

## **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 Wednesday, 9th November. 1938, at 12 noon.**

**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, Pruen, Pates and Taylor Councillors Addis, J.P., 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, Lipson, M.A., M.P., J.P., Miller, E. W. Moore, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite. Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham and Councillor Morris.

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

Rev. Edmond Stanley de Courcy Ireland for St. Peter's Ward.

Mr. Thomas Wilfred Waite for St. Paul's Ward.

Mr. John Howell for Pittville Ward.

Mr. Harold Miller for All Saints' Ward.

Mr. Daniel Leopold Lipson for College Ward.

Mr. John Lionel Ewart Bendall for the Park Ward.

Mr. Edward Lawrence Ward for Lansdown Ward.

Mr. Stanley Rogers for St. Mark's Ward.

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2—Election of Mayor—Resolved, That Councillor John Howell, F.R.C.S., 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—Deputy Mayor's Badge—Resolved, That the best thanks of the Council be given to Councillor and Mrs. E. L. Ward for their handsome gift of a Badge for the use of the Deputy Mayor, and that the gift be recorded on the Board of Gifts to the Corporation at the Municipal Offices.

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

5—Retiring Mayor—Resolved, That the warmest thanks of the Council be given to Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N. (Retrd.), J.P., for the able, impartial and hospitable manner in which he has carried out the duties of Mayor for the past year, and to Mrs. Trye 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. :—

Alderman Margrett	St. Peter's Ward.
Alderman Pates	St. Paul's Ward.
Alderman Pruen	Pittville Ward.
Alderman Taylor	All Saints' Ward.
Alderman Clara Frances Winterbotham	College Ward.
Alderman Leigh James	Park Ward.
Alderman Moore	Lansdown Ward.
Alderman 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 28th 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.

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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, 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 (except the provisions relating to Fire Escapes), 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.

### **Housing Committee—**

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Housing Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bettridge, Bush, 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.

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### **Maternity and child Welfare Committee—**

Resolved, That the following do form the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee for the ensuing Year to carry out all duties connected with Maternity and Child Welfare—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James and Clara. Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Garland, Grimwade and Lipson ; Mrs. E. Booy, Mrs. Lewis Grist, Mrs. E. C. Gurney, Mrs. W. L. Mellersh, Miss Ratcliffe and Mrs. Leonard Wood.

### **Street and Highway Committee—**

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Pates ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Morris, Rogers, Till and Ward, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the repair of the streets, including public and private streets and main and contribution roads. and including the roads and footpaths on the Pittville Estate, and to consider all proposed public street improvements, and the making of any Byelaws in respect of new Streets and buildings.

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

### **Town Planning Committee—**

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Town Planning Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Taylor and Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore, Waite and Ward, 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

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(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 Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Lipson, Rogers, Smith, Till 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.

#### **Electricity and Lighting Committee —**

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Electricity and Lighting Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, 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.

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#### **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, Moore, Smith and Ward, 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 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.

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### **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. E. H. Carter, H. Stokes 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 :—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors. Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Ben James, Moore, Rogers and Ward,

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.

**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.

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**Finance Committee—**

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Finance Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Leigh James, Moore, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade, Waite and Ward, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters of Finance, including the checking, as far as possible, of the expenditure of the different Committees of the Council, the Superannuation Scheme, except applications for extensions of service, the appointment and dismissal of the Officers and Staff in the Borough Treasurer's Department, the preparation of Estimates for Rates, and raising of Loans : To consider and report upon all matters arising upon the report of the District Auditor.

**Public Library Committee—**

Resolved, That the following do form the Public Library Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; Councillors Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fletcher, Garland, Grimwade and Lipson ; 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. Vernal!, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Public Library and all matters relating thereto, subject to the proceedings of the Committee being submitted from time to time for confirmation by the Council.

**Art Gallery and Museum Committee—**

Resolved, That the following do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Leigh James and Margrett ; Councillors Avery, Bendall, Fletcher 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.

**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, 1939, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

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### **Winter Garden Development Committee—**

Resolved, That the following do form the Winter Garden Development Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Winterbotham ; Councillors Fisher, Lipson, Smith, Till and Waite ; Messrs. E. Baring, D. V. Davies and Ross M. Logan. - Education Committee—Resolved, That the following Members of the Council be appointed Members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year :— The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Leigh James, Margrett, Moore and Taylor ; Councillors Bush, Compton, Fletcher, Garland, Grimwade, 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, Bendall, Bush, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Miller, Moore, Rogers and Till.

**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 Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Moore, Pruen and Taylor ; and Councillor Ward.

**12-Joint Airport Committee**--Resolved, That the following Members be appointed the Council Representatives on the Joint Airport Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Margrett, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Waite and Ward.

**13—Delancey Hospital Trustees**—Resolved, That Councillor Morris and Dr. R. Kirkland be appointed Representative Trustees of the Delancey Hospital for a term of three years expiring on the 9th November, 1941.

**14—Air Raid Precautions Authority No. 2**—Resolved, That the following Members of the Council be appointed Members of the Air Raid Precautions Authority No. 2 for the ensuing year :— The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Bush, Compton, Fisher, Grimwade and Smith.

JOHN HOWELL, 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 held on Monday, 5th December, 1938.**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th November, 1938.** Present—Alderman Pruen; Councillors Barnett, Garland, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Ben James, 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 33 Moorend Street ; Basement of Seaforth, Christ Church Road--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.

5—Nuisances from Drains—1-8 Brooklyn Terrace and Factory in Millbrook 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 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.

6—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Basements of 2 Ormond Terrace and 7 Suffolk Square—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had inspected the basements of these premises which did not comply with the Regulations prescribed by the Corporation under the Housing Acts The Rota Sub-Committee also reported their inspection thereof. RESOLVED, That the Council are satisfied that the above mentioned parts of the said buildings are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and that notices be served upon the persons having control of these houses, 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 9th January, 1939.

(b) 52 and 52a St. George's Place ; 8, 9 and 10 Old Millbrook Terrace ; 23 and 23a All Saints' Road ; Bruton Cottage, Portland Street ; 30 Gloucester Place ; 2 Trent Cottages ; 22 York Street ; 23 St. James's Street ; 11 Grosvenor Street ; 20, 29 and 31 Bath Terrace ; and 19 and 19a Exmouth 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 9th January, 1939.

(c) 10 Tivoli 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.



(d) The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses :—

(i) Brickyard Cottage, Folly Lane—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Mr. J. K. Trough ton on behalf of the Owner, requesting an adjournment to enable him to consider the summary specification of work required to render the premises fit for human habitation, which had been prepared by the Chief Sanitary Inspector. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(ii) 15 and 16 Clare Place—RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for one month.

(iii) 14, 15 and 16 Hereford Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had not yet completed the sale of these houses and asked for a further adjournment. RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for one month.

(iv) 22 and 23 Queen Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Housing Committee had decided not to entertain the purchase of these houses, and that the Owner had asked for a further adjournment to enable him to consider carrying out the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, consideration be adjourned for one month.

(v) 5 and 6 Croft Street ; 9 and 11 St. James' Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had failed to carry out their Undertakings to carry out the works required to render these houses fit for human habitation, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Owners that the question of making Demolition Orders in breach of their Undertakings will be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

(e) Basement of 20 Clarence Square—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises had been re-occupied in contravention of the Closing Order made in respect thereof on the 9th February, 1938. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Owner that proceedings would be taken for the penalties incurred unless the premises were immediately vacated.

(f) 13 Witcombe Place---Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Messrs. Engall Cox Co. on behalf of the Owner, requesting an extension of time for carrying out the Demolition Order made in respect thereof on the 5th ult. RESOLVED, That an extension of three months be granted.

(g) 1, 2 and 3 Powells Cottages and Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street; 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 10a, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16 Grove Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these houses had failed to comply with the Clearance or Demolition Orders made in respect thereof, and he submitted four tenders for carrying out the work in default. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mark Williams & Co. Ltd., amounting to £90 (making allowance for value of materials), being the lowest, be accepted

7—Clearance Orders, 1936—The Town Clerk submitted list of houses which had not been vacated although notices to quit had been served on the occupiers under the Housing Act, 1936. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to obtain possession of the same.

8—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness—(a) 13 Exmouth Street ; 5 Hughes Passage, Exmouth Street; 14 Stoneville Street ; 50 Worcester Street ; and 60 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.

(b) 8 King Street ; 25 and 26 Hungerford 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.

9—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 11 cwt. 15 lbs. Beef; 4 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs. Pork 2 qrs. 3 lbs. Mutton ; 1 cwt 1 qr. 12 lbs Poultry ; 3 qrs. 14) lbs. Eggs ; 1 qr. 19 lbs. Game.

10—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Mrs. Kent of 16 Hewlett Place for registration as a Retail Purveyor of milk in the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order.

11—Shops Act, 1934-56, 58 and 66 Promenade—The Committee considered the question of granting Certificates 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.. Mr. Hackett attended on behalf of the Owners of 66 Promenade. RESOLVED, That Certificates be granted in each case subject to the Owners undertaking to inform the Council of any alteration in the arrangements reported to the Committee.

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12—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of analyses of water taken during the preceding month.

13—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported the results of phosphatase tests on pasteurised milk produced in the Borough, which were satisfactory.

(b) RESOLVED, That the following applications for licences be granted for one year to the 31st December, 1939, subject to the provisions of the Order :—

Application of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co Ltd. for licence to use designation " Pasteurised " in relation to milk treated at their Depot in Imperial Lane.

Applications of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd., Mr. H. C. Pumfrey, and Cheltenham Milk Bar Ltd. for Dealers' licences authorising use of designation "Tuberculin Tested " in relation to milk sold respectively from Imperial Lane ; Benhall Dairy, Great Norwood Street; and the Milk Bar, Promenade; and application of Mr. M. E Chamberlayne for Dealer's licence authorising use of designation " Pasteurised " in relation to milk sold for consumption at Christowe, Sandford Road.

Application of the Gloucester Co-operative and Industrial Society Ltd., and Mr. F. Hammond for Supplementary licences authorising use of designations "Pasteurised " and " Accredited " respectively in relation to milk sold in the Borough.

14—Park and District Sewer—(a) The Pines, Tivoli Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Owner of this property had now agreed to accept £35 in settlement of his claim for compensation for damage caused by the laying of this sewer. RESOLVED, That this sum be paid.

(b) Odiel House, Dagmar Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a complaint from the Owner of settlement of the wall and footpath near the entrance to this house as a result of the laying of the Park and District Sewer. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make good the wall and footpath and charge the cost to the Sewer Loan.

15—Moorend Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received complaints from neighbouring Owners of the condition of Moorend Crescent since the laying of this sewer. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to execute temporary repairs until the ground has completely settled.

16—Barn Farm and Hayden Farm—The Town Clerk submitted a report by Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son of their inspection of these farms RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Farms and Abattoir Sub-Committee for consideration and report,

17—Camping Sites—The Town Clerk reported that he had received applications from Mr. Comeley of Harthurstfield Farm, Gloucester Road, and Mr. F. A. Tovey of the Malvern Inn, Leckhampton Road, for renewal of the licences granted to them under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, in respect of the camping sites provided by them at their respective premises. RESOLVED, That fresh licences be granted for the period from the 1st April to 15th October, 1939, subject to the same conditions as were contained in the previous licences.

18—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health—The Town Clerk submitted circular received from the Ministry of Health with regard to the contents and arrangement of the Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health for 1938. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th November, 1938.** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bettridge, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Moore 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 the following be appointed the Selection of Tenants and View Sub-Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Pates, Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Morris.

(b) Read, reports of the Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 19th and 27th ult., 7th and 11th inst. (1) The Sub-Committee had interviewed 28 applicants for houses, granted 18, adjourned 3 and refused 7. They had also considered 6 applications from tenants for transfers to other houses, granted 3 and refused 3.

(2) 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 various sheds, aviaries and greenhouses, as recommended, be approved.

(iii) 5 Pates Avenue—That the tenant of this house be required to remove the shed erected by him without consent.

(iv) 8 Tennyson Road—That an extra channel be provided at the back of this house to assist drainage of the back garden.

(v) 14 and 15 Hanover Parade—That the standard rents of these houses, which had been altered so as to provide one 5 bedroom house and one 1 bedroom house be fixed as follows :-14 Hanover Parade (1 bedroom) 5s; 15 Hanover Parade (5 bedroom) 12s.

(vi) 1 Windrush Road—That the tenant of this house be allowed to provide double gates to afford access for his motor cycle subject to the gates being removed and the fence reinstated at the termination of his tenancy.

(vii) 38 Milton Road—That the grate in the living room at this house be removed and a new open grate installed at a cost of £7.

(viii) Severn Road—That, having inspected the piece of vacant land at the end of Severn Road adjoining the brook, the Committee be recommended to consider the utilization of this land for the erection of lock-up garages for the use of tenants on the Estate.

(ix) 70 Moors Avenue—That the Housing Manager be instructed to have a double entrance constructed to this house, at a cost of £2 3s. 0d. to enable the tenant to get a truck to the land rented by him at the rear, and that the tenant be allowed to construct a concrete path through his garden subject to his removing this at the termination of his tenancy.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and estimates for the erection of garages on the vacant land in Severn Road.

3—Pates Avenue—The View Sub-Committee reported that they had inspected the open space in Pates Avenue and recommended that the iron railings surrounding the space and the sand-pit should be removed, and that the Gardens Superintendent be asked to inspect the space and report as to the

possibility of converting this into a garden or otherwise improving its appearance. The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had inspected the space, but he considered that it was not desirable to lay this out as a garden as it would be difficult to maintain it in good order. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate for the removal of the railings and asphaltting the space, and, alternatively, for asphaltting only.

4—Grove Street—The View Sub-Committee reported that they had inspected the sites of the houses already demolished and the houses remaining to be demolished in this street, and recommended that the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for the demolition of all the houses not yet demolished in compliance with the Clearance Order and Demolition Orders, and that when the sites have been cleared, the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate terms for the purchase of the cleared sites ; also, That when the sites have been cleared and purchased by the Corporation the land be inspected again by the Sub-Committee with a view to considering how this can best be developed. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also, That the District Valuer be asked for his valuation of Nos. 15 and 16 Grove Street which the Owner (Mrs. Millin) had offered to sell to the Council for £100.

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5—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) 7 Dart Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that a gas explosion occurred at this house on the 28th ult, due to a leakage of gas from the meter, and caused damage to the extent of about which was covered by insurance.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the four builders' merchants' who assisted Mr. Sansom in the completion of his contract for payment of the sum of £414 3s. 7 ½ d., being the amount which the up-grading in building trade wages had cost on this contract. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee have previously approached the Ministry of Health in this matter but that the Ministry stated they were unable to agree to any payment which was not due under the Contract.

(c) Proposed Footpath, Dart Road to Priors Road—The Town Clerk reported in regard to the ownership of the ditch adjoining the proposed footpath from Dart Road to Priors Road. RESOLVED, That the proposal be not proceeded with at present.

(d) The Town Clerk reported receipt of sanction to loan of £12,358 for the erection of 30 new houses.

(e) Constable--The Committee considered the desirability of appointing a constable to superintend the behaviour of tenants on this Estate. RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be instructed to circularise tenants on the Estate inviting applications for the appointment on the terms now approved by the Committee.

6—Housing Repairs—Read, report of the Repairs Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 18th ult. They reported that they had considered the system of carrying out the repairs and decorations to Council houses, together with report from the Housing Manager thereon, and recommended that the present system should be continued except that, with a view to ensuring close supervision of the work, a Repairs Superintendent be appointed. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee

7—Housing Manager—(a) Annual Report—The Committee considered the Annual Report of the Housing Manager for the year ended 31st March last. RESOLVED, That copies of the Report be sent to each Member of the Council.

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

(i) 58 Whaddon Avenue—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant of this house and warn him that if any further complaints of his behaviour are received, proceedings will be taken for possession of the premises.

(ii) RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the Housing Manager preparing a scheme for the training of local girls in her office as pupil trainees. (iii) Pigeons and Fowls—RESOLVED, That the View Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the pigeon lofts and cages provided by tenants in contravention of the condition that no pigeons be kept, and also to report as to the desirability of varying this condition so as to permit tenants to keep racing pigeons. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to warn tenants keeping fowls that they will be given notice to quit unless they discontinue keeping fowls by the end of December

8—Electricity Charges—The Housing Manager reported that several tenants who used very little electricity had received accounts for the balance to make up the minimum charge of £1 now fixed by the Electricity Committee. RESOLVED, That the Electricity Committee be asked to reconsider this charge, and that the Chairman, Councillors Fisher and Moore be asked to attend the next meeting of the Electricity Committee to discuss the matter.

9-6 Kingsley Gardens—The Town Clerk submitted application from the tenant of this house for repairs and decorations to be carried out as the house was not decorated at the commencement of his tenancy. The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of carrying out the necessary work at £9 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the Repairs Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the house and authorise the work to be carried out if they consider this necessary

10—Sale of Houses—(a) 1 Kipling Road—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. and Mrs. South to purchase this house for £475 RESOLVED, That this 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.

(b) 20 Tennyson Road—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Day had now decided not to proceed with the purchase of this house.

11—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—The Town Clerk reported receipt of sanction to loan of £2,060 for the erection of brick built sheds on this Estate.

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12—St. Margaret's Cottages Clearance Order—The Committee further considered the application of Mr. and Mrs. Smith for a payment of £60 in respect of loss of their dairy business consequent on the Clearance Order. The Town Clerk submitted account book kept by Mr. and Mrs. Smith, which showed that prior to the Clearance Order their weekly takings averaged between £10 and £11, but since the Clearance Order the business had declined. The utensils etc. had cost £12 and there were bills

outstanding for E.96. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 44 of the Housing Act 1936, Mr. and Mrs. Smith be paid the sum of £50.

13—Ribstone Cottage, Swindon Road—The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer had been unable to come to terms with the owner of Ashcroft for the purchase of his property. RESOLVED, That the purchase of the land be not proceeded with.

14—Exterior Painting—St. Mark's and St. Paul's Estates--The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of the exterior painting of 71 houses in Shelley Road, Shelley Avenue and Wordsworth Avenue at £245 0s. 0d., and 138 houses in Hudson Street, Manser Street and Hanover Parade at £511 0s. 0d., including the cost of painting and repairing the iron railings between the houses in Margrett Road and Hudson Street, Hudson Street and Manser Street and at the rear of the houses in Manser Street RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st November, 1938.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen. Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade Rogers, Till and Ward.

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

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

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

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

5—Naunton Lane—Read, letters of 11th and 14th inst. from the Bursar of the Boys College suggesting that the College Council might be prepared to surrender the land required for the widening of Naunton Lane as far as it adjoins their playing field in this road, if the Corporation would bear the cost of setting back the wall to the improvement line. The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost, of this work, excluding road works, at £160. RESOLVED, That the proposal be agreed to, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to suggest that railings should be erected along the improvement line instead of a brick wall.

6—Ewlyn Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a claim from Mr. E. Zebedee for repayment of £8 8s. 0d. expenditure in repairing the water service pipe to Beechwood, which he alleged to have been damaged by the roots of a tree growing in the highway. RESOLVED, Than an offer be made without predjudice to pay half the cost incurred.

7—Destructor Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the chimney stack at the Destructor Works had been examined by Messrs. V. G. Morris Ltd., and that they had submitted an estimate amounting to £48 for carrying out necessary repairs to the lightning conductor, brickwork etc , and an additional estimate of £31 for treating the top 50 feet Of the chimney with linseed oil, and had also offered if these estimates were accepted to guarantee the efficiency of the lightning conductor for a period of 8 years. RESOLVED, That their tender amounting to £81 be accepted.

8—Borough Surveyor's Department—junior Engineering Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported the resignation of Mr N. A. Pritchard from his position as Junior Engineering Assistant, and recommended that Mr G. E. Corry, Senior Pupil, should be paid £2 per week for undertaking some of the routine work which had previously been carried out by Mr. Pritchard, RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

9—Arle Road—Read, memorial from the Owners of Nos. 68 to 76 Arle Road asking that the wall erected in front of their houses on the approach to the Railway Bridge should be lowered by at least a foot. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

10—Traffic Island and Refuges--The Borough Surveyor submitted Tenders for the supply of box signs, bollards and kerbing, required for the traffic island at the junction of Queen's Road and Gloucester Road, and refuges at the junction of St. George's Road and Gloucester Road and at the junction of Sandford Road and College Road. RESOLVED, That the following tenders, being the lowest, be accepted

		£	s.	d.
Box Signs	Gowshall Ltd.	19	2	6
Bollards	The Cardiff Foundry Co. Ltd.	62	0	6
Kerbing	Craig-yr-Hesg Quarries Ltd.	63	0	0

11—Hewlett Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Owners of the Greyhound Inn had agreed to set back the wall of this property to the improvement line and to contribute 120 towards the cost of paving the footpath, subject to the Corporation relieving them of their liability for paving, kerbing and channelling the footpath, and constructing three entrance crossings across the footpath. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

12--Wages and Conditions of Employees—(a) Stableman—Re-d, letter of 4th inst from the District Organiser of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, asking for an interview to discuss the working hours and wages of Mr. S Cook, Stableman at the Central Depot. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted as this employee is already receiving wages above the appropriate rate payable under the J. I. C. scale.

(b) Mason's Labourer—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Mr. Niblett, Mason's Labourer, for an increase in wages in view of the semi-skilled nature of his work. RESOLVED, That he be paid a 1d. an hour above the ordinary labourer's rate of wages.

(c) Refuse Collectors—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for the working hours of Refuse Collectors in winter time to be altered to the same hours during which they work in the summer. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.



(d) Labourers—Read, letter of 18th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for alterations in the winter hours of these employees and for a ten minutes interval to be allowed for a snack meal in the morning. RESOLVED, That this application be referred to the Labour Sub-Committee.

13—Albion Street—Read, report of 7th inst. from the Police of an accident in Albion Street alleged to have been due to the condition of the road surface. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

14—Pittville Street Improvement—RESOLVED, That application be made to the County Council for a grant of 75 per cent of the rate-borne expenditure to be incurred in respect of this improvement.

15—High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that, in view of complaints received from the Police as to the condition of the carriageway in this road between St. George's Street and Gloucester Road, he had obtained quotations from two firms for burning off and resurfacing approximately 4,670 square yards, the work to be carried out at night to avoid interference with traffic. RESOLVED, That the tender of Anglo-American Asphalt Co, Ltd., amounting to 2s 6d per square yard, being the lowest be accepted, subject to the approval of the County Council.

16—Promenade—The Borough Surveyor reported that the wood-block paving between Imperial Circus and the traffic round-about required renewing, and he submitted tenders for carrying out this work, which had been opened by the Deputy Mayor. RESOLVED, That the tender of the Acme Flooring and Paving Company (1904) Ltd., amounting to 26s per square yard, being the lowest be accepted, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Transport.

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17—Junction of Painswick Road and Tryes Road—The Borough Surveyor reported an offer by Wheeler & Mansell Ltd. to surrender land for the improvement of this junction subject to the Corporation providing an entrance crossing and making up the footpaths with tar macadam. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted

18—Warwick Place Improvement—The Borough Surveyor submitted 7 tenders for the demolition of 12 North Place and 1-6 St. Margaret's Cottages. RESOLVED That the tender of Mr. W. H. Chambers of Uxbridge amounting to £38, being the lowest be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for sanction to a loan of £656 for purchase and demolition of this property.

19—Opening of Highways—Read, circular letter of 22nd ult. from the County Surveyor suggesting arrangements for co-ordination of works involving trench openings in Highways by Authorities who have Statutory Powers. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration.

20-217 Bath Road--The Town Clerk reported that there was a posting station on the rear of this property, rented by the Cheltenham & District Billposting Co at £1 per annum, and also a board belonging to the Ritz Cinema. RESOLVED, That notices be given to the Owners to terminate the Licences for these boards.

21—Warden Hill Road—Read, letter of 13th inst. from Mr. G. A. Winnett complaining of the condition of this road. RESOLVED, That no action be taken unless a request is made by a substantial number of Owners of property in the road to have the road made up at the cost of the frontagers

22—Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had received an offer from Mr. W J. Forbes on behalf of Mr. I. Maddox to purchase 321 feet of land in Brooklyn Road at £3 15s. 0d. per foot for the erection of 11 houses having a value of not less than £650 each, exclusive of the value of the land, Mr. Maddox desired to complete the purchase of each plot as building proceeded, the whole purchase to be completed by December, 1939. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted subject to Contract and to payment of a deposit of 20 per cent of the purchase money, and subject also to the consent of the Ministry of Health RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

23—Alstone Lane—Read, letter of 29th ult. from Mr. C Ellis, tenant of Norton House, enquiring if the Corporation would consider an offer for the purchase of this house. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply that the property is not for sale.

24—Former Refuse Tip, Sandy Lane—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Messrs. C. C Castle & Son on behalf of Mr Holborow, calling attention to the state of repair of the fences round this land. RESOLVED, That an offer be made to let the land to Mr. Holborow rent free until the 24th June next, subject to his undertaking to repair the fences.

25—Junction of Gloucester Road and Libertus Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Owner of Springbank, Libertus Road, had refused the Corporation's offer to purchase the land required for the improvement of this junction at the price at which the land had been valued by the District Valuer, namely £5 RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit proposals for an improvement line in Gloucester Road, in order that steps may be taken for the compulsory purchase of the land.

26—Albion Street Improvement-20 Albion Street—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan of £530 for the purchase and demolition of this property.

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

28-5 Pittville Street—The Town Clerk reported that he had received an application for the use of these premises for Offices for the A.R.P. Divisional Organiser and the Centre Leader of the Women's Voluntary Services for A.R.P. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to payment of a rent of £1 per week (inclusive of rates).

29-7 Pittville Street—The Town Clerk reported that complaints had been received of the condition of the sanitary conveniences at the A. R.P. Offices and the Sanitary Inspector had carried out repairs at a cost of £4. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

30—The Park—Read, letter of 21st ult. from Mrs. Blathwayt calling attention to the dangerous condition of a beech tree in front of Benton House. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove this tree

31—High Street—The Town Clerk reported that a unilateral parking sign in this street had been damaged by a vehicle belonging to Messrs. Freeman & Son, Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the sign estimated at £1 3s. 9d.

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32—Bath Road—The Town Clerk reported that a bollard in Bath Road had been damaged by a vehicle belonging to Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., Cheltenham, who had paid the cost of replacing the sign, namely 16s. 3d.

33—Carlton Street—The Town Clerk reported that a tree in this road had been damaged by a vehicle driven by Mr. L. A. Elsworthy, Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for £2 0s. 9d., being the estimated amount of the damage.

34—Post Office Telegraph Lines—The Town Clerk submitted applications by the Superintending Engineer for consent to the erection of overhead telegraph lines in Roman Road and Spenser Road. RESOLVED, That the applications be granted subject to the conditions recommended by the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer.

35—Projecting Signs—(a) 110 High Street—Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Master Sign-Makers Association on behalf of Sign Crafts Ltd., asking the Council to reconsider their objection to the use of Neon gas burning "fluorescent pink" for the sign proposed to be erected at these premises. They pointed out that the colour would be very pale and could not be confused with the red colour of a traffic signal. RESOLVED, That the proposal be agreed to.

(b) 167 High Street—Read, letter of 10th inst from the General Electric Co. Ltd., applying for permission to erect a Neon sign advertising "B.S.A." at 167 High Street. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

36—Winchcomb Street Improvement-107 High Street—The Town Clerk reported that he had received an offer to purchase this property on the following terms :—

(1) Purchase price £7,000.

(2) That as soon as the Council have purchased the whole of the frontages required for the widening of Winchcomb Street to 50 feet and are in a position to convey the 26  $\frac{1}{3}$  square yards required to complete the frontage of No. 107 High Street to the new line for Winchcomb Street then, immediately on the demolition of the buildings so acquired by the Corporation, the Purchasers will purchase the said area of 26  $\frac{1}{3}$  square yards and pay to the Corporation approximately another £5,500, after allowing for area to be given up for widening High Street.

(3) That the Purchasers will at their own expense on completion by the Corporation of the widening of Winchcomb Street set back the frontage to High Street to the new improvement line for High Street. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to Contract including conditions as to approval of plans and buildings on the site to be purchased and to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st November, 1938.** Present—The Mayor; Councillors Bush and Rev. de Courcy Ireland (The Mayor in the chair).

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

J. HOWELL,

Chairman.

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### **TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st November, 1938.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Taylor ; and Councillors Moore, Waite and Ward (The Mayor in the chair). —Appointment of Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor Ward be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year

J. HOWELL,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday. 24th November, 1938.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore, Waite and Ward ; Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, R. S. S. Meade, F. Walker, and A. Wiggett (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair)

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

3—Plans of New Buildings—The Committee considered the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, namely

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5039	Rogers & Davies	Detached house, Bournside Road.
5042	do.	do do.
5044	Phelps. J. W.	Garage, Cramond, Shurdington Road.
5047	George Mason Ltd.	Conversion of store into garage, 333 High Street.
5053	J. D. Bendall & Sons	Two pairs of semi-detached houses, Pilford Avenue.
5057	Pye, Bros.	Two pairs of semi-detached houses, Alstone Lane.
5059	Flemons, H. W.	New shopfront and alterations, 95a and 96 Winchcomb Street.
5060	Hinckley, J	Garage, 24 Priors Road,
5061	Walker, R. W	Garage, 16 Merrivale Road.
5062	Jackson, A.	Garage, 166 Cleevemount Road,
5063	Eager, H.	Builder's store, 296 Gloucester Road.
5064	Chanelle Ltd.	Alterations and new shopfront, 60 Promenade.
5065	Goddard & Hunt	10 houses, Brooklyn Road
5066	Lane, A.	W.C., New House, Priors Road.
5067	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd	Garage, 121 Welland Lodge Road.
5068	Lloyd, J.	Garden tool shed, 3 Hatherley Court Road.
5069	Cairns, Capt.	Alterations and additions, Moray House Hotel, Parabola Road.
5070	Stroud Brewery Co.	Alterations, Barton Brewery Inn, St. James' Square
5071	Churchill, J. W	Garage, 1 Spenser Road.
5072	Rogers & Davies	Detached house, Hatherley Court Road,
5073	do	Detached house, Bournside Road.
5074	Smiths Systems Ltd.	New garage and stores, Tennyson Road.
5075	White, T. E.	Garage, Shurdington Road
5076	Mills, C. V.	Cycle and tool shed, Post Office, Whaddon Road.
5077	Lyons, Mrs.	Additions at rear of Southville, St. George's Road.
5078	United States Debenture Corporation	Conversion of house into offices and flats, Ravenscote, London Road.
5079	St. Mary's College Council	Extensions to Hostel, Fullwood Park.
5080	Trigg, H. J	Garage, Morcote, Hales Road.
5081	Drew, L.	Bay at rear of Penistone, Whaddon Road.
5082	W. H. Cole & Co. Ltd.	New office, Zona Pin Works.
5083	Stewart, D. R.	New glazed entrance doors, Norwood Garage.
5084	Pinchin, E.	Garage, Whaddon Road.
5085	Stroud Brewery Co Ltd.	Alterations, Old Pack Horse Inn, Burton Street.
5086	do.	Alterations, Calcutta Inn, Gloucester Road.
5087	do.	Alterations, Gladstone Arms, Sherborne Street.
5088	do.	Alterations, Horse and Groom Inn, St. George's Place.
5089	do	Alterations, King's Arms, Gloucester Road.
5090	do.	Alterations, Apple Tree Inn, Russell Street.
5091	Melville, D.	Blocks of maisonettes, off Brooklyn Road.

## Decisions under Byelaws-

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos, 5039, 5042, 5047, 5057, 5061, 5063, 5064, 5065, 5067, 5068, 5071, 5072, 5073, 5075, 5076, 5079, 5080, 5081, 5083 and 5084 be approved ; That Plan No 5059 be approved subject to the blind being eight feet above the pavement and to the projecting sign being submitted to and approved by the Street and Highway Committee ; That Plans Nos. 5069, 5070, 5077, 5078, 5082 and 5085 be approved subject to the sanitary work being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 5074 be approved subject to a grit intercepting gully being provided in the washdown ; That Plan No. 5053 be approved subject to the carriageway being 20 ft. in width and to the roads and sewers being constructed in accordance with the approved specification to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plans Nos. 5060, 5062, 5066, 5086, 5087, 5088, 5089, 5090 and 5091 be not approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933-RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5039, 5053, 5059, 5061, 5067, 5068, 5069, 5070, 5074, 5075, 5077, 5079, 5080, 5081, 5082, 5084 and 5085 be approved ; That Plan No. 5044 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 by the Council for the purposes of the Scheme ; That Plan No. 5063 be approved subject 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 ; That Plan No, 5065 be approved subject to the buildings conforming to the building line; That Plan No 5057 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; That Plan No. 5071 be approved subject to the owner entering into an Undertaking not to use the garages as lock-up garages without the consent of the Council ; That Plan No. 5072 be approved subject to the deletion of the brick panel in front of the house and to the brick plinth being carried around the whole of the house at one level ; That Plan No. 5073 be approved subject to the omission of the circular plaque in the centre of the bay ; That Plan No. 5076 be approved subject to the building being used as a store shed only ; That Plan No. 5083 be approved subject to the owner entering into an Undertaking not to claim compensation for the new work when the widening of Norwood Road is carried out ; That consideration of Plan No. 5078 be deferred pending the decision of the Minister of Transport under the Trunk Roads Act, 1936 ; That Plans Nos. 5042, 5060, 5062, 5064, 5066, 5086, 5087, 5088, 5089, 5090 and 5091 be not approved.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1434	Hanman, F.	Detached house, New Road, Southam.
1435	Cumming, W. A.	Greenhouse.
1436	Trafford, Miss A.	New bathroom, Dryhill, near Witcombe.
1437	Stacey, C. H.	Greenhouse, Kingswood Nurseries, Cheltenham Road, Bishops Cleeve.
1438	Gloucester County Council	Detached house, Lowdlow Lane, Elmstone Hardwicke.
1439	Wills-Goldingham, Mrs.	Covered way, W.C. and garage, Ullenwood Farm.

1440	Bendall, Mrs. M; B.	Pair semi-detached houses, Badgeworth Lane, Shurdington,
1441	Summers, C.	Front Porch and covered way at rear, Hollmer, Horsefair Street, Charlton Kings.
1442	Ryland, W. H.	Garage (private), Treelands, Cirencester Road.
1443	Golding, Mrs. S.	Garage (private), Mervyn, Okus Road.
1444	Richardson, Capt. J. L.	Pair semi-detached houses, Little Herberts Lane, Charlton Kings
1445	Holborow, J. P.	Conversion of one house into two houses, Prescott Hill Farm, near Winchcomb.
1446	Messrs. L. W. Barnard & Partners (Architects)	Layout of roads and forty building plots, Bafford Farm, Charlton Kings.
1447	Messrs. Adams Caravans Ltd.	New store, Copt Elm Road
1448	Laurence, Miss	Enlargement of Schoolroom, The School, Rising Sun Lane, Cleeve Hill.
1449	Associated British Cinemas	Signs, Neon Lighting and Canopy, Regal Cinema, Promenade.
1450	Cheltenham Rural District Council	Two pairs semi-detached houses, Southam.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1439, 1441, 1442, 1444 and 1450 be approved ; That Plan No. 1434 be approved subject to the front fence being set back to the improvement line in accordance with the Undertaking already entered into by Mr. W. H. Bowd on the 23rd June, 1936 ; That Plans Nos. 1436 and 1448 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No. 1438 be approved subject to dark brown sand faced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 1440 be approved subject to the elevations being amended as recommended by the Panel of Architects, and to the owner constructing the service road in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the County Surveyor before building is commenced ; That Plan No. 1445 be approved subject to : (1) the houses being occupied only by persons engaged in agriculture or horticulture except by consent of the Planning Authority : and (2) the new septic tank being placed in a position so as to ensure that the effluent will not be discharged in or near any source of drinking water ; That Plan No. 1446 be approved subject to : (1) the

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carriageways being not less than 20 feet in width : (,) plans, sections, etc, of roads and sewers being submitted to and approved by the Committee and the Charlton Kings Urban District Council : and (3) to the conditions set out in Minute 12 (3) of the Meeting of the Town Planning Committee held on the 25th August, 1938 ; That Plan No 1449 be approved subject to the owners adopting a colour to be approved by the Council for the strip lighting on the canopy in St. George's Road if it is found that the proposed lighting would interfere with any traffic signals that may be erected in the vicinity of the Cinema, also to the canopy in Royal Well Road being fixed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor That Plans Nos. 1435, 1437, 1443 and 1447 be not approved

5—Applications to Develop--(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of the 22nd inst. from Mr. R. W. Greenhalf for permission to erect a pair of semi-detached houses at the entrance to Garden Estate, Charlton Kings. He reported -. (1) that the land is reserved for the construction of a By-pass inside the proposed Trunk Road : (2) that the building lines are insufficient: and (3) that no land is being reserved for the construction of a footpath on the side of the road on which it is proposed to erect the houses RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of the 5th inst. from Brig.-Gen, J. L R. Gordon, C.B., C.S.I. on behalf of the Cheltenham Animals' Welfare Association for permission to erect one house on a plot of ground in Gardeners' Lane, Cheltenham, and Nod. 118 and 118a on the Ordnance Map. He reported that the use of the premises as an animals' home would not affect any residential amenities as it would be so far removed from any dwelling houses, and that drainage to a septic tank would not be injurious to health. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to not more than one house being erected on the site until public sewers are available..

6—Noverton Lane—Development—Mr. J. H. Simpson of Burnside, Prestbury, attended and urged the Committee not to approve any more plans for the erection of small houses on land in Noverton Lane, as he considered the type of houses recently built in the Lane were spoiling the amenities of the district and depreciating the value of his property RESOLVED, That Mr. Simpson be informed that the Committee will give consideration to his representations when ant' further plans for new houses are submitted for approval,

7—Plan 4706—Greyhound Inn—The Borough Surveyor reported that the front wall enclosing the forecourt of these premises in Hewlett Road had now been set back to the improvement line as requested by the Committee.

8—The Grange, Marle Hill—The Town Clerk submitted Notice given by Mr. R. M Davies of The Grange, of application for modification of restrictive covenants on The Grange so as to permit of the erection of an additional house at a prime cost of £2,000, and for the stables and garage belonging to The Grange to be converted into a cottage at a prime cost of £500. RESOLVED, That the Committee raise no objection on the application.

9—Concord, Old Bath Road—RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the land at the rear of these premises being used for the erection of three houses fronting Southern Road, subject to the Owners and/or Occupiers of the houses when built, entering into an agreement to pay to the Corporation an annual acknowledgment of one shilling per house for right of access over the strip of land reserved for the widening of Southern Road, and also to the Owner of Concord agreeing not to permit the erection of a house on the land at the side of Concord, and to enter into a Deed modifying the covenants on the land accordingly.

10—Plan T.P. 1393—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Messrs, Waller & Son, Architects for Major H. L. Wolley, that the question of giving an Undertaking to dedicate land for widening the road in respect of a house proposed to be erected by him did not yet arise, as Major Wolley had not yet decided to erect the house,



11—Plan T.P. 1396—The Town Clerk reported that the County Council had now agreed to carry out the widening of Noverton Lane and erect a fence as requested by Mr. A. Bowd, and that Mr. Bowd had now entered into the Undertaking to surrender the necessary land.

12—Town planning Scheme, No. 1—(a) RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for extension of the period within which this Scheme should be made.

(b) Allotments—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, that the Minister raised no objection to approximately half an acre of the Marsh Lane Allotments being indicated in the Scheme as reserved for a proposed road, on the understanding that the Council will be in a position to offer allotment holders who will eventually be displaced alternative plots on a permanent allotment site. As the road may not be made for some years, application for consent under Section 8 of the Allotments Act, 1925, to the necessary appropriation of the land should be deferred until such time as the land is actually required for the road

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(c) Objections—London Midland and Scottish Railway Co.—(i) Alstone Lane Widening—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with the London Midland & Scottish Railway Co., stating that they would withdraw their objection to the widening of Alstone Lane if the Corporation would be prepared to give a definite undertaking that provision for a bridge over the railway would be incorporated in the Scheme for road widening at the level crossing. The Town Clerk reported that he had informed the Railway Co. that the provision of a bridge at this point would benefit them as it would then be no longer necessary to provide a staff to operate the gates and that he considered the provision of a bridge should be a matter for negotiation between the parties when its construction is found necessary, but the Company replied that they were unable to agree to this.

(ii) Zoning—With regard to the zoning of the Company's ownership the Town Clerk reported that the Company had been informed of the Committee's decision to amend the zoning to meet their objections and that the Company had been invited to discuss the amended proposals before their inclusion in the Scheme.

(d) Proposed Walk, Sandy Land, Leckhampton Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had submitted to Mr. J. Ivelaw-Chapman the plan approved by the Committee at their last meeting showing the proposed Walk reduced in width and in which was incorporated a proposal insuring the fullest development of the land. He submitted letters from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale, that Mr. Ivelaw-Chapman did not wish to consider any development scheme for the property and that if he is to withdraw his objections to the Scheme, the Council must enter into an agreement with him that they will (a) on the date when the Scheme is confirmed or (b) at the expiration of two years from the date hereof whichever is the earlier pay him such sum for his land proposed to be included in the public open space and for severance of his land by the public open space as may be settled by agreement between Valuers appointed by the parties or in default of agreement by such Valuers by an Arbitrator to be appointed in default of agreement between the Valuers, by some specified person. The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Chapman would be entitled to make a claim for compensation for injurious affection under the Compensation Clauses of the Scheme and the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, RESOLVED, That Mr. Chapman's conditions for withdrawal of his objections be not agreed to.

(e) Open Space along River Chelt—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs, Bayley & Sons dated 20th October, 1938 that Mr. H. W. Reeves proposed that his land along the banks of the River Chelt should be used for sports and recreative purposes but the building frontages should be retained for building purposes and he desired to know whether access would be given to his land from the proposed new road. RESOLVED, That Mr Reeves be informed that as the land is liable to flooding it is unsuitable for building purposes and his proposal that it might be used for sports and recreative purposes did not conflict with the Committee's proposals, except that the proposals of the Committee would be of benefit to the community as a whole.

(f) Charlton Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that discussions had taken place with representatives of Cheltenham College as to the reservation of their property east of Old Bath Road for a private open space and arising out of the discussions he had prepared a plan of amended proposals which he now submitted showing the sports ground fronting the Old Bath Road to be zoned for special residential purposes at a density of four houses to the acre and the remainder of the land being scheduled as a private open space. RESOLVED, That a copy of the plan be sent to the Cheltenham College Council for their approval.

13—Common Meadow, Leckhampton—(a) Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Ministry of Health that the Minister had decided to hold a Local Inquiry into the appeal made by Mrs. Lloyd Evans against the refusal of the Council to permit the development of this land. The Town Clerk reported that he had asked the Ministry to defer fixing the date of the Inquiry until the Rural District Council had had an opportunity of considering the proposals, and the Minister had agreed to this.

(b) Read, letter from Messrs. Bruton, Knowles & Co., asking if the Council would pay the costs incurred by Mrs. Lloyd Evans in this matter. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to this application.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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#### TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th November, 1938, at the Town Hall.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Rogers, Smith, Waite and Ward ; Messrs. D. V. Davies and R. B. Seaton.

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

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

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

(c) **Advertising Committee**—RESOLVED, That Councillors Avery, Green and Grimwade and Councillor Bush as a representative of Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce be appointed the Advertising Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

(d) **Baths Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Councillors Grimwade, Rogers, Smith, Waite and Ward, together with Messrs. R. F. Fowles and J. E. Mayor as 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 Mayor and Councillor Ward.

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

Alstone Baths ... Councillors Grimwade and Smith.

4—Winter Garden—(a) RESOLVED, That the free use of the vestibule be granted to the Christmas Relief Fund for the receipt of applications. (Permission has since been withdrawn owing to the dangerous state of the roof).

(b) The Entertainments Manager reported that a large quantity of glass had fallen off the roof into the passage-way adjoining the side entrance to the Town Hall RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to take necessary steps to prevent danger to the public from falling glass.

(c) Repertory Theatre—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Messrs. Sewell, Rawlins and Perkins, Solicitors, of Cirencester, on behalf of Miss B Kent asking if the Corporation would grant a lease of the Theatre for the remainder of the Winter to Miss Kent, but that if this could not be done, then Miss Kent would insist on her right to remove various fixtures as she considered that the offer of £75 made by the Corporation for these was inadequate. RESOLVED, That a lease of the Theatre be not granted to Miss Kent and that the Committee are unable to recognise that Miss Kent has any right to remove any of the fixtures.

5—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 11th and 25th October, and the 8th and 15th November.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) Christmas and New Year Programme—(i) That the programme of Christmas and New Year Entertainments submitted by the Entertainments Manager be approved and that he be authorised to engage a cabaret for Boxing Night at a cost of approximately £20 also, That the charge for this Dance and New Year's Eve Dance be fixed at 5s. (ii) That the tender of Messrs. Burr's Press amounting to £8 8s. 0d. including blocks, for the printing of the programme be accepted.

(b) Ballroom Championships—That next year the Annual Ballroom Championship be limited to an Amateur Championship only, and that the Entertainments Manager be authorised to make the necessary arrangements.

(c) Conferences—(i) That an invitation be extended to the Institute of Park Administration to hold their 1941 Conference in Cheltenham. (ii) That an invitation be extended to the British Ring of Magicians to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham, and that if the invitation is accepted no objection be made

to two public performances being given at the Town Hall, for which a charge for admission will be made by the Conference.

(d) Town Hall—That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted for the annual Meeting of the Cheltenham Municipal Officers' Guild on a date to be arranged, and also for the meeting of the Western Centre of the Society of Medical Officers of Health.

(e) Hoardings, Promenade—That the attention of the Street and Highway Committee be called to the large number of hoardings now erected along the railings of the houses in Promenade Terrace facing Oriel Road and the Winter Garden, and that they be recommended to see what steps can be taken to have these removed.

(f) Catering—Read, letter from the Cheltenham Town A F.C. expressing their appreciation of the catering carried out by the Corporation at their recent Dance, which they stated surpassed any previous catering at their Dances.

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(g) Pillar Room--That in future the Pillar Room or the Drawing Room be not let for Dances without the Refreshment Room and that the charge for the hire of the Pillar Room or Drawing Room with Refreshment Room be fixed at £5 up to 12 o'clock and 10s per hour afterwards.

(h) Easter and Whitsuntide Fun Fairs—That the offer of Messrs. C. Heal & Sons to pay £150 for the right to provide the Fun Fair at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on the 6th, 8th, 10th and 11th April, and 27th, 29th and 30th May be accepted.

(i) Sunday Concert, 1st January—That in lieu of Mr. Cole's Orchestra, " Waldini and His Gipsy Band " be engaged to give the Sunday Concert on the 1st January at a fee of £40.

(j) Whist Drives—That the tender of Messrs. Yeo Bros and Paul to supply 150 Whist tables at Md. each be accepted, and that the tables be hired to organisers of Whist Drives at a charge at the rate of £1 per 100.

(k) Catering—That the tender of Messrs. Gladwin to supply a gross of soup spoons at 14s a dozen and the tender of Messrs. Shorter Bros. to supply half a gross of table forks at 13s 6d. a dozen be accepted.

(l) Trailer Caravan Club—That the free use of Pillar Room be granted to the Trailer Caravan Club for a Dinner in connection with the Rally to be held at the Race Course, Cheltenham, next Easter, and also that the members of the Club attending the Rally be admitted to the Saturday Evening Dance at the reduced charge of 2s.

(m) Henry Hall and His Band—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to let the Town Hall for a Dance by Henry Hall and His Band on Tuesday, 27th December on sharing terms, the Corporation to receive 30 per cent of the net receipts.

(n) Whitsuntide—That Jan Ralfini and His Band be engaged for one week at Whitsuntide from the 28th May, 1939 at a charge of £160.

(o) Chairs—That the offer from Mr. Holland, who had taken the top floor of Montague Burton Ltd. for Dances, to purchase 100 of the chairs removed from the Winter Garden for £25 be accepted.

(p) That the organisers of the Gloucester and Cheltenham Greyhound Ball be given permission to use the Drawing Room for a Bar, subject to their providing their own carpets, etc., and to their paying the cost of making good any damage which may be done.

(q) Drawing Room—That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted to the Borough Electrical Engineer on a date to be arranged for an Industrial Lighting Lecture.

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that with regard to (e) the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a scheme showing how the garden in front of Promenade Terrace could be laid out or removed if this was taken over by the Corporation and also with regard to (p) That in future when hirers of the Town Hall require the use of the Drawing Room for a Bar, a charge of £3 be made in addition to the ordinary hire charge.

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

(b) Nakidal Treatment—The Superintendent recommended that this treatment which was now in use in a number of medical baths throughout the country as a remedial bath for the relief of Rheumatism and kindred ailments should be provided at the Medical Baths RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Medical Advisory Committee.

7—Montpellier Baths—(a) The Superintendent reported that the United Girls Clubs did not require the use of the gymnasium this season and that the Y.M.C.A. who already had it on four evenings per week had applied for the use of the gymnasium on Monday and Tuesday evenings. RESOLVED, That the use of the gymnasium be granted to the Y.M.C.A. on these two evenings at the same pro rata charge as for other evenings.

(b) Lighting—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. asking if the lighting in the gymnasium could be improved. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide three or four additional lights.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of the Rugby Football Club for the free use of the washing baths on the 7th January on the occasion of the visit of Blackheath Rugby Football Club be granted subject to the Club providing towels and soap, and transport for the teams to and from the Athletic Ground.

8—Alstone Baths—Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Secretary to the Cheltenham Badminton Club that when they transferred their Club to Alstone Baths they had to instal a new lighting system and asking if the Council would pay the cost of this, amounting to £12 11s. 3d. Owing to the delay in opening the Club there had been a considerable fall in membership, and other expenses had been incurred by the Club in making the change from the Winter Garden to the Baths. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to pay half of the account.

9—Conference—RESOLVED, That an invitation be extended to the National Savings Association to hold their Annual Assembly in Cheltenham.

10—Town Hall—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the new booster plant for the heating system had now been installed.

(b) The Committee inspected the kitchens at the Town Hall, the renovations and improvement of which have now been completed.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th November, 1938.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Fletcher, Grimwade, Rogers, Till, Waite and Ward ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

11-Sandford Park Swimming Pool—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Pool had now been opened at mid-day for eight weeks, but not a single bather had attended. RESOLVED, That this opening be discontinued.

12—Town Hall—Emergency Exits—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 25th inst., and with the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade and Superintendent Hopkins inspected all the emergency exits at the Town Hall. The Sub-Committee consider that there are sufficient exits at the Town Hall for any emergency, there being six exits from the ground floor and four exits from the balconies. All the recognised emergency exits are fitted with panic bolts, and emergency gas lighting is provided at convenient places. They recommended that two C.T.C. extinguishers for extinguishing electricity fires be provided in the places suggested by the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, and also one extinguisher in the boiler house. Also, That on the occasion of large Whist Drives, on the recommendation of Superintendent Hopkins, only one row of tables be permitted in the balconies. Also, on the recommendation of the Chief Officer of Ole Fire Brigade, That a Fireman be on duty at the Town Hall at all largely attended evening functions in place of the man usually employed at the back entrance, and that he be paid the same wages as paid to this man, namely 7s 6d for long nights and 5s for short nights. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

13—British Health Resorts Association—Read, letter of 19th inst. from the Secretary of the British Spas Federation, enclosing copy of a letter received by the Federation from the British Health Resorts Association. The Association were considering issuing an interim report on the inspection of all Spas made by their Association, and their Medical Advisory Committee felt that it would be very embarrassing both for the Association and Cheltenham if an attempt were made to report on the Spa as at present, and expressing the hope that something definite would shortly be done to bring Cheltenham into line with other modern Spas. RESOLVED, That the Winter Garden Committee be asked to hold an early meeting, and come to a decision with regard to the Winter Garden Scheme.

14—Winter Garden—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had inspected the Winter Garden, and in view of the unsafe condition of the roof and masonry on the towers they had instructed the Borough Surveyor to provide a post and wire fence along the front of the building so as to prevent the public approaching too near the building in view of the danger of falling glass, and also to put up warning notices They had also instructed the Borough Surveyor to put some timber over the passageway leading to the side of the Town Hall so as to break the fall of any masonry from the towers, which were rapidly decaying. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

15--Spa Medical Advisory Committee- -The Mayor reported that the Medical Advisory Committee had now filled the vacancies on the Committee, and the constitution of the Committee was now as follows :

The Mayor, Sir Eric Stuart Taylor, Drs Anderson, D. Clow, Collins, Haslett, Kirkland, Lidderdale and Mucklow, and Mr. J S. Robinson.

16—Montpellier Gardens—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to make preliminary arrangements with Messrs Dunlops for exhibition tennis matches in these Gardens, as last year.

17—Medical Baths—The Mayor reported that the Medical Advisory Committee had considered the recommendations of the Superintendent of the Medical Baths in regard to the provision of Emano therapy and Na-Ki-dal treatment They recommended that these treatments be not included in the published list of treatments, but that the Superintendent be authorised to give the treatment if prescribed or if application is made therefor RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted, and that in the case of the Emano therapy treatment the Superintendent be instructed to ascertain on what terms the necessary apparatus can be loaned, the proprietor of the apparatus being allowed a proportion of any receipts received for treatments given, and that in the case of the Na-ki-dal treatment the Superintendent be authorised to purchase a small supply of the powder required.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st November, 1938.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; and Councillor Waite (The Mayor in the chair).

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

2—Committee—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint two additional members on this Committee, and that Standing Order No 37 be amended so as to provide that the Electricity and Lighting Committee shall consist of not more than 11 members instead of 9 members.

J. HOWELL,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 28th November, 1938.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Leigh James : Councillors Addis and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

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

4—Minimum Charge—Alderman Pates and Councillor Fisher attended on behalf of the Housing Committee and made representations with regard to the minimum charge of five shillings per quarter, approved by the Council in October, 1936. RESOLVED, That the Resolution to make a minimum charge be rescinded, and that a refund be made to consumers who have paid on the basis of this charge.

5—Result of Year's Trading—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted report of the result of the year's trading to the 31st March last. RESOLVED, That a copy of this report be sent to each Member of the Council.

6—Air Raid Precautions—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted an Air Raid Precautions Scheme (Copy sent herewith) for the protection of the Electricity Undertaking in accordance with A.R P. Memorandum No C.2 issued by the Home Office, and circular letter of the 3rd August, 1938, received from the Electricity Commissioners, The total estimated cost of the scheme was as follows :—

	Estimated Cost.
Provision of new Sub-Station as alternative to Rowanfield Road Sub-Station ...	£1,995 17s. 5d
Sandbagging and protection of 18 Sub-Stations ...	£1,323 18s. 10d.
Purchase of 16 Fire Extinguishers .....	£198 0s. 0d.
Purchase of spare appliances and materials	<u>£1669 15s. 9d.</u>
	£5,187 12s. 0d.

The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the greater part of the work would come under the heading of " Good Employer's Obligations " and the cost would therefore have to be borne by the Undertaking, but he suggested that application be made to the Home Office for a Grant in respect of the proposed new Sub-Station. RESOLVED, That the scheme be submitted for the approval of the Electricity Commissioners, and that, subject to such approval, application be made to the Home Office for a Grant in respect of the provision of the proposed new Substation, and also that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to a loan for the balance of expenditure not covered by Grant.

7—District Joint Industrial Council and Board—RESOLVED, That Councillor Waite be again nominated to represent the Undertaking on the No. 6 District Joint Industrial Board and No. 6 District Joint Industrial Committee, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be nominated to represent the Council on the No. 6 District Joint Industrial Council for the ensuing year.

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8—Damage to Lamp Standard—The Town Clerk reported that a lamp standard at the junction of College Lawn and Sandford Road had been knocked down by a Motor Bus belonging to Messrs. Rees and Williams of Ammanford, Carmarthen, and that 75 per cent. of the cost of replacing the standard, estimated at 7s. 8d., had been paid under a sharing agreement with the Liverpool & London and Globe Insurance Co. Ltd.

9—Winchcomb Street—The Town Clerk reported that he had received letters from the Winchcomb Street Traders Association and the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce applying for a reduction of charges in respect of a special illumination scheme proposed to be carried out in Winchcomb Street from the 12th to the 24th December. RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to the proposed erection of lamps but that the application for special terms be not granted.

10—Gas Examiner—The Town Clerk reported that the appointment of Mr. J. G. Cleator as Gas Examiner had been approved by the County Council.



11—Public Lighting—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Minister of Health to loan of £290 (not £295 as mentioned in last month's Minutes) for the purchase of lamp posts for the improvement of street lighting in the Borough.

12—Two-part Tariff Meters—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that pre-payment meters with additional device for collecting the fixed charge of a two-part tariff, or for collecting arrears, were now available, and he recommended that they be provided where necessary at a quarterly rental of 2s. RESOLVED, That this charge be approved.

13—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 20th and 26th October, the 1st, 9th, 10th, 14th, 19th and 23rd November, which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 465.9, 487.5, 481.6, 479.6, 478.5, 469.5, 471.7 and 465.6 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure to be 5.6, 8.1, 6.1. 8.5, 5 7, 5.8, 8.4 and 5.6 inches of water respectively.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th November, 1938.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett and Pates ; Councillor Avery, Barnett, E. W. Moore, Smith and Ward.

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, 1938.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	60,000 gallons	94,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	512,000 "	357,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	8,000	13,000
	580,000	464,000

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Estimated Usable Quantity about 62,241,000 gallons.

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

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

5—Compressor Plant—The Borough Engineer recommended the purchase of a Mechanical Air Compressor, which would greatly facilitate the work of cutting through the concrete walls of the clear

water tanks at Dowdeswell, to convert these into one large tank, in connection with the installation of Chlorination Plant. He submitted tenders received for the Compressor Plant RESOLVED, That The Chairman, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Moore and Ward be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the tenders, and that they be authorised to accept a tender.

6—London Road—The Borough Engineer reported he had interviewed the County Surveyor in regard to the drainage of the surface water from London Road. It appeared that most of the water from this length of road has been diverted on to adjoining land and thus finding its way into the Chelt. There was one 4 inch drain which ran the whole length of Dowdeswell Reservoir and discharged below the embankment He had arranged, with the approval of the Medical Officer of Health, for the water from the road above the point drained by the 4 inch drain to be discharged into an existing stream course and the water allowed to fall on a mass of stones so as to produce aeration and arrest any oil As a further precaution, he now recommended that in the stream course nearer to the Reservoir intake, a small Residuum Lodge with an earthwork embankment be formed. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

7—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had invited tenders for the Chlorination Plant, Screen, Pipes and Penstocks RESOLVED, That the above Sub-Committee be authorised to consider and accept suitable tenders.

8—Loop Main, Bamfurlong to Reddings—The Borough Engineer reported that he received complaints from time to time of low pressure in Hatherley Districts, which was mainly due to the heavy consumption of Paragon Laundries. The supply could be considerably improved if the main at the Reddings (North Road) and the main at the junction of Badgeworth and Bamfurlong Roads were connected by means of a loop main for a length of 400 yards. He estimated the cost of laying a 4 inch main for this distance at £200. RESOLVED,—That he be instructed to have this work carried out and that the cost be charged to Revenue account.

9—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board—Auditor---RESOLVED, That the Council agree to join with the Gloucester Corporation in appointing Mr. W. R. E Alder, (City Treasurer) single Auditor of the Accounts of the Board for the year ending 31st March, 1939 at a salary of £25, payable by the two Corporations in equal shares.

10—Leckhampton Hill—Read, letter from the Cheltenham Rural District Council that recent analyses of the water supply to 12 houses on Leckhampton Hill fronting the main road had disclosed that the water was unfit for human consumption. Mr. W. S. Jenner, the owner of the water supply was unable to provide a satisfactory alternative supply. The District Council now asked if the Corporation could make any suggestion with a view to a satisfactory water supply being provided. The Town Clerk reported that he had informed the District Council that when the new main from Churchdown comes into use, it would be possible to afford a supply by means of a pump to lift the water up to the houses, but that meanwhile, the only remedy appeared to be to provide a Chlorinating Plant for the existing supply.

11—Hewletts Reservoirs—The Town Clerk and Borough Engineer reported interview with Mr. J. Bubb in regard to the acquisition of a small piece of land, part of Oakley Farm, on which to construct a small tank for the drainage of the new conveniences. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to arrange terms with Mr. Bubb for the purchase of the land.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd November, 1938.** Present—Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Leigh James, Margrett, Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Smith, Ward and Waite.

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

2—Fire Brigade Sub-Committee—RESOLVED, That Aldermen Margrett and Pates ; and Councillors Green, Grimwade and Ward be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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

4—Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that there were four cases of Swine Fever in the Borough.

5—Fire Brigade--(a) Chief Officer's Report—The Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended outbreaks of fire at 10 Christ Church Terrace ; 199 High Street ; 22 Lansdown Terrace ; 7 Grove Street ; 9 Pittville Street ; and Hesters Way.

(b) Floodlights—RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be authorised to purchase two "Tilley" Floodlight projector lamps, for the purpose of training members of the Auxiliary Fire Service, at a cost of £16, which be charged to the Emergency Fire Brigade Scheme.

(c) Auxiliary Fire Service Club—The Chief Officer reported that the Home Office recommended that recreational facilities should be provided for the members of the Auxiliary Fire Brigade, the cost of which would rank for grant in proper cases. The members of the Auxiliary Brigade had decided to form a Fire Service Club and were organising a Whist Drive and Dance to raise funds for this purpose. RESOLVED, That a grant of be made to the Club for the purchase of recreational equipment etc.

(d) New Fire Station—The Town Clerk submitted several offers of sites for the proposed new Fire Station, together with letter from Councillor Fisher suggesting that if possible a site be selected whereby a street improvement could be effected at the same time RESOLVED, That these be referred for the consideration of the Sub-Committee.

(e) Rural District—Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, that his Council were now prepared to accept the offer made by the Council in February, 1936, to provide the services of the Brigade to the whole of their Area at a charge of £140. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Clerk pointing out that the offer was refused by the District Council, and that since the offer was made circumstances had very much changed, and that the Corporation now had a

permanent Brigade at considerably increased cost. RESOLVED, That consideration of the letter be referred to the Sub-Committee.

(f) Air Raid Precautions Scheme—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Home Office asking the Council to submit an amended Scheme for Air Raid Precautions so as to shew the Scheme as agreed and the progress made under the various headings. RESOLVED, That the Scheme as now submitted by the Town Clerk be approved and forwarded to the Home Office.

(g) Dowdeswell Court—Read, letter of 20th inst. from Mrs. Hoseason that she wished to terminate the Agreement as to the attendance of the Fire Brigade to these premises on the 12th December as she had now sold the property. RESOLVED, That Mrs. Hoseason be asked to give three months' notice in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

6—Factories Act, 1937—Read, circular of 27th inst., from the Home Office enclosing Memorandum for the guidance of local Authorities as to the granting of Certificates to Factories under Section 34 of the Act. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor and the Building Inspector and the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade be appointed the Officers to carry out the examination of factories in the Borough to which Section 34 applies.

7—Marle Hill House—Councillor Green reported that with the Deputy Mayor and the Gardens Superintendent he had inspected the elm trees at this house, which were reported to be in a dangerous condition ; they had authorised the removal of two trees and the lopping of others. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Athletic Ground—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Councillor Fisher suggesting that this ground should be floodlit so that football clubs might use the ground in the evenings for training. RESOLVED, That Councillor Fisher be informed that no application had been made for this by the Football and Athletic Clubs.

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9—Omnibus Service—RESOLVED, That the Council give consent under Section 6 (c) of the Cheltenham District Traction Act, 1929, to the operation of an omnibus service from Tennyson Road to Arle Court, by the Cheltenham District Traction Co.

10—Promenade (Inner Road)—Read, memorial from the owners of Nos. 47 to 59 and 75 to 83 Promenade complaining of the nuisance caused by the parking of cars for long periods in front of their premises, and asking that the words "No parking " be painted on the road RESOLVED, That the parking attendant be instructed to make a note of the time cars are parked on the west side of the road with a view to proceedings being taken by the Police

11—Parking Place—Montpellier Walk—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Mr. C. Norman asking the Council to have a more prominent notice put up in this car park that cars must not be parked after 11 p m. RESOLVED, That this be not acceded to.

12—National Joint Council for Local Authorities—Read, letters from the Employers' Secretary of this Council enclosing Resolution passed at the Conference of Local Authorities held at Bristol on the 17th ult., and asking whether the Council was prepared to co-operate in the establishment of a Provincial

Council for the Administrative, Technical, and Clerical Services, and a Provincial Council for the Manual Workers in the non-trading Services. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting.

13—Guardians Committee—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing Scheme for amending the constitution of the Guardians Committee, made by the County Council and which had been submitted to the Ministry of Health for approval. The Amended Scheme provided for a Guardians Committee of 36 members, made up as follows, viz. :—Cheltenham Borough 8 ; Tewkesbury Borough 2 ; Charlton Kings Urban District 2; Cheltenham Rural District 3 ; County Councillors 4 ; and Other persons to be appointed by County Council 12. Compared with the existing Scheme, the new Scheme reduced the Cheltenham Borough representatives by 4 and increased the Other persons to be appointed by the County Council by 4. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Minister of Health to amend the proposed Scheme, so as to provide that in appointing the 4 County Councillors and the 12 other persons, regard shall be had to representations made by this Council as to the selection of two of the County Councillors and four of the Other Persons.

14—Warwick Buildings, and 68 and 69 Winchcomb Street—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 14th inst. from the District Valuer in regard to the value of this property, which had been offered for sale to the Council. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report on the cost of laying out the land as a car park and as to the number of cars which could be parked thereat.

15—Unemployment in Painting Trade—Read, circular letter from the Society of Operative House and Ship Painters and Decorators, drawing attention to the seasonal unemployment in the painting trade, and asking the Council to put in hand now, the renovation of buildings under their control. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the various Committees for consideration.

16—County Council—Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council asking for the Council's observations on the following resolution passed by his Council, viz. : " That we circularise all local authorities in the County with a view to contesting every County Council Division at the next Election with a view to securing a change in the County Administration." RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

17—Armistice Day—RESOLVED, That a grant of £6 be made to the Cheltenham Remembrance Day Committee towards the expenses of the observance of Armistice Day.

18—Minutes—Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, Cheltenham Branch, asking to be supplied with a copy of the Monthly Minutes. RESOLVED, That a copy be supplied each month after the Council Meeting.

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

20—Town Clerk's Department—The Town Clerk reported that Miss D M. Stephens, Shorthand-Typist in his department, was resigning on the 31st December on her approaching marriage. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to advertise for applications for the vacancy and to appoint a suitable applicant on Grade B.

21—Soup Kitchen—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Adjutant, Salvation Army, that it was necessary to have three of the soup boilers re-lined and the rice cooker re-tinned. The Gas Co. were prepared to

supply the labour free of charge, but the cost of the materials was £3 10s. 0d. which it was hoped the Corporation would pay. RESOLVED, That the Council agree to pay the cost of £3 10s. 0d.

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22—Y.M.C.A.—Read, letter from the Y.M.C.A. asking the Council to make a contribution of £10 in lieu of refund of rates, as last year. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905, a subscription of £10 be made to the Y.M.C.A. in lieu of the remission of the General Rate

23—Petrol Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the undermentioned applications for licences to store petrol, be granted :—

Flower & Sons Ltd.	500 gallons, underground tank, Selkirk Street
St. John's Ambulance Brigade	250 gallons, underground tank, Ambulance Headquarters, Gloucester Road.
R. C. Hall ...	500 gallons, underground tank, Lansdown Garage (subject to tank being placed next to existing tanks).
A. E. Davies	500 gallons, underground tank, Montpellier Street.
N. R. Bullock	500 gallons, underground tank, Montpellier Street.
Newmek Ltd.	600 gallons, underground tank, Prestbury Road.

(b) Transfer—RESOLVED, That the application of Cheltenham Original Brewery Co Ltd. for transfer of the licence held by Black & White Motorways Co. Ltd., to store 1,100 gallons of petrol at Dunalley Street Garage, be granted.

(c) The Petroleum Inspector reported that Messrs. Richards & Co, and Mr. R. H. Middleton were storing petrol at their respective premises in Sun Street and Fairview Road, without licences. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform them, that unless they apply for and take up licences immediately, proceedings will be taken against them.

24--Leckhampton Hill Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had had 19 bags of grass seed scattered down the old Railway track and had filled up the plantations with 136 trees from the nursery plantation.

(b) Ordnance Survey—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Ordnance Survey Office asking for consent to erect a small concrete pillar to permanently mark the site of a triangulation station on Leckhampton Hill adjoining the old Camp. RESOLVED, That consent be given for this.

25—Re-numbering of Houses—(a) Pilley Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mrs. E. Hunt for the re-numbering of Pilley Lane. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this re-numbered.

(b) Pittville Street—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Messrs. Norfolk and Prior asking for the proposed shops in Pittville Street to be numbered for postal purposes. The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing the proposed numbering. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

26—Municipal Offices—Telephone—The Borough Surveyor reported that for a long time the telephone installation in the offices had not been working satisfactorily, and that frequent complaints to the Post

Office had not resulted in any improvement RESOLVED, That the Post Office be asked to install a complete new system with new switch board, and that failing this the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders from the recognised firms who provide private installations

27—Airport—(a) The Town Clerk reported proceedings of the Joint Airport Committee at their meeting on the 15th inst. The Deputy Mayor had been appointed Chairman of the Joint Committee for the ensuing year.

(b) Cotswold Aero Club—The lease of the new Clubhouse had now been completed and the term commenced on the 1st September last

(c) R A.F. Volunteer Reserve Training Centre—The Training School commenced on the 29th September last and was being operated by the Surrey Flying Services Ltd The draft lease had however not yet been approved by the Treasury Solicitor.

(d) Additional Area—The tender of Mr. J. B. Carr for clearing, grading, levelling, draining, sowing, and rolling the additional area of 26 ¼ acres for the sum of £1,045 12s. 8d. had been accepted, and the work was now nearly completed.

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Joint Committee be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed to Mr. J. B. Carr's Contract.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT

Chairman.

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#### **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th November, 1938,** Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Carter, Stokes and Yeend.

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

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

Councillors Addis and Compton and Messrs. Carter and Stokes for Crabtree Piece, Creamery Piece, Gapper's Field and Baglin's Piece.

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

Councillors Bendall and Bush for Asquith Road and Sandford Mead.

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

3—Meetings—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the decision of this Committee to hold its meetings at 6 p.m. RESOLVED, That in future this Committee meet at 10.30 a.m. instead of 11 a.m., as at present.

4—Rent Rebates—The Town Clerk submitted offers to take Nos. 18 Hatherley Road and 86 Asquith Road provided these were let rent free up to the 25th March next. RESOLVED, That these offers be accepted.

5—Sandford Mead Allotments—The Town Clerk submitted application from the tenant of No. 27 for a reduction in his rent of £1 per annum as there were several trees on the allotment. RESOLVED, That the Visitors be asked to inspect and report thereon

6—Alma Road Allotments—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Borough Electrical Engineer applying for permission to erect an overhead electric line across Nos. 43 and 44, with a strut on No 44, for the purpose of affording a supply to "The Caravans," Alma Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the consent of the tenant of the allotment being obtained to the erection of the strut.

7—Land and Buildings in Folly Lane—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Mr. F. F. Shea, tenant of these premises, applying for permission to erect some pigstyes on the land. RESOLVED, That the Visitors be asked to inspect and report thereon.

8—Vacant Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that the total number of vacant allotments was at present 11, but in addition several more would become vacant at the 25th December and 25th March next, and there was also a large area at Hatherley Road and Marle Hill Estate which had not yet been laid out as allotments. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to insert a notice in the "Cheltenham Circular" drawing attention to the vacant allotments

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th November, 1938.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith.

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

2—Visitors--RESOLVED, That the following be appointed Visitors of the 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.
Hatherley Court Recreation Ground	Councillors Grimwade and Smith.



3—Land adjoining Naunton Park Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had now issued formal sanction to loan of £2,857 for the purchase of this land.

4—Wages and Conditions of Employment- —The Committee considered letter of 14th July last from the Area Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers asking that the rates of overtime and holidays approved by the Council on the 3rd January last should be made to apply to workmen engaged in the Parks Department. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to submit a statement showing the hours worked by the Parks employees, and also to ascertain the practice in other towns.

5—King George's Field, Brooklyn Road—(a) Read, letter of 27th September last from the Chairman of the Grounds and Layout Committee of the National Playing Fields Association that it was essential that the layout should include cricket tables, which should be 90 to 100 feet long, specially earmarked for that purpose and for no other purpose and sending plan of the layout which would be approved, and which he considered would secure the field being used to the best advantage. RESOLVED, That this layout be approved.

(b) Read, letter of 9th inst. from King George's Fields Foundation that the Foundation were prepared to approve the scheme as a " King George's Field " under the National Memorial to King George V, and that a grant of £500 had been allocated from the Lord Lieutenant's Fund, the grant to be applied towards the capital cost of the -Scheme. To qualify for the free issue of the Heraldic Panels, and for the grant, the following conditions must be fulfilled :—

(i) Style—The official style of the field to be "King George's Field."

(ii) Tenure—Evidence to be produced that the land has been secured for public recreation and can be used for no other purpose, and that the tenure is sufficiently secure to permit the scheme to rank as a Memorial. A certified copy of the conveyance, and of any other necessary documents, to be supplied for the Foundation's retention.

(iii) Maintenance—Assurance to be given for the satisfaction of the Foundation as to the future upkeep of the land for public recreation. All revenue derivable therefrom to be devoted to the expense of upkeep.

(iv) Entrance Design—An entrance suitable to receive the Heraldic Panels to be erected, in conformity with a design approved by the Foundation.

(v) Layout—Assurance to be given, in the form of a binding undertaking if required, that the scheme will be carried out in conformity with an approved layout.

(vi) Payment of grant—The grant to be paid on a report from the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association that the scheme has been completed in its entirety, or, in exceptional cases, that it is sufficiently advanced towards completion to justify payment of all or part of the promised grant, and payment not to be made in any case until the entrance design has been approved.

(vii) Annual Reports—From the date of the acceptance of the offer, the Foundation would require by the 31st December of each year, for the next five years, a report on the Scheme showing, before completion, the progress which is being made, and after completion, a general account of the use which

is being made of the ground. RESOLVED, That the conditions for recognition of the Brooklyn Road Playing Field scheme as a "King George's Field" under the National Memorial to King George V, as intimated in the letter of the 9th inst. from King George's Fields Foundation, be accepted, and that the offer of the grant of £500 by the Foundation be accepted subject to fulfilment of the conditions above mentioned.

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6-32 Evesham Road—RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to the erection by Miss K. Bowles of a sign in front of this house, signifying that it is a paying guest house, subject to the sign to be erected being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

7—Sandford Park—(a) The Gardens Superintendent submitted letter from Mr. Giles of "Comberton," Keynsham Road in regard to the risk of damage to his house in the event of any of the seven large elm trees in Sandford Park falling in a gale. The Gardens Superintendent reported that there was no danger of the trees being uprooted, but some of the larger limbs might fall in a gale. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the large limbs lopped, and to keep the trees under observation.

(b) Greenhouse—The Borough Surveyor reported that the greenhouse at Sandford Park had now been completed, and the final account amounted to £469 6s. 11d., showing a saving of £39 3s. 1d. on the contract sum.

8—Naunton Park Recreation Ground-- The Gardens Superintendent submitted plan showing that it was impossible to appropriate any part of this ground for the extension of the School playgrounds without curtailing the pitches in the Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That the plan be submitted to the Education Committee for their observations.

9—Pittville Gardens—(a) Pump Room—The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the renovation of the Pump Room.

(b) Long Garden—The Visitors reported their inspection of the Long Garden and recommended that 3 large elm trees adjoining Evesham Road should be removed. They also recommended the removal of the inner hedge as this served no useful purpose and the removal would save the considerable expense of labour in clipping and would enlarge the Garden Road, Memorial signed by 125 residents on the Pittville Estate protesting against the proposal to open the gardens to the public on Sundays. RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Visitors for the removal of the hedge be approved and that consideration of the Memorial from the residents be adjourned for the Town Clerk to make a report thereon.

(c) The Visitors reported that they had inspected the shrubbery and evergreen oak which the Gardens Superintendent recommended should be removed in order to open up the view of the Lake and flower beds from the Pump Room, and recommended that the Garden Superintendent's suggestion should be carried out. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

10—Marle Hill Annexe—The Visitors reported that they had inspected the rockery and disused watercourse between Evesham Road and the Children's Boating Lake, and recommended that a dam should be placed across the present watercourse so as to divert water along the old watercourse and

into the Lake, as suggested by the Gardens Superintendent, at a cost of about £5. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted

11—Gift of Tree—The Gardens Superintendent reported the gift of a weeping laburnum tree by Mr. A. G. Streater. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor, and that the tree be planted in Hatherley Court Recreation Ground.

12—Garden Superintendent's House—The Garden Superintendent asked for a well grate to be fixed in one of the bedrooms at Field Lodge, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect and report as to the cost of this

13—Whaddon Farm Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the layout of this ground. The pavilion had now been completed and the final regrading and seeding would be carried out at the beginning of March next.

14—Football and Hockey Pitches—(a) RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Parish Church Junior F.C. to play football on St. Mark's Playing Field on alternate Saturdays during the present season.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham R.F.C. for the use of the Rugby pitch on Naunton Park Recreation Ground on the 17th December, 4th and 11th February for the Cheltenham United XV be granted subject to the pitch being available on these dates.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Boots Hockey Club for the use of a pitch for the present season be not granted as there is no pitch available.

(d) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to insert a notice in the " Cheltenham Circular " that there is a soccer pitch and a rugby pitch available for the use of Clubs at Tewkesbury Road Playing Field.

W.J. GREEN.

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th November, 1938.** Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Winterbotham: Councillors Avery, Bendall, Fletcher and Rogers ; Dr. R. Davies ; Major J. G. N. Clift.

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

2—Curator's Report for September and October, 1938--Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £17 2s. 6d. Subscriptions to "The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account" £4 14s 10d. Total £21 17s. 4d.

Visitors-6,200 (last year 7,230). Included in these figures were the following parties :—Ladies' College, 86 girls (3 parties) ; Naunton Park School, 36 boys (2 parties) ; Practising School, 40 boys (2 parties) ; St. James' School, 31 boys and girls ; St. Mary's Training College, 12 students , St. Paul's Training College, 61 students ; Whaddon School, 40 boys and girls (2 parties).

Talks by the Curator—The Curator had given talks on " Cotswold Bygones" to Cowley, and Notgrove and Cold Aston Women's Institutes, on the 27th September, and 8th November respectively.

Loans—A Tempera painting " New Lamps for Old by Joseph Southall, N.E.A.C., had been received on loan from Mrs. W. Heaton.

Annual Report—The Annual Report, 1937-38 had been issued.

3—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Miss E. M. Allen, Mrs. Bennett, Miss E. M. Bubb, Mrs. Buzzard, Mr. W. F. Chubb, Major J. G. N. Clift, Miss E. Cull, Miss M. Temple Frere, Mrs. E. Hoseason, Mrs. Mayall, Mr. A. W. Newport, Mr. T. Parker, Mr. S. R Payne, Miss Phillips, Miss Ransford-Collett, Miss M. J. Reynolds, Mr. Scutt, Mr. J. Spreutels, Mr. Threadingham, Mr. L. D. Wingate, Mr. T. Whiting, Alderman Winterbotham, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Wheeler,

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

4—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account "—RESOLVED, That Trinket Box in English Walnut ; 9 Bygones, Silver Candlestick dated 1808 ; Coalport Jug, and 24 Snuffers be purchased from this Fund at a total cost of £12 12s. 6d.

5—Specimens purchased for the Museum—RESOLVED, That 5 local prints ; 6 Bygones ; Swansea porcelain Dish and 9 Dutch Tiles be purchased at a total cost of £4 0s. 0d.

6—Oil-painting by George Melhuish—RESOLVED, That the offer of a painting by this artist be declined with thanks.

7—Bequest by a Lady—The Curator reported as to his inspection of 11 water-colours (1855-65) of Cotswold subjects by T C Dibdin, and he was authorised to communicate to the lady in question cordial approval of the proposed bequest.

8—Colour Reproductions—The Curator submitted quotations for colour reproductions of two pictures in the Permanent Collection. RESOLVED, That this be not proceeded with.

9—" Le Baiser" by Rodin—The Curator reported an interview with Mr. Asa Thomas, the owner of this marble statue, by which it appears that the statue is to be removed to the Tate Gallery, London, at an early date

10—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That authority be given for the following exhibitions :—

R.I.B.A., " Small House" display 1st-24th December, 1938.

National Trust Photographs ... February, 1939.

Cotswold Art Club ... 1st May-3rd June, 1939

RESOLVED, also, That the following Exhibition be arranged subject to further information being obtained by the Chairman and the Curator :—" The Teacher, the Child and the Bible." RESOLVED, further, That an Exhibition organized by the Artists International Association be not held until the Curator has inspected the Exhibition when on tour.

11—Circulating Pictures—RESOLVED, That the scheme for circulating the reproductions of pictures by School Prints Ltd. be not entertained.

12—iron Age Currency Bar—RESOLVED, That the Currency Bar returned from loan to Welshpool Museum be now lent to Stroud Museum.

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13—Museums Association—RESOLVED, That the Museum Junior Assistant be granted leave-of-absence to attend the Museums Association Diploma Course at Bristol, 5th-10th December, 1938, in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

14—Staff Social--RESOLVED, That facilities be given for a Staff Social in the Art Gallery on night of 16th December, 1938.

15—Pictures for Town Hall—The Curator reported the request of the Entertainments Sub-Committee for pictures. RESOLVED, That this be left to the Curator.

16—Lectures on Municipal Administration—The Curator reported as to the suggestion of the Ratepayers' Association for lectures by the Heads of Municipal Departments. RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery be made available for these lectures.

17—Leslie Young Benefaction—Grant-in-Aid—The Curator reported as to the correspondence with the Board of Education as to the selection of a piece of Cotswold Silver for the Museum. The piece selected is a Standing Cup and Cover by George H. Hart of Campden, at a cost of £35, the grant-in-aid for which will be provisionally 50 per cent.

18—Christmas Closing—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Monday, 26th December, and open on Tuesday, 27th December, 1938.

19—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held in January, 1939.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM. Chairman.

#### **CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st November, 1938.** Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Moore (The Mayor in the chair).

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

J. HOWELL, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th November, 1938.** Present—Councillors Avery, Bettridge, – Fletcher, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

2—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 24th September to 25th November, 1938.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9867 to 9906.

4—Designs—RESOLVED, That Designs Nos. 2302 to 2335, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

5—Crematorium—RESOLVED, That in view of the large number of cremations now taking place the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the installation of the second furnace with a view to provision being made for this in next year's estimates.

6—Chapel—The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders received for the supply of matting for the Chapel floor RESOLVED, That the tender of Cavendish House Ltd. to supply and fix the matting required at a cost of £13 10s. 0d. be accepted.

S. ROGERS, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th November, 1938.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Bush, Fletcher, Garland, Grimwade and Lipson ; Rev. B. Thomas ; Dr. Davies ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris and C. E. Walsh.

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

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

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

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

5—Librarian's Report for September and October, 1938--Receipts £35 12s. 11d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 12,705; Lending Department 41,308 ; Junior Department 5,678 ; School Libraries 5,501 ; Total 65,192 (last year 59,747).

Replacements and Binding-127 volumes had been replaced 768 volumes had been returned from the binder and a further 390 volumes had been dispatched.

Lectures--The following lectures had been given in the Art Gallery :—

3rd October ...	Miss F. Derrick, "Life of an English village," Attendance 64.
17th October	Mr. J. E. Webster, "The Preservation of Rural England " Attendance 105.
31st October	Miss M. Chamot, " Modern painting in England." Attendance 161.
7th November	Mr. E. Bacon, "The making of ' The Times ' newspaper. Attendance 114.
14th November	Capt. H. S. Blunt, "The Vast Sudan." Attendance 186.

Booklist---A list of Books on Photography had been prepared and 100 copies had been sent to the Secretary of the Cheltenham Camera Club for distribution.

Booklist of Recent Additions—The first issue of a new 8 page Booklist, 2,000 copies at £3 10s. 0d. had been issued. RESOLVED, That this be continued every two months for the next year.

Annual Report—The Annual Report for 1937-38 had been issued. Basement—The new floor in the basement beneath the Art Gallery had been completed by the Borough Surveyor's Department at a cost £24 1s. 0d.

Cleaning and repolishing tables and counters—This work had been done at a cost of £11 6s. 0d.

6—Books--RESOLVED, (a) That 583 volumes, published at £211 1s. 9d., be purchased for £137 12s 9d.

(b) That £40 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £50 be spent on Replacements.

(d) That 6 books suggested by the author for purchase, be not added.

7—Donations-22 volumes and 32 pamphlets, and 1 autograph had been received as gifts from 21 donors. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

8—Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That " Accountancy " (monthly), " The Flambeau", "The Gas Times " (weekly), and " The Gas World " (weekly), offered as gifts, be accepted with thanks.

(b) That "The Manchester Guardian Weekly" (2d.) be added to the list of periodicals purchased. (c) That " The Doctor " (1s monthly) be purchased for 6 months on trial.

9—Library Building—The Librarian called attention to rising issues and the greatly increased use of the library during recent years, and indicated that something should be done to increase the floor space of the Lending Department in particular. Pressure on Saturdays and other busy periods together with the necessity of shelving books too low and too high, and the lack of space between the book stacks greatly hampered the service. The highest issue for any one day in the history of the library was 2,237 volumes, of which 1,944 volumes were issued for home reading, on Saturday, 12th November. RESOLVED, That the Librarian's remarks be recorded on the Minutes

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10—Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society—RESOLVED, That an incomplete run of these transactions (1839-66) be offered through the National Central Library to the Science Library, London, as a gift.

11—Deposit of objects and documents of local interest—The Librarian submitted his Memorandum as a basis on which the disposal of such material might be dealt with in this County. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the further representation of Cheltenham's interest in the matter be left in the hands of the Librarian.

12—Byelaws—RESOLVED, That the matter of drawing up Byelaws be referred to Councillor Grimwade, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Norris for consideration and report.

13—Lecture Programme—The Librarian submitted his programme for January—March, 1939, session which was approved, as also was the suggestion that he should co-operate with the Ratepayers' Association in giving facilities for lectures on Municipal administration by the Heads of Departments.

14—School Libraries—Read, letter from the Education Secretary reporting on the provision to be made in the next estimates for School Libraries.

15—Staff—(a) The Librarian reported that Miss J. R. Fawn had been elected an Associate of the Library Association, and had resigned her position as from the 26th November on her approaching marriage. RESOLVED, That Miss Fawn be congratulated on her success, and that best wishes be conveyed to her upon her marriage.

(b) RESOLVED, That Miss F. Benney be promoted to Grade A Division 2 to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Fawn's resignation, as from 26th November, 1938.

(c) That the appointment of Miss M. R. Gardner as Junior Assistant on probation in Grade A Division 1, as from the 31st October, be confirmed.

(d) The Librarian reported that Miss H. C. Wise, Deputy Librarian, had been accepted for training in the Civil Air Guard.

16—Chairs—The Librarian suggested the replacement of certain chairs. RESOLVED, That this matter be deferred for further consideration.

17—Fumes From Heating System—Read, report from the Borough Surveyor on this matter. RESOLVED, That the pipe openings in the boiler house wall should be properly sealed at a cost of approximately £5.

18—Fire Protection and Prevention—Read, report of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade. Of 5 Chemical Extinguishers tested, 4 were satisfactory and one needed re-charging. The fire hose and fittings were old and deteriorated, couplings were obsolete and the hose could be condemned as unfit for use. The rising main which is charged with water should be drained and blanked off, and four new Chemical Extinguishers, at an approximate cost of ill should be installed. RESOLVED, That the recommendations be agreed to. (The Art Gallery and Museum Committee will bear half the cost of the Chemical Extinguishers).

19—Christmas Closing—RESOLVED, That the Libraries and Newsroom be closed on Monday and Tuesday, 26th and 27th December, 1938.

20—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next meeting of this Committee be held in January, 1939.

D. L. LIPSON, Chairman



**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th November, 1938.** Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Bettridge, Bush, Ben James, Moore, Rogers and Ward.

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

2—Unpaid Rates—(a) The Committee interviewed and dealt with three defaulters. (b) A Statement of Unpaid Rates for half year ended 30th September was submitted and signed by the Members of the Committee.

3—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 Valuation List--Read, circular letter of 13th ult. from the Clerk of the County Valuation Committee, that the County Valuation Committee had approved the following recommendations made at the Conference held at Gloucester on the 15th September.

(a) (i) Rating Authorities—To recommence immediately the preparation of the new List in order that sufficient time may be devoted to the work to enable evidence as to the probable result of the revaluation being given to the Departmental Committee of Investigation if required by them.

(ii) That the new lists be placed on deposit not later than 1st April, 1940.

RESOLVED, That the Rating Officers be instructed to proceed with the preparation of the new Lists but that fresh forms of return be only sent to occupiers where they consider this necessary.

(b) Special Properties —The County Valuation Committee had agreed to the Panel Valuers delivering their valuations on these properties on the understanding that the figures are not divulged until the draft lists are deposited.

(c) Public Utility Undertakings—The County Valuation Committee had instructed the Panel Valuers to review the assessments of these undertakings in view of the rapid growth due to industrial and residential development, with a view to proposals being lodged where the valuers so advised.

(d) Licensed Premises--In view of the recent decision of the House of Lords that the rent which Brewers would themselves pay to occupy licensed premises must be taken into account in arriving at the gross value, the County Valuation Committee had instructed the Panel Valuers to review assessments of licensed premises immediately with a view to the lodging of proposals where this course is advised.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st November, 1938.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Waite and Ward (The Mayor in the chair).

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

J. HOWELL,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th November, 1938.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James and Taylor ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade, Waite and Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

2—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 29th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £24,364 ; Leaving Outstanding £96,306.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1938 Amount collected £6,590 ; Outstanding £17,699.

4—Accounts Rota Committee —Reported Meeting on the 29th inst. Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Taylor (in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—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. F. J. D. ... Plot 16 Brooklyn Road	£575.
Mr. H. S. ... 152 Brooklyn Road ...	£575.
Mr. W. A. W. ... 154 do.	£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 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 satisfactory reports being made by the Building Society's Surveyor ; and that the Common Seal be affixed to the formal Guarantees to be approved by the Town Clerk.

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

Date, 1938.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
7th November ...	Purchase of Rainbow Field	£2,857	60 years.
9th	Sheds, Pilley Estate ...	£2,060	15 “
10th .	Purchase 20 Albion Street	£530	60 “
14th	30 Houses, Whaddon Estate	£12,358	60 “
23rd	Public Lighting ...	£290	10 “

7—Electricity Accounts—The Borough Treasurer submitted report on the collection of the Electricity Accounts since the last meeting.

8—Staffing Sub-Committee—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Alderman Leigh James and Councillors Garland and Grimwade be appointed the Staffing Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

9—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting he had received £10,000 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

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10—Fire Brigades Act, 1938—The Borough Treasurer submitted report on this Act which came into force on the 1st August last. Under its provisions local authorities were not now entitled to charge for Fire Brigade services in respect of " within-district " fires. Hitherto about £130 per annum had been received from Insurance Companies.

11—Superannuation—(a) With reference to the resolution passed by the Committee on the 29th June last and confirmed by the Town Council making a modified scheme under the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1936, so far as it related to the 202 insured persons to be admitted to the Superannuation Scheme as from the 1st April, 1939, who may become entitled to receive a Contributory pension of 10s a week, and if married 1 a week by reducing the Superannuation allowance to which he, and if married, his wife, may become entitled, the Town Clerk now submitted Model Scheme prepared by the Ministry of Health. In forwarding the Scheme the Minister pointed out that it was not competent for the Council to make a Scheme, the application of whose provisions varies according to the status of the insured person. The modified scheme therefore must deal similarly with married and single men and provide for the first £1 of wages to be ignored in calculating the amount of contributions to the Superannuation Fund.

The Borough Treasurer reported that there were only seven single men among the 202 employees coming within the modified scheme. When it became necessary to calculate the pension, £52 would be deducted from the contributory allowance in the case of married men, but only £26 in the case of single men. All single men would therefore gain from the Council what they would lose from the State by reason of being unmarried. The Fund would accordingly suffer a small loss unless the single men married during their period of service.

RESOLVED, That the modified scheme, as now settled, be approved and that Minute No. 9 (b) passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 29th June last be varied accordingly ; that the Common Seal be affixed to the Modified Scheme, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval thereof.

(b) RESOLVED, That consideration of Mr. A. Ricketts' application for his allowance to be calculated on the basis of eightieths be further adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that J. Jones (sweeper) had been medically certified as incapable of further work. His pension calculated on 19 years' service with the Corporation amounted to 11s 1d per week. RESOLVED, That this pension be paid.

(d) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. E. J. Larger (former School Attendance Officer) died on the 7th inst. He was in receipt of a pension of £66 13s. 4d.

(e) Female Nurses, Health. Visitors and Midwives—Read, circular of the 31st ult from the National Association of Local Government Officers drawing the attention of the Council to Section 16 of the Act which provided that the age of compulsory retirement for these officers shall be 60 years' with the option of retirement after attaining the age of 55 years' and completing 30 years' service, The provision did not apply to any such officer unless before the 30th June next she gives notice to the Corporation that she desires the provisions to apply to her.

The Corporation were entitled to grant an annual compensatory allowance so as to bring up the Superannuation allowance to such amount as the officer would be entitled to if she continued her employment until the age of 65 years. The Association asked that as these classes of officers were in many cases precluded from obtaining their maximum pension the Council should indicate its intention to grant compensatory allowances in appropriate cases, and thus relieve the minds of the persons concerned of all anxiety as to their future. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

(f) Delancey Trustees—The Town Clerk reported that the Delancey Hospital Trustees desired to admit Mr Smith (boiler engineer) and Mr. Powell (head gardener) to the Superannuation Agreement. RESOLVED, That the Council consent to the post of boiler engineer and head gardener being designated by the Delancey Hospital Trustees for the purposes of the Superannuation Scheme, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of this resolution.

12—Oriell Walk Clearance Order—Read, letter from Mr. J Jackson that he had now demolished these houses under the Clearance Order, and claiming 1 ½ times the Rateable Value, as compensation as allowed by the Minister of Health. RESOLVED, That the appropriate amount paid to the owner.

13—Whaddon Senior School—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £29,620 for the cost of the erection of the new Senior School at Whaddon, including furniture and fittings and architect's fees.

14—Unemployment Insurance Acts—Read, letter of 24th October from the Ministry of Labour that it was not permissible for the Council to include persons occupying joint appointments in the Exception Certificate under these Acts, unless the Corporation were prepared to give an assurance that in the event of the death, discharge or retirement of one of the parties to the joint appointment, the remaining party would be retained in his or her present post or would be found other employment. RESOLVED, That the Council are not prepared to give this assurance and that the holders of joint appointments be not added to the Certificate of Exception under these Acts.

