—Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services—Read, circular of 12th inst. from the Lord Mayor of Bristol inviting the attendance of not more than three representatives to a Conference to be held at Bristol on the 17th October for the purpose of discussing the formation of a Provincial Joint Council for the Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services of Local Authorities in Gloucestershire, Somersetshire and Wiltshire. RESOLVED, That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk be appointed to attend.

14—Numbering of Houses—The Committee considered applications for the numbering of houses in Larput Place, Alstone Lane and cul-de-sac off Merrivale Road, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the houses numbered.

15—Traffic Commissioners—Read, circular from the Ministry of Transport, asking the Council to nominate a person for appointment to the panel of persons from whom two Traffic Commissioners would be appointed. RESOLVED, That the Mayor be nominated to the panel.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th September, 1938. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Carter, Stokes 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 tenanted allotments were in an untidy state of cultivation :—Nos. 57 Asquith Road, 24 Alma Road, 11 Gapper's Field, 8, 10, 80 and 82 Marle Hill House Estate. RESOLVED, That the tenants of the three first named allotments be given notice to quit, with an intimation that the notice will be withdrawn if the allotments are put in a satisfactory state of cultivation before the expiration of the notice. RESOLVED, also, That the Visitors be asked to inspect and report on the untidy allotments at Marle Hill House Estate. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the gate at Asquith Road allotments repaired.

2—Marle Hill House Estate Allotments—It was reported that the tenants of several allotments were keeping tumbler pigeons on their allotments, which were causing considerable damage to other tenants' crops. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give them notice to quit.

3—Hatherley Road Allotments—(a) The Town Clerk submitted application from Mr. H. G. Haywood of 147 Hatherley Road to rent No. 42, which adjoined the rear of his garden, at a nominal rent. The Gardens Superintendent reported that there were several pine trees on the allotment, and it was not therefore suitable for cultivation. RESOLVED, That the owners of 147 and 149 Hatherley Road be each offered the tenancy of half the allotment at a rent of 5s per annum, but that if the owner of No 149 does not desire to rent half of the allotment, the whole be offered to the owner of No. 147 at a rent of 10s per annum.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted application from the tenant of No. 39 to rent No. 5, which was subject to flooding by the brook, and therefore unsuitable for cultivation, for the purpose of keeping fowls, and offering to pay a nominal rent for the allotment. RESOLVED, That the allotment be let to him at a rent of 5s per annum.

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4—Rent Rebates—(a) RESOLVED, That the tenants of Nos. 14 and 15 Hatherley Road and 37 Alma Road be granted the allotments rent free up to the 25th March next in view of the bad state of the ground at the commencement of their tenancies.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted offers to take Nos. 104 Asquith Road, 20 Marle Hill House Estate and 66 Crabtree Piece provided these were let rent free up to the 25th March next in the case of the two first named allotments, and the 25th December next in the case of the last named, RESOLVED, That the allotments be let on these terms.

5—Crabtree Piece Allotments—Councillor Addis reported that one of the roads on these allotments was in bad condition, and also that lorries delivering manure etc. to the allotments had difficulty in getting through the entrance gates leading to the allotments from Folly Lane, with the result that the fence was being damaged. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the road repaired, and also to report as to the widening of the entrance from Folly Lane.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th September, 1938, Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Whaddon Farm Estate Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the layout of this ground. The iron railings had now been erected and he recommended that these should be painted with green bituminous paint at a cost of about £80, which would be covered by the loan for the layout of the ground. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor and Gardens Superintendent reported the progress made with the layout of this ground, which they anticipated would be ready for opening in April next

3—King George's Field, Brooklyn Road—(a) Read, letters from the Hon. Secretary of the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association suggesting that definite areas should be allocated for cricket pitches, and that the areas allocated for football pitches should be reduced so as to allow the reservation for cricket pitches. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider that this is unnecessary and that it should be left to the discretion of the Corporation to allocate the ground for the respective games to the best advantage, unhampered by any restriction as to the pitches, and that the Town Clerk's letter in reply be approved.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted tender from Messrs. Baylis, Jones & Baylis to provide and fix unclimbable iron railings along the side of the entrance to this ground adjoining the houses built by Mr. Maddox, a length of 60 yards, at the price of £1 8s. 3d. per yard. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted.

4—Byelaws—(a) The Town Clerk submitted Draft Byelaws in respect of Montpellier Gardens, Pittville Gardens, Clarence Square, Wellington Square, Pittville Crescent and Marle Hill Annexe, together with the Ministry of Health's observations and amendments thereto RESOLVED, That these be approved as now settled, and submitted again to the Ministry of Health for approval.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to make a Byelaw repealing Byelaw No 30 of the Byelaws in respect of Whaddon Road, Aug-Gardner, Naunton Park and Sandford Park Recreation Grounds and Byelaw No 29 of the Byelaws in respect of St. Mark's Recreation Ground, prohibiting the holding of public meetings in these grounds, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for confirmation thereof

5—Physical Training and Recreation Act, 1937—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Area Committee for National Fitness for a grant towards the cost of the acquisition of Whaddon Farm Recreation Ground and also towards the cost of buildings and equipment for this ground, and for the buildings and equipment of Hatherley Court Recreation Ground, Brooklyn Road and Tewkesbury Road Playing Fields.

6—Tewkesbury Road Playing Field—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from Mr. E. H. Wynn asking if the Corporation would be prepared to sell him a plot of this land fronting the Old Gloucester Road for the erection of a house RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee will be prepared to consider an offer for the purchase of a plot of land in the south-eastern corner of the ground, which would not be required for football or cricket pitches.

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7—Prosecution of Boys—Read, letter of 12th July last from Superintendent Hopkins that the two boys who damaged the tree in Pilley Lane Recreation Ground and the five boys who set fire to a manure heap in Marle Hill Annexe had appeared before the Juvenile Court, when they were discharged with a severe caution.

8—Sandford Park—Read, letter from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland offering Nos. 30-40 Bath Road and No 8 Bath Parade, adjoining Sandford Park, for £8,000. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

9—Pittville Gardens—(a) Aviaries—(i) The Gardens Superintendent reported the gift of two canaries by Mr. Morgan of Newport. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

(ii) Read, further letters from Mrs. Cottam and Mrs. Griffiths-Jones complaining of the nuisance caused by the pigeons and peacocks. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

(b) The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from the Cheltenham Girl Guides Association for free admission to Pittville Gardens on the 17th inst. to carry out their competitions on the lawn in front of the Pump Room. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

10—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—Read, letter from Messrs. Young & Gilling, offering for sale Westbourne House abutting on to this ground. RESOLVED, That the purchase of the property be not entertained.

11—Boating—Read, letter of 13th July last from Dr. K. V. Pringle, complaining of the position of the sign erected at Pittville Gates directing to the boating at Pittville, which he stated directed the public to the gate of his house. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to inspect the sign, and alter its position if he considers this necessary.

12—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraph Department for permission to erect one pole and stay in the south-eastern corner of this ground be granted subject to payment of an annual acknowledgment of 2s per annum, and to the exact position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

13—Gift of Plants—The Gardens Superintendent reported the gift of a number of Iris plants by Major General Bowle-Evans. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

14—Football Pitches—(a) The Gardens Superintendent reported that the removal of the hedge in the temporary Playing Field at Brooklyn Road was nearly completed, and he suggested that the ladies' hockey pitch should now be transferred to the St. Mark's Recreation Ground, which would enable two additional football pitches to be provided. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) RESOLVED, That permission be given to the following Clubs to play football on the various grounds during the coming season :—

Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play
St. Mark's Playing Field	Patesian R.F.C. ...	Saturdays.
“ “	Y.M.C.A. Juniors ...	Alternate Saturdays
Tewkesbury Road ..	Labour Hall A.F.C....	Alternate Saturdays
“ “	St. Peter's Wednesday A.F.C	Alternate Wednesdays.

And that the Patesian R.F.C. be charged £7 10s. 0d. for the use of the ground for the season.

(c) The Committee considered Councillor Lipson's suggestion that the football season should be extended beyond the 18th February, as at present RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to, but that the Committee will consider favourably any individual applications for extensions in order to enable clubs to complete their fixtures, as in previous years.

15—Alstone Croft Playing Field—Read, letter of 28th July last from the Education Secretary, asking the Parks Committee to undertake the maintenance of this ground, leaving the Education Committee to pay the Sinking Fund and interest on the loan. The layout of the ground was now nearly completed and would be available for the children in the district during the evenings and at week-ends. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to undertake the maintenance of the ground, the Education Committee paying the interest and Sinking Fund charges, and that if it is found necessary to engage a Custodian, his wages be borne by this Committee and the Education Committee in equal proportions.

16—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 26th July last from the Education Secretary that the playgrounds at Naunton Park Schools were now too small for the 880 children attending the Schools, and asking if the Committee would be willing to appropriate a portion of the Recreation Ground at the rear of the Schools for the enlargement of the School playgrounds RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the appropriation of an area for this purpose subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health being obtained.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th September, 1938. Present—Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Bendall, Fletcher and Howell ; and Major J. G. N. Clift ; (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for July and August, 1938—Visitors-5,767 (last year 5,975). Included in these figures were the following parties --Ladies' College, 7 girls ; Naunton Park School, 75 boys and girls in three parties.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £2 4s. 2d. Subscriptions to the "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account" £25 4s. 6d. Total £27 8s. 8d.

Exhibitions—1st July-13th August, 1938, Permanent Collection. 19th August-17th September, 1938, Gloucestershire Art and Craftsmanship, transferred from Painswick.

Talks by the Curator—The Curator had given the following talks :--20th July—Sandhurst W.I. ("The Cotswold Wool Trade") ; 15th September—Oakridge W.I. (" Cotswold Bygones").

Loans—The following loans had been received :—Engraved Glass Cup and cover from Mr. Bruce George two Bristol Blue Glass Goblets from Mrs. McCanlis ; and two Circulating Loan Exhibits (Cotswold Neolithic Culture and Pictures by W. J. Muller) arranged by the South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries.

Museum—Re-arrangement in the Museum was in progress, and the loan Collections and cases from the Victoria and Albert Museum had been removed for the time being to allow more floor space for development in the Decorative Art Room. The North Corridor had been closed for the storage of cases containing reserve collections,

2—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account "--RESOLVED, That a Pair of Rummors (£1) ; Fishermen's Spirit Bottle in Lambeth ware (£2) ; and an Old Copper Beer Warmer (£1) be purchased from this Account at a total cost of £4.