15—Mortgage No. 1371 for £10,000—The Town Clerk reported that the holder of this debenture desired that this should be split up into two mortgages of £5,000 each. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to the holder paying the stamp duty on the two mortgages.

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16-Capital Expenditure-Five Year Programme-The Committee considered the returns of the various Committees showing the capital expenditure contemplated during the five years commencing 1st April, 1938, as requested by the Ministry of Health in the circular of the 6th May, 1938. The Committee also

considered report of the Borough Treasurer thereon, together with statements prepared by him showing the gross annual loan charges and the net loan charges falling on the rates. The loan charges were based on the current rate of interest for loans of 15 years upwards, viz. 3 5/8 per cent. The product of a 1d. rate for 1943-4 he had taken at £1,840, being 5 per cent. above the current year's product, viz. £1,746.

He further reported that during the period of five years there were loans falling in, the loan charges on which amounted to £6,161 on General Rate Fund and £2,765 on Electricity and Waterworks Undertakings, but against this were several Unemployment Grants ceasing, amounting to £1,068, showing a net reduction on loan charges chargeable to Rates of £5,093, which was equivalent to a rate of 2.765 pence.

The Committee wish to point out that it should be clearly understood that the adoption of this programme does not necessarily commit the Council in any way to carry out the works specified therein, either in the year suggested, or at any future time.

RESOLVED, That the draft programme of works involving capital expenditure set out below be forwarded to the Ministry of Health :-

#### FIVE YEAR PROGRAMME

Code No. of the service or purpose	Short description of the work	Total Capital cost	Probable years in which to be carried out
23	New Fire Station	20,000	1939-40
1	New Senior School, Whaddon Estate	29,620	1939-40
1	New School Furniture	2,000	1938-43
1	Purchase of Girls' Grammar School Playing Field (already authorised)	4,300	1939-40
3,4 &7	Winter Garden Scheme	90,000	1939-41
5	Main Drainage Scheme	90,000	1939-41
5	Golden Valley Drainage Scheme. (Contribution of £2,000 expected)	9,500	1939-43
5	Montpellier area Drainage Scheme	18,000	1939-43
5	Hayden Storm Water Tanks	5,000	1939-43
19	River Chelt new course, The Moors, Borough Boundary	9,960	1939-43
12	New Hard Tennis Courts	1,000	1939-41
12	Indoor Bowling Green	6,000	1941-43
12	Pittville Pump Room, completion of Renovations	7,000	1939-41
12	Purchase of land extension of Naunton Park Recreation Ground	2,750	1938-39
12	Tewkesbury Road Playing Field (completion of layout)	3,000	1939-43

12	Layout of extension of Naunton Park Recreation Ground	3,000	1939-43
12	New Greenhouses	2,500	1939-43
20	Pittville Street Scheme, net cost to Corporation	13,750	1938-39
20	*New Road Gloucester Road to Brooklyn Road	7,626	1939-43
20	*New Road, Brooklyn Road to Tewkesbury Road	13,340	1939-43
20	Albion Street widening	12,953	1939-43
20	*New road, Rodney Road to Ormond Place	10,242	1939-43
20	*New road, Cambray Place to Rodney Road	3,000	1939-43
20	Bennington Street widening	3,276	1939-43
20	*Widening Winchcomb Street *50 per cent Grant anticipated	21,262	1939-43
15	206 Houses for rehousing persons displaced from insanitary houses and basements and to abate overcrowding	92,700	1939-43
15	144 Non-Subsidy houses (to be let at economic cost)	64,800	1939-43
15	30 Houses Whaddon Farm Estate	14,216	1938-39
30	New Furnace for Crematorium	600	1939-40
7	Contribution towards New Maternity Home ...	12,500	1939-40
26	Extra High Tension Feeder, Montpellier Terrace	2,540	1939-43
26	Extra High Tension Feeder, Alstone Lane	2,640	1939-43
26	Low Tension Cable	6,710	1939-43
26	Switchgear and Transformers	4,600	1939-43
26	Cables and Services...	26,000	1939-43
26	Appliances	15,000	1939-43
24	Elimination of Leckhampton and Sandford Water supplies-Standby plant	1,000	1939-43
24	18 inch Main from Hewletts No. 2 Reservoir to London Road and Hewlett Road Junction	11,700	1939-43
24	Main Replacement (completion)	12,500	1939-43
24	Mains Extension ...	2,500	1939-43
24	18 inch Main Churchdown to Hewletts, Excess Expenditure	5,000	1939-43
	Total	£664,085	

Nature of Service	1	Total Capital Expenditure Provisionally Included in the Programme	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	pence
Fire Station ... ..		20,000		20,000					1,099	1,099	'595
EDUCATION COMMITTEE											
Elementary Education ... ..		35,920	400	34,320	400	400	400	400	2,044	1,022	'55
WINTER GARDEN EXTENSIONS COMMITTEE											
New Winter Garden etc. ... ..		90,000		45,000	45,000				5,425	5,425	2'948
HEALTH COMMITTEE											
Sewerage and Sewage Disposal ... ..		122,500		53,125	53,125	8,125	8,125	8,125	6,100	6,100	3'31
Land Drainage ... ..		9,960		2,490	2,490	2,490	2,490	2,490	548	548	'2979
		132,460									
MATERNITY COMMITTEE											
Contribution to New Maternity Home ... ..		12,500		12,500					687	687	'373
PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE											
Provision of Playing Fields etc. ... ..		9,750	2,750	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	563	563	'3
Indoor Bowling Green ... ..		6,000			3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	330	330	'179
Pump Room Renovation and New Greenhouses		9,500	3,500	2,375	2,375	625	625	1,440	1,440	1,440	7827
		25,250									
STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE											
New Roads and Improvements ... ..		85,449	20,362	16,277	16,270	16,270	16,270	16,270	6,043	4,548	2'47
HOUSING COMMITTEE											
New Houses ... ..		171,716	14,216	39,375	39,375	39,375	39,375	39,375	7,220	649	'35
CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE											
New Furnace ... ..		600		600					72		
TOTALS ... ..		£573,895	41,228	227,062	161,035	72,285	72,285	72,285	31,571	22,411	1/0'15d.
ELECTRICITY ... ..		57,490		14,365	14,375	14,375	14,375	14,375	5,090		
WATERWORKS ... ..		32,700	5,000	6,925	6,925	6,925	6,925	6,925	1,813		
GRAND TOTALS ... ..		£664,085	46,228	248,352	182,335	93,585	93,585	93,585	38,474	22,411	1/0'15

(1d. PRODUCT ... £1,840)

P. P. TAYLOR,  
Chairman.

### Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th, December, 1938.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, MONDAY, the 2nd day of January, 1939, 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 JOINT MEETING OF THE FINANCE & WINTER GARDEN COMMITTEES 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. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

5. To appoint a Member of the Delancey Hospital Trustees to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Councillor E. L. Ward.

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, 5th December, 1938, at 3 p.m.** Present : The Mayor (Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., J.P.) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N. Retd.).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Moore, Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P., J.P., Miller, Moore, Rogers, Smith, Till, Waite and Ward.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Morris.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Statutory Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on the 9th November, 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 November 14

Housing              Meeting held November 17

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Street and Highway      Meeting held November 21

(The following Amendments were lost :—Moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Compton : " That Minute No. 12 (b) in regard to the wages of the mason's labourer be referred back for consideration of the Labour Sub-Committee."

Moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 21 in regard to Warden Hill Road be referred back," and

Moved by Councillor Rogers and seconded by Councillor Till : " That Minute No. 36 in regard to the sale of 107 High Street be referred back for further consideration ").

Town Planning      Meeting held November 24

Town Improvement and Spa      Meetings held November 18 & 25



Electricity and Lighting Meetings held November 21& 28

Resolved, also, That Councillors Moore and Rogers be appointed Members of this Committee for the ensuing year.

Water Meeting held November 15

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held November 22

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Alderman Winterbotham : " That Minute No. 18 in regard to the issue of Minutes to the National Union of General and Municipal Workers be referred back for further consideration."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Barnett : "That Minute No. 18 be amended by deleting the words 'after the Council Meeting' in the last line " was lost).

Resolved, also, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be authorised to grant a Cinematograph Licence in respect of the new Regal Cinema to be opened on the 2nd January, 1939, subject to the building being completed to their satisfaction.

Allotments Meeting held November 14

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held November 14

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held November 18

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held November 25

Public Library Meeting held November 18

Rating Meeting held November 10

Finance Meeting held November 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.

3—Education Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Addis be appointed a Member of the Education Committee for the ensuing year in place of Alderman Moore, resigned.

JOHN HOWELL, Mayor.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 2nd January, 1939.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th December, 1938.** Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Rev, de Courcy Ireland, E. W . Moore and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains-279 Arle Road and Statehouse Brewery, 1 Swindon 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 28 days.

2—Statutory Nuisances-47 Naunton Lane—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that a statutory nuisance within the meaning of Section 92 of the Public Health Act, 1936 existed at these premises. RESOLVED, That a notice be given under Section 93 of the said Act to the Owner requiring him to abate the nuisance within 28 days.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Basements of 10 Suffolk Square ; 27 Montpellier Terrace ; 3 Clarence Square ; 7 Bayshill Terrace ; Seaforth, Christ Church Road ; and 4 Keynsham Parade ; Room on ground floor of Hillsley Lodge, Oxford Passage—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 (except the basements of Seaforth, Christ Church Road and 4 Keynsham Parade). 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 February, 1939.

(b) West Cottage, at rear of Tivoli Street ; 43 Union Street ; 9 York Street ; 3 Beaufort Place ; 263 High Street ; 3 and 9 Whitehart Street ; 18 Tewkesbury Road ; 30 Elm Street ; 38 and 44a Waterloo 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 February, 1939.

(c) 22 and 23 Queen Street ; 5 and 6 Croft Street—The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. Mr. Seward, junior, attended on behalf of the owner of 22 and 23 Queen Street and consented to Orders being made in respect thereof, The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that 5 and 6 Croft Street had been sold to a purchaser who had also consented to 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) Basement of 11 Albert Place—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 27th July, 1938.

(e) 5 (formerly 4 and 5) Hughes Passage ; 13 Exmouth Street (formerly 1 and 2 Hughes Passage) ; 31b Hungerford Street ; 1 and 2 (formerly 1, 2 and 3) Laurel Cottages, Rowanfield Road—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the undertakings be cancelled.

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

(i) Brickyard Cottage, Folly Lane ; 15 and 16 Clare Place ; 14, 15 and 16 Hereford Place, RESOLVED, That the undertakings given by the respective 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) 9 and 11 St. James's Street ; 16-19 Waterloo Street—RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for one month in these cases.

(iii) 31 and 33 Union Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of these houses had failed to carry out his undertaking to recondition them, but had sold them to a purchaser who had signed a similar undertaking to that signed by the original owner RESOLVED, That the new undertaking of the purchaser be accepted.

(g) Basement of 20 Clarence Square—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises, which had been re-occupied in contravention of the Closing Order made in respect thereof, had now been vacated.

4—Tewkesbury Road Clearance Area—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted tenders for the demolition of 117-124 Tewkesbury Road. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Packer & Co., amounting to £58 (being the lowest) be accepted.

5—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness—(a) 8 Upper Bath Street ; 15 Sidney Street ; 10 Tivoli Street ; 1Vharfedale, Alstone—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) 3a Worcester Street ; 23 Larput Place ; 14 Victoria 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. 3 qrs. 17 lbs. Beef; 3 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs Pork ; 2 qrs. 27 lbs. Mutton ; 1 qr. 1 ½ lbs Fish ; 12 lbs. Poultry ; 18 lbs. Game ; 82 ½ lbs. Eggs.

7—Common Lodging Houses -The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported the annual inspection of the Common Lodging Houses. RESOLVED, That Mr. A. F. Evans be registered as a Common Lodging House Keeper in respect of Rowton House, Grove Street, and The Nelson, High Street, until the 31st December, 1939. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. A. A. V. Meulbrouck and Mr. A. F. Evans be registered as Common Lodging House Keepers until the 31st March, 1939, in respect of Cumberland Villa, Grove Street, and The Shamrock, High Street, respectively, and that the Rota View Committee be asked to inspect these premises and consider the question of renewing the registration for a longer period.

8—Offensive Trades—(a) Fish Friers—RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 107 of the Public Health Act, 1936, That consent be granted to the trade of fish frying being carried on until the 31st December, 1939, by Mr. A. Miller, Mr. W. T Harris, and Mr. W. T. Morris, at 97 Gloucester Road, 76 Tewkesbury Road, and 82 Tennyson Road, respectively.

(b) Rag and Bone Dealer—RESOLVED, in pursuance of Section 107 of the Public Health Act, 1936, That consent be granted to Mr. G Stroud to carry on the trade of a Rag and Bone Dealer at his premises in Sun Street until the 31st December, 1939.

9—Diphtheria—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a large number of cases of diphtheria had been notified since the last meeting of the Committee, but that the great majority of the cases were not serious, and that out of rather more than 50 cases in hospital only 3 or 4 had caused any particular anxiety and these were making satisfactory progress. He also reported that since September over 500 children had commenced treatment for diphtheria immunisation, and in the case of nearly 200 treatment had been completed. He recommended that the Corporation should continue to make use of the services of Dr Haslett for carrying out the immunisation treatment at a fee of 6d. per case. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Health Department—Clerical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a temporary assistant had been employed in place of Miss Stroud, who had been absent owing to illness, and he recommended that the new assistant should be retained for a time after Miss Stroud's return, in order to assist in the work of the department. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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11—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of analyses of water taken since the last Meeting of the Committee

12—Water Supply, Oakley Farm—The Medical Officer of Health reported that analyses of the water supply to the farmhouse at this farm showed that the supply was an unsatisfactory one for domestic purposes. RESOLVED, That Notice under Section 138 of the Public Health Act, 1936, be given to the owner requiring her to provide within four weeks or secure the provision of a supply of wholesome water sufficient for the domestic purposes of the occupiers of the farmhouse. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be authorised to apply under Section 140 of the Act for a summons to be issued to the owner or occupier of the premises and to apply to the Court for an Order directing the source of supply to be permanently or temporarily closed or cut off, or for the water therefrom to be used for certain purposes only, or such other Order as appears to be necessary to prevent injury or danger to the health of persons using the water.

13—Report of Flooding Sub-Committee—Read, Report of a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, 30th November, 1938, Present Alderman Pruen ; Councillors Garland and Moore (Alderman Pruen in the chair). The Deputy Mayor also attended.

(a) Moorend Drainage Scheme—The Sub-Committee considered a claim by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd. for "extras" amounting to £1,915 9s. 0d. in respect of their Contract for laying the new Moorend Sewer. The Borough Surveyor reported that, although he had been obliged to disallow the claim owing to the provisions of the Contract, he considered that it would be fair to make some allowance in view of the difficult nature of the soil which had been encountered. He considered, however, that the claim made was altogether excessive. RESOLVED, That the sum of £500 be offered as an ex-gratia payment to the Contractors, provided that it is accepted in full satisfaction of their account, one moiety of the said sum to be paid forthwith and the balance at the end of the maintenance period subject to deduction of any expenses incurred during the maintenance period. RESOLVED, also, That the Contract be regarded as having been completed on the 31st October, 1938, and that the sum of £218 17s 0d. due on completion of the Contract be paid.

(b) Hayden Sewage Works Extensions—The Borough Surveyor reported that for the reasons explained to the Sub-Committee he had disallowed payment of the sum of £804 of the amount claimed by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. Ltd. under their Contract for the Hayden Sewage Works Extensions. The Sub-Committee also considered an application by the Contractors for payment of an additional sum of £525 owing to a mistake in pricing cement for order. RESOLVED, That an additional sum of £200 be offered as an ex-gratia payment to the Contractors, provided that it is accepted in full satisfaction of their account.

RESOLVED, That the Report be approved and adopted.

14—Report of **Farms and Abattoir Sub-Committee**—Read, report of a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 6th December, 1937. Present—Alderman Leigh James, Councillors Barnett, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Leigh James in the chair). Messrs. C. C. Castle and Son, and Mr. G. P. Rymer also attended.

The Sub-Committee inspected Barn Farm and Hayden Farm and recommended that certain repairs should be carried out at a cost estimated by the Borough Surveyor at £176. The Sub-Committee also inspected the Withy beds at Hayden Farm and recommended that tenders should be invited for grubbing up the withies so that the land may be laid down as pasture.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted, but that the outside painting proposed to be carried out at Barn Farm be postponed until the coming Spring.

15—Sewers—Carlton Street and Duke Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected these sewers and recommended that they should be relaid at an estimated cost of £660 in the case of the Carlton Street Sewer and £1,220 in the case of the Duke Street Sewer. He reported, however, that the relaying of the sewer in Carlton Street could be postponed for a year or two if the sewer was thoroughly cleansed, but that the Duke Street sewer required relaying immediately RESOLVED, That the schemes submitted by the Borough Surveyor be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1,880 for the necessary work. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to cleanse the Carlton Street Sewer and that the renewal of this sewer be not carried out at the present time.

16—Hayden Sewage Works—(a) Sludge Pumps—The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to the fine grit content of the digested sludge, excessive wear was taking place in the shaft sleeves of the sludge pumps recently installed by Messrs Tangyes Ltd., and it would be necessary to fix a water seal to each pump at an estimated cost of £35. Messrs. Tangyes Ltd. had requested the Corporation to contribute £24 towards the cost of this work. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to arrange terms with Messrs. Tangyes for carrying out this work.

(b) Motor Mower—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Motor Mower at these works required decarbonising and that he had obtained an estimate from the makers for decarbonising and supplying an improved type of fitting at a cost of £16. RESOLVED, That this estimate be accepted.

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17—Pittville Lawn—The Borough Surveyor reported that plans had recently been approved by the Council for the conversion of the Mews at the rear of Ravensworth, Pittville Lawn, into a dwellinghouse, but it had since been discovered that the Mews were erected over a portion of the sewer and that the weight of the building had caused the sewer to collapse. He estimated the cost of diverting and re-laying that portion of the sewer at £200. RESOLVED, That the owners be informed that as the conversion of the Mews constitutes the construction of a "New Building" for the purposes of the Byelaws they will be responsible for diverting this sewer so as to avoid the building, but that an offer be made by the Corporation to contribute 25 per cent. of the cost of the work, such contribution not to exceed £50.

18—Arle—The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to the development of land in the Lower Alstone Area he expected that the 12 inch sewer from Tanner's Lane to Brooklyn Road would soon be working to its maximum capacity. On many occasions flooding had been caused owing to the fact that the discharge of this sewer was against the direction of flow of the outfall sewer and he recommended that the present connection should be cut off and that the sewer should be connected by a new length of sewer junctioning with the outfall sewer at the N.E. end of Hester's Way. The cost of this work was estimated by the Borough Surveyor at £563. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan for this work.

19—Public Conveniences--Leckhampton Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that, if the proposed bus shelter were omitted from the scheme for the provision of Public Conveniences at the foot of Leckhampton Hill, he estimated that the cost would be reduced by £55 The Town Clerk reported that

the Cheltenham & District Traction Co. had offered to contribute £25 towards the cost of providing a shelter in conjunction with the Public Conveniences. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and that the scheme submitted by the Borough Surveyor be approved subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan for carrying out the work. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for such consent.

20—Conferences—(a) Read, circular letter from the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the attendance of delegates to the Health Congress to be held at Scarborough from the 3rd to 8th July, 1939. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be appointed to attend.

(b) Read, circular from the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene inviting the attendance of delegates at the Annual Congress to be held at Hastings from the 23rd to 27th May, 1939. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 8th December, 1938,** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Moore and Till (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—News Cottages—The Sanitary Inspector submitted tenders for the rebuilding of the wall of St. John's Cottages to enclose the four feet strip of land purchased by the Corporation to give access to the site of News Cottages. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son of £44 11s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That the Committee agree to News Cottages being used for the purpose of an A.R.P. demonstration of Decontamination and Fire Fighting etc.

2—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell had commenced the erection of and the 30 houses on this Estate Road works on the Estate were nearing completion, there being only portions of Humber Road and Dart Road to be resurfaced. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to remove some of the turf from the unsold land fronting Priors Road for the grass verges on the Estate.

(b) Road Name Plates—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have name plates erected at all cross roads and junctions on this Estate.

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3—Housing Manager — (a ) The Housing Manager submitted her quarterly report on the collection of the rents. (b) Whaddon Farm Estate—Caretaker—The Housing Manager reported that she had circularised all the tenants on the Estate with particulars of the proposed appointment of a Caretaker on the Estate and 19 applications had been received. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Sub-Committee and that they be authorised to appoint a suitable applicant.

(c) Training Scheme—The Housing Manager submitted draft Scheme for the training of local girls in her Office as Students. The Scheme provided for the age of entrants to be not less than 20 nor more than 30

years, entrants to be of matriculation standard and to reside in Cheltenham or the surrounding District ; to serve three months' probation ; appointment to be determinable by either party by one month's notice in writing ; entrants to receive practical training in the work of the Department and be required to take their Women House Property Managers' Certificate. No salary to be paid for the first six months ; then £1 per week for the next year and thereafter £1 10s. 0d. per week. On completion of probationary period entrants to apply for admission to the Incorporated Society of Women Housing Managers. RESOLVED, That the Scheme be approved and published in the "Gloucestershire Echo" and, that the Chairman and Housing Manager be authorised to engage the first entrant.

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

b) The Committee further considered the report of the Repairs Sub-Committee in which they recommended that it was desirable to continue with the present system of carrying out repairs and decorations to the Council houses by Contractors and that with a view to ensuring close supervision of the work a Repairs Superintendent or Clerk of Works should be appointed. The Borough Surveyor recommended that, in view of the large amount of building and maintenance work now carried out by his Department to Corporation properties, it would be desirable that a Clerk of Works should be appointed to examine Corporation buildings and superintend maintenance work and that the person appointed for housing repairs might also do this work. He recommended that the present Clerk of Works (Mr. Arthur Waterhouse, age 47) who had been employed as Clerk of Works on the Housing Schemes for the past four years should be appointed. RESOLVED, That Mr Arthur Waterhouse be appointed Clerk of Works to inspect and superintend the repairs to all Council houses under the direction of the Housing Manager and also to examine and report upon other Corporation properties and superintend repairs etc. as directed by the Borough Surveyor, at a salary on Grade G of £250 per annum rising by annual increments of £12 10s. 0d. to £275 per annum ; Mr. Waterhouse to provide his own motor transport. That two-thirds of his salary be charged to the Housing Repairs Fund, and that the Council be recommended to agree to one-third of his salary being charged against the various other Committees of the Corporation ; the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Superannuation Act ; to Mr. Waterhouse satisfactorily passing a medical examination ; and to be determinable by either party by one month's notice in writing. RESOLVED, also, That the Housing Manager and Borough Surveyor be instructed to report to this Committee the result of this arrangement in three months' time.

5—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on the 24th ult.

(a) Alderman Pates had been appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

(b) 20 applicants for tenancies of houses had been interviewed ; 16 had been granted and 4 refused. The total number of persons now on the selected list of applicants was 42. The Sub-Committee also dealt with 5 applications from tenants for transfers.

(c) Rent Rebates—They recommended 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.



6—Site for New Houses—Read, letters from Anne Mason offering for sale land off Arle Avenue belonging to Mr. Prude for housing. RESOLVED, That the purchase of this land be not entertained.

7—St. Margaret's Cottages Clearance Order—Read, letter from Mr. A. V. Dodwell asking for a further payment in respect of loss sustained by him consequent upon his having to transfer his business of Boot Repairer by reason of the Clearance Order in respect of which £10 was paid to him last month. Mr. Dodwell stated that he was endeavouring to carry out boot repairs from his house at 48 Humber Road, but that his net takings for the four weeks ended 28th November only averaged 18s 9d. per week. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 44 of the Housing Act, 1936 Mr. A. V. Dodwell be paid a further sum of £10.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 29th December 1938.** present :- Alderman Pates, Councillors Addis, Bettridge Bush, Compton, Grimwade and Moore. (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1. 9 THAMES ROAD. Read, letter from Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson in regard to the notice to quit served on Mr. Hancock, the tenant of this house. Mr. Hancock also attended, and denied all knowledge of the accusations made against him by his neighbour. RESOLVED, That Mr. Hancock be offered a transfer to another house on the Estate.

2. WHADDON FARM ESTATE. The Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee reported that 20 applications had been received for the appointment of Joint Custodians on this Estate, and they met on the 15th instant, and interviewed five applicants, and recommended that Mr. and Mrs. E. T. G. Nicholls of 43 Severn Road be appointed Joint Custodians at a joint salary of £2. 10. 0. per week subject to Mr. Nicholls applying and being accepted for appointment as a Special Constable, and subject to the following conditions :- Mr. Nicholls' duties to include patrolling the Estate during the late afternoon and evening and weekends during the time the Schools are in session, and throughout the day and evening on Saturdays and Sundays and during School Holidays, and as far as possible to maintain order and prevent disturbance and wilful damage being done, and to furnish reports at regular intervals to the Housing Manager; Mrs. Nicholls to visit the elderly occupiers of flats etc. on the Estate; the appointment to be determinable by either party on one week's notice in writing, and also to be determined if one or other of the holders is incapable of carrying on the appointment; the appointment, being a part-time appointment, not to be subject to the Superannuation Act.

3. HOUSING DEPARTMENT. Read, letter from Miss J. L. Rushbrooke that she had been appointed Housing Manager of Uttoxeter subject to approval at the Meeting of the Uttoxeter Urban District Council on the 4th January next. RESOLVED, That the Housing Committee be authorised to appoint a fully qualified Woman Housing Manager to fill the vacancy at a commencing salary of £200, rising by annual increments of £10 to £240, plus cycle allowance, but that if the Committee decide to promote an assistant in the Housing Office to the appointment, they be authorised to advertise for the appointment

of a qualified woman assistant at a salary of £180 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £220 per annum, plus cycle allowance.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

#### **JOINT MEETING OF FINANCE AND WINTER GARDEN COMMITTEES.**

**At a Joint Meeting of the Finance and Winter Garden Committees held on Wednesday, 14th December, 1938.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor : Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Pates and Pruen; Councillors Fisher, Grimwade, Garland, Lipson, Smith, Waite and Ward ; Messrs. E. Baring, D. V. Davies, R. M. Logan (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

1—Town Hall Extension Scheme—

(a) The Joint Committee further considered this Scheme. Mr. Overbury attended and submitted plans and estimates for alternative schemes with a view to reducing the cost of the full scheme of £107,134, being the amount of the tenders obtained plus £1,278 estimated cost of layout of grounds, etc., extension of water main and £1,000 for provision of Band Shell making a total of £109,142 The following are the two schemes submitted. Scheme A being the scheme which was approved at a Joint Meeting of the Committees held on the 5th August, 1938, but which was not submitted to the Council in view of the crisis.

SCHEME A provides for the South Transept to be demolished and the Loggia extended along the south side of the building. The removal of the South Transept would provide space for the Band Concerts on this side away from the noise of the Promenade traffic and leave the main entrance to the Winter Garden clear of obstruction

The proposed Theatre would be omitted from the scheme.

The exclusion of the South Transept would involve one of the Art Galleries being omitted, but the two Art Galleries left in the scheme would be 98 ft. x 23 ft. and 50 ft. x 23 ft. which was considerably more than the accommodation at the present Art Galleries which are 53 ft. x 27 ft. and 28 ft. x 20 ft. An additional Gallery could, however, be erected when required over the Loggia to be erected along the south side of the block.

The Exhibition Hall in the North Transept and the Grand Foyer, Central Spa and Cafe Lounge etc. in the domed Transept and the Medical Baths would remain as in the original scheme. The savings effected by this scheme would be £18,000, reducing the cost to £91,412.

SCHEME B provided for the existing building to be retained but a new slate roof erected over the entire building which would be raised to a higher level to improve the elevation The Loggias and Art Galleries would be omitted but a corridor would be provided from the rear of the Town Hall along the back of the North Transept connecting to the centre Transept.

The North Transept would be left with stage and dressing rooms and stepped floor as at present (except that a new inner ceiling would be provided) and the hall re-decorated and re-seated and an entrance made under the north tower, also a Theatre Bar provided. This Transept would have a seating

accommodation for about 500, but if required, there would be room for a Gallery to be provided at a future date capable of seating 250. The Hall could be used as a Theatre or for Conferences, Concerts, Lectures and other meetings. Separate lavatory and cloakroom accommodation would be provided for each Transept so that each Transept could be used separately. The South Transept could be used as an Exhibition and Sports Hall or for any other purpose required. A separate entrance would be provided, also access from the Grand Foyer. The Medical Baths Block would be the same as in the original scheme.

This scheme contained all the essential features of the original scheme and would not prevent the original scheme from being carried out at a future date if desired. Mr. Overbury stated that from an architectural point of view, Scheme A which would have the appearance of a stone building, was preferable to Scheme B, but that the latter had considerably more accommodation

Scheme B could be erected at a total cost of £75,000, being a saving of £16,412 over Scheme A, and a saving of £34,412 over the original scheme. Mr. Overbury recommended that it was desirable that a decision should be come to without delay as in view of the fact that no maintenance was now being carried out the building was deteriorating. RESOLVED, To recommend the Council that Scheme A be approved and adopted and that fresh tenders be obtained for the erection of this building RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £91,412 for the cost of carrying out the scheme.

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The following is the Borough Treasurer's estimate of the capital expenditure and annual charges and revenue of Scheme A based on the estimate submitted for the full scheme in July last.

## SCHEME A.

Expenditure.		Income.	
LOAN CHARGES ON CAPITAL COST.		EXHIBITION HALL-	
		Rents and Sundry Receipts	£500
	Loan		
	(Period)		
Buildings etc. ...	£71,634 (30)	£3,939	£400
Heating, Hot Water, Electrical			
Work and Fittings	14,500 } (15)	£1,525	From sales
Furnishings etc. ...	3,000 }		<u>£1,600</u>
Lay-out of Grounds, Shell, etc.	<u>2,278</u> (30) -	<u>125</u>	
	£91,412	£5,589	£2,500
ART GALLERY---	Net Annual Cost (see note below) to Rates		£7,549
Attendants, Cleaning, etc.	380		
CAFE-			
Provisions etc	£700		
Staff ...	<u>400</u>		
	£1,100		
GENERAL-			
Repairs and Maintenance,			
Heating and Cleaning	£2,250		
Rates	700		
Insurances	<u>30</u>		
	<u>2,980</u>		
	£10,049		£10,049

NOTE.—Annual Charge on Rates

Against this should be set the cost of maintaining the Winter Garden including loan charges, the loan for which is just expiring ... £1,040

Loan Charges which will fall in before the new buildings are completed :-

Medical Baths ...	£2,847	Saving	£195
Bandstand ...	£1,850	"	<u>125</u>
			£320

Proceeds of sale of Spa Baths would be applied against Capital Cost.

(Purchase and improvement £9,615). If sold for £4,000 the saving would £216  
£536

Moiety of Rates retained by Council .. £350

£886

1,926

Leaving Net Annual Charge on Rates for first 15 years of (----- 3d. Rate) 5,623

(For the second 15 years it would be £4,098), £7,549

## SCHEME B

## LOAN CHARGES ON CAPITAL COST.

	Loan	EXHIBITION HALL	£500
	£ (Period)		
Buildings	55,300 (30)	3,040	
		ASSEMBLY HALL-	
		Theatre etc. ...	£500
Heating, Lighting etc.	14,500 } (15)	1,525 MEDICAL BATHS-	
Furnishings	3,000 }	Increase of Revenue	£400
Lay-out of Grounds	2,200 (30)	125	
		CAFE-	
	_____	_____ 4,690	From Sales
	£75,000		<u>£1,600</u>
			£3,000

Net Annual Cost to Rates (see note below) ... £5,520

Provisions etc. £700

Staff 400

£1,100

## GENERAL--

Repairs and Maintenance,

Heating and Cleaning £2,000

Rates ... 700

Insurances 30

£2,730

£8,520

£8,520

Savings (as in £91,412 Scheme) £1,926

Net Charge on Rates ... £3,594

(for first 15 years = 2d. Rate)

£5,520

(For the second 15 years it would be £2,069).

NOTE.—The Borough Surveyor reported at the Committee Meeting held on the 15th July last that he had not prepared detailed estimates, but if the proposed scheme was not carried out he estimated 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 electric wiring ; new heating installation ; and the re-decoration of the whole building would be approximately £15,000. Mr. Overbury stated that the Architects', Quantity Surveyors' and consulting Engineers' fees, etc., already incurred, amounted to approximately £6,000.

(b) Read, letter of 20th September last from the Cheltenham and District Ratepayers Association sending the following resolution passed at a Public Meeting held at the Town Hall on the 19th September :—

"That this Meeting of Cheltenham Ratepayers notes with approval the proposal to postpone consideration of the Winter Garden Scheme until the International situation has cleared, but urges the Town Council to defer such consideration indefinitely, and that the Ratepayers Association do take a referendum of the Ratepayers."

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th December, 1938.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Ward (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Report of View Committee—Read, report of a Meeting of the View Committee held on the 16th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair); Councillors Addis, Fisher and Green.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Victoria Street and Larput Place, St. Paul's—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare specifications, plans, and estimates for making up the unpaved portions of the footpaths in these roads with a view to notices being served on the abutting owners requiring them to carry out the necessary work.

(b) Road between Albert Street and Victoria Street—That no action be taken with regard to Councillor Fisher's complaint as to the condition of this road.

(c) Albion Street—That, if found practicable after taking levels, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to raise the level of the carriageway in front of the Conservative Club and remove defective wood blocks therefrom..

(d) Albion Street—That the large chestnut tree near the junction with Hewlett Road be thinned out.

(e) Hewlett Road—That Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell Ltd. be now required to carry out their undertaking to set back the boundary of their land near the junction of Hewlett Road and Cleeve View Road to the improvement line, and to contribute £25 towards the cost of constructing and paving the footpath ; also, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make up the new footpath and to remove the existing trees and plant smaller trees along the new line.

(f) Hewlett Road (Agg's Hill)—That the portion between Lower Hewletts Farm and the entrance to "Hewletts" be resurfaced with coarse gauge tarred macadam ; that the ditches be regraded and cleansed and arrangements made for the surface water to be divided therein ; and that repairs to the

portion above the entrance to "Hewletts" be further considered when next year's estimates are submitted.

(g) Rosehill Street—That the footpath on the south side near the junction with Hales Road be relaid as far as the existing crossing, and that the remaining footpaths be generally adjusted and patched ; also, that Notices be served under Section 35 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, requiring the various owners or occupiers of properties in this road to adjust or repair their respective cellar-heads, gratings, lights or coal holes in the surface of the footpaths of this street, and that in the event of any such notice not being complied with within seven days, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary work.

(h) Rosehill Street—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the dead tree obstructing the passage on the North side.

(i) Sydenham Road South—That no action be taken with regard to Mr. Simmons' complaint as to a chestnut tree in this road, as the tree is on private property.

(j) Keynsham Parade—That no action be taken with regard to the memorial from residents requesting the removal of a seat in this road.

(k) Lane at rear of Boyne House, College Road and Lane from Thirlestaine Road to Sandford Road at rear of Christowe—That the College Bursar be informed that the Corporation are willing to make up and take over these lanes. provided that the abutting owners agree to pay the cost of the necessary work.

(l) Junction of Old Bath Road and Naunton Park Road—That the Deputy Mayor's offer to surrender part of the garden of "Saracor" for the improvement of this junction, subject to the Corporation setting back the wall, making up the footpath, and paying £2 in respect of disturbance to fruit trees etc. be gratefully accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary work.

(m) Langdon Road—That the tree indicated by the Rev. H D. Peel be removed and replaced by a small silver birch.

(n) Tryes Road—That the footpath on the south side be reinstated but not paved, and that Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell Ltd. be required to make good the damage caused by them to the footpath on the north side.

(o) Westal Green—That the donors be requested to remove the cattle drinking trough at Westal Green in view of the construction of the new roundabout.

(p) St. Paul's Street South—That the Office of Works be requested to set back the steps of the new Employment Exchange which project on to the footpath.

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

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2—Report of Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee—Read, report of a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on the 30th ult. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillors Fletcher and Till.

The Sub-Committee having considered nine tenders for the supply of Refuse Collecting Vehicles, recommended :—

(a) That Karrier Motors Ltd. and Messrs. Haines & Strange be asked to give full details of the service which would be rendered by them respectively, in the event of their tender being accepted.

(b) That Karrier Motors Ltd. and Messrs. Haines & Strange be asked to send for demonstration purposes a Karrier vehicle (capacity 12/16 cubic yards ; price £550) and a Bedford Eagle (capacity 15 cubic yards ; price £453) respectively.

(c) That The Wicliffe Motor Co.'s application that, in the event of Shelvoke & Drewry freighters being purchased, the order should be placed through them, in view of certain correspondence which they had had with the tendering company, be not granted, as no tender was received from the Wicliffe Motor Co.

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

3—Report of Labour Sub-Committee—Read, report of a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, 30th November, 1938. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillors Addis and Green. Mr. G. F. Tawney attended on behalf of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers.

(a) Labourers—Read, letter of 18th ult. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for the half-hour break for dinner in winter time to commence at 12 30 p m. instead of at noon, and also for a break of ten minutes to be allowed for a snack meal each day at 9 30 a.m. The Sub-Committee recommended that the suggested alteration in the time of the dinner interval be agreed to but that the application for a break in the morning be not granted.

(b) Park Constable—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers objecting to the decision to reduce the break for dinner by half an hour in winter time being applied in the case of Mr. W. D. Hudson, Park Constable at Pittville Gardens. The Sub-Committee recommended that, in order to compensate this employee for the curtailment of his dinner hour, he be allowed to commence his duties at 9.30 a.m. instead of at 9 a.m.

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

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

5—Central Depot—(a) Horse—The Borough Surveyor reported that the aged horse at the Central Depot had been destroyed and the carcass sold for 30s

(b) Disused Carts—The Borough Surveyor reported that the sale of disused carts at this Depot had realised £33 16s. 6d.

6—Highways Superintendent—The Borough Surveyor reported that the motor car used by the Highways Superintendent J was now 4 years old and needed constant expenditure in repairs etc. and that the Superintendent had applied for an allowance towards the cost of purchasing and running his own car. RESOLVED, That an allowance of £60 per annum be granted to the Highways Superintendent for this purpose.



7—Merriville Road—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Western Estates Ltd. for the first section of this road to be adopted by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That notice be given of intention to take over the road as repairable by the Corporation.

8—Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Transport had made a grant of 60 per cent towards the cost of widening this road on the South side adjoining the proposed Chocolate Factory, the amount of such grant not to exceed £137.

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9—Regal Cinema, Promenade—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for the erection of canopies and Neon signs in the Promenade, St. George's Road and Royal Well Road. RESOLVED, That these be approved subject to the usual agreement being signed in respect of the canopies.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that it had been found necessary to re-construct the Fount between Architects of the Cinema, the Chairman, Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor, it was provisionally agreed that the cost of re-construction should be borne by the Associated British Cinemas Ltd. and that the Corporation should contribute £35 15s. 0d. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to widen St George's Road to the new improvement line to which the new Cinema has been erected.

10—High Street—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Surveyor had suggested that the cost of re-surfacing High Street between St. George's Street and Gloucester Road should be met by transferring the necessary funds from those set aside for the improvement of other classified roads, and that he had accordingly suggested the transfer of £500 from the sum allocated for re-surfacing the work on A 435 and £75 from the sum allocated for similar work on A 46.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that he had received the approval of the Minister of Transport to certain alterations in the " No Entry " signs erected near the entrance to Bath Road as agreed in consultations between the Divisional Road Engineer and the Borough Surveyor.

11—Junction of Gloucester Road and Libertus Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan prescribing an improvement line extending from a point on the North East side of Libertus Road, 25 feet from its junction with Gloucester Road to a point in Gloucester Road 25 feet from the said junction. RESOLVED, That the plan be approved and that it be signed by the Town Clerk and deposited in accordance with the provisions of section 33 of the Public Health Act 1925. Also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice in writing of such deposit and of the liabilities imposed by the section to every occupier and owner of land affected by the proposed improvement line.

12—Post Office Trenches—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That the Post Office Engineering Department be requested to notify the Corporation before excavating any trenches in the Borough.

13—Junction of High Street, College Road and Hewlett Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the authority of the Ministry of Transport for the Council to carry out the construction of the proposed Traffic Island at this junction. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work.

14—Air Raid Precautions—The Borough Surveyor reported that 43 employees of the Corporation had been trained for Air Raid Precautions and that a further 19 were at present undergoing training. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for the training of employees engaged on refuse collection.

15—Borough Surveyor's Department—Chief Clerk—The Borough Surveyor submitted application by Mr. F. A. Jenkins to be transferred to Grade "J" at a commencing salary of £330 rising by annual increments of £15 to £375 per annum. The Borough Surveyor reported that he was at present on Grade " G " and receiving a salary of £294 per annum which would be increased to £307 on the 1st April next. RESOLVED, That the application be granted, the increase to take effect from the 1st April next.

16—Pittville Street Improvement—(a) The Town Clerk submitted valuations received from the District Valuer reporting that he had settled the compensation payable to Mr. H. W. Flemons in respect of his leasehold interest in 122 High Street at £2,762 and the compensation payable to Mr. W. Dangerfield in respect of the freehold of 6 Pittville Street and also his business thereat at £1,845. In each case it had been agreed that the Corporation should pay the Vendors' Surveyors' Fees and legal costs. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted an account received from Messrs. Midwinter & Co. amounting to £20 for acting on behalf of Mr. G. Banting in respect of the sale of the Criterion Hotel (108 Albion Street). RESOLVED, That this account be passed for payment.

17-10 Jersey Street—The Town Clerk submitted three tenders for the demolition of this property. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Packer & Sons amounting to £10 (being the lowest) be accepted.

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18—Winchcomb Street Improvement—(a) 107 High Street—Read, letters from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend and Messrs. Leishman & Copeland, requesting the Corporation to agree to the postponement of the date for completion of the purchase of this property for a month or so. The Town Clerk reported that the prospective Purchasers of the property from the Corporation desired possession at an early date. RESOLVED, That Barclays Bank be asked to complete the sale to the Corporation by the end of January

(b) 1a Winchcomb Street—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles offering to sell this property to the Corporation for £2,000. RESOLVED, That this offer be referred to the District Valuer for his report.

19-5 Pittville Street—Read, letters from Major Gurney, A.R.P. Divisional Organiser, requesting that the Corporation should agree to a reduction in the rent for these premises, as he only required to use two rooms. RESOLVED, That the use of these rooms be offered at a rent of 10s per week, exclusive of rates.

20—Former Refuse Tip, Sandy Lane—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Holborow had requested the Corporation to provide two rolls of barbed wire at a cost of about 45s for erection around the land which he had agreed to take for grazing. The Town Clerk also reported that an offer had been received from Mr. L. W. Jenkins to rent the grazing of this land at £5 per annum subject to the Corporation repairing the fence and providing a drinking trough and water supply. RESOLVED, That Mr. Jenkins' offer be not accepted, but that the land be let to Mr. Holborow on the terms already approved by the Council, and that the barbed wire be supplied as requested by him.

21—Norwood Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan of £55 for the demolition of 1 to 3 Gothic Cottages and the Hay Barn, Norwood Road.

22—Junction of Andover Road and Painswick Road--Read, letter of 23rd uh. from Councillor Barnett pointing out that there had been several accidents at this junction RESOLVED, That consideration he adjourned for view

23—Fairview Road—The Town Clerk reported that a " Halt Sign" in this road had been knocked down by a vehicle belonging to Mr. M. E. Chamberlayne. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the sign, estimated at £1 8s. 9d.

24—Kensington Avenue—The Town Clerk reported that a footpath in this road had been damaged by a vehicle belonging to Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher Ltd. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of repairing the damage estimated at £1 11s. 11d.

25—Projecting Signs----(a) Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Cinescope Publicity Co. Ltd. applying for permission to erect Projecting Signs at Hanover Inn, Hanover Street, Shakespeare Inn, Lower High Street, and the Railway Inn, Knapp Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions and to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied that the signs will not be confused with traffic lights.

(b) The Town Clerk reported an application by Messrs. Flemons for permission to erect an illuminated sign projecting in front of 95a and 96 Winchcomb Street. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted an application by Messrs. Barnard & Partners for permission to erect a Pillar Sign at the Greyhound Inn. RESOLVED, That the application be granted,

26-20 Albion Street—The Town Clerk reported that the purchase of this property had been completed.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th December, 1938.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Moore and Ward; Capt. H. F. Leschallas ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, J. Walker and A. Wiggett (Councillor E. L. Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5062	?	Garage, 166 Cleevemount Road
5086	Stroud Brewery Co.	Alterations, Calcutta Inn, Gloucester Road.
5087	do	Alterations, Gladstone Arms, Sherborne Street.
5088	do.	Alterations, Horse and Groom, St. George's Place

5089	do.	Alterations, King's Arms, Gloucester Road.
5090	do.	Alterations, Apple Tree Inn, Russell Street.
5091	Melville & Webber	20 blocks of maisonettes, off Brooklyn Road.
5092	Bowd, W. H.	8 lock-up garages, Whaddon Road.
5093	Bastin, G. A.	Conversion of cottages into stores, Berkeley Avenue.
5094	Pates, W. J.	Garage, 15 Priory Street.
5095	Cheltenham Estates Ltd.	Semi-detached houses, Naunton Way.
5096	Banting, W. G.	Garage, 215 Arle Road,
5097	Vinor, L. B.	Cycle shed, 57 St. George's Drive.
5098	Hill, F.	Detached house, Southern Road.
5099	Amos Wilson & Son	Detached house, St. Stephen's Road.
5100	Stinchcombe, E. T.	Detached house, Albert Road.
5101	Dean Close School	Council Squash courts, Dean Close School.
5102	Pye Bros.	56 semi-detached houses and 2 detached houses, off Brooklyn Road.
5103	Lutey, A. G.	Garage, 1 Clarence Square.

Decisions under Byelaws—RESOLVED, That Plans Nos 5062, 5093, 5095, 5097, 5098, 5099 and 5101 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 5086, 5087, 5088, 5089 and 5090 be approved subject to the sanitary arrangements being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 5094 and 5103 be approved subject to the doors opening inwards ; That Plan No. 5100 be approved subject to the roof water being discharged into the stream ; That Plans Nos 5091, 5092, 5096 and 5102 be not approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933—RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5086, 5087, 5088, 5089, 5090, 5093, 5094, 5097, 5099, 5101 and 5103 be approved; That Plan No. 5095 be approved subject to rough cast being substituted for the tile hanging on the front elevations ; That Plan No. 5098 be approved subject to agreement for right of access over Corporation property ; That Plan No. 5100 be approved subject to dark sand faced tiles being used on the roof and to a flat roof being substituted for small hipped roof over the bay window as recommended by the Panel of Architects ; That Plans Nos. 5062, 5091, 5092, 5096 and 5102 be not approved, and that No. 5092 be referred for the views of the Housing Committee.

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.
1451	Banbury, L.	Garage (Private), Marilyn, Harp Hill, Cheltenham.
1452	Gabb, Mrs.	New Bedroom, 31 Gloucester Street, Winchcomb,
1453	The Hon. Secretary,	Pavilion, Old Bath Road. Cheltenham Croquet Club
1454	Messrs. L. W. Barnard & Partners (Architects)	Preliminary Development Plan, Hampton Villa Farm (Shurdington Road to Warden Hill).

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 1451 be approved ; That Plan No. 1452 be approved subject to the materials harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No. 1453 be approved subject to (1) the owners entering into an Undertaking to remove the building behind the building line at their own cost and without compensation on being so required by the responsible Authority for the purposes of the Scheme, (2) cedar shingles being used on the roof, and (3) the walls also being built of cedar ; That Plan No. 1454 be not approved,

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3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of the 13th inst. from Mrs. G. S. Gordon on behalf of the Cheltenham Animals' Welfare Association for permission to remove the huts and kennels from 194 Leckhampton Road to their new site in Gardeners' Lane. RESOLVED, That permission be granted for the removal of the kennels only and that the Animals' Welfare Association be informed that it is necessary to submit plans for the other buildings to ensure that these comply with the Bye-laws and the Town Planning Scheme.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter and plans dated 8th inst., from the Hurlingham Bungalow Co. Ltd. for permission to erect a warehouse on land adjoining the factory of Messrs. Dingley Dell Candies Ltd., St. George's Road. RESOLVED, That the owners be informed that the Committee are prepared favourably to consider Scheme A subject to plans being submitted to and approved by the Committee.

(c) Staverton—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Mr. R. B. Prettejohn applying for permission to develop Fields Nos. 83, 84, 85, 107 and 108 on the Ordnance Map in the Parish of Staverton. In the event of the approval being given Mr. Prettejohn was willing to give the Cheltenham Rural District Council Field No. 122 containing 2.818 acres for a Sewage Disposal Works for the Parish. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Cheltenham Rural District Council be asked to consider the matter and furnish the Committee with their views on the application, RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire of the Air Ministry whether the erection of houses on these fields would interfere with the use of the Airport.

4—Estimate—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate to be submitted to the County Surveyor for the Committee's expenditure for the ensuing financial year. RESOLVED, That this be approved as now settled

5—Alstone Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed improvement line for this road, which had been approved by the Street and Highway Committee RESOLVED, That this be approved and shown in the Town Planning Scheme,

6—Allotments, Shurdington—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the County Land Agent that the County Council would raise no objection to these allotments being scheduled as permanent allotments provided that if at any time it was found that the land was no longer required for this purpose the Corporation would not object to the County Council making application to the Ministry of Agriculture for consent to the land being used for other purposes. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

7—Rural Zoning—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of the Advisory Committee set up to consider the administration of Town Planning Schemes, in which they recommended (inter alia) a new type of rural zoning as being more appropriate to rural areas than either the temporary restriction pending the issue of a General Interim Order or low density zoning He also submitted a map showing the proposed

new rural zoning applied to the No. 1 Scheme, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee

8—Common Meadow, Leckhampton—Read, letter of 28th ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of a letter received from Messrs Bruton, Knowles & Co. suggesting that a joint conference with representatives of the Committee, the Rural District Council and themselves should be arranged to discuss the question of the development of the land in Kidnappers Lane belonging to Mrs. Lloyd Evans. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be appointed to attend any conference which may be arranged by the Rural District Council.

9—Building Inspector—The Borough Surveyor reported that the car provided for the Building Inspector now needed considerable overhauling and repairs, and it was desirable that a new car should be provided. The Building Inspector was willing to provide his own car if the Committee would make him an annual allowance. RESOLVED, That an allowance of £60 per annum be made towards the cost of maintainance and running of a motor car to be provided by the Building Inspector.

10—Byelaws—RESOLVED, That the Vice-Chairman be appointed the representative of this Committee on the Sub-Committee appointed to consider new Byelaws for Buildings, as the existing Byelaws would, under the Public Health Act 1936, cease to be in force in the 30th June, 1939.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

## TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th December, 1938,** Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Rev. Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Rogers and Smith (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the small Bath was closed on the 14th inst. (b) Read, application from Mr. K. W. Lyon of the Grammar School asking if they could hire the large Bath on occasional Wednesday afternoons for inter-School contests. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a report from the Superintendent thereon.

2—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 29th ult. and 13th inst. Alderman Pates had been appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :---

(a) Town Hall—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for the door leading from the Pillar Room corridor to the Winter Garden to be opened, and a small portion of the raked floor of the Winter Garden removed so as to give room for storage of chairs etc.

(b) Cloakrooms—That when the Town Hall or any part thereof is let for private parties etc. no charge be made for the Cloakrooms provided the hirers pay the wages of the attendants

(c) Pillar Room—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to let the Pillar Room on Sunday evening, 5th February for a Left Book Club discussion.

(d) Conferences—(i) That the free use of the Town Hall be granted on the afternoon of the 25th February for the British Legion Area Conference. (ii) That an invitation be extended to the Loyal Order of Moose to hold their 1940 Conference in Cheltenham (iii) That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for a Conference proposed to be arranged by the National Fitness Council on dates to be arranged in February next.

(e) Alstone Baths—That the use of Alstone Baths be granted to the Badminton Club on Monday and Thursday mornings for one month from the 22nd December, and also on the morning of the 7th January at the usual charge.

(f) Pittville Pump Room—That the application of the Municipal Officers' Guild to rent the Pump Room in the evenings for Badminton be granted at a charge of 2d per hour.

(g) Town Hall—That the free use of the Town Hall (except a charge of £1 1s. 0d. for the staff) be granted to Mrs. Gardiner on the afternoon of 29th January for a concert by leading artists, the entire proceeds of which would be devoted to Lord Baldwin's Fund for Refugees.

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

3—Advertising Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Advertising Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 5th and 9th inst. Councillor Grimwade had been appointed Chairman for the ensuing year The Sub-Committee had considered the report of the Entertainments Manager on the advertising carried

out during the current year, and a Report on the scheme for next year's advertising was submitted. The Sub-Committee recommended that £1,250 should be allocated for next year for advertising as last year, including £400 to be spent on the Railway Companies' joint scheme, and the sum of £75 to be paid to Messrs. Ward Locke & Co for the production of one of their Red Guides of " Cheltenham and the Cotswolds," the Corporation to be given a page advertisement in the Guide and also a page advertisement in all the other Guides issued by Messrs. Ward Locke & Co, RESOLVED, That the Report be approved and adopted. (A copy of the Report accompanies the Minutes).

4—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation from Automaticket Ltd. offering to undertake the servicing and maintenance of the automatic ticket machine at the Swimming Pool for a period of 4 years at a charge of £2 5s. 0d. per annum. The Borough Treasurer recommended that this offer should be accepted. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

(b) The Committee further considered the application of Mr. W. E. Godsell for some payment in respect of the accident sustained by him at the Swimming Pool last July as a result of which he fractured his leg. The Town Clerk reported that the Insurance Company were willing to make an ex-gratia payment of £5 subject to the Corporation making a like payment. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

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5—Medical Baths—(a) The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted. (b) Emano-Therapy—The Superintendent reported that, as instructed, he had communicated with the proprietors of the Emano-Therapy apparatus and provisionally arranged with them that they should loan the apparatus to the Corporation, and that the charge for Radio-Active Foam Bath should be 6s and for the Radio-Active Heating Pad 4s 6d per treatment, 1s of each treatment to be paid to the proprietors of the apparatus. To enable patients taking the Radio-Active Foam Bath to combine the drinking of Radio-Active water he had arranged with the proprietors to loan a drinking Emanator (which was valued at £100), and to charge 3d. per glass for the water, 2d of which to be paid to the proprietors of the Emanator. RESOLVED, That these arrangements and charges be approved.

6--Montpellier Baths—The Committee considered application from the Male and Female Instructor Leaders of the Cheltenham Area in connection with the National Fitness Campaign for the free use of the Gymnasium on two afternoons a week for about two hours for recreative physical training, one afternoon for a class of unemployed men and the other afternoon for a class of unemployed women. RESOLVED, That the use of the Gymnasium be granted at a nominal charge of 5s per afternoon.

7—Montpellier Gardens—The Entertainments Manager reported that the Floral Fete Committee had now decided to hold the Floral Fete on the 21st and 22nd June instead of the 28th and 29th June, as previously fixed.

8—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with Mr. H. S. Kent in regard to the removal of the fittings and fixtures from the Repertory Theatre. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to arrange a settlement of the matter, as now approved by the Committee.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.



## ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th December, 1938.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Moore; Councillors Addis and E. W. Moore (Alderman Moore in the chair).

1—Workmen's Compensation—RESOLVED, That the compensation payable to employees of the Undertaking under the Workmen's Compensation Acts be calculated from the date of disability and not from the fourth day thereafter as provided by the Acts

2—Damage to Lamp Standard—The Town Clerk reported that a Lamp Standard in Bayshill Road had been knocked down by a vehicle belonging to Messrs. H. W. Ingram & Co. of Gloucester. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the lamp standard, estimated at £17 5s. 3d.

3—Extensions to Mains—Charlton Kings—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Minister of Transport to the erection of the overhead lines required for this extension.

4—Supply to Rural Areas—Gotherington—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for the supply of electricity to two houses in Gotherington. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange terms for the supply and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for consent to the necessary overhead lines.

5—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 29th ult. and 8th and 12th inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates to be 483.3, 468.1, and 471.6 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure to be 8.2, 8.4 and 5.6 inches of water respectively.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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## WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th December, 1938.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett and Pates ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Moore, Smith and Ward (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, 1938.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	93,000 gallons	124,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	736,000 "	671,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>15,000</u> "	<u>17,000</u>
	844,000	812,000

### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 97,470,000 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—Churchdown to Hewletts Main—The Borough Engineer reported that now that the Northfield Spring had increased its yield he was arranging for the Hewletts No. 2 Reservoir to be shut off and emptied so that the contractor could complete the connecting up of the 18 inch main to this Reservoir.

5—Boddington—The Borough Engineer reported that complaints had been received from the Boddington area of the excess pressure on the mains, and he recommended that he be authorised to insert a pressure reducing valve in the Boddington Main. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Droitwich Canal (Abandonment) Bill—The Borough Engineer reported inspection which he and the City Engineer of Gloucester had made of the river and canal between the Severn and Droitwich, and a large number of samples had been taken to determine the amount of salt present in the canal water. He and Mr. Scudamore had been invited to meet the City Engineer of Worcester and the Water Engineer of Coventry to discuss what action (if any) should be taken against this Bill, which had been deposited. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to attend this Conference, and that the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Moore and Ward be appointed to attend if this is considered necessary.

7—Supply to Ham, Charlton Kings—The Committee considered letters asking for supplies to Wadleys and Old Ham Farm, Ham, Charlton Kings. The Borough Engineer reported that owing to the elevations of the properties the only satisfactory way of providing the supplies at the present time was for the private main supplying Glenfalls from the Northfield tank to be extended, RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to inform the applicants accordingly and suggest that they should approach Mr. Mitchell to see whether he is prepared to supply the premises from his main, Mr. Mitchell paying the ordinary charge for the water supplied, making his own arrangements for repayment of the charges from the persons supplied.

8—Supply to Bushley—The Committee considered application for a supply to Sarn Hill Grange, Bushley, which was in the Upton-on-Severn Rural District. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

9—Gloucester to Stow Road—The Borough Engineer submitted letters from the County Surveyor asking if the Corporation would dedicate free of cost a small area of land containing 12 acre required for the improvement of this road by Lineover Wood, and whether the Committee would agree to a creosoted rail fence being provided to the new line instead of an iron fence. The Borough Engineer reported that the improvement would leave a small strip of land at the side of the road, which would not be required for road purposes. RESOLVED, That the County Surveyor be informed that the Council are prepared to give up the piece of land required for the improvement in exchange for the piece of waste roadside land subject to the County Council erecting an unclimbable iron fence with sheet netting on the inside, or a stone wall.

10 —Compressor Plant—The Borough Engineer reported that the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the tenders for the Compressor Plant met on the 8th inst., and as authorised, had accepted the tender of Messrs. Homan, Bros. for the supply of a 110 cubic feet air per minute 80/100 pound per square inch plant at the price of £425, plus £6 for 100 feet of air hose and £61 12s. 0d. for two 76 lb. pneumatic concrete breakers. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

11—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Chlorination Plant—The Borough Engineer reported that the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the tenders received for the Chlorination Plant met on the 8th inst , and accepted the following tenders :—

For glazed screens to be erected in Dowdeswell Filter House to accommodate Chloraminating Plant—£24 7s. 10d.— Messrs. S. & J. Parker, New Street Works, Cheltenham.

Cast Iron Specials—£150 3s. 0d.—Messrs. Thos. Spittle Ltd., Newport.

Chloraminating Equipment—£344 0s. 0d.—The Candy Filter Co. Ltd., Hanwell, including provision of Chloronome with pressure injection, ammoniator, chlorograph, testing set and erection of the same. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th December, 1938.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Green, Grimwade, and Ward (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Re-numbering of Houses—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to re-number the houses in Dagmar Road and Rosehill Street and number the new houses in The Grove, and to serve the necessary notices accordingly.

1—Municipal Offices---(a) Mayoress--Mrs J. H. Trye attended and urged the desirability of providing accommodation at the Municipal Offices for the Mayoress RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to provide this accommodation at the present time, but that the Mayoress be provided with a key of the Mayor's Parlour.

(b) Telephone Installation—The Borough Surveyor submitted 6 tenders received for the installation of a private telephone system in place of the Post Office system, which was unsatisfactory. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report.

3—Leckhampton Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that the kitchen range and sitting room grate in the Custodian's lodge were worn out and beyond repair, and he submitted two tenders for the replacement of these. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. John Fisher & Son Ltd. of £3 18s 6d. for the kitchen range and £2 15s. 0d. for the grate (being the lowest) be accepted.

1—Car Park—(a) Warwick Buildings—As instructed, the Borough Surveyor submitted alternative plans for laying out the site of Warwick Buildings as a Car Park. Scheme No. 1 provided accommodation for 34

cars at an estimated cost of £493, but with only one combined entrance and exit from Winchcomb Street Scheme No. 2 provided for the same number of parking spaces at an estimated cost of £570 with an exit into Warwick Place by acquiring No 7 Warwick Place which had been offered for sale to the Corporation. The above estimates did not include the cost of clearing the sites. RESOLVED, That Scheme No. 2 be provisionally approved, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to make an offer of £1,000 for the purchase of Warwick Buildings and Nos. 68 and 69 Winchcomb Street, and also that the District Valuer be asked to submit his valuation of No. 7 Warwick Place

(b) The Committee considered the question of the parking of cars of members of the Council when attending Council and Committee Meetings. RESOLVED, That members of the Council be authorised to park their cars free of charge at the Rodney Road Car Park when attending Meetings.

(c) Montpellier—Read, letter from Mr. C. Norman asking the Council to reconsider their decision not to erect permanent notices in this Car Park that cars must not be parked after 11 p m. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect large notices at each end of the Car Park stating that "Cars must not be parked after 11 p.m.", and that if possible these be erected under lamp standards so as to be visible at night.

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5—Fire Brigade—(a) Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 29th ult. and 2nd inst. Councillor Ward had been appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year They reported as follows :—

(i) The Chief Officer had reported that the present Fire Tender was of very little use to the Brigade as it was not of sufficient horse power to draw a trailer pump, and not of sufficient carrying capacity to carry the necessary lengths of hose, and he recommended that a 2 ½ ton Bedford or other similar Fire Lorry should be purchased. The Sub-Committee recommended that tenders be invited for the supply of a 2 ½ ton lorry, and that the present Chevrolet Fire Tender be offered to the Water Committee, who are in need of a small van, at a price to be agreed upon.

(ii) Northleach Rural District Council—The Chief Officer had reported that he had conferred with the Clerk and Surveyor to the Northleach Rural District Council in regard to their application for the Corporation to provide the services of the Brigade to the Parishes of Compton Abdale, Dowdeswell, Sevenhampton, Shipton, Withington and Whittington, and in view of the nearness of these parishes to Cheltenham he had recommended that the Corporation should agree to the application. The product of a 1d. rate for the parishes amounted to £33 17s 4d. The Sub-Committee recommended that the services of the Brigade be provided at a minimum charge of £70 per annum or the product of a 2d. rate, whichever is the greater, subject to the District Council entering into the usual agreement to be determinable at any time on 6 months' notice, the agreement not to commence until delivery has been obtained of the above mentioned lorry.

(iii) Gas Chamber—The Sub-Committee had further considered the desirability of providing a Gas and Smoke Chamber for training the members of the Brigade and the Auxiliary Brigade, and recommended that the Borough Surveyor's plan for converting a portion of the training room at the Depot for this purpose at a cost of £52 be approved, and that application be made to the Home Office for approval thereof. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

(b) The Chief Officer submitted his Monthly Report. Since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended five outbreaks of fire, namely at Pilford Garage, Old Bath Road ; 6 Grove Street ; Stockwell Cottages, Cirencester Road, Birdlip ; Oakhurst, Parabola Road ; and 66 Arle Road.

As a result of attendance at three fires during the nights of the 19th and 20th inst. three of the firemen were suffering from frostbite, and he recommended that he should be authorised to fit up a windscreen on the Fire Engine to afford some protection to the Driver and Firemen. He also recommended that a second telephone line should be provided to the Fire Station at a cost of £6 per annum, and that two additional bells be fitted to the fire call bells for the Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer at a cost of 4s each per annum RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Chief Officer be approved and adopted.

6—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that there was now only one case of Swine Fever in the Borough, three premises having been declared free since the last meeting.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted circular of the 30th ult from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries enclosing Foot and Mouth Disease Infected Areas Restriction and Controlled Areas Orders of 1938

7—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. J. L. Clark for a licence in respect of a new hackney carriage to be purchased by him, and also for a Driver's Licence be granted subject to the vehicle being passed by the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector,

8—Athletic Ground—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had now issued their sanction to a loan for £658 for the provision of new dressing room accommodation, but that the decision on the application for grant from the Area Committee for National Fitness had not yet been received, but it was anticipated that a decision would shortly be made. RESOLVED, That consideration of putting the work in hand be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain whether the Club would prefer the work to stand over until the end of the football season.

(b) Flood Lighting—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Patesian R F.C. asking if the Corporation would arrange to flood light the ground so that this might be used for training in the evenings. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to submit preliminary estimate of the cost of the installation of flood lights and the running costs, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire from the Area Committee for National Fitness whether grant would be payable on the cost of the installation, and from the County Council whether grant would be payable towards the annual running costs.

9—Unemployed Service Club—Read, letter of 24th ult. from the Hon. Secretary of this Club asking the Council to make a grant of £50, as in previous years. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

10—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, That the services of the Borough Electrical Engineer be extended for one year from the 26th January next.

11—Town Clerk's Department—The Town Clerk reported that he had advertised for applications for the vacant post of Shorthand Typist in his office on Grade B, and had appointed Miss E. Norman.

12—Guardians Committee—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council in reference to the request made by the Council to the Ministry of Health that provision should be made in the proposed new scheme for the constitution of Guardians Committee for the Council to have the right of nominating four of the outside representatives on the Committee, and for two of the County Council representatives to be representatives of the Borough. The County Council would be glad for the Corporation to submit the names of four persons each year for appointment by the County Council, but they did not consider it necessary to provide for this in the scheme. RESOLVED, That in view of this assurance the objection to the scheme be withdrawn.

13—Factories Act, 1937—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the inspection of the premises of the Cheltenham Newspaper Co Ltd. by the Building Inspector and Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, who considered that the premises were adequately equipped against risk of fire RESOLVED, That a certificate be issued under Section 34 of the Factories Act, 1937, that the Echo Office premises are provided with means of escape in case of fire for the persons employed therein.

14—National Register—Read, circular of 16th inst. from the Registrar General that the Government had decided that preparations should now be undertaken by advancing the organisation of the 1941 Census with a view to the institution of a National Register if and when necessary on very short notice The revision of the enumeration districts throughout the Country was being entrusted to Registrars, and the work would be very greatly assisted if Registrars were able to consult the Surveyor or other appropriate officer of the local authority and obtain particulars about building development, re-distribution of housing and population etc., of which account must be taken in the revision of the enumeration districts, and the Registrar asked the Council to facilitate this work by offering the co-operation of their officers RESOLVED, That the Registrar General be informed that the Corporation will be pleased for the Surveyor and other officers of the Corporation to co-operate with the Census Registrars as requested.

15—Salvation Army—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Local Adjutant of the Salvation Army asking the Corporation to grant, as in previous years, the sum of £20 for the local work of the Salvation Army. Read, also, letter of 14th inst, from Lt.-Col. F. A. Turner of Bristol, asking if in addition to this sum of £20 the Corporation would subscribe towards the exceptional expenses which the Salvation Army had had in connection with providing at Bristol maternity hospital accommodation for young unmarried mothers in the counties of Gloucester, Wiltshire and Somerset. RESOLVED, That the sum of £20 be subscribed as last year, £10 of which be allocated for the Slum and Goodwill Centre at Tewkesbury Road, and £10 for the Bath Road Centre.

16—Minutes—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of Minute No. 18 of the last Meeting of the Committee in which the Committee recommended that the application of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for a copy of the Minutes be granted, but that this should be supplied after the Council Meeting. The Town Clerk submitted list of the persons and bodies now receiving a copy of the Minutes. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

17—Ambulance Headquarters—RESOLVED, That the Mayor (Councillor J Howell) and Dr W. Curling Hayward be re-appointed the Council's representatives on the Ambulance Headquarters Executive Committee for another year.

18 —National Joint Council for Local Authorities—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee of the request made to the Council to co-operate in the establishment of a provincial Council for the administration of the technical, clerical and manual workers in non-trading services.

19 —Air Raid Precautions Shelter—The Town Clerk reported that the Air Raid Precautions Authority No. 2 were endeavouring to arrange for the basement of the proposed new hotel to be erected in Pittville Street to be so constructed as to be available as an Air Raid Shelter, and that plans and estimates had been prepared by the architect for the hotel and would shortly be submitted to the Home Office for approval. The estimated extra cost of constructing the basement so as to provide the Air Raid Shelter was approximately £12,500, towards which it was anticipated the Government would contribute 70 per cent, if the scheme was approved by the Home Office, the balance being payable by the County Council as the authority responsible for Air Raid Precautions in the County. RESOLVED, That this Committee strongly recommends the Home Office and the County Council to approve the Scheme at an early date, in order that the development of the site may not be delayed.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th December, 1938.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs, Carter and Stokes (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Committee--RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. Arthur Ball of 15 Granville Street a co-opted member of this Committee in place of Mr. F. W. Clarkson, deceased.

2—Sandford Mead Allotments— -Councillor Bush reported that he had inspected Allotment No 27 at Sandford Mead, and recommended that the application of the tenant for a reduction in rent, as there were several fruit trees on the allotment, be not granted. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Land and Buildings in Folly Lane—The Visitors reported that they had inspected these premises, and recommended that the application of the tenant for permission to erect some pigstyes be granted subject to compliance with the Byelaws and to not more than four pigs over three months old being kept on the premises.

4—National Allotment Amenity Scheme—Read, circular of 25th ult. from the National Allotments Society Ltd. asking the Council to enter this Scheme. RESOLVED, That the proposal be not entertained.

5—Marle Hill Estate Allotments—(a) The Town Clerk submitted offer to take Allotment No. 134 at Marle Hill Estate subject to this being let rent free for six months and with a subsequent reduction in the yearly rent. RESOLVED, That the Visitors be asked to inspect the allotment and report thereon.

(b) RESOLVED, That the notice to quit served upon the tenant of Allotment No. 71 be withdrawn subject to racing or homing pigeons only being kept, and to these not being allowed to settle on the ground.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th December, 1938.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that the layout of this ground had now been completed at a total cost of £4,787 compared with the estimate of £4,701. The increase in cost was due to the alteration of the site of the children's playground and the rise in building costs between the time of the preparation of the estimate and the actual erection of the Pavilion.

2—Gardens Superintendent's House—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of providing a modern type grate in the front bedroom of this house at £5 15s. 0d. including fixing and painting the existing mantle. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the grate provided.

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3—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 8th inst. from Mr. W. T. Long on behalf of the Clerk to the Trustees of the Hay Cottage Homes asking if the Corporation would repair the footpath leading from Naunton Lane through the Park to the Hay Cottage Homes as this had become dangerous, and the Trustees had no available funds to carry out the work. RESOLVED, That as the Hay Cottage ground is used by the public as part of the Park, the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have the path repaired at a cost of about £15.

(b) The Committee further considered the application of the Education Committee that a portion of this ground should be appropriated for the extension of the playgrounds of Naunton Park School. The Gardens Superintendent submitted plan prepared on behalf of the Education Committee showing an area of 1359.8 square yards which they desired to be taken in to the playground RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the appropriation of this area subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health being obtained, and that application be made for such approval.

4—Pittville Gardens—(a) Pump Room—The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the renovation of the Pump Room, and submitted four tenders received for the metal balustrades for the new concrete terrace, provision for which had been made by a p.c. sum in Messrs. Billings' contract RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd. of £39 16s. 9d. (being the lowest) be accepted

(b) The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the night of 30th ult. two seats had been thrown into the lake, one had been carried into the Recreation Ground, a notice board had been removed and considerable damage had been done to the shelter, and on the 11th inst some automatic machines had been broken into and the contents taken. RESOLVED, That the Police be asked to prosecute the offenders if the necessary evidence is obtained.



5—Wages and Conditions of Employment—The Committee further considered the letter of 14th July last from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers asking that the rates of overtime and holidays approved by the Council on the 3rd January last should be made to apply to workmen engaged in the Parks Department, and the Gardens Superintendent submitted particulars of the practice in other towns, RESOLVED, That the application of the Union be not granted, but that the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to engage two British Legion ex-Service men for relief patrol duty in the summer months.

6—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Brooklyn Hard Courts Tennis Club, enclosing balance sheet, showing a deficit of £10 19s. 9d. RESOLVED, That they be granted a rebate of £10, as provided in their tenancy agreement, and that consideration of letting the courts next season be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee,

7—Football Pitches---(a) RESOLVED, That permission be given to Cheltenham Meters Ltd. to play football on the Tewkesbury Road Playing Field on alternate Saturdays during the current season at a charge of £5 5s. 0d.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that the temporary Playing Field in Brooklyn Road would not be available for the use of clubs next season after Christmas as the ground would be required for preparation for the Bath and West Show to be held in May, 1940. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to circularise the clubs using the ground this season and ask them if they can arrange next season to play their home fixtures before Christmas.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

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#### **CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th December, 1938,** Present—Councillors Avery, 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 26th November to 16th December, 1938. Interments 39 ; Grave Spaces sold 12 (1st Position 3, 2nd Position 1, 4th Position 8) ; Memorials erected 15. New Inscriptions 4 Cremations 18.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9907 to 9919

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2337 to 2342, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Crematorium—The Cemetery Superintendent reported that since the Crematorium was opened on the 14th January last there had been 117 cremations. With only one furnace it was only practicable to do two cremations in a day, and already he had had to refuse cremations owing to not being able to fit these in at the time required. The number of cremations was increasing and since the last meeting 18 cremations had taken place The Borough Surveyor submitted tender from Mr. J. F. Askham, who supplied the first furnace, to supply, deliver and erect a second furnace, amounting to £428 plus the cost of connecting up the gas pipe to the meter, which would be carried out by the Gas Company. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted subject to this being examined and found satisfactory by the

Borough Surveyor and Cemetery Superintendent RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for the cost thereof.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND, Chairman.

#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 7th December, 1938.** Present—Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Ben James, Moore and Ward (Councillor Ward in the chair).

1—Arrears—The Committee went through the list of arrears with the Bailiff and gave him instructions thereon.

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

(b) Regal Cinema—RESOLVED, That the valuation of the new Cinema in the Promenade be referred to the Panel Valuers appointed by the County Council.

3—Third Valuation List—The Committee further considered application of the County Valuation Committee to be supplied with a copy of the new Draft Valuation List when deposited. RESOLVED, That the Rating Officers be instructed to have the Valuation List typed and to take an extra carbon copy for the County Valuation Committee and that, when the list is ready for typing next year, the Rating Officers be authorised to engage a temporary typist to do the work.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th December, 1938,** Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Barnett, Bush, Ben James, Moore and E. L. Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

4—Unpaid Rates—The Committee interviewed and dealt with persons who had not paid their rates for the last half-year.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd December, 1938,** Present—Aldermen Pruen and Taylor ; and Councillor Grimwade (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate--Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 22nd inst , on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £43,017 Leaving outstanding £77,653

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 22nd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1939. Amount collected £12,597 ; Leaving outstanding £12,692.

3—Electricity Arrears—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 22nd inst. Present—Alderman Taylor. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting he had received £15,000 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) Renewals—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £8,500 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

6—Electricity Accounts—The Borough Treasurer reported that the District Auditor required that the Reserve Fund of the Electricity Undertaking should be invested in accordance with the provisions of the Electricity Supply Acts, RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to arrange a reciprocal loan with another Corporation for the investment of this Fund.

7—Superannuation--(a) The Committee further considered the application of Mr. A. Ricketts for his pension to be calculated on the basis of eightieths. RESOLVED, That the Committee regret that they are unable to accede to this application as they are not empowered by the Act to alter the rate of Superannuation allowances once this has been fixed.

(b) Building Inspector—The Committee considered application from the Building Inspector for his service during the time he was employed with the Quantity Surveyor of the London County Council and Metropolitan Water Board, and his War service to be recognised for Superannuation purposes RESOLVED, That his service with the Quantity Surveyor of the London County Council be recognised, but that the Committee regret that they are unable to recognise the War service as they are advised that the Council are not authorised to recognise War service in the case of an employee who was not in the direct service of a local authority immediately before and after the War.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that C V. Caudle (ex-stoker) died on the 12th October last. RESOLVED, That the amount of his Superannuation contributions plus interest, amounting to £134 11s. 8d. be refunded to his executors

(d) The Borough Treasurer reported that Miss D M. Stevens (Clerk in the Town Clerk's Department) had resigned. RESOLVED, That she be refunded the amount of her contributions amounting to £21 17s. 7d.

(e) Read, application from Mr. E. D. Ricketts asking for his service as Clerk in the Poor Rate Office from the 2nd August, 1894, to 1st June, 1902, to be recognised for the purpose of Superannuation. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(f) Delancey Hospital Trustees—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving of the designation by the Delancey Hospital Trustees of the posts of boiler engineer and head gardener as established for the purposes of the Act.

8—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported that he had received sanction to loan of £658 for the provision of new dressing room accommodation at the Athletic Ground, repayable within a period of 15 years.

9—Town Hall Extension Scheme—The Committee considered this Scheme. RESOLVED, That with a view to the Council being informed as to the probable rate which will be levied in Cheltenham during the

ensuing year, the Borough Treasurer be instructed to prepare an approximate estimate of the increase in expenditure etc. already provisionally approved by the Council and the County Council, and to submit this to the members of the Council at the Council Meeting.

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, 2nd January, 1939, at 3 p.m. and Tuesday, 3rd January, 1939, at 11 a.m.** Present; The Mayor (Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., R.N. Retd., J.P.).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., 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, Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P., Miller, Moore, Smith, Till, Waite and Ward.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Morris and Rogers.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 5th December, 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 December 12

except that the last line of Minute No. 9 be amended so as to read " 6d. per injection " instead of " 6d. per case."

Housing Meetings held December 8 & 29

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Finance and Winter Garden (Joint Meeting) Meeting held December 14

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Garland and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That in view of the International and general situation, the Scheme be postponed for at least one year, and with a view to the preservation of the building in the meantime, expert opinion be obtained from a firm of glass roof specialists as to whether the roof can be repaired satisfactorily at a reasonable cost so that the building can be made usable."

The following Members voted for the Amendment :—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett and Pruen ; Councillors Addis, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Miller, Moore and Till ; and following Members voted

against the Amendment :—The Mayor : Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham, Pates and Taylor ; Councillors Avery, Bush, Fisher, Lipson, Smith, Waite and Ward.

Street and Highway... Meeting held December 19

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Waite: That Minute No. 3 (a) be amended and that the labourers' application for a break of ten minutes at 9.30 a.m. be granted " was lost).

Town Planning Meeting held December 15

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held December 16

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson : " That Minute No. 8 in regard to the removal of fittings and fixtures from the Repertory Theatre at the Winter Garden be referred back for further consideration."

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held December 14

Water Meeting held December 13

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held December 20

except that Minute No. 4 (a) be referred back for further consideration.

Allotments Meeting held December 12

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held December 12

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held December 16

Rating Meetings held December 7 & 13

Finance Meeting held December 22

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

3—Delancey Hospital Trustees—Resolved, That Councillor E. L. Ward be appointed a Member of the Delancey Hospital Trustees for a term of three years, expiring on the 6th January, 1942.

JOHN HOWELL, 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, 6th February, 1939.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th January, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Ben James, E. W. Moore, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Rogers in the chair),

1—Insanitary Property at Nelson Lodge, Trafalgar Street—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house are satisfied that the said house is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and is unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that it is capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section I of Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936, notices be given to the persons having control of the house requiring them to execute the works to be specified in the notices which will in the opinion of the Committee render the house fit for human habitation,

2—Nuisances from Drains—Fernihurst and Parkhurst, Shurdington Road; and Noah's Ark, St. George's Street—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, and in the case of Noah's Ark, he be authorised to serve Notice requiring necessary work to be carried out.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Basement of 2 Ormond Terrace—The Committee considered the question of making a Closing Order in respect of the basement of these premises. Read, letter of 12th ult. from Mr. H. Boreham, Agent for the Owner and person in control, requesting that the premises should be allowed to be used for domestic purposes. RESOLVED, That the Council, being satisfied that the basement rooms of the said premises, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, 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 as a store, kitchen, scullery, washhouse or other domestic office.

(b) 30, 32 and 36 Marle Hill Road ; 12 Hanover Parade ; 10 Hewlett Place ; 44 Waterloo 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 March, 1939.

(c) The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses:-

(i) 9 and 11 St. James' Street—Read, letter from Messrs. Jessop & Son, Solicitors, reporting that they had been instructed to take proceedings for recovering possession of the houses in order that the Owner

might carry out her Undertaking to recondition the same. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(ii) 16-19 Waterloo Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render 16-18 Waterloo Street fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That his Undertaking be regarded as cancelled, in so far as it relates to these three houses and that consideration be adjourned for two months in the case of 19 Waterloo Street.

(iii) 52 and 52a St. George's Place—Mr. Palmer attended and reported that the Owner of these houses had recently died and that he was one of her executors, and he asked for an adjournment to enable Probate to be taken out. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

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(iv) 8, 9 and 10 Old Millbrook Terrace ; 22 York Street ; 23 St. James' Street ; 29 and 31 Bath Terrace; 19 and 19a Exmouth Street ; 13 and 23a All Saints' Road—The Owner of 19 and 19a Exmouth Street attended. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months in respect of 19 and 19a Exmouth Street and 23 and 23a All Saints' Road, and for one month in the remaining cases to enable the Owners to consider carrying out the works required to render the houses fit for human habitation in accordance with specifications issued or to be issued by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(v) 30 Gloucester Place and 2 Trent Cottages--Mr. Fowles attended on behalf of the Owner and reported that 30 Gloucester Place had been reconditioned since the date on which the Rota View Committee inspected the premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month and that the Rota 'View Committee be asked to inspect the premises again.

(vi) 11 Grosvenor Street—Read, letter from the Owner, requesting the Corporation to allow these premises to be used as a lock-up shop or store, RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Owner to give an Undertaking that the premises shall not be used for human habitation.

(vii) 20 Bath Terrace—The Owner attended and reported that the premises were mortgaged to the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the statutory notice to be served on the Society.

(viii) Bruton Cottage, Portland Street—Mrs. Field attended on behalf of the Owner and asked for an adjournment to enable her to submit proposals for reconditioning these premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(d) Basement of 7 Suffolk Square—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making a Closing Order in respect of these premises be adjourned for one month and that the Rota View Committee be asked to inspect the premises again

4—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness-90 Tewkesbury Road—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.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs. Beef; 1 cwt. 25 lbs. Pork ; 1 lb. Mutton ; 20 ½ lbs. Poultry ; 2 qrs. 10 lbs. Eggs ; 3 qrs. 9 lbs. Mixed Tinned Goods.

6—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of analyses of water taken since the last Meeting of the Committee.

7—Diphtheria—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the number of cases of Diphtheria had declined very considerably during the last few weeks, and that out of 70 Cheltenham cases notified during November and December, none had so far proved fatal, though three or four were not yet out of danger.

(b) Quarterly and Annual Reports—The Medical Officer of Health submitted the following report of treatment given during the Quarter to the 31st ult. and the year 1938 :—

	Quarter to 31st December, 1938	Year to 31st December, 1938
No. of new cases in which immunisation commenced ..	590	968
No. of injections given	1,635	2,760
No. of cases in which treatment completed during quarter	486	852
No. of cases in which treatment partially completed when attendance ceased	10	19
No. of cases Schick tested after immunisation with negative results	24	27

8—Health Handbook—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Cheltenham Circular had offered to distribute 3,500 copies of the Health Handbook at a cost of 18s. 6d. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

9—Disinfecting Inspector—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Townsend, Disinfecting Inspector, was due for retirement on the 31st March, 1939, and recommended that a successor should be appointed to take up his duties a few weeks prior to that date. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to make a suitable appointment at their next Meeting.

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10—Waste Land between Mead Road and Railway—Read, letter from Mr. H. Staight complaining of the condition of this land and also of the use by workmen of a tarpaulin shelter on the said land for sleeping purposes. Read, also, letter from the Owner of the land, promising to fix a fence to prevent rubbish from being deposited thereon and reporting that the tarpaulin shelter referred to above was only a temporary erection used by night watchmen in connection with the laying of telephone cables and that it would be removed at an early date. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month and



that the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to report on the position at the next Meeting of the Committee.

11—Gas Works—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that a number of complaints had been received of obnoxious smells emanating from the Gas Works. He had interviewed the Acting Manager who had suggested that this was possibly due to the use of gas lime for purifying the gas, and promised to take all practicable steps to prevent the escape of offensive odours RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to submit a further report at the next Meeting of the Committee.

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 29th December, 1938.** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Grimwade and Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair).

8-9 Thames Road—Read, letter from Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson in regard to the notice to quit served on Mr. Hancock, the tenant of this house. Mr. Hancock also attended and denied all knowledge of the accusations made against him by his neighbour, RESOLVED, That Mr. Hancock be offered a transfer to another house on the Estate.

9—Whaddon Farm Estate—Custodians—The Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee reported that 20 applications had been received for the appointment of Joint Custodians on this Estate, and they met on the 15th inst., and interviewed five applicants, and recommended that Mr. and Mrs. E. T. G. Nicholls of 43 Severn Road be appointed Joint Custodians at a joint salary of £2 10s. 0d. per week subject to Mr. Nicholls applying and being accepted for appointment as a Special Constable, and subject to the following conditions :—Mr. Nicholls' duties to include patrolling the Estate during the late afternoon and evening and weekends during the time the Schools are in session, and throughout the day and evening on Saturdays and Sundays and during School Holidays, and as far as possible to maintain order and prevent disturbance and wilful damage being done, and to furnish reports at regular intervals to the Housing Manager Mrs. Nicholls to visit the elderly occupiers of flats etc. on the Estate : the appointment to be determinable by either party on one week's notice in writing, and also to be determined if one or other of the holders is incapable of carrying on the appointment the appointment, being a part-time appointment, not to be subject to the Superannuation Act.

10—Housing Department—Read, letter from Miss J. L. Rushbrooke that she had been appointed Housing Manager of Uttoxeter subject to approval at the Meeting of the Uttoxeter Urban District Council on the 4th January next. RESOLVED, That the Housing Committee be authorised to appoint a fully qualified Woman Housing Manager to fill the vacancy at a commencing salary of £200, rising by annual increments of £10 to £240, plus cycle allowance, but that if the Committee decide to promote an assistant in the Housing Office to the appointment, they be authorised to advertise for the appointment of a qualified woman assistant at a salary of £180 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £220 per annum, plus cycle allowance

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th January, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson and Moore (Councillor Grimwade it; the chair).

1—Housing Manager's Department—(a) Deputy Housing Manager—RESOLVED, That Miss B. Dudin, at present Assistant in the Housing Department, be appointed Deputy Housing Manager at a commencing salary of £200 per annum, rising by annual increments of 10 to a maximum of £240 per annum, plus cycle allowance, the appointment to be subject to the Superannuation Act, and to be determinable by either party on one month's notice in writing,

(b) Assistant—The Housing Manager reported that three applications had been received for the appointment of Assistant Housing Manager, and the Committee interviewed Miss J Taylor of Chester and Miss N. Veater of Rotherham RESOLVED, That Miss N. Veater be appointed Assistant in the Housing Manager's Department at a commencing salary of £180 per annum, rising by annual increments of to a maximum of £220 per annum, plus cycle allowance, the appointment to be subject to the Superannuation Act, and to be determinable by either party on one month's notice in writing. RESOLVED, also, That the Housing Manager be authorised to engage a temporary Assistant at a wage of £3 10s. 0d. per week up to the date on which Miss Veater is able to take up her duties.

(c) The Housing Manager submitted her monthly report on the collection of the rents.

(d) The Housing Manager reported that there were now 250 applicants on the waiting list, and 56 on the selected list to whom houses had been granted,

(e) Pupil Trainee--The Housing Manager reported that she had advertised for applicants for a pupil trainee, but had so far been unable to obtain any applications from local girls. RESOLVED, That Miss Hawes of Southampton be appointed a pupil trainee for a period of six months at a wage of £1 a week, plus cycle allowance.

(f) The Housing Manager reported that her present pupil trainee, Miss Barris, wished to complete her practical training by returning to the office for about two months after her Certificate Examination on the 14th March. RESOLVED, That she be retained for a period of two months at a wage of £2 a week, being an increase of ten shillings a week over her present wages.

2—Repairs Superintendent- -The Committee considered the question of transport for the Repairs Superintendent. RESOLVED, That he be granted an allowance of £40 per annum, Mr. Waterhouse to provide his own car; the position to be reviewed in one year's time.

3—Pates Avenue—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of levelling, draining and asphaltting the open space in Pates Avenue at £760, plus an additional sum of £30 if the railings were removed. RESOLVED, That the proposal to asphalt the space be not proceeded with, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the railings removed and the space tidied up.

4—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 9th and 15th ult. and 6th inst

(a) Selection of Tenants—The Sub-Committee had interviewed 30 applicants for houses, granted 26, adjourned 1 and refused 3. The Sub-Committee had also interviewed and dealt with 5 applicants for transfers, and 3 tenants re arrears of rent.

(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 in future no alteration be made in the rent of tenants who are transferred from one house to another on the same Estate where the differential renting system has not been applied to existing tenants.

(iii) 51 Kipling Road—That the application of the tenant of this house for the removal of the range and the installation of an open grate be granted subject to his paying £1 towards the cost.

(iv) 18 and 20 Wyman's Road—That the tenants of these flats be each allowed a rebate of one week's rent in respect of the damage caused to their floor cloth, carpets etc. by the bursting of a water pipe during the recent cold weather.

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

5—View and Repairs Sub-Committees—Read, report of the joint meeting of the View and Repairs Sub-Committees on the 20th ult. They recommended (inter alia) as follows

(a) 21 Wordsworth Avenue—That the tenant of this house be paid the sum of £2 10s. 0d. compensation in respect of the damage caused to a carpet by dampness of the concrete floor in the living-room.

(b) 12 Clyde Crescent—That the pigeon loft erected by the tenant of this house be approved, and that the Committee be recommended to allow tenants to keep racing pigeons subject to conditions to be approved by the Committee.

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(c) 9 Orchard Terrace--That the crack in the exterior wall be repaired and that the end wall of the parlour be lined with boarding and papered.

(d) 14 Tennyson Road—That the tenant of this house be required to move the shed erected by him so that it is entirely behind the house and to place the window on the other side of the sited.

(e) Land at side of 16 Kingsley Gardens—That a gate be placed at the entrance to this land to prevent people from trespassing across the gardens in Spenser Road and that consideration be given to adding a portion of this land to the gardens.

(f) 6 Kingsley Gardens—That the decorations recommended by the Borough Surveyor be carried out at an estimated cost of £11.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that with regard to recommendation (b) tenants be allowed to keep racing pigeons, but not tumblers, subject to the tenants being members of a recognised pigeon club. RESOLVED, also, That the quotation of Mr. A. Newman, amounting to £7 10s. 0d. for the damp-proofing at 9 Orchard Terrace, be accepted.

6—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) Read, letter of 7th inst. from Supt. Hopkins that he was making arrangements for Mr. E. T. G. Nicholls to be sworn in as a Special Constable.

(b) Lock-up Garages--The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and estimate for the erection of nine lock-up garages on the vacant land in Severn Road, at an estimated cost of £100 per garage plus £120 for road works. RESOLVED, That the proposal be not proceeded with.

(c) The Committee considered the plan submitted by Mr W. H. Bowd for the erection of eight lock-up garages on the land at the rear of the shops erected by him in Whaddon Road. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the erection of the garages.

7-101 Whaddon Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs Department to erect one stay on a pole in the garden of this house be granted subject to an annual acknowledgment of 1s and to the consent being terminable by either party on one month's notice in writing.

8-49 and 50 Sun Street—Read, letter of 2nd inst, from Messrs. Amos 'Wilson & Son offering to sell the sites of these two houses, which had been demolished. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

9-Sandfield Cottages and Land, Alstone Lane—Read, letter of 13th ult. from Anne Mason offering to sell No. 1 Sandfield Cottages and two acres of land in Alstone Lane at the price of £900. RESOLVED, That she be asked to furnish a plan of the property.

10-15 and 16 Grove Street—The Town Clerk submitted the District Valuer's valuation of these houses in respect of which Demolition Orders had been made. RESOLVED, That the offer of the owner to sell the houses for £100 free of cost 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 purchase.

11-132 Tennyson Road—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland, on behalf of Mrs A. Johnson, to purchase this house at the price of £470. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

12-46 Whaddon Avenue—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of this house was now in a position to proceed with the purchase, as authorised by the Council.

13—Sale of Houses—Read, letter of 16th ult. from the Hon Secretary of the Cheltenham Auctioneers, Surveyors and Estate Agents' Association asking that particulars of all properties, which the Corporation wished to sell, should be sent to all their members. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to send particulars of such properties to the Hon. Secretary of Association.

14—Society of Women Housing Managers—RESOLVED, That consideration of the appointment of delegates to attend the Annual Provincial Conference of this Society to be held at Oxford on the 15th April next be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

15—Houses Let to Chief Constable—The Housing Manager reported that the police constable occupying 54 Milton Road was leaving and the Chief Constable had asked whether the Committee would agree to his giving up the tenancy of this house and taking a parlour house. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd January, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers, Till and Ward (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Report of View Committee—Read, report of a Meeting of the View Committee held on the 11th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair) Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher and Green.

They recommended as follows:-

(a) Arle Road—That no action be taken in regard to the complaint by Mrs. N. E. Baker and others as to the height the retaining wall on the approach to the Railway Bridge.

(b) Alstone Lane—That the Improvement Line be altered to that originally proposed, involving a reverse curve in the road and that Messrs. Western Estates, Ltd., be asked to approve of this alteration.

(c) Gloucester Road—That no action be taken in regard to Councillor Ward's complaint as to the condition of one of the footpaths in this road as this footpath has recently been patched and does not require any further repairs.

(d) The Park—That a lime tree and a beech tree, both attacked by blue fungus, be felled.