3—Specimens purchased for the Museum—RESOLVED, That 7 Bygones, Worcester Porcelain Teapot, Chalk Drawing of Gilbert Jessop by A. Chevallier Taylor, Two Playbills, 1796, be purchased at a total

cost of £5 5s. 8d., and that two Common Shrews and one Longtailed Field Mouse be set up and mounted at a cost of £1

4—Donations---Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Mrs. E. M. Clifford, Mr. C. W. Coates, Miss M Garford, Mrs. H. Grant, Mr. H. A. Hammond, Mrs. Jones, Mr. J. Spreutels, Mr. F. Stevens, Dr. Oliver H. Wild and Mr. S. R. Payne. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

5—" A Bend on the Severn " by Alfred Thornton—RESOLVED, That this picture offered as a gift by the Cheltenham group of Artists be accepted with thanks.

6—Picture by the late Miss E. B. Marriott—RESOLVED, That an oil-painting of " Belas Knap" by the late Miss E. B. Marriott, painted before its restoration, offered as a gift by Mrs. Charles, be accepted with thanks.

7—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That 6 pictures by the late Miss E. B. Marriott, and 3 pictures by Mr. George Melhuish be displayed in the Art Gallery from 19th September-21st October, 1938.

8—Showcasing— RESOLVED , That a further instalment of showcasing be installed in the Natural History Room at a cost of £79 18s. 0d. as per current year's estimate.

9—Application from the Sun Engraving Co. RESOLVED, That the arrangement made with the Sun Engraving Co. for coloured reproductions of three pictures in the Art Gallery for publication in Bibby's Calendar on payment of a fee of 6 guineas to the Committee, be approved.

10—Grant-in-Aid--The Curator reported revised conditions under which an example of Cotswold silver-work would be eligible for grant. RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to deal with this matter.

11—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 18th November, 1938.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd September, 1938, Present—Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from the 16th July to 23rd September, 1938. Interments 93 ; Grave Spaces sold 33 (First Position 3, Second Position 1, Third Position 2, Fourth Position 27); Memorials erected 38 , New Inscriptions 19 ; Cremations 19.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9837 to 9866.

3—Designs—(a) RESOLVED, That Designs Nos. 2259 to 2301, set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved. (b) The Cemetery Superintendent submitted application from Mrs. K. E. Trace for permission to erect a red terra cotta kerbing and memorial on her husband's grave. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

4—Superintendent—Read, application from the Cemetery Superintendent for an increase in salary. He pointed out that the addition of the Crematorium had considerably increased his duties. The scale adopted by many local authorities for Cemetery Superintendents was a sliding scale based on the average number of interments per annum, and in the case of Cheltenham the salary would be from £310 to £400 per annum with the usual emoluments. RESOLVED, That Mr. Woolhouse's salary be increased from £208 per annum to the maximum of Grade F, namely £250 per annum.

5—Federation of Cremation Authorities—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Federation of Cremation Authorities that as the financial year commenced on the 1st January, they suggested that the Corporation should pay the Associate Membership subscription of £2 2s. 0d. for this year, and the full Membership subscription of £4 4s. 0d. as from 1st January next. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to. RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman and the Cemetery Superintendent be appointed representatives of the Council on the Federation.

6—Maintenance of Grave Space 1697, Section L—Read, letter of 28th July last from Messrs. J. and F. Anderson that Mrs. Carnegie had decided not to proceed with the proposal for the Corporation to undertake the maintenance of this grave in perpetuity

7—Crematorium—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted estimates for the provision of rubber flooring at the Crematorium. The manufacturers stated that it would be necessary to take up the stone flooring before rubber could be laid. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the provision of suitable matting.

(b) Lighting—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation from the Gas Company for the provision of two lights in the Crematorium and one in the basement amounting to £23 18s. 6d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND, Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th September, 1938. Present—Councillors Bendall, Bush, Compton, Grimwade, Howell and Lipson; Rev. Barbara Thomas; Messrs, S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for July and August, 1938—Receipts L.54 15s. 3d. Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 13,059 (last year 14,490); Lending Department 37,563 (last year 32,173); Junior Department 4,459 (last year 4,004); Total 55,081 (last year 50,667).

Replacements and Binding-72 volumes had been replaced; 403 volumes had been returned from the binder and a further 387 volumes had been dispatched.

Booklists—Booklists on H. G. Wells and J. M. Barrie had been prepared for classes at St. Paul's Training College. Inter-availability of Tickets—The number of towns now co-operating in this matter numbered 37.

Staff—Miss P. M. Short (Oxf. Sch. Cert.) had been appointed Junior Assistant on probation in Grade A Div. 1 to fill a vacancy. Boiler—Repairs to the heating boiler had been carried out at a cost of £5 15s. 6d

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 395 volumes, published at £153 14s. 6d., be purchased for £84 0s. 5d

(b) That £75 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £50 be spent on Replacements.

3—Donations—24 volumes and 62 pamphlets had been received as gifts from 21 donors RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

4—Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That " Service in life and work " (6d. quarterly) be added to the list of periodicals purchased.

(b) That " A.R.P. News," " Character and Personality," and "The School Government Chronicle " be not purchased.

5—Portrait of Mr. Councillor D. L. Lipson, M.A., M.P.—RESOLVED, That this oil-painting by Mr. H. E Branch, offered as a gift by the artist, be accepted with thanks.

6—Estimates for the supply of Fuel—RESOLVED, That the quotation of Messrs. John Williams & Co. for the delivery of anthracite during the coming winter at 43s 9d per ton, be accepted.

7—Cleaning and Re-polishing of Tables—RESOLVED, That the quotation of Mr. E. Trapp for cleaning and re-polishing tables at 14s each be accepted.

8—Basement Floor—RESOLVED, That the Librarian's action in having the floor in the " Times Room " in the basement re-cemented at a cost of approximately £5. be approved! RESOLVED, further, That five cellar compartments be covered with granolithic flooring at an approximate cost of £30, by the Borough Engineer's Department.

9—Lectures—RESOLVED, That the Librarian's suggestions for lectures in the Art Gallery, October to December 1938, be approved.

10—Byelaws—RESOLVED, That as no Byelaw on which legal action could be taken existed for the management of the Public Library, the model Byelaws, issued by the Library Association and approved by the Board of Education be referred to the Town Clerk for consideration.

11—Classes in Librarianship at Birmingham—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorized to adapt the time table of any members of the staff who wished to attend the classes during the winter session.

12—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 18th November, 1938.

D. L. LIPSON, Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 8th September, 1938. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Ben James and Rogers (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

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

2—Unpaid Rates—The Rating Officers submitted letters from persons in arrears with their rates, and also interviewed and dealt with some defaulters.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th September, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillor Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 27th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £114,014 ; Leaving outstanding £7,160.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1938. Amount collected £23,323 ; Leaving outstanding £1,634.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 27th inst. Present—Alderman P. P. Taylor (in the chair), The Deputy Mayor ; and Alderman Leigh James, The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Electricity Accounts—The Borough Treasurer submitted report on the collection of the Electricity Accounts since the last meeting

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

Date, 1938.	Purpose.	Amount	Period of Repayment.
7th September	Street Improvement, Norwood Road ...	£1,331	60 years.
"	Purchase of land for Fire Brigade purposes (6 St. George's Parade)	£110	60 years.
"	Do. Do.	£550	20 years
13th September	Sub-stations and equipment	£2,958	20 years

6—Rates Department—The Borough Treasurer recommended that the Committee should install a National Cash Register for the Receipt of Rates similar to the machine used in the Electricity Department. He also recommended that a central receiving office should be arranged whereby the public would be able to pay their Rates, Electricity and other accounts at one counter. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to purchase a suitable machine at a cost of £540, but that consideration of arranging a central receiving office be adjourned for the present.

7—Conferences—RESOLVED, That in considering the attendance of delegates to the various Conferences the various Committees be asked to have regard to the distance from Cheltenham of the Town at which the Conference is held.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 24th October, 1938.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of October, 1938, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

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

5. To fix date and time for Meeting of members of Council to settle constitution of Committees for ensuing year.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 3rd October, 1938, at 3 p.m. Present : The Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N. Retd., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green. Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Miller, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Margrett and Moore Councillors Lipson, Moore and Morris.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 5th September, 1938, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held September 12

Housing Meetings held September 15 & 30

Street and Highway Meetings held September 19 & 20

Town Planning Meeting held September 22

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Town Improvement and Spa	Meetings held September 16 & 23
Finance and Winter Garden	(Joint Meeting) Meeting September 16
Electricity and Lighting	Meeting September 26
Water	Meeting September 13
General Purposes and Watch	Meeting September 20

except that in regard to Minute No. 4 (c) the Committee be authorised to accept a tender from one of the three local dealers who submitted tenders for the Leyland engine provided they are able to arrange a contract direct with Messrs. Leyland Motors Ltd. for the after delivery service ; and except that Mr. C. Baldwin be added to the list of names in Minute No. 4 (d).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Bettridge: " That Minute No. 10 in regard to the provision of new dressing rooms at the Athletic Ground be not approved " was lost).

Allotments	Meeting held September 12
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held September 12
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held September 16
Cemetery and Crematorium	Meeting held September 23
Public Library	Meeting held September 16
Rating	Meeting held September 8
Finance	Meeting held September 27

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Miller and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 6 in regard to the purchase of a Cash Register for the Rates Department 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—Delancey Hospital Trustees—Resolved, That Mrs. McAlldowie be appointed a representative of the Council on the Delancey Hospital Trustees for a term of three Years expiring on the 31st October, 1941.

4—Stansby's Charity—Resolved, That Mr. W. Turner Long be appointed a representative trustee of Stansby's Charity for a term of three years expiring on the 29th October, 1941.

5—Food Control Committee—Resolved, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be authorised to appoint a Food Control Committee if necessity arises.

J. H. TRYE, 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, 28th October, 1938.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 4th October, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Ben James (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 14 Clare Place—The Committee further considered the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the dwellinghouse, which is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, is unfit for human habitation, and is not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertaking having been given by the Owner with respect to the carrying out of 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.

(b) 17 All Saints' Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Owner's Undertaking be cancelled.

(c) 407a High Street (1st and 2nd floors)—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of these premises had carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That an Order be made determining the Closing Order made in respect thereof on the 7th June, 1937.

(d) The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses :—

(i) 15 and 16 Clare Place—RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for one month.

(ii) 18 Prestbury Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

(iii) 16-19 Waterloo Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that satisfactory progress was being made with the work of reconditioning these houses. RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for two months.

(iv) .1 Sun Street and 1 and 2 Lower Park Street—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the Owners to carry out the works required to render these houses fit for human habitation and that the same shall not be so used until rendered fit be accepted.

(v) 14, 15 and 16 Hereford Place—RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for one month to enable the sale of these houses to be completed.

(e) Witney Cottage, Granley Road—The Town Clerk reported that complaints had been received that the site of this property after demolition had been left unfenced and in an unsatisfactory condition. He had written to the Owner, calling attention to these complaints, and had received a reply that arrangements had been made to fence in the land.