(e) Andover and Painswick Roads Junction—That, subject to approval of the Minister of Transport, a " Halt" Sign be erected in Andover Road on the East side of Painswick Road. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the View Committee 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—Hire of Rollers—The Borough Surveyor reported that in order to complete the work included in the current year's estimates, it had been found necessary to hire two ten-ton Steam Rollers, and that, with the approval of the Chairman, he had accepted a tender from Messrs. Bomford & Evershed, Ltd., for the hire of these rollers at a basis charge of 26s each per day. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Naunton Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that as a result of further negotiations, the College Council had agreed to surrender the portion of their land required for the widening of Naunton Lane, subject to the Corporation erecting an unclimbable iron fence along the Improvement Line and also erecting a new shed in place of one which would have to be demolished. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary work.

5—Junction of High Street, College Road and Hewlett Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted three Tenders for the erection of new railings required at Berkeley Place garden in view of the proposed construction of a traffic island at this junction. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd. amounting to £21 12s. 6d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

6—Trunk Road No. 10—(a) Direction Signs—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter of 30th ult. from the Divisional Road Engineer enclosing revised Schedule embodying amendments with regard to direction signs on the trunk road. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to consider and approve this Schedule on behalf of the Council.

(b) Westal Green—It was reported that the Minister of Transport had invited the Council to carry out the construction of a traffic roundabout at Westal Green in accordance with the plans etc. already submitted by the Corporation RESOLVED, That this invitation be accepted.

(c) Promenade—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Ministry of Transport had agreed to re-construct the Chelt culvert beneath the Promenade, and that the scheme would involve the removal of three trees. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved.

(d) It was reported that the Ministry of Transport had approved of the current year's estimates for special repairs and re-surfacing in connection with the Trunk Road being increased from £8,202 to £10,191.

7—High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that in order to meet the cost of re-surfacing High Street between St. George's Street and Gloucester Road, the Divisional Road Engineer had authorised the transfer of £500 from the sum allocated for re-surfacing work on A435, and £84 (not £75 as stated in the last Minutes) from the sum allocated for similar work on A46.

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8—Refuse Collecting Vehicles—The Committee further considered the tenders of Karrier Motors Ltd. and Messrs. Haines & Strange for the supply of Refuse Collecting Vehicles, and the Borough Surveyor submitted letters from these firms with regard to the servicing of the vehicles offered RESOLVED, That four Bedford Eagle Vehicles (capacity 15 cubic yards, price £453) be ordered from Messrs. Haines & Strange on the basis of their tender. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £1,812 for the cost of the vehicles.

9—Fouling of Footpaths—The Borough Surveyor read letter from Mr. F. Sunderland complaining of the condition of the roads in the Borough owing to the fouling of footpaths by dogs. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to refer this complaint to the Police and ask them to take action under the Byelaws in suitable cases.

10—Highways Superintendent—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Highways Superintendent was not prepared to accept the car allowance of £60 per annum offered by the Corporation, and had asked for a new car to be purchased, RESOLVED, That the Victory Motor Co. Ltd. be invited to supply a new Ford 8 h.p. car, subject to a satisfactory allowance being offered in respect of the two second-hand Ford cars formerly used by the Highways Superintendent and Building Inspector respectively, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept the allowance offered if he considers this satisfactory.

11—Footpath and Bridleway from Tewkesbury Road to Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that, as a result of a further complaint received from the Cheltenham Rural District Council, the Highways Superintendent had inspected this barrier and arranged for further alterations to allow more space for the passage of horses.

12—Southern Road—The Borough Surveyor read letters from Mrs. Foster and Mr. R. C. Dixon complaining of the lack of footpaths in this road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide kerbing and form gravel footpaths.

13—Depot Clerk—Read, letter of 18th inst. from Mr. E. T. Preston, Depot Clerk, applying to be transferred from Grade C to Grade E commencing at a salary of £187 10s. 0d. per annum. The Borough Surveyor reported that this employee was at present receiving £182 per annum RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

14—St, Paul's Street South—Read, letter of 5th inst. from H.M. Office of Works suggesting that the projecting steps of the Employment Exchange in this Street should be rounded off or alternatively that railings should be erected on each side of the steps. RESOLVED, That these suggestions be not approved and that the Office of Works be asked to remove the projection altogether in view of the fact that it is dangerous to the public.

15-9 Pittville Street—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Mr. S. H. Pitcher for repayment of the cost of repairing a burst water service pipe in the flats over his shop. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

16—Winchcomb Street Improvement—(a) 10 Winchcomb Street—It was reported that the tenant of these premises had vacated them without proper notice and owed the Corporation rent since last Michaelmas. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances reported to the Committee, the tenant be released from her tenancy and the arrears of rent written off as irrecoverable RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be authorised to re-let the premises at a rent to be recommended by Councillors Fisher and Green after inspection of the premises.

(b) 1a Winchcomb Street—The Committee considered a report of the District Valuer on the owner's offer to sell these premises to the Corporation for £1,900 plus Vendor's Agents' fees (£30 16s. 0d.) and legal costs. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted subject to contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Transport to a loan for the purchase of the property. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for such consent.

17-5 Pittville Street—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Joyce Paget Ltd. offering to take a tenancy of this shop at a rent of 25s per week exclusive of rates. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to the applicants entering into a Tenancy Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk

18—Clearance of Snow—The Committee considered the complaints made as to the condition of the roads as a result of the heavy fall of snow just before Christmas, and the Borough Surveyor submitted report on the steps taken for clearing the snow. RESOLVED, That the Committee are satisfied that reasonable steps were taken by the Borough Surveyor

19—Grosvenor Street—Read, letter of 27th ult. from Mrs. Mussin, Florist and Fruiterer, of 6 Grosvenor Street, complaining that as a result of road repairs carried out in Grosvenor Street before Christmas she had lost most of her Christmas trade. She estimated that her loss amounted to between £15 and £20. RESOLVED, That an ex gratia payment of £5 be offered to Mrs. Mussin.

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20—Brooklyn Road—It was reported that Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons had offered on behalf of Messrs. Marshall & Sons and Messrs. Goddard & Hunt to purchase the Corporation's remaining frontage of 307 feet 6 inches on the south-east side of Brooklyn Road. Messrs. Marshall & Sons had offered to purchase 112 feet at £3 15s. 0d. per foot frontage for houses of not less value than £550 each exclusive of the value of the land., Messrs. Goddard & Hunt had offered to purchase the remaining frontage of 195 feet 6 inches on similar terms, subject to the Corporation agreeing to a slight modification in their covenants in respect of the land already purchased by them on the south-west side of the land now available for sale. They proposed to build six semi-detached houses on plots of 27 feet 8 inches and one detached house with a frontage of 30 feet 6 inches, and asked to be allowed to reduce three of the plots on their adjoining land from 28 feet to 27 feet 8 inches each so that their proposal might be carried into effect. RESOLVED, That the offers of Messrs. Marshall & Sons and Messrs. Goddard & Hunt be accepted subject to contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health, and that application be made for such consent. RESOLVED, also, That on completion of the sale to Messrs. Goddard & Hunt their covenants in respect of the adjoining land be modified as mentioned above.

21—Street Refuges—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Sir Herbert Cuming suggesting the provision of Street Refuges in the Promenade and High Street. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply that refuges have already been tried in the Promenade and have proved unsatisfactory owing to the insufficient width of the street, and that the Committee consider that High Street is also too narrow for refuges.

22—Lansdown Road—It was reported that some hurricane lamps at `Vestal Green had been damaged by a vehicle driven by Mr. F. E. Tawney. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of making good the damage estimated at 8s. 9d.

23—Projecting Sign —Read, application of 19th inst. from the London Sign Manufacturing Company for permission to erect a projecting sign at the offices of the Legal & General Assurance Society Ltd. in Crescent Terrace. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

24—Post Office Telegraph Lines—(a) Read, applications by the Post Office Superintending Engineer for consent to the laying of underground lines and erection of overhead lines in a large number of streets in the Borough. RESOLVED, That the applications be granted subject to the conditions recommended by the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer.

(b) Read, applications by the Post Office Superintending Engineer for consent to the laying of an underground line beneath the footpath alongside the Chelt near College Road, and also to the erection







(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from Midwives during the quarter ended 31st December, 1938: Still-births 3 Deaths of Infants 1 ; Commencement of artificial feeding 1.

4—Dentistry—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 59 mothers and 17 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 79 mothers and 5 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.

5—Gynaecological Clinic —(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 6 Clinics had been held during the quarter ended 31st ult., and the total number of attendances was 35, including 26 Borough patients.

(b) Charges—RESOLVED, That where patients attending this Clinic are able to pay a fee, a charge of 1016 be made for the first visit, and 2s 6d for each subsequent visit except the second, which will be free if made within the next 6 months,

6--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 149, of which 71 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 36 surgeons' consultations had been held ; 78 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 26 surgeons' consultations had been held. He submitted accounts of the proportion of the fees payable by this Committee, including an account for 62 Hospital attendances at 6d. each. 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 18s. 8d. of instruments, boots and repairs for children under five. RESOLVED, That a grant of 50 per cent, namely £6 9s. 4d. be made.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Cripples Aid Society had decided that they could no longer supply special shoes and boots in cases of flat feet except in special cases. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to submit from time to time a list of cases requiring special boots or shoes which the Cripples Aid Society are unable to supply.

7—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted accounts for treatment in the General Hospital of 3 cases of Puerperal Fever. RESOLVED, That these be passed for payment.

8— Children Act—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of foster mothers who had sent in notifications, and he recommended that the maximum number of children allowed should be fixed as follows :—

Name.	Address.	Maximum No. of Children allowed
Mrs. Clarke	1 St, Albans Villas, Hewlett Road	1
Mrs Beadnell .	Rockville, Shurdington Road	1
Miss Cook	••• Imperial Nursing Home ...	1
Mrs. Attwood	26 Stoneville Street	1

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

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 £23 5s. 0d.

RESOLVED, That this be paid.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted accounts for 2 X Ray Examinations, provision of Home Helps in 7 cases, 2 Ante-natal opinions, and provision of special nurses in 4 cases of Puerperal Fever, RESOLVED, That these accounts be paid.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from the Cheltenham District Nursing Association for an annual grant for bandages for maternity patients suffering from Varicose Veins. RESOLVED, That the application be considered when the annual grant to the Association is under review.

(d) Read, letter of the 14th October last from the Ministry of Health suggesting that the Corporation should consider making application for an Order applying to the Borough the provisions of Section 6 (1) of the Act, which prohibited, with certain exceptions, unqualified persons from acting as Maternity Nurses for remuneration. The Medical Officer of Health reported that during 1937, out of a total of 508 births, in 499 cases the nurse in attendance was known to be a qualified midwife, and he recommended that the Council should make application for the Order. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for an Order applying the provisions of Section 6 (1) of the Act to the Borough).

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(e) The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Medical Practitioners who had indicated their willingness to respond to calls by Midwives under the Act. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the following be appointed an Advisory Committee to scrutinise the list and make recommendations for securing and maintaining a high standard of obstetric practice on the part of practitioners included in the list :—The Mayor (Councillor J. Howell), Mr. Sandeman Allen, Drs. David Andrews, F. W. Lawson and E. F. Waddington, together with the Medical Officer of Health,

10—Consultant Opinions—The Medical Officer of Health submitted three accounts for Consultant Opinions in Maternity Cases, RESOLVED, That these be passed for payment.

11—Milk—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. A. H. Lockey of 13 Hudson Street had made a false statement in regard to his income on the application form for a free supply of milk, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to warn Mr. Lockey that if he makes any further false statements proceedings will be taken against him.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised, in his discretion, to grant free supplies of milk in exceptional cases where the income is above the scale.

(c) Read, letter of the 5th November last from the Private Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture that the Minister fully appreciated the desirability of introducing a scheme for the supply of milk at reduced prices to Maternity and Child Welfare Authorities, and he hoped that it would be possible to do so in the near future.

12—Nursing Home—The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from Miss Baylis of 4 Sydenham Villas Road for the registration of these premises as a Nursing Home, but since the application had been made Miss Baylis had informed him that she was giving up the premises, and that her application could be regarded as withdrawn.

13—Maternity Accommodation—The Medical Officer of Health reported the visit to Cheltenham on the 10th November last of Dr. Maitland, the Deputy Medical Officer (Maternity and Child Welfare) of the Ministry of Health, when he met representatives of the Committee, the County Council and the Cheltenham District Nursing Association. Dr. Maitland inspected Thirlestaine Hall and the Victoria Home, and also the site of the General Hospital, which, it was suggested, might be available for a Maternity Ward. Dr. Maitland stated that the Ministry did not look with favour on the adaptation of existing buildings for a Maternity Hospital owing to the fact that the cost of adaptation and additional cost of maintenance of adapted buildings rendered such schemes uneconomical, and, in addition, did not provide the requirements of modern Maternity work. While he agreed that the accommodation provided at the Victoria Home was not altogether convenient, he thought the Ministry would be prepared to approve, for the purposes of loan sanction, of an extension if the additional land could be obtained, and provided it was not practicable to put forward a better scheme.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that the total number of cases admitted to the Victoria Home during 1938 was 190, of which 133 were from the Borough and 57 were cases from outside the Borough, which included 27 private patients, 26 abnormal Gloucester County cases and 2 abnormal cases from Worcestershire. For the five years ended 31st December, 1937, the average number of cases admitted to the Home had been 157 per annum, of which the average number from Cheltenham was 103, and the average number from the County 54, which included an average of 26 private County patients and 28 abnormal County patients.

The Committee understand that when the Alexandra Ward was built the County Council made a grant of -400 towards the cost, and that it was partly in consideration of this that the District Nursing Association made an arrangement with the County Council that they should have the use of two beds for abnormal cases.

RESOLVED, That the Committee are of opinion that, before considering a scheme for a new Maternity Hospital, it is desirable to obtain experience as to whether the Victoria Home would not meet the needs of the present time if the Alexandra Ward was restricted for the use of Borough cases only, and that with this object in view, they recommend that the District Nursing Association be requested to discontinue for one year taking any private Maternity cases from areas outside the Borough, and further that they be asked to consider approaching the County Council with a view to the present arrangement existing between the County Council and the Association for the use of two beds for abnormal cases being terminated, on the understanding that the Corporation will increase the grant to the Association by an amount to be agreed upon so as to cover the cost of additional beds allocated to the Borough, and relieve the Association for any outstanding liability there may be in connection with the Grant made by the County Council.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

**TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 26th January, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Bendall, Woore and Ward; Capt. Leschallas and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor Ward in the chair).

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.
1455	Griffiths, C. H.	Garage (Private), Moulton, Battledown Approach.
1456	Smith, A. H.	Porch, Avenue Estate, Charlton Kings.
1457	Kelson, S. T.	Bungalow, Charlton Hill.
1458	Board of Control, County Mental Hospital	Alterations, Seven Springs House.
1459	Whitaker, T. E.	Additions to cottage, Southam.
1460	Moss, T.	Detached house, Little Witcombe.
1461	Gloucestershire County Council House,	Moat House Lane, Uckington.
1462	Fuller, Miss C.	Additions, Wildway Cottage, New Barn Lane, Prestbury,
1464	Pleydell, F. W.	Garages
1463	Nott, Mrs. K.	Conversion of Farm buildings into a Farm Workman's bungalow, Springfields, Little Witcombe. (Private), The Row, Bushcombe Lane, Woodmancote.
1465	Houston, Miss M.	Garage (Private), Astell Cottage, Post Office Lane, Cleeve Hill.
1466	Wolley, Major H. S. L.	Detached house, Haywards, Stockwell Lane, Woodmancote.
1467	Holborow, J. P.	Pair of Farm Workers cottages, Pardon Hill Farm, Prescott.
1468	Cook, J.	Pair of Farm Workers cottages, Gotherington.
1469	Barnard, L. W. & Partners (Architects)	Proposed lay-out of roads and 53 building plots, Prestbury Court Estate.
1470	Cheltenham Construction Co. Ltd.	Preliminary lay-out of road and 24 building plots, junction Albert Road and New Barn Lane.
1471	Dugdale, Major	Proposed lay-out of roads and 285 building plots, Hampton Villa Farm, Shurdington Road.
1472	Baird, S. G.	Pair semi-detached bungalows, Stoke Orchard Road, Bishop's Cleeve.
1473	Cheltenham Corporation (Electricity Dept.)	Proposed overhead L.T, line, Bushcombe Lane, Woodmancote.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1456, 1457, 1458, 1463, 1464 and 1473 be approved ; That Plan No. 1460 be approved subject to grey rough-cast being substituted for the white spar on the walls and the elevation being amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Panel of Architects ; That Plan No. 1462 be approved subject to the materials being similar to the existing building in colour and texture ; That Plan No. 1465 be approved subject to cedar shingles or grey asbestos being used on the roof ; That Plan No, 1466 be approved subject to the land between the improvement line in the existing road being reserved for the widening and improvement of the road ; That Plan No. 1467 be approved subject to (1) area of land to be attached to the house complying with the provisions of the Scheme, (2) satisfactory siting of buildings, and (3) materials being to the satisfaction of the Committee ; That Plan No. 1468 be approved subject to the materials being to the satisfaction of the Committee ; That Plan No. 1469 be approved in principle subject to (1) the building line in Mill Lane being increased from 20 feet to 30 feet, (2) the turning space at the end of the cul-de-sac being circular and having a diameter of 60 feet and a minimum width of carriageway of 18 feet, (3) the width of the carriageway of the cul-de-sac running

west and north being increased to 18 feet, (4) the position of the road going eastwards to be re-aligned so as to provide for a satisfactory connection with development of adjoining land if and when it takes place, (5) as many of the trees as possible being preserved and none being felled without the consent of the Committee, and (6) particulars of roads, sewers and surface water sewers being submitted to and approved by the Committee and the Authorities concerned ; That Plan No. 1471 be approved in principle subject to (1) carriageways shown at 16 feet to be increased to 20 feet, (2) no roads being less than 40 feet in width, (3) owners to obtain sanction to the diversion of footpaths, (4) details of roads, sewers and surface water sewers being submitted to and approved by the Committee and the Authorities concerned, (5) the stream to be culverted, and (6) agreement with the County Council for the discharge of roof water into the surface water sewers ; That Plan No. 1472 be approved subject to (1) the area coloured yellow on the plan being gravelled and laid out so as to form a draw in, (2) the position of the gates to be temporary only, (3) the owner to lay out the development road in accordance with the Plan No. ZB1595 approved by the County Council on the 22nd December, 1938 when the development of the land is commenced, (4) the temporary access to be stopped up and a permanent access to be constructed at the south end of the splayed corner and in a position to be agreed with the Highway Authority when the development road is constructed, (5) grey sand faced tiles being used on the roof, and (6) drainage being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Authority ; That Plans Nos. 1455, 1459, 1461 and 1470 be not approved.

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2—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers dated 19th inst. for permission to erect a block of three houses in Alstone Croft to replace three houses to be demolished under a Clearance Scheme. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to submission of plans

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs G. H Bayley & Sons dated 22nd December, 1938 asking if the sale of a plot of land fronting Moorend Road, Charlton Kings would prejudice the arrangement about to be made with regard to the scheduling of the land as a private open space, The Borough Surveyor reported that the land referred to was a small pocket of land between the existing development and the improvement line for the Cirencester Road and that he considered it would be preferable to allow this land to be developed than to retain it as a private open space as it was not large enough to serve any useful purpose. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the belt of trees in front of the property being retained and to the entrances to the houses being in Moorend Road.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of Messrs. Griffiths & Lewis on behalf of Mrs. C. E. Gade dated 23rd inst. for permission to erect two flats on a plot of land in Charlton Drive RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the design and external appearance of the building being satisfactory.

(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of Mr. A. S. Bliss dated 24th inst. for permission to erect a semi-bungalow on a plot of land fronting Badgeworth Road. He reported that the site is in an area temporarily restricted from building on account of lack of sewers and that trouble had already been experienced with septic tanks constructed in that area. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(e) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of Mr. C. H. Denley dated 16th inst. for permission to erect a Baptist Church on land fronting the lane from Uckington to Elmstone Hardwicke. He reported he



had asked Mr. Denley to submit a site plan to enable the Committee to see the position in which it is proposed to build the Church, but this had not yet been received. RESOLVED, That owing to lack of Information the application be not granted, but that the applicant be informed that the Committee are prepared to review the application when the necessary information has been submitted.

(f) Staverton—The Committee further considered the application of Mr. R. V. Prettejohn for permission to develop fields. Nos 83, 84, 85, 107 and 108 on the Ordnance Map in the Parish of Staverton The Town Clerk reported that as instructed he had asked the Air Ministry if they objected to the proposed development of the site and that he had been informed that provided the buildings did not exceed a height of 100 feet above the mean level of the aerodrome no objection would be raised to the proposal, but they pointed out that if the buildings exceeded 60 feet above the mean level of the aerodrome it might be necessary for them to be specially lighted for night flying. RESOLVED, That permission be granted for the development of the site subject to no building being more than two stories in height with an additional storey in the roof and that no building, structure or erection to exceed a maximum height of 35 feet measured from the mean level of the ground immediately surrounding the building, structure or erection to the highest point of the building, structure or erection, subject also to the drainage and sewerage of the houses being to the satisfaction of the Rural District Council.

3—Allotments—Shurdington, Uckington and Prestbury—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the County Land Agent dated the 7th inst. that the County Council was not now satisfied that their interests would be sufficiently protected under the form of zoning which they had previously suggested and which was agreed to at the last Meeting of the Committee.

The County Council now suggested that the allotments should be included to accord with the surrounding zoning on the understanding that the County Council will maintain it as allotments for so long as there is a demand for allotments and an Agreement entered into under Section 34 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, between the County Council and the Rural District Council as the Local Authority for the district.

RESOLVED, That the amended form of zoning be agreed to and that the County Council be informed that the Committee consider that the Agreement should be between the County Council and the Corporation as the Authority responsible for the preparation of the Scheme in the district and that the Agreement should be scheduled to and made part of the Scheme.

4—Improvement Lines, Minor Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that in the recent Report of the Ministry of Health on Town and Country Planning the desirability of preserving the peaceful character of the rural roads had been stressed and that the Minister had expressed an opinion that it would be preferable not to show improvement lines on Town Planning Maps for minor roads but to rely on building lines which would keep the land clear in case ultimately a widening proves to be unavoidable. He recommended that these suggestions be adopted. The County Surveyor stated that the County Council preferred not to show building lines in rural zones and that in the areas scheduled for development he preferred building lines only to be shown RESOLVED, That the amendments be adopted and that the suggestions be embodied in the Scheme Map.

5—Allotments, Bishop's Cleeve—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Clerk to the Bishop's Cleeve Pan Council that his Council was desirous for that part of Nortonham Allotments under their supervision to be included as allotments in the Town Planning Scheme. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that the Scheme Map be amended accordingly.

6—Rural Zoning—The Committee further considered the Report of the Borough Surveyor on the new type of Rural Zoning which was now recommended by the Minister of Health for rural areas. He also re-submitted the Map showing the proposed new rural zoning applied to No. 1 Scheme with amendments as suggested by the County Council, RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the proposals be embodied in the Scheme and Scheme Map

7—Plan No. 1446—Development, Bafford Farm Estate—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. L. W. Barnard & Partners dated the 19th inst. with regard to condition No. (3) attached to the approval of the plan for the development of Bafford Farm Estate. The owners were anxious not to have a liability standing over what may be some considerable time and asked that should the owners surrender to the Local Authority the area on the west side of Lilleybrook required for the public open space without charge the Council would release them from any liability in connection with the road widening. The Borough Surveyor reported that the widening of the road could be carried out immediately the Scheme comes into operation and that as the land scheduled as a public open space is unsuitable for building purposes he considered the Local Authority would suffer serious financial loss if the suggested exchange were approved. He also considered it necessary in the interests of good planning of the district that the road should be carried right through. RESOLVED, That the conditions attached to the approval of the plans be adhered to.

8—Development, Hampton Villa Farm, Leckhampton—Read, letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council dated the 12th inst that as the land can readily be sewered, his Council would raise no objection to the proposed development subject to the provision of satisfactory main sewerage and to the approval of the lay-out.

9—Proposed Development, Prestbury Court Estate—Read, letters from residents of Prestbury protesting against the proposed development of Prestbury Court Estate. RESOLVED, That they be informed that as all the services are available the Committee are unable to refuse permission for the development to take place provided it is in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme, but that they will protect the amenities so far as it lies within their power to do so by the preservation of trees and giving careful consideration to the elevations of the houses both back and front.

10—Piggeries, New Barn Lane—Read, memorial from residents in New Barn Lane protesting against the contemplated development of land north of New Barn Lane for the purposes of pig and poultry farming. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred pending submission of an application by the owner for the use of premises for pig and poultry farming.

11—Town Planning Scheme No. 1—(a) Read, letter from the Ministry of Health dated 19th December, 1938, extending the period within which the Scheme is to be made by the Council to the 30th June, 1939.

(b) Objections—Open Space along River Chelt, (i) Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen Merivale that their clients now raised no objection to the

amended Scheme for a public open space on the south side of the River so far as it affected the land they still owned.

(ii) J. C. Karn—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. Karn that while the proposed open space did not include land belonging to him he still maintained his objection. RESOLVED, That the Scheme be adhered to.

(iii) J. S. Randall—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. J. S. Randall complaining that the proposed open space would affect the value of his property. RESOLVED, That the Scheme be adhered to.

(iv) G. Wilson—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale that they propose to lay the matter before the Inspector at the Inquiry into the Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Scheme be adhered to.

(c) Malvern Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with Mr. Major that he was satisfied with the explanations now given.

(d) Cleeve Hill—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Estate Agent of Messrs. Courtaulds Ltd. that they propose leaving their objections to the Scheme in abeyance.

(e) (i) Southern Road, Leckhampton—Mrs. W. M. W. Parsons—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green that their Client's objections to the Town Planning Scheme are now withdrawn.

(ii) The Borough Surveyor reported that with a view to furthering the negotiations with Objectors along the original line of the Southern By-pass he had asked the County Surveyor for information regarding the position of the Trunk Road, as it seemed desirable to avoid confusion in the event of the Trunk Road having to be moved back to the original line of the By-pass, and that he had been informed by the County Surveyor that the objections to the original line should be dealt with in the usual way. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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Bishop's Cleeve—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Miss Taylor withdrawing her objection to the Scheme.

(g) Prestbury Court—H. E. Ripley—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co that their client's objections to the Scheme are now withdrawn.

(h) Winchcomb By-Pass—(i) Miss Adlard—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Young & Gilling that the proposed arterial road would cut off two sets of cow and milking sheds and render them practically useless. He reported that the proposed new road was a very important section of the Winchcomb By-pass, and was necessary in order to avoid two dangerous corners on the Cheltenham-Winchcomb Road He further reported that it was not in the interests of good planning to modify these proposals. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to the provisions of the Scheme.

(ii) Mrs. M. Darnell—The Borough Surveyor reported that discussions had taken place at which Mrs. M. Darnell's representatives had stated that they were prepared not to oppose the proposals for the Bypass provided they are adequately compensated for any damage or loss suffered by them.

(iii) Miss Fletcher—The Borough Surveyor reported that discussions had taken place at which Miss Fletcher's representatives had stated that they were prepared not to oppose the proposals for the Bypass provided they are adequately compensated for any damage or loss suffered by them.

(i) Proposed Road, Footbridge, Winchcomb—W. Major—The Borough Surveyor reported negotiations with Mr. Major, and that Mr. Major had stated that he was prepared not to oppose the proposals for the new road provided he is adequately compensated for any damage or loss suffered by him when the road is made.

(j) Winchcomb—Evesham Road—The Borough Surveyor reported negotiations with Mr. Halkett who had purchased the property from Mr. R. W. W. Edwards, and that Mr. Halkett had stated that he would not oppose the Scheme.

(k) Charlton Park—(i) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Bursar of the College Council that they were prepared to agree to that portion of Charlton Park to the east of Reeves' field being scheduled as a private open space provided that

(a) the public path Scheme is dropped.

(b) the area to be designated " private open space" be limited to the land behind, and east of Reeves' field.

(c) the public open space suggested on the College boundary to be planted and fenced by the Corporation so as. to prevent public access to the actual boundary.

(d) a re-consideration Clause to be included giving a right of appeal to the Corporation and the Minister of Health if at any time the College desired to revert to the previous schedule RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare a draft Agreement on the above lines for consideration of the Committee.

(ii) Union of the Sacred Heart—The Borough Surveyor reported that discussions had taken place with Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson, Yeaman & Howell with regard to the Agreement for the scheduling of Charlton Park as a private open space and that he had received that morning suggested amendments upon which he would report at the next meeting.

(l) The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with the Secretary to the Ladies' College with regard to the type of buildings that the Ladies' College Council might desire to erect and he suggested that an Agreement might be reached on the following lines, namely the Corporation to permit the erection of boarding houses, sports pavilions and other buildings in connection with the work of the College provided such buildings or works are not likely to-injure the residential amenities of the district. RESOLVED, That this be approved and submitted to the Ladies' College Council with a view to reaching an agreement.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

**At the Adjourned Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 1st February, 1939.** Present-  
Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore, Waite and Ward (Councillor Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5091	Melville & Webber	20 blocks of maisonettes, Brooklyn Road.
5096	Bunting, W. G	Garage, 215 Arle Road.
5102	Pye Bros.	56 semi-detached and 2 detached houses, off Brooklyn Road.
5104	Rogers & Davies	Detached house, Bournside Road.
5105	Freeman, Hardy & Willis	New shopfront, 397 High Street.
5106	Bettridge, A	Pair of semi-detached houses, Duke Street.
5107	Engall Cox & Co.	Garage, rear of Three, Albert Road.
5108	Worcester & Midland Insurance Co.	Alterations, Ice and Cold Storage, Albion Street.
5109	G A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Garage, 190 Overbrook Street.
5110	Frostad, S. B.	Garage, 21 Priory Street.
5111	Goddard & Hunt	Garage, 72 Brooklyn Road.
5112	Glynn, Miss	Alterations, Oakland Court, Prestbury Road.
5113	Poytress, W. C.	Conservatory, 46 Cleevemount Road.
5114	Roebrick, S. A.	Cycle shed, 30 St. George's Drive.
5115	Crooks Laundry	Storeroom, Croft Street.
5116	Bendall, J. D.	Conversion into lock-up garages, Casino Place.
5117	St. Mark's School Managers	Alterations, St, Mark's School.
5118	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Alterations, Fleece Hotel.
5119	Gordon, Mrs. G. L.	Bungalow, Gardener's Lane.
5120	Giles, Chas.	Conversion of cottages, Victoria Place.
5121	_____	Garage, rear of Wellington Place.
5122	Stinchcombe, A. W.	Pair of semi-detached houses, Victoria Terrace.
5123	Squire, E. L.	1 detached and 10 semi-detached houses, Brooklyn Road.
5124	Flower & Sons Ltd.	Alterations, Prince of Wales Hotel, Portland Street.
5125	Cheltenham District Traction Co. Ltd.	Garage and extension, St. Mark's Depot.
5126	Rogers & Davies	Detached house, Bournside Road
5127	A. Williams & Co. Ltd.	New garage and conversion of 2 houses into flats, North Place and Portland Street.
5128	Robinson, Mr.	Garage, rear of 14 Lypiatt Street,
5129	Swale, Mrs.	Garage, Remsford, Leckhampton Road.
5130	Smith, T. W.	New workshop, Churchill Road.

Decisions under Byelaws-RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5091, 5096, 5102, 5104, 5105, 5106, 5107, 5113, 5114, 5117 5121, 5122, 5124, 5126 and 5129 be approved ; That Plan No 5108 be approved subject to cross gulleys and the three way interceptor being used and the roof covering being fire resisting ; That Plans Nos. 5109, 5110, 5111 and 5125 be approved subject to roof water being drained into surface water sewers ; That Plans Nos. 5112, 5118 and 5127 be approved subject to the sanitary arrangements being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and in the case of Plan No. 5127 to the steel work, calculations and details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 5116 be approved subject to doors opening on to the washdown and to all drainage passing through a three way interceptor; That Plan No. 5119 be approved subject to the drainage system being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor; That Plan No. 5123 be approved subject to plans for the detached house being submitted to and approved by the Committee ; That Plan No. 5128 be approved subject to the doors opening inwards and to no cars being washed in the back lane ; That Plans Nos. 5115, 5120 and 5130 be not approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933-RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5096, 5106, 5108, 5109, 5110, 5111, 5112, 5113, 5116, 5117, 5118, 5121, 5124, 5125, 5126, 5128 and 5129 be approved ; That Plan No. 5091 be approved subject to roads and sewers forming an integral part of the complete road and sewer scheme ; That Plan No. 5102 be approved subject to blocks 72-77 inclusive, 51-56 inclusive and 36-41 inclusive being set back an additional five feet and to a temporary turning space being provided at the north end of the new road off Brooklyn Road ; That Plan No. 5104 be approved subject to brown sand faced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 5105 be approved subject to the lettering on the fascia being reduced from 3 feet to 2 feet 3 inches high ; That Plan No. 5107 be approved subject to the garage being set back 6 feet from the boundary of the road ; That Plans Nos. 5114 and 5119 be approved subject to satisfactory siting of the building ; That Plan No 5122 be approved subject to the turning space being increased 5 feet in depth ; That Plan No. 5123 be approved subject to the building line being adhered to and to plans of the detached house being submitted to and approved by the Committee ; That Plan No. 5127 be approved and that the owner be asked to set back the front fence in North Place to the improvement line on completion of the building ; That Plans Nos. 5115, 5120 and 5130 be not approved.

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13—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. J Cooper, asking if permission would be given to the erection of a house on land adjoining Nos. 94 to 100 Swindon Road. He reported that he had inspected the site and that in his opinion there was insufficient room for an additional house to be erected on the site and that if a house was erected it would block out light and air from an already congested site. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) Land off Arle Avenue—Read, letter of 31st ult. from Anne Mason, that site had negotiated the sale of the land belonging to Mr. Prude to a firm who proposed to erect thereon small modern houses, but she now understood that the site containing about 7 ½ acres had been scheduled for general industrial purposes only, and asking for the Council's consent to the erection of houses. The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to the proximity of the Gas Works he considered that the site is more suitable for factories, and that there had already been a number of complaints from residents in that area regarding smell and fumes from the Gas Works. RESOLVED, That the zoning of the land for general industrial

purposes be retained in the Scheme and that permission be not granted for the erection of dwelling houses or residential buildings on the site.

14—Junction of Whaddon Road and Prestbury Road—Read, letter of 12th inst. from Messrs Wellington, Clifford & Co. in regard to the Agreement entered into between Cheltenham Estates Ltd. and the Corporation in respect of the development of this land, and asking for explicit statement as to what the requirements of the Council are in regard to this land, and suggesting that if the Corporation are unable to consent to a reasonable development of the land, the Council should buy the land at an agreed price. The Town Clerk reported fully on the matter and stated that the plans for the development of the land in accordance with the terms of the Agreement had never been submitted by the Company as the buildings proposed therein did not comply with the Covenants on the land, and in respect of which their application for modification of the Covenants to permit of this development had been unsuccessful. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Messrs. Wellington, Clifford & Co. that as far as the Corporation are concerned, they are willing to approve plans for the development of the land as provided in the Agreement, or, in the alternative, they are prepared to approve a development on the lines of the plan prepared by the Borough Surveyor and approved by the Committee at their Meeting on the 21st April last.

15—Witcombe Place—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Mr. W. H. Horsley enquiring whether the Committee would approve of six Alms-houses being erected on the site of six of the houses in Witcombe Place which were being demolished under a Clearance Order. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider this site suitable for the erection of Alms-houses.

16—Hotel Majestic—The Committee considered letter stating that these premises were not provided with means of escape in case of fire. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to whether it was desirable for the Corporation to serve notice under Section 60 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring such means of escape in case of fire as the Corporation deem necessary to be provided.

17—Proposed Development Prestbury Court Estate—The Chairman submitted a letter he had received from the Rev. De la Bere protesting against the proposed development of this Estate.

18—Ravenscote and 7 Keynsham Parade, High Street—The Committee considered application from the owner of 7 Keynsham Parade for permission to erect a garage at the rear of the premises and to obtain access thereto by a joint entrance to be constructed with the owners of Ravenscote. The Borough Surveyor reported that the owners of Ravenscote were unwilling to provide the entrance and parking place inside their premises as approved at the last meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to approve of a joint entrance being constructed between the two premises subject to this being placed in a position to avoid removing the tree in the road, and to the owners of Ravenscote providing parking facilities inside their premises if and when the required by the Corporation, subject also to the consent of the Ministry of Transport being obtained to the access under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act.

## TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th January, 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Avery Green, Grimwade, Fletcher, Ben James, Lipson, Rogers, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair)

1—Promenade Terrace—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative schemes for laying out the garden in front of Nos. 99 to 119 Promenade by removing the garden in front and paving the inner road similar to the layout in front of the General Post Office: RESOLVED, That the scheme submitted for removing the shrubbery and for paving the land up to the steps leading to the houses and providing three long flower beds at an estimated cost of £387 be provisionally approved ; also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owners of the houses concerned informing them that if all the owners will agree to surrender the land in front of their premises the Corporation will be prepared to carry out this scheme free of cost to the owners, and to point out to the owners that in the opinion of the Council this scheme will result in a considerable improvement being made to their premises.

2—Alstone Baths—The Committee further considered the application of Mr. K. W. Lyon for the use of Alstone Baths on occasional Wednesday evenings next summer for Inter-School contests. RESOLVED, That he be granted the use of the Baths on four Wednesday evenings on dates to be arranged with the Superintendent from 6.30 p m. to 8.30 p.m. at a charge of 10s 6d plus the cost of lighting and the hire of any chairs required.

3—Town Hall--A.R.P. Dance—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Col. A. B. Skinner. Chief Warden, that a number of the Wardens in Cheltenham and district had asked that an A.R.P. Dance should be held at an early date. He considered that this Dance would create the greatly desired publicity and stimulus to the A.R.P. movement in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be asked to organise an invitation Dance for Wardens and A R.P. workers on a date to be arranged, the charge for admission to be 2s 6d.

4—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 5th and 17th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Amateur Ballroom Championship—That the offer of the Newsagents Benevolent Association to join with the Corporation in running a Dance on the 10th March on the occasion of the Amateur Ballroom Championship be accepted, the Association to be paid 9d. on every ticket sold by them.

(b) That the Residential Hotels Association having decided to hold their 1939 Conference in Cheltenham, during the week commencing 2nd October next, that delegates be granted the usual free admission to Corporation entertainments, and that the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the Conference.

(c) Drawing Room—That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted for a meeting of the National Council of Women. on the 6th February in connection with their forthcoming conference. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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



6—Winter Garden—The Committee considered the resolution passed by the Council at their last meeting that an expert opinion should be obtained from a firm of glass roof specialists as to whether the Winter Garden roof could be repaired satisfactorily at a reasonable cost so that the building could be made usable. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

7—Conference—(a) Read, letter of 17th inst. from the National Union of Women Teachers that the Union had accepted the invitation of the Council to hold their conference in Cheltenham at the end of this year. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the conference, and that the usual free admission to Corporation entertainments be granted to the delegates.

(b) Trades Union Congress—The Town Clerk reported interview which the Mayor had had with the Chairman of the Trades Union Congress and Assistant Secretary in regard to the holding of the meeting of the Congress in Cheltenham from the 4th to 10th September next. The Conference was usually attended by about 800 delegates, but with the ladies accompanying the delegates, foreign representatives and press representatives, the total attendance would be about 1,200. RESOLVED, That an invitation be extended to the Congress to hold their meeting in Cheltenham, and that the usual free admission to delegates etc. to attend Corporation entertainments and free use of the Town Hall be granted.

8—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Mr. W. H. Brasher asking if a sectional wooden shelter could be provided on the edge of the Pool for the use of the winter bathers in place of the present tarpaulin shelter. He estimated the cost of providing a wooden shelter at about £15. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

9—Boating, Marle Hill Annexe—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Mr. H. Higgins that several of the Corporation boats were out of repair and that the boats had been inspected by Mr. Salter, of Oxford, who was of opinion that they were not worth repairing. Mr. Higgins asked that the Corporation should replace these boats by at least three serviceable secondhand ones. RESOLVED, That Mr. Higgins be informed that the boats were put in order at considerable expense by the Corporation at the commencement of his tenancy, and that he is under obligation to keep the boats etc. in good repair, order and condition, and further that he is under covenant not to let out any boats which are in an unsafe condition for use, and that the Corporation are therefore unable to accede to his application.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th January, 1939**, Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Lipson, Rogers, Waite and Ward ; Messrs. D. V. Davies and R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

10—Conference—Read, letter of 25th inst. from the Trades Union Congress that they had decided to hold their 1939 Congress at Bridlington, but expressing the hope that it might be possible to come to Cheltenham for their Annual Meeting at a future date.

11—Medical Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Medical Baths Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 24th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—Medical Baths—That provision be made in next year's estimates for painting the exterior of the Baths, at a cost of about £50, and for a new carpet for the corridor. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

12—Winter Garden—The Committee further considered the resolution of the Council in regard to the repair of the Winter Garden roof. The Committee wish to point out that the repair of the existing glass roof will not in their opinion render the building usable, as the principal objection to the building will still remain, namely that the building will be too hot to use in the summer and difficult to heat in the winter, and the roof will be costly to maintain.

The Committee remind the Council that a Report on the roof was obtained in 1930 from Messrs. Helliwell & Co. Ltd. of Brighouse, who were the firm who glazed the roof nearly 40 years ago, and alternative estimates were obtained, and the estimated cost then of putting the roof in thorough repair and providing new glazing bars where necessary, amounted to £2,495 including the necessary scaffolding.

When the original scheme, in which it was proposed to retain the Dome, was first before the Council, Mr. Overbury obtained an estimate for the repair etc. of the Dome, and without allowing anything for the cost of erecting scaffolding, the estimate for making good the Dome alone (which equals about one-sixth of the whole roof) was nearly £1,000, and the Committee are satisfied that if a report and estimates are obtained for putting the whole of the present roof in order the cost would not be less than It is anticipated that to obtain a report on the roof, including the erection of scaffolding to enable an inspection to be made, would probably cost about 200 guineas.

In lieu of the glass roof the Committee consider it would be much more economical to remove this and provide the slate roof included in the alternative scheme submitted at the last meeting of the Council. The Committee have ascertained from Mr. Overbury that if this slate roof is provided the amount expended thereon would not be abortive expenditure in the event of a Scheme being carried out at some future date.

The Committee are also of opinion that if a new roof is provided, sanction to a loan for the cost of this could be obtained from the Ministry of Health, and the amount for fees already expended amounting to approximately £6,000 might reasonably be included in the loan, thereby avoiding this heavy expenditure for fees falling on the rate's in one year.

Mr. Overbury's estimate for removing the existing glass roof and roof structure, erecting new supports and covering with slates on wood boarding, including the provision of roof lights, eaves, gutters and rain water pipes is £7,000. Whether the existing roof is repaired or a new slate roof provided certain repairs are necessary to put the building in a proper order, including the dismantling of the towers and making good the roofs at a lower level, repairs to the roofs of the two quadrant buildings at rear, and repairs to scrolled buttresses and external pointing, which Mr. Overbury estimates will cost about £1,000.

The foregoing did not include any sum for making the interior of the building usable, namely, rewiring for electricity, reseating the Repertory Theatre and providing ceiling thereto, alteration and improvement to lavatories, particularly for the Repertory Theatre and interior redecorations The Committee consider that this work can be carried out at a cost of £2,000, and since the Committee Mr. Overbury has been consulted, He estimates the cost of re-seating the Theatre at say £300 , Decorations

etc. £20 ; New lavatories and improvements to existing lavatories £800 ; New inner ceiling for Repertory Theatre £20 ; Contingencies £85 ; Leaving a sum of £175 for electrical re-wiring. The new lavatories to be provided would be as proposed in the alternative scheme before the Council at their last meeting, namely, lavatories for both sexes on the eastern side of the Repertory Theatre and they would fit in with the scheme if and when this was proceeded with. The existing lavatories would be improved and converted for the use of Artistes etc. He had consulted Mr. Bache in regard to the electrical wiring and Mr. Bache was of the opinion that it might be found necessary to provide a complete new installation at a cost of not less than £500, which would bring the total cost of the interior work to £2,325, If, however, when tenders have been obtained, the cost is found to be much in excess of a total of £10,000 for the whole stork, it would be possible for the Council to defer building the new lavatories and merely only improve and enlarge the existing conveniences so as to keep the total cost within £10,000.

The alternative scheme submitted at the last meeting of the Council provided for carrying up the front stalls to give a better appearance to the building, as otherwise with the slate roof the building would have the appearance of a long low structure, but the Committee are not recommending that the walls be raised now, as this is only necessary for giving the building a good appearance and not necessary for the purpose of making the building usable as decided by the Council, Mr. Overbury also reports that this can be done at a later date by erecting parapet walls, and so partly conceal the slate roof.

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The Entertainments Manager stated that he thought the substitution of a slate roof for the glass roof would enable the building to be satisfactorily heated with the present heating installation.

Mr. Overbury considers that if the work is put in hand by the late Spring it will be possible to complete the work by the Autumn, and that it is important that the work should be carried out during the Summer, so as to avoid as much damage as possible being done to the floors by rain during the time the existing roof is off and the new roof completed. He also points out that his estimate does not include anything for making good any damage done to the floors during the removal of the existing roof, but it is not thought this will be a serious item.

The Committee consider that the foregoing work will comply with the resolution of the Council to make the building usable, and if this work is carried out, the Committee are satisfied that the building could be used all the year round' and that the Repertory Theatre could be let at a satisfactory rent. The Committee therefore recommend the Council to instruct Mr. Overbury to obtain tenders for carrying out the foregoing work, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £20,000 for the total cost of the work including the amount already incurred for architect's, quantity surveyors' and consulting engineers' fees.

The Committee also recommend that Members of the Council should take an opportunity of inspecting the Building before the Council Meeting.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

**ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th January, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Taylor; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Ben James, E. W. Moore, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair)

1—Public Lighting—(a) London Road and High Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted three alternative schemes for improving the lighting of London Road and High Street from Hales Road to Gloucester Road. He reported that the Ministry of Transport would make a grant of one half of the capital cost incurred in respect of the portion between Hales Road and the Promenade, as this was a trunk road, and would also pay one half of the total annual running cost of lighting this portion. The schemes submitted were as follows :—

	Installation Cost. £ s. d.	Anticipated Grants from Ministry of Transport	
		Capital.	Annual
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Scheme A. Filament lighting all the way ...	1,339 14 3	334 5 1	84 4 3
Scheme B. Mercury lighting all the way ...	1,692 8 1	422 8 7	70 4 0
Scheme C. Sodium lighting to College Road and Mercury lighting for the remainder	1,674 7 0	413 8 0	70 6 3

RESOLVED, That Scheme A be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for grants towards the capital and running costs of lighting the Trunk Road portion.

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(b) View Meeting—Read, report of a View Meeting of the Committee on the 9th inst. Present—Councillors Addis, Ben James, Rogers and Waite.

They recommended as follows :—

(i) Promenade Belisha Crossing—That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to consider the installation of reflecting studs or the illumination of the beacons at this crossing.

(ii) Merriville Gardens—That consideration of the builder's application for additional lighting in this road be deferred until further development takes place.

(iii) Kensington Avenue—That no action be taken with regard to complaints of the lighting of this road, as the Committee considered the existing lighting adequate.

(iv) Lansdown Place—The Committee inspected temporary 250-watt Horizontal Mercury lamps (which have been purchased for the High Street, Hewlett Road, and College Road Roundabout) and considered the new type gave a better distribution of light than the old

(v) Montpellier Walk—The Committee inspected 400-watt Fluorescent Mercury lamps, but did not recommend their use at the present time.

(vi) Lane between Langdon Road and Ewlyn Road—That consideration be deferred until the Fairfield Estate is extended.

(vii) Wellington Square—That no action be taken, as the Committee considered the existing lighting adequate. They also recommended the following additions and improvements :—

Position.	Recommendation,	Cables.	Lamp Posts.	Revenue.	Additional Total.	Annual cost.
New Street	Erection of new 100-watt lamp, when old workshop is demolished and road improvement carried out ... ..	£1 8 3	£8 5 3	£5 1 10	£14 15 4	£2 3 7
17 Streets between Milsom Street & Malvern Street	Respacing and altering 30 existing lamps and erection of 28 new 100-watt lamps ...	£61 11 2	£231 7 8	£391 7 1	£684 5 11	£88 17 10
Park Place and Andover Road...	Substitution of 300-watt re-factor type fittings for existing 200-watt fittings on two lamps in Park Place, using second-hand material ...			£2 10 0		
Croft Lane and Fairfield Street	Replacing lamp post by lamp bracket on opposite corner			£4 6 3	£4 6 3	
Upper Norwood Street and Croft Street Street ...	Respacing 3 existing lamps and erection of 3 new 100-watt lamps in Upper Norwood Street, and 2 new 100-watt lamps in Croft Street (Re-commendation revised in Committee	£10 1 10	£41 6 4	£50 15 1	£102 3 3	£13 13 8
Mead Road and The Close ...	Installation of 50-watt Sodium lamps on 8 existing posts and addition of one lamp		£ 5 14 2	£77 8 2	£83 2 4	£15 11 6
St. Anne's Road...	Increasing one lamp from 60-watts to 100-watts; also that Street and Highway Committee be asked to consider removal of large tree at corner of Hewlett Road ...				£18 7 [?]	
Pittville Circus and Pittville Circus Road ...	Erection of 23 100-watt Sodium lamps in place of 11 existing 200-watt Tungsten lamps ...		£29 18 3	£269 7 9	£299 6 0	£43 14 10
Lane at rear of Pittville West Drive	Erection of one second-hand 60-watt lamp	£6 10 4	£16 9 8	£23 0 0		£1 5 0
Northfield Terrace	do. do. ----		£8 15 5	£8 15 5		£1 5 0
Northfield Passage	do. do. £3 12 0		£9 9 10	£13 1 10		£1 5 0
St. Paul's Parade	Erection of 1 new 100-watt lamp	£3 7 7	£8 5 3	£8 6 1	£19 18 11	£2 3 7
	Totals	£122 3 7	£289 4 6	841 7 2	1252 15 3	173 8 7

RESOLVED, That the above recommendations be approved and adopted.

(c) Brooklyn Road and Alstone Lane—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted schemes for improving the lighting of these roads at the following estimated costs :—

	Cables.	Lamp Posts.	Revenue.	Additional Total.	Annual Cost.
Brooklyn Road	£5 13 1	£95 19 6	£33 3 1	£134 15 8	£29 0 0
Alstone Lane	<u>7 1 3</u>	<u>41 6 4</u>	<u>15 10 0</u>	<u>63 17 7</u>	<u>10 17 11</u>
Totals	£12 14 4	£137 5 10	£48 13 1	£198 13 3	£39 17 11

RESOLVED, That these schemes be approved.

(d) Loans, etc.—The Committee considered the question of financing the following schemes :—

	Cables.	Additional Lamp Posts.	Revenue.	Total.	Annual Cost.
(i) Improvement of lighting in High. Street (see (a) above) ...	£82 4 11	£859 7 6	£398 1 10	£1339 14 3	£101 5 10
Less anticipated contributions from Ministry of Transport	<u>20 12 1</u>	<u>214 16 10</u>	<u>98 16 2</u>	<u>334 5 1</u>	<u>84 4 3</u>
	£61 12 10	£644 10 8	£299 5 8	£1005 9 2	£17 1 7
(ii) Recommendations of View Committee (see (b) above)	£122 3 7	£289 4 6	£841 7 2	£1252 15 3	£173 8 7
(iii) Improvement of lighting in Brooklyn Road and Alstone Lane (see (c) above)	£12 14 4	£137 5 10	£48 13 1	£198 13 3	£39 17 11
(iv) Schemes already approved by Council for execution during coming financial year :—					
Elmfield Park Estate	£2 17 0	£25 5 2	£813 0	36 15 2	6 10 9
Naunton Way ...	£4 13 2	£50 10 4	£21 10 8	76 14 2	10 11 6
Fairfield District	£60 18 1	£185 4 7	£245 14 0	491 16 8	59 1 10
Footpath from Dart Road to Priors Road	<u>£28 12 0</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>£8 5 7</u>	<u>£36 17 7</u>	<u>£2 8 0</u>
Totals	£293 11 0	£1332 1 1	£1473 9 2	£3099 1 3	£309 0 2

RESOLVED, That the cost of cables, amounting to £293 11s. 0d. be charged to the current cable loan, that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £1332 for the cost of lamp posts and fittings, and that the balance of approximately £1474 be included in next year's estimates for lighting improvements.

(e) Painswick Road—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Councillor Barnett complaining of the lighting of this road. RESOLVED, That this complaint be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report.

2—Supply to Rural Areas--Barrow and Boddington----The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received a request for a supply of electricity to Barrow and Boddington, but he did not recommend the extension, as the houses in the district were extremely scattered and there was little prospect of obtaining any substantial contribution towards the cost, which he estimated would be about £2,103. RESOLVED, That the request be not acceded to

3—Bath and West Agricultural Show—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it was usual for the Undertaking in whose area the Bath and West Show was held to give a supply of electricity throughout the Show Grounds, and he asked for instructions with reference to the Show proposed to be held in Cheltenham in 1940 RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to prepare a scheme and estimate for the consideration of the Committee.

4—Sub-Station Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that as a result of the cold spell just before Christmas an exceptionally heavy and unforeseen load had been imposed on the transformers and switchgear at the various Sub-Stations, and he recommended that considerable additions to this plant should be made before next winter to deal with the normal growth of the load and the possibility of a severe frost occurring again just before Christmas RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to submit details of the alterations required.

5—Addressograph Machine —The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the Committee should join with the Finance Committee in purchasing an electric addressograph machine at a cost of £215 less an allowance of £20 for an old treadle machine, which required replacing in his department. The new machine would be available for the use of both the Rates Office and the Electricity Undertaking. RESOLVED, That the purchase be approved, this Committee paying half the cost less the allowance for the old machine.

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5—Overhead Line—Crickley Hill—It was reported that the Ministry of Transport had consented to the erection of overhead lines at Crickley Hill.

7—Electricity Supply (Meters) Act, 1936—It was reported that the Electricity Commissioners had approved the purchase of a Substandard Voltmeter for use in the Meter Testing Station.

8—Loan Repayment Periods—It was reported that the Electricity Commissioners had decided to extend the maximum loan repayment periods in respect of electric cookers from 7 to 10 years and in respect of A.C. meters from 10 to 15 years.

9 —Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) It was reported that a lamp post at the junction of Old Bath Road and Pilford Road had been knocked down by a vehicle belonging to Messrs. Riches. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the lamp post, estimated at £22 9s. 11d.

(b) It was reported that a lamp post at the junction of Princes Street and Leighton Road had been damaged by a motor bus belonging to the Cheltenham District Traction Co. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the lamp post, estimated at £10 19s. 2d.

10—I.M.E.A. Convention—RESOLVED, That the Chairman (Councillor Waite) and Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to attend the Annual Convention of the I.M.E.A. at Harrogate from the 5th-9th

June, 1939, as the Local Authority Representative and Chief Electrical Engineer respectively, and that the Mayor also be appointed a Delegate of the Council at the Convention.

11—Gas Tests--(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1938, showing the average calorific value for the Quarter to be 474.3 B.Th.U. per cubic foot.

(b) Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 16th, 21st and 29th ult. and 11th, 16th, 19th and 25th inst., which sheaved the calorific value on these dates to be 471.4, 461.6, 479, 477.4, 467.8, 472.7 and 468.9 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure to be 8.2, 7.4, 5.5, 8.4, 5.4, 7.8 and 6.7 inches of water respectively.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th January, 1939,** Present—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, 1938.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	312,000 gallons	258,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,543,000	1,638,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>46,000</u> “	<u>34,000</u>
	2,901,000 “	1,930,000 “

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Estimated Usable Quantity about 102,884,000 gallons.

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

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

4—Trunk Main, Churchdown to Hewletts—The Borough Engineer reported that good progress had been made with the connecting up of the 18 inch main, the washout and overflow pipes and the outlet pipe to Hewletts Reservoir No. 2 While the reservoir was empty he took the opportunity of inspecting this and found that the brickwork inside was generally in an excellent condition. The few places where it appeared leakage might be taking place had been grouted up and a number of old pipes cut off and sealed.



5—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Chlorination. —The Borough Engineer reported that it was necessary to provide a penstock for fixing in the pure water tank, and he submitted quotation of 135 from Messrs. Glenfield and Kennedy Ltd. for the supply of this. RESOLVED, That this quotation be accepted

6—Extension to Mains—(a) Staverton Housing Site—The Borough Engineer reported that the Cheltenham Rural District Council proposed to lay a new length of 4 inch main for a distance of 61 yards to provide 10 houses with service pipes of an average length of 40 yards. He had suggested to the Rural District Council an alternative method whereby the lead service could be considerably shortened, but as this would involve an increase in cost of about £40, the Rural District Council were not prepared to adopt the alternative method. RESOLVED, That the extension of the main be approved, but that the Rural District Council be informed that this Committee consider that the long service pipes proposed are unsatisfactory, and that it is preferable to adopt the alternative suggestion

(b) Coombe Hill—The Borough Engineer submitted application from the County Land Agent for a supply of water to the three small holdings on the Walton Grange Estate, Coombe Hill. To enable this supply to be given it would be necessary to tap the 9 inch pumping main, and if this was approved by the Committee he advised that the Committee should require 2 inch cast iron pipes or heavy gauge copper tubes to be laid into the small holdings. RESOLVED, That the supply be given subject to service mains being provided to the satisfaction of the Borough. Engineer.

7—Boddington—The Borough Engineer submitted further report on the high pressure obtaining on the Boddington and other mains. As instructed, he was providing a pressure reducing valve on the Boddington main. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to report any further complaints received from time to time of damage caused to pipes and fittings through high pressure.

8—" Staern " Joints—The Borough Engineer submitted request for the use of a new type of lead joint known as the " Staern" joint to be permitted under the Water Regulations. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain reports of the experience gained in other towns by the use of this type of joint.

9—Supply to Ham Farm, Charlton Kings—The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. Mitchell was unwilling to provide a water supply to properties at the Ham from his main or to undertake the collection of water rates from such properties, but he might be prepared to consider terms for granting a wayleave for a main across his property to Ham Village. The Borough Engineer reported that this means of supply was not possible, the only alternative being to lay a main from Northfield Tank direct or to junction with the Battledown main. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to report as to the number of properties which could be supplied from such a main and the revenue which it is anticipated would be receivable therefrom if the supply was provided

10---Farms—(a) Read, Mr. C. C. Castle's report on his annual inspection of Home or Lower Farm, Castle Barn Farm and Woodlands Farm, and the Borough Engineer reported that the repairs therein mentioned, for which the Corporation were responsible, were being carried out.

(b) Castle Barn Farm—The tenant had no pigstyes on the holding, and was desirous of keeping pigs, and had asked whether the Corporation would be prepared to build some styes for him, for which he would be prepared to pay interest on the capital expenditure. The Borough Engineer submitted plan for the erection of four styes which had been so designed that they could be converted into loose boxes if and when required. He estimated the cost of carrying out this work at £200. RESOLVED, That the tenant be

asked if he is prepared to pay the sum of £1a per annum by way of increased rent if the Corporation build the pigstyes

(c) Home or Lower Farm—Mr. Castle reported that the boundary hedge between this Farm and Castle Barn Farm was in a bad state and was impossible to cut and lay, and that new fencing was required. The Borough Engineer submitted tenders for providing and erecting 580 yards of post and 5-strand wire fencing. The lowest tenders were those of Mr. Parry and Messrs. Smith Bros., each of whom quoted £42. RESOLVED, That Mr. Castle be instructed to inform the tenants that they are under covenant to maintain this fence, and to require them to put this in good order, and for which purpose the Corporation will be prepared to supply timber in the rough as provided in the Tenancy Agreements.

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11—Statistics—The Borough Engineer submitted statement showing the quantity of water pumped and supplied for each month during 1938. The total quantity of water supplied during the year was 749,840,000 gallons, of which 71 per cent. was pumped from Tewkesbury, 8 per cent. from Sandford, and 21 per cent. supplied by gravitation. The Borough Engineer also submitted particulars of the rainfall for each month during the year at Sandford, Hewletts, Dowdeswell and Tewkesbury. The rainfall for the year in each place was as follows :—

Sandford	24.06 inches as compared with average of 27.99 inches,
Hewletts	26.16 inches as compared with average of 28.12 inches,
Dowdeswell	26.67 inches as compared with average of 30.33 inches,
Tewkesbury	18.52 inches as compared with average of 24.90 inches,

The quantity of water supplied to Gloucester during the year was 21,051,000 gallons.

12—Sandford Waterworks—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office for permission to place one stay to the telegraph pole in the garden near the Waterworks, Keynsham Road, be granted subject to payment of an annual acknowledgment of per annum, and to the consent being determinable by three months' notice in writing.

13—Supply to Bushley—Read, letter of 19th ult from the Upton-on-Severn Rural District Council enquiring whether the Corporation would consider affording a water supply to Sarnhill Grange and other premises, and if so, on what terms. The Borough Engineer reported that these premises were out of the area of supply of the Corporation, and it would therefore be necessary to supply the premises through a bulk supply agreement with the Upton-on-Severn Rural District Council, and he reported that it would be necessary to lay a considerable length of main, which would involve the main being laid across the River Severn, and he suggested that consideration of this might be deferred for the present in view of the large works now in hand. RESOLVED, That the Rural District Council be informed that the Committee are unable to consider the application at the present time, but that if they will renew their application at a later date the Committee will be prepared to go into the matter.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

## GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

### **At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Regal Cinema, on Saturday, 31st December, 1938.**

Present—The Mayor ; Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Pates and Taylor; Councillors Green and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

20—Cinematograph Licence—Regal Cinema—The Committee inspected this Cinema. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue the Cinematograph Licence for the Cinema for the period to the 6th February, 1939, at a fee of five shillings, subject to the guard rails on the balcony and other matters in course of completion, being finally completed before the opening, to the satisfaction of Superintendent Hopkins, the Building Inspector and the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

[CONFIRMED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL ON THE 2ND JANUARY, 1939].

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**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th January, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Leigh James, Pruen, Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Smith and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair). City

1—Evacuation Scheme—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 5th inst. from the Ministry of Health asking the Town Council to undertake a survey of the accommodation available in Cheltenham on the basis of one person per habitable room, and also to make a return of the empty houses, camps and hostels and other buildings suitable for housing children and others from the more dangerous areas. The Ministry suggested that the Corporation should appoint a responsible officer to exercise general direction over the conduct of the survey, and that a letter should in the first instance be sent from the Mayor to every householder appealing for co-operation. The Corporation should then proceed with obtaining the services of the voluntary clerks and visitors required for carrying out the survey, and the Ministry suggested that the assistance of the various local organisations and women's voluntary services should be enlisted with a view to obtaining the required number of visitors. Supplies of the necessary forms of survey were being printed and would be dispatched at an early date, and the Minister asked that the survey should be completed so as to be received by the Ministry on the 28th February next.

The survey which the visitors were asked to undertake required the following information to be obtained :—the number of habitable rooms ; the number for whom accommodation is available within the prescribed standard ; the number of persons ordinarily resident in the house ; any reason for thinking the home conditions are unsuitable for (a) children : (b) others ; whether the householder is willing to take charge of unaccompanied children ; whether any additional mattresses or blankets required ; and in addition, to make comments as to whether there is old age or infirmity, if adult help required ; whether householder able to take others if unable to take charge of unaccompanied children ; and particulars of relatives or other persons expected under private arrangements.

RESOLVED :—(a) That the Mayor be asked to send a letter in the form now settled by the Committee to each householder in the Borough.

(b) That Mr. A. Ricketts be appointed Local Control Officer for the Survey at a wage of £5 per week.

(c) That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the various local organisations asking them to co-operate in obtaining the required numbers of clerks and visitors.

(d) That the Housing Manager and her staff be asked to undertake the survey in respect of the Council houses

(e) That the Town Clerk be instructed to take any steps he considers necessary to put the survey in hand, and to obtain any temporary staffs required, and obtain temporary office accommodation.

(f) That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Pruen ; and Councillor Grimwade be appointed to deal with any matters which may arise in connection with the survey.

(g) That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire of the Ministry of Health the definition of a habitable room, and whether a kitchen or a kitchen scullery is to be considered a habitable room for the purpose of arriving at the available accommodation.

2—Guardians Committee—Read, letter from the Clerk to the County Council that the amended scheme for the constitution of Guardians Committees had now been approved and asking for the names of the eight members of the Council to be appointed on the Committee, and the names of four other persons to be nominated by the Council. RESOLVED, That the following members of the Council be appointed on the Guardians Committee, namely :—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Moore. RESOLVED, also, That Dr. Curling Hayward and Mr. S. J. Clarke be nominated for appointment on the Committee, and that consideration of nominating two other persons be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th January, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Waite and Ward (Alderman Margrett in the chair):

3—Fire Brigade—(a) Monthly Report—The Chief Officer submitted his Monthly Report. Since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended ten outbreaks of fire, namely at Notgrove Manor, Notgrove ; 2 Oriel Terrace; 11 Clarence Street ; 98 Promenade ; Battledown Brickworks; Paragon Laundry, Hatherley Road ; 64 Mead Road ; Tower House, Pittville Circus ; 5 Montpellier Parade ; and 3 Thames Road. The Brigade had also been called out to attend a fire at Glenure House, Cirencester Road, but this had proved to be a false call, and efforts to trace the caller had been unsuccessful.

(b) Permanent Staff—The Chief Officer recommended that the Committee should now appoint a Third Officer and two additional Firemen Drivers, consideration of which was adjourned last July. A Third Officer was urgently required to assist in the training of the large number of Auxiliary Firemen who had been enrolled, and it was anticipated that the salary of the Third Officer, who would be appointed as

Instructor, would rank for Government Grant. With regard to the Firemen, he pointed out that he had only four whole-time Firemen, and as these were entitled to one day off in eight, and when a fire occurred it was necessary to leave one on duty at the Fire Station, the number of men available for attendance at fires was insufficient, and he considered it desirable that the permanent Brigade should be strengthened.

The Town Clerk submitted letter of 22nd ult. from the Home Office pointing out that it was important that, so far as practicable, facilities for training applicants for the Auxiliary Fire Services should be available by February at the latest, and if more accommodation and instructors were required, the necessary measures for their provision should be put in hand without delay, and application for prior approval submitted to the Home Office where necessary.

RESOLVED, That the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee be authorised to appoint a Third Officer at a salary of per week, plus living accommodation, fuel and uniform, and two additional Firemen-Drivers at a wage of £3 10s. 0d. each plus uniform. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Home Office for the salary of the Third Officer to be approved for the purposes of Grant.

(c) Northleach—Auxiliary Brigade—Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Hon. Clerk to the Area No, 5 A.R.P. Authority asking whether the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade or other Officer would be able to undertake the instruction of persons in the area of his Authority in practical training and fire-fighting. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

(d) Fire Tender- -Six tenders for the supply of a 2 ½ ton Fire Lorry were submitted and opened. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Sub-Committee and that they be authorised to report direct to the Council thereon.

(e) Northleach Rural District Council—It was reported that the Northleach Rural District Council had accepted the Corporation's offer to provide the services of the Fire Brigade for the Parishes of Compton Abdale, Dowdeswell, Sevenhampton, Shipton, Withington and Whittington, at a charge of £70 per annum or the product of a 2d. rate in those Parishes, whichever is the greater, subject to the Agreement being for a period of 12 months' certain and afterwards determinable by either party on six months' notice RESOLVED, That these terms be approved, the Agreement not to commence until delivery of the Fire Tender is made.

(f) Auxiliary Appliances—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Home Office, intimating that it was proposed to issue five more light trailer pumps and hose and equipment and enquiring whether the Council were prepared to accept these appliances on the same conditions as those previously issued. RESOLVED, That the appliances be accepted on those conditions.

(g) Auxiliary Firemen—RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be allowed the fee of 5s authorised by the Home Office for the medical examination of each applicant for enrolment in the Auxiliary Fire Brigade.

4—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that there was one case of Swine Fever in the Borough

(b) Foot and Mouth Disease—The Town Clerk submitted Order made by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries imposing controlled area restrictions over an area including the Borough of Cheltenham and reported that the Order was being published as required by the Ministry.

5—Cinematograph Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications for renewal of cinematograph licences in respect of The Gaumont Palace, Coliseum, Palace, Theatre and Opera House, Ritz, Daffodil, and Regal Picture Houses, and St. Gregory's Schools be granted for one year to the 5th February, 1940, subject to the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade being satisfied that the Cinemas are equipped with adequate fire appliances and that these are being maintained in good order.

6—Government Evacuation Scheme—It was reported that Mr. A. Ricketts had commenced his duties as Controlling Officer and so far had recruited a staff of 7 clerical assistants who were preparing the survey forms for the use of the Visitors An Office had been opened at the Criterion Hotel, Albion Street, which belonged to the Corporation. The Town Clerk submitted a letter of 17th inst. from the Ministry of Health raising no objection to the appointment of a salaried Controlling Officer provided that the survey is completed by the 28th February. In answer to an enquiry as to the definition of a habitable room, it was stated that the Minister proposed to leave this to be decided by the Council The Town Clerk also submitted a report of a Committee of the Cheltenham and District Ratepayers' Association on the Government Evacuation Proposals. RESOLVED, That in making the survey Visitors be instructed not to include kitchens, sculleries, pantries, box rooms or bath rooms in the number of habitable rooms.

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7—Young Persons (Employment) Act, 1938—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 17th ult. from the Home Office calling attention to the provisions of this Act which came into operation on the 1st inst., and asking the Council to take steps to bring the explanatory memorandum to the notice of all employers concerned in the Borough. It was also suggested that the Council should review the arrangements for enforcing the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934 in relation to Young Persons, With reference to this a letter was read from the Education Secretary, reporting that an officer of his Department had visited 452 shops at which young persons were employed to ascertain whether the provisions of the Shops Act were being complied with, and in only 15 cases were employers found to be employing young persons for more than the recognised number of hours. 108 employers had failed to keep the records or exhibit the notice required by the Shops Act, but they had promised to comply with the provisions of the Act in this respect in future. There remained approximately 200 shops to be visited and a further report would be submitted at a later date. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Education Secretary, That Mr. A. Adams and Mr. F. G. Moss be appointed Inspectors for the purpose of the Young Persons (Employment) Act and that certificates be issued to them in the prescribed form. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to bring the explanatory memorandum to the notice of all employers concerned by means of advertisement or otherwise.

8—National Register—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter received from the Registrar General and also letter of 12th inst. from the Minister of Health to the Mayor requesting the Council to nominate one of their officers, preferably the Clerk, as National Registration Officer for the Borough in connection with the preparation of a National Register in time of emergency. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be nominated for this appointment.

9—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of V. L. Ballinger, N. V. Oberton, G. P. Saywood and C. W. Rudman for hackney carriage licences and drivers' licences be granted.

10—Athletic Ground—(a) Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club requesting the Council to commence the building of the new dressing rooms at the earliest possible date. RESOLVED, That the work be put in hand immediately.

(b) Floodlighting—Read, letters from St. Gregory's and the Patesian Football Clubs welcoming the suggestion that the Athletic Ground should be floodlit. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to submit a detailed estimate of the work.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted letter from Col. A. B. Skinner suggesting that a Public A.R.P. Demonstration should be given at the Athletic Ground in the Spring. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Athletic Ground be granted on a suitable Saturday afternoon in May or June.

(d) The Town Clerk submitted application by the Post Office Sectional Engineer for permission to erect a telegraph pole with two stays extending into the Athletic Ground subject to an annual payment of 1s per stay. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

11—Market—The Borough Surveyor submitted four tenders for the provision of new sanitary accommodation at the Market. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher Ltd., amounting to £59 10s. 0d., plus £2 6s. 3d. for each lavatory fitting (being the lowest) be accepted.

12—Minutes--The Committee further considered the application of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for copies of the Minutes to be supplied before Council Meetings. RESOLVED, That the application be granted, and that Minute No. 18 passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 22nd November last be varied accordingly.

13—Municipal Offices—Fire Alarm—Read, letter from the Borough Electrical Engineer reporting that the fire alarm bell which had been placed on the first floor of the Municipal Offices had been tested, and recommended that an additional bell should be installed on the third floor and another in the basement. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to install an additional bell in the basement and report again to the Committee after making further tests.

14—National Joint Council for Local Authorities—The Committee further considered the request made to the Council to co-operate in the establishment of Provincial Councils for the Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services and Non-Trading services (manual workers) RESOLVED, That the Committee are not prepared at this stage to recommend the Council to join the Provincial Councils, if appointed, but they recommend that the Council should be represented at any Meetings convened with a view to the formation of the Provincial Councils, and that Councillor Grimwade be appointed to attend any such Meeting.

15—Guardians Committee— RESOLVED, That Mr. R. Parnell and the Rev. Barbara Thomas be nominated for appointment by the County Council as members of the newly-constituted Guardians Committee for the Borough.

16—Car Park, Warwick Place—The Committee further considered the acquisition of Warwick Buildings and Nos. 68 and 69 Winchcomb Street for a Car Park. The Council's offer of £1,000 for the site had been declined, but the owner was willing to sell the property for £1,500. The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer valued No. 7 Warwick Place at £435. Read, letter of 23rd ult. from Messrs. Edwards & Marshall Ltd. protesting against the scheme, as in their opinion the Car Park was unnecessary and competitive against private traders who were meeting the demand. RESOLVED, That the purchase of the properties be not entertained.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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#### ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th January, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Green and Smith Messrs- Ball, Carter, Stokes and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotment No. 134 Marle Hill Estate—The Visitors reported that they had inspected this allotment and recommended that this should be let rent free for 12 months, but that the yearly rent should not be reduced. RESOLVED, That the allotment be offered to the applicant on these terms. 2—Creamery Piece Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of No. 15 had asked whether the Committee would agree to remove the large elm trees on this allotment. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this.

P. T. SMITH, Chairman.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th January, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Green and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—A.R.P. Trenches—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Government had now authorised the making permanent of the trenches dug during the Crisis, and had submitted specification and plan for this. With regard to the precast concrete slabs to be used for the work the Central Authority were proposing to obtain tenders for the supply of these in bulk for the whole County. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed when carrying out the work to so construct and cover in the trenches in the Whaddon Road, Naunton Park and Agg-Gardner Recreation Grounds so as to leave no mounds over the trenches.

(b) Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—The Gardens Superintendent reported that before this ground could be opened to the public it would be necessary to turf the area in which the A.R.P. trenches were constructed, for which purpose about 12 loads of clay would have to be removed and about 6 loads of soil imported, at an estimated cost of RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out, and that the A.R.P. Authority be asked to bear the cost.

2—Tewkesbury Road Playing Field—The Gardens Superintendent recommended that two cricket tables at this ground should now be levelled. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this done, and to provide temporary fencing to keep the sheep off the levelled areas, at an estimated cost of £30.



3—Pattisson Truck—The Gardens Superintendent reported that this truck, which had been in use for three years, was in need of repair, and he submitted report from the Victory Motor Co. Ltd. who advised that a reconditioned unit should be fitted at an approximate cost of £16 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to:

4—Pittville Gardens—(a) Aviaries—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the peacock in Pittville Gardens had died, but he hoped to be able to obtain the gift of another bird.

(b) Pump Room—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Georgian Group asking to be furnished with the correct details regarding the removal of the three statues from the facade of the Pump Room. Read, also, letter of 2nd inst. from the Cheltenham Regency Society asking that the figures should be carefully preserved until a definite statement can be made concerning their ultimate fate, as they had good reason to believe that they were not beyond repair.

The Borough Surveyor reported that it was necessary for two of the figures to be sawn to enable them to be removed, and the third figure was so badly fractured that it broke into several pieces immediately an attempt was made to remove it intact. Of the two figures sawn, one had originally been composed of two separate parts joined together and had at some period been shored up by a wooden strut stated to represent a stone club. The figures were carved out of soft Bath stone and decay had been accelerated by the natural bed of the stone being in a vertical instead of a horizontal plane. To have removed intact the larger figures, which each weighed approximately 2 ½ tons, would have involved the erection of a special crane, gantry and special cradling and supports, which would have cost a considerable sum, which could not be justified in view of the fact that the figures could be easily and effectively rejoined without further detriment to their original decayed condition. Two of the leading firms in England specialising in this work had been consulted, and they were of opinion that the only satisfactory method of restoring the original figures was by means of plastic stonework, but that in their opinion the condition of the figures did not warrant the high cost of restoration.

As an alternative to restoration and re-erection in original positions, the Borough Surveyor suggested that the figures might be erected in their present state at the corners of the terrace at ground level if the Committee thought it desirable to retain these from a historical point of view.

RESOLVED, That the Committee are satisfied that the removal of the statues was justified. RESOLVED, also, That a special meeting of the Committee be held to inspect the statues, and that meanwhile the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain estimates of the cost of restoring and replacing the statues, and alternatively for placing these on the stone bases at the corners of the terrace in front of the Pump Room.

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5--St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Hard Tennis Courts—The Committee further considered the application of the Brooklyn Tennis Club to rent these courts for next season, RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to let the exclusive use of the courts to the Club next season, but that the Entertainments Manager be authorised to let th courts at the same rate as the hard courts in Montpellier Gardens, and that the Brooklyn Tennis Club be offered the use of the courts for any periods they may wish to take them on these terms.

6—Telegraphic Lines—Read, application from the Post Office Telegraphs Department for permission to lay underground lines and erect poles and stays, as follows :—

One pole, three stays and an underground line in the Children's Playground at Sandford Park near the Paddling Pool.

One stay (on pole) near the Electric Sub-station in Sandford Park.

One stay (on pole) in garden adjoining St. Luke's Place.

One pole and stay and one stay on another pole in Whaddon Road Recreation Ground near the Children's Playground equipment.

One stay (on pole) in Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground in the corner adjoining Wellesley Road.

RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to payment of annual acknowledgments of one shilling per annum in respect of each pole, stay and underground line, and subject to the exact positions of these being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to the Post Office reinstating the trenches and making good any damage which may be done to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor. The Consents to be determinable at any time on three months' notice.

7—Pilley Lane Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders received for playground equipment at this ground, provision for which had been made in the estimates. RESOLVED, That consideration of providing playground equipment be adjourned for the present. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be authorised to negotiate terms for the purchase of the adjoining land for the extension of the ground.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd January, 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Green in the chair).

8—Pittville Pump Room—The Committee inspected the three statues which had been removed from the facade of the Pump Room. The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the condition of the three figures, together with six alternative estimates for restoring these and replacing them in their original positions or on the slabs in front of the building. (A copy of the report and estimates accompanies the Minutes). Read, further letter of 21st inst. from the Cheltenham Regency Society to the Chairman that they were perfectly satisfied that the three statues could have been retained, and that it was still possible to replace the figures so that the original conception of the complete building should be retained, and asking the Committee to give sincere consideration to the question of the re-erection of the figures in their original positions. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider that the expense of restoring the statues is not justifiable at the present time but that the figures be stored under cover for the present. RESOLVED, also, That the Committee suggest that members of the Council should take an opportunity of inspecting the statues before the next meeting of the Council. The Committee inspected the restoration work carried out to the facade in accordance with the Borough Surveyor's specification, and also the other restoration work to the building, and expressed their satisfaction of the manner in which this work is being carried out.

9—Sandford Park—Read, letter of 20th inst. from Messrs. Bertram Mills applying for the use of Sandford Park Recreation Ground for their Circus for three days during the early part of May, and offering a rent of £65. RESOLVED, That they be offered the use of the ground for three days at a rent of £120 plus the cost of making good any damage which may be done to the ground, the work of making good any such damage being carried out by the Corporation.

10—King George's Field—Read, letter of 12th inst. from King George's Fields Foundation that in order to effect the dedication of the Field as a King George's Field under the National Memorial it would be necessary for the Council to make a declaration in the form enclosed with the letter that the ground will be preserved in perpetuity as a Memorial to His Late Majesty King George V under the provisions of the King George's Fields Foundation and shall be known as " King George's Field," and that a memorandum of such declaration should be endorsed on the conveyance of the land to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to a declaration in this form, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to endorse a memorandum on the conveyance.

W. J. GREEN.

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th January, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Winterbotham and Capt. Trye: The Mayor (Councillor Howell) ; Councillors Avery and Fletcher ; Major J. G. N. Clift ; Mr. C. R. Map") (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for November and December, 1938—Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £2 5s. 4d. Subscriptions to the "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account" £17 9s. 1d. Total £19 14s. 5d.

Visitors-4,943 (last year 5,813), Included in these figures were the following parties :—Naunton Park School, 46 children ; Grammar School, 30 boys ; Pate's Grammar School, 14 girls.

Talks by the Curator—The following talks had been given by the Curator :-

3rd November Naunton Park School Children (in the Museum).

6th December Christ Church Young People's Fellowship : "Cheltenham in the past."

9th December Wives' Fellowship : " The Cotswolds " (in Art Gallery).

4th January Upton St. Leonards Women's institute : "The Cotswolds."

Work in Progress—The work of making a new background with hessian and plywood cupboards under, was nearing completion at the top of the Museum stairs.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :--Mrs. Bryan, Major J. G. N. Clift, the Curator, Messrs. W. T. Hurst and Co Ltd., Miss E. G. Jones, Mr. G. Gould Marsland, Mr. Neville G. Moore, Mr. T. C. Nixon, Mrs. Pilley, Miss N. Taylor, Mr. J. Spreutels, Mr. C. J. Teal, Miss Urling-Smith, Mrs. Waller, Mr. R. M. Walley, Mr. Robert Hall Warren, Dr. O. H. Wild. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

3—"Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account" and "Leslie Young Benefaction Account"—(a) The Curator reported as to specimens of general interest which had been bought from the " Friends Fund " at a cost of £4 9s. 0d.

(b) The Curator reported as to the sale of the Harry Vassall Collection of pottery and porcelain at Oldbury Court, Fishponds, Nr. Bristol, on 6th-9th December, 1938, when he purchased 17 lots, mainly examples of old Bristol Delft, at a total cost of £27 18s. 6d RESOLVED, That the Curator's action in securing these valuable additions be confirmed, and that the account be apportioned as follows :—

£19 10s. 6d. for Bristol Delft, etc.—" Friends of the Museum Fund."

£8 8s. 0d. for two Derby Groups—" Leslie Young Benefaction Fund."

(c) RESOLVED, That the Curator's out-of-pocket expenses attending this sale (£1 10s. 3d.) be approved

4—Silhouette of Lady Margaret Fitzgerald—RESOLVED, That a silhouette portrait of Lady Margaret Fitzgerald offered at £6 0s. 0d. be not purchased

5—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the following Exhibitions be arranged as and when convenient :—

(a) Cheltenham Camera Club.

(b) Memorial Exhibition of the work of F. L. M. Griggs, R.A.

(c) Paintings by Mr. F. E. Bodington.

6—Linsdall Richardson Collection of Brachiopoda—The Curator reported interview with Mr. Linsdall Richardson and letter from the British Museum relative to the suggested transfer of Mr. Richardson's Collection of Brachiopoda to the British Museum. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot see their way to adopt the suggestion in its entirety, but that the Curator be authorised to take the matter up again with Mr. Richardson.

7—Cheltenham Municipal Officers' Guild—RESOLVED, That an application from the Guild to hold a Social Evening in the Art Gallery be granted.

8—Cambridge and County Folk Museum—The Curator had been invited to deliver the annual Address to this Society in Cambridge on the 24th February, 1939. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

9—Museums Association Jubilee Conference—The Curator reported on the outline Programme of this Conference to be held in Cheltenham, 3rd—8th July, 1939, and the Mayor offered to give a Reception and Welcome on the night of Monday, 3rd July.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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#### CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th January, 1939.** 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 17th December, 1938, to 27th January 1939. Interments 108; Grave Spaces sold 24 (1st Position 4, 2nd Position 1, 4th Position 19) ; New Inscriptions 7 Memorials erected 10 ; Cremations 13.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9920 to 9934.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2343 to 2353, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman be approved.

4—Crematorium—Read, letter of 25th inst from the Ministry of Health enclosing sanction to loan of £434 for the installation of a second furnace at the Crematorium.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th January, 1939.** Present—Councillors Bush, Grimwade and Lipson; Rev Barbara Thomas, Dr. R. Davies; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris, C. E. Walsh and F. Vermin (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for November and December, 1938—Receipts £45 3s. 9d.

Number of Volumes issued--Reference Department 11,655; Lending Department 41,093 ; Junior Department 5,157 School Libraries 7,995 ; Total 65,900 (last year 59,879)

Replacements and Binding--111 volumes had been replaced ; 270 volumes had been returned from the binder and further 361 volumes had been dispatched.

Lectures—The following lectures had been given in the Art Gallery :-

21st November ... Mr M. A. Phillips, "The early life and ways of young animals." Attendance 95

5th December ... Miss M. Douglas, "Palestine." Attendance 230.

9th January ... Councillor Rev. W. Bone, "South Africa." Attendance 171.

Inter-availability of Tickets—Stratford-upon-Avon Public Library had applied for reciprocal facilities. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 291 volumes, published at £116 11s. 0d., be purchased for £67 11s. 1d.

(b) That £10 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £40 be spent on Replacements.

3—Donations-44 vols. and 118 pamphlets, had been received as gifts from 18 donors. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

4—Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That "The Eugenics Review " (Quarterly), offered as a gift, be accepted with thanks

(b) That " Animal Pictorial," " Journal of Decorative Art," and "Plumbing Trade Journal" be not added to the list of periodicals purchased.

(c) That " Keesing's Contemporary Archives" be placed on the permanent list of periodicals subscribed for.

5—Byelaws—The Sub-Committee as to Byelaws submitted their report RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be asked to. take steps to secure the approval of the Byelaws as now settled.

6—Annual Supply of Periodicals—RESOLVED, That the order for the supply of newspapers and periodicals (other than a small number which are obtained by subscription) should be given to Mr. P. D. Le Lievre, 36 Clarence Street, as from the 1st March, 1939, for a period of 12 months, on terms as at present.

D. L. LIPSON. Chairman.

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#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th January, 1939.** Present—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.

3—Railway Let-out Properties--Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Clerk to the County Council that, in connection with the draft second Railway Valuation Roll, the Railway Assessment Authority have included certain buildings appropriated for the warehousing of goods belonging to one trader as part of the railway hereditament instead of treating them as " let-out properties" capable of separate assessment. The Railway Assessment Authority were reconsidering the position and the County Valuation Committee consider it advisable to lodge representations in connection with certain G W.R. premises in the Borough in case the Railway Assessment Authority alter their views as a result of representations made by other local Authorities. RESOLVED, That this letter be referred to the Rating Officers.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th January, 1939.** Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Barnett, Bush, Ben James and Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

4—New Valuation List—The Committee continued the preparation of the New Valuation List for the Pittville Ward.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th January, 1939:** Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Barnett, Bush, Moore and Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

5—New Valuation List—The Committee continued the preparation of the New Valuation List for the Pittville Ward.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 31st January, 1939.** Present--The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James and Taylor; Councillors Garland, Grimwade, Waite and Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate, Amount collected £94,016 ; Leaving outstanding £26,654.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1939. Amount collected £18,998 ; Leaving outstanding £6,060.

3—Electricity Charges—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 31st inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; Councillors Grimwade and Waite. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

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5—Housing Act, 1936—The —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. H. E      46 Whaddon Avenue ... £450.

Mr. A. R. M      Plot 20 Brooklyn Road   £585.

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 guarantees to be limited to the amounts between  $66\frac{2}{3}$  and 90 per cent of the value of the houses ; and the rate of interest to be charged in respect of advances not to exceed  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent, subject to satisfactory reports being made by the Building Society's Surveyor ; and that the Common Seal be affixed to the formal Guarantees to be approved by the Town Clerk.

6—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting he had received D ,035 on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) Renewals—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to L-8,500 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

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

Date. 1939.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
16th January	Senior School, Whaddon	£28,620	30 years.
25th January	Second Furnace, Crematorium ...	£434	15 “

8—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that F. C. Turtle, ex-labourer, formerly in receipt of a pension of 11s 5d, per week, died on the 3rd inst. (b) Local Government and Civil Servants Superannuation Rules, 1936—The Town Clerk reported that these Rules applied to pensionable officers of local authorities who become established Civil Servants and to Civil Servants who become pensionable officers of local authorities. The Rules were designed to facilitate interchangeability between the two services to safeguard Superannuation rights. It was very rare that transfers between the two services took place, but as the Rules could not be applied retrospectively it was desirable that a resolution should be passed making application under Article 3 for the Rules to apply to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Treasury directing that the Rules shall apply to the Cheltenham Corporation.

9—Unemployment Insurance Acts—The Committee further considered the letter of the 24th October last from the Ministry of Labour pointing out that it was not permissible for the Council to include persons occupying joint appointments in the Exception Certificate under these Acts unless the Council were prepared to give an assurance that in the event of death, discharge or retirement of one of the parties to the appointment, the remaining party would be retained in his or her post, or would be found other employment. The Chairman reported that Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield, the Custodians of the Offices, did not wish to be subject to the provisions of these Acts. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances, the Council be recommended to agree to give the assurance asked for in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield, and that application be made to the Ministry of Labour for approval of their being included in the Exception Certificate.

10—Rates Department—The Committee considered the staffing of the Rates Department on the retirement of Mr. F. H. Harris on the 1st April next. The Borough Treasurer recommended that an additional clerk and female shorthand typist should be engaged. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit his proposals at the next Meeting. RESOLVED, also, That in future all demand notes be delivered through the post by the use of window envelopes, and that the Committee agree to contribute the sum of £92 10s. 0d. being one half the cost of the electrically operated addressing machine proposed to be purchased by the Electricity Department. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to arrange for the employment of a typist or trained operator to cut the 12,000 stencils required for forwarding the demand notes, and to purchase a metal cabinet to hold the stencils at a cost of £28 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, also, That half the cost of the portion of the cost of the machine to be borne by this Committee and half the cost of the stencils and cabinet be charged to the County Council.

11—Winter Garden Scheme—RESOLVED, That accounts be passed for the payment on account for fees recommended by Mr. T. Overbury, as follows :—

Quantity Surveyor (Mr. V. Saunders)	£1,000 on account.
Consulting Heating and Electrical Engineer (Mr. Fretwell)	£250 on account.
Architects (Messrs. Healing & Overbury)	£1,500 on account.



P. P. TAYLOR.

Chairman.

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**Borough of Cheltenham.**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 2nd March, 1939.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend **the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 6th, day of March, 1939, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. To elect an Alderman to fill vacancy caused by death of Alderman Moore.
3. To assign newly elected Alderman to act as Returning Officer for the Lansdown Ward.
4. Communications by the Mayor.
5. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

HOUSING COMMITTEE

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

WATER COMMITTEE

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

RATING COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

7. To appoint a Member of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board to fill vacancy caused by death of Alderman Moore.

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, 6th February, 1939, at 3 p.m.** Present : The Mayor (Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., J.P.) in the chair.

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

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

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

1—The Late Alderman James Moore—Resolved, That the Council desire to record their deep regret and sorrow at the death of Alderman James Moore who completed Twenty Two years' service on the Town Council on the 5th inst., and was a Member of the Electricity and Lighting Committee for over Twenty years and its Chairman since November, 1919, and desire to express their sincere sympathy with his widow in her sad bereavement. The Council also record their gratitude for the valuable, eminent and ungrudging services rendered to the Town by Alderman Moore, particularly as Chairman of the Electricity and Lighting Committee.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 2nd January, 1939, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held January 9

Housing Meeting held January 19

Resolved, also, That the offer of Messrs. Leishman & Copeland on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lewis to purchase No. 43 Shakespeare Road at the price of £520 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. Resolved, also, That with reference to Minute No. 12 in regard to the sale of No. 46 Whaddon Avenue, application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale of this house to the tenant at the price of £450, as previously authorised by the Council.

Street and Highway Meeting held January 23

Except Minute No. 20 with regard to the sale of land in Brooklyn Road, Messrs. Marshall & Sons having withdrawn their offer and Messrs. Goddard & Hunt having submitted a revised offer. Resolved, also,

That Messrs. Goddard & Hunt's revised offer to purchase 195 feet 6 inches of land on the south-east side of Brooklyn Road at the price of £3 15s. 0d. per foot frontage for the erection of six semi-detached houses with frontages of 27 feet 6 inches each and one detached house with a frontage of 30 feet 6 inches, the value of each of such houses to be not less than -550 exclusive of the value of the land, be accepted subject to contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health, and that application be made for such consent.

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held January 23

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Green : " That Minute No. 13 be amended by the deletion of the words in the resolution after outside the Borough ' " was lost).

Town Planning Meetings held January 26 and February 1

Resolved, also, That the Town Planning Committee be authorised to approve the plans of the proposed new Hotel in Pittville Street and High Street, on behalf of the Council.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland and seconded by Councillor Grimwade " That Minute No. 13 (b) in regard to the development of land off Arle Avenue be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held January 20 & 27

Subject to the following Amendments :—Moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Avery : " That Minute No. 12 be amended by substituting for 116,000 £20,000 as the amount of the proposed loan in order to provide for carrying up the walls," and Moved by the Deputy Mayor : " That Minute No. 1 in regard to the gardens in front of Promenade Terrace be referred back for further consideration."

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held January 30

Subject to an Amendment moved by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That the recommendation in Minute No. 1 (a) to accept Scheme A for the High Street lighting be referred back with a view to sodium lighting being employed as far as College Road and filament lighting for the remainder, and the necessary amendment made to paragraph (d)."

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Water Meeting held January 10

General Purposes and Watch Meeting's held January 13 & 24

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Avery and seconded by Councillor Barnett: "That Minute No. 16 be not approved and that the offer to sell the site of Warwick Buildings and Nos. 68 and 69 Winchcomb Street to the Corporation for plus agents' commission and vendors' solicitors' costs be accepted, and also the offer of Mr. T. G. Brunskill to sell No. 7 Warwick Place for £435 be accepted subject in each case to contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan for the purchase of the properties being obtained, also that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan for the purchase of the properties" was lost).

Resolved, also, on the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, That the tender of the Victory Motor Co. Ltd. to supply a Fordson 30 h.p. 2 ton Chassis Fire Tender with saloon type body to be manufactured by Messrs. Alfred Miles & Co. Ltd. with First Aid Apparatus etc. at the price of £468 including delivery charges be accepted subject to sanction to loan being obtained. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £468 for the cost.

Allotments Meeting held January 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meetings held January 9 & 23

Subject to the following Amendments :—

Moved by Councillor Avery and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 5 in regard to the application of Brooklyn Tennis Club to rent the hard courts at St. Mark's Recreation Grounds for next season be referred back for further consideration."

Moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Lipson : " That the amended offer of Bertram Mills to rent Sandford Park Recreation Ground for Circus at £80 be accepted and that Minute No. 9 be amended accordingly."