2—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness---(a) 48 Worcester Street ; 41a Sun 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 10 years.

(b) 49 Worcester 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.

3—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 18 cwt. 24 lbs. Beef; 3 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs. Pork ; 9 lbs. Mutton ; 13 lbs. Poultry ; 1 qr. Fish ; 2 qrs. 16 lbs. Game.

4—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. R. E. Sinnett of Noverton Farm, Prestbury, and Mr. H. W. Brookes of 194 High Street, Cheltenham, for registration as Retail Purveyors of milk in the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order.

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5—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of analyses of water taken during the preceding month.

6—Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic—The Medical Officer of Health submitted the following report of treatment given at this Clinic for the Quarter to the 30th ult. :—

No. of new cases in which immunisation commenced	28
No. of injections given	187
No. of cases in which treatment completed during quarter	84
No of cases in which treatment partially completed when treatment ceased	5

7—Health Handbook—The Medical Officer of Health reported an offer by Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. To print a Health Handbook for Cheltenham, free of charge for 1,500 copies, and at £7 12s. 6d. per thousand for an additional 3,000 copies. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to arrange for the distribution of the handbook to the public.

8—Health Department—The Chief Sanitary Inspector applied for permission to accept Mr. W. L. Booy as a pupil in his department. RESOLVED, That this be granted.

9—Carlton Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the sewer in Carlton Street appeared to be defective. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to investigate and report.

10—St. Mark's Tip—The Committee further considered the complaints of nuisance from flies at the Corporation tip at St. Mark's. It was reported that the refuse was covered with earth every day and that as an additional precaution the Borough Surveyor had been spreading chloride of lime.

RESOLVED, That the Committee are satisfied that adequate precautions have been taken to prevent flies breeding at the tip.

11—Hayden Sewage Works—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported an application from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for increases in the wages of Messrs Barnett and Price, employees at the Sewage Works RESOLVED, That Mr. Price's wages be increased from 1s 1 ½ d. per hour to the appropriate rate payable from time to time under the scale of the Joint Industrial Council (i.e. at the present time 1s 2d. per hour), and that the wages of Mr. Barnett be increased from 1s 1 ½ d. per hour to £2 15s. 0d. per week (plus emoluments amounting to 10s per week).

(b) New Cottages—The Chairman and Alderman Leigh James reported that as a result of enquiries they were satisfied that the tenants of the cottages to be demolished were in a position to pay economic rents for the new cottages erected by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Housing Committee be recommended to let the new cottages to these tenants at a rent of 11s per week each, inclusive of rates.

12—Wyman's Brook—The Borough Surveyor reported that it had been established that the pollution of Wyman's Brook was due to the discharge of sewage from two overflows of the Prestbury outfall sewer. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to forward his report to the Cheltenham Rural District Council for consideration.

13--Chelt Culvert—Read, letter of 2nd August last from the Divisional Road Engineer of the Ministry of Transport asking whether the Council would be prepared to reconstruct the section of the Chelt culvert beneath the Promenade Fountain in the event of the Ministry reconstructing the section beneath the Trunk Road. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the Minister of Health consenting to a loan for the necessary work

14—Offensive Trade—Dealer in Rags—RESOLVED, That on the application of Mr. J. C. Kesterton the consent of the Council to his carrying on the trade of dealer in rags in Swindon Street be renewed until the 31st December, 1939

15—National Rat Week—Read, circular letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries concerning National Rat Week, which had been fixed from the 7th to 12th prox RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Chief Sanitary Inspector and that he be authorised to carry out his usual campaign

16—Waste Land between Mead Road and Railway—The Committee further considered the complaints of nuisance caused by deposit of refuse on this land. RESOLVED, That the Owner be asked to fence in the land to prevent refuse from being deposited thereon.

17—Whiting v. the Corporation re alleged nuisance from Storm Water Overflow near Rosehurst, Sandford Park—The Town Clerk reported that Counsel had advised payment of a sum into Court with a denial of liability in respect of the isolated occasions on which it had been found necessary to divert sewage through this overflow. RESOLVED, That a sum of £35 be paid into Court accordingly.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of the Committee held on Friday, 30th September, 1938. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Grimwade (Alderman Pates in the chair).

13—New Houses—The Committee opened the tenders for the 32 non-subsidy houses proposed to be erected at Whaddon Farm Estate and in respect of which the Council had authorised the Committee to accept a suitable tender. The Town Clerk reported that when the Committee first decided to invite tenders it was hoped to complete the houses by the 31st December and to re-house therein persons still not re-housed from Clearance Areas and individual unfit houses and so enable the Council to obtain the subsidy of £2 5s 0d. per head per person so displaced, and as it was not then possible to obtain approval for the houses under the 1936 Act, it was decided to erect the houses without subsidy or rate contribution: The houses would not therefore have involved the Corporation in any loss, and at the same time would have enabled the Corporation to increase their subsidy claim by £2 5s. 0d. per annum for 40 years for each person re-housed from condemned houses before the 31st December, 1938.

As, however, it was now impossible to complete any of the houses before the 31st December, 1938 the Town Clerk recommended that the houses should be now erected under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1938 for re-housing persons who will be displaced from time to time from individual unfit houses or from overcrowded houses, after the 31st December next, under which Act the Government would pay an Exchequer Contribution of £5 10s. 0d. per house per annum for 40 years and the Corporation would pay a rate contribution of £2 15s. 0d. per annum for 40 years.

Six tenders were received and considered.

RESOLVED, (a) That as the cost of the maisonette with a super. area of 575 feet is only approximately per maisonette cheaper than the price of a two-bedroomed house with a super area of 680 feet, 6 two-bedroomed houses be substituted for the 8 maisonettes, there not being sufficient room to erect 8 two-bedroomed houses.

(b) That the second lowest tender, namely that of Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell Ltd., for the erection of 12 two-bedroomed houses and 18 three-bedroomed houses amounting to £12,358 18s. 0d. be accepted subject to the Schedule of Prices being approved by the Borough Surveyor, to sanction to loan being obtained and to a Contract and Bond to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

(c) That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the houses for the purpose of subsidy under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1938.

14—Sale of House—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. H. Day to purchase No. 20 Tennyson Road for £470 be accepted subject to consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained. Also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

[CONFIRMED BY TOWN COUNCIL 3RD OCTOBER, 1938.]

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th October, 1938. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Lipson and Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) Footpath, Dart Road to Priors Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for the construction of a footpath from Dart Road to Priors Road at an estimated cost of £156. To construct the footpath it would be necessary to interfere with the adjoining ditch. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to report as to the ownership of the ditch.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made by Mr. C. Sansom with his contract, and also with the construction of the roads and sewers on the Estate.

2—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—6 tenders were received for the erection of brick built sheds for 101 houses on this Estate. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. E. L. Squire of 3 Windsor Street, Cheltenham, amounting to £2,060 16s. 0d. (being the lowest) 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 £2,060 for the cost of the work. RESOLVED, also, That when the sheds are completed the rents of the houses be increased by 3d. per week each.

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3—Housing Manager—The monthly report of the Housing Manager on the collection of the rents was submitted.

4—Tenants' Handbook—The Housing Manager submitted offer from the British Publishing Co. of Gloucester to supply the Corporation with 2,000 copies of a Tenants' Handbook free of charge. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted.

5—Hayden Knoll Farm—The Town Clerk reported that the Public Health Committee desired that these two houses should be let to the tenants of the existing old cottages, which were to be demolished, at an economic rent of per week, including rates. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, but that as the houses are to be let at economic rents, application be made to the Ministry of Health for cancellation of the approval for the purposes of Subsidy granted by the Ministry, and for the houses to be regarded as Non-Subsidy houses.

6—Rent Rebates—The Committee considered the policy in regard to the rents of tenants in receipt of Public Assistance allowances in view of the fact that at the last meeting of the Public Assistance Committee it was reported that the estimate of Public Assistance for the current year would be very largely exceeded. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances the Council be recommended to discontinue increasing the rents of tenants in receipt of Public Assistance allowances provided the County Council will give an assurance to see that other Housing Authorities in the County conform to this policy, RESOLVED, also, That where the Housing Committee decide to grant rebates to tenants in receipt of Public Assistance allowances the Guardians Committee be requested not to reduce correspondingly the Public Assistance allowances thereby defeating the object of the Committee in granting a rebate for the benefit of the tenant.

7—St. Margaret's Cottages Clearance Area—(a) Read, letter of 6th inst. from Mr. A. V. Dodwell, of No. 4 St. Margaret's Cottages asking the Council to make him a payment of £75 for the loss of business on his having to quit the premises under the Clearance Order. The Town Clerk reported that under Section 44 of the Housing Act 1936 the Council were authorised in their discretion to make such reasonable allowance as they think fit towards the loss which in their opinion the person will sustain by reason of the disturbance of his trade or business consequent on his having to quit the house under a Clearance Order. RESOLVED, That Mr. Dodwell be granted a four-bedroom parlour house at Whaddon, that he be authorised to use the parlour for a boot repairing shop, also that he be paid the sum of £10 in respect of the disturbance of his trade, and that his claim be considered further at the expiration of three months

(b) The Town Clerk also submitted letter of 10th inst. from Mr. and Mrs. Smith of 3 St. Margaret's Cottages, where they carried on the business of a dairy asking for payment of £60. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that Mr. and Mrs Smith be asked to submit a statement showing details of their receipts and expenditure and of the profits made by them

8—Sale of Houses—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. W. H. Horsley on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Kilbey to purchase No. 1 Kipling Road at the price of £495 subject to the Finance Committee agreeing to give the usual guarantee under the Housing Act. RESOLVED, That the offer 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.

9—Reconditioning-22 and 23 Queen Street—The Committee considered offer from Mr Seward to sell these houses for reconditioning. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

10—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Selection of Tenants' Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 22nd and 30th September and 12th inst.

(a) The Sub-Committee had interviewed 37 applicants for houses, granted 31, and refused 6.

(b) The Sub-Committee also dealt with 11 applications for transfers to other houses, and also 5 tenants of Corporation houses, who were overcrowded, and also interviewed 3 tenants who were in arrear with their rent.

(c) They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(i) Rent Rebates—That the rents fixed and rebates granted, as set out in the Rent Rebates Book., signed by the Chairman, be approved.

(ii) Outbuildings—That the plans of outbuildings at 71 Humber Road and 17 Wordsworth Avenue be approved subject to the buildings being erected to the satisfaction of the Housing Manager. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th October, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Report of View Committee—Read, report of a Meeting of the View Committee held on Wednesday, 5th October, 1938 Present—Councillors Fisher, Fletcher, Green and Till (Councillor Green in the chair). They recommended as follows :—

(a) Sydenham. Villas Road—That, with regard to Mr. W. G. Barnes' complaint of the trees in this road, no action be taken beyond seasonal pruning.

(b) Jersey Street—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for demolition of No. 10 Jersey Street and that the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate with the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd. for the acquisition of additional land at the rear to give sufficient depth for two new cottages to be built facing Jersey Street.

(c) Junction of College Road and Sandford Road—That the temporary refuge and bollards at this junction be made permanent.

(d) Junction of Norwood Road and Grafton Road—(i) That, with regard to Mr. G. E. Waghorne's complaint, " Halt" signs be not erected at this junction, but that white lines be painted on the roads as a guide to traffic.

(ii) That the Town Clerk be instructed to require the removal of several hoardings projecting on to the footpath in Norwood Road.

(e) Junction of Queen's Road and Gloucester Road—That the temporary traffic island at this junction be made permanent, and that it be filled with soil and seeded, if this is not precluded by its proximity to the Railway Bridge.

(f) Gloucester Road—That two temporary refuges be placed in Gloucester Road, one on either side of Malvern Road, for a trial period.

(g) Junction of St. George's Road and Gloucester Road—That the temporary bollards at this junction be made permanent.

(h) Tewkesbury Road—(i) That Councillor Fisher be asked to approach the Cheltenham & District Gas Co. again with regard to surrender of a strip of land at the rear of some of the demolished houses in this road to enable the Corporation to carry out a scheme for improving the appearance of the road.

(ii) That with regard to Mr. A. E. Butler's complaint about a tree near the White Horse Inn, no action be taken beyond seasonal pruning.

(i) Moors Estate—That the hedge between Tewkesbury Road and the inner road be made good, as recommended by the Housing Committee, and also that two openings be made in this hedge for the use of pedestrians, each of such openings to be provided with three posts to prevent vehicles passing

through, and guarded by a barrier on the kerb of the main road to prevent children running directly into the carriageway.

(j) Passage near Parish Church Junior Schools—That, as this passage is not included in the byelaws prohibiting cycling on footpaths, a " Danger " Warning Notice be placed on the school wall.

(k) Bayshill Road—That Mrs. Martin's application for the removal of a tree outside No. 6 Royal Parade be not acceded to, but that the tree be trimmed to the extent of about six feet on the side nearest Royal Parade. RESOLVED, That the above recommendations be approved and adopted.

2-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.

3—Air Raid Precautions—The Borough Surveyor reported that during the International Crisis he had been instructed by the Divisional Road Engineer to make emergency preparations for the movement of traffic at night without the aid of street lamps and to purchase any necessary stores for this purpose. He had accordingly purchased 70 gallons of white paint, 30 gross of reflectors and also a quantity of limewash and other materials, all of which would be utilised in due course. RESOLVED, That the purchase of these materials be approved.

4—Trunk and Classified Roads—The Town Clerk submitted circular No. 505 (Roads) from the Ministry of Transport, dated the 17th ult., asking the Council to submit estimates of expenditure on Highways for the financial year 1939-40. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare estimates and submit them to the Ministry of Transport after approval by the Chairman.

5—Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 3rd inst., from the County Surveyor reporting that the County Highways Committee had approved of the proposal to widen the length of this road adjoining Turks Garden and had agreed to pay the difference between the total cost of the work and the grant made by the Ministry of Transport. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant towards the cost of the improvement.

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6--Junction of Sandford Road and Old Bath Road—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the County Surveyor reporting that the County Highways Committee had approved a proposal for setting back the wall of Thirlestaine Hall at an estimated cost of £116, and had agreed to pay the difference between the total cost of the work and the grant made by the Ministry of Transport. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant towards the cost of the improvement.

7—Central Depot—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Card Time Recorder at this Depot was in need of extensive repairs or renewal, and he recommended that a new machine should be purchased at a cost of £27 less £5 allowance for the old machine, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Disused Carts, etc,—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had instructed Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son to sell 9 disused carts from this Depot. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Norwood Road Improvement—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had considered the tenders for the demolition of 1--3 Gothic Cottages and Hay Barn, Norwood Road, and that the tender of Mr. H. H. Chamber, of Uxbridge amounting to (including refacing walls of adjoining properties), appeared to

be the most favourable. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for consent to a loan for this expenditure.

9—Fitter and Mechanic—The Borough Surveyor reported application by the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for an increase in the wages of Mr. T. Nourse, Fitter and Mechanic. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted

10—Road and Bridge Works—The Town Clerk submitted circular 519 (Roads) from the Ministry of Transport dated 26th September, enclosing standard conditions of tender and contract for road and bridge works. A copy had been supplied to the Borough Surveyor.

11—Winchcomb Street Improvement—The Town Clerk reported an offer by Messrs. Leishman & Copeland, on behalf of Mr. G. H. Bastin, to sell part of the yard at the rear of Nos, 7-12 Winchcomb Street for the sum of £2,750 RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted.

12-12 North Place and 1-6 St. Margaret's Cottages—The Town Clerk reported that the purchase of this property had been completed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the demolition of the property RESOLVED, also, That the District Valuer be asked to negotiate the purchase of the adjoining land to enable Warwick Place to be widened to 40 feet between North Place and Portland Street,

13—Private Improvement Works—Passage between Montpellier Walk and Montpellier Street—The Town Clerk reported that on investigation he was satisfied that the adjoining owners were not liable for the repair of this passage. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary work and that the cost be charged to the Highways account

14-20 Albion Street—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Messrs Haines & Strange offering to purchase the site of this property after demolition. RESOLVED, That this be considered when the property has been demolished.

15—Projecting Signs—The Town Clerk reported application by Cinescope Publicity Co. Ltd., for permission to erect a projecting sign at the "Crown & Cushion" Hotel, facing Bath Street. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

16—Ambrose Street—The Town Clerk reported application by the Stroud Brewery Co, Ltd., for permission to erect a canopy over the entrance to the Railway Hotel in Ambrose Street. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the Company entering into the usual agreement for removal when required by the Corporation.

17—Post Office Telegraph Line—Hewlett Road—The Town Clerk reported application by the Post Office Superintending Engineer for permission to lay an underground telegraph line in Hewlett Road RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the conditions recommended by the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineer.

18—Public Health Services Exhibition and Congress—Read, circular letter of 5th inst. inviting the attendance of delegates at this Congress during the week commencing Monday, the 14th proximo. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 3rd October, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fletcher, Grimwade, Rogers and Till (The Mayor in the chair).

19—Mechanical Road Sweeper—The Mayor reported interview which he had had with Mr. Lewin, and a representative of Messrs. Haines & Strange in regard to the Road Sweeper, when it was arranged that the machine should be returned to Messrs. Lewin Road Sweepers works, where it would be taken down and thoroughly overhauled and put in first rate order, free of charge to the Corporation, except that if it was found that any part was actually broken, the cost of replacing this would be charged for. Messrs. Lewin Road Sweepers Ltd. also agreed to allow a Corporation driver to be sent to their works for three days to be trained in the use of this machine. RESOLVED, That these terms be now agreed and the account passed for payment.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th October, 1938. Present—Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Barnett, Bush, Grimwade, Howell and Lipson ; Mesdames E. Booy, W. L. Mellersh, E. C. Gurney and L. Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1938 The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (10 Meetings)	16.6	25.2
At Bennington Hall (10 Meetings)...	20.5	24.5
At Clare Street (10 Meetings) ...	38.3	42.8
At Highbury (10 Meetings)	42.2	63.3
At St. Mark's (10 Meetings)	29.2	28.0

2—Health Visitors—(a) Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1938 :—

No. of Children on Register	..	2,794
“ Un-notified Live Births discovered	.	2
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under		1,253
“ “ “ (b) over 1 year		1,467
“ Ante-natal cases visited (a) New	.. ..	64
“ “ “ (b) Return	... ..	23
“ Special visits to Mothers	...	84
“ First Visits paid by Health Visitors	.. ...	195
“ Chicken Pox cases visited	...	11
“ Measles cases visited		2

“	Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited	1
“	Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	1
“	Whooping Cough cases visited	36
“	Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	55
“	Attendances of Health Visitors at Gynaecological Clinic	4

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter	332
New Orders ...	70
Orders discontinued during quarter	94
“ continuing to coming quarter	308

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Children Act :	Health Visitors.	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter ..	33	10
No. of visits (under Children Act) paid ...	36	11
No. of Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter .	18	9

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss Jordan was now carrying out her normal duties, except that she had arranged with Miss Cardew to undertake her duties on one afternoon per week. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to report further thereon at the next meeting.

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 93 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st July to 30th September, 1938, and that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from the 1st April, 1938 to 30th September, 1938, was £52 16s. 0d., of which £27 16s. 6d. was chargeable to patients.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from Midwives during the quarter ended 30th September, 1938 Still-births 1 ; Deaths of Infants 3 ; Commencement of artificial feeding 4 ; Liability to be a source of infection 2.

4—Dentistry----(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 37 mothers and 14 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 61 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 9.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted account from the Charity Organisation Society for the provision of dentures to necessitous mothers, amounting to £2. RESOLVED, That 50 per cent of this amount be paid by the Corporation.

5—Gynaecological Clinic--(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 4 Clinics had been held during the quarter ended 30th ult., and the total number of attendances was 33, including 17 Borough patients.

(b) Charges—RESOLVED, That the charge for County patients attending this Clinic be fixed at 10s 6d. per visit, to include any appliance necessary, and a further visit within six months, and that if further appliances are required during the interval, these be charged for at cost price

6—Orthopaedic Scheme—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on the work of the Orthopaedic Clinic for the quarter ended 30th ult, The total number of children on the Register was 140, of which 68 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 25 surgeons' consultations had been held ; 72 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 28 surgeons' consultations had been held He submitted accounts of the proportion of the fees payable by this Committee. RESOLVED, That these accounts be paid.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from the Cripples Aid Society for a grant towards the cost amounting to £16 14s. 6d. of instruments, hoots and repairs for children under five RESOLVED, That a grant of 50 per cent, namely £8 7s. 3d. be made.

7—Midwives Act, 1936—(a) 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 £46 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted an account for X Ray Examinations. RESOLVED, That this be paid. (c) Read, circular from the Midwives Institute, enclosing memorandum on the responsibility of midwives in the Public Health service, RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

8—Puerperal Pyrexia, and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted accounts for treatment in the General Hospital of cases of Puerperal Fever, amounting to £18 12s. 0d. ; and for a pathological examination, amounting to £1 1s. 0d. RESOLVED, That these be passed for payment.