Art Gallery and Museum            Meeting held January 13

Cemetery and Crematorium      Meeting held January 27

Public Library Meeting held January 13

Rating    Meetings held January 5, 12 & 20

Finance    Meeting held January 31

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

4—Education Committee—Resolved, That Miss M. E. Knollys be appointed a representative of the Ladies' College on the Education Committee for a term of three years expiring on the 4th February, 1942.

JOHN HOWELL,

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 March, 1939.**

## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

**At Meetings of this Committee held on Mondays, 13th and 20th February, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Ben James, Moore, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Insanitary Property at 85 Marle Hill Road—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Health of Officer in regard to this house are satisfied that the said house is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and is unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that it is capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-section 1 of Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936, notice be given to the person having control of the house requiring him to execute the works to be specified in the notice which will in the opinion of the Committee render the house fit for human habitation.

2—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) Basements of 7 and 10 Suffolk Square; and 4 Keynsham Parade ; and Room on ground floor of Hillsley Lodge, Oxford Passage—The Committee considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the above-mentioned parts of these premises. The owner of 7 and 10 Suffolk Square attended and objected to Orders being made in respect of basements of these houses. 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 parts for any purpose other than as stores, kitchens, sculleries, washhouses or other domestic offices.

(b) 51 and 51a Fairview Street ; Fernside, Gloucester 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 12th April, 1939.

(c) 52 and 52a St. George's Place ; 2 Trent Cottages; 3 Whitehart Street ; 44a Waterloo Street—The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of these premises. Mr. Palmer attended on behalf of the owners of 52 and 52a St. George's Place, and Mr. Fowles on behalf of the owners of 2 Trent Cottages and 3 Whitehart Street. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the dwellinghouses, which are occupied or are of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes, are unfit for human habitation, and are not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so fit, and no undertakings having been given by the Owners with respect to the carrying out of 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) The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses :—

(i) 9 and 11 St. James' Street—RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for one month.

(ii) 22 York Street—The owner attended and stated that he was prepared to recondition the premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the owner to sign an Undertaking.

(iii) 8, 9 and 10 Old Millbrook Terrace ; 30 Gloucester Place ; 29 and 31 Bath Terrace ; 20 Bath Terrace ; and 30 Elm Street—Mr. Fowles attended on behalf of the owner of 30 Gloucester Place. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month in each case to enable the owners to consider reconditioning the premises in accordance with the specifications issued or to be issued by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

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(iv) 3 Beaufort Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner was endeavouring to sell this house. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(v) 9 Whitehall Street ; 38 Waterloo Street—It was reported that no reply had been received to the Notices served in respect of these houses. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable enquiries be made by the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(vi) 9 York Street ; 23 St. James' Street ; 11 Grosvenor Street ; 43 Union Street ; 18 Tewkesbury Road. RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the owners 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.

(vii) Bruton Cottage, Portland Street—Mrs. Field attended and reported that her brother might be prepared to take this property over and recondition it. RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for two months to enable definite proposals to be submitted.

(viii) West Cottage, at rear of Tivoli Street—The owner attended and reported that he had agreed to sell this house to a builder, who was prepared to recondition it. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable an Undertaking to be given by the Purchaser.

(ix) 263 High Street—The owner attended and reported that he had agreed to sell this house. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(e) The Committee considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the following premises :—

(i) Basement of 27 Montpellier Terrace—The owner attended and objected to an Order being made on the ground that extensive repairs had been carried out two or three years ago. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable enquiries to be made as to this.

(ii) Basements of 3 Clarence Square ; 37 St. George's Road (formerly 7 Bayshill Terrace) ; and Seaforth, Christ Church Road—It was reported that the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society were interested in these premises as Mortgagees. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable them to be served with Notices.

(f) 69 St. George's Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted three tenders for demolishing this house in default of compliance by the owner with the Demolition Order made in respect thereof on the 14th February, 1938. The Town Clerk reported that negotiations were proceeding for the sale of the property to an adjoining owner. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

(g) 21 (formerly 21 and 21a) York Street ; 27 St. James' Street ; 1 and 3 Queen 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.

(h) 243a and 244 High Street (1st and 2nd floors)--The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That an Order be made determining the Closing Order made in respect of the premises on the 10th May, 1938.

(i) 22 and 23 Queen Street—Read, letter from the owner reporting that he was negotiating for the sale of these houses to a purchaser who would be prepared to recondition them, if the Corporation would agree not to require the Demolition Orders to be carried out. RESOLVED, That, if the purchaser carries out within four months the works required to render the houses fit for human habitation to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, the Council will not enforce the Demolition Orders.

3—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness—(a) 43 and 45 St. James' Street ; 14 Victoria 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 will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of 10 years.

(b) 12 and 13 Victoria Place ; 49 St. James' Street ; 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 Suffolk Road—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.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 16 cwt. 8 lbs. Beef ; 2 cwt. 7 lbs. Pork ; 14 lbs. Poultry ; 2 qrs. 23 ½ lbs. Eggs.

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

6—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936--(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported the results of phosphatase tests on pasteurised milk produced in the Borough, which were satisfactory.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Gloucestershire Co-operative and Industrial Society Ltd. for a Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the designation "Pasteurised " in relation to milk sold from their premises in Swindon Street, be granted to the 31st December, 1939, subject to the provisions of the Order.

7—Slaughter of Animals—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that during the previous year 43 renewed licences and 3 new licences had been granted, and that applications for renewal had not been received from 7 slaughtermen who had previously been licensed.

8—Health Department— (a) Chief Sanitary Inspector—The Committee considered an application from Mr. F. R. Jefford, Chief Sanitary Inspector, for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health his salary be increased from £550 to £600 per annum as from the 6th March, 1939, rising by two subsequent annual increments of £50 to a maximum salary of £700 per annum.

(b) District Sanitary Inspector—Read, letter of 20th inst. from Mr. E. Jackson, giving one month's notice to terminate his appointment as District Sanitary Inspector, he having obtained another appointment. RESOLVED, That applications be invited for filling the vacancy by the appointment of a District Sanitary Inspector at a salary of £230 per annum rising by five annual increments of £12 10s. 0d. and a final annual increment of £7 10s. 0d. to a maximum salary of £300 per annum,

9—Waste Land between Mead Road and the Railway—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted a report of his inspection of this land RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to enable the Chairman and the Chief Sanitary Inspector to meet the owner on the site.

10-- -Gas Works-- The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that at the invitation of the Acting Manager he had inspected the emptying of the gas purifying plant and was satisfied that, with the slight alterations made and the closing of the lower windows of the building, the Company were exercising every reasonable precaution to prevent the emission of obnoxious smells, but that if the wind was in the direction of Arle Avenue some slight smell of sulphurous fumes were bound to be noticed.

11—National Rat Week----The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted his report on the steps taken in Cheltenham during the National Rat Week from the 7th-12th November, 1938, a copy of which had been forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,

12—Hayden Farm—The Town Clerk reported that estimates had been obtained for grubbing up the withies at Hayden Farm and that Mr. Rymer had been asked if he would be prepared to pay 5 per cent of the cost by way of extra rent and also to trim the withies and burn them, but Mr. Rymer was unable to agree to this proposal at the present time RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

13—Underground Rooms—The Town Clerk submitted model regulations issued by the Ministry of Health for securing the proper ventilation and lighting of rooms to which Section 12 (2) of the Housing Act, 1936 applied and the protection thereof against dampness, effluvia and exhalation. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Chief Sanitary Inspector for consideration,



14—Fumigation of Buildings— Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Home Office enclosing copies of the Hydrogen Cyanide (Fumigation of Buildings) Regulations, 1938. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for consideration.

15—Conferences--(a) Read, circular letter from the The Institute of Public Cleansing inviting the attendance of delegates at their Annual Conference to be held at Scarborough from the 5th-9th June, 1939. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted preliminary notice of the Annual Conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis to be held at Belfast from the 29th June—1st July, 1939. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

(c) Read, circular letter from the Sanitary Inspectors Association inviting the attendance of delegates at their Annual Conference to be held at Bournemouth from the 4th-9th September, 1939. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be appointed to attend.

16—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. G F. Gratton for registration as a retail purveyor of milk from 249 Swindon Road, be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order.

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17—Moorend Drainage and Hayden Sewage Works Contracts—The Chairman reported that as requested by Mr. Midwinter he had met Mr. Midwinter and Mr. Percy Davis and Mr. Procter (Surveyor) on the 15th inst. to discuss further the claims made by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. for extras amounting to £1,915 9s. 0d. in respect of the Moorend Contract and £804 in respect of the Hayden Contract, and in respect of which the Council had offered to make ex-gratia payments of £500 and £200 respectively.

At the Conference each item of the claims was fully discussed. In respect of the Hayden Contract he considered that it would be fair to make some further allowance to Messrs. Mark Williams in respect of the claim of £11 1s. 0d. in respect of repairs to road, the claim of £9 14s. 6d. in respect of concrete around pipe adjoining Ejector House, and the claim of £35 15s. 8d. in respect of making good defects to feed pipes to filters ; he also considered that the Council might reasonably make some further allowance on the claim of £513 for concrete blinding under the filters.

With regard to the Moorend Contract, the Chairman reported the details submitted by Mr. Davis showing how his claim of £1,846 for the extra cost incurred through the deepening of the trenches and the provision of steel piling, etc. was arrived at, and he thought that it might be reasonable to increase the offer of £500 made in respect of this item: RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to increase the ex-gratia payment offered on the Hayden Contract to £344 2s. 9d., and also to increase the ex-gratia payment offered on the Moorend Contract to £700 subject to these offers being accepted in full settlement of all claims made by Messrs. Mark Williams under both Contracts, and that Minute No. 13 passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 12th December last be varied accordingly.

18—Hayden Sewage Works Sludge Pumps—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Tangyes Ltd, had agreed to make the necessary alterations to prevent wear taking place in the shaft sleeves of

the sludge pumps, subject to the Corporation contributing the sum of £12, and laying on the necessary supply of water at an estimated cost of £7 18s. 2d. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that a lorry was required for use at the Sewage Works and he recommended that a second-hand Austin car should be purchased and converted into a light lorry at a total estimated cost not exceeding £25. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders received for the supply of granite media required for renovating the percolating filters. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Jee's (Hartshill) Granite and Brick Co., amounting to 14s 9d per ton (being the lowest), be accepted.

19—River Chelt—(a) Read, letter of 24th ult. from Messrs. Midwinter & Co. on behalf of the Owner of Pengwern, Keynsham Road, alleging erosion of the north bank of the River Chelt as a result of alterations carried out to the Keynsham Road bridge some years ago. The Borough Surveyor reported that erosion had taken place, but that he was not satisfied that this was due to the alterations to the Keynsham Road bridge. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to construct a concrete wall to prevent further erosion but without admitting liability on the part of the Corporation.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate amounting to £2,860 for re-constructing the Chelt culvert beneath the Promenade Fountain. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders for carrying out the work. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan for the cost of the work.

20—Chelt Main Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that tenders had been obtained for printing the specification and quantities for re-laying this sewer, and that the lowest tender, being that of Mr. H. Osborne of Gloucester, amounting to 6s per sheet, had been accepted with the Chairman's approval. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

21 Imperial Motor Mart—Read, letter of 9th inst. from Mr. J. Allen that on 25th January his garage was flooded. After considerable trouble and expense his builder found that the primary cause of the flooding was in the main sewer. He asked that the Corporation should indemnify him in the matter. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had investigated this matter and was satisfied that the flooding was due to the unsatisfactory condition of the private drains of the property which had no petrol or oil interceptor trap. RESOLVED, That the Corporation do not admit any liability for the flooding.

22—Tuberculosis—Read, letters of 28th January and 10th inst. from the Cheltenham and District Trades Council asking the Council to take steps to have disinfected all houses vacated by persons suffering from Tuberculosis. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to report on the matter at the next Meeting.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

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#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th February, 1939.** Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors

Addis, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Green and Grimwade (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Whaddon Farm Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the Schemes E and F on this Estate.

2—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—Sheds—The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made with the erection of sheds on this Estate. The sites of two sheds at the lower corner had been amended at the suggestion of the Housing Manager, which had been approved by the Chairman.

3—Trigg's Cottages, Folly Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that one of these cottages was in need of outside painting and repair, the cost of which he estimated at £15. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to have the work carried out.

4—Fumigation—The Sanitary Inspector recommended that now that the Whaddon Farm Estate was nearly completed, the Fumigation Depot on this Estate should be transferred to the Central Depot, and that the A.R.P. Section at the Depot could be utilised for this purpose. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Street and Highway Committee be asked to agree to the use of the Depot for the purpose.

5—Selection of Tenants and View Sub-Committee--Read, reports of the Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 25th ult. and 3rd and 10th inst.

(a) The Sub-Committee had interviewed 29 applicants for houses, granted 23, adjourned 1 and refused 5.

(b) They had also interviewed 3 tenants in regard to arrears of rent, and 2 applicants for transfers to other Council houses.

(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 for outbuildings at the following houses be approved subject to the buildings being erected to the satisfaction of the Housing Manager —55 Pilley Crescent, 113 Clyde Crescent, 52 Milton Road and 97 Tennyson Road ; and that the outbuildings erected at the following houses be approved ;--97 and 121 Tennyson Road, 52 Milton Road, 16 Shelley Avenue (subject to shed being moved out of sight and creosoted), 51 Kipling Road, 50 and 52 Mersey Road, 40 Humber Road, 113 Clyde Crescent and 109 Whaddon Road.

(iii) 113 Tennyson Road—That the Futurite composition floor which is damp be removed and a wooden floor with ventilation provided.

(iv) 60 Milton Road—That the Servall grate which smokes be removed and a new open grate installed in the living room.

(v) 68 Milton Road—That a land drain be provided in the garden of this house to take the water to the gully.

(vi) Sites of 49 and 50 Sun Street—That the Committee should consider purchasing these sites for the erection of three houses.

(vii) 55 and 56 Worcester Street—That the Committee should endeavour to acquire the strip of land between these two houses for the extension of the gardens of the houses on either side.

(viii) Waterloo Street—That the Committee should consider the purchase of the site at the corner of this street and Swindon Road and also No. 264 Swindon Road for the erection of houses.

(ix) 53 Kipling Road—That in view of the failure of the tenant of this house to carry out his undertaking to have the garden of his house put in order, he be given notice to quit.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit layout plans showing how the sites referred to in (vi) and (viii) could be developed for houses.

6-15 and 16 Grove Street—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health approved the purchase of the above properties and was prepared to issue consent to the loan on receipt of a resolution authorising application therefor.

RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the loan of L-100 for the purchase of these properties.

7-1 Sandfield Cottages and Land, Alstone Lane—The Committee further considered the offer of Miss Anne Mason to sell this property. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

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8—Management of Housing Estates—The Town Clerk submitted Report of the House Management and Housing Associations Sub-Committee of the Central Housing Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Health on the Management of Municipal Housing Estates.

9—Society of Women House Managers—RESOLVED, That Councillor Garland be appointed to attend the Annual Provincial Conference of this Society to be held at Oxford on the 15th April next.

10-24 Milton Road—Read, letter from the tenant, offering to purchase this house for 1300. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

11—St. Margaret's Cottages Clearance Order—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Mr. A. V. Dodwell asking for a further payment in respect of the loss sustained by him consequent on his having to transfer his business of Boot Repairer by reason of the Clearance Order, in respect of which two payments of £10 had already been made to him by the Council. He had made every endeavour possible to increase his business but his profits were still inadequate, averaging only about 18s 6d per week. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 44 of the Housing Act, 1936, Mr. Dodwell be paid a third and final payment of £10.

12—Housing Manager—(a) The Housing Manager submitted her monthly report on the collection of arrears of rent. RESOLVED, That Mr. Garner, the Bailiff appointed by the Rating Committee, be instructed to collect arrears of rent due from some of the former tenants.

(b) The Housing Manager reported that there were now 280 applicants on the waiting list, and 50 to whom houses had been granted.

13-17 Tennyson Road—It was reported that the tenant of this house was now in a financial position which did not justify him in receiving a Subsidy towards his rent RESOLVED, That his rent be increased to 15s 10d per week, being the rent of the Non-Subsidy houses at St. Mark's.

14-23 Evenlode Avenue—RESOLVED, That the tenant of this house be allowed one week's rent as compensation for the damage and inconvenience caused by the bursting of a water pipe during the recent cold weather.

15—Wordsworth Avenue—The Housing Manager reported that the 32 houses in Wordsworth Avenue were fitted with two-point power plugs, but under the new regulations three-point plugs would have to be fitted. RESOLVED, That she be instructed to have the three-point plugs substituted, at an estimated cost of £27 6s. 8d.

16-56 Worcester Street—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant for this house to be wired for power be not granted.

17-1 Windrush Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this house for some shelves to be provided in one of the bedrooms be granted subject to his paying the cost.

18-66 Hope Street--The Housing Manager reported that the tenant of this house was taking lodgers in contravention of the terms of his tenancy. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the tenant that unless he discontinues taking lodgers forthwith he will be given notice to quit.

19—Housing Office—RESOLVED, That a grill be provided at the counter in the Housing Office, and a sliding panel fitted in the door.

20—Shelley Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate amounting to 130 for providing a 3 inch land drain and rubbing same in order to intercept the water flowing in the gardens of Nos. 28, 30 and 32 Shelley Road, in respect of which complaints of flooding had been received. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the drain provided.

21—Conference—RESOLVED, That the invitation to appoint delegates to attend the Regional Conference at Bristol on 12th May of the National Housing and Town Planning Council be not accepted.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th February, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers-and Till (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Annual Tenders—Read, Report of a Meeting of the Stores Sub-Committee held at the Central Depot on 20th February, 1939. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair) and Alderman Pates, 328 Annual Tenders were received for Stores and the Sub-Committee recommended that the tenders of the following Firms be accepted at the prices contained in the Schedules, subject, where necessary, to samples proving satisfactory and to Contracts being entered into where necessary.

Castings—Long, Humphreys & Co. Ltd.

Disinfectants—Prince Regents Tar Distilleries Co. Ltd., Voxsan Ltd., T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd.

Drawing Office Materials—Allott Jones & Co Ltd., D. O. Supplies Ltd., F. C. Dodwell & Sons, Jesse J. Gillham & Son, Norton & Gregory Ltd., J. A. Reynolds & Co. Ltd.

Electric Light Fittings—Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd., Metal Agencies Co. Ltd.

Forage—W J. Oldacre Ltd.

Household Goods and Sundries—Browns, Cheltenham Workshop for the Blind, The Birmingham Royal Institute for the Blind, The Famous, John Fisher & Sons Ltd., T. H. Harris & Sons Ltd., Jackson & Painter Ltd., Johns & Sons.

Paper Shavings, Wm. Patterson & Sons Ltd., Premier Polish Co. Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd., E. L. Ward Ltd., A. C. Woodrow & Co. Ltd,

India Rubber etc.—Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd., A. C. Woodrow & Co.

Ironmongery--John Fisher & Sons Ltd, T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd., Metal Agencies Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd., A. C. Woodrow & Co., J. Gibb & Co. Ltd.

Kerbing & Paving—Alexandra Stone Co., Stanton Ironworks Co. Lead Pipes—Geo. Bence & Sons Ltd., John Fisher & Sons Ltd., T. W. Harvey & Sons Ltd.

Lime and Bricks--Geo. Bence & Sons Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd.

Lubricating Oils, Grease etc.—A. Duckham & Co.

Hire of Motor Transport—Mark Williams & Co Ltd.

Printing and Stationery—F. C. Dodwell & Sons, Gillhams, H. & H., Papworth Industries.

Road Materials--Anglo American Asphalt Co., British Quarrying Co., Arnold and Clee Hill, Berry Wiggins & Co. Ltd., R. S. Clare & Co. Ltd., Jeas Hartshill Granite Co. Ltd., Packer & Son, Pyx Granite Co. Ltd., Shell-Mex & B.P. Ltd., Stephenson Clarke and Associated Co.'s, Strickland Stone Co., Tytherington Stone Co., Wickwar Quarries Ltd.

Stoneware Pipes and Gullies—Geo. Bence & Sons Ltd. Timber--B. F. Collingridge & Co. Ltd., Smith Bros.

Tools—English Tools Ltd., J. Fisher & Sons Ltd., Hardypick Ltd., Geo. Pike Ltd., Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd., S. Tyzack & Son Ltd., Vaughan Bros. Ltd.

Uniforms—The Famous, Charles Watts.

White Lead, Oils and Colours—Anglo-Dutch Petroleum Co. (Western) Ltd., Bryce 'Weir & Co. Ltd., J. Fisher & Sons Ltd., T. W. Harvey & Sons, Hanger, Watson & Harris Ltd., Henry Matthews & Co. Ltd., Middleton Bros. Ltd., Oliver Pragnell & Co., Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd., Stevco.

Wrought Iron, Steel and Files—Stringer Bros., A. C. Woodrow & Co. Ltd. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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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—Wood Blocks—The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders for the purchase of the wood blocks which were being taken up in the Promenade. RESOLVED, That the tender of A. Riches & Co., amounting to 8s per ton (being the highest), be accepted.

4—Pittville Street Improvement—Read, letter of 22nd ult., from the County Surveyor stating that the County Council were only prepared to contribute 50 per cent of the rate-borne expenditure incurred in respect of this improvement RESOLVED, That the County Council be urged to reconsider their decision and to increase the contribution to 75 per cent.

5—St. George's Drive—RESOLVED, That notice be given of intention to take over this road as repairable by the Corporation.

6—Private Improvement Works—Victoria Street and Larput Place—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans, specifications and estimates for making up the unpaved portions of the footpaths in these roads. 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 abutting on these footpaths, requiring them to do the specified work within 28 days, and, in default of the notices being complied with, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

7—Borough Surveyor's Department—The Borough Surveyor reported application by Mr. E. H. Hayling (Junior Wages and Costing Clerk) to be included in the Salaries Grading Scheme, and he recommended that he should be placed on Scale B at a commencing salary of £117 rising by annual increments of £13 to £156 per annum, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Albion Street—The Borough Surveyor reported an interview with Mr. J. H. Boulter on behalf of the Masonic Hall Trustees with regard to the fixing of a building line in front of their property. He reported that the Trustees and the adjoining owners had agreed to the line being fixed at 35 feet from the roadway. RESOLVED, That this line be approved subject to all the Owners entering into an undertaking to observe the line.

9—Weighbridges—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Ashworth Ross & Co. Ltd. offering to renew their Contract for the maintenance of the weighbridges at the Destructor and Central Depot for a further period of 3 years. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

10—Trunk Road No. 10—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 6th inst. from the Ministry of Transport asking Councils to consult the Roads Beautifying Association before carrying out schemes for planting trees in Trunk Roads. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

ii—Merriville Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Notice of Intention to take over Merriville Road expired on the 5th inst. without any objections being received. RESOLVED, That the road be taken over and adopted as repairable by the Corporation.

12-10 Winchcomb Street—The Town Clerk reported an offer by Mr. F. N. Bedwell to rent this shop at 15s per week, exclusive of rates. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, subject to the applicant entering into a Tenancy Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

13-40 Albion Street—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Tenant of this property claiming a reduction in rent on the ground that it had been increased beyond the limits permitted by the Rent Acts, The Town Clerk reported that the maximum rent permitted appeared to be £28 12s. 10d. per annum, but that it had been increased to £31 12s. 0d. by the previous owner. RESOLVED, That the rent be reduced to the permitted amount, and that the Tenant be credited with the amount overpaid since the Corporation purchased the property.

14—Tewkesbury Road Improvement—The Town Clerk submitted report of the 7th inst. from the District Valuer reporting that the terms for the purchase of the land required from Mr. J. T. Smith had been revised as follows: The Corporation to pay £40 compensation and provide new fencing, when the land is taken, and also to pay a sum to be agreed for the crops on the land, and the Vendor's Legal Costs. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

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15—St. George's Road and Montpellier Street—Read, letter of 28th ult. from the Principal of the Ladies' College complaining of the interference with work at the College caused by the stopping of Buses outside the College. RESOLVED, That the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. Ltd. be asked to re-arrange their routes so as to avoid using Montpellier Street and the portion of St, George's Road in front of the College.

16-5 Pittville Street—The Town Clerk reported that the prospective tenants of these premises had withdrawn their offer.

17—Wages and Conditions of Labour—(a) Cemetery Employees—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for a ten minutes break to be granted to employees at the Cemetery at 10 a.m. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) Read, letter of 13th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for payment of an extra 1d. per hour to men employed on clearing snow and that water-tight boots should be provided for such employees. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted, but that casual employees engaged on this work be paid at their ordinary rate (at the present time 1s 2d per hour).

18—Banner—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Trailer Caravan Club applying for permission to hang a Banner across one of the main streets advertising their forthcoming rally at the Racecourse RESOLVED, That they be granted permission to hang a Banner across the Colonnade for two days only.

19—Telegraph Lines—The Town Clerk submitted applications by the Post Office Superintendent Engineer for permission to erect overhead telegraph lines in Suffolk Street, Brandon Place, Fairfield Park



Road, Liddington Lane, Shakespeare Road and Byron Road. RESOLVED, That the applications be granted subject to the conditions specified by the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineer.

20—Tennyson Road—The Town Clerk reported that a Prunus Tree in this road had been knocked down by a vehicle belonging to G. H. Torking & Sons Ltd. of Liverpool RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the tree estimated at £2 0s. 9d.

21—Kingsley Gardens—The Town Clerk reported that the iron fencing in front of Kingsley Gardens had been damaged by a car belonging to Mr. C. Wyham of Gloucester. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of repairing the damage, estimated at £3.

22—High Street—The Town Clerk reported that a unilateral parking sign in High Street had been damaged by a vehicle belonging to Messrs. Pickfords of Gloucester. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the sign, estimated at £1 1s. 0d.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th February, 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore and Ward (Councillor Ward in the Chair).

1—Plans of New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted Plan No. 5131 submitted by Messrs. Mars Commercial Properties Ltd. for a hotel, shops and flats in High Street, Pittville Street and Albion Street. RESOLVED, That Mayor ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, and Ward (Councillor Ward in the chair). the plan be approved subject to : (1) the Corporation being able to obtain an Order for the stopping up of . Passage, (2) a finished drawing of the elevation being submitted, (3) the steelwork details, calculations and levels being to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer, (4) the basement drainage being conducted to the required level to connect to the High Street sewer, (5) the sanitary arrangements conforming to the Byelaws :(a) lavatory accommodation for all units, (b) positions to be indicated, (c) ventilators being in accordance with the requirements, (d) disposition of waste and soil pipes, (6) amended plans and elevations showing dimensions and designs of windows being submitted, (7) a slab, being not nearer the surface of the footpath than 2 feet, being placed over the basement in the footpath, and to the pavement lights not extending further than 2 feet from the front line of the building.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd February, 1939,** Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore and Ward ; Messrs: W.W. S. F. Harris, J. Walker and A. Wiggett (Councillor Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5092	Bowd, W. H.	8 garages, Whaddon Road.
5105	Freeman, Hardy & Willis	Alterations and new shop front, 397 High Street.
5132	Hess, W.	Cycle and tool shed, 2 Merriville Gardens, Arle Road.
5133	Bradord Estates Ltd.	Re-arrangement of shop, Promenade and Clarence Street.
5134	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Garage, 74 Tennyson Road.
5135	Baker, T.	Garage, 16 Wellington Square.
5136	Adams, A.	Store shed, 177 Brooklyn Road.
5137	Wills, S. W.	Garden tool shed, 142 Brooklyn Road.
5138	Cook, E G.	Pair of semi-detached houses, Merriville Road.
5139	Rogers & Davies	Detached house, Hatherley Court Estate
5140	Cirencester Conservative Benefit Society	Conversion into flats, Raynsford, Suffolk Square.
5141	Smith, C. S.	Pair of semi-detached houses, Alma Road.
5142	Dickson, A. E.	Garage, Rosevean, Arle Drive,
5143	Lewis Hall	Conversion into private hotel, Thirlestaine Hall.
5144	Martin, F. W	Workshop and cycle shed, SO Tennyson Road.
5145	Western Estates Ltd.	10 semi-detached houses, Alstone Lane
5146	Smith, T. W.	Garage, 120 Hales Road.
5147	Newbury, R.	New bathroom, Drayton, St. Anne's Road.
5148	Victory Motor Co.	Extension of premises, Berkeley Avenue.

Decisions under Byelaws—RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5132, 5133, 5134, 5135, 5136, 5137, 5138, 5139, 5141, 5142, 5144 and 5145 be approved; That Plan No. 5092 be approved subject to the garage being constructed of brick and to the site being drained to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor , That Plans Nos. 5140, 5143 and 5148 be approved subject to the sanitary arrangements being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 5146 be approved subject to drainage being carried to the sewer in Hales Road That Plan No 5147 be not approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933—RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5092, 5134, 5135, 5142, 5146 and 5148 be approved ; That Plan No. 5105 be approved subject to the colour of the Neon sign being to the satisfaction of the Committee ; That Plan No. 5133 be approved subject to the lettering on the fascia being submitted to and approved by the Committee ; That Plan No. 5139 be approved subject to (1) no part of the building being less than 35 feet from the road, (2) the omission of the half timbered work, and (3) sand faced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 5140 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No 5143 be approved subject to the amended elevations being submitted to and approved by the Committee, and to the wall at the junction of Sandford Road and Old Bath Road being set back to the improvement line, on the understanding that the Corporation will re-build the wall to the new line ; That Plan No. 5145 be approved subject to (1) the width of the new road being increased to 42 feet: (2) corners being splayed back 25 feet in either direction, and (3) the gables over the bay windows being omitted, That Plans Nos. 5132, 5136, 5137, 5138, 5141, 5144 and 5147 be not approved.

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

No of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1474	Coxwell Rogers, C. J.	Alterations and Conversions, Rossley Manor, Dowdeswell.
1475	Grace, A. W.	Detached house, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1476	Sims, F. T	3 Petrol pumps, London Road, Charlton Kings.
1477	Skinner, Mrs. F. C.	Alterations and additions, The Forge, Church Street, Charlton Kings.
1478	Skinner, Mrs. F. C.	Pair semi-detached houses, Church Street, Charlton Kings.
1479	Surman, L.	Detached house, Butt's Lane, Woodmancote.
1480	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Alterations and additions, Twelve Bells, Little Witcombe.
1481	Bruce, A.	Detached house, Little Witcombe
1482	Jones, J. H	Garage (private), 44 Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1483	Cummins, W. R.	Detached house, Evesham Road, The Newlands, Bishop's Cleeve.
1484	Strawford, E.	Pair semi-detached houses, Haydon, Nr. Staverton.
1485	Day, R.	Conversion of three houses into two houses, Elmstone Hardwicke.
1486	Peacey Nash, J. T.	Garage (for business van), 23 Glebe Road, Prestbury.
1487	Dinwoodie, C. A.	Cycle shed, The Hollies, Gretton, Nr, Winchcomb.
1488	Groves, G. H.	Garage (Private), Stoke Orchard.
1489	Bannister, F.	Greenhouse, Flowerdale, The Reddings.
1490	Cheltenham Corporation (Electricity Dept.)	L T. overhead line, Manor Farm to The Mercombs, Gotherington.
1491	Barnard, L. W. & Partners (Architects)	Roads and sewers, Prestbury Court Estate.
1492	Sealey, L. A.	Greenhouse, Treize, 13 Brookway Drive, Charlton Kings.
1493	Giles, C.	Two detached houses, Avenue Estate.
1494	Hon. Sec., Winchcomb District Hospital	Additions, Winchcomb District Hospital.
1495	Bendall, J. D. & Sons	One pair semi-detached bungalows and one house, Undercliffe Avenue, Leckhampton
1496	Gloucester County Council	Cottage, Uckington
1497	Western Estates Ltd.	Preliminary lay-out of land for 61 houses, Brooklyn Gardens, Arle Road.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1477, 1485, 1489, 1490, 1492, 1494 and 1496 be approved ; That Plan No. 1475 be approved subject to sand faced tiles of an approved colour being used on the roof and to the elevation being amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Panel of Architects ; That Plan No. 1476 be approved subject to the Owner entering into an Undertaking to remove the pumps at his own cost and without compensation if and when required by the Highway Authority ; That Plan No. 1478 be approved subject to the reservation of the land between the existing road and the

improvement line for the future widening of the road ; That Plan No. 1481 be approved subject to a site plan being submitted for the approval of the Committee ; That Plans Nos. 1482, 1487 and 1488 be approved subject to corrugated asbestos sheets being used on the roof ; That consideration of Plans Nos. 1484 and 1491 be deferred pending the views of the County Council and the Rural District Council for their observations on the sewers and roads ; That Plan No. 1493 be approved subject to (1) sand faced tiles of approved colour being used on the roof, (2) the sewer being laid in the road and the house drains to connect thereto and not across private land as shown on the plan, (3) the fences at the junction of the new road with Old Bath Road being in accordance with the development plan approved by the Committee, and (4) the garage to each house being set back an additional 3 feet for the improvement of the appearance of the building ; That Plan No. 1497 be approved in principle ; That Plans Nos. 1474, 1479, 1480, 1483, 1486 and 1495 be not approved.

4—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of Mr. C. H. Denley for permission to erect a Baptist Church at Uckington. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the building being set back 50 feet from the road, and to plans, elevations, etc. being submitted to and approved by the Committee and the Rural District Council.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. G. Matthews, dated 21st inst., for permission to erect two houses on land fronting the Gloucester Road. He reported that owing to the road being a Trunk Road, it was desirable that the consent of the Minister of Transport under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, should be first obtained. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred pending the decision of the Minister of Transport.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of Messrs. A. Williams & Co. dated 21st inst., asking if the site of Warwick Buildings, Winchcomb Street, could be used for a Garage and Showroom, and whether the building line would remain as at present. RESOLVED, That permission be granted for the use of the site for the purposes of a Garage and Showroom, and that the improvement and building line be fixed at 5 feet on the south side and 4 feet 6 inches on the north side of the property.

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5—Plan No. T.P. 1455—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. C. H. Griffiths, offering to enter into an Undertaking to remove the garage at his own cost and without compensation if consent were granted for it to be erected in the position shown on the plan. RESOLVED, That the plan be now approved subject to the Owner - entering into an Undertaking to remove the building at his own cost and without compensation if and when required by the Planning Authority.

6—" Coulter," Hatherley Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had had enquiries as to whether consent would be granted for the conversion of " Coulter," Hatherley Road, into a Nursing Home. He reported that provided the building was not used as a Hospital for infectious diseases the building could be used as a Nursing Home by special consent of the Council RESOLVED, That provided the Owners are prepared to give an Undertaking that the building will not be used as an infectious diseases Hospital no objection will be raised to its use as a Nursing Home.

7—Town Planning Scheme No. 1—Objections—(a) Zoning, Winchcomb—The Borough Surveyor reported negotiations with Mr. Cardew who he said would only withdraw his objections to the Scheme on an Undertaking being given by the Rural District Council to sewer the area immediately. He had

ascertained from the Rural District Council that they had no proposals for sewerage in the area. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken in the matter.

(b) Proposed Roads at Southam, Zoning at Swindon and Cleeve Hill—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons that Mr. Whitaker had now withdrawn his objections to the proposals.

(c) Road Proposals—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from The Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power Co. that their objections to the Scheme had now been met.

(d) Open Space along River Chelt—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons that Mr. Shakspeare Shenton would not withdraw his objections to the proposals.

(e) Cleeve Hill—The Borough Surveyor submitted further correspondence with the Estate Agent of Messrs. Courtaulds Ltd. in which they asked to be assured that no objection would be raised to alterations or extensions to their premises on Cleeve Hill, He reported that the site was in an area in which these buildings could only be erected and used by special consent of the Planning Authority, and that before the assurance could be given it would be necessary to approve the use of the buildings as a Convalescent Home. RESOLVED, That approval be given to the use of the buildings as a Convalescent Home, and that Messrs Courtaulds be informed that no objection would be raised to extensions or alterations of the existing buildings provided the extensions or alterations are in accordance with the Scheme as finally approved by the Minister, and to adequate means of sewerage being provided.

(f) Salterley Grange—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Town Planning Assistant had interviewed representatives of the Birmingham Corporation in regard to their objections against the proposal in the Scheme to prohibit building on the top of Leckhampton Hill. RESOLVED, That if the Birmingham Corporation will enter into an agreement in the terms now submitted by the Town Clerk agreeing to the land being scheduled as a private open space, the Council will agree to the land being used (1) for the purposes of an institution, including buildings for use as a hospital, medical baths, clinic- or dispensary, and any alterations to the existing buildings for this purpose (2) as a private ground for sports, play, rest or recreation, or as an ornamental garden or (3) for the purposes for which a private open space may be used under the Act,

(g) Charlton Park-----The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement proposed to be entered into with the College Council for the scheduling of a portion of Charlton Park to the east of Reeves' Field as a private open space, as approved at the last meeting of the Council. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(h) Union of Sacred Heart—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement for the scheduling of Charlton Park as a private open space, as approved at the last meeting of the Council. The agreement provided for the proposed public walk along the Lilleybrook to be deleted from the Scheme, and would enable the Owners to use the land for the purposes of a School, College and religious establishment etc. and buildings used therewith, and as a private sports ground etc. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Ravenshurst, Pittville Lawn—With reference to Plan No. 4856 approved by the Council in March last for the conversion of mews into a dwellinghouse at Ravenshurst, Pittville Lawn, the Town Clerk reported that it was found when the work was commenced that there was a sewer running under the land, and that the Public Health Committee had been negotiating with the owner for a contribution towards the cost of relaying the sewer (estimated at £200) so as to enable the development to proceed. He now

submitted letter from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale, offering on behalf of the owner, to contribute £75 towards the cost subject to the Corporation proceeding forthwith with the work and agreeing to a slight modification of the plans to provide an additional bedroom on the first floor. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to accept this offer, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work as quickly as possible.

9—Common Meadow—The Town Clerk reported the proceedings at the conference convened by the Rural District Council in regard to the application made by Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. for the removal of the restrictions on this land so as to permit of its development. He now submitted letter of 19th inst. from Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. that they proposed to ask the Ministry of Health to proceed with the Inquiry.

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10—Town Planning Scheme No. 2—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for an extension of the time within which the draft Scheme is to be adopted.

11-Staverton and Golden Valley Bye-Pass—Read, letter of 20th inst from the Ministry of Transport that as a result of the public inquiry the Minister had made an order in respect of the line of the route of this bye-pass.

12—Children's Playgrounds—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council enclosing copy of letter from the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association stating that the Association were prepared to consider making grants not exceeding £40 towards the equipping of children's playgrounds on private building estates of 40 houses or more RESOLVED, That this offer be borne in mind When development proposals for the land in the Cheltenham Rural District are considered.

13—Conferences—RESOLVED, That the invitations of the Garden Cities and Town Planning Association to appoint delegates to attend the Association's Conference to be held at Cardiff in May next, and also the invitation to attend the International Housing and Town Planning Congress at Stockholm in July next be not accepted.

14-18 Cambray—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Mr. W. H. Horsley asking if the Council would agree in principle to a small shop being erected in Rodney Road at the rear of the above property in place of the existing garage. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to at present, but that the matter be further considered when the draft map for No. 2 Scheme is under consideration.

15—Plan No. 5107—Read, letter of 21st inst. from Messrs. Engall Cox & Co., objecting to the condition attached to the approval of this plan requiring the building to be set back 6 feet from the road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect the site and report thereon.

16—Land, Albert Road—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Messrs Jessop & Son asking if the Corporation would afford access to the land on the East side of Albert Road if their clients would culvert in the ditch, provide entrance drives with good class chippings as and when houses are erected along the frontage and impose a covenant on the purchasers of the houses to keep the grass verge in good order. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Jessop & Son be informed that the only terms upon which the Council are prepared to afford access are the conditions approved by the Council in February, 1937, namely (1) the

owners to pay half the value of the carriageway in Albert Road for the length of the frontage, (2) the owner to construct and make up the footpath adjoining the property to specification to be approved by the Corporation, (3) the houses to be set back to an approved building line, and to be of a value of not less than £1,000 per house, including site, and to be erected in accordance with plans and at a distance from each other to be approved by the Council.

17—Plan No. 5131—Proposed Hotel, Pittville Street—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Mr. T. Braddock, architect, agreeing to the conditions on which this plan was approved.

18—Sandford Mill Farm—Read, letter from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons offering for sale this land belonging to Mr Rees, which had been scheduled in the Scheme as a public open space. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Moore and Mr. Walker be asked to inspect the land.

19—Proposed High Tension Line—The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Council had asked for the views of the Committee on the proposed High Tension Overhead lines to be erected by the Central Electricity Board from Gloucester to Oxford crossing Leckhampton Hill. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the above Sub-Committee and that they be authorised to make such recommendations as they may think fit.

20—Proposed Development, Prestbury Court Estate—With reference to the decision of the Committee to preserve as far as possible the trees on this Estate the Borough Surveyor reported that the architect objected to the condition attached to the plan that no trees should be felled without the consent of the Committee, but suggested that a survey of the trees should be made and an agreed schedule prepared of the trees to be preserved. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to favourably consider withdrawing the condition subject to the Committee approving of the schedule of trees to be preserved, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make the survey, as suggested.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th February, 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers, Smith and Waite ; Messrs. D V. Davis and R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair)

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 31st January and 14th February.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—(a) Malvern Players—Having discussed with Mr. Simpson the suggestion that a Festival should be organised in connection with the eleven weeks' season of the Malvern Players at the Opera House, That the Manager of the Malvern Players be invited to attend the Sub-Committee to discuss the matter, and that the Council be recommended to grant the free use of the Town Hall (if available) for any purpose required in connection with the proposed Festival.

(b) Summer Bands---That for the ensuing summer an Orchestra, instead of the Military Band, be engaged to play in the Bandstand in the Montpellier Gardens and in the Pavilion when wet, and in the Town Hall on Sunday evenings. That the tender of Mr. Arthur Cole for the provision of an Orchestra of sixteen performers (including himself as conductor) to play every evening from the 5th June to the 11th September at a charge of £67 10s 0d. per week be accepted, also that his tender of £10 a week for the provision of the Quartet to play every morning in the Town Hall from the 1st April to the 30th September be accepted, subject in each case to contract. Also, that the Entertainments Manager be instructed to submit proposals for the temporary furnishing and decoration of the Montpellier Pavilion to enable this to be used for the Concerts.

(c) Easter and Whitsuntide Fun Fairs—That in lieu of accepting Messrs. C. Heal & Sons' offer to provide the Fun Fairs at Easter and Whitsuntide, that the right of providing the Fun Fair on the 6th, 8th, 10th and 11th April be granted to Messrs Heal & Sons for £50, and on the 27th, 29th and 30th May to Messrs. Hill & Sons for £100, and that Minute No. 2 passed at the Meeting of the Sub-Committee be varied accordingly

(d) Town Hall—That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to Billy Gammon and his Band for the Annual Benefit Ball on the 29th April next.

(e) Winter Dance Band—That the tender of Mr. Billy Gammon to provide his Dance Band to play next winter season at Dance Teas on Saturday afternoons and at Saturday evening Dances on the same terms as for the current season, namely fifteen guineas per week, be accepted, subject to Contract.

(f) Junior Car Club—That in connection with the proposed Rally of this Club in Cheltenham, the organisers be offered free use of the Pump Room for any functions in connection with the Rally.

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

2—Town Hall—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had considered an application from the Old Patesians to organise a Dinner and Dance at the Town Hall on Sunday, the 31st December next, the Dinner to commence at 10 p.m. on the Sunday night in the Pillar Room and the Dance to be held in the large Hall commencing at 12 o'clock midnight and continuing until 4 a.m. The Sub-Committee recommended that the application be granted. RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be not approved

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

(b) Swimming Bath—RESOLVED, That next summer season children under fourteen be admitted to the Swimming Bath at half-price, namely 3d.

(c) That the use of the gymnasium be granted to the St. Gregory's Athletic Association and Gloucestershire Boxing Association for a Boxing Tournament on the 24th inst. at an inclusive charge of £2 10s. 0d.

(d) It was reported that the Contract for the new Dressing Room at the Athletic Ground had now been placed and, as this involved the demolition of the present Dressing Room, the General Purposes Committee recommended that the Rugby Football Club should be allowed to have the free use of the Washing Baths at Montpellier for changing. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.



4—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That the application of the Boys' Grammar School for twenty-three full Season Tickets, and sixteen half-Season Tickets to be awarded to the boys who had obtained Bronze Medallions, Instructors Certificates, and Awards of Merit, and Intermediate Certificates of the Royal Life Saving Society, be granted.

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5—Marle Hill Annexe—Boating—Read, letter from Mr. Harry Higgins asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to replace the three worn-out boats. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and the boats be inspected at the next Meeting.

6—Winter Garden—Repertory Theatre--The Town Clerk submitted four applications received for the tenancy of the Repertory Theatre. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to inform the applicants that the Committee will be prepared to consider any offers they like to make for the tenancy of the Theatre when the Contract for the proposed alterations etc. has been placed.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th February, 1939.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers, Smith, Waite and Ward (Councillor Waite in the chair).

7—Boating, Marle Hill Annexe--The Committee met Mr. H. Higgins and his Sub-Tenant and also Mr. Felix Miles at the Marle Hill Annexe, when Mr. Higgins, asked the Corporation to reconsider the question of replacing the boats which were beyond repair. Mr. Miles stated that the boats were put in order at the commencement of the tenancy, and that if they were not now serviceable, it was due to the tenants' failure to carry out his covenant to keep the boats in good repair, order and condition. RESOLVED, That an offer be made to replace three of the boats by the purchase of three secondhand boats at a total cost not exceeding £50, subject to Mr. Higgins agreeing to the rent being increased by 10 per cent. of the cost of the boats. RESOLVED, also, That the boats be inspected by Mr. Miles once a year on behalf of the Corporation to see that they are kept in good repair.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th February, 1939,** Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Ben James, Moore, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Chairman—(a) RESOLVED, That this Committee desire to place on record their warm appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the late Alderman James Moore to the Electricity Undertaking and Town during the last 19 years. His marked ability and knowledge was recognised throughout the Industry and he was elected to serve on several important National Organisations such as the National Joint Board for the Electricity Supply Industry and the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association.

(b) The Committee considered the appointment of a Chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alderman Moore. RESOLVED, That Councillor Waite be asked to act as Chairman for the present.

2—Air Raid Precautions—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had a conference with the Electricity Commissioners with regard to the Air Raid Precautions Scheme, which had been submitted for the protection of the Electricity Undertaking, but the Commissioners were not prepared to make a grant towards the provision of a new sub-station as an alternative to the Rowanfield Substation, they would however consent to the cost and any other expenditure under the scheme being defrayed from the Reserve Fund. In view of the importance of this Sub-station in maintaining the supply of electricity in the Town the Borough Electrical Engineer strongly recommended that the alternative Sub-station should be provided even though no Grant could be obtained. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to negotiate for the purchase of a suitable site and to submit detailed estimates for the provision of the new Sub-station.

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3—Public Lighting—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted estimates for Public Lighting for the year ending 31st March, 1940. He reported that there would be a saving of approximately £117 on the amount of the estimates for the current year and he recommended that an estimate of £6,798 should be included for Public during the coming year and also that the sum of £1,500 should again be provided for improvements in RESOLVED, That the estimates be approved and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

(b) Millbrook Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a lamp post in Millbrook Street had recently been knocked down by a person unknown and that, as this was the second time that a lamp post in that position had been damaged, he had altered the arrangements by fixing 3 new standards in place of the existing one at an estimated cost of £20 8s. 6d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Fairview Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a lamp post in this road had also been damaged by a person unknown and he recommended that it should be re-erected on the opposite side to make an improvement in the lighting. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) Painswick Road and Cranham Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a scheme for improving the lighting of these roads by the erection of 17 100-watt tungsten lamps in place of the existing 9 lamps at an estimated cost of £170 0s. 10d. and an increased running cost of £17 8s. 8d. per annum. He also submitted a scheme for improving the lighting in Cranham Road by the erection of 2 additional lamps at an estimated cost of £36 2s. 3d. and an increased running cost of £4 7s. 2d. per annum He reported that the £1,500 which the Committee were recommending to be allocated to improvements for the coming financial year would be very nearly exhausted in carrying out the schemes already approved by the Council. RESOLVED, That in these circumstances consideration of the schemes be deferred for the present

4—Supply to Shurdington Gravel Pits—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Co. Ltd wished to increase the size of their sand pumping plant and that for this purpose the capacity of the existing Transformer would have to be increased from 100 K.V.A. to 150 K.V.A., and under the terms of their Contract the Company were required to pay the extra cost. He

recommended however, that a 200 K.V.A Transformer should be installed to meet the increasing demand for Electricity in the District, the Company contributing the difference between the cost of a 100 K.V.A. Transformer and a 150 K.V.A. Transformer, He also reported that the Company had applied for a reduction in their charges in view of the considerable increase which was expected to take place in their consumption and he recommended certain amendments in the charges. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare an agreement modifying the terms of the existing agreement accordingly.

5—Transformers—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted eight tenders for the supply of four 500 K.V.A. Transformers to be installed in the sub-stations which had experienced the greatest increase in loads during the winter RESOLVED, That the Tender of the British Electrical Transformer Co. Ltd. amounting to £937 16s 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £937 for purchasing the Transformers.

6—Damage to Lamp Standard—The Town Clerk reported that a lamp standard at the junction of Albion Street and Grosvenor Place South had been knocked down by a lorry belonging to United Motorways Ltd., of Bristol. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for replacing the lamp standard at a cost of £12 0s. 11d.

7—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 7th, 10th, 20th and 23rd inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates to be 471.7, 462.6, 475.6 and 462.3 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure to be 8.0, 8.8, 7.9 and 5.9 inches of water respectively.

T. WILFRED WAITE,  
Chairman.

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#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th February, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Margrett; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Moore, Smith and Ward (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, 1939	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years
Hewletts Springs	432,000 gallons	342,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	3,879,000 "	2,470,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>72,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
	4,383,000	2,857,000

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Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 94,786,000 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—Annual Tenders---(a) Cast Iron Pipes—The Borough Engineer submitted seven tenders for the supply of Cast Iron Pipes and Specials during the ensuing year. He recommended that neither of the two lowest tenders should be accepted as in one case the pipes were sand-cast, and in the other they were vertically cast, and considerably heavier than those supplied by other firms. RESOLVED, That the tender of The Staveley Iron Co. Ltd. (being the next lowest) be accepted

(b) Chemicals—The Borough Engineer submitted tenders for the supply of Chemicals during the ensuing year. RESOLVED, That the following tenders, being the lowest, be accepted :—

Liquid Chlorine	Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd.
Anhydrous Ammonia	ditto.
Sulphate of Alumina	P. Spence & Sons, Ltd
Aluminoferric	ditto.
Sulphate of Ammonia	Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd
Sodium Hypochlorite	ditto

5—Trunk Main, Churchdown to Hewletts—(a) The Borough Engineer reported an application by Mr. Organ, the tenant of Plot No. 9 at Leckhampton, for £5 compensation for loss of crops and disturbance as a result of the laying of this main. Read, letter from the Clerk of the County Council pointing out that no compensation for disturbance of tenants had been agreed upon when the land was purchased by the County Council for the widening of Leckhampton Lane, RESOLVED, That Mr. Organ's application be granted.

(b) The Borough Engineer reported the resignation of Mr. L. G. Lloyd, the Resident Engineer, but that as the laying of this main had nearly been completed, it would be unnecessary to replace him.

6—Bulk Supply to Gloucester—The Borough Engineer submitted an application by the Gloucester Corporation for a reduction in the charge of 1s 3d per thousand gallons for this supply. RESOLVED, That an offer be made to reduce the charge to 1s per thousand gallons for water supplied after the 31st December, 1938.

7—Supply to Ham Farm, Charlton Kings—The Borough Engineer reported that, as a result of a recent canvass, the maximum revenue which might be obtained from a supply to houses in this area had been estimated at £8 17s. 0d. per annum, which in his opinion did not justify the work being undertaken. RESOLVED, That the extension of the main be not approved.

8—Tewkesbury Works—(a) The Borough Engineer reported that he had received formal notification of the transfer undertaking of the Tewkesbury Electric Light Co Ltd.. to the Shropshire, Worcestershire and Staffordshire Electric Power Co. Ltd.

(b) Typewriter—The Borough Engineer reported that a typewriter was required by Mr. Henderson, the Chemist at these works, and that the Gloucester Water Committee had requested the Corporation to share in the purchase of a rebuilt machine at a cost of eighteen guineas. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Compressor—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to erect a timber garage at Sandford Waterworks to accommodate the new Compressor at an estimated cost of £20.

(b) RESOLVED, That a charge of 7s per hour be made for the hire of the Compressor by other Departments of the Corporation, such charge to include fuel, insurance, and the wages of two operators.

10—Hewletts Reservoir—The Borough Engineer reported that recent tests had shown that it was desirable to lay an 18 inch main from Hewletts Reservoir to the bottom of Harp Hill in order to improve the pressure in the Naunton area and Prestbury, and other outlying districts. Provision had been made in the Contracts with Thomas Bugbird & Sons, Ltd., and Stewarts & Lloyds Ltd. for laying a portion of this main at an approximate cost of £2,400, and he estimated that the extension of the main to the bottom of Harp Hill would increase the cost to approximately £5,000. He reported that the savings which had been made in laying the trunk main would be sufficient to cover the cost of the extension of new main. RESOLVED, That the new main be extended to Harp Hill as recommended by the Borough Engineer. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange the necessary grants of wayleave for the main.

11—Farms—(a) Dowdeswell Wood—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Messrs. C. C. Castle & Sons reporting the sale of 2 acres of underwood in Dowdeswell Wood at 50s per acre

(b) Castle Barn Farm—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the tenant of this farm agreeing to his rent being increased by £10 per annum in consideration of the Corporation erecting four pigstyes. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders for the erection of the styes.

12—Keynsham Road Waterworks—The Town Clerk submitted application from the Post Office Sectional Engineer for permission to place a wire stay for a telegraph pole in the garden at the Keynsham Road Waterworks on payment of an acknowledgment of 1s per annum. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the usual conditions.

13—Water Supplies—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 30th ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing memorandum on the safeguards which should be adopted in day to day administrations of water Undertakings and recommending Undertakings to review their arrangements for maintaining the purity of water supplies under their control. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to examine men habitually employed on waterworks, as recommended in the memorandum.

14—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the County Surveyor referring to Minute No. 5 (b) of the Meeting of this Committee on the 9th June, 1936, when it was resolved to surrender 344 square yards of land for road widening The Counts, Surveyor reported that the Ministry of Transport had altered the original plans and now require 3,001 square yards of land. RESOLVED, That this land be surrendered subject to the consent of the tenant and to a suitable fence being erected along the improvement line to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer, and subject also to the Ministry of Transport surrendering any surplus land on the north side of the road after the improvement has been carried out, such land to be added to the Reservoir and an unclimbable iron fence on a stone plinth erected by the Ministry in front thereof to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer,

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st February, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade and Ward (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Municipal Offices Telephones—The Committee further considered the six tenders received for an internal telephone system for the Municipal Offices in place of the Post Office system, and the Borough Surveyor submitted a report thereon. RESOLVED, That the tender of Telephone Rentals Ltd. to provide an internal telephone system at a rent of 15s per instrument per quarter be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the Post Office terminating the agreement for the existing internal system.

2- Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that, with the exception of one case of Swine Fever, the Borough was now free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

3—Hackney Carriage Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. G. Hennell for a Hackney Carriage Licence in respect of a Taxi and a Driver's Licence be granted, subject to a satisfactory report on the vehicle being received from the Hackney Carriage Inspector.

4—Fire Brigade—(a) The Chief Officer submitted his Monthly Report. Since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended six outbreaks of fire, namely at Kia Ora, Arle Road ; Park House, The Park ; 4a Orchard Place ; The New Club, Promenade ; The Stables, Selkirk Street ; 11 St. George's Street.

(b) Auxiliary Equipment—The Chief Officer reported that five more trailer pumps had now been delivered together with the necessary equipment.

(c) Committee—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint a standing Fire Brigade Committee to deal with all matters relating to the Fire Brigade, and that the following members of the Council be appointed the Committee : Alderman Pates, Councillors Bush, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Till and Ward, with the Mayor ex-officio, together with one representative of the Cheltenham Rural District Council and one from the Charlton Kings Urban District Council in accordance with the Agreements.

(d) New Fire Station—The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary alternative plans for the erection of a new Fire Station at Selkirk Gardens, off Whaddon Road, which had been offered to the Corporation, and also on a site in Hewlett Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain the lowest price at which these sites could be purchased.

(e) Northleach—Read, letter of 18th ult from the Honorary Clerk of the Northleach A.R.P. Authority asking whether an officer of the Fire Brigade could be made available to undertake the instruction of persons in the Northleach area in practical training and firefighting: RESOLVED, That the Council are permitted to arrange for this when the Third Officer has been appointed, subject to payment of an agreed charge.

(f) College—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Bursar of the Boys' College asking if the Chief Officer could call and see the various Housemasters in regard to the general fire precautions in case of an emergency. RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be instructed to visit the Housemasters as requested.

(g) Girl Guides—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Cheltenham Highbury Girl Guides asking if an officer of the Brigade could give a few Lectures to Girl Guides who wished to obtain their Fire Brigade Badge. RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be instructed to arrange for one of the firemen to give the required Lectures.

5—Municipal Offices—Custodian—Read, application of 20th inst. from Mr. C. W. Wakefield for an increase in his salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased by £25 per annum.

6—Car Parks—(a) Rodney Road—Read, letter of 20th inst. from Councillor Fisher suggesting that lamps be erected over the gates with the words "IN " and "OUT " thereon, and also that the Attendant should be provided with a but at one of the entrance gates. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the lamps erected on the gates as suggested, but that a but be not provided at the entrance gates.

(b) Imperial Square—Read, letter from Superintendent Hopkins that the Chief Constable has now consented to cars being parked in the Car Park on the south side of Imperial Square without lights Read also, letter of 4th inst. from Mr. H. E. Steel objecting to this free Car Park which was right outside his garage ; he considered this was unfair and pointed out that he had ample accommodation inside his garage. RESOLVED, That the Committee regret they are unable to make an Order to discontinue the Car Park.

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7—Old Age Pensions—Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Town Clerk, Bradford, asking the Council to support h Resolution passed by his Council that Old Age Pensions be increased to 15s or £1. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

8—Young Persons (Employment) Act, 1936—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Education Secretary in regard to the time now taken by officers of the Education Committee in carrying out the inspection of shops under this Act RESOLVED, That the present contribution of £15 for inspections carried out under the Shops Acts be increased to £50 per annum.

9—Airport—Read, Report of the Joint Airport Committee of their Meeting held on the 26th ult.

They recommended (inter alia):-

(a) That the two Corporations be recommended to approve of the extension of the site for the additional buildings required in connection with the expansion of the R.A.F Volunteers and reserve training centre, subject to a pro rata rental being paid in accordance with the scale agreed with the Aerodrome Owners Association.

(b) That the Joint Engineers be authorised to arrange with Messrs. J. B. Carr, Ltd for improving the drainage of part of the landing ground in front of the Club-House at a cost of approximately £150.

(c) That the two Corporations approve of the sale to the Ministry of Transport of a strip of land of the garden of one of the cottages which leads to Bamfurlong Lane containing 455 square yards required by the Ministry in connection with the improvement scheme on the Trunk Road at Staverton ; the price to be determined by the District Valuer and the Corporation to be indemnified against any claim by the tenant.

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Airport Committee be approved and adopted

10—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That the services of the following employees who were over sixty-five years of age and not on the Superannuation Scheme be extended for one year, from the 1st April next, namely : B. Daunter (Pavier), C. Prewer (Bricklayer), E. Cox (Sweeper), E. Hall (Sweeper), R. E. Ritchings (Sweeper), C. Attwood (Labourer), RESOLVED, also, That the services of R. Hunt (Wheelwright) and J. Peters (Ganger) be continued for three months from the 1st April next when the Street and Highway Committee intend to further consider the matter.

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the services of A. E. Price (Sweeper) and F. A. Pratt (Storeman), who would attain the age of sixty-five on the 21st and 20th March next respectively, be extended for one year from these dates

11—National Service Committee—Read, letter from the Divisional Controller of the Ministry of Labour asking the Corporation to nominate two representatives as members of the National Service Committee to be established for Cheltenham RESOLVED, That Councillors Addis and Grimwade be nominated.

12—Floral Fete—Read, letter from the Flower Show Committee asking the Corporation to grant a prize of £10 for the Flower Show as in previous years. RESOLVED, That this be granted.

13—Tivoli Sub-Post Office—Read, letter from Mrs. A. C. M. Newman asking the Corporation to make representations to the Post Office for the Post Office in Tivoli Buildings, Andover Road, to be re-opened. Alderman Taylor submitted a memorial signed by over five hundred residents in the vicinity urging the Head Postmaster to re-open the Sub-Post Office. RESOLVED, That this petition be forwarded to the Head Postmaster and that he be informed that the Council consider that the Sub-Post Office should be re-opened.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.



## **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th February, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Ball, Carter and Stokes (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Marle Hill Estate Allotments—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the area adjoining Evesham Road was deeply furrowed and could with advantage be levelled by tipping the garden rubbish from Pittville Gardens in the furrows. covering with soil and seeding when consolidated. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this done.

2—Allotment No. 189a Crabtree Piece—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Mr. E. L. Crisp who had signed an agreement to take this allotment as from the 25th March next, asking to be released from his tenancy. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

3—Hatherley Road Allotments—Read, letter of 24th ult. from Mr. A. Smith, tenant of Nos. 6 and 7, complaining of the damage caused to crops by wood pigeons, and asking permission to cut down the small trees and hedge adjoining the brook in order to prevent the birds nesting there, RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this.

4—Vacant Allotments—RESOLVED, That the vacant allotments be advertised in the Cheltenham Circular for March and April.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th February, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Temporary Playing Field, Brooklyn Road—The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the recent heavy rainfall the soil which had previously been dumped in the well for levelling up subsided to a considerable depth, and a temporary warning notice was erected, but the well had now been filled in again.

2—Damage to Litter Baskets and Notice Boards—The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the last month two notice boards at Pittville Circus Garden were completely broken up one night, and the litter baskets from Sandford Park were found in the Chelt. RESOLVED, That the Police be asked to prosecute the offenders if the necessary evidence is forthcoming. RESOLVED, also, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to have the litter baskets angled down, .

3—Student Gardener—The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from Mr. Tortonese for his son, aged 18, to serve a period in the Parks Department for the purpose of gaining further horticultural knowledge. Mr. Leuchars reported that his services would be very valuable in assisting with the potting and bedding out of plants. RESOLVED, That Mr. Tortonese be engaged as a temporary student gardener for a period of two years at a wage of £1 a week for the first year and 25s for the second year.

4—King George's Field—The Borough Surveyor submitted sketch plan showing the proposed gates to be erected at the entrance to this field, which had been approved by the King George's Fields Foundation.

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5—Hard Tennis Courts, St. Mark's—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of the recommendation not to grant the exclusive use of these courts to the Brooklyn Hard Courts Tennis Club for the coming season. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to grant the exclusive use of the courts to the Club, but that the Entertainments Manager be authorised to let the courts at the same rate as the hard court at Montpellier Gardens, and that the Brooklyn Tennis Club be offered the use of the courts for any periods they may wish to take them on these terms,

6—Football and Hockey Pitches—(a) Read, letter of 25th ult. from Mrs R. M. Forbes applying for the use of the hockey pitch on St. Mark's Recreation Ground for Overton House School. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to grant the exclusive use of the pitch, but that the applicant be informed that the children in the School are entitled to use the ground with the general public.

(b) Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Patesian R.F.C. applying for the use of a rugby pitch on the Tewkesbury Road Playing Field on alternate Saturdays next season in view of the fact that the St. Mark's Temporary Playing Field will be required for the Bath and West Show. RESOLVED, That they be granted the use of a rugby pitch on Tewkesbury Road Playing Field on alternate Saturdays at the same charge as at present, namely £7 10s. 0d. for the season.

7—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following clubs to play cricket on the various Recreation Grounds and Playing Fields during the coming season :—

Ground.	Club.	Day of Play.
Naunton Park	St. Phillip's C.C. ...	Alternate Saturdays and six evenings for Hospital Cup.
Whaddon Road	Whaddon Sports Club	Alternate Saturdays.
“	Wesley C.C. ... ..	“
Agg-Gardner	St. Gregory's Athletic Club	Alternate Saturdays and six evenings for Hospital Cup
“	Bennington Hall C.C.	Tuesday evenings.
St. Mark's Playing Field	Central School Old Boys' C.C.	Alternate Saturdays
“	Municipal Officers' Guild Junior Section	Alternate Thursday evenings
“	“ Y.M.C.A. Junior XI ...	Wednesday evenings.
“	“ Hostel XI ...	Alternate Thursday evenings.
“	“ Young Women's XI	“
“	“ Saturday XI	Alternate Saturdays
“	“ Holy Trinity Old Boys C.C.	“

8—Athletic Ground—RESOLVED, That the Athletic Ground be let to the Alsatian Dog Club for their Show on the 22nd July next at a charge of £3 3s 0d. plus the cost of making good any damage which may be done to the ground

9—Wages and Conditions of Employment—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Area Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers that the decision of the Council that the Park Constable at Pittville Gardens should during the winter months commence his duties at 9.30 a.m. instead of 9 a.m. had not yet been put into operation, and claiming, on behalf of the employee, payment of 15 hours wages at overtime rates in respect of the period since the 3rd January last. The Gardens Superintendent reported that owing to a misunderstanding the employee was still commencing work at 9 a.m. RESOLVED, That the claim for overtime be paid RESOLVED, also, That in future this employee be required to work an average of 47 hours per week throughout the year as all other employees.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th February, 1939.** Present—Alderman Winterbotham; Councillors Bendall and Fletcher ; Dr. R Davies ; Major Clift ; and Mr. C. R. Mapp (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for January, 1939—Receipts—Postcards Catalogues, etc. E3 3s. Subscriptions to "The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account" £9 11s. 3d.

Visitors-2,437 (last year 2,882).

Talks by the Curator—Four talks had been given by the Curator to various Societies.

Memorial Exhibition of the work of F. L. Griggs, R.A.—This display, mainly of etchings, opened on 6th February and will remain on view until 18th March.

Grant-in-Aid—A cheque for £17 10s. 0d. being half the cost of the Standing Cup by George H. Hart had been received from the Board of Education.

Staff—Art Gallery Attendant—Miss C. Sexton had given notice of her intention to terminate her appointment on her approaching marriage in April- RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to fill the vacancy in due course.

Museum Stairs—The reconstruction work on the Museum stair landing had been concluded.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Miss Adderley, Miss Cardew, Mr. E. J. Gibbins, Mr. Edwin Hollis, Capt. C. W. R. Hooper, Mr. Harold C Hurst, Mrs. Mayan, Mr. A. W. Newport, Mr. John Norman, Mr. F. W. Reville, Mr. F. E. Smith, Mr. J Walker, Mr.. F. B. Welch, Dr. Oliver H. Wild, Capt. R P Wild RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

3—General Account—RESOLVED, That 13 bygones, 16 coins and tokens and 1 local print be purchased from the General Account at a cost of £1 5s. 0d.

4—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account "—RESOLVED, That 7 bygones, a ruff, and a drawing by Richard Dighton of Admiral Dunn, 1826, be purchased from this Fund at a cost of £6 5s. 0d.

5—Memorial Exhibition of the work of the late F. L. Griggs, R.A.—(a) The Curator reported that he had purchased a water-colour of " The Almshouses, Campden " and three small studies from this exhibition. RESOLVED, That his action be confirmed, and that the account for 11 guineas be paid from " The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account,"

(b) The Curator further reported that Mr. Arthur Mitchell had kindly offered to bear the cost of an etching by the late Mr. Griggs from this Exhibition as a gift to the Art Gallery, and that he was calling to agree as to a selection. RESOLVED, That the gift be accepted and that the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Mitchell. [Mr. Mitchell's selection was "Lanterns of Sarras" at 16 guineas, and he had added to his gift a further print, entitled "Sarras" at 15 guineas, and his cheque for £32 11s. 0d. has been received].

6—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Autumn Exhibition of the Cheltenham Group of Artists be arranged as and when convenient.

7—Linsdall Richardson Collection of Brachiopoda--Read, letter Mr. Linsdall Richardson agreeing that his collection of Brachiopoda should remain in its entirety in Cheltenham Museum.

8—Markham Report on Museums—The Curator submitted Mr. Markham's Report on the Museums and Art Galleries of the British Isles which had just been published by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. He called attention to sections where the work in Cheltenham was noted.

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—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 14th April, 1939, at 11 a.m.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,  
Chairman.

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#### CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th February, 1939.** Present—Councillors Avery, Bend Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green and Rogers (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland% the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 28th January to 24th February, 1939. Interments 71; Grave Spaces sold 17 (1st Position 3, 2nd Position 1, 3rd Position 1, 4th Position 12): Memorials erected 12 ; New Inscriptions 8 ; Cremations 12.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9935 to 9959.

3—Designs--RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2354 to 235S, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Conference—Read, circular inviting the attendance of delegates to the 8th Joint Conference of the National Association of Cemetery and Crematorium Superintendents and the Federation of British Cremation Authorities and The Cremation Society to be held at Portsmouth and Southsea from the 26th to 29th June next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Cemetery Superintendent be appointed to attend.

5—Easter Sunday—Read, letter of 23rd inst. from the Rector asking for permission to hold a service in the Cemetery on Easter Sunday afternoon with a view to helping the many people visiting their graves. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th February, 1939.** Present—Councillors Bush, Compton. Fletcher and Grimwade; Rev Barbara Thomas ; Dr. R. Davies; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris and F Vernall (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for January, 1939—Receipts £25 10s. 9d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 6,219; Lending Department 22,176 ; Junior Department 2,730. Total 31,125 (last year 29,941).

Replacements and Binding-69 volumes had been replaced, 481 volumes had been returned from the binder, and a further 74 volumes had been dispatched.

Lectures—The following lectures had been given in the Art Gallery :—

16th January	Mr. G. Gould Marsland on "Value for Money." Attendance 86.
23rd "	Mr. T. C. Foley on "Making England safe for Walkers." Attendance 72.
30th "	Mr. P. G. Mason on "Greece, Ancient and Modern." Attendance 114.
6th February	Mr. W. H. Brasher on "Josef Haydn " Attendance 205.
9th "	Mr. H. L J. Wright on "The Life and work of F. L. M. Griggs." Attendance 78.
13th "	Miss P. M. Dickinson on " Life and Legend in Mediaeval Sculpture." Attendance 89.

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Booklists—Booklists on E M. . Forster and John Masefield had been prepared, and 50 copies of each had been sent to St. Paul's College for distribution.

Staff—The following members of the staff had secured certificates at the Examinations of the Library Association held in December, 1938:—

Miss N. B. Stevens Intermediate Part II.

Miss P. E. Morgan Final Part III. which qualifies her for the Fellowship of the Library Association.

Record Issue—The highest recorded issue for any one day was on 28th January when 2,471 volumes were issued. (The previous highest record was on 19th November, 1938, when 2,290 volumes were issued).

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 198 volumes, published at £76 5s. 6d., be purchased for £44 17s. 5d.

(b) That £34 13s. 0d. be spent on Binding.

(c) That £10 0s. 0d. be spent on Replacements.

(d) That 1 volume be purchased from the Leslie Young Benefaction Account at the pre-publication price of £5 5s. 0d.

3—Donations-13 volumes and 34 pamphlets had been given by 10 donors. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

4—Library Association Conference--RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to attend this Conference at Liverpool, 12th-16th June, 1939, as the Committee's delegate.

5—Easter Closing---RESOLVED, That all Departments of the Library be kept open on Thursday, 6th April, until 9 p.m. and closed from Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusive, with the exception that the Newsroom be opened on Easter Saturday from 9 30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

6—Distempering—RESOLVED, That the exterior walls in the area above the Lending Library be distempered (2 coats) at an approximate cost of £5 10s. 0d.

7—Chairs—RESOLVED, That 12 birchwood chairs be purchased as replacements at a cost of 9s 6d each.

8—Staff—The Committee considered the Librarian's statement suggesting that, owing to the greatly increased output of work, an extra junior be added to the staff as from 1st April, 1939, at a wage according to scale, of £45 10s. 0d. per annum rising by £10 per annum to £85 10s. 0d. If this were agreed to it would be possible to keep the Lending Library open during the lunch hour on the five days per week when that department is now closed from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to this.

9—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 14th April, 1939, at 5 p.m.

H. C. GRIMWADE, Chairman.

#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th February, 1939.** Present—Alderman Taylor: Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Bush and Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

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

2—Excusals—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for excusal of Rates.

3—New Valuation List—The Committee also reported that they have had Meetings to settle the draft Valuation List on the 15th and 20th inst., which were attended by Alderman Taylor (2 Meetings). Councillors Barnett (1 Meeting), Bush (2 Meetings), Ben James (1 Meeting), Moore (1 Meeting), and Rogers (1 Meeting).

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4—Rates Department—Staff—The Borough Treasurer attended and submitted his proposals for the reorganisation of the staff in the Rates Department consequent on the retirement of Mr. F. H. Harris on the 1st April next. The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had several times asked that the staff in the Rates Department should be placed under the control of the Chief Financial Officer of the Council in compliance with the Borough Councils Rate Accounts Order, but at the request of the Council had agreed to this being deferred until the retirement of one or both of the present Rating Officers. RESOLVED, That the proposed staffing arrangements be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to amend the duties of this Committee to read as follows:- "To regulate and manage all matters under the Rating and Valuation Acts (excluding the appointment and dismissal of officers and staff in the Rates Department), and to deal with applications for the remission of rates."

5—Mr. F. H. Harris—The Chairman reported that Mr. Harris was retiring on the 1st April next. RESOLVED, That the Council desire to record their appreciation of the long, efficient and faithful services rendered to the Borough by Mr. Harris during the past 54 years and to wish him good health and happiness in the retirement which he has so well earned.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th February, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Pruen and Taylor; Councillors Garland, Grimwade, Waite and Ward (Alderman Taylor in the chair)

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst, on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £112,819 ; Leaving outstanding £7,851,

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1939. Amount collected £22,915 ; Leaving outstanding £2,143.

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

Date, 1939.	Purpose.	Amount.	Period of Repayment.
20th February ...	Fire Tender ... ..	£468	10 years.
22nd “	Purchase, 15 and 16 Grove Street.	£100	80 “
23rd “	Purchase, 12 North Place and 1 to 6 St Margaret's Cottages	£656	60 “

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 28th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; Councillor Ward

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

5—Electricity Charges—Read, report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity charges since the last meeting.

6—Housing Reconditioning—The Borough Treasurer reported that at the request of the Ministry he had attended at the Ministry of Health and discussed with them the position of the reconditioned properties in the Consolidated Housing Account. The Ministry pointed out that as the cash advances from the rates have been used for capital purposes the proceeds of sale could not be utilised in direct relief of the rates, and under the Housing Acts became part of the grants scheme, but he had asked the Ministry to agree as a concession to allow the proceeds of sales to be applied 10 capital works other than Housing, and also to take into account the rents of the reconditioned properties in reviewing any surplus under the Housing Revenue Account and the Ministry had agreed to this.

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7-Rates Office—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Rating Committee had agreed to the duties of their Committee being amended so as to exclude the appointment and dismissal of officers and staff in the Rates Department there-from in order to comply with the Borough Councils Rate Accounts Order and that the staff in the Rates Department should be placed under the control of the Chief Financial Officer of the Council. RESOLVED, That the Council he recommended to amend the duties of this Committee so as to include the appointment and dismissal of officers and staff in the Rates Department and the collection of Rates.

(b) The Borough Treasurer submitted the following proposals for the staffing of the Rates Department on the retirement of Mr. F. H. Harris on the 1st April next: –

	Present Salary.	Proposed Salary.
Mr H. V. Webb (Grade F)	£212 10s. Od.	£225
Mr. W. O. Clee (Grade B)	£117	£130
Mr. D. Perry (Grade A)	£65	£78
Transfer Mr 1 M Smith from Borough Treasurer's Department (Grade C)	£169	£182
Female Shorthand Typist to be appointed (Grade A)		<u>£78</u>
		£1180

The present salaries total £1,404.



RESOLVED, That these proposals be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to appoint the Shorthand Typist.

8--Borough Treasurer's Department—(a) The Borough Treasurer submitted report on the staffing of his department consequent on the transfer of Mr A M Smith to the Rates Department. He proposed that Mr. E. Jones (Assistant on Internal Audit) should be promoted to Sundry Debtors Ledger etc and his salary increased from £143 to £156, and that Mr. J. C. Wright be transferred to Internal Audit work, and a new Junior appointed in Grade A to fill the vacancy. He also recommended that owing to the additional duties of his department, an additional Junior Clerk should be engaged in Grade A. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Borough Treasurer be authorised to appoint the two Junior Clerks.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that K. Lloyd had been working in his office for six months without pay, and he recommended that he should now be appointed as Junior Clerk in the Electricity Billing Office to fill the vacancy caused by the discharge of B. Sindrey, at a salary of 15s a week for a probationary period of six months, when, if satisfactory, he be placed in Grade A. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—County Council Precepts—Read, letter of 24th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council in regard to the dates for the payment of County Council Precepts RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Treasurer,.

10—Superannuation—(a) Read, letter of 31st ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing instrument approving the Scheme made by the Council under Section 28 (3) of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, as amended by Section 33 of the Local Government Superannuation Act.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted circular of 31st ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing copies of various Regulations made by the Ministry under the Superannuation Act.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that the pension of Mr. F. H. Harris who will retire on the 1st April next, calculated on 47 years' service will amount to £293 15s 0d. per annum. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) Delancey Hospital Trustees and Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Ministry of Health pointing out that under Section 5 of the Superannuation Act the agreements entered into with these two bodies for the admission of their officers and servants to the Superannuation Scheme would continue in force subject to such modifications and adaptations as may be necessary for bringing the agreements into accordance with the requirements of the 1937 Act, and enclosing draft continuing agreement. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to agreements with the two bodies concerned, and the agreements submitted to the Ministry of Health for approval.

11—Budget—RESOLVED, That the Annual Meeting of the Finance Committee to consider the estimates be held on the 23rd March at 7 p.m., and that the Chairmen of the various Committees be invited to attend at 7.30 p.m. to give any information required on their respective Committee's estimates.

12—Electricity Undertaking—The Borough Treasurer reported that as instructed he had arranged for a reciprocal loan of £20,000 with the Nuneaton Corporation for a term of 7 years certain, and then on six

months notice, at interest at the rate of 3 per cent. in order to comply with the requirements of the District Auditor that the Electricity Reserve should be fully invested. RESOLVED, That the proposed reciprocal loan be approved and the Common Seal affixed to the mortgage.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 6th March, 1939, at 3 p.m.** Present;

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

Aldermen 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, Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P., Moore, Rogers, Smith, Till, Waite and Ward.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Leigh James and Margrett ; and Councillors Miller and Morris.

1—Election of Alderman—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:—

Miller, Harold, Southwood Lodge, Prestbury Road, Cheltenham Chemist 1

Ward, Edward Lawrence, Penstow, Hatherley Court Road, Cheltenham Draper 20

The Mayor accordingly declared Edward Lawrence Ward to be elected Alderman, and he then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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2—Assignment of Aldermen to Wards—Resolved, That Alderman Ward j assigned for the purposes of Ward Elections to the Lansdown Ward.

3—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 6th February, 1939, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meetings held February 13 & 20

Housing Meeting held February 16

Street and Highway Meeting held February 20

Subject to the following Amendments :—

Moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 17 (a) be not approved and that the application for a ten minutes' break at 10 a.m. be granted for 10 weeks of the winter, namely 5 weeks before Christmas and 5 weeks after."

Moved by Councillor Rogers and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 15 in regard to the stopping of buses outside the Ladies' College be referred back for further consideration."

Town Planning Meetings held February 14 & 23

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held February 17 & 24

(An Amendment moved by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor Miller: " That Minute No. 1(b) in regard to the Summer Bands be referred back " was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held February 27

Water Meeting held February 14

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held February 21

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Rogers: "That Minute No. 13 in regard to Tivoli Sub Post Office be amended by substituting the words 'feel very strongly' for the word 'consider' in the last line."

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Allotments	Meeting held February 13
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held February 13
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held February 17
Cemetery and Crematorium	Meeting held February 24
Public Library	Meeting held February 17
Rating	Meetings held February 9, 15 & 20
Finance	Meeting held February 28

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

Resolved, also, That Mr. F. Pates (Electricity Department) who retired owing to ill-health on the 6th January last, be paid a pension of £1 6s. 10d. per week in respect of 25 years Non-contributory service and 13 years Contributory service plus the sum of 2s 2d. a week in respect of the wages lost by him owing to sickness during the last five years, which amount he borne by the Electricity Undertaking.

5—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board—Resolved, That Councillor Waite be appointed a member of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Alderman Moore.

JOHN HOWELL, 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 April, 1939**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th March, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Ben James, Moore, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles-9 Hermitage Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that this house had no proper covered dustbin for house refuse. RESOLVED, That the necessary Notice be given to the Owner or occupier under Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring him 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) Basements of 27 Montpellier Terrace ; 3 Clarence Square ; 41 St. George's Road (front room only) ; and Seaforth, Christ Church Road—The Committee further considered the question of making Closing Orders in respect of the above-mentioned parts of these premises. The owner of 27 Montpellier Terrace attended 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 parts for any purpose other than as a store, kitchen, scullery, washhouse or other domestic office in the case of the basements of 3 Clarence Square and Seaforth, Christ Church Road, but as a store only in the case of the other two premises.

(b) Cumberland Villa and The Shamrock, Grove Street ; and 69 Winchcomb 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 12th April, 1939.

(c) 30 Elm Street ; 9 Whitehart Street ; 19a Exmouth Street ; 10 Hewlett Place ; and 23a All Saints' Road—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.

(d) The Committee also considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses :—

(i) 9 and 11 St. James' Street—The Chief sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had obtained vacant possession of one of these houses and was proceeding to carry out her Undertaking to recondition the same. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(ii) 8. 9 and 10 Old Millbrook Terrace ; 30 Gloucester Place ; 20, 29 and 31 Bath Terrace ; 16 and 44 Waterloo Street—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

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(iii) 22 York Street ; 3 Beaufort Place ; West Cottage, at rear of Tivoli Street ; 263 High Street ; 19 Exmouth Street; 23 All Saints' Road ; 30, 32 and 36 Marle Hill Road; 12 Hanover Parade—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the respective Owners that the houses shall not be used for human habitation until the Council are satisfied that they have been rendered fit for human habitation and cancel the Undertakings, be accepted.

(iv) 38 Waterloo Street—Mr. Blake attended on behalf of the Owner and reported that the Owner was endeavouring to sell the property, but offered to give an Undertaking in the meantime that the house should not be used for human habitation until the Council were satisfied that it had been rendered fit for human habitation and cancelled the Undertaking RESOLVED, That this Undertaking be accepted, and that the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to report the position in two months' time.

(e) 69 St. George's Place—The Committee further considered the question of demolishing this house in default of compliance by the Owner with the Demolition Order made in respect thereof on the 14th February, 1938. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month, and that Councillors Moore, Rogers and Waite be asked to inspect the premises again.

(f) 117-121 Tewkesbury Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these houses had been demolished in a satisfactory manner by Messrs. Packer Sons, and he submitted their account amounting to £58. RESOLVED, that this be passed for payment.

(g) 9 Hewlett Place ; 6 Providence Square—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That their Undertakings be cancelled.

(h) 1-3 Buckle's Cottages—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had failed to carry out his Undertakings with regard to these houses. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Owner that the question of making Demolition Orders in breach of his Undertakings will be considered at the next Meeting of the Committee.

3—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness-9 Hewlett Place ; 6 Providence Square—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.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 9 cwt. 1 qr. Beef ; 2 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lbs. Pork ; 16 ½ lbs. Poultry.

5—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. G. F. Gratton of Beulah, 249 Swindon Road, for registration as a Retail Purveyor of milk in the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order.

6—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of analyses of water taken since the last Meeting of the Committee.

7—Health Department—(a) District Sanitary Inspector—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had approved the proposal to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. E. Jackson and that the vacancy had been duly advertised. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, and Councillors Garland, Moore, Rogers and Waite be asked to consider the applications received and select suitable candidates for interview at the next Meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to make the appointment at their next Meeting.

(b) Disinfecting inspector—The Committee considered applications for the post of Disinfecting Inspector received from three employees of the Corporation who were interviewed at the last Meeting of the Committee, and the Medical Officer of Health reported the result of his examination of these Candidates. RESOLVED, That Mr. G. Cross be appointed Disinfecting Inspector and that he be placed in Grade D at a commencing salary of £182 per annum, the appointment to be determinable by one months' notice on either side, and to be reconsidered in three months' time.

(c) Temporary Clerk—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss Marsh, Temporary Assistant Clerk, had obtained another appointment and that it would not be necessary to replace her at the present time.

8—" Better Health "—The Medical Officer of Health reported an application for a grant towards the publication of "Better Health." RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable copies of the publication to be distributed to the Members' of the Committee for consideration.

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9—Tuberculosis—The Committee further considered letters of the 28th January and 10th February last from it, Cheltenham and District Trades Council asking the Council to take steps to cleanse all houses

vacated by persons suffering from Tuberculosis. The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had consulted with the Bacteriologist at the General Hospital and that he agreed that reliance could not be placed on fumigation for this purpose, as the organism causing the disease offered a high resistance to the action of antiseptics. He recommended, however, that all houses belonging to the Corporation which were vacated by persons suffering from tuberculosis should be thoroughly cleansed before reletting at an estimated cost of 5s per house. He reported, however, that it would not be practicable to require this in the case of houses not under the direct control of the Corporation. RESOLVED That the Housing Committee be recommended to have all the houses under their control thoroughly cleansed, at the cost of this Committee, when vacated by persons suffering from tuberculosis.

10—Smoke Nuisances—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported complaints of nuisances caused by the emission of smoke from Andy's Sweet Factory in Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham Original Brewery premises in High Street, the Employment Exchange in St, Paul's Street, and the General Hospital, RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to keep these premises under observation and report to the Committee if any further nuisance is caused.

11—Trade Refuse—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that a large number of trade premises in the Borough were not provided with suitable receptacles for the deposit of trade refuse, and that such refuse was frequently left standing in boxes and crates on the public footpaths. He had accordingly written to the occupiers requiring them to provide suitable galvanised iron sanitary dustbins, and make proper arrangements for the disposal of the trade refuse.

12—Hatherley Brook—Read, letter of 23rd January last from the County Land Drainage Officer submitting an estimate of £308 for cleaning Hatherley Brook from Hatherley Road to Fiddler's Green. After deducting the Grant of 25 per cent. to be made by the County Council there would be left a sum of £231 to be paid by the riparian owners and the County Land Drainage Officer requested the Corporation to bear this expenditure and recover the proper proportion from the other riparian owners. The Borough Surveyor reported that approximately only one third of the length adjoined Corporation property. RESOLVED, That the proposal be not approved and that the Council be recommended to pay only their proper portion as riparian owners.

13—Montpellier Grove Sewer—Read, letter of 10th inst, from Lieut. Col. C. W. Biggs claiming compensation for damage to the private drains of 4 Montpellier Grove which he maintained had been undermined by rats working out of the sewer at the rear of Montpellier Grove. The Borough Surveyor and Chief Sanitary Inspector reported their inspection of the drains, from which it appeared that the damage was due to a settlement of soil in an old well which had been filled up in the back garden of the premises. RESOLVED, That the Council repudiate liability for repairing the drains.

14—Imperial Motor Mart—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merrivale on behalf of Mr. J. Allen, had suggested that a Sub-Committee should inspect the drains of these premises before they were covered in, and that accordingly the drains had been inspected by Councillors Garland, Moore and Rogers, who were appointed at a special Meeting of the Committee on the 6th inst. The Sub-Committee were satisfied that the flooding was due to the drains being blocked by oil and trade waste improperly discharged from the premises, and Mr. J. Allen had since provided a petrol and oil interceptor trap which would prevent a recurrence of the stoppage.

15—Offensive Trades—The Town Clerk reported that A. H. Taylors' Butchers, Hide, Skin & Wool Co. were proposing to close their skin yard in Albion Street and sell the property to the Corporation, if they could find a suitable site for a skin yard elsewhere. RESOLVED, That the Rota View Committee be recommended to inspect the sites suggested for this purpose and report to the Committee thereon.

16—Waste Land between Mead Road and Railway—The Chairman and the Chief Sanitary Inspector reported their inspection of this land and recommended that the Street and Highway Committee should be asked to consider taking the land over for tipping, RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

17—Housing Act, Orders and Notices—The Town Clerk submitted the Housing Act (Form of Orders and Notices) Amendment Regulations 1939, specifying an amended form of Demolition Notice.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th March, 1939.** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors — Addis, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Grimwade, Moore and Till (Alderman Pates in the chair)

i—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported progress made by Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell on their Contract

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange with the owner of the land adjoining the north-easterly corner of the Estate, for the re-grading of the boundary ditch and laying of hedge, and if necessary to lay a line of intercepting ground drains so as to prevent flooding of the houses in course of erection.

2—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that the erection of sheds for the houses on this Estate had been completed. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be now instructed to serve notices on the tenants increasing their rent by threepence per week as previously agreed.

3—External Painting—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the exterior painting required to 68 houses on St. Paul's Estate and 84 houses on St. Peter's

4—Reconditioning—30 Brunswick Street South—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted three tenders for the electrical wiring of this house. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. Coombes amounting to £4 (being the lowest) be accepted.

5—Disinfestation—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that frequently there were not now sufficient removals to Council houses to provide a minimum of three days work for the Fumigation Contractors in accordance with their Contract. The Contractors were now willing to undertake the work, when there was less than three days work, at a charge of £3 per van load. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.



6—Arrears of Rent—RESOLVED, That arrears of rent due from tenants and former tenants amounting to £35 14s. 8d. as set out in the book, signed by the Chairman, be written off as irrecoverable.

7-5 Kingsley Gardens- --Read, letter of 27th ult from Mr. A. Waterhouse, tenant of this house, offering to purchase the house for £625 RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to sell the house for £675.

8—Conference—Read, circular from the National Housing and Town Planning Council, inviting the attendance of delegates to a Regional Housing Conference to be held at Birmingham on the 4th May RESOLVED, That Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland and the Housing Manager be appointed to attend.

9—Orchard rear of Tennyson Road—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be asked to have the boundary hedge cut and layered and the gaps repaired ; also That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a plan showing how the land can be added to the gardens of houses in Tennyson Road and the estimated cost of extending the dividing garden fences.

10—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee-(i) RESOLVED, That Councillor Garland be appointed a member of this Sub-Committee.

(ii) Read, report of the proceedings of the Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 23rd February and 10th March.

There were now 360 applicants on the waiting list, of whom 75 had been placed on the selected list.

The Sub-Committee had interviewed 21 applicants, granted 16, refused 4 and adjourned 1. 8 applications from tenants for transfers had been dealt with. 7 tenants in arrear with their rent had also been interviewed.

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

(a) 2 Hudson Street—That chain link fencing be provided for the boundary of the back garden of this house adjoining Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground.

(b) Rent Rebates—That the rents fixed and rebates granted, as set out in the Rent Rebates Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

(c) 19 Crabtree Place—That one month's notice to quit be given to the tenant of this house, who is the sole occupant thereof. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th March, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Till (The Deputy 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 the 15th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair) Councillors Addis, Fisher, Grimwade and Till.

(a) Junction of Gloucester Road and Libertus Road—The Committee interviewed Mr. R. A. Phillips who expressed his willingness to sell a piece of land for the improvement of this junction measuring approximately 15 feet from the corner along each road. The Committee accordingly recommended that an offer be made to purchase this land for the Corporation to carry out the following works :—

(i) The existing fence to be set back to the new line.

(ii) The pine tree nearest the corner to be felled and a flowering shrub to be placed behind the new fence line in approximately the same position.

(iii) A bushy shrub to be planted to fill the gap in Mr. Phillips' garden at the corner.

(iv) The ivy to be stripped from one of the large trees in the garden and the other tree trimmed of all dead wood.

(v) The Electricity Transformer Box to be moved to a position off the corner.

The Committee also recommended that if these terms were accepted, there would be no necessity for prescribing the proposed improvement line approved by the Committee at their Meeting on the 19th December last.

(b) Promenade—The Committee recommended that the Cheltenham District Traction Company's application for the removal of a seat from the back of the footpath near the New Club to a position close to the kerb adjoining the bus-stop at this point be acceded to.

(c) High Street—The Committee considered an application by the Cheltenham Ratepayers Association for alterations in the positions of seats between Hales Road and Hewlett Road and recommended as follows :—

(i) Hales Road Junction—That the existing seat be moved to a new position opposite the lawn adjoining " Ravenscote."

(ii) Sydenham Villas Junction—That a seat be placed in a new position opposite the hydrant marking plate at the back of the footpath near the bus-stop on the north side.

(iii) Hewlett Road Junction—That the Cheltenham District Traction Company be asked to move the bus-stop further west to a point below Berkeley Place Gardens and the re-erected drinking-trough, and that a seat be placed at this point.

(d) The Committee considered the recommendation by the Electricity and Lighting Committee that a large tree at the junction with St. Anne's Road should be removed, but they recommended that this be not approved.

(e) Hales Road—The Committee recommended that no objection be made to the removal of two elm trees on the land to be acquired by G. A. M. Hall Ltd., but that the Company be asked to preserve two oak trees, one at either end of the land.

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

3—St. Luke's Road—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a tree opposite "Holmer" pruned, as requested by Mr. E. M. Tanner.

4—Folly Lane—Read, letter from Mr. G. E. Booy complaining of the dumping of rubbish on the grass verge in Folly Lane. The Borough Surveyor recommended that the rubbish should be cleared at the Corporation's expense and a Notice Board erected prohibiting further deposits. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Lower Park Street—Read, letter of 13th inst. from The Cheltenham Agricultural Traders Ltd., complaining of the condition of a strip of land adjoining their warehouse, the boundary wall of which was being demolished by children in the neighbourhood. The Borough Surveyor recommended that the land should be taken over and made up as parts recommendation of the footpath, provided that the land could be taken over free of charge. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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6—Tangent Alley—Read, letter of 13th inst from Mr. F. W. Haslam complaining of the condition of this Alley. The Borough Surveyor recommended that the Alley should be re-surfaced with tarred macadam and a channel formed along one side at an estimated cost of £100. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7--Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted a further letter from Mr. N. E. Baker complaining of the retaining wall in front of his property in Arle Road. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

8—St. George's Road and Montpellier Street—The Town Clerk reported an interview with a representative of The Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. Ltd , who pointed out that the Company could not undertake to use St. George's Place and Royal Well Place as a bus route so as to avoid passing in front of the Ladies' College, unless the corner at the junction of St. George's Place and Royal Well Place was rounded off. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been in negotiation with Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merrivale for the surrender of a small piece of land for the improvement of this junction, but that this could not be arranged without the appointment of an additional trustee of the land. The Committee also considered letters from Dr. Andrews, Capt. Burton, and the Proprietor of the Savoy Hotel objecting to the proposal to use Bayshill Road as a bus route in both directions RESOLVED, That in order to meet the College's complaint, the Company be asked to divert buses down the Promenade instead of Montpellier Street and to avoid using the portion of St. George's Road East of the main entrance to the College.