9—Children Act--(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of foster mothers who had sent in notifications, and he recommended that the maximum number of children allowed should be fixed as follows :—

Name.	Address.	Maximum No. of Children allowed.
Mrs. Harris	1 Stretton Terrace, Rosehill Street	1
Mrs. Dicks	162 Whaddon Road	1

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

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(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mrs. Curnock of 21 St. George's Street had failed to give notice of reception of a foster child, as required by the Act. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mrs. Curnock drawing attention to this offence, and warning her that if there is any further offence proceedings will be taken against her.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mrs. Paish of 10 Pittville Lawn (Basement) had taken a child without first giving notice as required by the Act, although she had previously been warned that

she must not take a child without giving notice. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against her for the penalties under the Act.

10—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 on the 1st inst. at 7d. per gallon above the wholesale price as prescribed by the Milk Marketing Board, subject to the right of the Corporation to terminate the contract at any time before the expiration of twelve months on giving two weeks' notice if this is rendered desirable by reason of the proposed arrangement to be made by the Government for the supply of milk to Maternity and Child Welfare Authorities at reduced prices.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Council urges the Government to take steps to put into operation as soon as possible the proposed scheme for the supply of milk to Maternity and Child Welfare Authorities at reduced prices, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Association of Municipal Corporations,

11—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1937—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss Godden of 17 Priory Street had taken the adjoining house and had made application to be registered for 7 additional patients, making 11 in all. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

12—Winter School for Health Visitors—RESOLVED, That Nurse Goddard be authorised to attend this School to be held at Bedford College, London, from the 28th December to 6th January next, and that she be allowed expenses not exceeding £10.

13—Local Government Act, 1929—Read, letter of 28th ult. from the Ministry of Health that the Minister considered that the County Council should be enabled to recover by precept from the Local Supervising Authorities under the Midwives Acts a just proportion of the amounts payable by the County Council under Section 5 of the Midwives Act, 1902, should the annual financial statement of the Central Midwives Board show a balance against the Board, and enclosing draft Order which it was proposed to issue for the purpose of carrying this into effect. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for the issue of the Order.

14—Municipal Maternity Home—Read, letter of 15th ult. from the Ministry of Health asking to be informed of any further developments which had occurred in regard to the provision of additional accommodation for maternity cases, together with the Town Clerk's reply thereto. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to write to the Ministry of Health asking them to send a representative to discuss the suggested alternative Schemes for additional home accommodation, with representatives of the Corporation, the Cheltenham District Nursing Association and County Council.

15—Maternal Mortality—Read, letter of 20th August last from the Ministry of Health that it appeared to the Minister that in view of the need for every practicable measure which may raise the standard of obstetric practice it was desirable for the Council in considering revisions of the list of practitioners who are willing to be called in by midwives in an emergency to have the advantage of the recommendations of obstetric consultants or practitioners with special obstetric experience in addition to representatives of the local general practitioners, and asking to be informed of the steps which the Council proposed to take with this aim in view. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be asked

to interview the local obstetric consultants and ask them whether they are prepared to advise in regard to the revision of the list.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th October, 1938. Present; Councillors Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall and Moore ; Messrs. W. S. P. Harris, R. S. S. Meade, J. Walker, A. Wiggett and A. Yeend (The Deputy Mayor in the chair),

1—Plans of New Buildings—The Committee considered the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, namely :—

No. of Plan.	Name	Description
4949	Stinchcombe, E. T.	2 detached houses, Albert Road.
5024	Pates, W.	2 detached houses, Tivoli Road.
5027	Bowd, A.	Garage, 6 and 8 Fairview Street.
5034	Newman, J. H.	Builder's shed, rear of 1 and 3 Langdon Road.
5035	Pye Bros.	Pair of semi-detached houses, Brooklyn Road.
5037	Tilley, L.	Garage, 1 Moorend Villas, Shurdington Road.
5038	Bunting, W.	Garage, 197 Brooklyn Road.
5039	Rogers & Davies Ltd.	Detached house, Bournside Road.
5040	do.	Detached house, Beaufort Road.
5041	Rees, W. T.	Additional W.C., 152 High Street
5042	Rogers & Davies Ltd.	Detached house, Bournside Road.
5043	Fruen, J. S.	New showroom and office, Paragon Garage, Bath Road.
5044	Phelps, J. R.	Garage, Cramond, Shurdington Road.
5045	Cheltenham District Traction Co.	New boiler house, St. Mark's Depot.
5046	Davis, C. H.	Garage, 207 Brooklyn Road.
5047	George Mason Ltd.	Conversion of store into garage, rear of 333 High Street.
5048	Stinchcombe, E. T.	Pair of semi-detached houses, Sydenham Road North.
5049	Bowd, W. H.	Bakehouse, Whaddon Road.
5050	Adey, J E.	Garage, Martley, Cleeve View Road.
5051	Maddox, I.	Garage, 55 Brooklyn Road.
5052	do.	Pair of semi-detached houses, Brooklyn Road.
5053	Bendall & Sons	Pair of semi-detached houses, Pilford Avenue.
5054	...	Garage, Bargate, St. George's Road.
5055	Walsh, Brig.-Gen.	Alterations and additions, Hilgay Lodge, Tudor Lodge Road.
5056	Hutton, Dr. W.	Conversion into flats, Windsor Hotel, Bayshill Road.
5057	Pye Bros.	4 semi-detached houses, Alstone Lane.
5058	Jarrett-Kerr, Lt.-Col.	Garage, 77 Montpellier Terrace.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5038, 5040, 5044, 5045, 5048, 5049, 5050, 5051, 5052, 5054 and 5058 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 5041, 5043, 5055 and 5056 be approved subject to the sanitary work being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and in the case of Plan No. 5056 to the new staircase being constructed in stone or concrete ; That Plans Nos. 5037, 5039, 5042, 5046, 5047, 5053 and 5057 be not approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5027, 5037, 5038, 5040, 5041, 5043, 5045, 5047, 5050, 5051 and 5054 be approved ; That Plan No 4949 be approved subject to (1) the roof being constructed at a pitch of 40°, (2) the roofing tiles being submitted for approval of the Committee, and (3) walls being stuccoed a grey stone colour ; That Plan No. 5024 be approved subject to the gable being hipped back and the brickwork under the eaves being omitted ; That Plan No. 5034 be approved subject to no nuisance being caused to the neighbourhood by reason of smoke, noise, dust or fumes ; That Plan No 5035 be approved subject to the block plan being amended omitting the site required for the electricity sub-station and to any garage entrances to the houses being placed as far away as possible from the junction of the two roads ; That Plan No. 5048 be approved subject to natural slates being used on the roof and the stucco being carried down to ground level ; That Plan No. 5049 be approved subject to (1) sufficient land being attached to the premises to conform with the requirements of the Town Planning Scheme, (2) no nuisance being caused to the neighbourhood by reason of smoke, noise, fumes or smell, and (3) approval of the Public Health Committee ; That Plan No. 5052 be approved subject to sand faced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plans Nos. 5055 and 5056 be approved subject to new work harmonising with existing buildings ; That Plan No. 5058 be approved subject to the owner entering into an Undertaking to set back the Garage to the building line at his own cost and without compensation on being so required by the Council for the purposes of the Scheme , That Plans Nos. 5039, 5042, 5044, 5046, 5053 and 5057 be not approved.

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

No of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1410	Pye Bros.	Preliminary Plan for development of about 40 acres of land behind Brooklyn Road.
1411	Pope, F J.	Conversion of Coach House into living room, Dowdeswell Court
1412	...	Rebuilding of outhouse, Almshouses, Dowdeswell.
1413	Humphris, Miss	New Porch, 12 The Grange, Horsefair Street.
1414	Welch, F. B	Additions, Penyllan, Gadshill Road.
1415	Pelly, A. R.	Detached House, Charlton Park Gate.
1416	Hon Secretary Winchcomb District Hospital	Additions, Winchcomb District Hospital

1417	Brown, D.	Greenhouse, The View, Leckhampton Hid.
1418	Finch, R.	Bungalow, Broadway Road, Winchcomb.
1419	Sutton, A.	Garage (Private), Polo View, New Barn Lane, Prestbury.
1420	Dinwoodie, C.	Garage, The Hollies, Gretton.
1421	Williams, H. J.	Soil Shed, Sheldon Nurseries, Tewkesbury Road, Elmstone Hardwicke.
1422	Leschellas, H. P.	Additions to cottage, Upper Mill Lane, Prestbury.
1423	Oakey, Mr.	Alterations, 17 North Street, Winchcomb.
1424	Cornish. H. V.	Garage (Private), Besford Road, Cleeve Hill.
1425	Cheltenham Rural District Council	Two pairs semi-detached houses, Swindon.
1426	Ames, Mrs.	Garage (Private), Bowbridge Lane, Prestbury.
1427	Bruce, George D.	Garage (Private), Owl Pen and Roost, The Burgage, Prestbury.
1428	Cheltenham Rural District Council	Eight houses, Station Road, Woodmancote.
1429	Cheltenham Rural District Council	Ten houses, Staverton.
1430	Adlard, Miss	Revised site plan of house, near Postlip House, Winchcomb
1431	Barratt, E. M., Mrs.	Detached House, near Springfields, Little Witcombe
1432	Cheltenham Corporation (Electricity Department)	Low Tension Overhead Line, Ham to Greenway Farm.
1433	Pye Bros.	Preliminary proposals for development of land North West of Brooklyn Road. Schemes A and B.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1412, 1415, 1421, 1423, 1426, 1427, 1430 and 1432 be approved ; That Plan No. 1411 be approved subject to the house drains being connected to the sewer ; That Plan No. 1413 be approved subject to the materials being to the satisfaction of the Committee ; That Plans Nos. 1414 and 1422 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; That Plans Nos. 1417, 1419 and 1425 be approved subject to the consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, and in the case of Plan No. 1425 to the setting back of the front fence for the widening of the road to bye-law width of 36 feet ; That Plan No 1420 be approved subject to grey tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 1428 be approved subject the front fence being set back forthwith to the improvement line laid down for the widening of the road ; That Plan No 1429 be approved subject to the requirements of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act That Plan No. 1431 be approved subject to (1) the necessary services namely water supply, sewers and roads being provided to the satisfaction of the respective Authorities concerned: (2) to compliance with building lines: and (3) the recommendations of the Panel of Architects for the improvement of the external appearance of the building ; That Scheme A of Plan No, 1433 be approved in principle ; That Plans Nos. 1410, 1416, 1418, 1424, and Scheme B of Plan No. 1433 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Committee further considered the application of the 24th August from Messrs. Young & Gilling asking if permission would be granted for the erection of a Church Holiday Hostel on land Nod. 541 and 557 on Crickley Hill. The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Council were opposed to the project on the grounds of danger to traffic and amenities, and

that the Rural District Council opposed the application on the grounds of insufficiency of water and difficulty of drainage,, RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 13th inst. from Messrs. Whiteman & Son, Gloucester for permission to erect four houses on a plot of land fronting the main road at Staverton Bridge. He reported (1) the area is temporarily restricted from building on account of lack of sewers : (2) the site is subject to flooding : and (3) that the development of the site would add to the existing dangers on the Trunk Road : and (4) it would seriously affect the amenities of the road. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of Mr. L. W. Nott for permission to develop land fronting the Birdlip Road at Little Witcombe. He reported that negotiations were in progress for the extension of the water main to the site and that a sewer would shortly be laid from the site to a new sewer now being laid at Little Witcombe. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to a satisfactory supply of water being obtained on the site and to the sewer being connected to the new sewers and the land being developed in accordance with the plan approved by the County Council.

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(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of Mr. H. Eager for permission to erect a shed at the rear of his premises at 296 Gloucester Road for the storage of small plant, sanitary and brass foundry goods. Mr. Eager had stated he is prepared to enter into an Undertaking not to use the premises as a workshop or for any purpose which is likely to cause a nuisance in the neighbourhood. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to plans being submitted to and approved by the Committee under the building byelaws, and to the owner entering into an Undertaking that the premises will not be used for any purpose other than storage of small plant, sanitary and brass foundry goods.

4—Town Planning Scheme—(a) Advertisements--Read, further letter of 11th inst. from Messrs. Hall, Brydon & Chapman, on behalf of the Master Signmakers Association, suggesting that the Council's objection to the clause submitted by them for the regulation of advertisements would be met by the deletion therefrom of the reference to overhanging signs other than fascia signs. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision to insert the model clause of the Ministry of Health in the Scheme.

(b) Objections—(1) Great Western Railway—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Great Western Railway Co. in regard to the Company's objections to the Town Planning Scheme. The Company considered that in place of the proposed undetermined zoning of their property this should be zoned for industrial or general business purposes. With regard to the footpaths which were zoned on the Map as assumed public rights of way the Company did not admit that any of the rights of way were public, and asked that these should not be shown on the Scheme as such. RESOLVED, That in regard to the zoning the Company be informed that the Committee are prepared to agree to amend the zoning so as to include their property in the respective zones contiguous thereto, and that with regard to the footpaths, the Company be informed that the Committee are unable to accede to their request not to show these on the Map in the manner proposed.

(ii) Proposed Walk, Sandy Lane, Leckhampton Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had interviewed Mr Ivelaw Chapman in regard to his objection to the scheduling of his land in Sandy Lane,

and submitted plan showing the proposed public walk reduced in width and the proposed layout of the remaining land. RESOLVED, That this plan be submitted to Mr. Chapman for his approval.

5—Common Meadow, Leckhampton—The Committee further considered letter of 17th ult. from Messrs. Bruton, Knowles & Co, objecting to this land being temporarily restricted from building. Read, also, letter of 11th inst. from the Ministry of Health stating that before deciding to hold an inquiry to determine the matter the Minister would await the decision of the Council on the letter of the 17th ult. from Messrs. Bruton, Knowles & Co. The Borough Surveyor reported that the land at the back had now been scheduled the same as the front land, namely 8 houses to the acre subject to the issue of a General Development Order under Section 15 of the Act or consent under Section 16. The land was at present without sewers, and owing to the heavy nature of the soil the provision of drainage by means of septic tanks to individual houses would be likely to cause a serious nuisance ; there was no water supply, and it would not be possible to provide a satisfactory supply until the supply was afforded from the Churchdown Reservoir. RESOLVED, That in view of the fact that there are no public services available at the present time, and that the provision of such services would be premature or likely to involve unnecessary expenditure of public money, the Committee do not recommend the Council to accede to the application

6—Windsor House, Prestbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. R. B. Shenton had transferred his dry-cleaning business from Bath Road to the old stable at Windsor House, Prestbury Road, and that he received a complaint of a nuisance. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Shenton pointing out that the consent of the Council will have to be obtained when the Town Planning Scheme comes into force.

7—Building Estates Development—The Borough Surveyor submitted standard specification for the construction of roads and sewers, which had been approved by the Street and Highway Committee. RESOLVED, That this be approved so far as this Committee is concerned.

8—Plan No. 4706—The Borough Surveyor reported that this plan for the re-erection of the Greyhound Inn, Hewlett Road, was approved by the Council subject to the requirements of the Committee as to setting back the building line and to the improvement line being complied with, but the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd. had now proceeded to erect the front wall enclosing the forecourt to the old frontage line contrary to the conditions approved by the Council. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Brewery Co pointing this out, and to ask a representative of the Company and the architect to meet the Borough Surveyor thereon.

9—Plan No. T.P. 1385—Read, letter from Dr. T. C. Currie that he was prepared to dedicate the small strip of land in front of his house in Moorend Road for the widening of the road when required subject to the front fence being set back by and at the expense of the road authority. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 7th October, 1938. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Howell, Ben ,fames, Lipson and Waite; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—St. Peter's Swimming Pools—The Borough Surveyor reported that the total attendances at these pools during the past season was 5,846 as compared with 9,366 last year.

2—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That the large bath be closed on the 14th inst. and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the floor put down to enable the Badminton Club to commence play on the 22nd inst. if possible.

3—Conference—RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspectors' Association be invited to hold their 1940 Conference in Cheltenham.

4—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to the Christmas Relief Fund for their annual Whist Drive and Dance and Old Folks Tea, on dates to be arranged with the Entertainments Manager.

5—Winter Garden—The Committee considered applications from Mr. J D. Carran to rent the Repertory Theatre and from Mr. Prince Cox to rent the building for Boxing Tournaments. RESOLVED, That the applications be not granted in view of the unsafe condition of the roof.

6—Medical Baths—(a) The Report of the Superintendent for the month of September was submitted.

(b) Emanotherapy—The Superintendent reported that Councillor Howell had arranged with the Emanotherapy Association Ltd., for the loan on trial of the various apparatus required for Emanotherapy or Emanof foam treatments, and that five treatments were given last month. RESOLVED, That consideration of installing this apparatus be referred for the views of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee,

7—Spa Medical Advisory Committee—Councillor Howell reported that Dr. R. Kirkland had resigned the Chairmanship of this Committee RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be given to Dr. Kirkland for his services as Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee.

8—Lansdown Crescent—The Committee considered the proposal of the Parks Committee that the gardens in front of the houses in Lansdown Crescent should be taken over and maintained by the Corporation. The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had not prepared detail estimates but he considered that the cost for laying out the gardens would amount to not less than £1,000. RESOLVED, That the proposal to take over the maintenance of the gardens be not proceeded with.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th October, 1938. Present—Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Addis, &Tidal!, Howell, Ben James and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Street Lighting Attendant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. W Pates, Street Lighting Attendant, would attain the age of 65 years on the 21st December next. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes Committee be recommended to extend his services for another 12 months.

2-Holidays---The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that by a decision of the District No. 6 Joint Industrial Council the holidays of Day Workers after 12 months' service had been increased from 7 to 14 days.

3—Public Lighting—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted schemes for the provision of new lighting or the improvement of existing lighting in the following roads, and recommended that application should be made to the . Ministry of Health for consent to a loan for the cost of the necessary lamp posts, that the cost of the necessary cables should be defrayed from the cable loan, and that the balance should be paid out of Revenue.

Roads.	Proposed Improvement .	Estimated Cost.			
		Lamp Posts.	Cables.	Revenue.	Total.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
St. George's Drive ...	Erection of four 100 watt Tungsten Lamps with refractor fittings	33 13 7	3 6 6	11 8 10	48 8 11
Elmfield Park Estate	Erection of three 100 watt Tungsten Lamps with refractor fittings	25 5 2	2 17 0	8 13 0	36 15 2
Naunton Way .	Erection of six 100 watt Tungsten Lamps with refractor fittings	50 10 4	4 13 2	21 10 8	76 14 2
Fairfield District	Erection of twenty-two 100 watt Tungsten Lamps with refractor fittings and provision of twelve extension brackets on existing lamps	185 4 7	60 18 1	245 14 0	491 16 8
Footpath from Dart Road ... to Priors Road	Erection of three 60 watt lamps and extension of cable	28 12 0	8 5 7		36 17 7
		£294 13 8	£100 6 9		£295 12 1
				[Total]	£690 12 6

The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the sum of £1,500 allocated for improvement of public lighting during the present financial year had been nearly exhausted, and he therefore recommended that, if the schemes were approved, the work should be deferred until after the present financial year. RESOLVED, That the schemes and recommendations of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and application made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £295 for the cost of lamp posts.

(b) High Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a scheme for improving the lighting in High Street between Hales Road and Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred till

next March to enable the Borough Electrical Engineer to carry out experiments in order to determine the most suitable types of lamps to be used for the scheme. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase horizontal and colour corrected mercury lamps for the purpose of these experiments.

4-Gas Examiner—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. J. Cleater commenced his duties on the 7th inst. as Gas Examiner and that the appointment had been approved by the Gas Referees and the Charlton Kings Urban District Council.

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5—Electricity Supply (Meters) Act, 1936—Read, letter of the 8th inst. from the Electricity Commission approving of the Corporation entering into and carrying into effect an arrangement made with the Corporation of Worcester for the examination, testing and regulation of certain 3 phase meters for Cheltenham.

6—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 30th September 1938, showing the average calorific value for the Quarter to be 473.5 B.Th.U. per cubic foot.

(b) Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 27th and 29th ult. and 7th, 13th and 16th inst., which showed the calorific values on those dates as 480.8, 483.7, 479.1, 477.8 and 471.9 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure as 8.2, 8.7, 8.8, 7.5 and 8.0 inches of water respectively.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th October, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Margrett ; and Councillor Barnett (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, 1938.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	57,000 gallons	92,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	152,000 “	236,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>7,000</u> “	<u>15,000</u> “
	216,000 “	343,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 55,933,000 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—Redwood Spring—The Borough Engineer reported that the work on the installation of the V. notch gauge and chamber to measure the discharge of water had been completed and was now in use

5—Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) The Borough Engineer reported that the water closet and drain had been constructed and was now in use. The claim for compensation for disturbance made by Mr. Dunn, tenant of Salts Farm, had not been settled. RESOLVED, That this be referred to Mr. Castle to deal with.

(b) Read, report of damage on the 3rd inst. to the fence at this reservoir by a motor car belonging to Mr. W. E. Hughes. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage, estimated at £3 17s. 3d.

6—Hewletts Reservoirs—The Borough Engineer reported that he was in negotiation with Messrs. Bubb & Co. for the acquisition of a small piece of land required for the lavatory accommodation at this reservoir, and he submitted letter of the 10th inst. from Messrs. Bubb & Co. authorising him to proceed with the work on the basis of the rearrangement of the water supply to Oakley Farm. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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Churchdown to Hewletts Main—(a) The Borough Engineer reported the progress made with the construction of this main, of which only 250 yards now remained to be laid.