9—Tewkesbury Road—(a) Turks Gardens—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Divisional Road Engineer intimating that a grant of 60 per cent. would be made by the Ministry of Transport towards the cost of widening Tewkesbury Road adjoining Turks Gardens and authorising the scheme to proceed. The Town Clerk reported that he had received a notification that a maximum grant of £184 had been made by the Ministry towards the cost of the work.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported the result of negotiations with several owners for the surrender of land required for the widening and improvement of Tewkesbury Road between the Gas Works and St. Peter's Church. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to consult the Ministry of Transport and the County Council on the proposed improvement

10—Naunton Lane—The Town Clerk submitted eight tenders which had been received for the erection of new railings along the improvement line in Naunton Lane adjoining the College field. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and that the Chairman be authorised to accept the most favourable tender.

11—Lansdown Crescent--Read, letter of 21st ult. from Mrs. MacLellan complaining of the untidy condition of the private ground in front of Lansdown Crescent. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

12—St. Paul's Street South -- The Borough Surveyor reported an interview with the Chief Architect of H.M. Office of Works who was unable to agree to the proposal that the projecting steps in front of the Employment Exchange should be removed, and pointed out that the steps had not been dedicated as part of the public highway. RESOLVED, That H.M. Office of Works be asked to have the steps whitened at the ends to make them more noticeable to pedestrians.

13--Annual Tenders—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor that the following additional tenders be accepted for the ensuing year :—

Hire of Transport—Whithorne Quarrying Co. Ltd.

Road Materials—Cheltenham Factors Ltd., Strickland Stone Co, Ltd., Whithorne Quarrying Co. Ltd.

Cement—Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd

14—Sign Writer—The Borough Surveyor reported an application of Mr. E. W. Humphries, painter, for an extra payment for carrying out the sign writing required in the Department. RESOLVED, That he be granted an extra half-penny per hour for this work.

15—Albion Street Improvement—The Borough Surveyor read letter of 15th inst. from The Gaumont British Picture Corporation Ltd., suggesting the sale to the Corporation of the portion of 46 Albion Street in front of the improvement line. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to report as to the value of the land.

16—Lorry--The Borough Surveyor recommended that a 2-3 ton Lorry should be purchased for working with masons, paviors, and small repair gangs. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders.

17—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Slab Factory plant was beyond repair and that he had arranged to close down at the end of March when all stocks of materials would have been used. He proposed to submit a scheme for the provision of a modern plant at a later Meeting.

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18—Land between Mead Road and the Railway—The Borough Surveyor reported his inspection of this land and recommended its purchase. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire at what price the owner would be willing to sell the property to the Corporation.

19—Winchcomb Street Improvement—The Arcade—Read, letter of 27th ult, from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., offering The Arcade for sale at £21,000 RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted.

20—Warwick Place Improvement—(a) The Town Clerk reported he had received the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan of £356 for the purchase and demolition of 12 North Place and St. Margaret's Cottages.

(b) Read, letter of 13th inst. from the District Valuer reporting the terms on which the owners were prepared to sell the land required for the improvement of Warwick Place between North Place and Portland Street. These terms were as follows :—

Owner.	Compensation.
Mr. F. G. Hughes...	£31
Mr. A. E. Pulsford	£48
Countess of Huntingdon's connection ...	£30

In each case subject to the Corporation erecting a new wall or fence along the improvement line and paying the vendors' proper legal costs and surveyors' fees (if any).

RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

21—Tryes Road--Read, letter of 27th ult. from Messrs. Cross, Son & Hodgetts on behalf of Wheeler & Mansell, Ltd., objecting to paying the cost (estimated at £10 5s 6d) of repairing the footpath on the North side of Tryes Road which had been damaged during their building operations, as they understood that they would be relieved of this cost in consideration of their giving up the land required for the improvement of the junction of Painswick Road and Tryes Road. In order to settle the matter, however, they offered to pay the sum of towards the cost of repairs. RESOLVED, That this be accepted.

22—Sherborne Street and Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that the footpaths in these roads had been damaged during the demolition of property by George Bence & Sons, Ltd., and that the Company had agreed to pay the cost of repairing the footpath in Sherborne Place, estimated at £4 10s. Od., and to make the pavement safe in Sherborne Street.

23-149 High Street—Read, letter of 20th ult. from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green offering this property for sale to the Corporation for £6,500 The Town Clerk submitted a report of the District Valuer on the property. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

24—Central Depot—The Town Clerk reported an application by the Health Department for permission to carry out the fumigation of furniture, etc , when required, at the Central Depot. RESOLVED, That this be granted.

25—Junction of Andover Road and Painswick Road—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Divisional Road Engineer approving the Council's proposal to erect a " Halt " sign in Andover Road on the South-East side of its junction with Painswick Road.

26—Trunk Road No. 10—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Transport had authorised the Council to proceed with the construction of the proposed traffic island at Westal Green.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted revised Form of Approval by the Minister of Transport of estimates for special maintenance and minor improvements on the Trunk Road for the year 1938-39.

27—Lansdown Place—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Colonel Vickers complaining of the condition of the private road in front of Lansdown Place. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

28—Alma Road—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from Miss Cooke and Miss Tapp requesting the supply of clinkers or stone for the repair of Alma Road and asking the Corporation to carry out repairs to the portion adjoining the allotments. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

29—Lorry Driver—The Town Clerk reported an application by Mr. W. Griffiths, lorry driver, for payment of £1 3s. 9d. towards the cost of repairing dentures which had been broken in an accident while he was driving a Corporation lorry. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

30—Banner—The Town Clerk reported an application by Bertram Mills' Circus for permission to erect Banners across the main streets advertising their Circus in Sandford Park. RESOLVED, That they be granted permission to erect one Banner across the Colonnade or High Street for two days only, subject to the usual conditions.

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31—Rosehill Street—The Committee considered an application by Mrs. Byard for compensation in respect of personal injuries sustained as a result of an accident in Rosehill Street last November, alleged to be due to the uneven paving of the footpath. The Town Clerk reported that the Corporation could not be held legally responsible for an accident of this kind, and that the footpath had been inspected by the View Committee who were satisfied that there was no reasonable justification for the claim. The Town Clerk also reported that the Corporation's Insurers had declined to make any payment in this case. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

32—Brooklyn Road—(a) Read, letter of 18th inst. from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons offering on behalf of Messrs. Marshall & Sons to purchase 112 feet of land on either side of Brooklyn Road at £4 per foot frontage for the erection of semi-detached dwelling houses having a value of not less than £475 exclusive of the value of the land. The Town Clerk reported that the land in question had already been scheduled for the erection of £550 houses and that adjoining land had been sold on this understanding. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

(b) Read, letter of 18th inst. from Mr. W. H. Horsley offering on behalf of Messrs. Melville & Webber to rent a strip of land 10 feet wide on the North-west side of Brooklyn Road immediately adjoining the land sold to Messrs Marshalls at a rent of £1 per week for a period of two or three months to enable the applicants to obtain access to their building site at the rear. RESOLVED, That they be granted a tenancy of the land at a rent £1 per week for two months certain and afterwards determinable by one week's notice on either side, subject to their entering into a Tenancy Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

33—Brunswick Street—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Mrs. V. Willetts claiming 30s compensation for injuries to health alleged to be due to the leakage of gas caused by the operation of a Corporation Steam Roller. RESOLVED, That this claim be referred to the Corporation's Insurance Company for consideration.

34—Junction of Libertus Road and Gloucester Road—Read, letter of 20th inst. from Mr. R. A. Phillips complaining of buses reversing into Libertus Road for the purpose of turning into the direction of the town. RESOLVED, That this complaint be referred to the Cheltenham District Traction Company for their observations

35—Barretts Mill Walk—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Mrs. Whiting requesting the removal of the seat in Barretts Mill Walk RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

36—Projecting Signs—(a) 255 High Street—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Mr. A. Horwood applying for permission to erect an electric sign at these premises. RESOLVED, That the applicant be asked to furnish a sketch of the proposed sign.

(b) 18 Montpellier Walk—Read, letters of 14th and 18th inst. from Western Neon Signs Ltd. applying for permission to erect neon signs in front and at the rear of these premises. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(c) 397 High Street—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Pearce Signs Ltd. applying for permission to erect a neon sign at these premises. RESOLVED That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

37—National Safety Congress—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be appointed to attend as delegates of the Corporation at The National Safety Congress to be held in London from the 17th-19th May next.

38—Pittville Street Improvement—(a) Mr. Myers attended and stated that the land agreed to be sold to the Emm Developments Ltd., was to be conveyed direct to the King Edward Hospital Trust, who simultaneously would enter into an Agreement for a building lease for 99 years to Mars Commercial Properties Ltd. for the erection of an Hotel and shops in accordance with the plans approved by the Corporation. In view of the failure to obtain a conditional licence for the hotel, the Hospital Trust had stipulated they must retain £18,000 from the purchase money of £65,000 until such time as a licence should be granted, but they would enter into a Covenant to pay over £9,000 on a restricted licence being granted and the remaining £9,000 on a full licence being granted. In the meantime Mars Commercial Properties would agree to pay 3 ½ per cent interest per annum on the money retained from the date of completion of purchase until the retention moneys should be paid. Mars Commercial Properties Ltd had made a Contract with Messrs. Lane, Fox & Co. for building the hotel and shops and wished to proceed as soon as possession could be obtained. It would be stipulated that Mars Commercial Properties Ltd. should make application for an hotel licence and repeat the application from time to time if necessary and use their best endeavours to obtain a full licence, RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to these terms, RESOLVED, also, That application be made for the consent of the Ministry of Health to the sale on these terms.

(b) Read, letter of 21st oh. from the District Valuer reporting that he had settled the compensation payable for the acquisition of 3 and 4 Pittville Street from The Cheltenham Creamery Co. Ltd. at £2,600 for the freehold and £2,440 for trade disturbance etc. RESOLVED, That this settlement be approved.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

**TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd March, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore and Waite ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris J Walker and A. Wiggett (Alderman Ward in the chair)

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4738	Cheltenham Estates Ltd.	14 houses, Naunton Way.
5115	Crooks Laundry	Store Shed, Croft Street.
5137	Willis, A.	Garage, 142 Brooklyn Road,
5141	Smith, C.	Two houses, Alma Road.
5147	Newbury, P.	Bathroom, St. Anne's Road.
5149	Hutton, Dr, W	4 garages, rear of Windsor House.
5150	Squires, E L.	Detached house, Brooklyn Road.
5151	Kay, John Ltd.	Alterations and new shopfront, 334 High Street.
5152	Cowley, L. R.	Garage, 187 Arle Road.
5153	Grattidge, W. A.	New kitchen at rear, Barricane, Warden Hill Road.
5154	Hall, G. A. M. Ltd.	Garage, 126 Cleeve Mount Road.
5155	Johnson, H.	Garden shed, 132 Tennyson Road.
5156	Clutterbuck, A. B.	Garage, Painswick Road.
5157	Miss Thomas	New shopfront, 35 Promenade.
5158	Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd.	Alterations and new shopfront, 111 High Street.
5159	Rainbird, G.	Alterations, Upton Lea, Overton Road.
5160	Brown, Capt. L.	Conversion of stables into building, off Pittville Circus Road.
5161	Cox, S. G.	Pair of houses, Argyll Road.
5162	Showell's Brewery	Alterations, Whitesmiths Arms, Gloucester Road.
5163	—	Extension of shed. Conversion into garage, 1 Hewlett Road.
5164	Gloucester Co-operative Society Ltd:	Alterations, 190-192 Bath Road.
5165	Holly, R.	New Bathroom, 10 Bath Terrace.
5166	Tilley, E.	Garage, Moorend Villas, Shurdington Road.
5167	Roberts, O. J.	Conversion of 1 house into 2 houses, Westbourne House, Pittville Circus Road.
5168	Lewis Hall, Mrs.	Conversion of stables, Thirlestaine Hall.
5169	Dale, Forty & Co. Ltd.	New shopfronts and alterations, 104 Promenade.
5170	Stinchcombe, E. T.	Three houses, Alstone Croft.
5171	Holiday & Page	Alterations and new shopfront, Portland Street and Albion Street.
5172	Sheppard, C. L.	Garage, Sodbury, Eldon Avenue.
5173	Turner, W.	Three houses, Exmouth Street.
5174	Rogers & Davies	Detached house, Beaufort Road.



5175	Bell, G.	Conversion of house into flats, Glentworth, Hatherley Road.
5176	Clements, F.	Garage, 101 Tennyson Road.

Decisions under Byelaws-RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4738, 5115, 5163, 5164, 5165, 5166, 5167, 5168, 5169, 5147, 5170, 5149, 5171, 5150, 5172, 5152, 5173,

5153, 5154, 5156, 5157, 5158, 5159, 5160, 5161, 5162, 5174, 5175 and 5176 be approved ; That Plan No. 5151 be approved subject to the sanitary arrangements being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 5155 be not approved.

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Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5115, 5137, 5147, 5152, 5153, 5154, 5156, 5158, 5160, 5161, 5162, 5164, 5165, 5166, 5167, 5168, 5170, 5171, 5172 and 5176 be approved ; That Plans Nos, 4738 and 5173 be approved subject to the elevations being amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Panel of Architects; That Plan No. 5149 be approved subject to the owner entering into an Undertaking that the garages will not be let as lock-up garages without the consent of the Council ; That Plans Nos. 5150 and 5174 be approved subject to brown sand faced tiles being used on the roof, and in the case of Plan No. 5174 also to the half timbered work being omitted from the front elevation ; That Plan No 5151 be approved subject to the lettering on the fascia being reduced to 2 ft. 3 ins. in height ; That Plans No 5159 and 5175 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building, and in the case of Plan No. 5175 also to a cornice being taken across the front of the new building on a line with the moulding over the ground floor windows as recommended by the Panel of Architects; That Plan No. 5163 be approved subject to the hedge on the junction of Whaddon Avenue and Hewlett Road being reduced to 4 ft. 6 ins, in height for the improvement of visibility of traffic That Plan No 5169 be approved subject to the materials and elevations being to the satisfaction of the Committee ; That Plans Nos 5141, 5155 and 5157 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.
1484	Strawford, E.	Pair semi-detached houses, Haydon, near Staverton.
1498	Coxwell Rogers, C. J.	Additions, Rossley Manor, Dowdeswell,
1499	“ “	Seven garages (private), Rossley Manor, Dowdeswell.
1500	Payne, N. W.	Detached house, The Avenue, Charlton Kings.
1501	Lord, F.	Garden Shed, 12 Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1502	—	Willow Cafe, Cleeve Hill.
1503	Bowd, W. H.	Bungalow, New Road, Southam.
1504	Dr. Goss	Additions to Bungalow, Bentham Lane, Crickley Hill,
1505	Western Estates Ltd.	Bungalows, New road off Noverton Lane, Prestbury
1506	Bliss, A.	Semi-bungalow, Two Hedges Lane, Bishops Cleeve.
1507	Robertson, M.	Garage (private), Shurdington Lodge, Shurdington.

1508	Gade, Mrs. E. E.	Detached house, Cudnall Street, Charlton Kings.
1509	Bendall, J. D. & Sons	Pair semi-detached bungalows, Undercliffe Avenue, Leckhampton.
1510	“ “	Semi-bungalow, Undercliffe Avenue, Leckhampton.
1511	Bendall, Mrs. M.	Cycle shed, Greenbank, Undercliffe Avenue, Leckhampton

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos 1498, 1500, 1504, 1507, 1508, 1510 and 1511 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 1484, 1499, 1501 and 1505 be approved subject to the materials being of approved Cotswold or other colour and to the satisfaction of the Committee , That Plans Nos. 1506 and 1509 be approved subject to the elevations being amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Panel of Architects; That Plans Nos. 1502 and 1503 be not approved

3—Applications to Develop--The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. G. Cooper dated 8th March, 1939, asking if permission would be granted for the erection of a house on a plot of land at the junction of Castle Street and Silk Mill Lane, Winchcomb, also that if building were permitted what conditions the owner would be required to comply with RESOLVED, That permission be granted for the erection of one house on the site subject to (1) the building being set back 30 feet from the boundary of Castle Street and 35 feet from the centre of Silk Mill Lane: (2) approval of the position of the access to the property by the County Surveyor and the Town Planning Committee : (3) the improvement of visibility across the junction of the two roads by either splaying off the corner or lowering the wall as required by the County Surveyor and (4) buildings being of Cotswold style and colour.

4—Town Planning Scheme No. 1—Objections—(a) " Wormington," Sydenham Road South, Cheltenham—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Public Trustee had withdrawn his objections to the Scheme so far as this property is concerned.

(b) Convalescent Home, Cleave Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that the objection to the Scheme so far as this property is concerned had now been withdrawn.

(c) Western By-pass at junction with Tewkesbury Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mrs. S. G. Jackson that she was unable to withdraw her objections until she knew the scale of compensation which she would be allowed. RESOLVED, That as the Committee are unable to deal with this matter at the present time, no further action be taken.

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(d) Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Miss E. F. Mathews of Groverfield Gloucester Road, regretting that the Committee were unable to give an assurance that her property would not be affected if and when any widening of Gloucester Road was carried out. He reported he had already pointed out that as Gloucester Road is a Trunk Road any proposals for the improvement of the road would be a for the Ministry of Transport.

(e) Hunting Butts, Prestbury—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Sir. J K. Troughton that Mr. Hanks had now agreed to the re-zoning proposals affecting his property.

(f) London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Town Planning Assistant had had an interview with representatives of the Railway Company and that :—(i) he had been informed that the zoning proposals appeared to meet the Company's objections, and (ii) the

Company would oppose the widening of Alstone Lane unless the Corporation was prepared to give a definite undertaking that provision for a bridge over the railway would be incorporated in the Scheme for road widening at this point.

The Company's representatives said it would not meet their objection by reserving additional land for the approaches to the bridge and that they would require plans and specifications of the bridge to be prepared immediately for submission to their Engineers for approval. RESOLVED, That this be deferred for further consideration.

(g) Winchcomb By-Pass—(i) Mrs. Darnell and Miss Fletcher—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had further considered the alignment of the road affecting the properties of Mrs. Darnell and Miss Fletcher and submitted plan showing an alternative line which would avoid their properties. He further reported that he had consulted the County Surveyor who was agreeable to the alternative proposal being adopted. RESOLVED, That the alternative proposal be adopted and shown on the final Scheme Map.

(ii) Mr. Matthews—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend that their Client's objection to the proposed Winchcomb By-pass is maintained. He further reported that he had gone into the matter very closely and was satisfied that it was not possible avoid to Mr. Matthews' property. RESOLVED, That the Scheme be adhered to,

(h) Great Western Railway Company—The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Great Western Railway Company asking for (i) railway stations in the Town Planning Area to be scheduled as industrial zones, and (ii) the Company's property in the Dowdeswell Water-shed known as " Woodbank " to be scheduled for building purposes.

The Borough Surveyor pointed out that with regard to the zoning of the stations, it would serve no useful purpose in scheduling these small areas, which are in the heart of rural areas, for industrial purposes and that the stations were now zoned in the same manner as the adjoining properties and that this form of zoning had been adopted to meet the Railway Company's previous objections.

With regard to the zoning of " Woodbank," in the Dowdeswell Water Shed, he pointed out that it was desirable that no further building should be permitted in the gathering ground in order to conserve the water supplies and to protect these from possible pollution. RESOLVED, That the proposals be adhered to.

5—Advertisement Boards, Gravel Pits, Shurdington—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Cheltenham Estates Ltd. dated 28th ult., asking if it would be in order to proceed with the erection of boards at their Gravel Pits at Shurdington advertising their houses at Naunton Way. He reported that the site was in an area in which advertisements are to be controlled under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, and he considered that the boards would be detrimental to the amenities of the neighbourhood. RESOLVED, That permission for the erection of the advertisement boards be not granted.

6—Petrol Filling Stations—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter dated 20th inst. from the County Surveyor enclosing Resolution of the Motor Agents Association that in their opinion there are sufficient filling Stations in existence in the County to supply all the needs of motor traffic and that they objected to any further licences being granted especially as more stations involved stopping the flow of traffic

and making the roads more dangerous. RESOLVED, That the County Surveyor be informed that the Committee will bear in mind the recommendations of the Association when considering further applications for the establishment of new petrol filling stations in the area.

7—Temporary Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that although considerable progress had been made in the preparation of the final Map, there still remained a great deal of work to be done on the Maps and in connection with surveys and in view of the fact that the date on which the Ministry have asked for the Scheme to be completed is now drawing near, he considered that additional assistance is necessary, He reported that he had included in the estimates for additional assistance, but that he had heard that the County Council were willing to loan an assistant. RESOLVED, That the offer of the County Surveyor to loan an assistant be accepted.

8—Proposed High Tension Line—The Sub-Committee appointed to inspect the alternative route for the Overhead High Tension Line proposed to be erected by the Central Electricity Board from Gloucester to Oxford crossing Leckhampton Hill reported that the line suggested by Mr. J. Walker would be the least obtrusive and less likely to affect the amenities of the countryside RESOLVED, That this line be sent to the County Surveyor and that he be requested to ask the Central Electricity Board to adopt it.

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9-Ladies College—With reference to the objection of the Ladies' College the Borough Surveyor reported that the College would be willing to withdraw their objection if the Committee would pass a Resolution that the Scheme should not prevent or hamper the development of the various properties belonging to the College for the purposes of the College RESOLVED, That the Council are prepared to permit the erection of boarding houses, sports pavilions or other buildings required in connection with the work of the College, provided that such buildings or works are not likely to injure the residential amenities of the districts in which the properties are situate ; Also, That in the event of any dispute between the Council and the College as to whether a building or work is likely to injure the amenities of a district the Council agree to the matter being referred to the Minister of Health, whose decision shall be final.

10-18 Cambray—Read, letter of 9th inst. from Mr. W. H. Horsley asking for a definite decision on his client's application to demolish the old garage at the rear of this property and erect a modern shop on the site, RESOLVED, That Rodney Road be scheduled for offices and/or dwellinghouses, and that the application be not granted.

11—Plan No. 5107—The Committee further considered letter from Messrs Engall Cox & Co. asking that the Council should withdraw the condition attached to the approval of the plan for a garage at rear of No. 3 Albert Road that the garage should be set back 6 feet from the road. RESOLVED, That this condition be withdrawn.

12—Town Planning Scheme No. 2—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Ministry of Health, extending the period for the preparation of the Draft Scheme to the 31st December next.

13—Undercliffe Avenue—Read, letters from Miss B. E. Moore asking if the Committee could take steps to prevent the erection of out-buildings at the rear of the bungalows in Undercliffe Avenue RESOLVED, That the Committee regret they are unable to prevent the erection of out-buildings incidental to the use of the bungalows.

14—District Valuer—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum 134 from the Ministry of Health setting out the assistance which the District Valuers were authorised to give to Town Planning Authorities during the preparation of planning schemes. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to advise on the various proposals in the scheme where this is considered desirable.

15—Appeal by Mr. W. C. Prude--The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Prude had given Notice of Appeal to the Minister of Health against the refusal of the Committee to permit the erection of dwelling-houses on his land in Arle Avenue, and that the Local Enquiry had been fixed for the 5th April.

16—Plan No. 5145—Read, letters of 11th and 18th inst. from Western Estates Ltd., in regard to the condition that the gables over the bay windows of the proposed ten houses in Alstone Lane should be omitted The Borough Surveyor reported that, on examination of the plans, it appears that the plan of the front elevation and the section plan disagreed, but that, if the houses were erected in accordance with the sections, there would be no objection to the plans RESOLVED, That Western Estates Ltd. be informed accordingly.

17--" Welton," Christ Church Road—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale objecting on behalf of the owner of Springfield," Christ Church Road, to the extension and use of the adjoining property " Welton," Christ Church Road, as a Surgical Nursing Home. RESOLVED, That they be informed that plans have not yet been deposited, but when the plans are received the Committee will consider their objection.

18—Sandford Mill Farm—With reference to the letter from Messrs. Bayley & Sons asking whether the Corporation would be prepared to purchase this Farm which had been scheduled in the scheme as a Public Open Space, the Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the land. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain at what price the owners are willing to sell the land.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th March, 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pate and Ward ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Waite ; Messrs, D. V. Davies and R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

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

(b) Swimming Bath—RESOLVED, That this Bath be opened on 3rd April and that in future on Bank Holidays the Bath be opened at 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. instead of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

(c) Girls' Grammar School—The Superintendent reported that the Girls' Grammar School had asked for the Bath to be reserved on Mondays and Wednesdays for a total period of 61 hours per week during the months of May, June and July, this being an hour extra over last year. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the Grammar School paying a pro rata increased charge for the extra hour.

(d) RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be authorised to reserve the Bath for the St. Mary's College and Glyngarth School on the same terms as last year.

(e) Y.M.C.A.—RESOLVED, That the use of the Bath be granted to the Y.M.C.A. on Monday evenings from 8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. on the same terms as last year, namely 15s per night. RESOLVED, also, That the application of the Y.M.C.A. for another night for the Junior Department and Young Women's Section at a further reduced charge be granted, and that they be offered the use of the Alstone Bath on an evening to be arranged with the Superintendent for 1 ½ hours at a charge of 10s per night.

(f) St, James' C.L.B.—RESOLVED, That the application of the St. James' Church Lads' Brigade for the use of the Bath on Wednesday evenings from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. be granted on the same terms as last year, namely 15s per night.

(g) National Fitness Campaign—RESOLVED, That the use of the Bath be granted on Friday evenings for 11 hours from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. to the Instructor Leader for the Cheltenham Area at a charge of 15s per night.

(h) Charlton Kings School—RESOLVED, That this School be granted the use of the Swimming Bath for half-an-hour on Thursday and Friday mornings for the girls and boys attending the School on the same terms as last year.

(i) Emano-therapy Apparatus—The Superintendent submitted a report on the six months' trial of this apparatus. RESOLVED, That the treatment be not continued and that the Foam Bath Activator and Thermal Pad be returned to the manufacturers.

(j) Advertising—The Superintendent reported on the advertising of the Medical Baths RESOLVED, That an advertisement of the Baths be included in the Corporation's advertisement in the Chamber of Commerce Monthly Booklet, and also in the next issue of "Public Health Services of the Corporation."

(k) Interior Painting—Read, letter from Councillor Garland suggesting that the interior of the Baths be painted. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of this.

2—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have an Internal Extension provided for the Telephone at these Baths at a cost of 4s per quarter.

3—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Meetings of the Entertainments Sub-Committee held on the 28th ult. and the 14th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Easter Programme—That the Easter Programme submitted by the Entertainments Manager be approved.

(b) Conference—That the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the Annual Conference of the Geological Survey Society to be held in Cheltenham in July 1940.

(c) British Health Resorts Association—That the action of the Mayor in informing the Spa Federation that the Corporation would agree to the Medical Board of this Association visiting Cheltenham to carry out their inspection in the Autumn, be approved.

(d) Spa Federation—That the invitation given by the Mayor on behalf of the Council to the Spa Federation to hold their 1940 Autumn Meeting in Cheltenham be approved and that the Entertainments Manager be instructed to book accommodation for the delegates at the Queens Hotel for one night and to make the necessary arrangements for the Meeting.

(e) Chairs—That the tender of Messrs. Cough & Edwards to supply 200 wooden fold-up chairs at 7s 4d each be accepted.

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(f) Town Hall—That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to proceed forthwith with converting the Custodian's Office and Wine Room for use as a Bar and Committee Room etc., at a cost of approximately £50.

(g) Sunday Concert—That on the occasion of the broadcast of Jan Berenska and his Orchestra at the Town Hall on 23rd April from 9 p.m. that the Entertainments Manager be authorised to engage the Orchestra to commence the Concert at an additional charge of six guineas.

(h) Latter Day Saints—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to accept the application from the Church of Latter Day Saints to book the Town Hall on Sunday, 23rd April at 10.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

RESOLVED, That the proceeding! of flit- Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Broadcast Concert—(a) The Entertainments Manager reported that the B.B.C. would not agree to broadcast the Municipal Orchestra without an audition, and as their programmes were made up six weeks in advance he recommended that the audition should not be postponed until the commencement of Mr. Cole's Contract, but that he should be authorised to arrange with Mr. Cole to get his Orchestra together as soon as possible for two rehearsals and an audition at an estimated cost of £20 The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they did not recommend this expenditure. RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee's recommendation be not approved, and that the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for the audition of the Orchestra as soon as possible.

(b) The Entertainments Manager reported that the B.B.C. were willing to broadcast Concerts by Jan Berenska and his Orchestra from the Town Hall and to pay the usual fee of £21 12s. 0d. per broadcast. RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for such broadcasts up to the end of May and to pay Jan Berenska for each broadcast up to and including 13th May £26 5s. 0d. and £30 for each concert from the 14th to the end of May.

5—Professional Tennis—The Entertainments Manager reported negotiations he had had for Exhibition Tennis Matches at the Athletic Ground on either 29th May or 5th June next between Fred Perry, Ellsworth Vines, Donald Budge and another champion player. The players would bring their own portable wooden tennis court, and he estimated the cost of the Exhibition to the Corporation for advertising, staff, printing, tickets and laying of court at £100. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to arrange for the Exhibition on the following terms :—the Corporation to pay the players 65 per cent of the net receipts with a guarantee of £350. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit quotations for insurance against wet weather.

6—Pittville Gardens—Read, application from the Cheltenham Girl Guides Association for the free use of the Gardens and Pump Room on either the 17th or 24th June from 3 p.m. to 6 30 p m for Brownie Revels; if the application was granted, the children would be well controlled and the public would not be excluded. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

7—National Service—RESOLVED, That the application of the National Service Publicity Committee for permission to put up National Service posters at the Rodney Road Car Park, Town Hall and Pittville Gates be granted.

8—Alstone Baths—Read, letter from the Cheltenham School Swimming Association enclosing list of 121 boys and girls who had obtained the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life-Saving Society, and 136 boys and girls who had obtained the Intermediate Certificates, Read, also, letter from the Central School enclosing list of 23 boys and 15 girls who had obtained the Medallions of the Royal Life-Saving Society, and 24 boys and 21 girls who had obtained Intermediate Certificates. RESOLVED, That free Season Tickets be granted to the boys and girls who had obtained the Medallions, and free Half-Season Tickets to the boys and girls who had obtained Intermediate Certificates.

9—Meteorology—The Borough Meteorologist submitted his report for the year 1938, RESOLVED, That this be printed as in previous years.

10—National Fitness Week—The Chairman reported on the preliminary proposals for the holding of a National Fitness Week in Cheltenham. It was anticipated that the Local Area Fitness Council would make a grant of £50 towards the expenses if suitable ground for the demonstrations, and, if wet, a Hall, could be provided. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to recommend that a portion of Sandford Park should be granted for the demonstrations and, if wet, free use of the Pittville Pump Room.

11—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall be granted for the Meeting of the Western Centre of larks Superintendents to be held in Cheltenham on 15th April.

12—Winter Garden—Mr. Overbury's representative attended and stated that Mr. Overbury had now prepared the final drawings for the Ministry of Health of the Scheme approved at the February Meeting of the Council for re-roofing and reconstruction of the Winter Garden building, including provision of new lavatories at a total estimated cost of £14,000. Mr. Overbury, however, strongly urged that the following additional work should be carried out :—

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(1) To provide an entrance to the North Transept under the North Tower, including provision of Crush Foyer and Foyer. This was desirable in order to avoid the serious objection of having an entrance from the stage end of the building. It would also avoid the present encroachment on the Central Transept and render this a complete and self-contained unit.

(2) To complete the corridor at the rear of the building to connect with the Town Hall, and provide in addition to the proposed Ladies' Cloakrooms, new Cloakrooms for men.

(3) To provide a flat roof for the Central Transept in lieu of a pitched roof, and so form a clerestory at the South East and above the Central Transept with three sets of clerestory windows to provide for the adequate lighting of this Transept.



- (4) To improve the sound-resisting partition between the North Transept and the Central Transept ; and
- (5) To give further improved architectural appearance to the building by retaining the two towers and forming gables in stone and brickwork with windows to the ends of the building, and constructing the windows with stone surrounds.

Mr. Overbury wished to point out that all the above work was provided for in the alternative scheme previously submitted to the Council, and if carried out would not be abortive expenditure in the event of the full scheme being carried out at some future date.

He estimated the total cost of carrying out the foregoing additional work at £6,100.

RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to approve of the foregoing additional work, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £26,100 for the total cost of the scheme (including the sum of £6,000 for architects' fees) and that Minute No. 12 passed at the Meeting of the Committee on 27th January last, as amended by the Town Council at their Meeting held on 6th February last, be varied accordingly.

T. WILFRED WAITE.

Chairman.

#### ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th March, 1939:** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Addis, Ben James, Moore, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) London Road and High Street—As instructed by the Council the Borough Electrical Engineer submitted the following scheme for improving the lighting of London Road and High Street from Hales Road to Gloucester Road :—

Scheme.	Installation Cost	Additional Annual Cost
Provision of Sodium lighting from Hales Road to College Road and filament lighting for the remainder	£378 4 8	£90 7 1
Less anticipated Grants from Ministry of Transport in respect of Trunk Road portion	£ <u>363 19 5</u>	£ <u>78 14 10</u>
	£1014 5 3	£11 12 3

RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for Grants towards the capital and running costs of lighting the Trunk Road portion.

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(b) Loans, etc--The Committee considered the question of financing the following schemes :—

	Cables.	Lamp Posts.	Revenue.	Total.	Additional Annual Cost.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
(i) Improvement of lighting in High Street (see (a) above) ... .. Less anticipated contributions from Ministry of Transport ... ..	87 12 0	873 19 9	416 12 11	1378 4 8	90 7 1
	—	149 14 6	214 4 11	363 19 5	78 14 10
(ii) Recommendations of View Committee at Meeting on 30th January last ...	87 12 0	724 5 3	202 8 0	1014 5 3	11 12 3
(iii) Schemes already approved by Council for execution during coming financial year :—	122 3 7	289 4 6	841 7 2	1252 15 3	173 8 7
Brooklyn Road and Alstone Lane ...	12 14 4	137 5 10	48 13 1	198 13 3	39 17 11
Elmfield Park Estate ... ..	2 17 0	25 5 2	8 13 0	36 15 2	6 10 9
Naunton Way ... ..	4 13 2	50 10 4	21 10 8	76 14 2	10 11 6
Fairfield District ... ..	60 18 1	185 4 7	245 14 0	491 16 8	59 1 10
Footpath from Dart Road to Priors Road ... ..	28 12 0	—	8 5 7	36 17 7	2 8 0
Totals	£319 10 2	1411 15 8	1376 11 6	3107 17 4	303 10 10

RESOLVED, That the cost of cables, amounting to £319 10s. 2d be charged to the current cable loan, that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £1411 for the cost of lamp posts and fittings, and that the balance of approximately £1377 be paid out of the fund allocated for improvements during the coming financial year.

(c) Westal Green---The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a scheme for improving the lighting of the new roundabout at Westal Green at an estimated cost of £324 0s. 1d. and an additional annual running cost of £49 11s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the scheme be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for Grants towards the capital and running costs in view of the fact that the roundabout is on a Trunk Road

2—Air Raid Precautions—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended the purchase of 16 fire extinguishers and 6 refills at a total cost of £198 for the protection of the various Sub-Stations. RESOLVED, That this purchase be approved, and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to the cost being charged to the Reserve Fund of the Undertaking.

3—Electricity Department—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That a car allowance of £40 per annum be granted to Mr. Higgins, the Rural Lines Engineer in his Department.

4—Bath and West Show- --The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Electrical Development Association were proposing to make an effective electrical display at the Bath and West Show at Bridgwater this year and asked for contributions from all Electrical Undertakings in the Area. RESOLVED, That a contribution of £15 be granted for this purpose.

5—Electricity Supply (Meters) Act, 1936—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to the payment out of the Renewals Fund created from surplus Revenue of the cost of providing and equipping the Meter Testing Station in St. George's Place, viz , £523 7s. 6d.

6—Sub-Station Equipment—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the District Auditor considered it necessary that the consent of the Electricity Commissioners should be obtained to the following items of expenditure of a capital nature being charged to the Revenue Account :—Particulars.

Date.	Particulars	Amount.
1937.		£ s. d.
April	Fuse Board, Transformer and Kiosk at Little Shurdington Sub-Station	242 15 4
October	Voltage Regulator at Leckhampton Hill Sub-Station	106 0 0
October	Current Transformer Chamber and Current Transformers at Evesham House Sub-Station	71 7 0
November	Voltage Regulator at Charlton Lane Sub-Station	<u>106 0 0</u> £526 2 4

RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to the above expenditure being charged to Revenue Account.

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7—Direction Signs—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had granted permission for the National Service Committee to erect notices on 4 lamp standards directing the public to the National Service Office in Wolseley Terrace. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Overhead Lines—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Transport to the erection of overhead lines in Bushcombe Lane, Woodmancote and Greenway Lane, Gotherington.

9—Damage to Lamp Standard—The Town Clerk reported that a lamp standard and switch pillar had been damaged by a car belonging to Mr. T. N. Winning of Castle Bromwich. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of repairing the damage, estimated at £3 2s. 11d.

10—Conferences—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to attend the 16th Annual Meeting and Conference of the Association of Public Lighting Engineers at Glasgow from the 4th to 8th September next.

(b) Read, circular letter of 20th inst. from the I.M.E.A. drawing attention to an International Conference to be held in Paris from 29th June to 8th July next. RESOLVED, That representatives be not appointed to attend this Conference.

11—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 2nd, 5th, 8th, 14th, 17th, 20th and 24th inst., which shewed the calorific value on these dates to be 468.3, 471.8, 473.2, 476.0, 463.3, 473.9 and 470.9 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure to be 5.9, 8.9, 7.0, 6.2, 9.4, 8.5 and 6.1 inches of water respectively.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th March, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Pates and Ward; Councillors Barnett, E. W. Moore, and Smith (Alderman Ward 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, 1939.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	415,000 gallons	360,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,885,000 "	1,784,000 „
Leckhampton Springs	<u>82,000</u>	<u>66,000</u>
	2,382,000	2,210,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... .. 95,855,000 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.

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4—Dowdeswell Reservoir--(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to have the exterior of the lodge, filter house and outbuildings painted at an estimated cost of £33.

(b) London Road Widening—The Borough Engineer submitted correspondence with the County Surveyor asking if the Corporation would give permission for the widening of this road to proceed before the formal transfer of the land to the Ministry of Transport had been effected. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to agree to the work being commenced subject to the terms on which the Corporation are prepared to give up the land being agreed to. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to agree the improvement line.

5—Fire Hydrants—The Borough Engineer submitted three tenders received for printing 300 copies of a list of fire hydrants. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. J. J. Gillham & Sons of £33 15s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

6—Sandford Waterworks—Compressor—The Borough Engineer submitted three tenders for the erection of a wooden garage to house the Compressor. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. T. W. Smith & Sons of £21 16s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

7—Hewletts Reservoirs—The Borough Engineer reported that on No. 4 Reservoir being emptied it was found that the brick buttresses and walls were decayed in places and required repairing. It was not possible to give an estimate of the cost, but he recommended that he should be authorised to spend £200 in the first place and then report thereon to the Committee. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Trunk Main, Churchdown to Hewletts---(a) The Borough Engineer reported that the whole of the work of connecting up the new main to Hewletts Reservoir No. 2 had now been completed, and the contractor was now engaged on the reinstatement of hedges, trenches and ditches.

(b) Read, letter of 22nd ult. from Messrs. Bruton, Knowles & Co. that they recommended that the claim made by Mr. George in respect of the wayleave through his land at Shurdington should be settled on payment of £65. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Read, letter of 15th inst. from Messrs. Bruton, Knowles & Co, that they recommended that an additional sum of £10 should be paid to Mr. H. J. H. Tombs in respect of the two washouts provided on his land. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Damage to Water Meter--Read, report of the Borough Engineer of damage to a water meter at Pamington by a motor lorry belonging to the Rugby Portland Cement Transport Co. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Town Clerk.

10—Shooting Rights- --The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Clutterbuck was prepared to renew the agreement for the shooting rights over the land at Dowdeswell on the same terms as last year, namely £25. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st March, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pruen, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Smith and Waite (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. M. V. Overton for the transfer of Licence No. 1 to a new cab be granted.

(b) Cheltax—The Committee considered application by Mr. C. A. D. Savory, the proprietor of Cheltax Ltd., for Hackney Carriage Licences in respect of 8 of his taxis, together with application for 14 Drivers' Licences. Mr. H. F. Midwinter attended on behalf of the applicant and stated that he was prepared to give an undertaking not to ply for hire on any of the public stands. He desired the licences to enable the taxis to pick up passengers on return journeys, and at the Town Hall etc. .RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to give the local Taxi Owners' Association an opportunity of stating their views on the application.

2—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of one case of Swine Fever, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Ox Warble Fly—The Town Clerk submitted copy of the Warble Fly (Dressing of Cattle) Order, 1936, and reported that he had called the attention of local farmers to the provisions of the Order, as requested by the Ministry.

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3—Cheltenham Town A.F.C. Ltd.—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Secretary of th Town Association Football Club Ltd. asking the Corporation to grant a donation to the Club for this season. The Club considered that the publicity they had gained for the town was of value to the Corporation, particularly in respect of the Cup-Tie with Cardiff and the Amateur International Match with England and Wales on the 28th January last. Mr. C. K. Gregory, Chairman of the Club, attended in support of the application.

RESOLVED, in Pursuance of section 59 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, a donation of £50 be made.

4—General Hospital.--RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Councillor Lipson be nominated representatives of the Council on the General Hospital Board of Management for the ensuing year

5—Grammar School--RESOLVED, That Councillor Waite be appointed a representative Governor of the Grammar School in place of the late Alderman Moore for a term of three years expiring on the 3rd April, 1942.

6—Evacuation Scheme—The Town Clerk reported that the Evacuation Survey was completed and forwarded to the Ministry of Health on the 8th inst. The result of the survey was as follows :--

No. of habitable rooms (including empty houses but excluding larger hotels etc.) 67,835

No. of persons for whom accommodation available on basis of one person per

habitable room	21,481
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No. of unaccompanied children offered to be accommodated ...	4,728
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No. of teachers and helpers offered to be accommodated	147
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No. of children offered to be accommodated with mothers or adults in charge, including those in respect of which the local Control Officer decided the reasons given by householders were not sufficient to justify exemption being granted	13,694
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No. for whom accommodation had been reserved privately by householders	3,531
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No. of mattresses required (double)	527
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No. of mattresses required (single)	2,939
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No. of blankets required (double)	1,087
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No. of blankets required (single)	6,191
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In forwarding the return, the Town Clerk had pointed out to the Ministry that the accommodation in Cheltenham which would be available for School purposes was only sufficient to enable about 8,000 school children to be accommodated on the double-shift system.

7—Municipal Offices—Read, letter of 20th inst. from the District Manager of the Post Office Telephones that authority was received on the 18th inst. from Headquarters to change the Corporation's Private Telephone Branch Exchange for a more suitable type. RESOLVED, That the Post Office be informed that the Council have now accepted the tender of Telephone Rentals Ltd., and they regret that they are now unable to entertain the offer of the Post Office to change the switch board.

8—Athletic Ground—(a) Read, letter of 8th inst. from Mr. J. Surman that owing to the rise in cost of timber since he submitted his tender in September last, and the probable rise in cost of labour, he would require his tender of £657 15s. 0d. to be increased by £23 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that he be instructed to proceed with the work at the end of the football season.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Rugby Football Club requesting that a wire guard should be placed over the glazed end of the stand at the easterly end to protect the glass. He estimated the cost of carrying out this work at £6 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out if the stand in question is the property of the Corporation.

9-Renumbering of Houses-Brunswick Street South and Brunswick Street North-Read, letter from Councillor Fisher that he had received many complaints about the numbering of these two streets, and suggesting that the two streets should be renumbered as one street. RESOLVED, That the two streets be called Brunswick Street, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the houses in both streets renumbered as one street.

10—Tivoli Sub Post Office—Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Acting Surveyor of the General Post Office, Cardiff, that this matter had been fully and sympathetically considered, but in view of the fact that the facilities at present existing in this area compare favourably with those in other comparable towns, the Post Office were unable to agree to re-open this Post-Office.

11—Naming of Roads—(a) RESOLVED, That the new road laid out on the Elmfield Park Estate be named Elmfield Road.

(b) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Housing Committee, That the two new roads on Whaddon Farm Estate be named Chelt Road and Isis Road.

12—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham and District Gas Co. Ltd. for a licence to store 2,000 gallons of petrol in an underground tank at their works in Gloucester Road, be granted.

13—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That the services of W. A. Hooper (labourer) be extended for one year front the 8th inst.

Chairman.

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#### **FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.**

**At the First Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th March, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Pates and Ward ; Councillors Bush, Fisher, Fletcher, Green and Grimwade.

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

2—Vice-Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor Grimwade be appointed Vice-Chairman of this Committee for the current year.

3—Meetings--RESOLVED, That Monthly Meetings of the Committee be held on the Monday preceding the Council Meeting at 11 a.m.

4—Monthly Report of Chief Officer—The Chief Officer reported that since the last meeting the Brigade had attended nine outbreaks of fire, as follows:-

27th February		Sudley, Naunton Way.
3rd March		49 Clarence Street.
7th	“	6 Priory Street.
7th	“	General Accident Insurance Offices, Oriel Road.
12th	“	54 Hatherley Road.
15th	“	Hatherley Lane (motor car).
16th	“	101 The Promenade.
17th	“	103 High Street.
21st	“	25 Henrietta Street.

With reference to the fire at 103 High Street, the Town Clerk submitted letters from Messrs G. H. New & Sons Ltd, and Steels Garages Ltd. expressing their appreciation of the manner in which the Fire Brigade confined the fire to these premises, and in reference to the same fire, the Borough Surveyor reported that as a matter of urgency he had arranged for the front wall of the premises to be shored up for the safety of the public.

5—North Cotswold Rural District Council—The Chief Officer submitted letter from the Chief Officer of the North Cotswold Rural District Council Fire Brigade asking if, in the event of a fire of such proportions that his Brigade could not deal with it, whether the Corporation Brigade would attend, if called, and in return his Brigade would provide a similar service to the Borough. RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be authorised to attend in his discretion such fires in the North Cotswold Rural District Council.

6—Auxiliary Fire Service Apparatus—The Chief Officer reported that he had not now sufficient space for the storage of the trailer pumps and large amount of apparatus provided by the Home Office for the Auxiliary Fire Service, and he asked that the use of the covered garage on the South side of the Rodney Road Car Park should be allocated for this purpose. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to allow this to be used for the storage of this apparatus.

7—Standpipes—The Chief Officer reported that he had obtained quotations for the supply of 35 Ball (Double headed) Standpipes for use in connection with the trailer pumps being issued by the Home Office for the Emergency Fire Brigade, the expenditure on which would rank for grant. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. George Hanks & Co. Ltd. to supply 35 Standpipes at £4 15s. 0d. each be accepted.

8—Gas Chamber—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Home Office that the Lord Privy Seal regretted that he could not approve of the proposed Chamber at the Central Depot as he regarded the site unfavourable and the expenditure too high. The Home Office forwarded a plan of a typical Gas Chamber which could be erected for £34, and suggested that a more suitable site should be selected, and a Chamber erected in accordance with this plan. RESOLVED, That the Central A.R.P. Authority be asked to agree to a Chamber being erected in the grounds of the Elms, in which case the Corporation will bear half the cost, subject to this being available for fire brigade purposes.

9—Grant—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from the Home Office in regard to the claim made by the Corporation for grant in respect of the expenditure incurred on Auxiliary Fire Service for the half year ended 30th September last, and also as to the payment of grant on the salary of the Third Officer recently appointed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit an amended claim based on one guinea per hour for training of the members of the Auxiliary Fire Service, and one-seventh



of the salaries of the Chief Officer and Second Officer and one Fireman and the whole salary of the Third Officer.

10—Northleach Rural District Council—The Committee further considered application from the Hon. Clerk to the Northleach A.R.P. Authority asking on what terms the Corporation would undertake a course of lectures in fire-fighting for the members of the Northleach Auxiliary Fire Brigade. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to undertake this training on payment of the sum of £1 per hour for training, plus 10s travelling expenses for each journey to Northleach.

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11—Great Western Railway —Read, letter of 23rd inst. from the Stationmaster of St. James' Station asking if the Chief Officer could confer with him in regard to the fire arrangements and appliances at the Station. RESOLVED, That this request be acceded to.

12—Appointment of Third Officer and two Firemen—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the former Sub-Committee had considered the applications received for the appointment of Third Officer and having interviewed three applicants had, as authorised, appointed Mr. J. W. Hasted of the Beckenham Fire Brigade, and allowed him a sum not exceeding £10 towards his removal expenses, They had also considered six applications received for the appointment of two Firemen, and appointed Mr. A. H. Forder of 31 Hatherley Street, and Mr. G. H. Williams of 13 Mitre Street

(b) The Town Clerk reported that with the authority of the Chairman, a flat at 18 Royal Crescent had been taken for the accommodation for the Third Officer on a monthly tenancy at £1 a week (including rates), RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Chief Officer be authorised to arrange for the provision of an electric water heater for the bath.

13—New Fire Station—The Chairman reported that the former Sub-Committee had considered a number of sites for the new Fire Station, and had come to the conclusion that the most suitable site was the allotments belonging to the Corporation in Keynsham Road opposite the Swimming Pool, and they had instructed the Borough Surveyor to prepare preliminary plans for the erection of a Fire Station on this site.

The Borough Surveyor now submitted plans for the erection of a five-storeyed Fire Station on this site which included a four-bay Engine Room, Repair Shops, Watch Room, Office, Hose Store, Recreation Rooms, and Flats for the Chief Officer, Second and Third Officers, and seven men. Provision was also made in the ground for erection of a Hose Tower, Gas Chamber, Boiler House and Stores, Water Tank, block of Garages for eighteen Trailer Pumps, two Cars, Ambulance, and Stores.

The site was none too large and he thought it desirable, if possible, to acquire a small area of the land at the rear of the College Baths on which a Wash-house could be erected and the ground used as a drying-ground for the occupants of the flats.

He had not prepared detailed estimates, but he estimated that the approximate cost of the whole scheme, excluding the cost of the land, would be about £30,000 made up as follows :—

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Fire Station including basement Heating Chamber and Flats for 10 Firemen	£23,275 0 0
External Balconies as access to Flats ... ..	275 0 0
Canopy over Wash-up	320 0 0
Hose Tower, Gas Chamber, Boiler House and Stores ...	700 0 0
Concrete paving to Drill Yard (1,500 yards) .. ..	750 0 0
Water Tank ...	250 0 0
Garage block for 18 Trailer Pumps, 2 Cars, Ambulance and Stores	2,550 0 0
Boundary Walls, Railings, Gates, and laying out Lawns in front, etc.	600 0 0
Wash-house and drying-ground	200 0 0
Contingencies ... ..	<u>1,080 0 0</u>
	£30,000 0 0

The seven Flats provided for firemen would be revenue-producing in that they would be let at approved rents to the Firemen, It was also anticipated that a grant would be payable by the Home Office on the cost of the garages and stores, etc., for the Auxiliary Fire Service Apparatus and Recreation Room, and any other work in connection with the Emergency Fire Brigade Scheme.

RESOLVED, (a) That the site and scheme be approved in principle.

(b) That before proceeding with the preparation of detailed plans and estimates, the Chairman, Borough Surveyor, and Chief Officer be authorised to consult with the Home Office on the plans and obtain their preliminary approval thereof.

(c) That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice forthwith to the allotment holders to terminate their tenancies.

(d) That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the College Council asking on what terms they would be prepared to sell the small piece of land required at the rear of the College Baths.

(e) That the Water Committee be asked to agree to the land being appropriated for the Fire Station, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to this appropriation.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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#### ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th March, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Ball, Carter, Stokes and Yeend (Councillor Smith In the chair).

1—Baglin's Piece Allotments—Water Supply—The Visitors reported that they had inspected the water tap recently provided at these allotments, and recommended that the position of this should be altered to a position adjoining the main pathway. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done, at an estimated cost of £5.

2—Allotment No. 20 Alma Road—The Town Clerk submitted application from the tenant of this allotment for a rebate in his rent and also for the removal of a quantity of sawdust left on the allotment by the former tenant. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

3—Hatherley Road Allotments--(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of No. 3 to be released from his tenancy as from the 25th inst. be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of No 42 for a reduction in his rent be not granted.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th March, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Temporary Playing Field, Brooklyn Road—The Gardens Superintendent reported that considerable damage had been caused to the goal posts and nets in this Playing Field by cattle which had strayed from the adjoining land belonging to Mr Harris owing to the boundary hedge being in a bad state The Town Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Harris requiring him to have the hedge put in order, and this had now been done.

2—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the reconstruction of the A.R.P. trenches in this ground had now been completed. RESOLVED, That the Mayor be asked formally to open the ground on the 26th April.

3—Pittville Gardens—(a) The Gardens Superintendent reported that 18 ducks from Marle Hill Lake had been sold in the Market for £1 9s. 0d.

(b) The Gardens Superintendent reported that the alteration of the watercourse and formation of pools and rockery in Marle Hill Annexe adjoining the bridge in Evesham Road had now been completed, and he recommended that this scheme should be further extended next Autumn. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to carry out the proposed extension to the scheme.

(c) Pump Room—(i) Read, letter of 22nd ult. from the Cheltenham Regency Society suggesting that the stone blocks which supported the three statues should be replaced as they considered that the design of the building lacked the necessary punctuation which these blocks originally provided. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot agree to replace the blocks as they consider that the replacement of these would detract from, rather than improve, the appearance of the building.

(ii) Read, report of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade in regard to the precautionary measures which he considered should be taken for the protection of the Pump Room from fire. RESOLVED, That the equipment recommended be purchased at a cost of about £20.

(iii) The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd. and Messrs. Dreyfus Ltd. had now completed their contracts for the reconstruction and restoration work. RESOLVED, That he be

authorised to obtain alternative tenders from local plumbers for the making good of the lead flats on the roof, provision for which has been made in next year's estimates.

4—Sandford Park—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office to place one pole and stay in Sandford Park, adjoining St. Luke's Place, be granted subject to the exact position of the pole and stay being approved by the Gardens Superintendent, and to an annual acknowledgment of 2s, the consent to be determinable on three months' notice in writing.

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5—Cricket Pitches—(a) Read, letter of 7th inst. from the general Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., suggesting the provision concrete wickets. RESOLVED, That the proposal be not entertained. - of

(b) RESOLVED, That permission be given to the following clubs to play cricket on the various grounds during the coming season :—

Ground.	Club.	Day of Play.
Agg-Gardner	St. Paul's United C.C.	Alternate Saturdays and evenings for Hospital Cup,
St. Mark's Playing Field	St. Mark's Church C.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
do. do.	St. Stephen's C.C.	do.
do. do.	Parish Church School Old Boys' Union ...	do.
Naunton Park	St. James' Company Church Lads Brigade	do.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted applications from Whaddon Sports Club and Bennington Hall C.C., for permission to use Whaddon and Agg-Gardner Recreation Grounds respectively for Hospital Cup matches in addition to their ordinary fixtures. RESOLVED, That the applications be granted.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

#### CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th March, 1939.** Present—Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green and Rogers (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 25th February to 24th March, 1939. Interments 59; Grave Spaces sold 15 (1st Position 1, 2nd Position 2, 4th Position 12); Memorials erected 10; New Inscriptions 9 ; Cremations 8.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9957 to 9977.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2359 to 2375, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND, Chairman.

## **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th March, 1939,** Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward; Councillors Barnett, Bush and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair)

1—Unpaid Rates—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed persons who had not complied with the Orders of the Magistrates for payment of Rates, and gave instructions for Committal Orders to be applied for, but in some cases to be suspended so long as monthly payments, as now settled by the Committee, are regularly paid.

2—Licensed Premises—Read, letter from the County Council enclosing list of assessments of licensed premises as reviewed by the Panel Valuers in view of the decision of the House of Lords that the rent which brewers themselves would expect to pay for occupied premises should be taken into account in arriving at the rate. RESOLVED, That the Rating Officers be authorised to lodge proposals for the amendment of the assessments in accordance with the recommendations of the Panel Valuers.

3—New Valuation List—The Committee continued the preparation of the New Valuation List for the added areas.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd March, 1939,** Present—Aldermen Pruen, Taylor and Ward ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair). The following Chairmen of Committees also attended :—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Green.

1—Museums Association—The Committee further considered the application of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for contribution towards the expenses in connection with the forthcoming Jubilee Conference of the Museums Association to be held in Cheltenham from the 3rd to the 8th July this year, RESOLVED, That a sum of £75 for this be included in the General Expenses (1d. rate) in the Town Improvement Committee's estimates.

2—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 11s 4d. in the for the year commencing 1st April, 1939 with an abatement of 3d in the £ in respect of the areas transferred to the Borough under the County of Gloucester Review Order, 1935.

3—Caravan Rally—The Entertainments Manager reported that owing to the condition of the Race Course, the Race Course would not now be available for the Caravan Rally to be held in Cheltenham at Easter. RESOLVED, That they be granted the use of a portion of the Playing Field at St. Mark's, subject to the cricket pitches being roped off and to the exact position being approved by the Gardens Superintendent. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to provide a water supply at or near the site.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th March, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

4—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £114,576 ; Leaving outstanding £6,094.

5—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1939. Amount collected £24,358 ; Leaving outstanding £700.

6—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 28th 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 Charges—Read, report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity charges since the last meeting, and also on the collection of arrears.

8—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting he had received £26,000 on loan. RESOLVED, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loan.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that the Building Society had arranged to advance a further £25,000 on or about the middle of April, leaving a balance of £25,000 still to be advanced

9—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting £995 Housing Bonds had been renewed. RESOLVED, That Certificates be issued accordingly.

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10—Main Drainage Scheme—Read, letter of 20th ult. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the outstanding debt on works which would be superseded by the proposed new Main Drainage Scheme. The Borough Treasurer reported that the only outstanding debt on works which would be superseded was in respect of the Storm Water Overflow constructed from College Road to Bath Road, and in respect of which loans of £1121 and £810 were sanctioned on the 11th September, 1933. RESOLVED, That the Ministry be informed that the Council intend to pay off this loan out of surplus capital monies in hand on the loan for the construction of Brooklyn Road RESOLVED, also, That when application for sanction to the loan is made for the construction of the main sewer the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for the period of repayment to be 40 years instead of the usual period of 30 years, RESOLVED also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the County Council for a grant towards the cost of the scheme.

11—Superannuation—(a) Miss Jordan (Health Visitor)—The Borough Treasurer reported that Miss Jordan had given notice of her desire to convert her 18 ½ years Non-Contributory service to Contributory service as from the 1st April next. The amount payable by her calculated in accordance with the Regulations would amount to £410 7s. 6d. RESOLVED, That this amount be accepted.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. C. T. Bastin (former Electricity Accountant) who was in receipt of a pension of £100, died on the 5th inst.

12—Finance Department—(a) Rates Office—The Borough Treasurer reported that as authorised he had appointed Miss M. Boite, Shorthand Typist in the Rates Department.

(b) Treasurer's Office—The Borough Treasurer reported that as authorised he had appointed Messrs. A. F. J. Yeend and R. H. Ruck, Junior Clerks in his Department.

(c) Read, application from Mr. J. Ayres, Clerk in the Costing Office, for promotion to a higher grade, He was at present in Grade C at a salary of £169 per annum. RESOLVED, That he be promoted to Grade D at a commencing salary of £182 per annum.

(d) The Borough Treasurer submitted applications from Messrs. Moore and Roddis, Grade B Clerks in the Electricity Billing Department, to be given the maximum of the Grade on the 1st April, 1939, instead of 1st April, 1940. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

13—Housing Rentals—With reference to the proposed increase in Rates, it was RESOLVED, That the Housing Committee be authorised to consider and decide as to whether the whole or part of the increase in Rates shall be added to the various Housing rentals.

14—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 in connection with the purchase of the houses mentioned opposite the respective initials of the applicants :—

Mr. and Mrs H. W.      Plot 23 Brooklyn Road    £595

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. H.    Plot 21 Brooklyn Road    £595.

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 guarantees to be limited to the amounts between  $66\frac{2}{3}$  and 90 per cent of the value of the houses ; and the rate of interest to be charged in respect of advances not to exceed  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent, subject to satisfactory reports being made by the Building Society's Surveyor ; and that the Common Seal be affixed to the formal Guarantees to be approved by the Town Clerk.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 27th April, 1939.

Sir

You, are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 1st day of May, 1939, 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 FIRE BRIGADE 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. Letter from the Government requesting local Authorities so to arrange their business that during the next three months priority is given to Civil Defence matters.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

### **Borough of Cheltenham**

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council or the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 3rd April, 1939, at 7 p.m.** Present :

The Mayor (Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Tree, C.B.E., R.N. Retd., J.P.).

Aldermen Leigh James, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. and Ward; Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E, M.B., B.S., Ben James, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bendall, Compton, Lipson, M.A., M.P., and Till.

1—Election of Councillor—The Town Clerk reported the Election on the 30th ult. of Dr. William Curling Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S. as Councillor for the Lansdown Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Councillor E. L. Ward to be an Alderman, and laid before the Council his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly' Meeting of the Town Council held on the 6th March, 1939, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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



Public Health Meeting held March 13

Housing Meeting held March 16

Street and Highway Meeting held March 20

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Green and seconded by Councillor Morris: "That Minute No. 31 in regard to the claim for compensation by Mrs. Byard in respect of the injuries sustained as a result of an accident in Rosehill Street alleged to be due to the uneven pavement, be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Barnett : "That Minute No. 38 be amended by adding the following words at the end of the first resolution on the Hospital Trust being responsible for the completion of the buildings' was not seconded ").

Town Planning Meeting held March 23

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held March 24

Subject to an Amendment moved by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That in regard to Minute No. 12 the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be requested to submit an estimate of the cost of providing cloakrooms in the basement, and that they be authorised to include such cost in the application for loan sanction.-

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held March 27

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Bush : " That Minute No. 4 in regard to the proposed contribution of L-15 to the Electrical Development Association towards the display at the Bath and West Show at Bridgwater be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

Water Meeting held March 14

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held March 21

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Ward and seconded by Councillor Grimwade : " That Minute No. 3 be referred back and that consideration of the application of the Cheltenham Town A.F.C. Ltd. be deferred and that the Club be asked to furnish a complete balance sheet and profit and loss account in order that the Committee may be able to decide as to whether that sum will be sufficient to place the Club on a sound financial basis."

Fire Brigade Meeting held March 27

Allotments Meeting held March 13

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held March 13

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held March 24

Rating Meeting held March 9

Finance Meetings held March 23 & 28

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Waite and seconded by the Deputy Mayor : " That Minute No. 1 be amended and that the contribution towards the expenses of the Conference be increased to £100.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Rogers and seconded by Councillor Fisher: " That the contribution be increased to £150 " 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.

4—Appointment of Committees—Resolved, That Councillor Dr. Hayward be appointed a member of the Public Health, Water, Housing and Assessment Committees, That Councillor Avery be appointed a member of the Electricity Committee, and That the Deputy Mayor be appointed a member of the Finance Committee for the ensuing year.

5—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 1939 and terminating on the Thirty-first day of March 1940, 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 11s 4d. in the on the Rateable Value of each hereditament as shown in the Valuation List and in the form shown in the Rate Books be and the same is hereby made and approved in respect of the period commencing on the First day of April 1939 and terminating on the Thirty-first day of March 1940, 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 1939 ; Also, That in pursuance of Article 89 of the County of Gloucester Review Order 1935, an abatement of 3d. in the £1 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.

JOHN HOWELL, Mayor.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 1st May, 1939.**

## PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 19th April, 1939,** Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Ben James, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains-1, 2, 3 and 6 Royal Well Place Royal Well Tavern ; Unitarian Church Lecture Hall—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.

2—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 69 Winchcomb Street—The Committee 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 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) West Cottage, St. George's Avenue ; 31 Sun Street ; Brickyard Cottage, Folly Lane—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.

(c) The Committee also considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses :—

(i) 29 and 31 Bath Terrace ; 44 Waterloo Street ; 51 and 51a Fairview Street ; "Fernside," 307 Gloucester Road—RESOLVED, That the undertakings given by the respective Owners that these houses shall not be used for human habitation until the Council are satisfied that they have been rendered fit for human habitation cancel the undertakings he accepted.

(ii) 20 Bath Terrace; 8, 9 and 10 Millbrook Terrace ; 30 Gloucester Place—Read, letters from the Owner and Mortgagees of 20 Bath Terrace requesting that consideration should be further adjourned to enable the owner to submit an offer for reconditioning the premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month in the case of all the houses.

(iii) 10 Waterloo Street—Read, letter from the Owner asking for further time to enable him to carry out his undertaking to recondition this house. RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for two months.

(iv) Bruton Cottage, Portland Street—Mrs. Field attended on behalf of the persons interested in this property and asked for a further adjournment. RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for three months.

(v) Cumberland Villa and The Shamrock, Grove Street—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for five months.

(vi) 1-3 Buckle's Cottages—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in default of compliance by the Owner with his undertakings with regard to these houses be adjourned for one month.

(d) 69 St. George's Place—The Committee further considered the question of demolishing these premises in default of compliance by the Owner with the Demolition Order made in respect thereof on the 14th February, 1938, Councillors Moore, Rogers and Waite reported their inspection of the property. RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for one month and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make a report on the demolition proposals.

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3—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness-30 Sun Street ; 56 Union Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these houses had carried out to his satisfaction works which in his opinion would with reasonable care and maintenance render them fit for human habitation for a period of at least 10 years. RESOLVED, That certificates be issued to the Owners under Section 51 of the Housing Act, 1936, that the houses are fit for human habitation and will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of 10 years.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. Beef; 1 qr. 20 lbs. Veal ; 6 cwt. 21 lbs. Pork ; 16 lbs. Mutton ; 1 qr. 23 lbs. Poultry.

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5—Diphtheria Immunisation—Quarterly Report—The Medical Officer of Health submitted the following report of treatment given during the Quarter to the 31st ult. :—

No. of new cases (immunisation commenced)	467
No. of injections given ...	1,392
No of cases in which treatment completed during the quarter	466
No. of cases partially completed when attendance ceased	23
No. of cases Schick tested after immunisation	155
	(153 negative, 2 positive)

Two Clinics were held at Whaddon School during the quarter and treatment by means of the Two-dose method was commenced there.

6—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of analyses of water taken since the last Meeting of the Committee.

7—Health Department—(a) District Sanitary Inspector—The Committee interviewed three applicants for the appointment of District Sanitary Inspector. RESOLVED, That Mr. A. L. Jones of Goldthorpe, Yorkshire, be appointed District Sanitary Inspector at a salary of £230 per annum, rising, subject to satisfactory service, by five annual increments of £12 10s. 0d. and a final increment of £7 10s. 0d. to a maximum salary of £300 per annum ; the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Sanitary

Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935, and the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and to be determinable by one month's notice on either side.

(b) Disinfecting Inspector—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. W. Townsend, Disinfecting Inspector would retire on the 30th instant after thirty-eight years' service. RESOLVED, That this Committee desire record their appreciation of Mr. Townsend's long and devoted service to the Corporation and to wish him happiness in his retirement.

(c) The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. J. Ursell, District Sanitary Inspector, wished to enlist in the Territorial Army, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) The Committee considered an application by Mr. J. Pearse, Overcrowding Assistant, for an increase in salary and to be placed on the Salaries Grading Scheme. RESOLVED, That he be placed in Grade D commencing at a salary of £182 per annum as from the 1st April, 1939.

8—General Hospital—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Secretary of the Cheltenham General and Eye Hospitals asking whether any grant would be made towards additional expenditure incurred in making adequate provision for the reception of the large number of extra patients which would be sent to the Hospital in the event of war. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the County A.R.P. Central Authority for consideration.

9—" Better Health "—The Committee further considered the application for a grant towards the publication of "Better Health," copies of which had been circulated to the members for consideration. RESOLVED, That a grant of £6 per annum be made subject to the publishers providing not less than 1,000 copies per month for distribution in Cheltenham.

10—Main Drainage System—The Town Clerk submitted eleven tenders for re-constructing the Chelt main sewer, the Rowanfield sewer, and the Wymans Brook sewer, which had been opened in the presence of the Chairman and Councillors Ben James and Moore on the 14th inst. RESOLVED, That the tender of The Leamore Construction Company Ltd., amounting to £100,767 0s. 9d. and being the lowest, be accepted subject to the Ministry of Health sanctioning a loan to cover the cost of the work, and subject to the Company entering into a Contract and Bond to be prepared by the Town Clerk RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for the cost of the work.

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11—Hayden Farm—(a) Cottages—The Borough Surveyor reported that he was proposing to proceed with the demolition of the two old cottages at Hayden near the entrance to the sewage works, and use the material for making a foundation to a new road opposite the two new cottages. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Surplus Land—The Borough Surveyor reported that there were three pieces of land available for letting RESOLVED, That Messrs, C. C. Castle & Sons be asked to arrange for these to be let to suitable tenants.

12—Hatherley Brook—Read, letter of 18th ult. from the County Land Drainage Officer asking the Corporation to make a grant of 25 per cent of the cost of cleansing the portion of this brook within the

Borough, in addition to paying their proportion as riparian owners in respect of the portion outside the Borough. The total estimated cost of the work within the Borough was £165 and the grant applied for was accordingly £41 5s. 0d. The Borough Surveyor reported that the Corporation did not own any property adjoining the brook within the Borough, but that considerable use was made of the brook for the discharge of surface water. RESOLVED, That in these circumstances the Council be recommended to make a grant of £25 as an ex-gratia payment without admission of any liability on the part of the Corporation to contribute towards the cost of cleansing the brook within the Borough.

13—Public Conveniences, Leckhampton--The Town Clerk reported that the County Council approved under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, the proposal to erect public conveniences and a bus shelter on land at the foot of Leckhampton Hill. The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for the construction of the building either in brick or rough-cast. RESOLVED, That the plans for construction in rough-cast be approved, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for the cost of the work, estimated at £465 less £25 agreed to be contributed by the Cheltenham District Traction Company, leaving a balance of £440.

14—Sewers in Added Area—Read, letter of 13th ult. from the Clerk of the County Council with regard to a request by the Cheltenham Rural District Council for a contribution of £1,500 towards the cost of enlarging and improving the Prestbury sewage works for the reception and treatment of sewage from the new Girls' Grammar School in Albert Road. RESOLVED, That the Rural District Council be invited to attend a Conference with the Flooding Sub-Committee to discuss terms for a general agreement with regard to the sewers in the area recently transferred from the Rural District to the Borough.

15—Conferences—(a) Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Institute of Sewage Purification inviting the attendance of delegates at their Annual Summer Conference to be held at Worcester from the 12th-15th July next. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

(b) Read, letter of 14th ult. from the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the attendance of representatives at a Sessional Meeting to be held at Swindon on the 28th inst. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th April, 1939.** Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Addis, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward and Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—External Painting—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of carrying out the external painting of the 68 houses at St. Paul's and 84 houses at St. Peter's at £569, and that he was proceeding with the work as authorised.

2—Whaddon Farm Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported the progress made by Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell on their Contract for 32 houses.

3—Sun Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had considered the possibility of erecting new houses on the vacant sites of Nos. 49 and 50 Sun Street, but as these sites were only together 21 feet wide, he suggested that if the sites of Nos. 51, 52 and 53 Sun Street were also purchased, it would be possible to lay out the whole area for one pair of three-bedroom houses. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate terms for the purchase of these sites.

4—Waterloo Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that it would be possible to provide a pair of three-bedroom houses on the vacant site of No. 264 Swindon Road and the land at the corner of Waterloo Street and Swindon Road, but he submitted plan showing that if the adjoining land in Waterloo Street and Swindon Road was purchased it would be possible in addition to build two detached houses. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate terms for the purchase of this property..

5—Grove Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted two alternative preliminary layout plans showing the possible development and widening of Grove Street to 36 feet, confining re-housing to the land on the west side of the street from the yard of the Shakespeare Hotel to New Street. The first plan provided for the erection of three blocks of 8 one-bedroomed flats, and the second for four blocks of maisonettes giving 16 two-bedroom dwellings. Property on the east side of the road not scheduled for demolition could be pulled down if the owners were given alternative accommodation, which would facilitate the widening of the road, and the remaining open ground on this side of the street could then be used for gardens for the tenants of the new houses to be erected on the other side. RESOLVED, That the plan providing for the erection of 24 one-bedroomed flats be provisionally approved, and that the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate terms for the purchase of the property on both sides of the street, excluding Rowton Lodging House.

6—Higgs Cottages—The Town Clerk reported that he was now in a position to proceed with the making of the Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of this property. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans for the erection of four-bedroom houses on the land.

7—Repairs Superintendent—The Monthly Report of the Repairs Superintendent was submitted. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to keep a diary of the daily work carried out by him.

8—St. Mark's Estate—New Grates—The Housing Manager submitted applications from the tenants of four houses in Tennyson Road for the replacement of the Inter-oven grates, which were worn out, with open grates. RESOLVED, That the applications be granted and that the tender of Mr. Newman for two grates at £8 7s. 6d. each, and the tender of Mr. Enoch for two grates at the same price be accepted.

9—Arrears of Rent—RESOLVED, That the sum of £4 19s. 0d. due from the late Mr. Butler, former tenant of 57 Severn Road, be written off as irrecoverable.

10—Garden Prize Scheme— RESOLVED, That £23 be allocated this year for the Garden Prize Scheme, to be awarded in the discretion of the Garden Prize Sub-Committee, as last year.

11—Increase of Rates—The Committee considered the question of increasing the rents of houses in view of the increase in rates for the current year. RESOLVED, That the rents of all houses be increased by an amount equivalent to the rate increase.

12—Pilley Lane Housing Estate—The Housing Manager submitted 6 tenders received for wiring the staircases of houses on this Estate. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Stallard & Co. of £90 0s. 6d. (being the lowest) be accepted subject to contract.

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13—Housing Manager's Department—(a) The Housing Manager submitted her monthly report on the collection of arrears of rent.

(b) There were now 380 applicants on the waiting list of whom 70 had been placed on the selected list.

(c) The Housing Manager reported that she had arranged for Miss J. Wolley, aged 19 ½, to commence duty as a pupil trainee in September next. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) The Housing Manager reported that Miss Barris wished to remain in her office for a further period after the completion of her training, and she recommended, in view of the pressure of work in the department during the summer months when the staff was depleted owing to holidays, that Miss Barris' services should be retained during the summer. RESOLVED, That Miss Barris be retained until the 30th September next, and that she be paid £156 per annum as from the 15th May.

4—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee--Read, reports of the Sub-Committee of their Meetings held on the 23rd ult. and 4th inst.

(a) Selection of Tenants—The Sub-Committee had interviewed 22 applicants for houses, granted 21, and refused 1.

(b) Transfers, etc.—The Sub-Committee had interviewed and granted five applicants for transfers to other Corporation houses, and interviewed three tenants in regard to arrears of 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) 105 Clyde Crescent—The Housing Manager having reported that Mrs. L. J. Organ, the tenant of this house, had left the premises, leaving her daughter-in-law and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Organ in occupation, That Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Organ be required to vacate the premises within two months.

(iii) Oriol Walk Clearance Order—That in pursuance of Section 44 of the Housing Act, 1936, Mr. Pugh, the tenant of No. 19 Colne Avenue, be paid the sum of £10 compensation in respect of the loss sustained by him consequent on his having to give up business as a boot repairer at 5 Oriol Walk which was demolished under this Clearance Order

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, but that with regard to recommendation (ii), the notice to quit be withdrawn, but that Mr. Organ be required to transfer to a two-bedroom house when available.

5 —New Houses—The Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee reported that the Chief Sanitary Inspector had submitted a list of a large number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders or Closing Orders had been made or undertakings accepted, but which could not be demolished or reconditioned



because of the difficulty of the tenants in finding alternative accommodation. The Housing Manager had also reported the large number of applications which she was constantly receiving from applicants in addition to those living in condemned houses. The Sub-Committee recommended that the Committee should give urgent consideration to the desirability of proceeding with the erection of additional houses without delay. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to approve of the erection of at least 100 additional houses for re-housing persons displaced from unfit houses, and that the Chairman, Councillors Addis, Green, Grimwade and Moore be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and inspect suitable building sites.

6—Tuberculosis—RESOLVED, That this Committee approve of the proposal of the Public Health Committee to cleanse all Corporation houses vacated by persons suffering from tuberculosis before reletting these, the cost being borne by the Public Health Committee.

Kingsley Gardens—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Waterhouse, the tenant, was prepared to increase his offer for the purchase of this house to £650 RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee are not prepared to sell the house for less than £675, as previously decided.

8--Electricity Kiosk, Whaddon Farm Estate—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to have angle irons and barbed wire fixed to the inside of the fence surrounding this kiosk to prevent children climbing over the fence.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th April, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade and Rogers (The Deputy 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—Norton House, Alstone Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported an offer by the tenant of this house to carry out certain Landlords' repairs and outside painting if the Corporation would defray the cost of material, estimated at £6. The Borough Surveyor recommended that the offer should be accepted and the amount increased to £7 in order that a better quality of paint might be used RESOLVED, That the payment of 7 be made on condition that the Borough Surveyor is satisfied with the paint and workmanship.

3—Central Depot—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted a circular from the Home Office dated the 12th inst., with regard to the minimum standard of lighting in factories and reported that he had invited quotations for improving the lighting at 8 workshops in the Depot which were affected by the circular. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to accept the most favourable tender.

(b) Sandbags—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by the A.R.P. Divisional Officer for storage accommodation for sandbags and recommended that certain accommodation at the Central Depot should be offered for this purpose. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Read, letter of 14th inst, from the Post Office Sectional Engineer, Gloucester, applying for consent to the placing of wire stays for telegraph poles in the yard at the Central Depot and at the Market, subject to payment of an annual acknowledgment of 1s in respect of each stay. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the conditions recommended by the Borough Surveyor.

4—Refuse Freighters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the 4 new Refuse Freighters had been delivered and were now in commission, and he recommended the disposal of 2 tractors and 9 trailers which were no longer required. RESOLVED, That Messrs. C.C. Castle & Son be instructed to dispose of these vehicles for the best price obtainable.

5—Tewkesbury Road—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a claim from Mr. J. T. Smith, amounting to £10, for the value of crops etc, on the portion of Turks Gardens which had been purchased by the Corporation for the improvement of Tewkesbury Road. The land had been inspected by the Gardens Superintendent who considered that the claim was reasonable. RESOLVED, That the claim be agreed to.

(b) Read, letter of 30th ult. from Mr. T. Packer, offering to surrender a piece of land for the improvement of Tewkesbury Road adjoining Turks Garden free of charge subject to the Corporation setting back the fence to the improvement line. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

6—Grove Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Housing Committee had decided to negotiate for the purchase of the land on either side of Grove Street with a view to demolishing the houses and rebuilding, and he submitted plans for widening the road to 36 feet. RESOLVED, That the proposed widening be approved.

7—Private Improvement Works—Arlo Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment according to frontage of the cost of Private Improvement Works carried out in this road, amounting to £192 1s. 3d. 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 demand.

8—Bridle Path from Old Gloucester Road to Fiddler's Green—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council Surveyor calling attention to the erection of a gate across this bridle path. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

9—Borough Surveyor's Department—Architectural Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Mr. Rust, Architectural Assistant, for an increase in salary He reported that Mr. Rust was at present in Grade H. receiving a salary of £308 per annum. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That Mr. Rust be placed in Grade I at a commencing salary of £315 as from 1st April, 1939.

10-6 Montpellier Avenue—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Mr. F. L. Griffiths, giving notice to terminate his tenancy of this shop on 24th June next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Town Clerk be authorised to relet the premises and to release the present tenant at an earlier date, if another suitable tenant is found.

11-11 Winchcomb Street—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Miss B. E. M. Pardington, giving three months' notice to terminate her tenancy of this shop, The Town Clerk reported that under the terms of the Agreement the tenancy could not be determined before 25th March, 1940. RESOLVED, That the present tenant be released only if another suitable tenant is found to take the shop.

12—Junction of Libertus Road and Gloucester Road—Read, letter of 23rd ult. from the Manager of the Cheltenham District Traction Co- with regard to complaints which had been received as to turning of buses at this junction He pointed out that buses turned at this point only between 9 a.m. and 12 noon and after 8 p.m., and on Saturdays only between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. He also pointed out that if the 'buses turned at the junction of Queen's Road and Gloucester Road they would be unable to pick up passengers at the side entrance of the L.M.S. Railway Station, while if they turned at the junction of Gloucester Road and Lansdown Road the bus time table would have to be revised. RESOLVED, That in these circumstances no further action be taken.

13—Priors Road—Read, letter of 23rd ult. from the Manager of the Cheltenham District Traction Co., applying for permission to erect a bus shelter on the grass verge at the back of the footpath on the South side of the entrance to the Cemetery, instead of in the position on the North side of the entrance selected by the Committee some time ago. RESOLVED, That the application be granted

14—Wages and Conditions of Service—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 10th ult., and two letters of 15th inst., from the National Union of General & Municipal Workers with regard to (a) Employment of Bath Attendants and Laundry Women on Bank Holidays, (b) Payment of wages in lieu of holidays due to casual employees on discharge, and (c) Wages of a Horse Driver employed by Health Department RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Labour Sub-Committee for consideration.

15—Quarry Industry—Read, circular letter from the Secretary of the District Joint Industrial Council, Granite and Roadstone Quarry Industry (Area No 7), asking the Council, when placing Contracts for road stone, to ensure that the firms tendering are observing the terms of the Joint Industrial Council Agreement with regard to wages and conditions of labour with the addition of the Holidays-with-pay scheme to operate in 1939. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply that the Council are not prepared to make the special enquiries which would be necessary in order to comply with the request, but that they will take appropriate action, if the Joint Industrial Council will report cases in which the conditions are not being observed.

16—Pittville Street Improvement—(a) Surplus Land—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Health to the sale of the surplus land for £65,000.

(b) 8 Pittville Street—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green, giving notice under the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1927, of the intention of Mr. N E. W. Carter to claim compensation for loss of goodwill on termination of his tenancy of this shop The Town Clerk advised that the Corporation are not liable to pay compensation in this case, as the property is required for street improvement RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to repudiate liability.

17—Winchcomb Street Improvement—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan of £1,982 for the purchase of la Winchcomb Street

18—High Street--(a) Read, letter of 30th ult., from the Ministry of Transport approving the erection of an additional one-way notice in High Street on the north-east side of its junction with Bath Road and requesting the removal of two unauthorised notices. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the removal of the unauthorised notices.

(b) Read, letter of 6th inst., from the Manager of the Cheltenham District Traction Co., pointing out that, if the request of the Council for the removal of the bus stop near the Hewlett Road junction to a point below Berkeley Gardens and the re-erected drinking trough were complied with, there would be two bus stops opposite each other which might cause an obstruction of traffic RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply that the Committee after viewing the road are satisfied that it is wide enough to accommodate two bus stops opposite each other.

19—Trunk Road No. 10—Read, letter of 31st ult. from the Ministry of Transport, calling attention to the Motor Vehicles (Authorising of Special Types) (No. 1) 1937, Amendment Order, 1939, providing that notices of the movement of special types of vehicles under the Principal Order should be sent to the Council exercising on the Minister's behalf functions in respect of maintenance and repair of the Trunk Road.

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20—County Roads—Read, letter of 23rd ult., from the County Surveyor reporting that the following amounts had been included in the County Council estimates for the year 1939-40 for the maintenance and minor repairs of roads " claimed " by the Borough Council.

1st Class.	2nd Class.	Unclassified.	Administration.	Total.
£1,640.	£1,660.	£215.	£175.	£3,690.

21—Leckhampton Road Bus Shelter—The Town Clerk reported that the County Council had approved under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, the proposal to erect a Bus Shelter and Public Conveniences on land of the Corporation at the foot of Leckhampton Hill.

22-115 and 116 Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 28th ult. from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green, offering this property for sale to the Corporation for £300 plus Solicitors Costs. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to Contract and to the consent of the Minister of Health to a loan for the purchase of the property. RESOLVED, also, That application be made for such consent.

23—Building Byelaws--The Town Clerk reported that the Draft Byelaws had been returned by the Ministry of Transport with considerable amendments. RESOLVED, That they be referred to the Building Byelaws Sub-Committee for further consideration.

24—Hudson Street—The Town Clerk reported that one of the footpaths in this road had been damaged by a lorry belonging to Mr. Grant. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of repairing the damage, estimated at 9d 4d.

25—Sherborne Place—The Town Clerk reported that new concrete paving slabs in this road had been damaged by a lorry belonging to Mr J E. Evans, of Altrincham. RESOLVED, That a claim he made for repairing the damage estimated at £2 6s. 8d.

26—National Safety First Association—The Town Clerk reported an application for renewal of the annual subscription to this Association The minimum rate suggested for Highway Authorities was £2 2s. 0d. for each 20,000 or less of population. RESOLVED, That a subscription of £6 6s. 0d. be paid.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th April, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Grimwade and Lipson ; Mesdames E. Booy, W. L. Mellersh, Lewis Grist and E. C. Gurney (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1939. The attendances at the Centres had been as follows

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (13 Meetings)	37	43.4
At Whaddon (13 Meetings)	13.7	32.4
At Clare Street (13 Meetings)	25.8	40.1
At Highbury (13 Meetings)	35	46
At St. Mark's (13 Meetings)...	20	35

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1939 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,8551
“ Un-notified Live Births discovered ...	
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	1,518
“ “ “ “ (b) over 1 year ..	1,826
“ Ante-natal cases visited (a) New ...	65
“ “ “ “ (b) Return ... ..	36
“ Special visits to Mothers ...	116
“ First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	190
“ Chicken Pox cases visited ...	7
“ Cases reported to N.S.P.C.C.	4
“ Whooping Cough cases visited .. ..	70
“ Mumps cases visited	1
“ Scarlet Fever cases visited ... ..	3
“ Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres ..	90

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter..	363
New Orders ... ..	81
Orders discontinued during quarter	84
“ continuing to coming quarter	360

Children Act :

Health Visitors. School Nurses.

No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter ..	27	10
“ visits (under Children Act) paid ... ..	25	15
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ...	16	10

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 75 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st January to 31st March, 1939, and that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from the 1st April, 1938 to 31st March, 1939, was £134 5s. 0d., of which £49 18s. 3d. was chargeable to patients.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from Midwives during the quarter ended 31st March, 1939: Still-births 4 , Deaths of Infants 3 ; Commencement of artificial feeding 3 ; Liability to be source of infection 1.

4—Dentistry---(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 46 mothers and 21 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 56 mothers and 19 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 submitted account from the Charity Organisation Society for the provision of dentures to necessitous mothers, amounting to £10 6s. 0d. 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 during the quarter ended 31st ult., and the total number of attendances was 20, including 14 Borough patients.

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6—Orthopaedic Scheme—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on the work of the Orthopaedic Clinic to quarter ended 31st ult. The total number of children on the Register was 149, of which 83 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 24 surgeons' consultations had been held ; 66 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 27 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) RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to pay 1s- extra per treatment in cases where ultra-violet light treatment is necessary.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from the Cripples Aid Society for a grant towards the cost amounting to £8 13s. 9d of instruments, boots and repairs for children under five. RESOLVED, That a grant of 50 per cent, namely £4 6s. 10d. be made.

(d) Flat Foot—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there were 20 cases of flat foot for which special shoes were required, and in respect of which the Cripples Aid Society were unable to provide assistance, and he recommended that the Committee should agree to pay for the shoes in 15 of these cases, but he considered that in the other 5 cases the financial circumstances of the families did not warrant assistance being given. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to bear the cost of the special shoes in the 15 cases recommended by the Medical Officer of Health and that in the remaining 5 cases the attention of the parents be called to the importance of the special shoes being provided.

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 31st ult., amounting to £27 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted accounts for £6 6s. 0d. for X Ray Examinations. RESOLVED, That these be paid.

(c) Home Helps—The Medical Officer of Health submitted accounts of £2 0s. 0d. for Home Helps in 2 cases. RESOLVED, That these be passed for payment.

(d) Ante-natal Opinions—The Medical Officer of Health submitted an account of 10s for an Ante-natal opinion. RESOLVED, That this be passed for payment.

(e) The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Health had now made an order entitled "The Cheltenham (Midwifery-Prohibition of Unqualified persons) Order, 1939," which prohibited a person from acting as an assistant nurse on a case at or during ten days immediately after childbirth unless that person is a fully qualified nurse or a qualified midwife. Notice of the order had been published in the press as required by the Ministry, and the Medical Officer of Health reported that he had circularised the Cheltenham Medical Practitioners and Midwives drawing attention to the provisions of the order.

(f) Read, circular 1767 of the 24th January last from the Ministry of Health in regard to the compulsory retirement of midwives who are incapable by reason of age or infirmity of mind or body of efficiently performing their duties as midwives. The Medical Officer of Health reported that there were no midwives practising in Cheltenham, to whom the circular was applicable.

8—Children Act—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of foster mothers who had sent in notifications, and he recommended that the maximum number of children allowed should be fixed as follows :—

Name.	Address.	Maximum No. of Children allowed.
Mrs. Dicks	9 Thames Road	1
Miss Weston	31 Rose and Crown Passage	1
Mrs. Yeend	30 St. Luke's Road	1
Mrs. Phillips	53 Whaddon Avenue	1

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted. (b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss Weston of 31 Rose and Crown Passage 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 Miss Weston drawing attention to this offence, and warning her that if there is any further offence proceedings will be taken against her.

9—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted 3 accounts for Hospital treatment in cases of Puerperal Pyrexia, amounting to £19 0s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be passed for payment.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted circular 1765 of 14th ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of the Puerperal Pyrexia Regulations, 1939, and the Medical Officer of Health reported that he had circularised the Medical Practitioners in the Borough with books of revised notification forms and information relating to the amended Regulations.

10—Consultant Opinion—The Medical Officer of Health submitted an account for a Consultant opinion in a Maternity case. RESOLVED, That this be passed for payment.

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11-Removal of Tonsils and Adenoids—The Medical Officer of Health submitted letter from the Secretary of the General Hospital that arrangements had been made for operations for the removal of tonsils and adenoids to be carried out at the Children's Hospital, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

12— Conferences—Read, circulars inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conferences of the National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and Association of Supervisors of Midwives, RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

13—Maternity Accommodation--(a) Read, letter of the 19th February last from Miss E. M. Clarence that the following resolution was passed at a public meeting held on the 15th February:-

"That this meeting representing all the women's organisations in Cheltenham, animated by a common desire for the welfare of the community urges the Borough Council to provide with the least possible delay maternity accommodation at a Municipal Maternity Hospital in Cheltenham."

(b) Read, letter of 9th February last that the Association had considered the request of the Council that they should discontinue for one year taking private cases from outside the Borough and had unanimously decided that owing to lack of accommodation in the Alexandra Ward for Borough and emergency County cases the taking of private patients be temporarily discontinued. Read, also, letter of the 14th inst. from the Association that in view of the financial position of the Victoria Home the Association asked the Council and County Council to increase the payment for Maternity cases sent in by them to 4 ½ guineas per week, including a payment of £2 2s. 0d. to the medical men called in by the midwife, also for payment by the Council of a fee of £5 5s. 0d. for a Caesarean Section as now paid by the County Council.

The Association also asked that the Council should consider the setting up of an Ante-natal service by which every expectant mother can be examined twice during pregnancy by her own doctor who should be paid a fee and give a report, which provides a record of every case. The Association reminded the



Council that the present arrangements for admission to the Wards should only be regarded as a temporary expedient to oblige the Council, and the recommendation that the Council should build its own Maternity Hospital still held good and was strongly urged.

The Town Clerk reported that at the last Meeting of the Committee when the estimates were settled provision had been made to increase the payment for Maternity cases to 4 guineas in anticipation of the Association's requests

RESOLVED, That the request of the Victoria Home Committee for an increase in the payment made by the Corporation for their Maternity cases to 4 guineas a week be acceded to ; this sum to include a payment of 2 guineas to the doctor when his services are required, if he is present at the birth.

RESOLVED, also, That a fee of £5 5s. 0d. be payable to the surgeon for the operation of Caesarean Section, this sum to include the fee of the anaesthetist. RESOLVED, also, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to report in regard to the request for Ante-natal service. RESOLVED, also, That in regard to the recommendation to provide a Maternity Home, the Committee consider it desirable to obtain a year's experience of the result of the Victoria Home discontinuing taking private patients, which has not yet come fully into operation owing to the fact that a number of patients had been booked prior to the request made by the Council.

14—Midwifery Service in National Emergency—Read, circular of 13th inst. from the Central Midwives Board in regard to the arrangements which are being made for compiling a register of women who would be free and willing in a national emergency to undertake midwifery work in their home districts or anywhere in the country. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

15—Post-Certificate Course for Midwives----(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that it was the duty of the Council as local supervising authority, to arrange for all midwives enrolled prior to the 1st January, 1935, to attend a post-certificate course before the 1st January, 1946.

A sum of £30 per annum was included in the grant payable to the Victoria Home under the Midwives Act to cover the expenses connected with these courses and payment of substitutes and he recommended that a commencement should be made by requiring Nurse S. Evans, who has been in the employment of the Home for thirteen years, to attend a course at an early date. He had been in communication with the Medical Officer of Health at Bristol, who is arranging a post-certificate course for midwives at Southmead Hospital, the charge to be £14 for each midwife taking the course, less £4 payable by the Ministry of Health as a special grant. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be adopted.

(b) The Committee considered request from the Cheltenham District Nursing Association that two of the midwives desired to take a two weeks resident course in the use of analgesics and asking that the Council should pay the fees of about £2 2s. 0d. a week and travelling expenses as for a post-certificate course. RESOLVED, That the Association be informed that, as above mentioned, a sum of £30 was included in the grant to cover the course, but if the amount expended in any year exceeds this sum the Committee will favourably consider increasing the grant accordingly.

16—Course for Midwives—Read, circular of 28th January last from the Central Midwives Board that the Board had decided to approve Southmead Hospital, Bristol, for the purpose of conducting the course prescribed in Part I of the rules under Section 7 of the Midwives Act.

LEIGH JAMES, Chairman.

**TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 4th April, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Ward; Councillors Bendall, Moore and Waite; Captain Leschallas : Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, A. Hall, J. Walker, A. Wiggett and A. Yiend (Alderman Ward in the chair).

1—Proposed Factory, Kayte Farm—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Messrs. T. P. Bennett & Sons, Architects of London, asking for the re-zoning of Kayte Farm so as to permit the erection of a factory and administrative buildings to be operated by Messrs. Smiths of London for the manufacture of aircraft instruments and sparking plugs development would include an Aerodrome for Messrs. Smiths' private use.

Messrs Smiths were prepared to widen Evesham Road to 100 ft. providing this is carried out on the west side. They anticipated that probably five entrances from the road would be required, the centre one of which would lead to the administrative block having lawns laid out on each side, and, possibly, a central fountain.

RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree in principle to the erection of a factory and administrative buildings and aerodrome in accordance with the application, subject to the proposed widening of Evesham Road and entrances being approved by the County Council and to provision being made, either by a sub-way or a bridge over Evesham Road, to avoid any danger that may be caused by traffic crossing the main road between the factory and the aerodrome if this is required by the County Council, subject also to satisfactory arrangements being made with the Rural District Council in regard to water supply and sewers, and to satisfactory arrangements being made with the Borough Electrical Engineer in regard to the electricity supply and the overhead line which runs across part of the land.

2—Proposed Factory, Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 28th ult. from Integral Auxiliary Equipment Ltd., asking if the Council had any objection to their purchasing a plot of land about three-quarters of an acre in Tewkesbury Road between the L.M.S. Railway Station and St, Peter's Church for the purpose of erecting a factory for light engineering work. The Borough Surveyor reported that this land was in the area scheduled for industrial purposes. RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to the erection of the factory, subject:-

- (1) To no nuisance being caused by noise, fumes, or smoke.
- (2) To the building being not less than 20 feet from the road, and to the entrance and exit being approved by the Committee.
- (3) Surface water to be discharged into the stream at the rear of the property.
- (4) To no injurious effluent being discharged into the sewers.
- (5) To the plans of the building being submitted to and approved by the Committee.

3—Proposed Drill Hall, etc.—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Gloucestershire Territorial Army and Air Force Association that the Association contemplated the purchase of a site lying between Arle Road and

Alstone Lane for the erection of a Drill Hall, etc. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of this proposal.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5137	Thomas, Miss	New shopfront, 35 Promenade.
5177	Hall, G. A. M. Ltd.	Detached house, Cleevemount Road.
5178	Bateson, C. E.	Garage, Fleske Lodge, Wellington Square.
5179	Roger & Davies, Ltd.	Detached house, Hatherley Court Road.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5137, 5178 and 5179 be approved ; That Plan No. 5177 be approved subject to the surface water being carried to the surface water sewer.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos, 5137, 5178 and 5179 be approved ; That Plan No. 5177 be approved subject to the elevations being amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Panel of Architects.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 90th April, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall and Waite; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Alderman Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5138	Cook, E. G.	Two houses, Merriville Road.
5141	Smith, C.	Two houses, Alma Road,
5155	Johnson, H.	Garden Shed, 132 Tennyson Road.
5180	Waterhouse, A.	Garage, 5 Kingsley Gardens.
5181	Cruickshank, A. S.	Garage, Parkward Mansions, Shurdington Road,
5182	Jenkins, F. A.	Garage, 108 Naunton Lane.
5183	Holden, A. S.	Garage, St. Patrick's, Priors Road.
5184	Gloucestershire Co- -operative Society Ltd.	New Offices and Optical Department, 413 High Street and Bath Street
5185	Boskett, F.	Garage, 151 Brooklyn Road.
5186	Morris, G.	Garage, Royston, Hatherley Road.

5187	Bridges, D. G.	Detached house, rear of Langholme, Hatherley Road.
5188	Trustees of the Methodist Church	Sunday School, Mersey Road.
5189	Wheeler & Mansell	Detached house, Grove Estate.
5190	Steels Garages Ltd.	Alterations, High Street and Albion Street.
5191	Lewis Hall, Mrs. N.	Alterations and additions, Thirlestaine Hall.
5192	Lane, S. D.	Conversion of house into flats, 6 The Park.
5193	Hillyer, S. W.	Seven Lock-up Garages, Russell Street.
5194	Flower & Sons	Alterations, 377 High Street.
5195	Elliott Bros.	Extension to Garage, Cricket Ground.
5196	Cruickshank, A. S.	Conversion of house into flats, "Sarvisa," Douro Road.
5197	Cutler, W. G	Garage, 16 Kingsley Gardens.
5198	Maddox,	Two Garages, Brooklyn Road.
5199	Cheltenham Cinema Co	Alterations, Palace Cinema.
5200	Rainbird, G.	Garage, Glen Arbut, Park Place.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5155, 5183, 5184, 5186, 5187, 5188, 5189, 5190, 5191, 5194, 5195 and 5199 be approved ; That Plans Nos, 5180, 5181, 5182, 5185, 5197, 5198 and 5200 be approved subject to the surface water being disposed of to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plans No. 5192 and 5196 be approved subject to the sanitary work being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans No 5193 be approved subject to the water from the washdown passing through a three-way trap.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5138, 5155, 5180, 5181, 5187, 5188, 5189, 5190, 5191, 5193, 5195, 5198 and 5199 be approved ; That Plan No, 5141 be approved subject to the effluent from the septic tanks being disposed of to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That No. 5182 be approved subject to the building being set back 18 inches behind the front main wall of the building That Plan No. 5183 be approved subject to the parapet wall being returned along the flank wall of the building ; That Plan No. 5184 be approved subject to the building being erected on the Improvement line laid down for Bath Street ; That Plan No, 5185 be approved subject to corrugated asbestos sheets being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 5186 be approved subject to cedar shingles or rustic asbestos sheets being used on the roof ; That Plans Nos. 5192, 5194, 5196 and 5200 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; That consideration of Plan No 5197 be deferred pending dip decision of the Minister of Transport under Section 2 of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935

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6—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.
1512	Bond, F G.	Workshop and Store Shed, Brierley, Hayward's Road, Charlton Kings.
1513	Currie, T. C	Garage (private) and Shed, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings.
1514		Conversion of one house into two dwelling houses, Charlecote, Battledown, Charlton Kings.
1515	Clow, Dr. D., Ch.B.	Additions, Milestones, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1516	Peacey-Nash, J.	Garage (private), 23 Glebe Road, Prestbury.
1517	Baird, S. G	Garage (private), Stoke Orchard Road, Bishop's Cleeve
1518	Gaskins, C	Two pairs semi-detached houses, Station Road, Bishop's Cleeve

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1514 and 1517 be approved ; That Plan No. 1512 be approved subject to no nuisance being caused by reason of noise, fumes, dust or smell ; That Plan No. 1513 be approved subject to either cedar shingles or Trafford rustic asbestos sheets beings used on the roof ; That Plan No. 1515 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building; That Plan No. 1516 be approved subject to the roof being covered with corrugated asbestos sheets and to a crossing over the footpath being constructed to the satisfaction of the Committee and the County Council ; That Plan No, 1518 be not approved.

7—Proposed Factory, Kayte Farm—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Gloucestershire Branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England that the Society had been asked to support a protest against the erection of this proposed factory, and asking the Council to withhold permission until there has been time to consider the objections. The Town Clerk reported that he had replied to the letter stating that the Committee had considered the matter and were recommending the Council to consent to the erection of the factory.

8—Planning Expenses—Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing cheque for £4,295 15s 5d for the expenses incurred by the Council in the preparation of the Scheme up to 31st March, 1938 The payment was made on the understanding that the Corporation will insert in the draft scheme a clause establishing a Joint Board as agreed.

9—Hotel Majestic—The Borough Surveyor reported on his inspection of these premises RESOLVED, That in the opinion of the Council the premises are not provided with the necessary means of escape in case of fire and that Notice under Section 60 of the Public Health Act, 1936, be given to the Owner to execute such works to provide sufficient means of escape in case of fire as now reported by the Borough Surveyor.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th April, 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Ward; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy Ireland Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Lipson and Waite; and R. B Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1-Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee held on the 28th ult. recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) Catering —That the tenders now submitted to the Committee for supply of Linen, Crockery and Plate required for catering be accepted.

(b) That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to grant the free use of accommodation, when available, at the it Hall, for A.R.P. Lectures and meetings.

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

2-Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on the 6th inst. to consider matters relating to the Swimming Pool.

They Recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) the Pool be opened on the 29th inst.

(b) That the issue of " Pay-as-you-swim " tickets be continued for this season.

(c) That the Superintendent be authorised to purchase the various games and equipment now reported at an estimated cost of £11 9s. 0d.

(d) That the Superintendent be authorised to expend the sum of £17 16s. 0d. in advertising, including posters, press advertising, sandwichmen and touching up last season's cut-out cards

(e) That the application of the Superintendent for an increase in salary be granted and that he be given an increase of £25 per annum, to include any attendance at the Pool during the Winter months if it is decided to open the Pool again next Winter.

(f) Season Tickets—The Sub-Committee had considered petition received from Mr. W. H. Brasher and signed by Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Lipson, The Rector, The Rev W. E. Beck and Messrs. W. N. Weech, L. Heawood and H Elder stating that as a daily means of promoting physical fitness, young people should not be prevented from acquiring the habit of daily early morning bathing by financial obstacles. They asked the Council to issue Season Tickets for the Pool available before 9 in the morning at 5s for the Summer season and 7s 6d for the whole year. The Borough Surveyor reported that the tiles round the diving stage were deteriorating owing, he thought, to the splashing of water thereon, during frosty weather. The Sub-Committee recommended that Season Tickets be issued for the Summer season up to 30th September for mornings from 7 a.m. to 9a m. (excluding Sundays and Bank Holidays) at a charge of 7s 6d, but that admission to the Pool with these tickets be not allowed after 8 30 a.m.

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

3—Boating, Marle Hill Annexe—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Mr. H. Higgins agreeing to pay 10 per cent per annum on the cost of acquiring three second-hand boats. RESOLVED, That if second-hand boats are not available, that Mr. Higgins be authorised to purchase new boats at a cost of approximately £50.

4—Alstone Baths—Read, letter of 25th ult. from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club asking the Council to give them six free Season Tickets as last year to augment the number given by the Club in connection with their Scholars' Scheme. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

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

6-Sommer Dances—The Entertainments Manager submitted seven tenders received for Dance Bands for the Summer Dances to be held at the Town Hall on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight each week. RESOLVED, That the tender of Hector Davies amounting to £13 15s. 0d. per week, be accepted.

7—Physical Fitness Week—The Chairman reported the arrangements being made for a Fitness Week to be held in Cheltenham from 12th to 16th June, which included demonstrations and courses at the Swimming Pool on 12th and 15th June. RESOLVED, That free admission to the Pool be granted to all over 14 years of age on 12th June and free admission on 15th June to those who, after witnessing the demonstrations etc. on 12th June, apply for a ticket for the lessons etc to be given on 15th June.

3----Winter Garden scheme—Mr. Overbury attended and submitted plan of proposed cloakrooms as instructed at the last Meeting of the on-going into the matter he found that it was not desirable to provide cloakrooms in the basement, apart from the objection to the entrance to the cloakrooms; two staircases would have to be constructed which would be inconvenient for the public, and an emergency exit provided, and, to provide rooms of sufficient size would interfere with the artists' dressing accommodation already constructed in the basement.

He submitted plan providing for the raising of the raked floor and the construction of two dressing-rooms for both sexes thereunder. The raising of the raked floor would considerably improve the Repertory Theatre and provide for a central entrance to the seating instead of entrances at either side and thereby increase the seating capacity by approximately thirty seats.

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The cloakrooms would each be of a size approximately the same as the cloakrooms Access the Town Hall and, being on th same level as the Town Hall could be conveniently used with the Town Hall, would be from the main foyer of the Theatre and would be convenient for the public and easy to supervise. He estimated the total cost of this work at approximately £1,000.

RESOLVED, That this plan be approved and that, as authorised by the Town Council, the sum of £1,000 be added to the application for loan sanction. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. Overbury be instructed to proceed with advertising for tenders.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st April, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Pates and Ward ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev, de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Smith ; and Mr. R. B Seaton (Alderman Ward in the chair).

9—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. J. Cook, the Superintendent at these Baths, died on the 21st inst. He was making temporary arrangements for carrying on Mr. Cook's work, and would report further on the matter at the next Meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Council desire to record their deep regret at the untimely death of Mr. Cook, who, during his 26 years service with the Corporation, has loyally and faithfully carried out his duties to the Council's entire satisfaction,

and that the Town Clerk be instructed to convey to Mrs. Cook the Council's sincere sympathy in the great loss she has sustained at the death of her husband.

10—Medical Baths- The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of carrying out the necessary interior decorations at these Baths at £29 RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out

11—Broadcast Concerts—The Committee further considered recommendation of the Entertainments Manager that he should be authorised to accept any[or only] offers received from the B.B.C. for the broadcast of Jan Berenska's Orchestra from Cheltenham during the ensuing season, at a cost to the Corporation of £4 13s. 0d. per broadcast. He had, as authorised by the Committee, accepted six broadcasts up to 31st May. Mr. Arthur Cole attended and discussed the matter with the Committee RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to accept not more than two broadcasts per month by Jan Berenska's Orchestra during the period of Mr. Cole's contract with the Corporation.

12—Entertainments Sub-Committee --Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 18th inst. They recommended (inter alia) that a Sub-Committee consisting of Alderman Pates, Councillor Green, Messrs, R. B. Seaton and C. G. McIlquham, and representatives of the Cheltenham Tennis Club be appointed to make arrangements for the proposed exhibition tennis matches to be held at the Athletic Ground on Whit-Monday. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

13—Advertising Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 18th inst. They recommended (inter alia) that the tender of Burr's Press for the supply of 50,000 pictorial envelopes at 10s per 1,000 be accepted, the envelopes to be distributed to hotels etc. as previously. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

14—Professional Tennis Matches—The Entertainments Manager reported that he had been informed that Fred Perry was unable to make the tour to England, but that the organisers were endeavouring to arrange for Nussheim of Germany or another Championship player to take his place. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances the Corporation are unable to agree to give the guarantee of £350 to the organisers, but are prepared to continue with the arrangements for the exhibition match on Whit-Monday on the sharing terms, as previously agreed.

15—Swimming Pool—The Committee considered application of 23rd February last from the Amateur Swimming Association in regard to the establishment of coaching classes in Cheltenham in swimming during the coming Summer. The Association anticipated a large response for the course, and at the end of the training the persons taking the course would enter for the elementary teachers' certificate of the Association, and the successful candidates would offer their services in a voluntary capacity for teaching swimming. The Association asked if the Council could agree to grant free Season Tickets to the candidates who obtained their certificate. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to give 10 free Season Tickets for the Pool subject to the persons to whom. they are awarded agreeing to give voluntary instruction at the Pool, on occasions during the season

16—Musical Festival—RESOLVED, That the application of the Musical Festival Committee for permission to erect six-sheet boards at Pittville Gardens, Sandford Park and Montpellier Gardens be granted subject to the positions being approved by the Gardens Superintendent.



17—Open-Air Services—RESOLVED, That the application of the Rev. Boulter on behalf of the Free Church Council for the use of either the Winter Garden or Montpellier Gardens Bandstands on three Sunday evenings during the Summer for open-air services, be granted subject to the dates being agreed with the Entertainments Manager and to the Bandstands being available.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th April, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Taylor; Councillors Addis, Ben James, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Taylor in the chair)

1-Supplies to Factories-(a) Bishop's Cleeve-The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Company proposing to erect a large factory at Kayte Farm, Bishop's Cleeve, had approached him to arrange a power supply, and that in order to meet the probable demand it would be necessary to make considerable additions to the existing cable system. He submitted a plan showing these additions and a preliminary estimate of the cost, amounting to about £17,500, but he reported that these were provisional only as he had not yet received detailed information as to the location of the factory and the probable power requirements. RESOLVED, That, when the negotiations have reached a more advanced stage, a special Meeting of this Committee be called to consider the matter, and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to approve terms and enter into an agreement for the supply.

(b) Bath. Road-The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from Messrs. Partridge & Co., of London for a supply of electricity to premises purchased by them in Bath Road, and that as the Company wished to start operations immediately an agreement had been entered into for such supply. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Tewkesbury Road-The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an enquiry for a power supply to the old Shellmex Depot in Tewkesbury Road, and that, before a supply could be given, it would be necessary to increase the capacity of the low pressure distribution system in Tewkesbury Road RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to lay an additional cable in this road when necessary.

2-Disused Electricity Works-The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received one or two enquiries for the broken brick of the old chimney, at the Electricity Works. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to dispose of this for the best price obtainable.

3-Public Lighting, Added Area-The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had arranged for the Cheltenham & District Gas Co to continue the lighting of the 25 gas lamps in the recently added area on the North side of the town on the same terms as before. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4-Air Raid Precautions-(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that he should be authorised to purchase materials such as steel plates, stanchions and girders and sand for the protection of the various sub-stations in an emergency at an estimated cost of between £300 and £400, and that these

should be stored at the old Electricity Works until required. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

(b) Fire Extinguishers-The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders for the supply of 16 fire extinguishers and 6 refills which the Council had decided to purchase for the protection of the sub-stations. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Pyrene Co., amounting to £198 (being the lowest), be accepted.

(c) Read, circular letter of 22nd ult. from the Electricity Commission, enclosing explanatory notes as to the purchase of respirators and protective clothing by Electricity Undertakings in connection with their Air Raid Precautionary measures RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase 20 respirators, sets of clothing and helmets. (d) Road Vehicles-Read, circular letter of 29th ult. from the Electricity Commission, stating the position under emergency conditions in regard to the retention of and supply of fuel for road vehicles required for the purposes of electricity undertakings.

5- Electricity Department-RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, that Miss S Turner, Shorthand Typist in his Department, be advanced from Grade "A " to Grade " B" commencing with a salary of £117 per annum.

6-Failures of Supply-Read, circular letter of 29th ult. from the Electricity Commission revising previous requirements with regard to the notification of failures of supply.

7-Electricity Supply (Meters) Act, 1936-Read, letter of 31st ult. from the Electricity Commission enclosing formal approval of a substandard watt meter to be used at the Meter Testing Station.

8-Electricity Showroom-The Town Clerk reported an application by the Air Raid Precautions Area Authority for permission to use the two alcoves of the showroom as A.R.P. recruiting offices. RESOLVED, That this be approved,

9-Direction Sign-Read, letter of 22nd inst. from the Cheltenham Cricket Club applying for permission to re-erect on a lamp standard the direction sign to the Victoria Cricket Ground which had been removed owing to the construction of the new roundabout at the junction of Hewlett Road and College Road RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10-Gas Tests-(a) Quarterly Report-Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1939, showing the average calorific value for the Quarter to be 471'0 B.Th.U. per cubic foot

(b) Read, report of Gas Tests made on the 2nd, 5th, 8th, 14th, 17th, 20th, 24th, and 29th March, 4th, 13th, 18th, and 21st April, 1939, which showed the calorific value on those dates as 468.3, 471.8, 473.2, 476.0, 463.3, 473.9, 470.9, 484.6, 480.4, 470.1, 469.0 and 474.4 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure as 5.9, 8.9, 7.0, 6.2, 9.4, 8.5, 6.1, 6.4, 7.9, 8.5, 8.6, and 6.4 inches of water respectively.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

## WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th April, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Margrett and Ward; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Dr. Hayward 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 March, 1939.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	283,000 gallons	285,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,287,000 "	510,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>58,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>
	1,628,000	1,850,000

### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 98,888,000 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—Supply to Gloucester—The Borough Engineer submitted an application of 28th ult. from the City Surveyor of Gloucester asking for a supply of about 50,000 gallons a day to be given from the 27 inch main at Green Street, Churchdown, and he reported that he had made the necessary arrangements accordingly. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Supply to Vineyards Park, Tewkesbury—The Borough Engineer submitted application from the Borough Surveyor of Tewkesbury for a supply of water to a drinking-fountain and paddling-pool in Vineyards Park direct from the pumping main. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Committee.

6—" Staern " Joints—The Borough Engineer reported on the enquiries made in regard to the use of this type of joint. RESOLVED, That consideration of the request made for permission to use this type of joint be deferred for the present.

7—Lighting in Factories—The Borough Engineer submitted circular received from the Home Office in connection with the lighting in factories, and reported that he had invited quotations for the re-modelling of the lighting at Sandford and Tewkesbury Works in connection with the Home Office regulations. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to accept the tender,

8—Supply to Common Meadow, Leckhampton—Read, letter of 17th ult. from Messrs. Bruton, Knowles & Co. asking on what terms the Corporation would be prepared to provide a water supply to this land. The Borough Engineer reported that it would be necessary to lay a supply main in Leckhampton Lane

from the trunk main via a rider main extending from Shurdington Road at one end to Flume Orchard at the other. A 4 inch main would be sufficient for the supply of the land, but in his opinion a 6 inch main should be provided at an estimated cost of £1,900, but in this case he thought the Corporation should agree to bear the increased cost of the 6 inch main over the 4 inch main, estimated at £550. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Bruton, Knowles & Co. be informed that the Committee are prepared to extend the supply to this land on their depositing the estimated cost of the 4 inch main, namely £1,350, which would be refunded as and when the water charges produce 12 ½ per cent. on the cost.

9—Supply to Swindon—The Borough Engineer reported that at the request of the District Council he had arranged for an emergency water supply to the Parish of Swindon. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the question of the charge for this be considered at the next meeting. RESOLVED, also, That the Corporation agree to extend the 4 inch main to a point near the present public pump to afford a supply to houses now served by the pump subject to the District Council depositing the estimated cost of £150 to be refunded as and when the revenue received amounts to 12 ½ per cent on the capital outlay.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th April, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, Pruen, Ward and Clara F. Councillors Green, Grimwade, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Smith and Waite; (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of one case of Swine Fever, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Domestic Agencies—Read, report of Superintendent Hopkins on the inspection of the books of the Domestic Agencies.

3—Official Exhibition—Shops Acts—Read, application of 12th inst. from Exhibitions for an order under the Shops Acts extending the closing hour in respect of retail trade or business at the Exhibition at the Town Hall from the 3rd-10th May to 9.30 p.m. on the ground that the retail trade would be subsidiary and ancillary only to the main purposes of the Exhibition. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the shop assistants employed at the Exhibition not being employed on the 2nd and 11th May.

4—Leckhampton Hill—Read, report of damage to the fence of the house occupied by the Custodian by a motor car belonging to Mr. W. E. Gowers. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage amounting to if-

5—Cheltenham Town A.F.C.—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Secretary of the Town Football Club stating that it was impossible to provide a balance sheet and profit and loss account until the end of May as the playing season did not close until the 6th May For the information of the Committee, however, he gave various comparative figures of receipts, season tickets, transfer fees, etc. The Club felt they were perfectly justified in asking the Council to subscribe the sum of £100 for last year. The Club

have definitely decided to continue to function and the donation asked for was not sought to prevent extinction but merely to assist the Directors in providing one of the attractions of the town. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Section 59 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, a donation of £50 be made on the 1st October next provided that the Club is at that date functioning and playing matches, and that Minute No. 3 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

6—Re-numbering of Houses—Read, letter from Councillor Addis that he had received complaints of wrong delivery of letters in St Paul's Street and St. Paul's Street North owing to the numbers of both streets being the same. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan for the re-numbering of the streets as one street.

7—National Service—The Committee considered a circular from the Ministry of Health and a circular letter thereon from the National Association of Local Government Officers in regard to the enrolment of Local Government officers for National Service. The Ministry pointed out that, while officers and servants of Local Authorities, apart from those in reserved occupations, are not as such to be regarded as ineligible for undertaking voluntary service, it would be well for Local Authorities to arrange that those who desire to enrol in any capacity which may interfere with the full performance of their duty to the Council in time of war, should first obtain permission in writing of the Council. When dealing with such applications the Local Authorities would no doubt take into account the extent to which their various services are likely to be expanded or curtailed in time of war, bearing in mind that many duties in connection with civil defence are being laid upon the Council which would be of a specially onerous character in time of war. RESOLVED, That employees who desire to join the Territorials or enrol in any other National Service be asked to obtain the consent of the Chief Officer of their Department before doing so, and that, in the case of those obtaining consent to join the Territorials or other similar service, the Council agree to pay their salary during the training required, not exceeding fourteen days per annum, in addition to the usual holidays.

8—St. James' Church Lads' Brigade—Read, application of 14th inst. from St. James' Church Lads' Brigade for a grant under the Physical Fitness Act of £1 per week towards the rent of St. Luke's Hall, Bath Road, which was rented by the Brigade for physical training and towards which the County Council already made a grant of £1 a week. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted, but that they be informed that the County Council are the authority under the Act to whom any application for grants should be made.

9—Broadcast Relay Service—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Broadcast Listeners' Service Ltd, applying for rights to operate in Cheltenham a Broadcast Relay Service. The Relay Service would provide a service of three programmes for a charge of 1s 6d a week, or two programmes for 1s 3d a week. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

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10—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) The Committee further considered the application made by Mr. H. F. Midwinter on behalf of Mr. C. A. D. Savory the Proprietor of Cheltax Ltd. for Hackney Carriage Licences in respect of eight of his Taxis together with fourteen drivers' licences. Mr. E. D. Watterson, on behalf of the Local Taxi Owners' Association, objected to the licences being granted on the grounds that their members were providing an adequate Taxi service and that, if the application was granted, it

would result in hardship to the local taxi owners. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the condition that the eight taxis shall not ply for hire from any of the Public Hackney Carriage Stands.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Annual Meeting of the Committee to inspect the Hackney Carriages and to deal with applications for renewal of licences be held at the Central Depot on the 10th May at 10 a.m.

11—A.R.P.—The Committee considered the provision of dark blinds for the Offices and other buildings belonging to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to survey the Offices, Alstone and Montpellier Baths, Public Library and Art Gallery, Pumping Stations, and Depots. etc., to ascertain the number of blinds required and that he be instructed to obtain estimates for the provision and fitting of the blinds.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT Chairman.

#### **FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 6th April, 1939.** Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bush and Grimwade ; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Alderman Ward in the chair).

1—Chief Officer—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Home Office that the Home Office's Selection Board had recommended that Mr. J. R. Jones should be appointed to one of the temporary posts of Fire Brigade Inspectors under the Home Office at a salary of £450 rising by annual increments of £18 to £550 per annum. The Home Office asked that the Corporation should release Mr Jones on secondment terms, i.e., the Department would repay to the Corporation the present salary of the Chief Officer together with the Corporation's quantum of pension contribution; any sum in excess of the officer's present salary resulting from his assimilation into Fire Brigade Inspectorate would be paid to the Chief Officer.

The Chief Officer would be assigned for duty in Bristol but would be required to take up duty at Headquarters in London on the 11th inst for a short spell of instruction.

The Chief Officer reported that if he was released he would be able to keep in touch with the Fire Brigade and attend the monthly Meetings of the Committee when desired, and that in view of the fact that he would be frequently in Cheltenham he did not deem it necessary to appoint another Officer in his place at present. He recommended that the Deputy Chief Officer, R. T. Cox, should be appointed Acting-Chief Officer at a temporary increase in salary of £25, the Third Officer J. W. Hasted be appointed Acting-Deputy Chief Officer at a temporary increase in salary of £17, and that Senior-Fireman J R. Brooking be appointed Acting-Third Officer at a temporary increase in salary of £13 Also, that the Acting-Chief Officer be allowed the car allowance at present made to the Chief Officer of £50 per annum. This would show a saving to the Corporation during the time that he was seconded to the Home Office of £260 per annum.

RESOLVED, That the Committee congratulate Mr. J. R. Jones on his appointment and that he be released on secondment terms as from the 11th inst. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Chief Officer in regard to the Deputy Chief Officer, Third Officer and Senior Fireman be approved RESOLVED, also, That the Home Office be asked to allow the Corporation the rental value and rates of the house occupied by the Chief Officer and the estimated value of the heating and lighting.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th April, 1939,** Present—Aldermen Pates and Ward; Councillors Bush, Fisher, Fletcher (Ind Grimwade; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. Wiggett (Alderman Ward in the chair).

2—Monthly Report of Chief Officer The Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended 7 outbreaks of fire, as follows:—

26th March	4 Rotunda Terrace, Montpellier Street.
27th “	1 Church Street.
6th April	36 Lansdown Crescent.
10th “	Town Hall.
11th “	7 Ambrose Street.
11th “	27 Lansdown Crescent.
14th “	Eclipse Wood Yard, Upper Bath Street.

3—Hydrant Keys and Bars—The Chief Officer reported that it was necessary that each standpipe forming part of the equipment to be carried with each trailer pump issued by the Home Office for the Emergency Fire Brigade should have a hydrant key and bar, the cost of which would rank for grant. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to purchase the 35 required at a cost of approximately 35s each

4—Annual Report—The Chief Officer submitted his report on the work of the Brigade for the period from 1st June, 1938 to 31st March, 1939. RESOLVED, That this report be sent to the members of the Council

5—Chief Officer—(a) Fire Brigade Inspectorate—The Chief Officer reported on his duties as Fire Brigades Inspector for the Home Office. His regional office would be at Bristol, and he would be able to keep in close contact with the Council and the Brigade in as much as he would be returning to Cheltenham every weekend and on weekday evenings when he was in the vicinity.

(b) Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Home Office thanking the Council for their willingness to release Mr. Jones at such short notice. With regard to his housing accommodation the Home Office regretted that they were unable to repay the charges in respect of this accommodation. RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be allowed to retain his living accommodation for the present, but that the matter be reconsidered in six months' time.

6—Auxiliary Fire Service —(a) Read, application from the Chief Officer asking to be allowed an honorarium for the large amount of extra work carried out by him in connection with the preparation and administration of the Emergency Fire Brigade Service, and in particular, in training the members of the Auxiliary Fire Service, which had been carried out in the evenings and at weekends The Town Clerk reported that in their circular of the 23rd ult. the Home Office pointed out that they were prepared to recognise for grant purposes the payment of an honorarium to the Chief Officer in respect of this work, and that generally speaking the amount approved would be limited to a sum not exceeding one-tenth of the Officer's annual emoluments, RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be granted an honorarium of £22 10s. 0d. for the 9 months ending 28th February last, subject to approval of the Home Office.

(b) Gas Chamber—Read, letter from the Hon. Clerk to the Central A.R.P. Authority that the Authority had agreed to provide a Gas Chamber at The Elms, as requested.

(c) Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Home Office that it had been decided to issue a number of canvas dams of 500 and 1,000 gallons capacity. The basis of distribution would be one 500 gallon dam per Brigade plus one for each five, or less, large trailer pumps, and one 1,000 gallon dam for each three or less, 500 gallon dams, and giving particulars of the type of vehicles which would be required for transporting the dams when full RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be instructed to earmark for Auxiliary Fire Service purposes the requisite number of lorries.

(d) Read, circular of 30th ult. from the Home Office enclosing memorandum on the method advised in fitting the standard lorry attachment about to be issued by the Home Office for the towing of trailer pumps.

(e) Read, circular of 27th ult. from the Home Office enclosing forms of returns for the purpose of applying to the Traffic Commissioners for the earmarking of goods vehicles for Auxiliary Fire Service purposes. The Chief Officer reported that he had furnished the return to the Traffic Commissioners, as requested.

(f) Read, letter of 22nd inst. from the Home Office that having regard to the stage reached in the development of the local scheme and to the progress made in the recruitment and training of Auxiliary Firemen, it had been decided to make a further allocation of two large and seven small trailer pumps. The Chief Officer reported that with these further allocations the number allocated to the Borough would be five large and sixteen light trailer pumps. RESOLVED, That when received these pumps be stored in the shed at the rear of Rodney Road Car Park, and that application be made to the Home Office for grant in respect of the annual rental value of this shed, namely £50.

7—Schemes of Mutual Assistance—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 20th inst. from the Home Office enclosing memorandum in regard to the provisions of Section 1 of the Fire Brigades Act, which required every Fire Brigade Authority to enter into arrangements with other Authorities who maintain Fire Brigades to secure the provision of assistance by those Authorities for the purpose of dealing with fires which cannot adequately be dealt with by the local fire services. RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be instructed to submit a scheme of mutual assistance to neighbouring Brigades to the Committee.

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8—Cheltenham Rural District —Read, two letters of 20th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council. They considered that the proposed charge of a 2d. rate for providing the services of the Brigade to 20 parishes in their district was excessive, and giving notice to terminate the agreement entered into with the Corporation for the provision of the Brigade to the portion of their district already served on 1st May, 1940. The District Council suggested that the matter should be discussed between representatives of the two Authorities. RESOLVED, That representatives of the District Council be invited to meet this Committee at a special meeting to be held on 15th May

9—Northleach Rural District—Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Northleach Rural District Council accepting the terms offered by the Committee for the training of members of their Auxiliary Fire Service. RESOLVED, That the Acting-Chief Officer be instructed to make arrangements with the Northleach Rural District Council for the training



10—Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.—Read, letter of the 6th inst. from the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd. asking if the Chief Officer and Acting-Chief Officer of the Brigade could give them assistance in forming their own small Brigade. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

#### ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 12th April, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green and Grimwade; Messrs. Ball, Carter and Stokes (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments, The following allotments were in an untidy state of cultivation :—Nos. 89, 90 and 107 Asquith Road, 24 and 40 Alma Road, 1, 2 and 14 Creamery Piece, 21, 22, 80 and 82 Marle Hill House Estate. The tenant of No. 15 Baglin's Piece was keeping a car in the shed erected by him on the allotment, and the pig-sty on No. 124 Crabtree Piece was in a very unsatisfactory state, and the sludge was discharging on to adjoining allotments RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of the untidy allotments requiring them to put these in proper order before the next inspection, failing which they be given notice to quit. RESOLVED, also, That the tenant of No 15 Baglin's Piece be required to discontinue keeping his car on the allotment, and that the tenant of No. 124 Crabtree Piece be required to put the pig-sty in a proper state so as to avoid causing any nuisance to the tenants of adjoining allotments.

2—Baglin's Piece— Water Tap—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the removal of the water tap recently provided at these allotments to a position near the main pathway would cost more than the estimate of £5 given at the last Meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the tap removed to the position recommended by Mr. Stokes, at an estimated cost of £7 10s. 0d.

3—Allotment No. 217 Crabtree Piece—The Town Clerk reported that this allotment became vacant on the 25th ult., but although he had offered it to several applicants, he had been unable to relet it. He now submitted offer from Mr. Vizard to take the allotment for the extension of his market garden at a rent of £2 per annum, being 10s per annum less than it was previously let. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

4—Allotment No. 12 (b) Alma Road—RESOLVED, That the tenant of this allotment be granted six months' rebate in his rent in view of the bad state of the allotment at the commencement of his tenancy.

5—Allotments in Urban Areas —Read, circular of 30th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries drawing attention to the decrease in the number of allotments in urban areas during the past few years. The Minister considered that this diminution was due mainly to the demand for land for other purposes, particularly for housing, which made the retention and acquisition of land for allotments increasingly difficult, but he considered that the difficulties were not always insurmountable and could be overcome by a sympathetic and more effective use of the powers entrusted to local authorities by Parliament. He

was also of opinion that the acquisition of land for allotments in advance of the actual demand merited the careful consideration of the Council in cases where the value of land likely to be required for allotments in the future is increasing, and where there is a possibility of land used for allotments being diverted in the near future to some other purpose. In this connection the Minister suggested that land used for allotments should not be utilised by the Council for other purposes such as housing or recreation grounds except as a last resort. RESOLVED, That the Ministry be informed that the Council have a large area of vacant land available for allotments, and that there is not sufficient demand to justify the acquisition of additional land at the present time, and that it be pointed out that the Council consider that the decrease in the number of allotments is largely due to the fact that allotment holders who formerly lived in condemned houses have now been re-housed in houses with gardens and therefore do not require allotments.

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6— Prestbury Parish Council Allotments- With reference to the claim made by the Prestbury Parish Council for compensation in respect of the area transferred to the Borough under the County of Gloucester Review Order, comprising approximately one-third of the Rateable Value, the Town Clerk reported that the bulk of the claim was in respect of the Prestbury allotments in Bouncer's Lane, in respect of which, the Parish Council claimed one-third of the outstanding loan for 15 years. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Parish Council that the Corporation would be prepared to take over one-third of the area of their allotments, and pay the proportion of the loan charges outstanding in respect of this area.

H. C. GRIMWADE, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 17th April, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Wages and Conditions of Employment--RESOLVED, That the two British Legion ex-Service men to be engaged for relief patrol work at the various Recreation Grounds during the summer months be paid at the rate of 1s 1d. an hour, and that they be provided with uniform, cap and dustcoat.

2-Berkeley Place Garden—RESOLVED, That this Garden be opened to the public during the hours of opening of Sandford Park, and that the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to have notices erected prohibiting the public from taking perambulators, cycles or dogs into the Garden, and the playing of games therein.

3—Alstone Croft Playing Field—RESOLVED, That Mr. L. E. Morrall be engaged as part-time custodian of this ground to carry out the necessary work of clearing up and patrolling the ground in the evenings and at weekends when the ground is open to the general public, at a wage of 15s a week, half of which to be borne by the Education Committee, as previously agreed.

4—Chelsea Flower Show—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to attend this Show as in previous years.

5—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Capt. G. H. Linnell Brown and Messrs Trigg Bros. for permission to lay a water service pipe across the Custodian's garden to the gardener's cottage at the rear of Westbourne House, Pittville Circus Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the owner entering into an agreement to pay an annual acknowledgment of 1s, and to make good any damage which may be done in laying the main

6—Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that to enable the Municipal Orchestra to play in the Bandstand it would be necessary to carry out repairs to the beams and joists of the floor to strengthen this. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

7—Conference—Read, circular from the Institute of Park Administration inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference of this Institute to be held at Blackpool from the 4th to 7th September next. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be appointed to attend.

8—Athletic Ground—Read, applications from St. Gregory's Athletic Club and Cheltenham and County Harriers for the free use of this ground for training purposes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.30 p.m. to closing time during the summer season, as in previous years. RESOLVED, That the applications be granted subject to the right of the Corporation to have the use of the ground on any Tuesday or Thursday evening if and when required for any other purpose.

9—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be given to Marle Hill Cricket Club to play cricket on St. Mark's Playing Field on Thursday evenings during the coming season at a charge of £2 2s. 0d. for the season.

10—Sandford Park—RESOLVED, That the use of Sandford Park Recreation Ground be granted during the week commencing 12th June next for displays etc. in connection with the Cheltenham Physical Fitness Week subject to the public not being excluded from the ground.

W. J. GREEN.

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th April, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Winterbotham and Leigh James ; Councillors Avery and Fletcher ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. C R. Mapp (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for February and March, 1939—Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £18 6s. 10d. Subscriptions to "The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account" £52 5s. 0d. Total £70 11s. 10d.

Visitors-4,795 (last year 5,489). Included in these figures were the following parties :-37 students from St. Paul's Training College (5 parties) ; 13 girls from Pate's Grammar School ; 34 girls from Christ Church School.

Annual Attendance—The total attendance for the year ended 31st March, 1939 was 33,050 (last year 37,010). A printed report will be issued in due course.

Talks by the Curator—The Curator had given 6 talks to various Societies and Institutions.

Rodin's " Le Baiser"—This marble group had been removed to the Tate Gallery at the request of the owner, and at his expense.

Staff—Mrs. G. Cummings had been appointed Art Gallery Attendant, in place of Miss Sexton resigned.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following:—Mr. C. F Belch, Miss Burton, Mr. J. Dixon-Scott, Mrs. Owen Dunn, Mr. Frank B. Foster, Mr C. 1. Gardiner, Miss Holliday, Mr. S T. Hooper, Mr. H. Inge, Miss Jones, Mr. H. J. Lewis, Capt. A. W. Lloyd, Mrs. Moore, Mr. A. W. Newport, Mr. T. Rishworth, Mr. S. D. Scott, Mr. Bernard Sleigh, Mr. J. Spreutels, Mr. R. J. Stacpoole, Mr G. M. Tidd, Mr. Harold J. L. Wright, and Mr. Paul Woodroffe, RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors,

3—General Account--RESOLVED, That a Rockingham china Cake-Basket, a case of 5 vases, and 5 bygones be purchased from the General Account at a cost of £3 5s. 0d.

4—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum " Account—RESOLVED, That 3 prints from the portfolio of F. L. Griggs: 2 silhouette portraits by Dighton ; photograph of a caricature " A Scene at Cheltenham " ; 2 Snow-Buntings ; and 10 Bygones be purchased from this Fund at a total cost of £11 8s. 2d.

5—Letter from Mrs. E. M. Clifford, F.S.A. (Scot.)—Read, letter from Mrs. Clifford offering, as a gift, her collection of Archaeological objects from Barnwood Gravel Pits and Hucclecote Roman Villa. The Collection represents 30 years' work, and is offered on the condition that it be kept together as the Clifford Collection during the donor's life time. Replicas of certain pieces given to the British Museum will be made and presented by the Trustees of that Museum so that the sequence of the Clifford Collection may be kept complete. RESOLVED, That the Collection be accepted and that the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

6—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the following exhibitions be arranged as and when convenient.:—

(a) Cotswold Art and Craftsmanship (transferred from Cirencester) in September, 1939.

(b) The Art of Sir William Rothenstein.

(c) A Joint exhibition of the work of Baron Arild Rosenkrantz, the late Alfred Thornton and the late David Davies.

7—Requests for Loan of Currency Bar—Letters were read indicating that the Royal Institution of South Wales, Swansea and the Archaeological Faculty of Cambridge University desired the loan of one Currency Bar each, from Cheltenham Museum. RESOLVED, That both requests be acceded to.

8—Museums Association Jubilee Conference—RESOLVED, That the following be appointed Institutional Delegates to the Museums Association Conference :—The Chairman, Alderman Capt. Trye, Major J. G. N. Clift, and Mr. C. R. Mapp.

9—Whit-Monday—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum remain open on Whit-Monday (29th May, 1939) until 6p.m.

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 12th May, 1939.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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#### CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st April, 1939.** Present—Councillors Avery, 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 March to 21st April, 1939. Interments 52, Grave Spaces sold 9 (1st Position 2, 2nd Position 1, 3rd Position 3, 4th Position 3); Memorials erected 14 ; New Inscriptions 9 ; Cremations 8.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9978 to 9986.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2377 to 2383, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Maintenance of Grave Spaces-10536/7 and 10568/9 Q—Read, letter from Messrs. McLaren & Jeens that Miss Sprigg desired to make provision in her will for the maintenance of these graves in perpetuity, and asking what sum the Corporation would accept for this. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to accept the sum of £150.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND, Chairman.

#### PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th April, 1939.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Bush, Compton, Garland, Grimwade and Lipson ; Rev. Canon Johnstone ; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for February and March, 1939—Receipts £40 3s. 3d. Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 13,674; Lending Department 44,337 ; Junior Department 5,437; School Libraries (January—March) 9,008. Total 72,456 (last year 66,024).

Annual Issue—The total issue for the year ended 31st March, 1939 was 379,633 (last year 347,331) [This constitutes a record]. A Printed Report will be issued in due course. Replacements and Binding-343 volumes had been replaced, 74 volumes had been returned from the binder, and a further 634 volumes dispatched.

Lectures—The following lectures had been given in the Art Gallery :—

20th February ..Mr. W. J. Bache : " The Power Behind the Switch." Attendance 106.

27th "                    Mr. W. T. Long : "The Educational System of Cheltenham and its cost." Attendance 52.

6th March	Mr. Claude A. Jones : "Cruising Norway," Attendance 157.
13th "	Mr. D. W. Herdman : " Books, Pictures and Antiques." Attendance 130.
20th "	Mr. F. W. Robins : "The Story of the Lamp." Attendance 77.
27th "	Dr. D. E. Morley : " The Public Health Services " Attendance 45.

The total attendance at the 20 Winter lectures had been 2,337, an average of 117 per lecture. The collections had produced the sum of £21 6s. 9d. towards " The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account."

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Boiler—The Vulcan Boiler insurance Co. had examined the boiler and found no defects.

Staff—The Librarian reported that (a) Miss E. L. E. Mason had completed 21 years service on 14th March, 1939. RESOLVED, That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Miss Mason.

(b) As authorised, he had appointed Miss Audrey Harris as Junior Assistant in Grade A Div. 1 to fill a vacancy.

(c) Mrs. E. M. Lunn had been appointed Charwoman in place of Mrs. G. Cummings, transferred to the Art Gallery and Museum as Attendant. Lunch Hour—Commencing on Monday, 3rd April, 1939, the Lending Library is being kept open during the lunch hour.

2—Donations-98 vols. and 24 pamphlets had been received as gifts from 28 donors RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

3—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 330 volumes, published at £126 11s. 0d., be purchased for £83 0s. 2d.

(b) That £75 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £50 be spent on Replacements.

(d) That 1 volume, published at 50s, be purchased from the Leslie Young Benefaction Account for 40s.

4—Punch—Mr. J. O. M. Skelton offered a complete bound set of " Punch " from 1841 to date. RESOLVED, That as the present Library set was incomplete, Mr. Skelton's offer be accepted with thanks.

5—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That "The Model Engineer," 6d. weekly, be added to the list of periodicals purchased.

6—National Central Library—RESOLVED, That a special direct subscription of £2 2s. 0d. be made for the year ending 31st March, 1940 the subject to be reviewed after that date.

7—Water Supply—RESOLVED, That the work of providing a new service pipe and cutting off and draining the fire-main, as recommended by the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, be carried out by the Borough Engineer at a cost of £10.

8—Whit-Monday—RESOLVED, That all Departments of the Library be closed on Whit-Monday, 29th May, 1939.

9—Co-operation with County Library—The Committee considered the suggestion of the Gloucestershire County Library authorities that some reduction should be made in the charge of 3s 6d per head in respect of persons living in parishes adjacent to the Cheltenham Borough boundaries, who use the Lending Library. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot see their way to accede to this request.

10—Blinds—RESOLVED, That quotations be secured for fitting dark blinds to the windows of the Public Library.

11—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 12th May, 1939.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

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#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 6th April, 1939.** Present Aldermen Taylor and Ward ; Councillors 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—A statement of unpaid rates for the half-year ended the 31st ult. was submitted and signed by the Committee.

3—De-rating—Read, circular of 16th ult. from the Borough of Slough asking the Council to support the movement for the abolition or amendment of the De-rating Provisions of the Local Government Act in relation to industrial hereditaments by which many businesses have enjoyed relief from local rates whether they needed it or not. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk of Slough be informed that the Committee are in sympathy with the views expressed in the circular and they are of the opinion that there are a number of industries in Cheltenham which do not need the benefit of de-rating and particularly as regards industrial property erected since the Act and for which no compensating grant is received by the Corporation.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee had on Monday, 17th April, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward; Councillors Bettridge, Ben James and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

4—Third Valuation List—The Committee continued the preparation of the new Valuation List.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th April, 1939** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Taylor, Pruen, Leigh James and Ward; Councillors Garland and Grimwade (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 £114,934 ; Allowances to Owners £881 ; Voids £3,895 ; Excusals £231 ; Irrecoverable £1,249 , Arrears £1,664.

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, 1939. Amount collected £24,559 , Abatements £61 ; Voids £239 ; Defaulters £11 ; Arrears £348.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 25th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; Alderman Ward ; and Councillor Grimwade.

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

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4—Electricity Charges—Read, report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity charges since the last meeting, and also on the collection of arrears.

5—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 in connection with the purchase of the houses mentioned opposite the respective initials of the applicants :—

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. W. S.	Plot 24 Brooklyn Road (N.W.)	£595
Mr. and Mrs. W. S.	Plot 28 Brooklyn Road (S.E.)	£600
Mr. E. G. B. ...	Plot 26 Brooklyn Road (N.W.)	£605 10s. 0d.
Mr. W. T. D.	Plot 25 Brooklyn Road (N.W.)	£595

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 guarantees to be limited to the amounts between 66 and 90 per cent of the value of the houses and the rate of interest to be charged in respect of advances not to exceed 4 ½ per cent, subject to satisfactory reports being made by the Building Society's Surveyor ; and that the Common Seal be affixed to the formal Guarantees to be approved by the Town Clerk.

6—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting £2,000 had been received on loan. RESOLVED, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loan.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that a further instalment of £25,000 had been advanced by the Building Society, leaving £25,000 to be advanced on or before 30th June next.



7—Audit—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Audit of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1938 was completed on the 13th inst. Under the new Regulations the Audit stamp duty amounted to £420 as compared with £280 under the former Regulations.

8—Institute of Municipal Treasurers—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Treasurer be appointed to attend the Annual Conference of this Institute to be held at Edinburgh from 14th to 16th June next

9—County Review Order, 1935—The Borough Treasurer reported that the County Treasurer had handed him the County Council's claim in respect of the approximate annual burden on the remainder of the County through the areas added to the Borough The County Treasurer was now preparing full details of the claim, and the Borough Treasurer proposed to discuss the matter with the County Treasurer and report thereon in due course

10—Superannuation—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. J. A. Cook, Alstone Baths Superintendent, died on th 20th inst. RESOLVED, That the amount of his contributions plus interest at 3 per cent, amounting to £115 3s. 5d., be paid to his widow.

11—Finance Department—The Borough Treasurer recommended that Mr. G. B. Pearce, Chief Assistant, and Mr. A Lewis, Cashier, who would attain the maximum salary of Grade K, namely £400, on 1st April next, should be granted the maximum as from the 1st inst. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted

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

Date, 1939.	Purpose.	Period of Repayment
30th March	Purchase of 1a Winchcomb Street	60 years.
21st April	Purchase of Refuse Collection Vehicles	7 years

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st June, 1939.

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 June, 1939, 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 recommendation of Sub-Committee to approve Building Byelaws ; also to accept offer to purchase land in Brooklyn Road.

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and to approve purchase of No. 77 Promenade.

FIRE BRIGADE 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. EDUCATION COMMITTEE-To appoint a Woman having experience in Education a member of the Education Committee to fill the vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Miss E. Matthews.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully, Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

### **Borough of Cheltenham**

**At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 1st May, 1939, at 3 p.m. Present :**

The Mayor (Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., J.P.) in the chair.

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

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Ward, Clara F. Winterbotham, M J.P. Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, Barnett, Bendall , Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P., Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Till.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Leigh James and Councillor Waite.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 3rd April, 1939, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held April 19

Housing- Meeting held April 13

Street and Highway Meeting held April 17

Resolved, also, That the Committee be authorised to approve the new Building Byelaws on behalf of the Council.

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Lipson : " That in regard to Minute No. 16 (b) relating to the High Street and Pittville Street Improvement Scheme the Committee do consider the payment of ex gratia amounts to tenants not entitled to compensation, and that the words the Town Clerk be instructed to repudiate liability ' be deleted."

Maternity and Child Welfare .. Meeting held April 1

Town Planning Meetings held April 4 & 20

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held April 14 & 21

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Barnett: That Minute No. 11 with regard to Broadcast Concerts by Jan Berenska's Orchestra, be referred back for further consideration."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Bettridge: " That Minute No. 2 (f) with regard to the issue of Season Tickets for the Sandford Park Swimming Pool available before 9 a.m. be not approved " was lost.

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held April 24

Water Meeting held April 13

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Garland : " That Minute No. 8 with regard to the extension of the water supply to Common Meadow, Leckhampton, be referred back for further consideration " was not seconded).

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held April 18

Subject to the following Amendments :—Moved by Alderman Ward and seconded by Alderman Taylor : " That Minute No. 9 with regard to Broadcast Relay Service be referred for consideration by the Street and Highway Committee."

Moved by Alderman Pates and seconded by Alderman Winterbotham : " That Minute No. 10 (a) with regard to the issue of 8 Hackney Carriage Licences to Cheltax Ltd. be not approved."

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Moved by Councillor Rogers and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 5 with regard to a donation of £50 to be made to the Cheltenham Town Association Football Club on 1st October next, be amended and that a donation of "loo be made to the Club forthwith."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Grimwade: " That Minute No. 7 with regard to employees of the Corporation who desire to join the Territorials or enrol in any other National Service, be referred back for further consideration was lost).

Resolved, also, That the Mayor be appointed as Controller for the Borough and that Aldermen Capt. Trye and Ward and Councillor Grimwade be appointed an Emergency Committee to act with the Controller on behalf of the Council in time of war in matters of civil defence.

Fire Brigade	Meetings held April 6 & 24
Allotments	Meeting held April 12
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held April 17
Art Gallery and Museum	Meeting held April 14
Cemetery and Crematorium	Meeting held April 21
Public Library	Meeting held April 14
Rating	Meetings held April 6 & 17
Finance	Meeting held April 25

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

JOHN HOWELL, Mayor.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 5th June, 1939.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th May 1939,** Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr. Hayward, Ben James, Moore, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair)

1—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation---(a) 10 Old Millbrook Terrace—The Committee further considered the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises The Chief Sanitary Inspector 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.

(b) 31 and 33 Union 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.

(c) The Committee also considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses

(i) 9 and 11 St. James' Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner was proceeding with the work required to render these houses fit for human habitation in accordance with her Undertaking. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(ii) 38 Waterloo Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had failed to obtain possession of this house in pursuance of her Undertaking that the premises should not be used for human habitation until they had been rendered fit to the satisfaction of the Council. RESOLVED, That the Owner be informed that the question of making a Demolition Order will be further considered at the next Meeting of Committee.

(iii) 20 Bath Terrace ; 8 and 9 Old Millbrook Terrace: 30 Gloucester Place—RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the respective Owners 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 the Undertakings, be accepted.

(iv) 1-3 Buckle's Cottages—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in default of compliance by the Owner with his Undertakings with regard to these houses be adjourned for two months.

(d) 69 St. George's Place—The Borough Surveyor submitted his report on the proposals for demolishing these premises in default of compliance by the Owner with the Demolition Order made in respect thereof on the 14th February, 1938. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit amended plans and estimates for demolishing the premises with the exception of the ground floor shop.

(e) 1-10 Casino Place—It was reported that the Owner of these premises, which were subject to a Clearance Order, had failed either to demolish them or to convert them into garages in accordance with plans already submitted to and approved by the Council. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the question of demolishing the premises in default will be considered at the next Meeting of the Committee.

(f) 3 Whitehart Street—Read, letter of 20th ult. from the Owner of this house, in respect of which a Demolition Order was made on the 8th March, 1939, asking the Corporation to take over and demolish the premises and make him an allowance for the site. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Chief Sanitary Inspector to prepare an estimate of the cost of demolition.

(g) 1-4 Alstone Croft—Read, letter of 28th March last from Messrs. Steele, Lane & Yeend on behalf of the Owners of these houses, requesting the Corporation to make Demolition Orders in respect of the property. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until September.

(h) Linda Cottage, Tivoli Lane—Read, letter of 30th March last from the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, enquiring whether the Owner might be allowed to use these premises as a store or warehouse. RESOLVED, That, if the Owner removes the grates and fittings and uses the premises for storage purposes only, this will be regarded as sufficient compliance with the Demolition Order made in respect thereof on the 7th July, 1938.

2—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness--27 Albert Place—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.

3—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 27 lbs. Meeting of 1 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs. Pork ; 19 ½ lbs. Poultry ; 16 lbs. Fruit.

4—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted report of analyses of water taken since the last m of the Committee.

5—Shops Act, 1934---(a) 10, 14 and 26 Promenade—The Committee considered applications for Certificates exempting these premises from the provisions of Section 10 (2) of the Shops Act, 1934, which requires the provision of and sufficient sanitary conveniences. RESOLVED, That Certificates be granted subject to the Owners undertaking to inform the Council of any alteration in the arrangements reported to the Committee.

(b) 192 and 204 High Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these shops were not provided with suitable and sufficient sanitary conveniences available for the use of the persons employed in or about the shops. RESOLVED, That, in pursuance of Sub-Section (7) of Section 10 of the Shops Act, 1934, notices be served on the occupiers requiring them within two months to execute the works to be specified in the notices for the purpose of securing compliance with the said provision.

6—Nuisance from Rats—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had received a complaint of rats working out of a disused brick culvert at the rear of Marlborough House, Winchcomb Street. The Borough Surveyor had made investigations and reported that this must be due to the shrinkage of the clinker dust with which the culvert had been filled. He estimated the cost of refilling the whole culvert with slate lime at £70, but it might be found necessary to refill only a portion of the culvert, if the shrinkage could be discovered. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out such work as he considers necessary at a cost not exceeding £20

7—Sewers in Added Areas--The Town Clerk reported that at a Conference between the Flooding Sub-Committee and representatives of the Cheltenham Rural District Council it was suggested that the sewer in Albert Road should be disconnected from the Prestbury main sewer and connected to the Borough Sewer at an estimated cost of £110. This would relieve the Prestbury Sewage Works and would enable the sewage from the new Girls' Grammar School in Albert Road to be received. It was recommended that this work should be carried out at once, and that the question of taking the whole of the Prestbury Sewage into the Borough System be considered. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work in regard to the Albert Road Sewer, subject to the Rural District Council agreeing to this,

8—Hayden Sewage Works—Sludge Pumps—The Borough Surveyor reported that the new sludge pumps had been installed and that he had obtained a quotation from Mr. Wood, of London Road for reinstating the tiled floor at a cost of £40. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

9—Offensive Trade—The Town Clerk reported that the Electricity Committee had agreed to offer Messrs. A. H. Taylors a site for a Skin Yard at the Old Electricity Works subject to terms being arranged. RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to the establishment of a Skin Yard at these premises in place of the Skin Yard in Albion Street.

10—Flooding Sub-Committee—The Chairman suggested that the Flooding Sub-Committee should become a Standing Sub-Committee to deal with all such matters as might be referred to it by the Committee from time to time and that it be called the Public Health Standing Sub-Committee. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

11—Empire Health Week—Read, circular letter of 4th inst., from the Royal Sanitary Institute asking the Council to consider the desirability of organising a Health Week Celebration during Empire Health Week from the 1st-7th October next RESOLVED, That no action be taken in view of the Home Office Circular requesting the Council to give prior consideration to Civil Defence matters.

12—Evacuation—Read, circular letter of 4th inst. from the Royal Sanitary Institute inviting the attendance of Local Government Officers at a course of lectures on Sanitary Problems of the Evacuation of the Civilian Population, to be given in London from the 19th to 23rd June next. The Medical Officer of Health reported that he did not think it was necessary for any Officer of the Corporation to attend the course. RESOLVED, That the invitation be not accepted.

13—Royal Sanitary Institute—Read, circular letter of 20th ult., inviting the attendance of representatives at a Sessional Meeting of the Royal Sanitary Institute to be held at Newport on the 2nd June 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, 11th May 1939.** Present—Alderman Pates; Councillor, Addis, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Morris and Till (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Whaddon Housing Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Edwards Ltd., had completed the maintenance work on their Contract for 236 houses. He submitted letter from the Contractors asking for extra payment to be made to them in respect of :—

(1) Additional wages paid on account of the up-grading of building operations in the district during the progress of the Contract.

(2) For alleged increase in price of materials, and

(3) For extra labour required owing to the road and sewer gangs being on the site at the same time as the Contractors men.

RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

(b) Evenlode Avenue and Churn Avenue—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide six seats in front of the one-bedroom flats erected in these roads.

(c) New Houses—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell had made satisfactory progress with the Contract for 30 houses of which 10 had been completed. The Borough Treasurer recommended that the standard rent of these houses should be fixed as follows .-

18--3-bedroom type Rent 7s 11d., Rates 3s 2d. = 11s 1d.

12-2-bedroom type Rent 7s 6d , Rates 3s = 10s 6d

RESOLVED, That these rents be approved.

(d) Custodian—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Parks Committee that the Custodian (Mr. Nicholls) should be instructed to keep under observation the Pavilion, etc. erected in the proposed new Recreation Ground which was being damaged by children. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that the wages of the Custodians be increased to £3 a week .

2—New Houses—(a) Sun Street and Waterloo Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for the erection of two blocks of 3-bedroom houses on the sites to be acquired in Sun Street, and three 3-bedroom houses and two detached houses on the land to be acquired in Waterloo Street. RESOLVED, That these be approved, and that when the terms for the acquisition of the land have been approved, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders for the erection of the houses.

(b) Grove Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of proposed 1-bedroom flats for this street. RESOLVED, That these be approved, and when the District Valuer has negotiated terms for the acquisition of the sites in this street, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for tenders

(c) Land at Arle—The Site Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th inst., and considered the purchase of the sites for the erection of 100 subsidy houses approved at the last Meeting of the Council. The Sub-Committee had inspected land, part of Arle Court Farm, lying between Brooklyn Road, Arle Road and Hesters Way, part of fields Nod. 150 and 150a and comprising about 20 acres. The land would shortly have a frontage to the new road from Brooklyn Road opposite Alstone Lane which was about to be constructed by private enterprise. The Sub-Committee recommended that the Council should take steps to acquire this land. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted and that the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the land. RESOLVED, also, That the District Valuer be informed that, if the owner is unwilling to sell this field without the two other fields belonging to the farm and lying between Tewkesbury Road and Arle Road and adjoining the River Chelt and Nod. 103 and 104, the Council would be prepared to consider purchasing the fields.

(d) Higgs Cottages—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of a block of four houses (comprising two 3-bedroom and two 4 bedroom) which could be conveniently erected on this site. RESOLVED, That this be approved and, when the terms for the acquisition of the land have been agreed, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders for the erection of the houses.

(e) Land adjoining Moors Estate—Read, letter of 1st May from Messrs. Bruton, Knowles & Co. enclosing plan of the land fronting Brooklyn Road belonging to Messrs. Gibbard & Co. of the Chocolate Factory which they were prepared to sell for the erection of houses. The Borough Surveyor reported that this



land was scheduled for industrial purposes and could not be used for the erection of houses without consent under the Town Planning Scheme. RESOLVED, That in view of the demand for factory sites, the use of this land for houses be not considered at present.

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3—Alstone Lane—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted letter from the Secretary of the Gloucestershire Territorial Army Association, stating that it is the intention of the War Office to purchase the land lying between Arle Road and Alstone Lane and asking whether the Corporation would be prepared to purchase the portion of the land fronting Alstone Lane and adjoining the News Cottages' site belonging to the Corporation which would not be required by the War Office, The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing how this land could be laid out It would be desirable to purchase six houses known as St. John's Cottages and demolish one pair to enable a cul-de-sac off Alstone Lane to be constructed and houses built fronting the cul-de-sac. RESOLVED, That the Territorial Army Association be informed that the Committee are prepared to purchase the surplus land, at the valuation of the District Valuer.

4—Orchard, rear of Tennyson Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans showing how this land could be laid out for allotments at an estimated cost of £40. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Allotments Committee, and, meanwhile, the Housing Manager be instructed to circularise tenants on the Estate to ascertain whether there is any demand for the land as allotments.

5—Alstone Lawn Estate—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Great Western Railway pointing out that tenants on this estate were making openings in the hedge in the lane leading to the Vineyards belonging to the Railway Company. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

6-1 Alstone Lane—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office to place a wire stay in the garden of 1 Alstone Lane be granted, subject to payment of an annual acknowledgment of 1s per annum and to the Postmaster General obtaining the consent of the tenant, and to any damage which may be done being made good. The consent shall be determinable by three months' notice on either side.

7—Housing Manager—(a) The Housing Manager submitted her monthly report on the collection of rents.

(b) Repairs—The Housing Manager submitted the Monthly Report of the Repairs Superintendent. He recommended that the application of the tenant of No. 25 Pilley Lane for a new grate in the living-room should be acceded to, also that the pointing of brickwork along damp-proof course, and filling in of cracks and re-cementing of sinks of houses on the Alstone Lawn Estate should be carried out, also that the internal painting of all steel windows in sculleries and bathrooms should be carried out at intervals of approximately two years. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted and that Mr. Newman's tender for provision of a new grate at 25 Pilley Lane be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the other repairs and painting referred to.

8—Building Materials-- Read, letter of 28th ult from the Manager of the Employment Exchange that the last Meeting of the Local Employment Committee were concerned by the fact that, while bricks appear to be imported into the town in large numbers, many men engaged in the brick industry in Cheltenham were without employment, and asking if the Council would consider the possibility of specifying local

building materials. Read, also letters of 21st ult. and 1st inst from Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd., drawing attention to the bricks and tiles manufactured by them. RESOLVED, That the Employment Committee and Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd., be informed that the Committee will do what they can to encourage the use of local building materials, but that the Ministry of Health will not permit of one firm's materials being specified when tenders are invited for erection of houses, and require that when particular bricks or tiles are specified the words "or other approved make" should be included in the specification.

9—Tuberculosis—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from the Cheltenham District Trades Council expressing satisfaction that the Corporation had decided to cleanse all Corporation houses vacated by persons suffering from Tuberculosis before re-letting the houses. They asked for an assurance that houses which are sold by the Corporation would also be similarly cleansed. RESOLVED, That this assurance be given.

10—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee of their Meeting held on the 5th inst. There were now 390 applicants on the Waiting List of whom 101 had been placed on the Selected List. The Sub-Committee had interviewed 15 applicants, granted 13, and adjourned 2. 4 applicants for transfers had also been dealt with, and 1 tenant in arrear with his rent had been interviewed.

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

(a) Rent Rebates—That the rents fixed and rebates granted, as set out in the Rent Rebates Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved

(b) That the plans for the erection of greenhouse and shed respectively at 76 Clyde Crescent, and 29 Spenser Road be approved.

(c) That the plan for the erection of a garage at 6 Isbourne Road be approved, subject to the tenant providing double gates and crossing to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and reinstating the premises on the termination of his tenancy.

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

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th May, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Ward ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Grimwade, Rogers and Till (The Deputy 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—Broadcast Relay Service—The Committee considered a renewed application by Broadcast Listeners Service Ltd., for permission to develop a Broadcast Relay Service in the Borough. Two representatives of the Company attended in support of the application. They explained that the Company operated under

a license from the Postmaster General which had recently' been renewed for ten years The service had been developed in many towns all over the country, including Oxford, Blackpool and Worcester. To avoid any unnecessary disfigurement, the overhead wires would not be placed across any street at intervals of less than 150 yards from each other. The wires were of approximately the same size as telephone wires and laid in sets of four It was pointed out that the service would be of considerable value in connection with Air Raid Precautions in time of war. RESOLVED, That the application be granted, subject to the overhead lines being erected with the approval and to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and subject to the Company entering into an agreement to be approved by the Town Clerk.

3—Tractors and Trailers—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son had disposed of the 2 tractors and 9 trailers which were no longer required for £76 16s 0d. nett.

4—Evenlode and Churn Avenues—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by the Housing Committee for permission to place three seats in these Avenues RESOLVED, That this be granted.

5—Private Improvement Works—(a) Mead Road and The Close—The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionments according to frontage of the cost of Private Improvement Works carried out in these roads, amounting to £1,279 5s 7d. in respect of Mead Road and £253 10s. 8d. in respect of The Close. RESOLVED, That the apportionments 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 in respect of the amount apportioned against each owner on payment within one month of service of the demand.

(b) Victoria Street and Larput Place—The Committee considered applications on grounds of hardship for allowances to be made to Mr. Smith and Mrs. Baglin towards their proportion of the cost of Private Improvement Works in Larput Place. RESOLVED, That these Owners be allowed to pay their proportion by instalments over a period of 5 years subject to payment of 5 per cent interest on the amount outstanding from time to time

6—Pittville Street Improvement—(a) 8 Pittville Street—Mr. Green attended and requested that an allowance for removal expenses should be made to Mr. N. E. W. Carter, the tenant of these premises. RESOLVED, That an ex-gratia payment of £10 be made to this tenant.

(b) Pittville Street Improvement Scheme—The Chairman reminded the Committee that at the last Meeting of the Council he reported that a difficulty had arisen in regard to the sale of the above site to the King Edward Hospital Fund, as the Fund had been advised that, in view of the present international situation, the Charity Commissioners might consider that they were not justified in proceeding with this proposal having regard to the possibility of building operations being brought to a standstill by outbreak of war. To meet this difficulty, it had been proposed that the contract for purchase should be entered into but that payment of the purchase money should be deferred until after the completion of the Hotel ; but at an interview that he and Alderman Pruen and Alderman Ward had with the Treasurer and Surveyor of the Fund, it was found that this was not acceptable in view of the fact that the Fund had arranged to contribute the first £30,000 towards the erection of the building.

Mr. Myers subsequently suggested that the Hospital Fund should advance on loan to the Corporation the sum of £47,000 on account of purchase money and the £30,000 to be contributed by the Corporation towards cost , the Hospital Fund to enter into a contract to purchase the land and buildings

when erected for the sum of £95,000, completion to be deferred until the building was erected, and £18,000 of the purchase money being withheld—as to £9,000 until a restrictive licence was granted, and as to the remaining £9,000 until a full licence was granted.

At a Meeting of the Council in Committee held on the 1st inst. this proposal was considered and the Town Clerk advised that it was doubtful whether the Council had any power to make the advance of £30,000 as proposed, but suggested that the Ministry of Health should be consulted and it was, therefore, decided to interview the Ministry of Health.

The Chairman and Alderman Ward interviewed representatives of the Ministry of Health on 4th May. The representatives of the Ministry confirmed the Town Clerk's opinion that there was no power enabling the Corporation to contribute towards the cost of the building. The representative of the Ministry stated that the Ministry would be prepared to consent to the Corporation granting a building lease of the site which, having regard to the central position which this occupied in the town would they thought be preferable to selling the site ; if the original proposals in regard to the sale to the Hospital Fund could not be brought to a satisfactory conclusion, they thought that the Corporation would be well-advised to proceed with clearing the site and carrying out the street improvement.

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With a view to getting over the difficulty of contributing towards the cost of the building, a suggestion had since been made that Medical and Turkish Baths should be included in the building, the cost of which (estimated at about £35,000) would be paid by the Corporation under their powers to provide Medical Baths and the space occupied by these excluded from the lease of the building and an appropriate deduction made in the ground rent.

Plans were submitted by Mr. Braddock providing for a suite of Baths in the basement, but it was intimated that in any case these would not be acceptable and alternative plans have since been submitted providing for this installation to be on the first floor of the building with a direct entrance from Pittville Street.

The Town Improvement Committee have considered this proposal to include the Medical Baths in the building, but while they think that the original scheme to build the Baths at the rear of the Winter Garden was best, they were prepared to favourably consider this proposal with a view to securing the erection of the Hotel.

RESOLVED, That this Committee do not recommend the Council to entertain the provision of Medical Baths on this site and that Messrs. Norfolk & Prior be informed that unless Mars Commercial Properties Ltd, are prepared to complete the negotiations for taking a Lease for the erection of the Hotel and Shops in accordance with the plans already approved and satisfy the Corporation that they have made satisfactory arrangements for financing the erection of the same the negotiations must terminate.

RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders for the clearance of the site with a view to the street improvement scheme being carried out without further delay.

7--Refuse Freighters—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Haines & Strange had applied for £4 delivery charges in respect of the four new refuse freighters purchased by the Corporation.

RESOLVED, That this charge be not admitted, as it was not included in their tender for the supply and delivery of the freighters.

(b) Read, letter of 1st inst. from the National Union of General & Municipal Workers applying for loading steps and food boxes to be provided on the new refuse vehicles. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make such arrangements as he thinks fit to meet this request.

8—Promenade—The Borough Surveyor reported that the reflector studs in the Promenade pedestrian crossing had been pushed out by traffic and he recommended that tar macadam should be substituted for the wood paving blocks, so that Hawkins "Cats Eye" Studs might be fixed. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to communicate with the manufacturers of the studs.

9—Naunton Lane—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that as authorised by the Council the Chairman had accepted the Tender of Mr. A. J. Thompson for the erection of new railings along the improvement line in Naunton Lane adjoining the College Field. This Tender was the lowest of eight received and amounted to 17s 4d per lineal yard for the railings, £11 15s. 6d. per pair for gates, and £15 for fixing gates and fencing. RESOLVED, That the acceptance of this tender be approved and confirmed.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported an offer by the Owner of 8 Naunton Lane to surrender a piece of land for street widening in front of his property, subject to the Corporation providing a pair of double gates, a crossing and some new fencing. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

10—Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor asked for authority to make permanent the refuges erected in this road near its junction with St. George's Road. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

11—Ditch from Gloucester Road to Vineyards—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the G. W Railway Co. asking for this ditch to be cleaned out by the Corporation, as previously carried out by them in 1934. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this work carried out.

12—High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Chief Sanitary Inspector had sent a circular letter on 20th February last to 127 shopkeepers, requesting them to provide suitable bins for the reception of trade refuse. 69 shopkeepers had complied with the notice. RESOLVED, That a further notice be sent to the remaining 58, informing them that the refuse will not be collected unless suitable bins are provided without further delay.

13—Borough Surveyor's Department—(a) The Committee considered an application, dated 15th inst, from the Borough v Surveyor for an increase of salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased from £1,000 to £1,150 per annum in view of the large amount of special works undertaken by him since his appointment nearly 6 years ago.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported the resignation of Mr. E. C. Roberts, Deputy Surveyor, on his appointment as Deputy City Engineer of Cardiff, and recommended that Mr. W. E. C. Bird, Chief Assistant, should be promoted to Deputy Surveyor at a salary of £450 rising by annual increments of £25 to a maximum salary of £550 per annum. and that Mr. W. I. Bell, Temporary Assistant, should be placed on the permanent staff as Chief Assistant in Grade K at a salary of £365 rising by annual increments of £15 to a maximum of £400 per annum (exclusive of the temporary allowance of £52 per annum granted by the Council for main drainage work). He also recommended that Mr. A. R. Williams, Temporary Assistant, should be placed on the permanent staff in Grade E, at a salary of £187 10s. 0d. rising by annual increments of £12 10s. 0d. to a maximum of £225; that Mr. W. C. Rogers, Temporary Tracer,

should be placed on the permanent staff in Grade C at a salary of £130 rising by annual increments of £13 to a maximum of £182 per annum ; and that Mr. J. Verney, Pupil, should be paid a salary of £2 per week as Temporary Assistant as from 1st August next. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor's recommendations be approved and adopted.

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(c) National Service—The Borough Surveyor reported that the following members of his staff had volunteered for national service with his consent

Employee.	Service.
Mr. G. E. Corry	Royal Gloucestershire Hussars; Cavalry Light Tank Regiment.
Mr. J. F. Fletcher	Royal Engineers.
Mr. E. C. Handcock	Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
Mr. W. C. Rogers	A.A. Regiment of Royal Artillery.
Mr D. C. Smith	Wireless Operator, Royal Naval Reserve.
Mr. A. R. Williams	Royal Engineers.

14—Dunalley Street—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by the Headmaster of Dunalley Street School for a school sign to be placed at each end of Dunalley Street RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

15—Motor Lorry—Eleven Tenders were opened for the supply and delivery of a 2 or 3 ton motor lorry RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration

16—Tewkesbury Road—(a) RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for sanction to a loan of £40 for the demolition of 115 and 116 Tewkesbury Road.

(b) Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Mr. A. V. Stubbs, on behalf of Messrs. Gibbard & Co. Ltd., applying for payment of the sum of £88, which the Corporation agreed to pay upon the surrender of land in front of the Chocolate Factory in Tewkesbury Road and the erection of a stone wall, fencing and hedge by the Company RESOLVED, That the payment be made, subject to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied with the execution of the work.

17--Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk reported an application from Messrs Goddard & Hunt to purchase the remaining 112ft. frontage of land belonging to the Corporation on the S E. side of Brooklyn Road at £3 15s. 0d. per foot for the erection of houses of not less value than £550 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, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for such consent.

18—Footpath, Cambray Place to Rodney Road—Read, letters of 17th and 21st ult. from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland applying for the removal of the posts at the entrances to this footpath, as the existence of these obstacles caused persons wheeling cycles and perambulators to use the Cambray Court Grounds as an alternative route. RESOLVED, That the application be granted

19—Roller Skating --Read, letter of 20th ult from Miss Adams, suggesting the prohibition of roller skating in the Borough. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

20—High Street—Read, letter of 9th inst from Messrs. G. H. New & Son complaining of the obstruction of the footpath by hoardings round 103 and 104 High Street which had recently been damaged by fire. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to require the Owners to remove the hoardings at an early date.

21—Refuse Freighters—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan of £1,812 for the purchase of 4 Refuse Freighters.

22—Contracts—Read, circular of 8th inst from the Ministry of Health recommending the incorporation in contracts of a stipulation that materials carried coastwise should be conveyed in British ships. RESOLVED, That such stipulation be inserted in appropriate cases.

23—St. George's Drive—The Town Clerk reported that the notice of intention to take over this road had expired without any objection being received. RESOLVED, That the road be taken over and adopted as repairable by the Corporation.

24—Montpellier Terrace Lane—Read, letters of 10th and 12th inst. from the Coroner reporting that at an inquest on a motor cyclist who was killed at the junction of this lane with Suffolk Parade, the Jury made a strong recommendation that "Halt" or "Slow" signs should be placed in the lane on each side of Suffolk Parade. RESOLVED, That the Committee considers that it is impracticable to place such signs at every blind corner in the Borough and cannot recommend the Council to place any signs in a road of such minor importance

25—St. George's Place—Councillor Addis reported an accident which had occurred at the junction of St George's Place with Manchester Street and recommended that a "Halt" sign should be placed in St. George's Place at this junction. RESOLVED, That no action be taken for the reason mentioned in the last Minute.

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26—Central Depot—The Town Clerk reported that the Central A.R.P. Authority had authorised the Council to proceed with the conversion of the old stables at the Central Depot as a Cleansing Station and Training Centre. The Chief Sanitary Inspector had invited Tenders for the work and the Town Clerk submitted four tenders which had been received, RESOLVED, That the Tender of Messrs. Trigg Bros. amounting to £633 17s. 3d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

27—Victoria Place, Bath Road—The Town Clerk reported that this road had been made up by the Owners some years ago to the specification of the Borough Surveyor but that it had never been taken over by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That consideration of taking it over be adjourned for view.

28--Trunk Road—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Ministry of Transport requesting that final accounts relative to expenditure on the maintenance etc. of the Trunk Road for the year ended 31st March last should be forwarded as early as possible. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

29—Sandford Mill Road—The Town Clerk reported that the "No Entry" sign and footpath in this road had been damaged by a lorry belonging to E. W. Rudd, Ltd. of London. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of making good the damage, estimated at £1 4s. 8d.

30—High Street—The Town Clerk reported that the "No Entry" sign in High Street at its junction with Bath Road had been damaged by a lorry belonging to Messrs. J. Ferguson Ltd. of Ashby-de-la-Zouch. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of replacing the sign, estimated at £1 13s. 9d.

31—Ark Gardens, Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that the wall of Ark Gardens had been wilfully damaged by four youths. He had asked the police to bring a prosecution. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

32—Post Office Telegraph Lines—The Town Clerk reported an application by the Post Office Superintending Engineer for consent to the laying of underground lines in Crescent Terrace and Royal Crescent. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the conditions recommended by the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineer.

33—Banners --(a) Read, letter of 22nd ult. from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club applying for permission to hang a banner across the Colonnade advertising their matches as in previous years, RESOLVED, That the application be granted for the actual days of the matches only.

(b) Read, letter of 11th inst from the Managers of the Coliseum, Daffodil, Gaumont, Opera House, Palace, Regal and Ritz Theatres, protesting against the granting to Bertram Mills Circus of special permission to hang a banner across the Colonnade advertising their show. They pointed out that permission had been refused, when they had made similar applications, and that they considered it an injustice that preference should be given to the Circus. RESOLVED, That this be considered when another similar application is received.

34—Wages and Conditions of Service—(a) Read, report of a Meeting of the Labour Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, 26th April, 1939, Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair) ; Alderman Ward Councillors Addis, Green and Grimwade Mr. G. F. Tawney attended on behalf of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers.

(i) Bath Attendants and Laundry Women—Read, letter of 10th ult, from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for payment of double time wages to women employed as Bath Attendants or engaged on laundry duties on Bank Holidays. The Borough Surveyor reported that the women employed at the Spa Baths and the Alstone Baths on Bank Holidays were paid double time for this work, but that the women Attendants at the Sandford Swimming Pool were not paid overtime rates as they were employed to attend at the Pool when required and were kept in employment during inclement weather whether bathing was or was not in progress. As far as possible the hours were kept to 48 per week. The Sub-Committee recommended that the application be not granted.

(ii) Casual Employees—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, requesting that wages and Insurance Cards should be handed over to casual employees immediately on the termination of their employment, but that wages for holidays due to such employees should be retained until the next statutory holiday occurred. The Sub-Committee recommended that this be agreed, to, subject to no objection being raised by the Employment Exchange.

(iii) Horse Drivers—Read, letter of 19th inst, from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for payment of overtime rates to five horse-drivers employed by the Corporation. The Borough



Surveyor reported that these employees were paid 53s. 6d. per week and each day they worked approximately one hour longer than other workmen. Since the employment of a whole-time Horse-Keeper was discontinued he had paid these drivers six shillings a week extra to include additional stable duties during weekdays and weekends. The Joint Industrial Council rate was 53s. 0d. per week of 47 hours. The Sub-Committee recommended that the application be not granted, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to endeavour to arrange for the drivers to take stable duties in rotation, each man in turn relieving the others of the daily and weekend duties. By this method each man would only be on duty every fifth weekend.

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(iv) Horse Driver—Read, letter of 15th the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, applying for the wages of Mr. W. H. Pearson, employed by the Health Department for collecting materials for disinfection, to be increased from 53s. 6d. to 55s. 10d. per week in view of the objectionable nature of his work The Borough Surveyor reported that, in addition to his wages of 53s. 6d. per week, this employee was paid 6s per week for stable duties. The Sub-Committee recommended that the application be not granted, as they were satisfied that the wages of this employee compared favourably with the wages of other employees engaged on work of a similar nature.

(v) District Foremen--Read, letter of 18th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, applying for payment of overtime rates allowance of twelve days' holiday per annum to Messrs. W. Smith and A. Jeanes, District Foremen. The Borough Surveyor reported that these employees were paid 61s. 0d. per week plus ten shillings per quarter cycle allowance. They turned out on Sunday mornings and Bank Holidays for a short period to supervise the Scavengers, Their statutory holidays were twelve days per annum on full pay in accordance with the Joint Industrial Scale. He added that their wage was intended to cover all duties, and that the Joint Industrial Council rate for Gangers was 55s. 10d. per week of 47 hours. The Sub-Committee recommended that the application be not granted, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for these employees to work on alternate Sundays or holidays only.

(vi) Stable-Man—Read, letter of 19th inst. front the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, complaining that Mr. C Cook. who had until recently been employed as a stable-man at £3 per week, had been reduced to the status of a general labourer at a wage of 50s 11d. per week The Borough Surveyor reported that, owing to the reduction of the number of horses at the Central Depot, it had been found unnecessary to retain Mr Cook's services as a stable-man, but that instead of discharging him he had been offered employment as a labourer on the Establishment The Sub-Committee recommended that no action be taken.

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

(b) Horse Drivers—The Committee considered a further letter of 13th inst from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers applying for the re-appointment of a Horse-Keeper to relieve the Drivers of overtime work altogether, RESOLVED, That the application be not granted, but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine the possibility of replacing the Corporation horses by hired horses

(c) Ashman—Read, letter of 13th inst from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, applying payment of an additional 1d. per hour to Mr. T. Searson, described by them as a leading ashman in charge of seven other men. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider this application and report to the Committee thereon.

35—View Committee—Read, report of a Meeting of the View Committee held on Wednesday, 3rd May, 1939. Pre Deputy Mayor in the chair).

He recommended as follows .—

(a) Clarence Square—That the grass verge on the South side be reviewed at the end of the summer as it is badly worn and may require replacing by gravel or tarred macadam margins ; also that the gravel footpaths on the inside of the Square be levelled and patched where necessary.

(b) Alstone Croft and Alstone Lane junction—That the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate for the acquisition of a small piece of land at this junction in order to carry the widening of Alstone Croft through to Alstone Lane.

(c) Bridle Path front Old Gloucester Road to Fiddler's Green—That in order to identify the route of this bridle path the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect in place of existing gates two new field gates at each end with the words "Bridle Path" carved in them.

(d) Alma Road—That Miss Cook's and Miss Tapp's application for a supply of clinkers for making up this road be not granted, as it is a private land.

(e) Queen's Road—That Miss Green's application for a seat to be placed near the 'bus stop at the junction of Queen's Road and Lansdown Road be granted

(f) Hewlett Road—That Mr. Crock's application for the removal of a tree outside Castlemaine be not granted, as the tree has been well thinned.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th May, 1939.** Present-The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham, Taylor and Ward ; Councillors Barnett and Moore ; Capt. Leschallas ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. Yiend (Alderman Ward in the chair).

1-Plans of New Buildings-The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, namely

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5197	Cutler, W.	Garage, 16 Kingsley Gardens.
5201	Gloucestershire Standing Joint Committee	Garage, Holland House, Lansdown Road.
5202	do.	Office Block, Holland House, Lansdown Road.
5203	Locke, R.	Garage, 87 Brooklyn Road.
5204	Alsbury, L.	Cycle shed, 154 Cleevemount Road.
5205	Mitchell, A.	Garage, 94 Brooklyn Road.
5206	Bell, G.	Garage, Pembroke Lodge, St George's Road.
5207	Butler, W.	Garage, 139 Gloucester Road.
5208	Maynards Ltd.	New shopfront, 379 High Street.
5209	Hudson, W.	Garage, 28 Queen's Road,
5210	The Governors, Nazareth House	Additions at rear, Nazareth House.
5211	Whiting, W. H.	Garage, 25 Mead Road.
5212	Pates, W. and Taylor, J.	Six semi-detached houses, Albany Road
5213	Rogers & Davies	Two detached houses, Bournside Road.
5214	Trustees, St. Mark's Methodist Church	Alterations, St. Mark's Sunday School.
5215	Dicks & Sons	Alterations to front of premises, 172-173 High Street.
5216	Dodd, Mrs. H.	Conversion of house into flats, Pailton, Queen's Road.
5217	Goddard & Hunt	One detached and six semi-detached houses, Brooklyn Road.
5218	Western Estates Ltd	Lay-out and 59 houses, of Arle Road.
5219	Cook, E. G.	Two semi-detached houses, Merrivale Road.
5220	Cheltenham Children's Hospital Committee	Alterations, Orchard House, Harp Hill.
5221	Central Authority A.R.P.	Alterations, The Elms, Swindon Road.
5222	Bullingham, F.	Garage and Larder, 11 Cromwell Road.
5223	Bateson, E. P.	Conversion of outbuildings into dwelling house, Fleske Lodge, Wellington Square,
5224	Robson, S.	Alterations, Dorset House, Pittville Lawn.
5225	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Garage, 84 Cakebridge Road.
5226	_____	5 Garages, Orchard Place.
5227	James, W R.	Garage, 89 Brooklyn Road.

#### Decisions under Byelaws-

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos, 5201, 5202, 5203, 5204, 5205, 5206, 5207, 5208, 5211, 5213, 5215, 5217, 5219, 5222, 5225 and 5227 be approved ; That Plans Nos 5210, 5214, 5216, 5220, 5221 and 5223 be approved subject to the sanitary work being to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 5218 be approved subject to the roads and sewers being carried out to the standard Specification as adopted by the Committee ; That Plans Nos. 5209, 5212, 5224 and 5226 be not approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933- RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5197, 5201, 5202, 5203, 5204, 5205, 5206, 5208, 5210, 5211 5215, 5217, 5218, 5219, 5220, 5221, 5223, 5225 and 5227 be approved ; That Plan No. 5207 be approved subject to the roof

being covered with corrugated asbestos sheets instead of corrugated iron ; That Plan No. 5213 be approved subject to brown sand faced tiles being used on the roof That Plan No. 5214 be approved subject to Trafford rustic asbestos tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 5216 be approved subject to the new steps and iron-work in the front of the building matching the existing building and iron-work ; That Plans Nos. 5209, 5212, 5222, 5224 and 5226 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.
1519	Davies, A.	Detached house, Little Witcombe.
1520	Bowd, W. H.	Garage (Private), New Road, Southam.
1521	Minett, C.	Coal and tool house, Cleeve Hill
1522	Minett, C.	Garage (Private), Cleeve Hill.
1523	Messrs. Norton & Beesley	Additions and alterations to Petrol Filling Station, Jim's Garage, Queen's Square, Winchcomb.
1524	Lewis, H. R.	Two pairs semi-detached houses, Little Witcombe.
1525	Galbraith, -	Garage (Private), Shaw Green Lane Prestbury.

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No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1526	Rowe, J. E	Pair semi-detached cottages for agricultural workers, Whalley Farm, Whittington
1527	Cox, F.	Garage (Private), Brendaville, Pumphreys Road, Charlton Kings.
1528	Littlewood, G C.	Garage (Private), Lorna Doone, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1529	Brunner, J.	Detached house, near Hewlett Camp, Battledown.
1530	Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons	Garage (Private), Sunny Brae, Harp Hill.
1531	Lloyd, R. C.	Additions to house, Northfield Staverton.
1532	Millward, J. A.	Proposed lock-up garages, East End Service Station, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1520, 1521, 1522, 1525, 1526, 1527 and 1530 be approved ; That Plan No. 1523 be approved subject to the canopy being roofed with cedar shingles ; That Plan No. 1528 be approved subject to corrugated asbestos sheets being substituted for the corrugated iron sheets ; That Plan No, 1531 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building; That Plans Nos. 1519, 1524, 1529 and 1532 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. Elliott Bros. dated 5th May, 1939, for permission to open a Sand Pit on land fronting Swindon Road and on the west side of the London, Midland & Scottish Railway. He reported that the land was in the area scheduled for industrial purposes, RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. D. T. Hunt dated 8th May, 1939, asking for permission to convert the garage at his premises into a hairdressing saloon, RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to plans being submitted for any alterations to be made to the premises.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. J. R. Drew dated 16th May, 1939, asking if permission would be granted for the erection of a house on the site of four condemned cottages in Chapel Lane, Winchcomb. RESOLVED, That the application be approved in principle subject to plans being in accordance with the Scheme and the Building Byelaws for the district,

(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Miss I. M. Lewis dated 16th May, 1939, asking if permission would be granted for the erection of a small wing at the back of Welton Nursing Home, Christ Church Road, Cheltenham. He reported that the site was scheduled as Special Residential and that Nursing Homes in this area could be erected or used only by consent of the Planning Authority and that in considering the application it was necessary to consider what effect, if any, it would have on the residential amenities of the district. He also reported that on 17th March last a letter was received from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale objecting on behalf of the owner of Springfield, Christ Church Road to the extension and use of the property as a Surgical Nursing Home RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred and that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman (Alderman E. L. Ward), Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and P. P. Taylor and Councillor E. W. Moore be appointed to view the site and report thereon

(e) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of The Spirax Manufacturing Co. Ltd. dated 4th May, 1939, for permission to use Corinth House, Bath Road, as Offices and Works for the manufacture of light brass machine parts. He reported that the site was in an area scheduled for general residential purposes and industrial premises could, therefore, only be erected or used by special consent of the Planning Authority. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred and the above Sub-Committee be requested to view the site and report thereon.

(f) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter dated 15th May, 1939, asking if permission would be granted for the erection of a factory on the west side of the Midland Railway near Swindon Village. The Borough Surveyor reported that the site is in an area temporarily restricted from building on account of lack of services. RESOLVED, That owing to the difficulties of draining the site the application be not granted.

(g) Land at The Reddings—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Mr W. H. Horsley applying on behalf of Mr J Dovey for permission to erect one house on Field No. 163. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the plans being in accordance with the Town Planning Scheme and to the approval of the Rural District Council being obtained.

4—Town Planning Scheme No. 1—Objections—(a) Open Space Along River Chelt—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale dated 21st April, 1939, that their Client Mrs. D. M. Rainger proposed to continue her opposition to the proposals. He suggested that a slight modification of the proposals so that the Open Space would come much nearer the proposed road, might be made without seriously affecting the proposals for the Walk along the River Chelt and he considered this alteration might meet the objection RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the owner be informed that the Committee are unable to make any further modifications and that if the

modification does not meet the objection the Council must leave the matter for the Minister of Health to decide when the Inquiry into the Scheme is held.

(b) Badgeworth Court—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson, Yeaman & Howell that they were prepared to advise the Trustees of the late Alexander Moore to accept the change of zoning near Badgeworth Court from special residential to general residential.

5—Proposed High Tension Line—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the County Surveyor dated 4th May, 1939, that the route of the proposed Gloucester-Oxford 132kv Line adopted by the Central Electricity Board would follow closely the Line recommended by the Committee and that the Board were prepared to agree the siting of any particular towers which may be considered important from the amenity point of view.

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6—Temporary Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported correspondence with the County Surveyor with regard to the appointment of a temporary Assistant and that the County Surveyor was arranging for Mr. F. H. Ravenhill to present himself at these Offices on June 1st for duty with the Town Planning Department.

7—Trunk Road No. 8 (A 38)—Coombe Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been invited by the Trunk Roads Department of the County Council to inspect the line of the proposed By-pass to Trunk Road No. 8 where it passes through the Cheltenham Planning Area. He also reported that with the exception of Coombe Hill the proposed By-pass would pass through rural areas, but at Coombe Hill it passed through a corner of the area which is scheduled for development, He suggested that the zoning and the Map should be amended so that the development of the area should be kept entirely to one side of the By-pass. RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to the line of the proposed By-pass and that the Scheme Map be amended so that development shall be confined to the land on one side of the By-pass.

8—Staverton and Golden Valley By-Pass—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with the County Surveyor asking if he could be supplied with particulars of the proposed By-pass so that this may be included in the Town Planning Scheme for reference purposes as required by the Ministry of Health and he reported that he had been unable to obtain the information RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk write to the Clerk to the County Council asking for the information to be supplied.

9—Automatic Telephone Exchange, Coberley—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Sectional Engineer of the Post Office Engineering Department dated 17th May, 1939, together with plan showing the site on which it is proposed to erect an automatic Telephone Exchange at Coberley. He reported that the building would be brick-built and rough-cast and roofed with Cotswold grey tiles and that the Council for the Preservation of Rural England raised no objection to the proposal. RESOLVED, That this be approved and the Post Office Engineering Department be asked to plant a few trees around the site so as to preserve the amenities of the district.

10—A.R.P. Shelters—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter dated 27th April, 1939, from The Cement & Concrete Association, London, asking if builders, after having submitted detail plans of the Association's "Pill-Box" dual purpose A.R.P. Shelter for the approval of the Committee for the first Shelter to be constructed by them, could be permitted to dispense with the detail plans for subsequent

Shelters which conform generally to the Standard design and submit site plans only. RESOLVED, That the Association be informed that it would be sufficient if the builders submit a statement that the Shelter is of the standard type, that it conforms to the Association's design and specification and that it is accompanied by a block-plan to enable the Committee to determine whether the construction would foul a sewer or any other underground service.

11—Appeal by Mr. and Mrs. Prude—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Ministry of Health enclosing formal Instrument dismissing appeal made by Mr. and Mrs. Prude against the decision of the Council not to permit the development of the land in Arle Avenue for housing.