(b) Executors of A. Moore, deceased (A 40)—The Town Clerk reported that when Messrs. Bruton, Knowles & Co. negotiated the settlement of this claim, they were unaware that there would be a valve chamber on the main. They therefore recommended that the compensation should be increased. RESOLVED, That a further sum of £3 compensation be paid in respect thereof.

(c) RESOLVED, That Messrs. Bruton, Knowles & Co. be instructed to negotiate terms for the settlement of the claims for surface damage caused by the laying of this main.

8—Stores—The Borough Engineer reported that during the crisis he had ordered and obtained about a year's supply of the various stores required at the various Waterworks. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Loop Mains—The Borough Engineer submitted report as to the desirability of providing loop mains between Badgeworth Lane and The Reddings, Staverton Bridge and Staverton Court and Barrow Court to Staverton, so as to improve the circulation in the mains in the Rural Areas. He estimated the total cost of these three extensions at approximately £1,770. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred for the present.

10—Tewkesbury Waterworks—(a) Settling Tank—The Borough Engineer reported that the work of fixing temporary baffles in the settling tank at a cost of £100, authorised by the Committee, had not yet been put in hand, but during a recent interview which he had had with the City Engineer and Dr.

Suckling, and as a result of tests made by the resident chemist it was decided to proceed with the work, and in addition to remove the existing cut-off wall at an estimated cost of about £50. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to have this work carried out.

(b) Pumping House—The Borough Engineer reported that the Joint Water Board had now accepted tenders for the pumping machinery and filters and plans were in course of preparation for the buildings to house these The joint Engineers were of opinion that it was desirable when constructing the buildings to erect a building large enough to accommodate additional plant so as to avoid pulling clown extensive buildings if and when extensions to the pumping plant became necessary. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Joint Water Board.

11—Wells—Thirlestaine Hall—The Borough Engineer reported that he had now ascertained that the well at Thirlestaine Hall yielded from 3,000 to 5,000 gallons per day, but the supply eased at times when there was a heavy draw off at the College Baths. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

12—Fresh Water Biological Association—The Committee further considered the application of this Association for a subscription, and the Borough Engineer submitted list of subscriptions made by other towns. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

13—Supply to Shuthonger—The Borough Engineer reported that he had approved the route of the proposed main to supply Shuthonger, but the specification had not yet been submitted for his approval. The Town Clerk reported that he had communicated with the Town Clerk of Tewkesbury, and the Tewkesbury Town Council did not consider that they should pay anything towards the cost of the portion of the main in the Borough of Tewkesbury until development along the route of the main took place, when they were agreeable to pay interest on the cost of this portion of the main. He also reported that the Cheltenham Rural District Council were willing to pay interest until connections were made to the main by the Tewkesbury Borough Council, RESOLVED, That this arrangement be agreed to, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the agreement for the extension of the main.

14—Motor Van—The Borough Engineer reported that it was desirable to purchase a light motor van for carrying one or two workmen and tools to any work in the area of supply. He had advertised for tenders and the Town Clerk submitted four tenders received, which were opened by the Committee. RESOLVED, That these be referred for the consideration of the Borough Engineer.

15—Main Renewals—The Borough Engineer reported that the sum of £6,437 had been expended up to date on main renewals, and on account of which a first instalment loan of £5,000 was issued by the Ministry of Health on the 2nd April, 1937. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a second instalment loan of £10,000 for main renewals.

16—Field No. 269—Read, letter of 12th ult. from Mr. A. C. Hext asking to be released from his tenancy of this field on the 31st December next. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to Mr. Castle being able to arrange with Messrs. Chandler Bros., the tenants of the adjoining land, to take over the tenancy.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th October, 1938. Present— The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Leigh James, Margrett and Pruen ; Councillors Green, Grimwade, Lipson and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that except for one case of Swine Fever the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of F. J. V. Singer for transfer of Licence No. 57 to motor car CDDS19 be granted.

3—Petrol Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of Road Deliveries Ltd. and G. A. Hacker for Licences to store 1,000 gallons and 600 gallons respectively at their respective premises at Windsor Street and Lansdown Place Garage, be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the plan submitted by the Great Western Railway for a petrol bulk storage installation at the St. James' Station be approved.

(c) The Petroleum Inspector submitted list of 23 firms and persons who had not made application for renewal of their petrol Licences. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform them that if they are found storing petrol without a Licence, proceedings will be taken against them.

4—Leckhampton Hill Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the condition of the "Devil's Chimney " and the road bridge in Daisy Bank Road, RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be asked to inspect these.

5—Warwick Buildings—Read, letter from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland offering Nos. 2 to 12 Warwick Buildings and 68 and 69 Winchcomb Street to the Council for £1,500. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked for his valuation of the property.

6—Domestic Agencies—Read, report of 22nd ult. from Superintendent Hopkins that all the Domestic Servant Agencies in the Borough had been inspected and the books found to be in order.

7—King's National Roll—Read, letter from the Chairman of the Local Employment Committee asking the Council to renew for a further period of two years the undertaking to employ not less than five per cent disabled ex-service men. RESOLVED, That the undertaking be renewed.

8—Car Park—Read, letter from the Cheltenham Badminton Club asking the Council to make a Car Parking Order for Great Western Road to enable members of the Club to park their cars in the road without lights. Superintendent Hopkins reported that as this road was used considerably as a route to Malvern Road Station he could not recommend the Chief Constable to permit parking without lights, but he was prepared to raise no objection to parking on one side with lights. RESOLVED, That an Order be not therefore made.

9—Naming of Road—RESOLVED, That the application of Western Estates Ltd. for the cul-de-sac off Merriville Road to be named " Merriville Gardens" be acceded to.

10—Czecho-Slovakia Relief Fund—RESOLVED, That the sum of f 25 be subscribed to the Mayor's Appeal on behalf of the Lord Mayor of London's Fund for relief of distress in Czecho-Slovakia.

11—Superannuation Act—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, That the services of W. Pates, street lighting attendant, be extended for one year from the 21st December next.

(b) RESOLVED, That the services of the Town Clerk be extended for one year up to the 17th November, 1939.

12—A.R.P. Expenditure—The Borough Treasurer reported that the sum expended on construction of trenches and respirator Census during the recent crisis was approximately £1,216, and that a Statement of Account was being furnished to the County Council.

13—Statutory Annual Meeting of Council—RESOLVED, That the Annual Meeting of the Council on the 9th November be held at 12 noon in the Drawing Room at the Town Hall.

14—Marle Hill House—Read, letter from Col. Whitmore Jones asking for the removal of several elm trees in the grounds of this house, as he considered these were unsafe. RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Councillor Green be asked to inspect the trees with the Gardens Superintendent.

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15—New Cinema, Promenade—Read, letter from the architect, enclosing plans of the new Cinema, showing the number and positions of fire appliances. The positions indicated had been approved by Superintendent Hopkins, the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade and the Building Inspector. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

16—Fair Wages Clause—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Cheltenham District Trades Council asking for the Council to revert to the former Fair Wages clause for contracts, in which the contractor declared that he had not within six months prior to the date of the contract paid to any workmen less than the standard rate of wages current in each branch of the respective trades, as they felt that the present Fair Wages clause, which did not contain this declaration, had almost taken away all the value it ever had in confining contracts to fair firms, and was consequently of little use to protect the interests of the operatives. They urged the Council to exercise closer supervision over wages paid by some of the contractors as they were continually receiving complaints that standard rates were not being paid, and it was difficult for them to obtain authentic instances, and they asked that the Council should examine the contractors' books. The Town Clerk reported that the present Fair Wages clause was adopted by the Council on the 4th June, 1934, and was in the form of the Fair Wage Resolution of the House of Commons, and in submitting the model the .Ministry recommended that departures from the model should not be made except in special circumstances, as it was an advantage to firms and persons wishing to contract to be able to rely on uniform standing orders in different districts. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to vary the present Fair Wages clause.

17—Fire Brigade—(a) Engine—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Messrs. Leyland Motors Ltd. that they were willing for the contract for the Fire Engine to be placed direct with them and to arrange to pay the commission on the order to one of the three local firms submitting tenders, and asking for the name of the firm selected. RESOLVED, That North Street Motors Ltd be selected.

(b) Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee on the 28th ult.

(i) The Sub-Committee had accepted tenders for the supply of 150 sets of uniform and equipment for the Auxiliary Fire Brigade, as authorised, at a total cost of £552 16s. 3d.

(ii) The Sub-Committee had also accepted, as authorised, tenders for the supply of hose, ladders, belts and various equipment required for the permanent Brigade at a total cost of £250 19s. 6d. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

(c) The Chief Officer reported that the present Recreation Room in Fire Engine House was not large enough for the lectures and training of the Auxiliary Brigade. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to convert and provide heating in the loft at the Central Depot at a cost of approximately £50.

(d) Chief Officer's Monthly Report—The Chief Officer reported that since the last meeting the Brigade had attended two fires, namely, at The Engineers Arms, Swindon Road, and No 1 Berkeley Villas. He submitted letter from Fireman W. L. James stating that he no longer wished to continue in the service of the retained Brigade. The number of men recruited for the Auxiliary Fire Brigade now totalled 74, of which 68 were in course of training. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to convey to Fireman W. L. James the Committee's appreciation of the excellent service rendered by him during the past 23 years.

(e) Training Apparatus—The Chief Officer reported that in connection with the training of the Auxiliary Fire Brigade he required three Atomiser Hose Nozzles, costing £3 17s. 6d. each, and also a Dummy for drill purposes at a cost of £9. This apparatus would rank for grant. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to purchase the same.

(f) Fire Brigades Act, 1938—The Town Clerk submitted circulars of 20th and 27th ult. from the Home Office in regard to this Act, which, for the first time, placed the Councils of all County Boroughs, Boroughs, Urban Districts and Rural Districts under statutory obligation to make provision for the extinction of fires etc. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee.

(g) Northleach Rural District—Read, letters of 11th and 14th inst. from the Clerk to the Northleach Rural District Council asking on what terms the Council would provide the services of the Brigade to the parishes of Compton Abdale, Dowdeswell including Andoversford, Sevenhampton including Brockhampton, Shipton and Whittington. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee and that the Chief Officer be instructed to inspect the area and report as to what equipment and strength of Brigade would be necessary to serve these parishes, and also to inspect and report on the present rural areas served by the Brigade.