12—Chelt Walk—Read, memorandum signed by 13 residents at East End objecting to the proposal to reserve portions of their property along the banks of the Chelt for a public walk and asking to be notified of any further developments. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

13—Prestbury, Playing Field—Read, letter of 23rd ult, from the Clerk of the Prestbury Parish Council asking the Committee to schedule Lynworth Gardens as a playing field in substitution of the field known as Stone Walls belonging to the Co-operative Society Ltd. which was now within the Borough. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that the Scheme Map be amended accordingly.

14—Wolseley Terrace—Read, letter of 5th inst, to the Mayor from the Cheltenham Regency Society that their Society had recently heard of the proposal to pull down Wolseley Terrace for a Post Office Telephone building to be erected on the site of the houses, including the gardens in front. The Society asked the Corporation to use their influence to prevent this development as they considered that the present buildings were suitable for offices and that the garden and trees were an amenity to the Town they also stated that the Georgian Group viewed the matter with great concern and were making representations to H.M. Office of Works. RESOLVED, That the Committee are in sympathy with the views expressed by the Regency Society and that the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate With H M. Office of Works expressing the hope that suitable buildings will be erected on the site of Wolseley Terrace and that the Government will be able to preserve the open space.

15—Alstone Lane—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 the portion of Alstone Lane from the Railway crossing to Brooklyn Road to be a new street for the purposes of the application thereto of the Byelaws relating to new streets.

16—Cheltenham and District Joint Town Planning Scheme No. 1—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for an extension of the period for the preparation of the Scheme up to the 31st December next.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th May, 1939,** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Ward Councillors Avery, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Rogers and Smith; Mr. R. B. Seaton (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 9th May.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Broadcast—That, in view of the fact that Mr. Cole's Orchestra has now been accepted for broadcasting, no further broadcast by Jan Berenska and his Orchestra be arranged during the period of Mr. Cole's contract, also that when a broadcast occurs during normal playing hours Mr Cole be paid an extra £7 17s. 0d. per broadcast for the cost of engaging two extra musicians, and when a broadcast occurs outside normal playing hours, Mr. Cole be paid the railway fares of the two extra musicians.

(b) Conferences—That an invitation be extended to the National Union of Railwaymen and the Institute of Public Cleansing to hold their respective annual Conferences in Cheltenham next year.

(c) Professional Tennis—That the arrangements made by the Entertainments Manager for the Professional Tennis Match at the Winter Gardens on 30th May be approved, and that insurance against wet weather be not effected, and that the words " No Money Returned" be stamped on each ticket sold prior to the Matches

(d) Cheltenham Fitness Week--That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for a Meeting to be held on 23rd May in connection with the Fitness Week.

(e) All-In Holiday Ticket—That a Holiday Ticket be issued available for seven days from date of issue throughout the summer season at a charge of 10s, the holder to be entitled to admission to the following:-

Concerts by the Municipal Orchestra ;

Municipal Dances at the Town Hall on Wednesdays and Saturdays and Bank Holidays ;

Admission to the Sandford Park Swimming Pool, or Montpellier or Alstone Baths ;

Six 1-hour sessions of Tennis ;

Putting at Montpellier Gardens ;

Admission to Pittville Gardens ;

Boating at the Pittville Lake (1 hour a day)

Free Mineral Waters and Deck-Chairs.

The Lessee of the boating to be paid 1s for each ticket sold.

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

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

(b) The Superintendent reported that the Local Instructor under the Physical Training etc. Act had cancelled the reservation of the Swimming Bath on Friday evenings as from the 21st ult.

3—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—Read, letter from Mr. W. H. Brasher asking for a half-price ticket to be issued for children for the early mornings in respect of which the Council agreed to issue 7s 6d tickets for adults. He was organising parties of children from Holy Apostles' and Naunton Park School and arranging for the teachers to collect the money weekly, and he hoped that it would be possible to do this throughout the summer season at a cost to the children of 2d or 3d. a week RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to issue a half-price ticket.



4 —Marle Hill Annexe—Boating—Read, letter of 24th ult. from Mr. Felix Miles that he had inspected the boats at Messrs. Salters' Works at Oxford and purchased two 14 feet boats complete with oars, cushions, etc., for the sum of f45 including delivery charges.

5—Band Concerts—RESOLVED, That the application of the Gloucestershire Association for the Blind for free passes for blind people and their attendants be granted as in previous years.

6—Alstone Baths—(a) Superintendent—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite applications by advertisement for the joint appointment of Male and Female Superintendents at these Baths at the same salary and conditions on which the late Mr. Cook and Mrs. Cook were appointed.

(b) Galas—RESOLVED, That the use of the Alstone Baths be granted to the Cheltenham Swimming Club for Galas on the same terms as previous years, subject to the dates of the Gala nights being arranged with the Superintendent.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of the Girls' Grammar School for 13 free full-season tickets and 23 free half-season tickets to the girls who had obtained the Bronze Medallions and Intermediate Certificates of the Royal Life Saving Society be granted. Also, That the application of the Technical College for 3 free full-season tickets for the students who had obtained the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life-Saving Society be granted.

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7—Sunday Concerts—Read, letter of 21st ult. from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham District Free Church Council that at a recent Meeting of the Free Church Council he was instructed to inform the Council that they noted with regret the type of concert provided by the Corporation during the Winter, and urging that in future the Programme should be more in keeping with the day on which it is rendered. RESOLVED, That the Free Church Council be informed that the Committee are satisfied that the Entertainments Manager exercises every care possible in arranging the Programmes for the Sunday Evening Concerts, and that these are arranged on similar lines to the B.B.C. Sunday Evening Concerts.

8—Winter Garden Repertory Theatre—The Town Clerk reported further correspondence with Mr. Kent and interview in regard to the scenery, stage, lighting plant, sound-proof partition, and curtain at the Repertory Theatre at the Winter Gardens. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to pay £100 for the various fittings and fixtures at the Winter Gardens with a view to settling this matter,

JNO. HOWELL,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th May, 1939.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman E. L. Ward; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Ben James and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

9—Conference—The Entertainments Manager reported that Cheltenham was one of two towns to be recommended for the venue of the Annual Conference of the Institute of Public Cleansing in 1940 and that if the Executive Committee of the Institute decide to recommend Cheltenham to be selected, it was desirable that a representative of the Corporation should attend this year's Conference at Scarborough

from the 5th to 9th June to support the recommendation. RESOLVED, That Councillor Rogers be appointed to attend the Conference

10—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. W. H. Brasher was willing to take 50 of the early morning 7s 6d. tickets if he could have these at a reduced charge of 5s- each, RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to.

11—British Health Resorts Association—Read, letter of 10th inst. from this Association that it was proposed to hold a Conference in London in October with a view to giving publicity to British Health Resorts and at the same time linking them up with the National Fitness Movement and asking if the Corporation would support the Conference by sending representatives. RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Councillor Waite be authorised to attend the Conference.

12—Montpellier Baths—Read, letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. from the Y.M.C.A. asking if they could have the use of Montpellier Baths on weekday evenings during the winter season for physical training for men, women and boys, as last winter. RESOLVED, That the use of the Baths be granted on the same terms as last year.

13—Town Hall—The Entertainments Manager reported that he was proposing to book Jack Hylton and his Band to play at a Concert and Dance at the Town Hall on the 28th June on sharing terms, namely the Corporation to retain 35 per cent of the net receipts for admissions. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

JNO. HOWELL,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd May, 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Ben James, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Bulk Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that after lengthy negotiations with the Shropshire etc. Power Co. extending over more than twelve months, and consultation with the Electricity Commissioners he had now obtained a revised offer for the continuance of the bulk supply for a further period of six years from the 1st January, 1939, on rather better terms than the Corporation had obtained hitherto, and he submitted particulars of the terms provisionally agreed, though a few details required further discussion RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Mayor be authorised to approve of the draft Agreement embodying the revised terms and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement

2—Cables—The Town Clerk submitted tenders from 8 Companies for the supply of low tension and extra high tension cables for the year ending 30th June, 1940. RESOLVED, That the tenders of Aberdare Cables Ltd., for the supply of low tension cables, and of Hackbridge Cable Co. Ltd., for the supply of extra high tension cables on schedules of prices (being the lowest) be accepted

3—Air Raid Precautions--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that at a Special Meeting of the Committee held on the 28th ult. he was authorised to install telephones at the Evesham House, Leckhampton Depot, Overbury Street, and Westal Green Sub-Stations, which had been selected as control posts under Air Raid Precautions. RESOLVED, That this be approved and confirmed

4—Bath and West Show--RESOLVED, That Councillor Rogers and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend a Meeting of the South West England E.D. A. Committee at the Bath and West Show at Bridgewater on the 24th inst.

5—Electrical Industries Benevolent Association—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application for a subscription to this Association. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to.

6—Supply to Factory at Kayte Farm - -The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had been in communication with Messrs. Smith for a supply of electricity to the new factory to be erected by them at Kayte Farm, Bishop's Cleeve. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to settle terms for the supply on the lines approved by the Committee and that the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement embodying such terms.

7—Extensions to Mains—(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that a new 11,000 volt cable should be laid from Westal Green along Hatherley Road to Hatherley Brake and thence to Coney Gree and Arle Court, at an estimated cost of £3,418. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan for the cost of the work.

(b) Charlton Kings—The Town Clerk submitted an agreement which the Great Western Railway Co. required the Corporation to enter into in respect of main cables proposed to be laid over the Railway Bridge at Charlton Kings. RESOLVED, That the Agreement be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

8—Electricity Department—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. Holland an employee in his Department, who had been absent for several months as a result of a motor accident, had been successful in recovering damages from the driver of the motor car and had offered to refund to the Corporation the sum of £43 15s. 0d., which had been paid to him in wages during his absence. RESOLVED, That the Committee appreciate this offer but do not desire to accept it.

9—Scrap Material—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders for the purchase of scrap material. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to accept the most favourable tender or tenders.

10—Public Lighting—London Road and High Street—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Ministry of Transport giving preliminary approval to the proposed new installation of lighting on the trunk road portion of London Road and High Street and suggesting that competitive tenders should be invited for carrying out the work. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to submit particulars of the tenders already received.

11—Transformers—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Electricity Commissioners to a loan of £937 for the provision of four 500 K.V.A. Transformers.

12—Electricity Supply (Meters) Act, 1936—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Electricity Commissioners reporting that the Commissioners proposed to give consent to the payment of the cost of providing and equipping the Meter Testing Sub-Station in St. George's Place out of the nett surplus of the Undertaking subject to their being satisfied that the sum of £113 19s. 0d. for structural alterations to buildings, benches and racks is properly chargeable to capital. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for attention.

13—Lorry—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a lorry purchased in 1917 would have to be taken off the road on the 31st December next, as it was fitted with solid tyres which could not be replaced by pneumatic tyres. He would, however, be able to dispense with it on the 30th June, and he recommended that it should be taken out of commission then and that application should be made for a refund in respect of the Road Licence RESOLVED, That this be approved.

14—Service Cables—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it had been the practice for a number of years to charge 1s per foot for small service cables, and 2s per foot for large service cables after the first 20 feet. There was, however, an intermediate size of cable, viz. :-0.06 sq. in. twin service cable, in respect of which he recommended that the charge should be 1s 6d per foot after the first 20 feet. RESOLVED, That this be approved

15—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 24th, 27th, and 30th April, 5th, 10th, and 15th May, which shewed the calorific value on these dates to be 472.5, 477.4, 473.1, 467.2, 478.1, and 471.1 B.Th. U. respectively, and the pressure to be 8.4, 6.2, 7.0, 8.0, 8.5, and 5.8 inches of water respectively.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th May, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Margrett and Pates; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Dr. Curling Hayward, Moore and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

#### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 30th April, 1939.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years
Hewletts Springs	297,000 gallons	280,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,283,000 “	981,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	58,000	49,000
	1,638,000	1,310,000

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Estimated Usable Quantity about ... ●●● 99,273,000 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.

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4—Castle Barn Farm—Two tenders were received for the erection of the Cattle shed for this farm. RESOLVED, That the tender of Amos Wilson & Sons amounting to £297 16s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted, subject to contract, and subject to the tenant of the farm agreeing to pay by way of additional rent 5 per cent. on the cost of the building.

5—Supply to Swindon—(a) The Borough Engineer reported that he had now erected a stand pipe for a temporary supply and was supplying the water at the ordinary charge but without making a dead rent charge. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Read, letters from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking if the sum of £150 to be deposited by the Council could be refunded as and when the revenue amounted to 10 per cent. on the capital outlay instead of 12 ½ per cent. as required. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances and with a view to assisting the parish in a difficult matter, the Council be recommended to agree to refund the amount to be deposited as and when the revenue received amounts to 10 per cent. thereon, and that Minute No. 9 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

6—Compressor—The Borough Engineer reported that to facilitate the cutting of the holes in the concrete division walls at the fresh water tank at Dowdeswell, it had been found necessary to purchase a drill to use with the Air Compressor at a cost of £20 17s 7d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Dowdeswell Reservoir—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to purchase trout for re-stocking the reservoir at a cost of approximately £20.

8—Supply to Vineyards Park, Tewkesbury—The Committee further considered the application from the Borough Surveyor, Tewkesbury, for a supply of water to a Drinking Well and Paddling Pool in Vineyards Park. RESOLVED, That the supply be granted at the ordinary Tewkesbury charge plus an appropriate meter rent.

9—Tewkesbury Borough—The Borough Engineer reported that on inspection it had been found that the old 3 inch pipe line in High Street, Tewkesbury. was in poor condition, and he recommended that a new length of 4 inch main for a distance of 560 yards should be provided, but as a 3 inch main was sufficient for the needs of the Borough, the Corporation might agree to bear the extra cost of the 4 inch main. The total estimated cost of the 4 inch main was £330. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have this work carried out, and that the Council agree to pay for the extra cost of the 4 inch main over the estimated cost of a 3 inch main.

10—A.R.P.—The Borough Engineer reported in regard to the steps to be taken to protect the Water Undertaking in event of air raids. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting, and, meanwhile, the Borough Engineer be instructed to circulate copies of his report to each member of the Committee.

11 —British Waterworks Association—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer and Chairman be appointed to attend the Annual Conference of this Association to be held at Nottingham from the 25th-29th July, 1939.

12—Staverton Water Supply—Read, letter of 4th ult. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council in regard to the supply of water through the Staverton Main to Gloucester and asking that the whole of the income derived from Gloucester should be taken into account in calculating the re-payments due to the Council in accordance with the Agreement. The Borough Engineer reported that he had recently commenced supplying Gloucester again through this main. RESOLVED, That the District Council be informed that the Committee will consider the matter when the supply to Gloucester through the main is finally discontinued.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th May, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen, Trye and Ward ; Councillors Green, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Ward in the chair).

1—Naming of Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Jessop & Sons asking for the road off Whaddon Road adjoining the Recreation Ground to be named "Park Drive." RESOLVED, That this be not approved and that the be asked to submit further suggestions.

2—Cinematograph Licence—Read, letter from Mr. T. Braddock, Architect, that in connection with the proposed Hotel and shops on the corner of Pittville Street and High Street, it has now been suggested that a News Reel Cinema should be included in the basement, and asking whether the Corporation would be prepared to issue a Licence in respect thereof. RESOLVED, That the Committee are not prepared to recommend the Council at the present time to consider this application.

3—Market—The Borough Surveyor submitted further request from the Marketing Society for ventilation to be provided in the roof of the covered market. He had inspected the building and recommended that two pivot hung opening windows should be fixed in the two gable ends of the building at a cost of approximately £15 RESOLVED, That it be pointed out to the Society that the building was designed by their own Architect and that if the Society are willing to make a satisfactory contribution towards the cost of the work, the Committee are prepared favourably to consider carrying out the work.

4—Rodney Road Car Park—RESOLVED, That if the Institute of Public Cleansing decide to hold their 1940 Conference in Cheltenham, that the free use of this Car Park or a part of it be granted for the period of the Conference for an exhibition of Public Cleansing Vehicles and in which case the police be asked to make temporary arrangements for parking in Imperial Square.

5—Municipal Offices—(a) Telephone Installation—The Borough Surveyor reported that Telephone Rentals Ltd , were now engaged on installing the new internal telephone system, and he submitted a list of seven additional lines required by the various departments. RESOLVED, That these extensions be

approved. RESOLVED, also, That two additional external lines be rented from the Post Office making six lines in all.

(b) Fire Alarm System—The Borough Engineer reported that he had tested the Fire Bells recently installed when the bells were heard clearly on all floors. As, however, the Clinic was divided into two portions, he recommended that an additional bell push should be installed in the Clinic at a cost of 25s. RESOLVED, That this be agreed.

5—A.R.P.—The Borough Surveyor reported that, as instructed, he had invited tenders for the provision of blinds for all Corporation buildings and schools. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for the tenders when received to be opened by two members of the Committee and to report thereon.

7—Car Parks—Read, letter from Major-Gen. Sir Henry Thuillier, Chairman of the local branch of the British Legion, asking that when the Corporation provide any additional Car Parks, the Legion might be given the opportunity of managing these. RESOLVED, That the Committee will bear this request in mind when additional Car Parks are under consideration.

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

9—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Annual Meeting—Read, report of the Annual Licensing Meeting of the Committee held at the Central Depot on the 10th May. Present : Councillor Green. All the Hackney Carriages had been inspected and Councillor Green recommended that all the applications for the renewal of licences and Drivers' Licences be granted for one year. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(b) RESOLVED, That that Town Clerk be instructed to submit draft byelaws prescribing the fares for Hackney Carriages to be fixed on the basis of 8d. per mile.

(c) Transfers—RESOLVED, That the applications of A. R. Wheatcroft and G. R. Launchbury for the transfer of their licences to new cabs purchased by them be granted.

(d) RESOLVED, That the application of G. R. Parker for the Hackney Carriage Licence formerly held by Mr. G. W. Hawker to be transferred to him, and also for a Driver's Licence, be granted, subject to a satisfactory report on the vehicle being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector.

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10—Athletic Ground—Flood Lighting—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Mr. W. J. Bache that he estimated the cost of providing six flood light fittings so as to floodlight the goal posts at one end of the ground at a time at £43, and the running costs including lamp renewals at about 2s 6d per hour. The Gardens Superintendent attended and reported that the ground was in need of dressing and he thought that the turf would not stand up to the playing of football on the ground in the winter evenings. RESOLVED, That the proposal to floodlight the ground be not entertained at present, but that the Rugby Football Club be recommended to grant facilities for athletic training and running on the ground in the winter evenings for which no additional lighting would be required. RESOLVED, also, That the Parks Committee be recommended to consider taking steps for the dressing of the turf at an appropriate time this year.

11—Evacuation Scheme—The Town Clerk reported that the number of unaccompanied children to be evacuated to Cheltenham from Birmingham had now been reduced to 2,520 and that the number of "others" to 2,400. A Meeting of the Sub-Committee had been held and a detailed scheme was now being worked out with the co-operation of the Women's Voluntary Services. It was necessary to appoint a Chief Billeting and Reception Officer. RESOLVED, That the Assistant Town Clerk (Mr. Richard Board) be appointed Chief Billeting and Reception Officer for the Borough. RESOLVED, also, That Councillor Green be added to the Evacuation Scheme Sub-Committee.

12—National Service—(a) Read, circular of 25th ult. from the Ministry of Health that legislation was being prepared for introduction in the event of an emergency, which would provide that a Local Authority may grant leave of absence during the emergency to any employee to enable him to serve in H.M. Forces or civil defence and may make up the difference between his new pay and the remuneration which he would have received if he had remained in the service of the Local Authority. The position of employees regarding superannuation would thereby be safeguarded and the emergency service would be recognisable for superannuation purposes.

(b) Read, circular letter of 10th inst. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the revised Schedule of Reserved Occupations. The general effect so far as Local Authorities were concerned was to make eligible for recruitment such of their employees who did not possess certain technical or professional qualifications. The Minister considered that Local Authorities should be prepared to give consent freely to enrolment in National Service in the case of employees engaged in ordinary clerical duties. In the case of officers over the age of 25 engaged on higher executive or administrative duties, whose replacement would be difficult, if the services (especially emergency services) for which the Authority are responsible are to be efficiently conducted, Local Authorities should arrange with such officers to first make application for permission to enrol to the Council, and in giving permission, the Council should take into account the extent to which their various services are likely to be expanded or curtailed in time of war, bearing in mind the specially onerous duties which would be laid on Councils in time of war.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that the following members of his staff had volunteered for National Service with his consent :—

Mr. A. R. A. Seacome	A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery.
Mr. R. Rouse	Royal Gloucestershire Hussars, Cavalry Light Tank Regiment.
Mr. E. Staite	Royal Gloucestershire Hussars, Cavalry Light Tank Regiment.

13-77 Promenade—The Town Clerk reported that this property had been offered to the Corporation. The property was only separated from the Offices by one house, and, in view of the need of additional office accommodation, it was desirable that the Council should consider the purchase of the property. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be instructed to negotiate terms for the purchase of the premises.

14—Town Clerk's Department—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. J. Roberts, Clerk in his Department, died on the 14th inst. after a brief illness. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to submit recommendations for the up-grading of other members of the staff, and that he be authorised to appoint a Junior Clerk on Grade "A."



15—Bath and West Show—The Town Clerk reported that the Three Counties' Show had declined the invitation to hold the Joint Show with the Bath and West Society in Cheltenham in 1941. The first meeting of the local Show Executive Committee had now been held and arrangements had been made for the 1940 Show to be held on a site at Uckington fronting the main Cheltenham—Tewkesbury Road.

16—A.R.P. Organisation—Read, circular of 8th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council in regard to a Conference of Local Authorities held on the 3rd inst , when the position of County Authorities in connection with Civil Defence matters was considered in the light of recent instructions from the Government and the Civil Defence Bill. The Conference recommended :—

(a) That the Councils of County Districts should be the authorities for Civil Defence

(b) That existing members of Area Authorities should, where possible, be appointed on the A.R.P. Committees of County District Authorities.

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(c) When an existing A.R.P. Area comprises more than one Council's District the Councils concerned should make every effort to form a Joint Committee by mutual arrangement on the present or some other agreed basis.

(d) Where an agreement is not found possible such County District Councils should form their own new A.R.P. Committees.

RESOLVED, (a) That the Council welcomes the recommendation of the Conference that the Town Council should be the Authority for Civil Defence in the Borough, and, is willing, if so requested, to form a Joint Committee to include the Urban District of Charlton Kings, but excluding the Cheltenham Rural District, which they consider can more conveniently administered by its own Council.

(b) That the Council considers that the County Council should delegate to it such A.R.P. functions as the provision off shelters, trenches, decontamination and rescue services and the enrolment, organising and training of personnel (other than Air Raid 'Wardens, who are under the direction of the Chief Constable), subject to approval by the " appropriate Government Department of any Scheme involving expenditure exceeding 100, and to the subsequent approval of the County Council.

(c) That the Council be recommended to appoint a Standing Civil Defence Committee and to delegate to the Committee all the powers conferred on the Council by the County Council or Government.

(d) That the following Members of the Council be appointed the Committee, namely :—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; ; Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bush, Compton, Fisher, Grimwade and Smith, the Committee to have power to appoint additional members on the Committee and to report from time to time to the Council,

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

#### **FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th May, 1939.** Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Fisher, Green and Till ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and A. Wigged (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Rural District—The Committee further considered the letter from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking that the proposed charge of a 2d. rate for providing the services of the Brigade to 20 parishes in their district be reduced. The Borough Treasurer attended and submitted his estimate of the cost of the Brigade when the new Fire Station was completed. Major Shakespeare and Messrs. Bentley, Rosser and Acocks attended as a deputation from the Rural District Council in support of their application. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to provide the services of the Brigade at a reduced charge of 1 ½ d. rate in the parishes to be served for the first three years, and that the charge for future years be considered at a later date.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd May, 1939**, Present—Aldermen Pates and Ward; Councillors Bush, Fisher, Fletcher, Green and Grimwade; and Mr. A. Wiggett (Alderman Ward in the chair).

2- Monthly Report of Chief Officer—The Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended nine outbreaks of fire, as follows :—

22nd April	7 St. George's Street.
23rd April	6 Ashling Villas, High Street.
28th April	100 High Street.
4th May	North Gloucestershire Technical College, Lansdown Road.
4th May	The Irving Hotel, Bath Road.
5th May	151 High Street.
6th May	Malvern House, Malvern Road.
8th May	2 Bath Street.
17th May	9 Beaufort Buildings, Albert Road.

3—Supplementary Water Supplies—RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be instructed to consider and report as to the available Supplementary Water Supplies in the Borough, including the Swimming Pool and Baths and provision of dams in the river Chelt.

4—Regional Inspectorate—Read, circular of 13th inst from the Home Office enclosing list of Regional Fire Brigade Inspectors and giving details of their principal duties

5—National Service Rally—Read, circular of 11th inst. from the Home Office and arrangements being made for the holding of a National Service Rally in Hyde Park on July 2nd The intention was to make arrangements for some representative contingents of the A.F.S. services to take part, and further details would be forwarded in due course. Any approved expenses incurred in connection with the Rally would be paid by the Government.

6—Insurance of Motor Vehicles—Read, circular of 4th inst. from the Home Office in regard to the insurance of motor vehicles lent for A.R.P and A.S.F purposes. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Treasurer.

7—Auxiliary Fire Service--Rates of Pay and Compensation—Read, circular of 5th inst. from the Home Office forwarding copies of statements made in the House of Commons regarding the rates of pay for Air Raid Precautions Volunteers serving whole time in war, and arrangements for peace-time compensation for Air Raid Precautions Volunteers. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Treasurer.

8—General Hospital—RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be authorised to inspect the Hospital premises and advise the Hospital Committee on A.R.P. and fire protection matters. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be authorised to agree to similar applications in future.

9—Protective Clothing—Read, circular of 28th ult. from the Home Office in regard to the issue of steel helmets, respirators and anti-gas clothing, for the use of Fire Brigade personnel in an emergency. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Chief Officer.

10—Delancey Hospital—The Committee considered a resolution of the Delancey Trustees asking on what terms the Brigade would undertake the Ambulance Service for the Hospital. RESOLVED, That, in view of the lack of accommodation in the present Fire Station and the fact that the annual leave of members of the Fire Brigade has now commenced, consideration be adjourned until October.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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#### **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th May, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton' Green, Grimwade and Smith; Messrs. E. M. Yeend, E. H. Carter, A. Ball and H. T. Stokes (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments. The following allotments were in an untidy state of cultivation :—Nos. 57, 58, 76, 77, 87, 89, 90, 91 and 107 Asquith Road, No 16 Alma Road, No 14 Creamery Piece, Nos. 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 19 and 20 North Ward, Nos. 80, 82, 84 and 142 Marle Hill House Estate. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of the untidy allotments requiring them to put these in proper order before the next inspection, failing which they be given notice to quit.

2—Allotments Nos. 211 and 204 Marsh Lane—The Town Clerk submitted offer from Mr. Clissold to take Allotments Nos. 211 and 204 on the Marsh Lane Allotments, subject to no rent being charged in respect of the fruit trees on No. 211, and 6 months' rent free and a subsequent reduction of rent in respect of No. 204. RESOLVED, That the Visitors be asked to inspect and report in respect of No. 211, and that 6 months' rebate be granted in respect of No. 204.

3—Allotment No. 20 Marle Hill Estate—The Town Clerk submitted offer to take this allotment provided it was let rent free for six months. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted.

4—Allotment No. 1 Hatherley Road--The Town Clerk submitted application from the tenant of Plot No, 1 on the Hatherley Road Allotments for a rebate in rent. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Town Clerk.

5—Severn Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Housing Committee had referred to this Committee the question of letting a surplus plot of land in this road for allotments. RESOLVED, That Mr. Yeend be asked to inspect and report and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit estimate of the cost of fencing in the land.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th May, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Gardens Superintendent reported that damage, estimated at £20 was done to the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground by the Easter Fun Fair, RESOLVED, That the ground be not made good until after the Whitsuntide Fete.

2—Pittville Gardens—(a) Sterilizer—The Gardens Superintendent submitted quotation by the Electricity Department for the supply and installation of a Sterilizer amounting to £20 11s. 10d. for which provision had been made in the estimates. RESOLVED, That the quotation be accepted.

(b) Gift of Plants—The Gardens Superintendent reported the gift of agapanthus in large pots by Mr. Fergusson of Abbots Lane, Charlton Kings. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

(c) New Aviary—The Committee considered a suggestion of the Gardens Superintendent that a new Central Aviary should be erected at the Pittville Gardens as provided for in the estimates. RESOLVED, That tenders be obtained for the erection of a new aviary in accordance with the design submitted by the Gardens Superintendent.

3—Alstone Croft Playing Field—(a) The Gardens Superintendent reported that as instructed at the last meeting of the Committee, he had engaged Mr. L. Morrall as part-time Custodian of the Alstone Croft Playing Field at a wage of 15s per week, and recommended that he be provided with a coat and cap. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) Lavatories—The Committee considered the provision of Lavatories at the Alstone Croft Playing Field, as the lavatories included in the Education Committee's Pavilion were not available for use by the public after school hours. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plan and estimate for lavatories.

(c) Swings—RESOLVED, That three swings be erected in this field in positions to be approved by the Gardens Superintendent.

(d) The Town Clerk submitted Memorial signed by Residents in Arle Road, Alstone Croft and Alstone Lane objecting to the Alstone Croft Playing Field being used as a Public Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That no action be taken thereon.

4—Whaddon Farm Recreation Ground—The Gardens Superintendent reported that damage was being done by children to the buildings on the Whaddon Farm Recreation Ground, and that he had arranged for two men to visit the ground at intervals. RESOLVED, That the action of the Gardens Superintendent be approved, and that the Housing Committee be requested to instruct their Whaddon Estate Custodian to keep the ground under observation.

5—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—(a) Custodian—RESOLVED, That Mr. H. G. Boulton (Corporation Gardener) be appointed Custodian at the Hatherley Court Recreation Ground at a wage of per week plus uniform.

(b) Drinking Fountain—RESOLVED, That a drinking fountain, similar to the one provided at Montpellier Gardens be provided on the east side of the shelter at the Hatherley Court Recreation Ground.

(c) Direction Signs—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect some signs in neighbouring roads directing the public to the Hatherley Court Recreation Ground.

(d) Swings, etc.—Read, letters from residents in Bournside Road objecting to the position of the swings in Hatherley Court Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That no action be taken thereon.

6— Gardens Superintendent---(a) Salary—The Committee considered application from the Gardens Superintendent for an increase in his salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £450, rising in one year's time to £500.

(b) Office Accommodation—The Committee considered the question of the provision of larger Office accommodation for the Gardens Superintendent. The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative plans, one for alterations to present office accommodation at Field Lodge at an estimated cost of £350, and the other for the erection of a new building at the rear of Field Lodge at an estimated cost of £475. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the erection of a new Office at an estimated cost of £475. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £475 for the cost thereof

7—Pittville Pump Room—The Town Clerk submitted three tenders received for repairing the leadwork of the dome and roof of the Pittville Pump Room. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. E. W. Moore & Son amounting to £57 10s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted.

8—Y.M.C.A.--Read, letter of 17th April, from the General Secretary of the Cheltenham Y.M.C.A. applying for permission to provide coaches for Basket Ball and Baseball on the Whaddon, Brooklyn Road and Agg-Gardner Recreation Grounds. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to arrangements being made as to the days and time being approved by the Gardens Superintendent, and baseball being confined to the playing fields only.

9—Old People's Home, Cheltenham—The Town Clerk submitted letters from the Public Assistance Officer, asking the Committee to allow the Gardens Superintendent to supervise the work in connection with the laying out of the Grounds at the Old People's Home at Pengwern, Cheltenham, RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to supervise the work, and that consideration of any charge for his services be deferred until after the work has been completed.

10—Ark Gardens, Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that a wall at Ark Gardens had been damaged by youths. RESOLVED, That Superintendent Hopkins be asked to institute proceedings against the youths.

11—Pilley Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Secretary of the Zion Baptist Church, applying for permission to hold an occasional open air service in the Pilley Lane Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

12—Land, Old Bath Road—Read, letter of 2nd April, from Mr. F. P. Witts, of Mountain Ash, Old Bath Road, complaining of the weeds growing on the strip of land lying between his house and the Chelt. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to have the weeds cut down as and when necessary.

13—Land, Albert Road—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend that Mr. Stinchcombe, the owner of part Lot 28 in Albert Road had divided the property into four lots, and proposed to apportion the rent charge of £6 17s. 6d. : As to two of the houses sold to Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Hailes respectively at £2 2s. 0d. each, as to the house in the course of erection £2 7s. 6d., and as to the remainder of the land at 6s. RESOLVED, That this apportionment be approved.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th May 1939**, Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham Councillors Avery and Howell ; and Major J. G. N. Clift (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for April, 1939—Visitors-2,893 (last year 3,007). Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. 4s. 10d. Subscriptions to "The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account £2 13s 0d. Total £2 17s. 10d.

Talks by the Curator—The Curator had given two talks on " Cotswold Bygones."

South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries—The Curator reported his attendance at the Annual Meeting of this Group at Gloucester on 22nd April, 1939.

Loan to the Museum—A Clarinet used in Leckhampton Church in the 19th century had been received on loan from the Churchwardens of Leckhampton Church.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following 1—Mrs. E. Stoney-Archer, Mrs. D. Barnett Miss Chesshyre, Mr. C. W. Coates, Mrs. Franks, Mr. C. I. Gardiner: Mr. Charles Green, Mr. A W. Newport Mrs. Price, Mrs. Ryland, Miss Urling Smith, Mr. J. Spreutels, Messrs. Turner Bros. Asbestos Co. Ltd. Mr. T. B. Wickham.

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

3—Bequest by the late F. B. de Sausmarez, J.P.--The Curator reported the receipt of 6 Old English Wine Glasses, 2 opaque white Bristol Glass Tureens, 2 Worcester Porcelain 'Wall Ornaments, 1 Worcester porcelain ornament—" A Token from Cheltenham," 1 Neptune set, 1 Marseilles faience Ink-stand dated 1781, and a pair of Cockfighting steel spurs. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the representatives of the late Mr. de Sausmarez for this appropriate memento of his long services as member of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee.

4—General Account—RESOLVED, That 8 Bygones, a Polecat and a Badger be purchased from the General Account at a total cost of £3 0s. 6d.

5—The late Sir David Murray, R.A.—The Curator read a letter from Sir Edwin Cooper, R A , offering as a gift a large oil painting by Sir David Murray on certain conditions RESOLVED, That the matter be deferred pending the inspection by the Curator in London of the paintings from which a choice is offered.

6—Sale of Engravings from the Estate of the late F. L. M. Griggs, R.A.—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to attend the sale in London on 16th May, with authority to purchase suitable examples for the Art Gallery within certain limits.

7—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, (a) That the Exhibition entitled "Britain To-day," organised by the W.E.A., be inspected by the Curator before its acceptance for display ; and (b) that a similar condition be recorded as to an offer on loan by a Czech gentleman of 26 pictures and 3 sculptures recently removed from Vienna. RESOLVED, further, That an exhibition illustrating Book Production from specimens arranged by Miss Freda Derrick be arranged as and when convenient.

8—Museums Association Conference—Further details referring to the Programme for this Conference from 2nd-8th July, were settled by the Committee, and the Curator was authorised to act accordingly.

9—Water-heater—RESOLVED, That a small electric water-heater be installed.

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 23rd June, 1939.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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#### CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th May, 1939.** Present—Councillors Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Fletcher, Green, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1-Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 22nd April to 19th May, 1939. Interments 60; Grave Spaces sold 15 (2nd Position 2, 4th Position 13); Memorials erected 5, New Inscriptions 7 ; Cremations 12.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 9987 to 10001.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2384 to 2404, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting be held at the Cemetery at 4.15 p.m. on 23rd June.

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th May, 1939.** Present—Councillors Bush, Compton and Garland ; Rev, Canon P. M. C. Johnstone; Rev, Barbara Thomas ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris and F. Vernall (Councillor Compton in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for April, 1939—Receipts £20 7s. 2d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 5,901; Lending Department 20,807, Junior Department 2,527; Total 29,235 (last year 25,491).

Binding and Replacements-366 volumes had been replaced, 337 volumes had been returned from the binder, and a further 405 volumes dispatched.

Staff—Miss P. E. Morgan had been elected a Fellow of the Library Association, having passed the necessary Examinations.

College Librarians—An Easter Course in School Library work had been held at Cheltenham Ladies' College from 11th-20th April. The students paid an official visit to the Public Library and Museum on 13th April, 1939.

2--Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 325 volumes, published at £107 3s. 0d., be purchased for £77 15s. 7d.

(b) That £75 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £50 be spent on Replacements,

3—Donations-104 volumes and 22 pamphlets had been received as gifts from 9 donors. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

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4—Periodical--RESOLVED, That the periodical " The Doctor" having been satisfactorily used during the trial period of 6 months, be now taken regularly.

5—Dark Blinds—Quotations for dark blinds for the whole of the Library buildings were being obtained by the Borough Surveyor.



6—Lectures—Read, letter from Mr. Spital asking if the Committee would co-operate with the Ratepayers' Association in having further lectures on municipal subjects by the Heads of the Departments during the next session RESOLVED, That the suggestion be agreed to, and that the Librarian be authorised to arrange such lectures in the usual winter and spring sessions, 1939-40.

7—Library Facilities for Visitors—RESOLVED, That lending library facilities be given to such visitors as subscribe towards holiday tickets proposed to be issued by the Entertainments Manager.

8—Museums Association Conference—RESOLVED, That all sections of the Library be closed at 7.30 p.m. on the night of 6th July, 1939, to facilitate arrangements for an informal Reception to the Museums Association Jubilee Conference.

9—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 14th July, 1939.

G. B. COMPTON,

Chairman.

#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th May 1939,** Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bush, Ben L. James and E. W. Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

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

2—Third Valuation List—The Committee continued the preparation of the new Valuation List.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th May, 1939.** Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bettridge and Bush (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

3—Third Valuation List—The Committee continued the preparation of the new Valuation List.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd May, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Taylor, Leigh James and Ward; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £18,044 ; Outstanding £114,386.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1939, Amount collected £2,448 ; Outstanding £15,172

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 23rd inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; Alderman Leigh James ; and Councillor Waite. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

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

Date, 1939. Purpose.	Amount.	Term.
9th May ... Transformers ...	£937	20 years.
15th May ... Diversion of sewer, Brooklyn Road and Arle	£473	30 years.

5—Electricity Charges—Read, report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity charges since the last meeting, and also on the collection of arrears. He also submitted list of arrears amounting to £610 17s. 7d. which were irrecoverable. RESOLVED, That these arrears be written off

6—Auditor's Report—Read, report of the District Auditor on the audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 1938 (a copy of the report accompanies the Minutes). Read, also, letter of 12th inst. from the Minister of Health asking to be furnished with the Council's observations on the report generally and in particular with regard to the portions of the report relating to Petroleum Licences and Private Street works.

(a) Petroleum Licences—The Town Clerk reported that the failure to renew licences referred to in the report was caused by the change in the Office of Petroleum Inspector, but that to avoid this happening in the future, a Register of Licencees was now being prepared.

(b) Electricity Undertaking—RESOLVED, That the Electricity Committee be asked for their observations on the portion of the report relating to the distribution costs of the undertaking.

(c) Montpellier Spa Road—RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked for their observations on the portion of the report relating to the flagging of this road.

(d) Private Street Works—The Borough Treasurer submitted a list of the sundry debtors under this heading, a number of which were irrecoverable. In other cases the principal had been paid leaving small amounts of interest outstanding. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to submit a detailed list for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

(e) The Borough Treasurer reported that the other recommendations of the Auditor referred to in the Report had already been carried out.

7—Loans—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to arrange for loans amounting to £20,000 on the terms now approved by the Committee.

8—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that W. Townsend (Health Department) who retired on the 30th ult. was entitled to a pension of £85 18s. 1d. RESOLVED, That this pension be paid.

(b) H. Fletcher—The Borough Treasurer reported that H. Fletcher (ex-Cemetery Labourer) died on the 29th ult. He was in receipt of an allowance of 11s 7d per week, plus a gratuity of £2 a month until he reached the age of sixty-five, which was the day he died.

(c) G. F. White—The Borough Treasurer reported that G. F. White (ex-Labourer) died on the 22nd ult. He was in receipt of an allowance of 15s 9d per week.

(d) Delancey Hospital—Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving the continuing Agreement made under Section 5 of the Superannuation Act between the Corporation and the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital.

9—A.R.P.—The Borough Treasurer reported that a number of Local Authorities were taking steps to secure the safety of financial and other records by strengthening Strong-Rooms and placing completed documents and copies of records in places outside the town where they are not likely to be damaged RESOLVED, That consideration of this be deferred for the present.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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### Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th, June, 1939.

Sir, You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Cowbell, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 3rd day of May. 1939, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :— THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE and to accept tender for new Main Sewer.

HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ft ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE and to accept tender for erection of new Offices for Gardens Superintendent.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. EDUCATION COMMITTEE-To appoint a Woman having experience in Education and also a person acquainted with the needs of the various kinds of schools, members of the Education Committee to fill the vacancies caused by expiration of terms of office of Miss E. Matthews and Miss E. L. Brookes respectively.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

### **Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 5th June, 1939, at 3 p.m.** Present :

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

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Ward, Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P., Moore, Smith and Till.

Apologies-Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Avery, Morris, Rogers and Waite.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 1st May, 1939, 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 May 8

Housing Meeting held May 11

Street and Highway Meeting held May 15

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Barnett and seconded by Councillor Compton: "That Minute No. 2 with regard to Broadcast Relay Service be referred back and that representatives of the local Wireless Dealers be invited to attend the next Meeting of the Committee to state their objections."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Bettridge: "That the new Building Byelaws be referred for consideration of the Public Health Committee" was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Bettridge and seconded by Councillor Compton: "That Minute No. 25 with regard to Halt' sign at junction of St. George's Place with Manchester Street be referred back" was lost).

Resolved, also, on the recommendation of the Building Byelaws Sub-Committee. That the Byelaws with respect to new Buildings be approved in accordance with the Draft informally approved by the Ministry of Health. Resolved, also, That the offer of Mr. Instone, Builder, of Swindon, to purchase the remaining frontage land on the north west side of Brooklyn Road, approximately 275 feet at the price of £4. 11s. 0d. per foot frontage for the erection of not more than 10 houses of a value of not less than £550, exclusive of the value of the site, be accepted, subject to Contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health to the sale. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

Town Planning Meeting held May 18

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held May 12 & 19

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Bush: " That Minute No. 3 with regard to half-price tickets for Sandford Park Swimming Pool for children for the early mornings be not approved and that early morning children's tickets be issued at a charge of 5s each provided that Mr. Brasher takes and pays for 5s to be issued to school children only, not exceeding 15 years of age."

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held May 22

Except that Minute No. 2 with regard to tenders for cables be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

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Water Meeting held May 9

Except that the Resolution to Minute No. 9 with regard to old 3 inch pipe line in High Street, Tewkesbury, be altered to read as follows : " Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to carry out the work and to ask the Tewkesbury Borough Council to pay the increased cost of a 4 inch main over a 3 inch main."

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held May 16

Resolved, also, That the offer to sell No. 77 Promenade for the price of £2,750 being the price agreed to by the District Valuer, be accepted subject to Contract and consent to loan being obtained. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £2,778 for the purchase of the property and stamp duty.

Fire Brigade Meetings held May 15 & 22

Allotments Meeting held May 8

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held May 8

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held May 12

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held May 19

Public Library Meeting held May 12

Rating Meetings held May 4 & 26

Finance Meeting held May 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—Death of Mr. H. H. Chandler—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to convey to Mrs. Chandler and her sons the Council's sincere sympathy in the sad loss they have sustained by the death of Mr. Chandler, to whose inspiration and work the success of the Cheltenham Musical Festival was mainly due.

4—Death of Mr. Jack Roberts—Resolved, That the Council record their regret at the sad and untimely death of Mr. Jack Roberts who had been a member of the Town Clerk's staff for over 8 years and desire to express their sympathy with the members of his family in their bereavement.

JNO. HOWELL, Mayor.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at this Monthly Afeetz4 of the Council to be held on Monday, 3rd July, 1939.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th June, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Dr. Hayward , Ben James, Moore, Rogers and Waite (Alderman. Pruen in the chair)

1—Nuisances from Drains---15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 Keynsham Street ; Building and Yard in Keynsham Street belonging to Messrs. Meates & Co. ; Farringford, Keynsham Bank, High Street—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 Unfit for Human Habitation---(a) 5, 6 and 7 Exmouth Street ; 40 Queen 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 5, 6 and 7 Exmouth Street. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the above mentioned premises are unfit for human habitation and are not capable at 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 July, 1939

(b) 38 Waterloo Street—The Committee further considered the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of these premises RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that the house is being used in contravention of the Owner's Undertaking that the same shall not be used for human habitation until the Council are satisfied that it has been rendered fit for that purpose and cancel the Undertaking, 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.

(c) 3 Beaufort Place; 5 Queen 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. (d) 16 Waterloo Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the question of making a Demolition Order in respect of this house in default of compliance by the Owner with his Undertaking to recondition the premises be adjourned for one month.

(e) 69 St. George's Place—RESOLVED, That consideration of demolishing this house in default of compliance by the Owner with the Demolition Order made in respect thereof on the 14th February, 1938, be adjourned for one month.

(f) 1-10 Casino Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of these houses, which were subject to a Clearance Order, had commenced the work of converting them into garages in accordance with plans approved by the Council. RESOLVED, That the question of demolishing the premises in default be adjourned for one month.

(g) 3 Whitehart Street—RESOLVED, That consideration of the Owner's request that the Corporation should take over and demolish this house, which is subject to a Demolition Order, and make him an allowance for the site, be further adjourned for one month.

(h) 4 Queen street—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Mr. H. Boreham, on behalf of the Owner of 3 Queen Street, complaining of the nuisance caused by the insanitary condition of 4 Queen Street in respect of which a Demolition Order was made on the 1st February, 1937. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to obtain possession of 4 Queen Street as soon as possible.

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3—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness---(a) 4 Sun Street ; Highbury House, Highbury Lane ; 316 Hunger-lord Street ; 30 Hanover Street ; 1, 2 and 3 Caledonian Cottages—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) 7, 8, 9 and 10 Naunton Terrace ; 59 Duke 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.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 11 lbs. Beef ; 10 lbs. Mutton ; 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs. Pork ; 1 qr. 10 lbs. Poultry ; 1 qr. 17 lbs, Fish ; 4 ½ lbs. Eggs.

5—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936—The Medical Officer of Health reported results of phosphatase tests on pasteurised milk produced in the Borough.

6—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Marks & Spencers Ltd., High Street, Cheltenham, for registration as Retail Purveyors of milk in the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order, and to the sale being restricted to English Dairy Cream in bottles.

7—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his report of analyses of water taken since the last Meeting of the Committee.

8—Swimming Baths, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report of analyses of water taken at the Alstone Baths, Montpellier Baths, St. Peter's Recreation Ground Swimming Pool and Sandford Park Swimming Pool during the recent heat wave RESOLVED, That the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be recommended to instal a chlorinator at the Montpellier Baths without delay, and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to take further analyses at the Sandford Swimming Pool and report to the Committee again next month.

9—Annual Statistics—The Medical Officer of Health submitted the following statistics from the Registrar General's Estimate for 1938 :—

Population	51,900—showing an increase of 480 on the estimate for 1937.
Birth Rate	13.52 per thousand. This figure is the highest recorded since 1925.
Death Rate	13.68 per thousand, which when corrected for irregularities of distribution as regards age and sex so as to be comparable with other districts in the country was reduced to 10.1 per thousand (as compared with 11.6 per thousand for the whole country).

Death Rate of Children under 1 year 34.2 per thousand live births. This figure is the lowest ever recorded and compares with 57 per thousand for the whole country.

10—Infectious Disease—The Medical Officer of Health submitted an account for £4 4s. 0d. from the Delancey Hospital for isolating a child suffering from measles, whom the Medical Officer of Health had



had removed to the Hospital owing to the destitution of the parents, RESOLVED, That this be passed for payment.

11—Common Lodging House—Rowton House—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Mr. J. C. Gough, of 13 Burton Street, complaining of nuisances caused by lodgers at Rowton House, Grove Street, at the rear of his property. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had investigated the complaints and that the Lodging House Keeper had satisfied him that no further cause for complaint would arise.

12—Records—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that a new card index system had been introduced for recording the action taken by the Corporation in respect of between 2,000 and 3,000 houses over a considerable number of years.

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11—Main Drainage Scheme—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Ministry of Health reporting that the Minister did not feel justified in extending the period for the repayment of the loan beyond the normal period of 30 years and also stating that the outstanding debt on the works to be superseded should be repaid out of revenue and that the Minister could not agree to the utilisation of capital moneys for this purpose RESOLVED, That the Ministry be asked to consent to a short term loan for repayment of the outstanding debt of £853.

14—Sewers in Added Area—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham Rural District Council had not agreed to the proposal that the sewer in Albert Road should be at once disconnected from the Prestbury Main Sewer and connected to the Borough sewer to enable the sewage from the new Girls Grammar School to be received, and that they had given the County Council notice to disconnect the drains of the Grammar School from the Albert Road Sewer. RESOLVED, That this matter be referred to the Standing Sub-Committee for consideration.

15—Sewer in Argyll Road—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Mr. G. N. Gregory, for the sewer in Argyll Road to be extended to enable him to develop his land. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to Mr. Gregory agreeing to pay the cost of the extension (estimated at £63), before the commencement of the work

16—Brooklyn Road Area—(a) The Borough Surveyor recommended that the water-course crossing under Brooklyn Road should be wholly covered over so far as it abutted on land laid out for building, RESOLVED, That notices be served under Section 262 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring the Owners of the abutting land laid out for building, before any building operations are begun, or while such operations are in progress, wholly to fill up the water-course or ditch and to substitute therefor a pipe, drain or culvert, with all necessary gullies and other means of conveying surface water into and through it.

(b) Storm Water Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Bucks. and Middlesex Estate Ltd., were proposing to provide a 9 inch storm water sewer for the land being developed by them at the rear of Brooklyn Road. He recommended that the Corporation should pay the extra cost of providing a 15 inch sewer, estimated at £75, in view of the probability of further development in the area. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan of £473 for the diversion of the Sewer in the Brooklyn Road and Arle Road Drainage Area

17—Hayden Farm—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that repairs were required to certain cottages included in the Lease to Mr. G. P. Rymer. RESOLVED, That Mr. Rymer's attention be called to this and that he be asked to have these repairs attended to.

(b) Surplus Land--The Town Clerk reported that the three pieces of land available for letting had been let to tenants approved by Messrs C. C. Castle & Son.

18—District Sanitary Inspector—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had approved the appointment of Mr. A. L. Jones as District Sanitary Inspector.

19—Sewers, Duke Street and Carlton Street—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the Consent of the Ministry of Health to a Loan of £1,220 for the reconstruction of the sewers in Duke Street, and that the application for Consent to a loan for the reconstruction of the sewer in Carlton Street would be considered when it was proposed to carry out the work.

20—Public Conveniences, Leckhampton—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Ministry of Health to a Loan of £440 for the construction of public Conveniences and a Bus Shelter combined at Leckhampton. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the work.

21—National Smoke Abatement Society—Read, letter of 12th ult. from the National Smoke Abatement Society inviting the attendance of representatives at the Society's Annual Conference at Blackpool in 1939. 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, 15th June, 1939.** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward and Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell had completed 20 houses, and he anticipated that the remaining 10 houses would be handed over before the next Meeting.

(b) 15 Non-Subsidy Houses—The Housing Manager recommended that the Committee should consider reducing the rent of these houses, now fixed at 14s 2d per week. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to report thereon at the next Meeting of the Committee.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Chief Constable whether he would be prepared to transfer two of the Constables occupying Council houses at St. Mark's to houses on the Whaddon Farm Estate

2—Crabtree Piece and Folly Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of painting and re-glazing where necessary the interior metal frame windows to the sculleries, larders and bathrooms of the 63 houses in these roads at £31 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

3—Housing Manager—(a) The Housing Manager submitted her quarterly report on the collection of the rents.

(b) Assistant—The Housing Manager reported that Miss Barris had now passed her qualifying examinations. RESOLVED, That her salary be increased from £156 to £180 per annum until the September Meeting of h Committee, when the matter be reviewed.

(c) Repairs—The Housing Manager submitted the monthly report of the Repairs Superintendent, He reported that approximately 140 houses in Tennyson Road, Milton Road and Byron Road required exterior painting as these m not been painted for over six years. Hollow floors had been provided for Nos. 28, 34 and 45 Tennyson Road. The external painting of houses on the St. Peter's Estate and the pointing to brickwork of houses on the Alstone Estate and repairs to concrete paths were in progress. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the external painting required to the 140 houses on St. Mark's Estate.

(d) 53 Kipling Road—The Housing Manager reported that the tenant of this house had still refused to comply with the Committee's request to keep his garden under cultivation. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give him Notice to Quit and, if necessary, to take proceedings to obtain possession of the premises.

4—Kingsley Gardens—New Houses—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plans fa erection of a pair of new houses on the vacant land adjoining 16 Kingsley Gardens.

5-8 Shakespeare Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this house for the range to be taken out replaced by an open grate be granted, subject to the tenant contributing 11 towards the cost.

6—New Houses—(a) The Committee considered the erection of houses to let by private enterprise under Section 110 of the Housing Act 1936 under which the Ministry of Health would share equally with the Corporation and a Building Society the risk involved by making advances up to 90 per cent of the valuation in lieu of the usual advance of 70 per cent made by a Building Society.

The Site Sub-Committee reported that they had inspected houses being erected under this Section by 1933 Housing Society Ltd. At Churchdown and which were being let at rents of and 12s 6d plus rates, according to the type of house ; the Town Clerk reported that this Company were willing to build houses under the Act in Cheltenham, and, with this end in view, were negotiating terms for a site for 200 houses. RESOLVED, That 1933 Housing Society Ltd. be informed that the Council are prepared favourably to consider entering into a Guarantee with the Building Society for the erection of 200 houses to let, subject to the plans, site and proposed rents being approved by the Council and the Ministry of Health.

(b) Land at Arle—The Committee further considered the proposed acquisition of land at Arle, and also considered the report made by the Education Secretary to the Education Committee on the question of School accommodation. The Committee also considered the acquisition of an alternative site,

RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that a special Meeting of the Committee be held before the next monthly Meeting to inspect the alternative site suggested.

7-38 Waterloo Street—The Town Clerk reported that the owner of this house had offered to sell this to the Corporation for £50, and that the District Valuer recommended the purchase at this price. The house was required in connection with the development of the adjoining land at the junction of Swindon Road and Waterloo Street, the purchase of which was being negotiated by the District Valuer. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the purchase.

8—Grove Street—RESOLVED, That the Site Sub-Committee be requested to inspect the land proposed to be acquired in Grove Street with a view to determining what portion of the land on the East side it is necessary to purchase.

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9—Building Materials—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Messrs. Webb Bros. Ltd., that they appreciated that, in obtaining tenders for building materials, it was necessary to obtain competitive prices. They asked that, where special bricks and tiles etc, were required which could not be obtained locally, they should be given an opportunity of tendering for these RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to agree to this, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed accordingly.

10—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the proceedings of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 18th May and 9th June. There were now about 380 applicants on the Waiting List of whom 83 have been placed on the Selected List The Sub-Committee had interviewed 21 applicants for houses, granted 17 and refused 4. 4 applications for transfers had also been dealt with, and 1 tenant in arrear interviewed.

The Sub-Committee recommended (inter alia) 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—View Sub-Committee—Read, report of the View Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 2nd inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Rent Rebates—That the rents fixed and rebates granted, as set out in the Rent Rebates Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

(b) Pilley Lane Estate—That the applications of the tenants of Nos. 4, 33, 59 and 77 Pilley Crescent, to retain the sheds erected by them be granted, and that the applications of the tenants of Nos. 3, 15, 17, 19, 25, 60 and 63 to retain their sheds be not granted.

(c) 44 Kipling Road—That the close-boarded fence erected at the side of this house be approved

(d) 126 Tennyson Road—That the tenant of this house be allowed to retain three of the sheds erected by him, subject to his removing another shed.

(e) 50 Tennyson Road—That the tenant of this house be required to remove the rabbit-hutch erected by him, and to reduce the size of the fowl run.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th June, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade and Rogers (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Broadcast Relay Service—The Committee further considered the application by Broadcast Listeners Service Ltd. (through their subsidiary Company, Swindon Radio Relay Exchange Ltd.) for permission to develop a Broadcast Relay Service in the Borough, which had been referred back by the Council. Mr. Brown and Mr. Gillett attended on behalf of the Company, and eleven members of the Cheltenham and District Wireless Retailers Association attended to oppose the application.

Mr. C. W. Smith, on behalf of the Wireless Retailers Association, pointed out that the General Post Office intended to provide a Relay Service over the existing telephone system and suggested that this would be preferable to any other system.. It was appreciated, however, that the Postmaster General had urged local authorities to have regard to the importance of wire broadcasting from the point of view of Civil Defence and to give favourable consideration to applications from Relay Companies ; and, if, in view of this statement, the Corporation thought it desirable that a relay service should be instituted without delay, the local retailers were prepared to form a Company with a nominal capital of £2,000 to provide a relay service within six months.

The Committee also considered an application by Wireless Services Ltd. for permission to provide a relay service in the Borough. RESOLVED, That permission be not granted to any applicants at the present time.

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

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3—Horses--The Borough Surveyor submitted a quotation from Messrs. Elliott Bros. for the hire of good horses, with clean harness and drivers, at £4 10s. 0d. per week each, and reported that the average upkeep cost per week of the Corporation horses was £4 15s. 4d. each. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Elliott's quotation be accepted for a period of two years and that the Corporation horses be disposed of.

4—Refuse Vehicles—The Borough Surveyor recommended that food boxes should be provided in the driving cabs of the Refuse Vehicles at a cost of £3 8s. 0d. each, and that the vehicles should be fitted with portable steps as requested by the National Union of General & Municipal Workers. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved.

5—Oriol Road—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Noise Abatement League complaining of excessive hooting of motor cars in Oriol Road and suggesting that this might be avoided by the installation of traffic lights. RESOLVED, That the proposal be not entertained.

6—Pittville Street Improvement—(a) Read, letter of 25th ult. from the County Surveyor reporting that the County Highways Committee had decided to adhere to their previous decision not to offer a grant in excess of 50 per cent of the rate borne expenditure incurred in respect of this improvement. RESOLVED, That the County Council be informed that an appeal will be made to the Ministry of Transport against their decision in due course.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer had been unable to negotiate a settlement of British Home Stores' claim for compensation and that the Company had decided to apply for the appointment of an Official Arbitrator. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to brief Council to represent the Corporation at the Arbitration.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that he had received a number of enquiries with regard to the disposal of the surplus land. RESOLVED, That the enquirers be informed that the Corporation are prepared to receive offers either for the purchase of the freehold or preferably for the grant of a Building Lease.

(d) 108 Albion Street—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Local Organiser of the Air Defence Cadets Corps, applying for permission to use No. 108 Albion Street (free of charge) as an Office, Lecture Room and to accommodate a small quantity of stores. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to their giving up possession as soon as the premises are required for demolition.

(e) The Town Clerk submitted four tenders received for the demolition of the properties on the land acquired by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the tender of Peter's Demolition Co Ltd. amounting to £230 (being the lowest) be accepted.

7—Fuel—RESOLVED, That the following tenders for the supply of fuel for the year ending 30th June, 1940 be accepted. (a) Coal—

Tenderer.	Description.	Price Per Ton.
Webb Bros. Ltd.	West Cannock No. 1 Cobbles (House)	34s 7d. (in winter) 32s 7d. (in summer)
		(plus 4s for delivery if required).
do.	Kingsbury Ryder Beans (delivered to Sandford Pool)	27s 5d.
John Williams & Co. Ltd.	Welsh Smokeless Steam, Nixon's - Navigation Best Lorry Large	36s 4d.
do.	Smokeless Steam Phurnod Beans	34s 10d.
Alleyne E Davies	Anthracite Best Gloda Big Vein Selected Large (subject to satisfactory samples)	39s 11d.
Forest of Dean Collieries Ltd.	Princess Royal, Rough Small Steam Coal	22s 10d. (at Cheltenham) 23s 9d. (at Tewkesbury)

(b) Coke—

Cheltenham & District Coke 33s 3d. (at Gas Works)

Gas Co.  
Webb Bros. Ltd. South Yorks. Coke Nuts .

39s (at Longhill Hospital)  
37s 10d. (at Delancey Hospital)

8—Junction High Street, Hewlett Road and College Road—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted two quotations received for the supply of guard rails for erection at this junction and he recommended acceptance of the quotation of G. H. Gascoigne & Co. Ltd. amounting to £27 6s. 4d., although this was the higher of the two received. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted subject to the approval of the Divisional Road Engineer.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter from Mr. A. W. Bryant, complaining of the danger to pedestrians from traffic near the roundabout. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

9—Moorend Road—The Borough Surveyor reported an offer by Mr. Boreham, on behalf of the Owner of No 10 Moorend Road, to sell a piece of land for road improvement at the price of £25 plus solicitors' costs and Agents' fees, subject to the Corporation erecting a new wire fence and paying all road charges. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

10—Telephone Kiosks—Read, letter of 19th ult., from the Post Office Sales Manager, applying for permission to fix ten telephone kiosks in various positions in the Borough. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the kiosk proposed to be erected in the Promenade in front of the Winter Gardens being of stone colour.

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11-Wages and Conditions of Service--(a) Ashmen—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had considered the application of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for payment of additional wages to Mr. T. Searson and recommended that an additional 1d. per hour be made to Mr. Searson and also to Mr. S. Keen, as Leading Ashmen. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

(b) Read, application of 17th inst., from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers that all employees on the establishment, except those employed by the Electricity Department, should be given one month's notice in writing if the Council is desirous at any time of terminating their employment, and also that no Officer of the Council should have power to dismiss any employee except in the case of gross misconduct, in which case the employee should have a right of appeal to the Council, RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(c) Read, application of 17th inst. from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for the decision to allow employees at the Cemetery a 10 minutes break in the mornings during the winter months to be amended so as to include all employees other than those employed by the Electricity Department. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

12—Motor Lorry—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of Tenders received for the supply and delivery of a 2-3 ton motor lorry. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Requisitions, Stores and Plant Sub-Committee and that they be authorised to accept the most favourable tender.

13—Air Raid Precautions—(a) RESOLVED, That permission be granted for the gully emptier and refuse freighters to be fitted with apparatus to enable them to be used for gas decontamination purposes in an emergency.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted a circular and memorandum received from the Home Office as to aids to movement of traffic in the absence of street lighting. The Borough Surveyor reported that it would be necessary to fit all bollards. and traffic signs with special hoods and screens and that he was obtaining quotations for this purpose. RESOLVED, That no objections be raised to the bollards and traffic signs being screened during A.R.P. black-out exercises.

14—Depots—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Captain of the Fire Brigade had inspected the Central and Leckhampton Depots and recommended the installation of 17 fire extinguishers, and he submitted quotation from Messrs. Minimax, Ltd., for the supply of these extinguishers at a cost of £48 18s. 9d. nett. RESOLVED, That this quotation be accepted.

15—St. Paul's Road Read, letter of 2nd inst., from the Clerk of the County Council offering to sell a strip of land approximately 100 yards long by 3 ft. in width for the improvement of St Paul's Road at a price to be determined by the District Valuer, subject to the Corporation erecting a fence 4 feet 6 inches high along the improvement line. RESOLVED, That the County Council be asked to agree to the width of the strip being increased to 10 feet.

16—Albion Street Improvement—(a) RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to negotiate terms for the purchase of Messrs. A. H Taylors & Co.'s land in Albion Street and also for the sale to the Company of a piece of land at the Destructor Works as a site for a Hide and Skin Yard

(b) 44 Albion Street—Read, letter of 31st ult. from the Gaumont British Pictures, Ltd., offering to sell the portion of No 44 Albion Street in front of the improvement line for £300 subject to the Corporation demolishing the premises and paying road charges. RESOLVED, That this offer be referred to the District Valuer for consideration.

17--Winchcomb Street Improvement—(a) 16-19 Winchcomb Street—The Town Clerk reported an offer received from Mr. Fitzroy Fowles, for the sale of 16-19 Winchcomb Street for £5,500, plus Vendor's Solicitors and Surveyors costs. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted, subject to the Corporation obtaining the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan for the purchase of the property. RESOLVED, also, That application be made for such consent.

(b) 24 Winchcomb Street--Read, letter of 16th inst., from the Gaumont British Pictures Ltd., offering to sell 24 Winchcomb Street for £1,250. RESOLVED, That this offer be referred to the District Valuer for consideration

(c) 11 Winchcomb Street—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of this property had become insolvent and given up possession of the property on the 10th inst , and that she owed £6 5s. 0d. rent to that date. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to put the property in the hands of agents for re-letting.

18—Roundabouts—The Town Clerk reported an application by the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee for consent to their laying out the roundabouts at Montpellier, High Street and Westal Green as ornamental gardens. RESOLVED, That this be approved.



19—Alstone Lane—The Town Clerk reported an application by the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee for permission to erect conveniences for the use of children at the Alstone Croft Playing Field on part of the garden of Norton House, Alstone Lane RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the tenant agreeing to give up the land.

20—Thornclyffe Drive—Read, letter of 15th inst., from Lieut.-Col. C. B. Herapath, requesting repairs to the paving between Lansdown Road and the entrance to Thornclyffe Drive, the alteration of the position of the street name plate and that Thornclyffe Drive should be scavenged by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

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21—Promenade—(a) Read, letter of 15th inst., from the occupiers of 127 Promenade, requesting the pruning of a tree opposite their house. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

(b) Read, letter of 25th ult. from the Ministry of Transport approving the erection of a standard "Turn Left" sign in the Promenade opposite County Court Road and also the marking of "Turn Left " on the carriageway. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the sign fixed and carriageway marked accordingly.

22-115 and 116 Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had not applied for the consent of the Minister of Health to a loan for the purchase and demolition of these properties, as instructed by the Council, as it was proposed to include this expenditure as part of the cost of widening Tewkesbury Road Railway Bridge, for which grants would be received from the Ministry of Transport and County Council. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

23—War Damage to Property--Read, circular letter of 8th inst. from the Ministry of Health enclosing forms of returns of War Damage to property for use in case of emergency.

24—Park Street—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Cheltenham Agricultural Traders Ltd., offering to surrender a strip of land for the widening of Park Street, subject to their being permitted to put an exit from their warehouse into Park Street. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make up the road

25-1 and 2 Montpellier Avenue—Read, letter of 30th ult. from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter offering to sell these shops for £1,150. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

26—Sherborne Street and Jersey Street—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd., had claimed compensation for damage to the Sherborne Arms as a result of demolition of the adjoining properties by the Corporation and that they had agreed to accept £24 17s. 0d. in full settlement of their claim. RESOLVED, That payment of this sum be approved.

27—Sandford Road—Read, letter of 18th ult. from the Cheltenham General & Eye Hospitals, asking the Council to take steps to prevent the flow of heavy traffic passing along Sandford Road at night. RESOLVED, That the Committee regret that they do not see any way to prevent this.

28—Pilford Road—Read, letter of 29th ult. from Mr. J. W. G. Lawrence complaining of the condition of the style at the top of Pilford Road leading to Daisy Bank. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

29—Traffic Signs—Read, letter of 19th ult. from the Ministry of Transport with regard to the replacement of unauthorised traffic signs by signs of Standard design. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

30—Naunton Lane—The Town Clerk reported Mr. A. J. Thompson had entered into a Contract for the supply and erection of railings in Naunton Lane on the understanding that he would be allowed to sub-let the making of the railings, which he was unable to carry out himself owing to pressure of work and shortage of labour. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to,

31—Post Office Telegraph Lines—The Town Clerk submitted application from the Post Office Superintending Engineer for permission to erect an overhead telegraph line in Swindon Road and Gardner's Lane. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the conditions recommended by the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer.

32—Projecting Signs—Read, letter of 23rd ult. from the Acme Showcard & Sign Co, Ltd., applying for permission to erect projecting signs at the Old Pack Horse Inn in Burton Street and the Burton Brewery Inn, St. James' Square ; also letter of 17th ult. from A. S. Bartholomew, applying for permission to erect a projecting sign at 342 High Street. RESOLVED, That the applications be granted subject to the usual conditions and subject to the exclusion of any wording advertising the sale of proprietor), goods.

33—Banner—Read, letter of 26th lilt, from Mr. L. T. Herring, applying for permission to display a banner across the Colonnade advertising the Withington Horse Show on the 27th and 28th July. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

34—Sandford Mill Road—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Ministry of Transport approving the erection of an additional " one way " traffic notice in Sandford Mill Road.

35—Public Works, etc., Congress and Exhibition—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Surveyor be appointed delegates to attend at the Public Works Road and Transport Exhibition to be held in London from the 13th to 18th November next.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd June, 1939,** Present-The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Ward ; Councillors Bendall, Moore and Waite; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, J. Walker and A. Yiend (Alderman Ward in the chair),

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

No of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5209	Hudson, Col. W.	Garage, 28 Queen's Road
5212	Pates, W. and Taylor J.	Six semi-detached houses, Albany Road.

5222	Bullingham, W.	New larder and garage, 11 Cromwell Road.
5224	Robson, S.	Alterations, Dorset House.
5226	Baldwin, F.	7 garages, Orchard Place.
5228	Exors. Boulton, T.	Garage, 1 Malvern Place.
5229	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co Ltd.	Conversion of dwelling house into licensed premises, St. Margaret's Road.
5230	Combs, R.	Garage, 5 Eldon Road_
5231	Hacker, F. A	Cycle shed, 222 Alstone Lane.
5232	Barnett, W. T.	Garage, Cadoxton, Leckhampton Road,
5233	Caller', W. A.	Garage, 134 Brooklyn Road,
5234	Parker, C. A.	Garage, 131 Brooklyn Road
5235	Slattery, A. W.	Garage, The Gables, Lansdown Road.
5236	Smith, R	Conservatory, 73 Naunton Lane
5237	Atkins, L. G.	Garage, 202 Hatherley Road.
5238	Instone, A. F.	10 semi-detached houses, Brooklyn Road.
5239	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Internal alterations, The Star Hotel, Regent Street.
5240	Messrs. Gillhams	New shopfront, High Street
5241	Messrs. Steel's Garages Ltd.	New showroom, High Street.
5242	Messrs. G. A. M Hall Ltd.	Extension of Cleevemount Road, Cleevemount Estate.
5243	Messrs. Williams & Co.	New garage and showrooms, Winchcombe Street.
5244	Messrs. Pye Bros.	Pair semi-detached houses, new road off Brooklyn Road.
5245	Harrison, Mrs. U.	Garage, 4 Andover Place.
5246	Messrs Flowers Brewery	Alterations, The Grosvenor Inn, Albion Street.
5247	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co Ltd.	Extensions, The Midland Inn
5248	_____	Garage, Arundel Lodge, The Park.
5249	Fosbury, W. J.	Garage, Old Bath Road.
5250	Matthews, G.	3 houses, Gloucester Road
5251	Pye, J. A.	Lay-out and 82 houses, off Brooklyn Road.

Decisions under Byelaws-RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5209, 5212, 5224, 5228, 5229, 5230, 5232, 5234, 5235, 5236, 5237, 5240, 5243, 5246, 5247, 5248, 5249 and 5250 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 5239 and 5241 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 5244 and 5251 be approved subject to the road and sewer construction being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, also to the stream course being culverted in accordance with the design prepared by the Borough Surveyor ; That Plans Nos. 5226, 5231, 5233, 5238, 5242 and 5245 be not approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933-

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5209, 5212, 5222, 5228, 5230, 5232, 5234, 5236, 5237, 5239, 5240, 5241, 5244, 5246, 5248, 5249 and 5250 be approved ; That Plan No. 5229 be approved subject to the lavatories in Monson Avenue being set back behind the building line and to the corner of St. Margaret's

Road and Monson Avenue being set back 25 feet in each direction from the corner ; That Plan No. 5251 be approved subject to the houses on Plots 91 to 94 inclusive and 103 and 104 being kept up to the building line and to the houses on Plots 97 to 100 inclusive being set back in line with the house on Plot No. 101 That consideration of Plan No. 5224 be deferred to enable the Cheltenham Regency Society to discuss the alterations with the owner with a view to preserving the character of the building and That consideration of Plan No 5235 be deferred pending the decision of the Minister of Transport for the erection of the building within 220 feet of the centre of a Trunk Road ; That Plans Nos. 5226, 5231, 5233, 5238, 5242, 5243, 5245 and 5247 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
1533	Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell Ltd.	9 Bungalows, Little Herberts Lane and Timbercombe Lane, Charlton Kings.
1534	Messrs. Strickland & Hopton	Pair semi-detached houses, Lyefield Road East, Charlton Kings.
1535	Edwards, F.	Bay window, Hay Tor, and y Sand Lane, Charlton Kings
1536	Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell Ltd.	Two detached semi-bungalows, Sandy Lane, Charlton Kings.
1537	Midwinter, G. W.	Alterations to dwelling house, Croft Garage, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1538	Messrs, Marshalls Ltd.	Detached house, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1539	Chilton, T.	Garage (private), Grey House, Harp Hill,
1540	Messrs. Marshalls Ltd.	Detached house, Greenway Lane, Charlton Kings,
1541	Robson, R.	Greenhouse, Lynn-Dale, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
1542	---	Proposed layout, Ewens Farm, Charlton Kings.
1543	Messrs. W. J. Oldacre Ltd.	New shopfront, London Road, Charlton Kings.
1544	Brierley, J.	Garage (private), Sunny Brae, Harp Hill.
1545	Millican, J. R.	Detached house, The Avenue, Charlton Kings.
1546	Britton, R.	Garage (private), Chestnut Cottage, Cleevelands Drive, Marle Hill.
1547	Hanman, F.	Garage (private), New Road, Southam.
1548	The Misses H. M. and E. M. Spencer	Garage (private), Cambria, The Reddings, Badgeworth.
1549	Prance, R. G. H.	Garage (private), The Lodge, Stanley Pontlarge.
1550	Pike, N.	Garage (private), Hillside Cottage, Stockwell Lane, Cleeve Hill.
1551	James, R. L	Greenhouse, 8 Glebe Road, Prestbury.
1552	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co Ltd.	Alterations and additions, Twelve Bells Inn, Witcombe.
1553	Mrs. Wallace	Alterations and conversion of garages into two dwelling houses, Dixton Manor
1554	Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell Ltd.	12 detached bungalows, Swindon Hall Estate, Swindon.
1555	Gibbons, J. S	Bathrooms to five cottages, Boddington.
1556	Hanman, F.	Detached house, New Road, Southam.

1557	Paxton, Mrs. (together with letter from Rural District Council)	Cheltenham Detached house, Cleeve Mount, Cleeve Hill
1558	Surman, L.	Detached house, Butts Lane, Woodmancote.
1559	Gaskins, C.	Two pairs semi-detached houses, Bishop's Cleeve.
1560	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	New lavatories, Royal George Hotel, Birdlip.
1561	Shipway, W. and R.	Four pairs semi-detached houses, Station Road, Bishop's Cleeve.
1562	Lewis, H. R.	Two pairs semi-detached houses, Little Witcombe.
1563	Lewis, H. R.	Detached house, Little Witcombe.
1564	Lt.-Comm. J. S. Linsey, R.N. (Retd.)	Detached bungalow, New Road, Southam.
1565	Bowd, W. H.	Garage (private), New Road, Southam.
1566	_____	New entrance, Thirlestaine Hall.
1567	Messrs. Palace Builders (Coventry) Ltd.	Amended lay-out, Priors Road, Cheltenham.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1535, 1537, 1541, 1543, 1544, 1545, 1546, 1547, 1550, 1551, 1555, 1565, 1566 and 1567 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 1534 and 1536 be approved subject to brown sand faced tiles being used on the roof and in the case of Plan No. 1534 also to the walls being built with facing bricks ; That Plan No 1538 be approved subject to the house being set back 30 feet from the back edge of the pavement ; That Plan No 1539 be approved subject to grey bricks or rough-cast being used on the garage to match colour of existing house and to roofing materials being similar to those on the existing house ; That Plan No. 1552 be approved subject to the elevations of the north side of the building being submitted to and approved by the Town Planning Committee ; That Plan No 1553 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing buildings and to the houses being occupied only by agricultural workers or persons employed on the Estate; That Plans Nos. 1556 and 1564 be approved subject to the siting of the building being approved before work is commenced ; That Plan No 1558 be approved subject to setting back the front fence and house 20 feet and 60 feet respectively from the centre of the existing road ; That Plans Nos. 1559 and 1561 be approved subject to no part of the buildings being erected in front of the building line ; That Plan No. 1560 be approved subject to the drainage being to the satisfaction of the Rural District Council ; That Plans Nos. 1533, 1540, 1542, 1548, 1549, 1554, 1557, 1562 and 1563 be not approved.

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3-Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 21st inst. from the Cheltenham Y.M.C.A. for approval in principle to the erection of a block of buildings containing a Gymnasium and Junior Department in Royal Well Road. RESOLVED, That the application be approved in principle subject to plans being in accordance with the Scheme and the Building Byelaws and to the new building conforming to the new street line.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 12th inst. from Messrs, McIlquham & Co. to erect a house and cattle shed on land fronting the main Cheltenham to Gloucester road between Haydon and Staverton Bridge. RESOLVED, That the application be approved in principle subject to the consent of the County Council and the Ministry of Transport under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935, and to plans being in accordance with the Scheme and the Building Byelaws for the District.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 20th inst. from Messrs, G. H. Bayley & Sons to erect a small house on a plot of land adjoining the Church Hall at Up Hatherley. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the drainage being carried out to the complete satisfaction of the Rural District Council.

(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 6th inst. from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green asking for permission to erect a bungalow on a piece of land adjoining " Melbourne," The Reddings, Badgeworth. He reported that the site was in a rural area but that there were houses on each side of the plot. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green be informed that the Committee are prepared to consider plans for a house on the site provided the drainage can be carried out to the complete satisfaction of the Rural District Council.

(e) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 22nd inst. from Mr. W. H. Horsley asking for permission to erect a Warehouse on a site behind Bath Road and Exmouth Street. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred until the next Meeting of the Committee to enable the Borough Surveyor to inspect the site and report further thereon.

(f) The Committee considered the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to view Corinth House in connection with the application of The Spirax Manufacturing Co, Ltd. for the establishment of Offices and Works on the premises. The Sub-Committee considered that the use of the premises as a factory would be detrimental to the amenities of the neighbourhood and that the establishment of a factory in that area was undesirable, also, that it would be contrary to the principles of town planning. They recommended that the application be not granted, RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

(g) The Committee considered the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to inspect The " Welton " Nursing Home, Christchurch Road, in respect of which an application had been made by Miss I. M. Lewis for permission to extend the premises. The Sub-Committee were satisfied that the use of the premises as a Nursing Home was not detrimental to the amenities of that district and recommended that approval be given to the use of the premises as a Nursing Home and for further additions to be made subject to plans being submitted and approved by them under the Building Byelaws and the Town Planning Scheme, and to no nuisance being caused to owners of neighbouring properties by the burning of dressings. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Nortenham Allotments, Bishop's Cleeve—The Borough Surveyor reported he had pointed out to the Clerk to the Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council that the land which they desired to be scheduled as Public Allotments would be cut in two by an important By-pass, and that he had asked the Clerk if the Parish Council would require additional land to be scheduled for allotments. He had now received a letter from the Clerk to the Parish Council that they considered there would still remain sufficient land for their needs after the road had been made. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

5—School Sites, Bishop's Cleeve—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had drawn the attention of the Secretary to the Gloucestershire Education Committee to the possibility of rapid development taking place in the vicinity of Bishop's Cleeve owing to the erection of a large factory, and that he had asked whether the Education Committee did not think it desirable to take steps to reserve land for the extension of the existing schools. He had received a letter from the Secretary asking the Planning Committee to reserve land for a new school or schools but that no suggestion had been made as to

where the new school or schools should be located. RESOLVED, That land be scheduled in the Scheme for a new school and that the Committee consider this should be located near Station Road on the east side of Bishop's Cleeve Station.

6—Trunk Road No. 10 (A 40)—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Ministry of Transport had granted consent to access and building on a plot of land at the junction of London Road and Cirencester Road owned by Messrs. Fuller & Maylam.

7—Town Planning Scheme No. 1—Objections—(a) Sandywell Park—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs Young & Gilling that their client, Captain Colville, has now agreed to withdraw his suggestion for a Lodge near the entrance to the Park in Sandywell Lane.

(b) Badgeworth Court—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson, Yeaman & Howell that the Executors of the late Alexander Moore are agreeable to the new zoning of Badgeworth Court.

(c) Mrs. K. Wilson—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mrs. K. Wilson that she had now withdrawn her objections to the Scheme.

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(d) Dean Close School—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Rickerby, Thompson, Yeaman & Howell that the Executive Committee of Dean Close School are prepared to withdraw their objection to the Scheme if the Council are willing to adopt a Resolution with regard to their property similar to that adopted for the Ladies' College. RESOLVED, That the Council are prepared to permit the erection of Boarding Houses, Sports Pavilions or other buildings required in connection with the work of Dean Close School provided that such buildings or works are not likely to injure the residential amenities of the districts in which the properties are situate ; also, that in the event of any dispute between the Council and the School as to whether a building or work is likely to injure the amenities of a district the Council agree to the matter being referred to the Minister of Health whose decision shall be final.

(e) Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Ministry of Health extending the period within which the Scheme shall be made by the Council to 31st March next.

8—Building Inspector—The Chairman submitted letter of 8th inst. which he had received from the Master Builders' Association with regard to the office hours of the Building Inspector which had recently been changed from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. to 9 a.m.-10 a.m. and asking if the former hours could be reverted to. The Association were also of the opinion that the Building Inspector had far too much to do and required an Assistant ; people had to wait in a queue to see him during the limited office hours available and very often could not afford to stop after waiting to see him. The Borough Surveyor reported that he would endeavour to re-arrange the office hours of the Building Inspector to meet the views of the Association, and that with regard to the appointment of an Assistant, he was in agreement with the Association that this was necessary and he recommended that an Assistant should be appointed. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint an Assistant Building Inspector in Grade F at a commencing salary of £200 per annum rising by annual increments of £12 10s. 0d. to £250, and that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to consider the applications received and make an appointment.

9—Hotel Majestic—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Mr. W J. B. Halls in regard to the Notice served under Section 60 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring an external staircase to be provided to this hotel. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to meet Mr. Halls to discuss the matter with him and report thereon to the next Meeting of the Committee.

10—Town Planning Summer School—Read, circular inviting the attendance of representatives to the Town and Country Planning Summer School to be held at Bede School, Durham, from the 1st to the 8th September. RESOLVED, That the Town Planning Assistant be appointed to attend.

11—Plan No. T.P. 1491—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with Messrs, Barnard & Partners in regard to the construction of new roads on Prestbury Park Estate. The Town Clerk had communicated with the County Surveyor and he had informed him that the County Council approved of a circular turning space being provided in the cul-de-sac, provided that the overall diameter was not less than 60 feet, and he had informed Messrs. Barnard & Partners accordingly.

12—Plan No. T.P. 1529—Read, letters from Messrs. Barnard & Partners with reference to the disapproval of the plan submitted for a house on Harp Hill for Mr. Brunner. They disagreed with the views of the Panel of Architects as to the colour of the tiles and as to the siting of the house, and were consulting with Mr. Brunner with a view to an appeal being made.

13—Priors Road—Plan No. T.P. 1567—With reference to this plan, RESOLVED, That the Council agree to the Covenants on this land being modified so as to permit the erection of 18 semi-detached houses as shown on the plan instead of 17 as provided for in the Covenants of the land, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a Deed of Modification of the Covenants.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th June, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Pates and Ward; Councillors At a Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Rogers, Smith and Waite; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1-Montpellier Baths—(a) The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

(b) Carpets, etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders received for the supply of rugs and carpets for which provision was made in the estimates. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. E. L. Ward, Ltd., amounting to £24 5s 9d be accepted.

(c) Lavatory Basins—The Borough Surveyor submitted three tenders for the supply of Lavatory Basins for these Baths RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd , be accepted.

(d) Swimming Bath—The Committee considered a recommendation of the Public Health Committee that a chlorinating plant should be provided for this Swimming Bath The Medical Officer of Health attended, and recommended that pending the installation of the plant, the water in the Bath should be



changed every other day and oftener if found necessary, and steps taken to reduce the attendance, and that the water should be treated with chlorus. RESOLVED (a) That the water in the Bath be changed every other day and oftener if found necessary ; (b) that as from Monday next, the Bath be closed at 6 p m ; (c) that the Superintendent be instructed to treat the water with chlorus under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health ; (d) that the Charlton Kings Council School be informed that the Committee regret they must discontinue the attendance of the School at the Baths, but that they be offered the use of the Sandford Park Swimming Pool in the mornings on the same terms as charged for Montpellier Baths ; (e) that the St. James' Church Lads Brigade and the Y.M.C.A who have reservations at the Bath on two evenings during the week, be offered the use of Alstone Baths on the same terms as charged for Montpellier Baths ; (f) That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to submit further analyses of the water ; (g) that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit plans and estimates for the installation of chlorinating plant with a view to this being installed during next winter.

(e) Part Time Female Employees—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Area Secretary. of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers requesting that all part time women employees be given eight days' annual holiday with pay after completion of twelve months' continuous service. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Labour Sub-Committee.

2—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 23rd May and the 6th June.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for next year's Musical Festival from the 28th April to the 5th May, 1940.

(b) That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted for the Annual Meeting of the Western Centre of the Institute of Bankers.

(c) Amateur Tennis--That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange with Messrs. Dunlop for the Amateur Exhibition Tennis Matches to be held at the Winter Garden on the same lines as the matches held at Montpellier Gardens last year. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted

3—Cricket Week—The Entertainments Manager reported that during the Cricket Festival he proposed to arrange with Mr Davy Burnaby to appear with the Municipal Orchestra at the Montpellier Pavilion for week commencing August 14th, and at the Sunday Concert on August 13th, together with Michael North and two other artists, and to pay Mr. Burnaby 50 per cent. of the receipts for admission, after deduction of Entertainments Tax. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the charge for admission to the Concerts in the Pavilion during this week be 3s, 2s and 1s- .

4—Alstone Baths—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Badminton Club asking, if in view of the uncertainty of the reconstruction of the Winter Garden being completed before next Winter Season, that they be granted the use of the Alstone Baths for the next Winter Season. RESOLVED, That the use of the Alstone Baths be granted to the Club for next Winter Season on the same terms as last Winter Season.

5--Winter Garden—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving the amended proposals in respect of the Winter Garden Scheme, and asking to be furnished with a Bill of Quantities. The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Overbury hoped to forward the Quantities at an early date, and that he had issued advertisements inviting builders who wished to tender, to send in their names

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6—Bands—Read, letter of 27th ult from Aircraft Components' Silver Band asking if the Corporation could offer them. some engagements. RESOLVED, That the Band be engaged to give one performance at the Swimming Pool on August Bank-Holiday at a charge of seven guineas.

7—Conference—Councillor Rogers reported his attendance at the Institute of Public Cleansing Conference held at Scarborough, and that the Corporation's invitation to hold a Conference in Cheltenham next year had been accepted.

8—West of England Industries Exhibition, 1939—Read, letter from the Secretary of this Exhibition asking the Corporation to take a stand at this Exhibition to be held at Bristol in September next. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Advertising Sub-Committee.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd June, 1939.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Rogers and Waite ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

9—Montpellier Pavilion—The Entertainments Manager reported that he was receiving complaints from persons attending concerts at this Pavilion of the draught. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have swing doors provided to the entrance at a cost of about £10.

10—Alstone Baths—(a) Boiler Attendant—Read, letter from the Hon. Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers in regard to the wages of R. Walker, Boiler Attendant. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Labour Sub-Committee.

(b) Superintendents—The Committee further considered the appointment of Superintendents for these Baths to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr J. Cook and the Borough Surveyor reported that, as instructed, he was advertising inviting applications for the appointment. RESOLVED, That in view of the fact that the season is now well advanced, the question of filling the vacancy be deferred until the end of the year. RESOLVED, also, That on days when Sandford Swimming Pool is not busy, owing to weather conditions, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to transfer one of the male attendants to the Alstone Baths.

11—Advertising—Councillor Grimwade reported that the Advertising Sub-Committee had considered the invitation to participate in the West of England Industries Exhibition to be held at Bristol in September but they did not recommend that the Council should participate in the Exhibition. He also reported that the Chamber of Commerce Advertising Committee had also declined to take part in the Exhibition. RESOLVED, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

**ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th June, 1939,** Present—The Mayor Alderman Leigh James; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Ben James, Moore and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Ordnance Maps--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the I.M.E.A. had agreed a scale of charges with the Director of Ordnance Survey for licences for public utility Undertakings to use and reproduce Ordnance Maps. The charge under the scale for this Undertaking would be an annual licence fee of £6 plus a running charge of 1s per route mile over which mains were laid each year RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That these charges be approved.

2—Broadcast Relay Service—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that if permission were granted for the development of a Broadcast Relay Service in the Borough this would have a serious effect on the revenue of the Electricity Undertaking. He estimated that there were about 15,000 wireless sets in the area of Supply which were operated from the mains, and, assuming that the cost of running an average set was only about 8s 6d per annum, the total revenue from the 15,000 sets would be about £6,500 a year. He anticipated that a Broadcast Relay Service would involve a material reduction in this revenue. He pointed out, moreover, that the advantages of Wireless Sets operated off the mains over those operated by batteries had been, in many cases, a deciding factor in inducing consumers to take a supply of electricity, and that this consideration would no longer apply if Wireless Sets were replaced by a Broadcast Relay Service. RESOLVED, That these considerations be referred to the Street and Highway Committee in connection with any applications received for permission to develop a Broadcast Relay Service in the Borough.

3—Supply to Rural Areas—(a) Birdlip—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Cheltenham Rural District Council had asked on what terms the Corporation would give a supply of electricity to a pumping station which they were considering erecting at Birdlip. He estimated that the cost of the extension would be £188 9s 0d., but as the pumping station would be situated in the area supplied by the West Gloucestershire Power Company, it would be necessary to apply, with the consent of this Company, to the Electricity Commissioners for a fringe order authorising the necessary extension of mains. RESOLVED, That the extension be approved subject to the Rural District Council agreeing to pay the cost and to a fringe order being obtained RESOLVED, also, That, if the Rural District Council accept the terms, 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 the supply.

(b) Stoke Orchard--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted an application for supply to two bungalows in Stoke Road, He estimated the cost of the necessary extension at £83 19s. 2d. RESOLVED, That the extension be approved subject to the terms recommended by the Borough Electrical Engineer,

4—Pittville Street Improvement—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the widening of Pittville Street and formation of a sub-way at the junction of Pittville Street and High Street would involve extensive alterations to the electricity cables and joint boxes, and he estimated that the cost of this

work would be £368 2s. 10d. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to include this expenditure in the cost of the improvement scheme.

5—Public Lighting—(a) Trunk Road No. 10—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Transport had agreed to pay the cost of the proposed scheme for improvement of lighting at Westal Green and to contribute 50 per cent of the annual maintenance charges. The Ministry of Transport had also approved the proposed scheme for improvement of lighting in London Road and High Street subject to certain technical details which were under consideration. As it was desirable to have this new lighting in use as soon as possible, the Borough Electrical Engineer had, with the Chairman's approval, put the necessary materials on order so that the work might proceed without further delay. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Gloucester Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a lamp post at the corner of Gloucester Road and Millbrook Street had been damaged as a result of a collision between two motor cars on the 22nd ult. and, as the post was dangerous he had had to take it down and replace it by a temporary post. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for £15 13s. 6d., being the estimated amount of the damage. RESOLVED, also, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That in order to comply with the recent recommendations of the Ministry of Transport two new lamp posts be erected in place of the damaged post at an estimated cost of £44 14s 0d.

6—Cabin—With reference to Minute No 2 of the Meeting of this Committee held on the 22nd ult., referred back by the Council for further consideration, RESOLVED, That the tenders of Aberdare Cables Ltd., for the supply of low tension cables, and of Hackbridge Cable Co. Ltd., for the supply of extra high tension cables, on schedules of prices (being the lowest), be accepted.

7—Electricity Charges—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that, in view of the more favourable terms arranged with the Shropshire Power Company for the bulk supply, the following reduced charges for electricity should be made, to take effect after the reading of meters for next September quarter

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#### FLAT RATE FOR LIGHTING.

A flat rate charge for lighting of 4d per unit instead of 4 ½ d. per unit.

#### LARGE POWER SUPPLIES.

[All] Subject to a coal clause on the same basis as the coal clause in the Bulk Supply Contract, and to a proportionate increase in the kilowatt charge if the power factor should be lower than 0.9 ; subject also to the energy for normal lighting of factories being charged at ordinary lighting rates so far as it exceeds 10 per cent of the total consumption

#### Urban Area.

£5 15s. 0d. per kilowatt per annum for the first 100 kilowatts of maximum demand, and £4 15s. 0d. per kilowatt per annum for all over 100 kilowatts

plus 0.6d. per unit for the first 200,000 units per annum and 0.4d per unit for all consumption over 200,000 units per annum.

Rural Area.

£6 0s. 0d. per kilowatt per annum for the first 100 kilowatts of maximum demand, and £5 5s. 0d. per kilowatt per annum for all over 100 kilowatts  
plus 0.66d. per unit for the first 200,000 units per annum and 0.44d. per unit for all consumption over 200,000 units per annum.

He estimated that the new flat rate for lighting would result in a reduction in revenue of about £2,600 during the current financial year, and about £3,800 in a full year, and that the reduction in the charge for large power supplies would result in a reduction in revenue of about £300 a year. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved,

8—Electricity Department—The Chairman reported that Mr. Bache did not wish to continue his appointment as Borough Electrical Engineer after the 26th January next, on which date he was due to retire. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to insert advertisements in the appropriate Journals inviting applications for appointment as. Borough Electrical Engineer and Manager at a salary of £950 per annum, rising, subject to satisfactory service, to £1,000 per annum after twelve months, £1,100 per annum after two years, and to the salary payable from time to, time under the appropriate National Scale for Chief Electrical Engineers after three years ; the salary during the first three years in no case to exceed the National Scale Salary, and the appointment to be subject to the provisions-of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

9—Land at St. Mark's--Read, letter from Councillor Grimwade calling attention to the condition of the piece of land belonging to the Electricity Undertaking in Gloucester Road opposite the Lansdown Castle. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to submit a plan at the next Meeting showing what part of the land should be retained for the purposes of the Undertaking, and that the remainder be offered for sale

10—Theft from Slot Meter—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from Superintendent Hopkins reporting the prosecution of Mr. A. W. Alder for stealing £2 17s 4d. from a slot meter at 51 Queen Street. The defendant had pleaded guilty to the charge and had been bound over in the sum of £5 for twelve months and ordered to make restitution of the stolen at the rate of 4s per week.