(h) Fire Station—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the extension of the existing Fire Station by utilising a portion of the present Fire Engine House and the site of the Synagogue at the rear at a total approximate cost of £8,815. There was insufficient space to provide a repair shop large enough to accommodate the Fire Engine, and it was not possible to provide sufficient storage space to accommodate all the equipment, or hose drying and drill towers. The Chief Officer stated that he did not consider the proposed extension would be sufficient for the needs of the

Brigade. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Sub-Committee and that they be authorised to consider what alternative sites are available for a new Fire Station.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 4th October, 1938. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Carter and Stokes (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Mr. F. W. Clarkson, deceased—RESOLVED, That the Committee record their deep regret at the death of Mr. F. W. Clarkson, who for many years rendered valuable service as a co-opted member of this Committee, and desire to express their sincere sympathy with his widow and family in their sad bereavement.

2—Meetings—RESOLVED, This in future this Committee meet at 6 p.m.

3—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments. Several allotments were in an untidy state of cultivation, but, having regard to the time of year and the inclement weather, he considered that the general condition of the allotments was satisfactory. The tenant of No. 23 Baglin's Piece had deposited a quantity of rubbish in the ditch adjoining his allotment. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to require him to remove this.

4—Hatherley Road Allotments—Read, letter of 20th ult. from Mr. H. G. Haywood that the owner of No. 149 Hatherley Road did not wish to take half of Allotment No. 42, and offering to take the whole of this allotment himself at a rent of 7s 6d. per annum provided it was let rent free for six months. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted, but that Mr. Haywood be offered the allotment at a rent of 10s per annum, to be rent free up to the 25th March next.

5—Vacant Allotments—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to submit to the next meeting of the Committee a statement of all vacant allotments.

6—Crabtree Piece Allotments—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of repairing and setting back the fencing adjoining the entrance to these allotments in Folly Lane at £5. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this carried out.

P. T. SMITH, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 4th October, 1938. Present—The Mayor: Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Promenade Fountain—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 2nd August last from the Ministry of Transport asking whether the Council would construct the section of the River Chelt culvert under the Promenade Fountain between the Cinema site and the Promenade in the event of the

Ministry reconstructing the culvert under the Promenade. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to the work being carried out subject to the cost of the new culvert and the reinstatement of the Fountain being borne by the Public Health Committee.

2—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had written to Messrs. Rogers & Davies asking them to complete the construction of Bournside Road, and work on the road was now proceeding satisfactorily.

3—Pittville Gardens—(a) Pump Room—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work of reconstruction was proceeding expeditiously, the critical portions of the structure having been strengthened. The timber in the Dome which was infected with the death watch and powder-post beetles had been treated with a preservative and the reconstruction of the decayed stonework would shortly be put in hand.

(b) The Gardens Superintendent recommended that in order to obtain a better view of the Lake and flower beds from the Pump Room, one evergreen oak and a clump of shrubs should be removed. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Visitors be asked to inspect and report as to this suggestion.

(c) Long Garden—The Gardens Superintendent recommended that as the inner hedge in the Long Garden served no useful purpose this should be removed during the winter months, together with three large elm trees, which were in a sickly condition. He also suggested that as the paths in this Garden were never used, they should be filled in and turfed or seeded. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Visitors be asked to inspect and report as to this suggestion, and also as to the desirability of opening this Garden to the public on Sundays.

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4—Marle Hill Annexe—The Gardens Superintendent recommended that the area between Evesham Road and the Children's Boating Lake should be improved by altering and extending the rockery and constructing a waterway and pools. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Visitors be asked to inspect and report as to this suggestion.

5—Pittville Circus Garden—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the whole of this Garden had now been cleared, levelled and seeded, and for a Spring display he proposed to plant various varieties of narcissi in drifts. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to prepare a plan showing the area of this ground which might be appropriated for the enlargement of the playgrounds of Naunton Park Schools, without interfering with the layout of the football pitches, and submit this for consideration by the Education Committee.

7—Football Pitches—(a) RESOLVED, That in future the football season be extended up to the third Saturday in March, and that Minute No. 14 (c) passed at the last meeting of the Committee be rescinded.

(b) RESOLVED, That permission be given to St James' Church Lads' Brigade to play football on the St. Mark's Playing Field on alternate Saturdays during the present season.

8—Land adjoining Naunton Park Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had intimated that sanction to loan under Section 4 of the Physical Training and Recreation Act, 1937 could only be issued if the Corporation intended to proceed forthwith with the lay-out and improvement of the ground as a Playing Field, but sanction could be issued under Section 158 of the Local Government Act, 1933 which authorised the acquisition of land in advance of requirements, but if sanction was granted under this Section no application for a grant under the Physical Training Act could be entertained, RESOLVED, That sanction for a loan under Section 158 of the Local Government Act, 1933 be applied for.

9—Floral Display—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the President of the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce asking the Corporation to co-operate with the Chamber in making a small floral display which was being planned for Montpellier Rotunda during the week of special street lighting which they were promoting at the end of November. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to arrange for a display of flowers at the Rotunda provided this can be done without interfering with the usual display at the Town Hall,

10—Playground Equipment—RESOLVED, That in future no restriction be placed on the use of the children's playground equipment in the various Parks and Recreation Grounds on Sundays.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 6th October, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Ben James and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

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

2—Unpaid Rates—The Committee interviewed and dealt with five Rate defaulters.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st October, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 21st inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £114,402 ; Voids £4,036 ; Excused £216 ; Irrecoverable £380 ; Arrears £1,675.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 21st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended 30th September, 1938. Amount collected £23,546 ; Voids £236 ; Defaulters £17 ; Abatements £20 ; Outstanding £1,669.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 21st inst. Present—Aldermen Moore and Taylor (in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Housing Act, 1936—The Town Clerk submitted the following applications asking the Corporation to undertake to guarantee the repayment of advances proposed to be made by the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society on a 21 years' term in connection with the purchase of the houses mentioned opposite the respective initials of the applicants :—

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. K. ... 1 Kipling Road £495

Mr. F. J. P. 239 Brooklyn Road ... £725.

He submitted reports upon the financial and other circumstances of the applicants, and a Report by the Borough Surveyor upon the construction of the houses. RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. K. be not granted. RESOLVED, That the Council undertake to guarantee in pursuance of Section 91 of the Housing Act, 1936, the repayment of the proposed advances to Mr. F. J. P., such guarantee to be limited to the amount between $66\frac{2}{3}$ and 90 per cent of the value of the house ; and the rate of interest to be charged in respect of advances not to exceed $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, subject to a satisfactory report being made by the Building Society's Surveyor ; and that the Common Seal be affixed to the formal Guarantee to be approved by the Town Clerk.

5—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting he had received £28,000 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that he had arranged with the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada for a loan of £10,000 for 15 years on the terms now reported. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to a Mortgage of the General Rate for securing repayment of the loan,

(c) RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to obtain on loan sums not exceeding £20,000 on the terms now approved by the Committee.

6—Aircraft Insurance—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Treasurer, That the quotation of the Insurance Companies with whom the Corporation properties were insured for fire risks to cover the risk of damage occasioned by aircraft and articles dropped therefrom for an extra premium amounting to a total of £22 be accepted.

7—County of Gloucester Review Order, 1935—The Town Clerk and Borough Treasurer submitted report on the claim made by the Prestbury Parish Council for financial adjustment in respect of the portion of Prestbury transferred to the Borough. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to negotiate for a settlement of the claim on the terms now approved by the Committee.

8—Rates Department—National Cash Register—The Committee considered reference back by the Council of the recommendation to purchase a National Cash Register for the Rates Department for receipt of rates at a cost of £522 net and the Borough Treasurer submitted report on the advantages

of the purchase of this machine. (A copy of this report accompanies the Minutes). RESOLVED, That the Council be again recommended to purchase the machine at a cost of £522.

9—Superannuation—The Committee further considered application from Mr. A. Ricketts for his Superannuation to be calculated on the basis of 80ths in respect of his non-contributory service. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

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

Date, 1938.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
29th September	Purchase of Fire Engine...	£2,213	10 years.
14th October	Pavilion, Alstone Playing Field ...	£1,117	20 years.

11—Audit—The Town Clerk submitted Notice from the District Auditor that the Audit of Accounts for the year ended 31st March last would commence on the 7th November next.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 4th November, 1938.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the .annual Meeting of the Council, to be held at the TOWN HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of November, 1938, at TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. Election of Councillors—Town Clerk to report Elections on 1st November.
2. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing year.
3. To assign Aldermen to be Returning Officers for Ward Elections.
4. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.
5. To appoint Committees.
6. To appoint twelve Members of the Guardians Committee.
7. To appoint six Members of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board.
8. To appoint six Members of the A.R.P. Area Authority No. 2.
9. To appoint two Representative Trustees of Delancey Hospital to fill vacancies caused by expiration of term of Office of Dr. R. Kirkland and Councillor Morris.

10. Communications by the Mayor.

Yours faithfully,

Town, Clerk.

N.B.—Robes and Orders will be worn. NOTE.—At the conclusion of the Council Meeting the Council will meet as the Local Pension Committee for the Borough.

BUSINESS.

1. To read the Minutes of the last Meeting.
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, 28th October, 1938, at 3 p.m. Present : The Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N. Retd., J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P., J.P., Miller, Moore, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Compton and Morris.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 3rd October, 1938, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed, subject to the Amendment to the Minute No. 6 of the Finance Committee being altered to : " That Minute No. 6 be not approved."

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

Public Health Meeting held October 4

Also, That the proposal of W. H. Bowd to establish a bakehouse in Whaddon Road be approved subject to the conditions recommended by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Housing Meeting held October 13

Also, That with reference to the resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Council under Section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936, declaring numbers 117 to 124 Tewkesbury Road to be a Clearance Area, that the Council hereby undertake to carry out or to secure the carrying out of such rehousing operations, if any, within such period as the Minister of Health may consider to be reasonably necessary.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Bush and seconded by Councillor Waite : " That Minute No. 4 be referred back with a view to the work being done in the Town " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Rogers and seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That Minute No. 6 be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Street and Highway Meetings held October 3 & 10

Also, That the offer of Messrs. Goddard & Hunt to purchase a further piece of land on the South-East side of Brooklyn Road with a frontage of 56 thereto at the price of £3 15s. 0d. per foot be accepted subject to Contract, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held October 10

Also, That the application of the Cheltenham General & Eye Hospitals for renewal of their Certificate of Exemption from Registration as a Nursing Home, be granted for a further period of one year.

Town Planning Meeting held October 20

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held October 7

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held October 17

Subject to an Amendment : " That with reference to Minute No. 3, St. George's Drive be lit forthwith."

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Water Meeting held October 11

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held October 18

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Addis : " That Minute No. 16 in regard to Fair Wages Clause be referred back " was not seconded).

Allotments .. Meeting held October 4

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Green : " That Minute No. 2 be referred back."

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held October 4

Rating .. Meeting held October 6

Finance Meeting held October 21

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Miller and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 8 be not approved" 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.

J. H. TRYE, Mayor.

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