11—Fraudulent Abstraction of Electricity—Read, letter of 15th inst. from Superintendent Hopkins reporting the prosecution of Mrs. G. L. Hopkins for fraudulently abstracting electricity to the value of 41s at 6 Russell Place The defendant had pleaded guilty and had been bound over in the sum of £5 for two years and ordered to pay value of the electricity abstracted.

12—Air Raid Precautions—Read, circular letter of 13th inst. from the for Commission giving particulars with regard to the supply of civilian duty respirators and steel helmets tor Electricity Undertakings and calling attention to A.R P. Handbooks on incendiary bombs and fire precautions and war-time lighting restriction for industrial and commercial premises. RESOLVED, That this letter be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration.

13—Electricity (Supply) Act 1926—Read, circular letter of 15th inst. from the Central Electricity Board enclosing Scheme prepared under Section 4 (5) of the Electricity (Supply) Act 1926 for altering and extending the South-West England and South Wales Electricity Schemes 1930 and 1934, and explanatory memorandum thereon. The date by which any representations might be made on the Scheme would be fixed as 17th July, 1939. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration.

14—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 23rd, 26th and 31st ult. and the 5th, 8th and 13th inst. which shewed the calorific value on these dates to be 474.5, 465.0, 465.0, 475.9, 481.6 and 469.5 B.Th.U. respectively, and the pressure to be 5.9, 8.6, 6.5, 7.0, 6.7 and 7.7 inches of water respectively

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th June, 1939** Present—Aldermen Pates and Ward ; - Councillors Barnett, Dr. Curling Hayward, Moore and Smith (Alderman Ward in the chair).

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

##### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st May, 1939.	Average for corresponding Period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	220,000 gallons	228,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	928,000	652,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	58,000	43,000
	1,206,000 “	923,000

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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—Analyses of Water--The Committee considered the payment to the Joint Water Board for the analyses of the water made by the Board's Chemist. RESOLVED, That it be agreed to pay 10s 6d for each full analysis made at the request of the Medical Officer.

5—Lighting in Factories--The Borough Engineer submitted a report from the Borough Electrical Engineer of the lighting at Sandford and Tewkesbury Works. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and the Borough Engineer be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of carrying out the recommendations in the report.

6—Supply to Shuthonger—The Borough Engineer reported that this work had been completed and tested to his satisfaction, and that the length of main laid in the Tewkesbury Borough had been measured on the site and agreed with the Surveyor of the Rural District Council. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the cost of the portion of the 4 inch main laid in the Borough of Tewkesbury to be paid by the Corporation to the Cheltenham Rural District Council.

E. L. Ward, Chairman

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#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th June, 1939** Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett Pruen, Taylor, Frye, Winterbotham and Ward ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade: Smith and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that, with the exception of one case of Swine Fever, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Swine Fever Order—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry had made a Swine Fever (Infected Areas) Order for the Counties of Gloucester and Somerset which had been published as required by the Ministry.

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of C. W. Rudman for transfer to a new taxi SE 1944 be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Tarling for a new Licence and for a Driver's Licence be granted, subject to satisfactory reports on the vehicle being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector, and on the applicant from Superintendent Hopkins.

3—Police Force—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Chief Constable that, at the next Meeting of the Standing Joint Committee, he was recommending the augmentation of the force throughout the county to deal with the numerous and heavy extra duties which had been thrown on the police, and included in his recommendations was a request for two extra Constables for the Borough. Colonel Henn attended, and stated that the strength of the Force in the Borough had not been increased for many years, and since then several new housing Estates had been opened which required police supervision ; the population had also increased, and a great deal of extra work was necessitated owing to the increase in road traffic. The cost of the two men was £370 per man, plus uniform and other allowances, totalling altogether about £300, towards which the usual 50 per cent. grant would be payable by the Home Office. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to the Chief Constable's recommendations.

4—Film " Marriage Forbidden "—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the British Social Hygiene Council asking for permission to exhibit this film in Cheltenham, in respect of which a provisional booking at the Ritz Cinema had been arranged for the week commencing the 16th October. The film was a new version of the Play " Damaged Goods" recently prepared in America as part of the American Government's Campaign against venereal disease. RESOLVED, That permission to exhibit the Film be given.

5—Palace Cinema—Read, letter of the 8th inst. from Messrs. Healing & Overbury enclosing plans showing the alterations now being carried out at this Cinema which had been approved by the Town Planning Committee, The Acting-Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade reported that the reconstructed balcony, which would accommodate 232 people, was provided with two exits which complied with the Home Office Regulations, but as these were both situated at the rear of the balcony, in the event of a fire occurring which would fill this part of the building with smoke, the audience would have to pass through the smoke to reach an exit. He therefore suggested that a smoke vent should be fitted directly above the two exits so as to enable the smoke to get away quickly and lessen the danger of panic. RESOLVED, That the plans be approved, subject to the smoke vent being provided, as recommended by the Acting-Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, and to the plans being approved by Superintendent Hopkins.

6—Petroleum Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Haines & Strange for a licence to store 5,000 gallons of petroleum in underground tanks at their premises in Liverpool Place be granted.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted memorandum of the 1st. inst., received from the Home Office on some of the measures that could be taken at inland bulk and distributing, filling, and petrol stations, with the object of minimising the dangers to life and surrounding property in the event of air attack.

Mr. G. G. C. King, the Petroleum Inspector, reported that the only large bulk stores in Cheltenham were the stores belonging to The Anglo-American Oil Co., and the ShellMex and B.P. Depot, but that the ShellMex and B.P. Co. had ceased to use the store. He recommended that the owners of these two stores should be asked to protect the stores as suggested in the memorandum. With regard to Filling-Stations and Garages, in nearly every case, the method of storage was underground, but there were a few where spirit was stored in can stores. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to circularise the owners of all the Petrol Filling-Stations asking them to take steps for the protection thereof, as recommended in the Home Office memorandum, and that the Petroleum Inspector be instructed to visit the Filling-Stations and advise them on the best lines of protection.

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7—Military Training and Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Act, 1939—Read, circular 1827 of the 2nd inst. from the Ministry of Health, that in the case of employees called up for training under the Military Training Act, 1939, it was not intended in the Order in Council to be made under the Act to authorise payments by local Authorities to their employees in respect of their period of training, but pointing out that employers are required to reinstate employees called up under the Military Training Act on the termination of their training under conditions not less favourable to the employees than those which would have been applicable had they not been called up, and that, in order to give effect to this requirement, local Authorities should take the period of training into account for the purpose of increment.

In the case of employees called up for under the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Act, 1939, it was proposed that the Order in Council to be made under this Act should empower local Authorities to allow for the whole period of absence the balance of civil pay so as to bring up the total emoluments to the level of civil pay. It was proposed to make provision by Orders in Council under both Acts as to the superannuation position of employees affected.



8—National Emergency—Read, circular of 7th inst, from Association of Municipal Corporations, that the County Councils Association, the Urban and Rural District Councils Associations and the London County Council had decided to advise their respective members to adopt the under-mentioned policy in dealing with such of their employees, including all teachers, as volunteer or are called up for service with His Majesty's Forces during an emergency ; the recommendations did not apply to men called up under the Military Training Act, or Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Act, in reference to whom the circular referred to in the previous Minute had been issued by the Ministry of Health :—

- (a) To grant leave of absence so that employees may be enabled to serve in the Forces or in civil defence during an emergency;
- (b) To make up the difference between their service pay and allowances and that which they would have received had they remained in the actual service of the authority ;
- (c) To safeguard, subject to the passing of such legislation as may be necessary and to the payment of the proper contributions, all superannuation rights, including the reckoning of emergency service for superannuation purposes ;
- (d) To give such assurances as they can with regard to the reinstatement of employees in their original employment ;
- (e) To effect such reinstatement at the points in their respective grades which they would have reached had their service with the authority been uninterrupted ;
- (f) To pay salary increments as they fall due.

RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to adopt the above recommendations.

9—Airport— Read, report of the Joint Airport Committee at the Meeting held on the 22nd May. Consent had been given to the erection of a Bellman hangar required in connection with the Air Navigation School, the site to be included in a lease to the Air Ministry, the rent to be paid by the Ministry in respect of the land taken for the first two hangars to be £150 per annum, and in respect of the land taken for the third hangar and the land now required for the fourth hangar to be in the same proportion according to area, as the land occupied by the first two hangars ; the annual payment to be made by the Ministry in respect of the use of the Landing Ground at the Airport in connection with the Volunteer Reserve Training School to be in accordance with the Scale agreed between the Ministry and the Aerodrome Owners' Association without any guaranteed minimum annual payment except in respect of eight aircraft during the first year ; an annual payment of £600 to be made by Airwork Ltd. in respect of the use of the Landing Ground at the Airport for not more than six aircraft at the rate of £100 each in connection with the Air Navigation School.

The above mentioned terms and consents had been approved, subject to the lessees offering a satisfactory increase in the additional rent of £100 already agreed to be paid to the Corporations.

The Joint Committee had considered a letter from the Air Ministry in regard to the necessity for provision being made for night-flying training in connection with the Volunteer Reserve Training School and consent had been given to the erection of obstruction lights on the Club-house and to the felling of specified trees on the property of the two Corporations by arrangement with tile tenants.

The Joint Committee was in negotiation with Rotol Airscrews Ltd. for leasing to the Company a site for a hangar adjoining the Landing Ground at the Airport.

10—Market—(a) Roof Ventilation—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Marketing Society that, apart from the question of responsibility for the cost of providing new ventilation, the Society considered the proposal to fit two vents in the gable ends would not be satisfactory. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to confer with the Society and submit further scheme of ventilation.

(b) Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland complained of the dilapidated condition of the stalls belonging to the Corporation.

RESOLVED, That this be referred for consideration by the Market Sub-Committee.

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11—Naming of Roads—RESOLVED, That the roads being constructed by Messrs. Pye Bros. leading from Brooklyn Road to Tanners Lane be named " Orchard Way," and the road running parallel with Brooklyn Road be named "Orchard Avenue." RESOLVED, also, That the road constructed off Whaddon Road by Messrs. Trigg Bros. be named " Whaddon Drive."

12—Air Defence Cadet Corps and Sea Cadet Corps—Read, applications from Mr. W. N. Weech and Mr. J. McKeon respectively for a grant towards the cost of forming these Cadet Corps in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That a grant of £10 be made to each Corps.

13—Town Clerk's Department—The Town Clerk reported that he had appointed J. H. G. Sindrey, age 16, as Junior Clerk in his Department, on Grade A at a commencing salary of £45 10s. 0d.

As instructed, he had re-arranged the staff in his Department consequent on the death of Mr. J. Roberts, and he-recommended that the following increases in salary be approved, as from the 1st inst. :-

	Present.	Proposed.
Miss E. I. N. Bradshaw	Grade D £208	Grade E £225
R. Rouse ...	Grade B £130	Grade C £143
E. M. Staite	Grade A £91	Grade B £130

The above proposals, after allowing for the appointment of Junior Clerk, showed a saving on the first year of £29 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That these proposals be approved and adopted.

14—Licences to Deal in Game—RESOLVED, That the applications of D. Barnett, Liptons Ltd., MacFisheries Ltd., W. H. Iddles, H. F. Barnett, N. C. Olive, Gloucester Marketing Society, C. Barnett, and W. Dean for renewal of their licences to deal in game be granted for one year, up to the 1st July, 1940.

15—Rodney Road Car Park—(a) RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the recommendation of the Fire Brigade Committee that the use of the covered shed at the Car Park should be allocated for storage of Emergency Fire Brigade Appliances, at a rent of £50 per annum. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the four tenants who garage their cars in the shed, also that they be offered the right to use the open shed at a reduced charge of 10s per month.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the use of the covered shed for Auxiliary Fire Brigade Stores would necessitate providing a but for the Car Park Attendant He recommended that a but be erected at the main entrance at an. estimated cost of £20 RESOLVED, That this be approved.

16—A.R.P. Blinds--The Borough Surveyor reported on the two tenders received for making and fitting blinds to all the windows of Corporation properties. The lower tender received was E. L. Ward Ltd. amounting to £1,606 2s. 7d. Of this sum £1,101 7s. 10d was in respect of Schools etc. RESOLVED, That the tender of E. L. Ward Ltd. in respect of Corporation properties (other than schools etc.) amounting to £504 14s. 9d. be accepted, subject to Contract, and that the portion of their tender relating to schools etc be referred to the Education Committee

17—Omnibus Shelter—RESOLVED, That the Cheltenham District Traction Co. be asked to provide a shelter at the terminus of the 'bus service at Maud's Elm.

18—Promenade Car Park—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to employ an additional attendant at this Car Park on weekdays between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. for a period of three months, and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit comparative statement of receipts at the end of this period.

19—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, that the services of J. Pates (mains foreman) be extended for one year from the 28th inst.

20—Town Clerk—RESOLVED, That it be referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Pruen and Ward to consider and report as to the filling of the vacancy on present Town Clerk's retirement.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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#### **FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th June, 1939,** Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Till ; Messrs. W S. F. Harris and A. A. Wiggett (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Monthly Report of Acting Chief Officer—The Acting Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting of the Committee the Brigade had attended three outbreaks of fire, as follows :-

4th June            19 Rodney Road.

13th "            Parabola Road, Bayshill (Tar-spraying machine).

14th "            London Road, Andoversford (Motor lorry).

RESOLVED, That an account for attending the fire of the Bedford lorry at Andoversford be rendered to the owners of the lorry, namely the Anglo-Scottish Petroleum Co. Ltd.

2—Foam Extinguishers—The Acting Chief Officer recommended that it was desirable to purchase 2 Pyrene Foam-making branch pipes and 10 gallons of foam producing liquid at a cost of £68 15s. Od. for the purpose of extinguishing motor and oil fires etc RESOLVED, That he be authorised to purchase this equipment.

3—Fire Alarm System—As instructed, the Acting Chief Officer submitted recommendation for the installation of a fire alarm system for the Borough. He recommended that a system of 30 alarm points should be provided at an estimated cost of £3,200 plus Post Office rentals amounting to £8 per mile, and 5s per alarm box. He suggested that this system should be installed in conjunction with the new Fire Station, as the expense of installing it now in the existing Fire Station and removing it to the new Station would not be justified. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Councillors Fisher, Green and Till be appointed to consider and report on the Scheme but that in view of the fact that it will be some months before tenders for the new Fire Station will be received, consideration be adjourned until October.

4—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) Emergency Water Supplies—The Acting Chief Officer submitted a list of emergency water supplies comprising swimming baths, lakes and ponds and the River Chelt which had been earmarked for use in time of emergency. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide for a moveable dam in the River Chelt adjoining Rodney Road Car Park.

(b) Auxiliary Fire Stations—The Acting Chief Officer reported that he had inspected proposed auxiliary fire stations and recommended that the following should be earmarked and equipped so as to be ready for use in an emergency :—

Head Fire Station, St. James' Square

Newmek premises (formerly Mechanisation), Windsor Street and Prestbury Road

Corporation Depot, Leckhampton.

Mr Horseman's Garage, Roman Road, St. Mark's.

Original Brewery Garages, Dunalley Street.

RESOLVED, That these be approved. RESOLVED, also, That tenders be obtained for the provision of 25 camp beds and bedding and cooking utensils etc. for use at the auxiliary fire stations in times of emergency when at least 10 auxiliary firemen will be on whole-time duty at each station.

(c) Fire Brigade Communications--The Town Clerk submitted circular of 14th inst. from the Home Office in regard to Fire Brigade Communications for emergency purposes. The Home Office considered that every auxiliary fire station should have at least one exchange line supplemented by supplementary lines of communication. in the circular it was pointed out that in planning telephone lines to be installed one important requirement was to provide against the risk of all exchange lines being in use for incoming calls with the result that important outgoing messages would be delayed and in a case where the stations were served by automatic exchange as in Cheltenham this was a particularly serious factor Another requirement in planning emergency fire brigade communications was to ensure that so far as possible one or more alternative routes would be available for communications with all vital points so that if normal channels should be interrupted, communication would still be possible by another route. For this reason it was recommended that the headquarters should be communicated direct to the

police headquarters and that each auxiliary station and headquarters should be connected direct with the Report and Control Centre. The detailed arrangements to be made to meet various requirements was a matter primarily for determination locally but in order not to delay the work of completing the necessary measures, the Home Office attached a Schedule to the circular showing a scale on which lines may be installed without specific reference to them. The Acting Chief Officer reported that he had considered the circular and in accordance with the recommendations of the Home Office it would be necessary to provide the following telephones :—

Station	Inward.	Outward.	Direct to Report and Control Centre.	Direct to Police Station.
Fire Station	1	2	Already provided for	1
New-Mek	—	1	1	
Leckhampton Depot	1	1	1	
St. Mark's Garage	—	1	1	
Original Brewery Premises ...	1	1	1	

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He had consulted the Post Office on this matter as recommended in the circular and he estimated the cost of the installation at £10 and the yearly rent at £46 18s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved and adopted and that arrangements be made to have the telephones installed without delay.

(d) Uniforms—The Acting Chief Officer reported that he now desired a further 50 sets of uniform and equipment for members of the Auxiliary Fire Service He submitted letters from the various Contractors who supplied the previous 150 sets who (with the exception of the Dunlop Rubber Co.) were willing to supply an additional 50 sets at the same price as charged for the previous contracts in the case of the Dunlop Rubber Co. he stated that owing to increased cost of production the price of the rubber knee boots had been increased from 7s to 7s 9d. per pair. RESOLVED, That orders for 50 sets of uniform and equipment be placed with the firms who supplied the previous orders subject to the approval of the Home Office being obtained.

5—Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Act—The Town Clerk submitted confidential circular of 14th inst from the Home Office in regard to the calling up of whole-time members of the Fire Brigade

6—Military Training Act, 1939—The Town Clerk submitted confidential circular of 31st ult. from the Home Office in regard to the whole time members of the Fire Brigade.

7—Summoning Members of Brigade—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 9th inst. from the Home Office in regard to arrangements for summoning members of the Brigade in war time.

8—Acting Chief Officer—The Committee considered the continuance of the car allowance formerly made to the Chief Officer and now made to the Acting Chief Officer. RESOLVED, That an allowance of £60 per annum be made instead of £50 per annum as hitherto,

9—British Fire Week—Read, circular from the Joint Council of British Fire Brigades inviting the attendance of delegates to the British Fire Week to be held at Blackpool from the 11th to the 15th September. RESOLVED, That the Acting Chief Officer be authorised to attend.

10—Cheltenham Rural District—Read, letter of 8th inst from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that his Council still considered that the proposed annual charge of a rate of 1 ½ d. in the £ on the 20 parishes proposed to be served was excessive. The Gloucester, Tewkesbury and Evesham Corporations had indicated that they would be prepared to extend fire protection service to the outlying parishes in the Council's District for an annual payment which did not exceed the product of a 1d. rate plus the cost of fires The Rural District Council asked the Committee to reconsider this matter in view of the fact that the needs of the Rural District are not so great or so costly as those of a large urban area. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances the Council be recommended to agree to provide the services of the Brigade for the parishes of

Badgeworth	Gotherington	Prestbury	Swindon
Bishops Cleeve	Great Witcombe	Shurdington	Uckington
Boddington	Hawling	Southam	Up Hatherley
Coberley	Leckhampton	Staverton	Winchcomb
Cowley	Prescott	Sudeley	Woodmancote

at a charge equivalent to the product of 1d. rate on the rateable value of the parishes plus the cost of attending fires based on National Fire Brigades Association Scale and subject to an Agreement being entered into for ten years certain and thereafter terminable by either party at the end of any year by one year's notice.

11—New Fire Station—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Home Office that the plans of the new Fire Station had been examined and the Secretary of State was advised that for the peace-time protection of the Borough, the site and plans of the proposed new Fire Station would appear to be satisfactory. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the preparation of final drawings and plans and bills of quantities with a view to tenders being invited for the erection of the building. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Magistrates for an Order under Section 119 of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board Etc. Act 1936 for the diversion of the footpath nearer the River Chelt which will make it nearer and more commodious to the public.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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#### ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th June, 1939** Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith Messrs.. A. Ball, E. H. Carter, H. T. Stokes and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair),

1—Mr. Jack Roberts—RESOLVED, That this Committee desire to place on record their esteem and appreciation of the service rendered by the late Mr. Jack Roberts of the Town Clerk's Department to this Committee.

2-Allotments inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments The following allotments were in an untidy state of cultivation :—Nos. 29, 57, 58, 82, 83, 72, 73, 76, 77, 87, 89, 90, 91 and 107 Asquith Road, Nos. 16, 24 and 40 Alma Road, Nos. 14 and 48 Creamery Piece, Nos. 22, 80, 82, 84, 89 and 142 Marle Hill House Estate. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the tenants of the untidy allotments on Asquith Road notice to quit and that he write to the tenants of the other untidy allotments informing them that unless their allotments are put in proper order before the next inspection, they will be given notice to quit.

3--Marle Hill House Allotments— The Committee considered a complaint received from the owner of the Grange that two lime trees on these allotments were causing damage to a brick built outbuilding on his estate. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to have these removed.

4—Severn Road Surplus Land--Mr. Yeend reported that this land was at present covered with broken bricks and other rubbish. RESOLVED, That an estimate be obtained of the cost of clearing the site.

5—Allotment No. 84 Asquith Road—RESOLVED, That the tenant of this allotment be granted six months' rebate in respect of half the allotment which is in a bad condition.

6—Allotment No. 4 Hatherley Road—The Town Clerk submitted offer to take this allotment provided it was lent rent free to the 25th March next. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

7—Allotment No. 13 Hatherley Road—The Town Clerk submitted offer to take this allotment provided that it was let rent free to the 25th March next RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

8—Allotment No. 40 Alma Road—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of No. 41 Alma Road was prepared to cultivate the allotment No. 40, provided that it was let rent free to the 25th March next. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

9—Allotments Nos. 204 and 211 Marsh Lane--The Committee further considered the application of Mr. Clissold tenant of these allotments, that no rent be charged for the fruit trees Councillor Addis reported that the trees were very poor and recommended that no rent be charged for the same. RESOLVED, That no charge for the fruit trees be made as from the 25th March last

10—marking stakes—The Committee considered complaints from Visitors as to the impossibility of distinguishing the allotments, owing to the marking stakes having been removed. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to each allotment holder asking him to provide and maintain a suitable stake showing plainly the number of his allotment.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

## PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th June, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Alstone Croft Playing Field—(a) The Gardens Superintendent reported that the boundary fence of the Alstone Croft Playing Field at the back of Stanfield, Arle Road had been, in his opinion, maliciously damaged RESOLVED, That the matter be placed in the hands of the police.

(b) Telegraph Pole—Read, application from the Post Office Telegraphs Department for permission to erect a telegraph pole at the entrance to the Alstone Croft Playing Field RESOLVED, That the application be granted, subject to the position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to the payment of an annual acknowledgment of one shilling per annum.

(c) Custodian—The Committee considered application from Mr. L. Morrall. the Custodian of the Alstone Croft Playing Field for an increase in his wages. RESOLVED, That his wages be increased to 25s per week, half of which to be paid by the Education Committee.

(d) Conveniences—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans and estimates for the erection of children's conveniences at the Alstone Croft Playing Field at an estimated cost of £225. He suggested that the conveniences might be placed in the garden of Norton House, Alstone Lane, so as to leave a clear playing space. RESOLVED, That the plans as submitted, be approved, and that tenders be invited to carry out the work. RESOLVED, also, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to agree to the suggestion that the conveniences should be placed in the garden of Norton House subject to the consent of the tenant RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan.

2—Athletic Ground—(a) RESOLVED, That the free use of this ground be granted to the Cheltenham School Sports Association on the 19th July.

(b) Custodian—The Committee considered an application from the Custodian of the Athletic Ground for an allowance in view of the many duties he has now to perform. At present he received no remuneration except the use of the house rent and rates free. RESOLVED, That he be made an allowance of 10s per week during the summer season.

(c) The Gardens Superintendent reported that he proposed to renovate the playing area of the Athletic Ground by applying a considerable amount of top dressing and sowing 1 cwt of grass seed when the weather was suitable. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved.

(d) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 1st inst., from the General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. asking for the provision of a jumping pit at the Athletic Ground for the use of Athletic Clubs. RESOLVED, That a jumping pit be provided in a position to be approved by the Gardens Superintendent, at a cost of about £2.

(e) Read, letter of 12th ult., from the Cheltenham Motor Club for the use of the Athletic Ground for a Grass Track Meeting on August Bank Holiday. RESOLVED, That as the ground is now used extensively by Athletic Clubs and for organised games, and the turf is in a poor condition, the application be not granted.



(f) The Town Clerk submitted application from R. Wilson, Amusement Contractor, to rent the Athletic Ground on the 15th, 16th and 17th inst. for his Fun Fair. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

3—Damage and Pilfering—It was reported that during the last month a considerable amount of pilfering and damage had taken place in the Parks. In Sandford Park, Darwin Tulips, Lilac, Geraniums, Petunias, Lobelia, Nasturtiums and Calceolarias have been stolen ; near Sandford Pool a number of plants have been pulled up and left ; at Pittville, Bamboos and Aucubas have been broken off or partly destroyed, and two seats have been deliberately smashed in the Marle Hill Annexe RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the Police to this and that they be instructed to prosecute in any case in which the necessary evidence is obtainable in cases of pilfering or wilful damage.

4—Roundabouts—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had planted and was maintaining the two roundabouts at Montpellier and the two roundabouts in High Street, and asked for instructions as to future maintenance. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to agree to these four roundabouts and the Westal Green Roundabout, which had now been completed being undertaken by the Parks Committee and that they be credited with any allowance for ordinary maintenance made by the Ministry of Transport.

5—Naunton Park Recreation Ground--RESOLVED, That the use of this ground be granted to the Education Committee for Naunton Park School Sports as in previous years.

6—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—Extension—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Chairman and he had interviewed Leckwith Estates Co. with regard to the acquisition of about 5 ½ acres of land on the South and East sides of the Recreation Ground, but had not yet received a reply RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until a reply is received

(b) Read, letters of 8th and 13th ult., from Mr. P F. Handcock of 3 Bournside Road asking that the swings in this-Ground should be removed to another site. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Council cannot accede to. this request.

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7-Field Lodge—Custodian's New Office—The Borough Surveyor reported that tenders had been invited for the erection of the New Office at Field Lodge. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillor Fisher be authorised to open and consider the tenders.

8-Montpellier Lodge—The Borough Surveyor reported that the roof of Montpellier Lodge was in a bad state of repair, and that the boarding was being attacked by dry rot. He estimated the cost of carrying out the necessary repairs at £25 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have these repairs carried out.

9—Naunton Park Recreation Ground--The Town Clerk reported that he had now received the consent of the Ministry of Health to the appropriation of 1,360 square yards of land forming part of Naunton Park Recreation Ground for enlargement of the School playground,

10—Whaddon Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the free use of this ground be granted to the All Saints' Senior School for their annual sports on the 29th inst.

11—Concrete Cricket Pitches—At the request of The Mayor, the Committee re-considered the question of the provision of concrete cricket pitches on the various playing fields. Letter and Memorandum was also submitted from the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association. RESOLVED, That the previous decision of the Committee be adhered to

12—St. Mark's Recreation Ground-- Read, letter of 11th ult. from Mr. D J Griffiths of 62 Kipling Road complaining of the nuisance caused by the long grass on this recreation ground growing through into his garden. RESOLVED, That no action be taken thereon.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd June, 1939.** Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery and Rogers ; Dr. R. Davies, Major J. G. N. Clift and Mr. C. R. Map (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for May, 1939—Visitors-2,677 (last year 3,022), Included in these figures were the following parties girls from Aldbourne West St. Church, Wilts, and a party of 10 from Weymouth.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £1 18s. 9d. Subscriptions to "The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account" 18s 10d. Total £2 17s. 7d

Loan—Loan Circulating Exhibit No 7/1938 (Kent's Cavern) had arrived on loan from the South Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries.

The Clifford Collection—The Collection of archaeological material found at Hucclecote and Barnwood by Mrs. E. M. Clifford had been received and placed on exhibition.

"Crouching Venus"—This marble statue, given by Lady Dixon Hartland, had been placed in the Art Gallery.

Late Sir David Murray, R.A.—The Curator reported his selection of an oil painting, "The Orwell from Woolverstone Park, Suffolk," as a gift from the Executors of the late Sir David Murray, R A.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following:—Mr. R. C. Alcock, Mr. S Ashmead, Mr. Leslie W Bayley, Mr. G. B. Beeman, Mr. F. J. Chambers, Mrs. Clift, Mr. C W. Coates, Mr J. J. Graham, Lady Dixon Hartland, Mr. Edwin Hollis, Mr. G. A. Hunt, Mr. Rupert R. Lewis, Mr. T S. F. Paterson, Mrs. V. Percival, Mr. Peters, Mrs. Preece, Miss Purton, Mr. W. A. Rixon, Mr. J. Spreutels, Mrs. Tooke-Hales, Mrs. Westerling and Mrs. D. W. Williams.

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

3—General Account—RESOLVED, That 4 examples of ceramics and 3 Bygones be purchased at a total cost of £6 9s. 0d.

4—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum " Account—RESOLVED, That the Curator's action in purchasing the following items at the sale in London on 16th May, be confirmed ;—"Sybil's Cross," "Netherton Chapel," "Ragdale Hall" and " Cockayne" by F. L. M. Griggs (£11 0s. 0d.) , and 4 prints by Sir Frank Short (£2 5s. 0d.). Total £13 5s. 0d.

5—Water-colour of " Cheltenham Old Well Walk, c.1830 " by T. Shotter Boys—This was submitted on approval by Messrs. Ernest Brown & Phillips of London. RESOLVED, That an offer of 20 gns. be made for this water-colour.

6—Museum Showcases—The Curator reported that an opportunity might arise at the Museums Association Exhibition to be held in the Town Hall, to purchased further suitable showcases. RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Chairman and Curator to inspect and, if advisable, purchase suitable casing to a sum in accordance with this year's Annual Estimate.

7—Museums Association Jubilee Conference—The Curator reported as to final arrangements for this Conference, which were approved.

8—Museums Association : Emergency Plans—The Association enquired whether the Art Gallery and Museum Committee and the Curator as Hon. Secretary, could see their way to give facilities for the maintenance of a skeleton service so that the Museums Association might be kept in being through a period of national emergency. It was suggested that records and such staff as remained in the London office should be transferred to Cheltenham to work under Mr. Herdman's direction. RESOLVED, That so far as possible the facilities asked for be given

9—" Canterbury Pilgrims "—Carved oak panels of a series of "Canterbury Pilgrims" from Ullenwood, had been offered by Mrs. Goldingham to the Committee as a gift. RESOLVED, That the action of the Chairman and Curator in taking custody of the panels pending a final decision as to their disposal be approved.

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 14th July, 1939.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

#### **CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd June, 1939, at the Cemetery.** Present—  
Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Green (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair)

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 20th May to 20th June, 1939. Interments 84; Grave Spaces sold 22 (2nd Position 2, 4th Position 20) ; Memorials erected 16 ; New Inscriptions 9; Cremations 14.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 10002 to 10023

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2405 to 2417, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Crematorium—(a) Garden of Remembrance—The Committee inspected land at the rear of the Garden of Remembrance which it was suggested should be prepared with a view to this being used as an extension to the Garden of Remembrance. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent and the Cemetery Superintendent be instructed to submit a scheme for this.

(b) Furnace—The Cemetery Superintendent reported that the second furnace was now completed and in use

(c) Plaques—The Cemetery Superintendent reported that a number of persons preferred raised lettering on the plaques affixed to the Wall of Remembrance, in which case the plaques supplied by the Corporation were not suitable for this type of lettering. RESOLVED, That raised lettering be permitted and that where this is adopted, the purchasers be allowed a refund equivalent to the cost of the plaque supplied by the Council.

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5—Chapels—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide carpet for the Church of England Chapel in the same way as provided for the Crematorium Chapel at an estimated cost of £13.

(b) Lighting—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have two lights provided in the cloisters, one in vestry and two in Church of England Chapel for which provision has been made in the estimates.

(c) Roads—The Cemetery Superintendent recommended that the corners of two of the roads adjoining the Chapel should be rounded off as motor cars found great difficulty in negotiating the two corners. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this work carried out.

6—Civilian Deaths due to War Operations—The Committee considered Circular No. 1779 from the Ministry of Health as to the special arrangements to be made in the event of war in regard to persons killed in consequence of war operations in this country. It might be expected, in the majority of areas, that the bodies of any persons who might be killed would be taken directly to their own homes by relatives or friends who would make arrangements for burial. But, where these responsibilities were not undertaken by relatives or friends, local authorities would be charged with making the necessary arrangements. The following matters should receive immediate attention, namely the review of existing mortuary accommodation and any buildings which might in case of need be used to supplement it, review of transport facilities available and likely to be needed and provisional selection of staff with a view to their becoming familiar with the duties described in the circular which would have to be carried out. RESOLVED, That representatives of the local Undertakers be invited to attend the next Meeting of the Committee to discuss arrangements to be made and that the next Meeting of the Committee be held at 4 p.m. instead of 2.30 p.m.

E. S. DE COT RCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

## **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 8th June, 1939.** Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Bush Ben James and Moore (Alderman Ward 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 dealt with one applicant for excusal of payment of rates,

3—G.W.R. Second Roll—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with the Great Western Railway and Railway Assessment Authority in regard to the exclusion of void properties from the Second Railway Valuation Roll. He reported that he had informed the Railway Assessment Authority that the Corporation would not object to the Authority considering late representations of the G.W.R. but would strongly object to any "let-out" properties which are now void but which have been let since the 1st April, 1936, being included with the railway hereditaments RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4--Third Valuation List—The Committee continued the preparation of the new Valuation List.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th June, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Taylor, Pruen and Leigh James; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £37,946 ; Outstanding £94,484.

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, 1939. Amount collected £8,820: Outstanding £17,480,

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3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 27th 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.

4—Electricity Charges—Read, report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity charges since the last meeting, and also on the collection of arrears.

5—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 in connection with the purchase of the houses mentioned opposite the respective initials of the applicants :—

Mr. L. J. C.	139 Brooklyn Road ...	£595.
Mr. C. J. B.	141 Brooklyn Road ...	£595.
Mr. H. B.	143 Brooklyn Road	£595.

He submitted reports upon the financial and other circumstances of the applicants. 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 guarantees to be limited to the amounts between  $66\frac{2}{3}$  and 90 per cent of the value of the houses ; and the rate of interest to be charged in respect of advances not to exceed  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent, subject to satisfactory reports being made by the Borough Surveyor and Building Society's Surveyor ; and that the Common Seal be affixed to the formal Guarantees to be approved by the Town Clerk,

6—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting £15,000 had been received on loan. RESOLVED,

That Mortgages be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that the final instalment of £25,000 of the £150,000 loan from the Building Society would be received on the 30th inst.

7—Electricity Accounts—The Borough Treasurer submitted preliminary report on the Accounts of the Electricity Undertaking for the year ended 31st March last.

8—Waterworks Accounts—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Accounts for the Waterworks Undertaking had been completed up to the 31st March last and a surplus was shown amounting to £4,808 as compared with £6,861 last year.

9—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that the transfer value payable in respect of Mr. E. C. Roberts to the Cardiff Corporation amounted to £659 15s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that E. Tiesac (Cemetery), G. F. Birt (Electricity), and W. J. Clarke (Electricity), retired on the 19th, 25th and 15th June respectively. The Pensions payable amounted to £1 0s. 5d., £1 6s. 0d. and 10s 10d. respectively. RESOLVED, That these be paid.

(c) Third Quinquennial Valuation—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Third Quinquennial Valuation of the Fund would fall to be made at the end of the current Financial Year RESOLVED, That he be instructed to communicate with Mr. Robertson, the Actuary, who carried out the previous valuations and ascertain on what terms he would be prepared to carry out the Third Valuation

10—Shuthonger Water Supply—The Borough Surveyor reported that the portion of the main laid to supply Shuthonger within the Borough of Tewkesbury had now been measured and the cost agreed with the Cheltenham Rural District Council amounting to £234 0s. 8d. RESOLVED, That this sum be paid to the Rural District Council in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

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

Date, 1939.	Purpose.	Amount.	Term.
5th June ...	Reconstruction of sewers in Duke Street ...	£1,220	30 years.
9th June ...	Erection of public conveniences, Leckhampton	£440	30 years.

12—A.R.P.—The Borough Surveyor reported that, as instructed, he had considered the question of providing an underground strong room on one of the Corporation's properties outside the Borough for the storage of records, plans and documents which could not be replaced in the event of their being destroyed. He considered that the best place for this would be at the Hayden Sewage Works, and he submitted a plan for the construction of a chamber 12 feet square with reinforced concrete walls 12 inches thick, the cost of which he estimated at £400. RESOLVED, That consideration of this matter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee

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 July, 1939, at 3 p.m.** Present

The Mayor (Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Tree, C.B.E., R.N. Retd., J.P.).

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

Apology—An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Morris.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 5th June, 1939, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held June 12

Housing Meeting held June 15

Resolved, also, That the offer of Miss J. W. Davies to purchase No. 129 Tennyson Road for the sum of £450 be accepted, subject to Contract and consent of the Ministry of Health. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

#### Street and Highway Meeting held June 19

Resolved, also, That the application of the Post Office Engineering Department to fix a small telephone cable lead at ta Winchcomb Street be granted.

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Compton : That Minute No. 3 with regard to the disposal of the Corporation horses be not approved."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Alderman Pruen : "That with regard to Minute No. 1 as to Broadcast Relay Service, the Council approves in principle of the development of a Broadcast Relay Service for the Borough and requests the Committee to make recommendations to give effect to this decision" was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Garland and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 6 (c) with regard to the disposal of the surplus land in High Street, Pittville Street, etc., be amended and that the Council are prepared to receive offers for a building Lease and that the question of sale of the freehold shall be referred to the Finance Committee" was lost).

#### Town Planning Meeting held June 23

Resolved, also, That Plan No. 5224 for removing the pediments and roof of Dorset House be approved, subject to the crowning cyma mould of the cornice being carried all round on top of fascia and to a blocking course being built over the cornice.

Resolved, also, That amended Plan No. 5238 for the erection of 10 houses in Brooklyn Road, be approved.

#### Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held June 16 & 23

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Waite and seconded by Councillor Avery :

"That Minute No. to (b) with regard to the appointment of Superintendents for Alstone Baths be referred back for further consideration."

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#### Electricity and Lighting Meeting held June 26

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Bush : "That Minute No. 8 with regard to applications for the appointment of Borough Electrical Engineer he amended in that the vacancy be advertised at a commencing salary of £750 and that the Committee be asked to submit proposals for supplementing this salary by a system of bonuses based on results or by a scale of increments" was lost).

#### Water Meeting held June 13

#### General Purposes and Watch Meeting held June 20

#### Fire Brigade Meeting held June 26

#### Allotments Meeting held June 12



Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held June 12

Resolved, also, That the tender of Public Works Construction Co. Ltd., amounting to £472 16s. 2d. for the erection of new offices and stores for the Gardens Superintendent (being the lowest tender received) be accepted subject to Contract and sanction to loan being obtained. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £473 for the cost of the building.

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held June 23

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held June 23

Rating Meeting held June 8

Finance Meeting held June 27

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

3—Education Committee—Resolved, That Miss E. Matthews, being a woman having experience in Education, and Miss E. L. Brookes, being a person acquainted with the needs of the various kinds of Schools, be appointed members of the Education Committee for a further term of three years, expiring on 2nd July, 1942.

JNO. HOWELL, Mayor.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 31st July, 1939.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th July, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Pruen and Clara F Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr. Hayward, Ben James, Moore Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Statutory Nuisance-3 Moorend Road--The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises were in such a state as to be prejudicial to health and a nuisance. RESOLVED, That notices be served under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936, on the owner and occupier of the said premises requiring them to abate the nuisance and to execute such works and take such steps as may be necessary for that purpose.

2—Nuisances from Drains, etc.-15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 Keynsham Street ; Building and Yard in Keynsham Street belonging to Messrs. Meats & Co. ; Farringford, Keynsham Bank, High 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 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.

The Chief Sanitary Inspector also reported that a length of the public sewer serving the above premises, being a length to which Section 24 of the Public Health, 1936 applied, had been found to require repair, renewal or improvement, and he submitted particulars of the work required which he estimated would cost £80. RESOLVED, That notices be given under the said Section to the Owners of premises served by the length of sewer in question that the Council propose to execute the said work at the expiration of seven days and that the expenses reasonably incurred will be recovered from the several owners of the premises served by the said length of sewer.

3—Notices not complied with-85 Marle Hill Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Notice served under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936 in respect of this house had not been complied with. RESOLVED, That th Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to enforce compliance.

4—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 4 Sun Street ; 1 and 2 Richmond Cottages, Sherborne Street ; 20 Queen Street ; 9 York Street ; 5 and 6 Providence Square—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.

(b) 4 Keynsham Parade (Basement)—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That an Order be made determining the Closing Order made in respect thereof on the 22nd February, 1939.

(c) Eaton Cottage, Eaton Place ; 11 Sherborne Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners had failed to carry out their Undertakings with regard to these houses. RESOLVED, That they be given notice that the question of making Demolition Orders in default will be considered at the Meeting of the Committee on the 11th September next.

(d) The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses :—

(i) 16 Waterloo Street ; 9 and 11 St. James' Street ; 1-3 Buckle's Cottages—RESOLVED, That consideration of making Demolition Orders in default of compliance by the Owners with their Undertakings with regard to these houses be further adjourned for two months.

(ii) Bruton Cottage, Portland Street—Mrs. Field and Mr. Blake attended and asked for a further adjournment to enable the necessary money to be raised for reconditioning this house. RESOLVED, That consideration be further adjourned for three months.

(iii) 40 Queen Street—A prospective purchaser attended and stated that he was prepared to purchase and recondition this house. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months to enable him to sign an Undertaking.

(iv) 5, 6 and 7 Exmouth Street—RESOLVED, That the owners' Undertaking 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 the Undertaking, be accepted.

(e) 69 St. George's Place—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders for demolishing these premises in default of compliance of the Owner with the Demolition Order made in respect thereof on the 14th February, 1938, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept the most favourable tender.

(f) 1-10 Casino Place--The Committee further considered the question of demolishing these house in default of compliance by the Owner with the Casino Place Clearance Order, 1936. RESOLVED, That the Owner be given seven days' notice to cut off and remove the drains or otherwise deal with them to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, and that, if he fails to comply with this notice, the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to carry out the work in default and that any expenses so incurred be recovered from the Owner. RESOLVED, also, That consideration of completing the demolition be adjourned for two months.

(g) 3 and 4 Hereford Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported an application by the Owner for permission to use these houses for storage purposes instead of demolishing them in accordance with the Hereford Place Clearance Order, 1936. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(h) Basements of White Lodge, Lansdown Crescent, and 2 Oxford Parade—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises had been re-occupied in contravention of Closing Orders. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute the persons responsible for offending against the provisions of the Housing Act, 1936.

(i) 3 Whitehart Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported an application by the Owner for permission to convert these premises into a lock-up garage instead of demolishing them in accordance with the Demolition Order made on the 8th March, 1939. He also reported that the demolition of this house would endanger the adjoining house. RESOLVED, That if the work is carried out to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector and the premises are not again used for human habitation, the Council will regard this as sufficient compliance with the Order.

5—Housing Act, 1936 —Certificates as to Fitness—(a) 33 Union Street ; 1 and 2 Richmond Cottages, Sherborne Street ; 9 York Street ; 17, 18 and 19 Waterloo 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) 47 Russell Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 (1) of the Housing Act, 1936, submitted a list of proposed works with a request in writing that the Council should inform him whether in their opinion the house would, after the execution of those works or of those works together with any additional works, be in all respects fit for human habitation and would with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of at least five years. RESOLVED That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to submit to the Owner a list of any additional works which he considers should be carried out before a certificate could be given.

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs. Beef ; 1 qr. 4 ½ lbs. Pork ; 2 qrs. 16 lbs. Veal ; 1 qr. 16 ¼ lbs. Fish ; 10 lbs. Poultry.

7—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his report of analyses of water taken since the last Meeting of the Committee.

8—Swimming Baths, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the water at the Montpellier Swimming Baths was now being changed every other day and treated with chlorus and that the results of analyses of water taken at these Baths and also at the Sandford Swimming Pool showed considerable improvement on those reported at the last Meeting of the Committee.

9—Diphtheria Immunisation—Quarterly Report—The Medical Officer of Health submitted the following report of treatment given during the Quarter to 30th ult. :—

No. of new cases (immunisation commenced)	78
No. of injections given ...	243
No. of cases in which treatment completed during the quarter.	136
No. of cases partially completed when attendance ceased.	10
No. of cases Schick tested after immunisation	205
(201 negative, 4 positive)	

Two Clinics were held at Naunton Park School and 97 children received Schick tests there, (95 negative, 2 positive).

10—Bath and West Show—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had been requested by the Secretary of the Bath and West Agricultural Society to co-operate in providing a Health Exhibit at the Society's Show in Cheltenham in 1940, RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to comply with this request.

11—Shops Act, 1934-68, 90, 96 and 98 Promenade—The Committee considered applications for Certificates 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 Certificates be granted subject to the Owners undertaking to inform the Council of any alteration in the arrangements reported to the Committee.

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12—Flooding—The Borough Surveyor and Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that a number of complaints had been received of flooding at Pittville, the Promenade, and the Cleevemont Estate as a result of the recent storms. It was pointed out that the rainfall on these occasions was quite abnormal and that the risk of flooding at Pittville and in the Promenade would eventually be eliminated by the relaying of the Wyman's Brook Sewer and Chelt Main Sewer RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor and Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to investigate the complaints and report as to whether any interim steps can be taken to prevent a recurrence of flooding.

13—Hayden Farm—Cottages—The Borough Surveyor reported that the demolition of the two old cottages at Hayden had been completed.

14—Journeyman Butchers—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Journeyman Butchers' Federation of Great Britain reporting the formation of a Cheltenham Branch, which desired to co-operate with the Council on matters appertaining to the meat industry.

15—Fumigation—Read, circular letter of 14th ult. from the Home Office, reporting the appointment of a Commission to enquire into the Hydrogen Cyanide (Fumigation of Buildings) Regulations, 1938.

16—Local Health Services—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Clerk of the County Council enclosing copies of a summary of Local Health Services in the Borough, further copies of which had been forwarded to each Post Office in the district for the information of the public.

17—Waste Land between Mead Road and Railway—The Committee further considered the nuisance caused by the uncontrolled tipping of refuse on this land. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to approach the Owner for permission to level the land by tipping.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th July, 1939.** Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Addis, Bush, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr, Curling Hayward, Moore and Till (Alderman Pates. in the chair).

1—Whaddon Farm Housing Estate--(a) Scheme F—Read, letter of 17th ult. from the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives that Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell Ltd were not observing the local working rules on this Contract as they were working overtime without the permission of the local Overtime Committee. Mr. Mansell attended and stated that application for a permit to work overtime was made on the 12th April last. This was not brought before the local Overtime Committee (which is a joint Committee of Master Builders and Operatives) but was only considered by the Federation of Building Trades Operatives and refused by them in view of the lack of evidence of urgency and the number of building operatives of all sections then unemployed. Overtime had, however, been continued in view of the fact that they were under covenant in their Contract to complete the houses by the 28th July. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee and that the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report on the matter.

(b) Scheme F—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell had now completed 28 houses and that the remaining two would shortly be completed.

(c) Read, letter from Mrs. De la Bere drawing attention to the damage caused to the boundary hedge of this Estate by children and asking the Corporation to provide a new fence. RESOLVED, That Mrs. De la Bere be informed that the Council cannot accept liability for this.

(d) Non-Subsidy Houses—The Borough Treasurer submitted a report on the rents of the non-subsidy houses which the Housing Manager recommended at the last Meeting should be reduced. RESOLVED, That the rents be not reduced at present.

(e) The Town Clerk reported on the claim made by Messrs. Edwards Ltd. for additional wages paid on account of the re-grading of the building operatives in the District and for extra labour required owing to road and sewer gangs being on the site at the same time as the Contractors' men. The Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor had interviewed the Ministry of Health in regard to the portion of the claim relating to re-grading and the Town Clerk now submitted a letter from the Ministry that they were not prepared to agree to the Corporation making any payment on this account RESOLVED, That the Contractors be informed accordingly, but that with regard to the claim in respect of extra labour the Borough Surveyor be authorised to agree a fair sum with the Contractors.

2—Sale of Houses—(a) 5 Kingsley Gardens—Read, letter from Mr. A. Waterhouse agreeing to purchase this house, now occupied by him, at the price of £675. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

(b) 18 Shelley Road—The Town Clerk submitted an offer by Messrs. Bayley & Son on behalf of Mrs. Hooper to purchase this house at the price of £510. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to contract and to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the sale.

3—Housing Manager —(a) Arrears—The Housing Manager submitted her monthly report on the collection of rents (b) Repairs—The monthly report of the Repairs Superintendent was submitted.

4-9 Kingsley Gardens—Read, report of damage to the fence and hedge of these premises by a motor car. The Town Clerk reported that he had made a claim against the owner for the cost of making good the damage. The Repairs Superintendent recommended that a portion of the hedge should be removed to give better visibility at the junction of Gloucester Road and Tennyson Road. RESOLVED, That the View Sub-Committee be asked to inspect this.

5—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 30th June.

There were now 394 applicants on the Waiting List of whom 121 had been placed on the Selected List. The Sub-Committee had interviewed 5 applicants for houses, granted 4, refused 3 and adjourned 1, 3 applications for transfer had been dealt with and 2 tenants in arrear with their rent had been interviewed.

The Sub-Committee recommended (inter alia) :—

(a) That the rents fixed and rebates granted, as set out in the Rent Rebates Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

(b) That the application of the tenant of 7 Dart Road to erect a pigeon house be agreed to provided that the tenant is a member of the Pigeon Flying Association.

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

6—Sites Sub-Committee-----Read, report of the Meeting of the Sites Sub-Committee held on the 5th inst. The Sub-Committee had inspected the sites in Grove Street and recommended that the District Valuer be instructed, for the present, to negotiate terms for the purchase of the properties on the west

side of the street, excluding the Rowton Lodging House, but including about 100 feet frontage of the Shakespeare Hotel Yard and also for the cleared sites only on the east side of Grove Street. RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

7—Houses for Police—The Town Clerk reported that the Chief Constable had agreed to transfer some of the constables from the St. Mark's Estate to Whaddon Estate as and when the opportunity arose. The Chief Constable also asked for the tenancy of an additional house to be granted to him. RESOLVED, That this be not granted.

8—New Houses—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Mr. J. H. C. Rees that the Bennett's Housing Association Ltd. were desirous of erecting 300 houses in Cheltenham under the Housing Act and asking if the Corporation would be prepared to extend their guarantee under Section 110 of the Act. Mr. Rees and Mr. R. D. Clare attended the Committee and stated that they had a site under consideration for the erection of the houses. The houses would be 2 and 3 bedroomed types let at rents varying from 13s to 16s- per week inclusive, this being on the basis of rates and water charges not exceeding from 3s to 4s a week. RESOLVED, That the applicants be informed that the Council are prepared to consider favourably entering into a guarantee with a Building Society for the erection of 300 houses to let, subject to the plans, site and proposed rents being approved by the Ministry of Health and the Council.

9—Hope Street—The Housing Manager reported that the 9 old houses in Hope Street were in need of considerable repairs and in view of their age and condition she recommended that the houses should be demolished. The Borough Treasurer attended and reported that the houses were purchased in January 1926 at a cost of £800 and the loan charges continued to rank for 50 per cent subsidy the houses were also reconditioned in 1931 at a cost of £428, half of which sum was paid by the Government. In view of this reconditioning and the fact that the loan charges on the purchase had another 47 years to run, he was of the opinion that it was unlikely that the Ministry would favourably consider the proposal unless the Corporation paid off the outstanding debt, repaid to the Government a large portion of the grant received for reconditioning and bore the cost of any new houses out of the rates. RESOLVED, That the View Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the houses.

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10—Kingsley Gardens—New Houses—The Borough Surveyor reported on the proposal to erect a pair of houses on the vacant land adjoining No 16 Kingsley Gardens. He reported that there was not sufficient room to erect the houses without taking some portion of the market garden land now occupied by Mr. Walley. RESOLVED, That the proposal be deferred for the present.

11—St. Mark's Estate—Painting—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of external painting of the metal window frames of 73 houses on this Estate at £200, external painting of wooden window frames of 47 houses at £172 10s. Od., internal painting of bath room, scullery and larder windows of 73 houses at £76 10s. Od. and painting etc. of flush boxes of 120 houses at £56. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with this work.

12—St. Paul's Estate—The Housing Manager reported that Mr. Tye, Caretaker, had resigned his appointment. RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be instructed to circularise the tenants on the estate inviting applications for the appointment at 10s per week, and that the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee be authorised to make appointment.

13—Reconditioning-30 Brunswick Street South—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the reconditioning of house was now completed. RESOLVED, That the house be let at an inclusive rent of 8s 6d. per week.

14—Crabtree Place—The Housing Manager reported complaints of flooding of houses in this street. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged for the sewer to be flushed periodically to prevent any further trouble.

15--Moors Estate—RESOLVED, That permission be given to Mr. C Sansom to erect a small shed on a spare piece of land on this estate to store plant and materials required in connection with the repairs to the houses.

16—Garden Prize Scheme—RESOLVED, That Alderman Pates and Councillors Dr. Hayward and Till be appoint Sub-Committee to judge the gardens entered in the Prize Scheme and that they be authorised to make an award.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th July, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Ward ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade and Till (The Deputy 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—View Committee—Read, report of a Meeting of the View Committee held on Wednesday, 12th July, 1939. Present—Councillor Green (in the chair), Councillors Fisher and Fletcher.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Promenade—That the application of Mrs. Ivens and another for pruning of a tree opposite No. 127 be not acceded to but that certain thinning out of the tree be carried out without disfigurement.

(b) Gloucester Road near St. George's Road—That permanent bollards be substituted for the existing temporary bollards in the present positions which have been determined after long trial.

(c) Queen's Road—That the application of Mr. E. H. Mason for removal of a tree opposite No 80 be not acceded to.

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(d) Westal Green Roundabout—(i) That the application of the Chamber of Commerce for removal of the "bulge" at the junction of Queen's Road and Lansdown Road be not acceded to but that when the Parks Committee undertake the maintenance of this amended lay-out they be requested to plant a few shrubs behind the kerb-line of the "bulge" so as to accentuate the presence of a change in direction of the kerb-line



(ii) That a line of shrubs be planted at the rear of the footpath of the Roundabout in Lansdown Road to screen the tarmacadamised area between the Electricity Sub-Station and the Petrol Filling Station from view on the north-west side.

(e) Thorncliffe Drive—That Lt.-Col, Herepath's application for Thorncliffe Drive to be scavenged be not acceded to until Thorncliffe Drive is made up and adopted ; that the footpath entrance crossing to Thorncliffe Drive be tarmacadamed when the Post Office trenches are finally reinstated ; and that the name plate of Thorncliffe Drive be fixed to an existing gatepost if the owner's consent is obtained.

(f) Fairfield Parade Extension—That this road be made up with second-hand material ; that a tarred macadam footpath be formed on the Church side ; and that the triangular area on the opposite side be filled and levelled with material and seeded down (the cost of such work being estimated at £125).  
RESOLVED, also, That the Church Authorities be asked to trim the grass verges on the length of road recently made between Ewlyn and Langdon Roads.

(g) Victoria Place, Bath Road—RESOLVED, That consideration of taking over and adopting this road be deferred in view of the pending demolition of condemned cottages.

(h) Montpelier Parade—That the occupiers of No. 5 be informed that certain pruning of trees will be undertaken and that their attention be drawn to the presence of several large trees along the south wall of their garden which exclude sunlight and air.

(i) Imperial Square—That the Rural District Council be requested either to remove the hedge at the back of the railings of No 14 in order to improve the view of drivers at the junction of Imperial Square and Oriel Road or alternatively to surrender the land at the side of their offices for widening Oriel Road.

(j) Dunalley Street—That a Standard School Sign be erected at each end, as requested by the Education Secretary.

RESOLVED, That the above recommendations be approved and adopted

3—Motor Lorry-- The Requisition Stores and Plant Sub-Committee reported consideration of the tenders received for the supply of a 2 to 3 ton motor lorry and recommended the acceptance of the tender of the Victory Motor Co. Ltd. for supply and delivery of a Fordson 2 ton (3 ton pay load) lorry with heavy duty tyres at £269 10s. 0d. net. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Wages and Conditions of Service- —Read, Report of a Meeting of the Labour Sub-Committee held on Monday, 17th July, 1939. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Addis, Green and Grimwade (The Deputy Mayor in the chair). Mr. G. F. Tawney (Local Secretary) and Mr. Webster (District Organiser) attended on behalf of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers.

(a) Alstone Baths—(i) Read, letter of 22nd ult., from the Union applying for the wages of Mr. H. Walker, Bath Attendant, to be increased from 50s a week to 59s 6d. on the ground that he had attended to the boilers and filtration plant since the death of the Superintendent. The Borough Surveyor reported that this work was temporary only and had been carried out under the supervision of another employee. Mr. Walker would no longer be required to carry out these duties after the appointment from that day of the new temporary Superintendent. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted, but that Mr.

Walker's wages be increased to 52s 1d. per week, being the rate payable to Bath Attendants under the Joint Industrial Council's Scale.

(ii) Read, letter of 6th inst , from the Union applying for the wages of Mr. M. Hodson to be increased from 30s to 52s 1d. per week, being the Joint Industrial Council's rate payable to Bath Attendants. The Borough Surveyor reported that this employee was partially disabled and had been employed temporarily to carry out the duties of a youth assistant. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted, but that the employee's wages be increased to 35s- a week.

(iii) RESOLVED, That the above increases in wages take effect as from the first Thursday in June last.

(b) Part-time Women Employees—Read, letter of 10th March last from the Union applying for part-time women employees to be allowed eight days annual holiday with pay after 12 months continuous service. RESOLVED, That the application be granted (such holidays to include Bank Holidays), and that each employee be paid for such holidays at her normal rate of pay per day.

(c) Sandford Swimming Pool—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Union applying for the wages of Mr. M. F Daffern to be increased from 50s to 55s per week on the ground that he was employed as a Swimming Instructor as well as a Bath Attendant. The Borough Surveyor reported that very little swimming instruction was given during the season, and that this was shared with other attendants RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

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(d) Fitter—Read, letter of 14th ult. from Mr. T. W. Nourse, applying for his wages to be increased by 2s per day above the rate of wages paid to Roller Drivers. The Borough Surveyor reported that this employee was already receiving ½ d. per hour above the rate paid to Roller Drivers. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(e) Generally—Read, letter of 28th ult from the Union, suggesting a Conference to discuss the following matters :—

(i) The adoption of a 47 hour week—The representatives of the Union were informed that the 47 hour week had already been adopted in principle and applied to the great majority of Corporation employees.

(ii) The payment of overtime rates to Horse Drivers as from January last—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit full particulars of the hours worked by these employees.

(iii) The status of Messrs. A. Jeanes and W. Smith—The representatives of the Union were informed that these employees were classed as Gangers, and could not be granted the rate of wages payable to Foremen.

(iv) Affiliation with Joint Industrial Council—The representatives of the Union were informed that the Corporation were anxious as far as possible to follow the scale adopted by the Joint Industrial Council, but that they could not agree to become affiliated.

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Labour Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed. RESOLVED, also That a Sub-Committee, consisting of Alderman Pates and Councillors Green and Till, be appointed to consider the position of the Horse Drivers.

5—Telephone Kiosks—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Post Office District Manager, reporting that, unless the Corporation agreed to the erection of a standard red " Jubilee" kiosk in the Promenade outside the entrance to the Winter Gardens it would be necessary to withdraw this site. RESOLVED, That the Council's objection to the erection of this type of kiosk in the Promenade be maintained.

6—Pilford Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the stile at the top of Pilford Road, about which a complaint had been received from Mr. J. W. G. Lawrence, and found that the complaint had been remedied by the fixing of a new rail.

7—Cement—The Borough Surveyor reported that Sharpe & Fisher (1924) Ltd. had indicated that they would give the Corporation the benefit of a recent reduction in the price of cement by 1s per ton from the 16th ult.

8—Leckhampton Depot—Read, letter of 24th ult. from the Acting-Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, stating that in an emergency, the Leckhampton Depot would be required to accommodate 7 towing vehicles, 6 trailer pumps, and 10 personnel, which would occupy most of the existing buildings. RESOLVED, That the owner of the adjoining land be approached with a view to purchasing additional land for extending the Depot.

9—Borough Surveyor's Department—(a) Highways Superintendent—The Committee considered an application by Mr. Armistead, the Highways Superintendent, for an increase in salary. The Borough Surveyor reported that his present salary was £400 per annum plus house, rates, coal, gas, and electricity. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £425 per annum, plus house and rates, from the 1st August next, but that the supply of coal, gas, and electricity be discontinued

(b) Clerk—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That Mr. E. C. Hancock be advanced from Grade A to Grade C at a commencing salary of £130 per annum from the 1st August next.

(c) Draughtsman—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That Mr. D C. Smith be advanced from Grade D to Grade E at a commencing salary of £212 10s. 0d. per annum as from the 1st August next.

(d) Architectural Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that his Chief Architectural Assistant, Mr. Rust, had been accepted for registration by the Architects' Registration Council.

10—Tewkesbury Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted reports by the District Valuer of terms provisionally agreed for the acquisition of the land required for widening Tewkesbury Road near St. Peter's Vicarage. RESOLVED, That these terms be submitted to the Ministry of Transport and the County Council.

11—Air Raid Precautions—The Borough Surveyor reported that during the Crisis in September last, he had laid in a fairly large stock of consumable stores, which had since been steadily depleted: RESOLVED,

That he be authorised to replenish this stock and build up an adequate reserve of stores in case of an emergency.

12—Horse—The Borough Surveyor reported that one of the Corporation horses was becoming too old to work, and he recommended that it should be sold to the kennels, and that, instead of replacing it, an additional horse should be hired when necessary. He also recommended that the driver should be transferred to other work. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved.

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13—Pittville Street Improvement—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer had provisionally settled the claims for compensation by the under-mentioned occupiers on the following terms :—

Premises.	Occupier.	Agreed Compensation.
10 Pittville Street	Mr. G. H. Juffs	£600 plus costs
11 “	Holliday & Page Ltd.	£2,150 “
11a “	Miss Alice Gardener ...	£45 “
13 & 14 “	Mr. F. Vick	£250 “
14a “	Mr. E. J. Horlick	£150 “
106 Albion Street	Miss A. F. Cull .	£120 “
107 “	Mr. W. E. Bird.	£35 “

RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice that British Home Stores Ltd. had applied for appointment of an official Arbitrator to hear and determine their claim for compensation, and that he was instructing Counsel to represent the Corporation at the hearing.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give 14 days' notice to the various occupiers of the Corporation's intention to enter and take possession of the properties required for demolition

14—Winchcomb Street Improvement--2 and 3 Winchcomb Street—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter, offering Alder's Stores, 2 and 3 Winchcomb Street, for sale at £2,000 plus costs RESOLVED, That this offer be referred to the District Valuer for consideration

15—Trunk Road No. 10—Westal Green—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Messrs Haddock, Pruen & Merivale, enclosing Draft Deed for the surrender by the Corporation of their lease of the ornamental beds adjoining the Petrol-Filling Station at Westal Green, and the grant of a new lease in respect of the ornamental beds included in the new layout. RESOLVED, That this Draft be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Deed.

16-115 and 116 Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that the purchase of this property had been completed.

17—Warwick Place Improvement—The Town Clerk reported the completion of the purchase of three pieces of land required for this Improvement. RESOLVED, That Councillor Fisher be asked to again approach the owner of the remaining piece of land required for the Improvement.

18-1 and 2 Montpellier Avenue—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter had submitted a revised offer to sell these properties to the Corporation for £1,100. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted.

19—St. Stephen's Road—The Town Clerk reported that one of the footpaths in this road had been damaged during building operations carried out by Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of the necessary repairs, amounting to £2 19s. 0d.

20—Sandy Lane Tip---The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Holborow's free tenancy of this land expired on the 24th ult. RESOLVED, That he be required to give up possession. unless terms are arranged for continuing his tenancy of the land.

21—Projecting Signs—(a) Read, letters from Messrs. George Whateley & Sons, applying for permission to erect a Projecting Sign outside the Prince of Wales inn, Portland Street. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) The Town Clerk reported an application by Messrs. Georges Ltd. for permission to suspend an electric sign from their canopy outside 367 High Street. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

22—Wellington Square—The Town Clerk reported an application by Councillor Waite for a seat to be placed in Wellington Square. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

23—Waste Land between Mead Road and Railway—The Committee considered a recommendation by the Public Health Committee that the owner should be asked to consent to this land being levelled by tipping RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to enable the Chairman and Borough Surveyor to inspect the land again.

24—Grosvenor Place—Read, letter of 15th inst from Messrs. Shentons, complaining of the condition of the footpath outside their premises. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

25—St. George's Square—Councillor Addis suggested that seats should be placed around the Bowling Green in St. George's Square. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th July, 1939.** Present—Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland and Grimwade ; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Mellersh and Mrs. Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1939

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings) ...	34.8	43.3
At Clare Street (11 Meetings) ...	37.2	44.4
At Grosvenor Street (11 Meetings)...	31.3	35.4
At St. Mark's (11 Meetings) ...	26.6	44.8
At Whaddon (11 Meetings)	26.8	47.4

(b) Annual Report--A copy of the 30th Annual Report of the Association was submitted.

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report---The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1939 :—

No. of Children on Register	2,918
Un-notified Live Births discovered ...	4
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	1,446
“ “ (b) over 1 year	1,616
First Visits paid by Health Visitors ... ..	207
Ante-natal cases visited (a) New . ..	61
(b) Return .. .	50
Special visits to Mothers ... .	113
Chicken Pox cases visited ...	8
Whooping Cough cases visited ...	41
Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited .	1
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres .	71
Grants of Milk :	
Carried over from previous quarter .	360
New Orders ... .	57
Orders discontinued during quarter ..	109
“ continuing to coming quarter .	308

Children Act :	Health Visitors.	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter ...	27	12
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ...	15	12
“ visits paid (under Children Act) ...	33	14

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 75 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during 1st April to 30th June, 1939, and that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from the 1st April to 30th June, 1939, was £21 12s. 6d., of which £12 2s. 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 June, 1939: Still-births 4 ; Deaths of Infants 1 ; Commencement of artificial feeding 6 ; Liability to be a source of infection 1.

4—Dentistry—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 50 mothers and 10 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 61 mothers and 18 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 £91 1s. 1d.

(c) Small Children—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the School Dentist had pointed out that cases frequently arose where extensive extractions were required in young children and that in these cases gas was not a very suitable anaesthetic and he suggested that it would be much better if children could be operated on under a general anaesthetic at the Children's Hospital where they could be kept for a few hours to recover. He suggested that such cases could be treated on a suitable morning say once a month. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to approach the Children's Hospital to ascertain on what terms the Hospital would be willing to provide accommodation for the School Dentist to carry out this work, including the provision of an anaesthetist.

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5--Consultant Fees—The Medical Officer of Health submitted two accounts for Consultant's fees. RESOLVED, That the accounts be passed for payment,

6—Children Act—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of foster mothers who had sent in notifications, and he recommended that the maximum number of children allowed should be fixed as follows:-

Name.	Address.	Maximum No. of Children allowed
Mrs Bettridge	Windsor House, Bayshill Road	1
Mrs. Pitman	14 Northfield Passage ...	1
Mrs. Ford ...	20 Windsor Street ...	1

7—Milk Supply—RESOLVED, That advertisements be issued, inviting tenders for the supply of pasteurised milk for the year ending 30th September, 1940, 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.

8—Gynaecological Clinic --The Medical Officer of Health reported that 5 Clinics had been held to date and the total number of attendances was 21, including 12 Borough patients.

9--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 164, of which 85 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 29 surgeons' consultations had been held ; 79 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 29

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) Flat Foot--The Medical Officer of Health reported that owing to the fact that the special shoes required were considerably more expensive than ordinary shoes, Mr. Robinson, the Orthopaedic Surgeon, had agreed where possible to order a standard type of shoe. He was of opinion that a considerable saving in expense could be effected if these shoes were purchased through a local bootmaker and he recommended that this course should be adopted. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee and that, meanwhile, the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to obtain estimates for the cost of stocking a minimum number of shoes of a standard type but of various sizes

(c) The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from the Cripples Aid Society for a grant towards the cost amounting to £8 12s. 0d. of instruments, boots and repairs for children under five RESOLVED, That a grant of 50 per cent, namely £4 6s. 0d. be made.

10—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1937—The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from Miss L. E. Baylis of Greylands, 56 Leckhampton Road, for the registration of these premises as a Nursing Home. The Medical Officer of Health reported thereon. RESOLVED, That Notice be given to Miss Baylis of the Intention of the Council to consider making an Order refusing the Registration of the Premises as a Nursing Home.

11—Home for Children—The Medical Officer of Health read correspondence with the Gloucester Probation Committee in regard to an application for a grant in aid towards the cost of sending an unmarried woman to a Home for her confinement. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to contribute the sum of 10s per week for six months.

12—Ante Natal Services—The Committee further considered a request from the District Nursing Association that the Council should consider setting up ante-natal services by which every expectant mother could be examined twice during pregnancy by her own Doctor. The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report on the matter as to the practice adopted in 13 other Boroughs and in his opinion the extension of ante-natal clinic work in the Borough would appear to be desirable RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to draw up a Scheme and submit this to the District Nursing Association and to ascertain from the Association what increase in grant would be necessary to provide ante-natal services in accordance with the Scheme to be prepared by the Medical Officer.

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 30th ult., amounting to £42 0s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

LEIGH JAMES, Chairman<sup>277</sup>

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th July, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Ward; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore and Waite; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris, J. Walker, A. Wiggett and A Yiend (Alderman Ward in the chair).



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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5233	Calley, W. A.	Garage, 134 Brooklyn Road.
5235	Slattery, U. W.	Garage, The Gables, Lansdown Road.
5242	Messrs, G. A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Extension of road, Cleevemount Estate.
5252	Cheltenham Billposting Co.	Truck and store shed, corner of Gloucester Place and Albion Street.
5253	Bond, R. G.	Garage, The Poplars, Priors Road.
5254	Messrs E. J. Knight & Son	Garage, Redesdale, The Park.
5255	Cox, S. G.	Two garages, Argyll Road.
5256	Williams, H. V.	Garage, Hardor, The Close, Mead Road.
5257	Richards, W. E.	Detached house, Clevelands Drive.
5258	Messrs. Flower & Sons, Ltd. ,	Alterations and additions Stonehouse Brewery, Dunalley Street.
5259	Messrs. Palace Builders (Coventry) Ltd.	18 houses, Priors Road.
5260	Vizard, L. A.	Garage, 20 Merriville Road.
5261	Havard, F. C.	Cycle shed, Orchard Way,
5262	Lawrence, C.	Greenhouse, 16 All Saints Road.
5263	Maisey, F. E.	Garage, rear of "Laxton," Lansdown Road.
5264	Tomkins, J.	Conversion of stables into two cottages, Abbey Holme Stables, back Lansdown Crescent.
5265	Bateson, C P.	Garage, Fleske Lodge, Wellington Square.
5266	Messrs. Smith Bros	Cycle shed, new road off Brooklyn Road.
5267	Cheltenham & District Gas Co.	Extension to office, Gas Offices, North Street.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos..5233, 5253, 5254, 5255, 5256, 5259, 5260, 5261, 5262, 5263, 5265 and 5266 be approved ; That Plan No. 5242 be approved subject to the roads, sewers and culverts being in accordance with the design and specification approved by the Council ; That Plan No, 5257 be approved subject to the 6 inch drain being increased to a 9 inch drain ; That Plans Nos.. 5258 and 5267 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos, 5252 and 5264 be not approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5233, 5235, 5242, 5253, 5256, 5257, 5260, 5261, 5262, 5266 and 5267 be approved ; That Plan No. 5254 be approved subject to the roof being covered with either cedar shingles or grey rectangular asbestos slates ; That Plan No. 5255 be approved subject to the buildings being set back in line with the main wall of the building ; That Plan No. 5258 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No. 5259 be approved subject to brown sand faced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 5265 be approved subject to the roof being covered with corrugated asbestos sheets ; That Plans Nos. 5252, 5263 and 5264 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.
1568	Boddy, H. W.	Garage (private), Holroyd, Cirencester Road.
1569	Currie, T. C.	Hut for caravan, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings.
1570	Miss Hoyland	Detached house, Charlton Drive, Charlton Kings.
1571	Rhodes, J. D.	New wing, Air Balloon Cottages, Crickley Hill.
1572	Mrs. Wallace	Alterations, Dixton House.
1573	Mrs. Wills-Goldingham	Alterations, Ullenwood.
1574	Pates, W.	Bungalow, Up Hatherley.
1575	Trigg, H. J.	Pair semi-detached houses, Sunnyfield Road, Up Hatherley.
1576	Shutler, R. C.	Detached house, Sandy Lane.
1577	Messrs. Melville & Webber	Preliminary plan for proposed lay-out for 48 Maisonettes off Bouncer's Lane, Prestbury.
1578	Messrs. Smith's Ltd.	Factory, Kayte Farm, Bishop's Cleeve.
1579	Hunt, R. J	Amended lay-out, Cleavelands, nr. Cheltenham.
1580	Messrs. Marshalls Ltd.	Detached house, Greenway Lane.

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RESOLVED, That Plans Nos, 1568, 1569, 1570, 1572, 1573 and 1576 be approved ; That Plan No. 1574 be approved subject to (1) no part of the building being in front of the building line, (2) drainage being to the satisfaction of the Rural District Council, and (3) materials being of approved colour and texture ; That Plan No 1575 be approved subject to the building being set back 50 feet from the centre of the road and to brown sand faced tiles being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 1578 be approved in principle and the Architects be requested to submit for the approval of the Committee a larger scale drawing of the elevations clearly showing details and a Specification of the materials to be used in the external construction of the buildings ; That Plan No. 1579 be approved subject to the turning space at the end of the service road being increased to 60 feet in diameter ; That Plan No. 1580 be approved. subject to the Undertaking given by the owners not to erect any further houses between the proposed house and Little Manor House; That Plans Nos. 1571 and 1577 be deferred for further consideration.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 26th ult. from Miss K. N. Bayliss, S.R.N. asking for permission to use "Greylands," 56 Leckhampton Road, as a Nursing Home. RESOLVED, That the application be adjourned.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 18th inst, from Mr. G. Cooper asking if permission would be granted for the erection of a garage in a sunken area adjoining Castle Street, Winchcomb. He reported that it would be impossible to erect the garage in a position behind the building lines and the only available site was in the sunken area RESOLVED, That the application be approved in principle subject to the siting of the building being determined on the site in collaboration with the County Surveyor

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 18th inst from Mrs. W. E King asking if it would be permissible to convert Nos. 5, 6 and 7 Exmouth Street into either (1) garages, (2) shops with living accommodation, or (3) two houses. RESOLVED, That the owner be informed that the Committee are prepared to consider plans for the conversion of the three houses into two, provided such plans are in accordance with the Town Planning Scheme, Building Byelaws and to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector as required by her Undertaking.

(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 19th inst. from Mr. H. Eager asking if the property known as "Summerville," Rowanfield Road, could be used for the storage of building plant. RESOLVED, That consideration of the application be deferred to the next Meeting to enable the Borough Surveyor to inspect the site and report further thereon.

(e) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been asked if there would be any objections to the erection of a wood-working shop for the manufacture of shopfronts in Casino Place, Andover Road RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillors H. O. Barnett and E W. Moore be appointed to view the site and that they be authorised to make their recommendations direct to the Council at their next Meeting.

(f) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 18th inst. from Messrs. Western Homes and Estates Ltd. asking for permission to develop land adjacent to the Borough boundary between Gloucester Road and Badgeworth Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to satisfactory arrangements being made as to the sewerage of the area and to approaches to the Estate being off the Badgeworth Road.

(g) The Committee further considered the application of 22nd ult. from Mr. W. H. Horsley for permission to erect a Warehouse behind Bath Road and Exmouth Street RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the building being not more than one storey high and to the back lane between Exmouth Street and Hermitage Street being opened up so that vehicles can be loaded or unloaded off the main road, also to plans being submitted for approval under the Building Byelaws and Town Planning Scheme.

4—The " Welton " Nursing Home, Christ Church Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 6th inst. from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale stating that their Client, who is the owner of "Springfield," complained that the nuisance caused by the burning of dressings continued and pointing out that in the event of the premises being extended the disagreeable smells would become worse. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be asked to have regard to this matter when carrying out his routine periodical inspection under the Public Health Act.

5—Erection of Signs—The Borough Surveyor reported that a number of reflecting signs had recently been erected on the outskirts of the Borough and that in his opinion the amenities of the main approaches to the town are being destroyed by the erection of so many-signs. He further reported that he had been in communication with the County Surveyor on the matter and while it was fully appreciated that the control of advertisements outside the Borough is a matter for the County Council under the Advertisement Regulations, he considered that in view of the fact that the whole of the Town Planning Area is to be included for the purposes of Section 47 (Control of Advertisements) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, the Committee should be consulted on these matters. Further, that in his opinion signs were buildings within the meaning of the Town and Country Planning Act and consent

to erect the signs in front of the Building lines should have first been obtained. He also reported that he had received a letter from Regent Signs, Cheltenham. that the signs erected by them are on a three year's Contract and that they would be prepared to give an Undertaking that the sites would not be renewed on the expiration of that period. RESOLVED, That the signs erected by Regent Signs be approved for a period of three years.

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6—Town Planning Scheme No. 1—Objections—Open Space along River Chelt—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen fi Merivale dated 26th ult., that their Client, Mrs. D. M. Rainger, had now withdrawn her opposition to the Scheme and desired to express her appreciation of the way in which the Committee had met her Their Client asked, however, that consideration should be given to the possibility of fencing off a small corner of land abutting on to her property on the north-west to avoid any possibility of it becoming a nuisance RESOLVED, That this request be brought forward for consideration when the land is dedicated for the use of the public as an Open Space.

7—Crook's Laundry, Croft Street—The Town Clerk submitted Memorial from residents in Short Street and Upper Norwood Street complaining that the erection of the store-shed by Messrs Crook's Laundry will deprive them of light and air. He reported that the nearest house to the building belonging to the Objectors was 54 feet away and that as the building was not more than 10 feet high to the eaves it was not considered that this would affect light. There was also ample space for the free circulation of air. He also reported that Messrs. Crook's Laundry had reduced the size of the building considerably to conform to Town Planning and Byelaw requirements and that the building complied with the Building Byelaws. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

8—Alstone Lane—The Town Clerk reported that Notice had been given of the Intention of the Council to make an Order under Section 30 of the Public Health Act 1925, declaring the portion of Alstone Lane from the West side of the Railway level crossing to Brooklyn Road to be a new street and that no objections had been received. RESOLVED, That an Order be made under Section 30 of the Public Health Act 1925, declaring the said portion of Alstone Lane to be a new street for the purpose of the application thereto of the Byelaws made by the Corporation in respect of new streets.

9—Appeal by J. A. Millward—Read, letter of 19th inst. from the Ministry of Health, that the Minister had received Notice of Appeal by Mr. Millward of the East End Service Station against the decision of the Council disapproving of his plan for the erection of garage premises at the junction of East End Road and London Road.

10—Conference--Read, circular from the Council for the Preservation of Rural England inviting the attendance of delegates at the Annual Conference to be held at Tunbridge Wells in October. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

11—Hotel Majestic—The Borough Surveyor reported that, as instructed, he had interviewed Mr. W. J. B. Halls in regard to the Notice served under Section 61 of the Public Health Act 1936, requiring an external staircase to be provided at this Hotel and that Mr. Halls had promised to submit a Scheme for approval for the next Meeting of the Committee.

12—Building Inspector—The Borough Surveyor reported on the applications received for the appointment of Assistant Building Inspector and he recommended that Mr. W. Rogers, at present Tracer

in his Department, should be appointed to the position on Grade E at a commencing salary of £200 per annum, rising by annual increments of £12 10s. Od. to £225 per annum, RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st July, 1939.** Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Rev, de Conn), Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Rogers, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1 —Cricket Festival—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to spend a sum of approximately £50 on the engagement of Artists and Cabarets for the various dances being held during the Cricket Festival.

2—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 4th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Amateur Tennis Exhibition—That the Amateur Exhibition tennis matches be held on 8th August, on the same terms as last year, and that the net proceeds be given to the Children's Hospital

(b) Official Exhibitions—That the application to rent the Town Hall for this Exhibition during September, 1940, be not granted, in view of the intention of the Committee to have the hall redecorated next year, but that the Organisers be offered accommodation in the Winter Garden at the same rent as charged for the Town Hall.

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

3—Baths Sub-Committee-- Read, report of this Sub-Committee of their Meeting held on the 14th inst.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) Montpellier Baths—That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase a Chloroscope for the swimming bath.

(b) Alstone Baths—Having considered the three applications received for the appointment of Superintendent of these baths, That Mr F. E. Lane be appointed Superintendent until the end of the present season at a salary of £180 per annum and that at the end of the season the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for applications for the joint appointment for next season.

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

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

(b) Na-Ki-Dal Treatment—RESOLVED, That the Committee confirm the charge to be made for this treatment, namely : Na-Ki-Dal bath, 4s ; Course of four, 14s : Na-Ki-Dal Aeration bath, 5s; Course of four, 18s

5—Alstone Baths—Read, application from the Cotswold Sea Cadet Corps, Cheltenham Division, for reduced charges for the use of the school bath. RESOLVED, That the cadets be granted the use of the bath on Friday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at a charge of 1d. per cadet

6—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—Car Park—Read, letter from Major Henson, asking if the County Cricket Club could use Sandford Park during the Cricket Festival for a Car Park, as the ground hitherto used in College Road was now used for tennis. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot grant the use of the Sandford Park for so long a period during school holidays, but that the Club be offered the use of a portion of the Car Park at the Swimming Pool, subject to one half of the receipts from parking being paid to the Council and to the Club providing the necessary attendants.

7—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Flail be granted for the Western Counties Convention (Branch of the Keswick Convention) from 17th to 21st June, 1940 subject to the use of this not interfering with the holding of Municipal Dances.

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8—Winter Garden—Nine tenders were received for the reconstruction of the Winter Gardens and four tenders for the provision of a new heating installation. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. T. Broad Ltd., of Malvern for the reconstruction of the building amounting to £18,790 19s. 2d. (being the lowest tender received) be accepted subject to contract and bond, and to sanction to loan being obtained. RESOLVED, also, That the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd. for the heating installation for the whole building amounting to £1,533 16s. 9d. (plus the sum of 1500, being the estimated cost of the building work required in connection with the installation) being the most favourable tender received, be accepted, subject to contract and to sanction to loan being obtained. The total estimated cost of the Scheme, already approved by the Council, amounted to £21,100, excluding heating installation, RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £27,778, made up as follows :—

	£	s	d.
Messrs. Broad's tender for reconstruction	18,790	19	2
Messrs. R. E & C. Marshall's tender for heating installation	1,533	16	9
Estimated cost of building work in connection with heating installation...	500	0	0
Furnishings for North Transept	954	0	0
Architects and Surveyors fees (including the fees on the previous Scheme)	<u>6,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	£27,778	15	11

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

#### ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th July, 1939.** Present—Alderman Leigh James; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair)

1—Air Raid Precautions—As instructed by the Committee in February last, the Borough Electrical Engineer submitted an estimate for the erection of a new Sub-Station equipped with 5 switch gear units as an alternative to the Rowanfield Road Sub-Station at a total cost of £1,624. He reported that the Electricity Commissioners had suggested that, as Cheltenham was situated in an area relatively safe from air attack, it would suffice if reliance were placed on the possible use of emergency switch gear from the national pool to be erected, if necessary, in close proximity to the Rowanfield Road Sub-Station, and the Commissioners were therefore not prepared to recommend the scheme for Air Raid Precautions grant. He pointed out that, if the Commissioners' suggestion were adopted, it would be necessary to provide at a cost of £400 to £500 a concrete raft on a suitable site near Rowanfield Sub-Station for the erection of emergency switch gear, and in his opinion, it would be very much better and safer to provide a permanent building equipped with switch gear which would reduce the delay in restoring the supply in case of breakdown from several hours to perhaps less than an hour.

He also reported that this scheme would provide a safeguard against serious interruption in the event of fire at the Rowanfield Road Sub-Station, and that, as £400 or £500 would probably have to be spent in any case to secure war-time protection, he considered that the further expenditure suggested to secure protection from fire, irrespective of war conditions, at a total cost of £1,624 was thoroughly justified.

RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer's scheme be approved, and that he be instructed to continue his negotiations for the purchase of a suitable site for the erection of the alternative Sub-Station.

2—Electricity Charges—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that as the accounts of large power consumers were rendered monthly, the reduction in charges for large power supplies approved by the Council at their last Meeting should take effect as from the 1st September next, instead of from the reading of the meters for the September quarter. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

3—Agricultural Shows—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application by the British Electrical Development Association for an annual contribution towards the expenses of electricity displays at Agricultural Shows of three or four days' duration within the South-West England and South Wales Area. The contribution (according to the suggested scale) in the case of Cheltenham amounted to £13 15s. 0d. and was less than the last contribution made to an individual Show. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

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4—Supply to Rural Areas—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported applications by the Cheltenham Rural District Council for supplies of electricity to four houses to be erected by them at Swindon and ten houses to be erected by them at Staverton. He reported that a short extension of the cables would be required in each case. RESOLVED, That the applications be granted.

5—A.R.P. Offices—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the A R P Offices in the Electricity Showroom were lighted and heated from the showroom circuit and could not be separately metered. He recommended that a fixed charge of £7 16s. 0d. per annum for lighting, and £6 13s. 4d. per annum for heating, should be made for these services. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved, and that application be made to the Air Raid Precautions Authority for payment of these charges.

6—National Service—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. D'Arcy, Meter Reader, was in the Army Reserve and had been called up for training which was likely to last for two or three months. RESOLVED, That he be paid during his absence at a rate sufficient to bring his service pay and allowances up to his full normal wages with the Corporation.

7—Transformer Site—Read, letter of 19th inst from the Clerk of the County Council offering to sell a site for the erection of a transformer at the new Girls' Grammar School in Albert Road for the sum of £5, subject to the consent of the Board of Education, and subject to the Corporation erecting suitable fencing, and the County Council having an option to re-purchase the site for 5 in the event of the Corporation not requiring to retain it for a Transformer Station. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

8—Re-Valuation of Electricity Undertaking—The Town Clerk reported that the County Valuation Committee had instructed Messrs. James L Milne & Bourne, Rating Surveyors, of 40-43 Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2., to re-value the County public utility undertakings, and that he had been asked to supply certain information to enable this to be carried out He reported that the I.M.E.A. had advised the Corporation to supply the required information, and that he had invited quotations from two firms of Rating Surveyors for representing the Corporation in the matter. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to supply any information necessary for the re-valuation of the Undertaking, and that the quotation of Messrs. Gerald Eve & Co., of 33 Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2 for representing the Corporation, at a charge of 1 per cent on the net annual value finally sustained, plus actual travelling expenses, be accepted

9—Electricity Supply (Meters) Act, 1936—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the consent of the Electricity Commissioners to the application of an amount not exceeding £409 8s 6d from the net surplus remaining in 1940 towards the cost of providing and equipping the meter-testing. Sub-Station in St George's Place, but that the Commissioners had excluded from their consent the amount of £113 9s. 0d. included in the Corporation's application in respect of structural alterations. RESOLVED, That the last mentioned item be charged to the Revenue Account.

10—Bulk Supply—The Town Clerk reported that an agreement had been entered into with the Shropshire, Worcestershire & Staffordshire Electric Power Company embodying the revised terms which had been arranged for the bulk supply.

11—Grove Estate—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had negotiated terms for the purchase of a permanent easement for laying a 400 volt cable through the garden of No. 50 Grove Estate on payment of £10, plus £3 3s. 0d. Solicitors' costs RESOLVED, That these terms be approved, and that the Common Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the Grant of Easement.

12—Land at St. Mark's—Read, letter from Councillor Grimwade, suggesting that the electricity van at present garaged at St. Mark's should be transferred to the Rodney Road Car Park, and the garage at St. Mark's let RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer.

13—S.W. England and S. Wales Electricity (Alteration and Extension) Scheme, 1939—Read, letter of 20th inst. from the Central Electricity Board reporting the adoption without modification of the above mentioned scheme. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer.

14—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read. report of the Gas Examiner for the quarter ended the 30th ult., which showed the average calorific value to be 472.6 B.Th.U.



(b) Periodical Reports—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 27th ult., 7th, 10th, 13th and 21st inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 472.6, 467.8, 471.1, 472.0, 470.9 B.Th. U. respectively, and the pressure 6.3, 9.0 8.3, 6.5 and 6.4 inches of water

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th July, 1939.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Pates and Ward; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Hayward and Moore (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

##### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 30th June, 1939.	Average for corresponding period during the Past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	148,000 gallons	153,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	398,000	343,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	42,000	33,000
	588,000	539,000

##### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 65,471,000 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—Supply to Gloucester—The Borough Engineer reported that the quantity of water supplied from Tewkesbury to the Gloucester Corporation since the 5th May last was 2,541,000 gallons, making an average of 43,000 gallons a day.

5—Hewletts Reservoirs—The Committee visited these Reservoirs and inspected the alterations to Reservoir No. 2 which had been carried out with a view to connecting up the supply from Churchdown, when available.

6—Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) The Committee visited this Reservoir and inspected the alterations being carried out with a view to the installation of a chlorination plant.

(b) The Borough Engineer reported that 350 seven inch Brown Trout had been placed in the reservoir on the 10th inst. It was also reported that several herons had been seen at the reservoir and that it was believed that they were responsible for killing a large number of trout, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for these birds to be shot at with a view to scaring them away.

7—New Works, Tewkesbury—The Borough Engineer reported that as a result of a conference between the Joint Engineers of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board and officials of the Ministry of Health and Home Office, plans had been prepared and approved by the Board for entirely re-grouping the proposed new works at Tewkesbury with a view to affording the greatest possible security against interference with the supply as a result of an air raid. He also reported that in view of the rapid and unforeseen development of Cheltenham and Gloucester during the past two years the Board proposed to make further extensions to the Pump House, Filter House and Settling Tanks to enable them to deal with an extra 2 million gallons of water per day. These extensions would be additional to those which the Gloucester Corporation were under obligation to provide, and it was proposed that the extra cost should be borne by the Board, subject to the approval of the two Corporations. RESOLVED, That these proposals be approved.

8—Tewkesbury Water Main—The Borough Engineer reported that during the construction by the River Severn Catchment Board of an automatic float-controlled sluice on the River Avon at Tewkesbury, water had burst through the coffer dams constructed by the Contractors and caused considerable erosion on the bed of the river beneath the rising water main from Tewkesbury. He had informed the Engineer to the Catchment Board that the pipes would have to be adequately supported and concreted, and this work had now been completed satisfactorily.

9—Third Party Insurance—The Borough Engineer reported that he had received from the British Waterworks Association a Questionnaire with regard to a suggested scheme of Third Party Insurance in view of certain recent decisions of the Courts against Water Undertakings. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Town Clerk for consideration

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10—Labourer—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, That Mr. T. Bennett, casual labourer, be transferred to the permanent staff.

11—Typhoid Tests—RESOLVED, That every permanent employee of the Water Undertaking and every casual employee who is likely to come in contact with the water supplies be required to undergo a Widal test of his blood arranged by the Medical Officer of Health to ascertain whether he is likely to be a typhoid carrier.

12—Water Mains—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the sanction of the Ministry of Health to the borrowing of £10,000 for prospective expenditure on new water mains and replacement of water mains.

13—Tewkesbury Waterworks—The Town Clerk reported that an advertisement sign had been erected without consent on land of the Corporation at Tewkesbury, and that he was taking steps to secure its removal.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

## GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th July, 1939** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen, Taylor and Ward ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Smith and Waite (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1--Athletic Ground—(a) Dressing Rooms- Six tenders were received for the wiring of the new dressing rooms in course of erection. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. Tandy, amounting to £16 3s. 0d. being the lowest, be accepted.

(b) Read, letter from Mr. L W Lewis, asking that the entrance gates to the Athletic Ground from St. Anne's Terrace should be re-opened. The Gardens Superintendent reported that it had been found necessary to close the doors owing to damage being done by persons using this entrance RESOLVED, That the entrance be not opened.

(c) Winter Training--Read, letter of 24th ult from the Rugby Football Club that the Club were prepared to continue granting facilities to the St. Gregory's Athletic Club and Naunton Park Rugby Football Club for athletic training and running on the ground during the winter but that owing to lack of accommodation they could not extend this privilege to the Patesian Rugby Football Club,

2—Market—(a) Roof Ventilation—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had interviewed the Secretary of the Marketing Society in regard to their application for the roof to be ventilated, when it was agreed that as a trial, one window should be fixed in the gable end of the building at an estimated cost of £30, towards which the Society would pay half the cost, not exceeding £15. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a window provided.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the ornamental plaster work in front of the building was seriously cracked with the result that rain was entering one of the rooms, due to the parapet walls having no cap flashing and to the fractured plaster. RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee be asked to inspect this.

3—Re-numbering of Houses—College Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter from Miss E. M. Tait asking for this road to be re-numbered RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

4—Diseases Amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Hopkins reported that, with the exception of two cases of Swine Fever, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted Foot and Mouth Disease (Sera and Glandular Products) Order, 1939, which would come into force on the 1st January next, and which the Ministry required should be published towards the end of the year. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to have this done.

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5—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That the services of W. Jenkins (Ashman), be extended for a further period of six months.

(b) RESOLVED, That the services of the Town Clerk be extended up to the 31st March, 1940, and that no further extension be made.

6—Rodney Road Car Park—(a) Read, letter of 4th inst. from the British Caravaners Club that Cheltenham would be included in the winter tour and asking for members taking part to be allowed to use Rodney Road Car Park for a night or two. RESOLVED, That they be informed that this car park is not suitable for this but they be offered the use of the car park at the Athletic Ground subject to the approval of the Rugby Football Club.

(b) Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council in regard to the complaint made as to obstruction by cars parked in front of their Offices. They asked that the Members of the District Council who held 5s Season Tickets for the various car parks in the town should be allowed to use this park when attending Meetings without further charge. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

7—Food Control Committee—Mr. F. R. Jefford, Local Food Executive Officer attended and stated that it was now desirable that the Local Food Control Committee should be appointed. The Committee would consist of ten members appointed by the Town Council and five trade representatives comprising representatives of the retail grocers and provision merchants, retail butchers, Co-operative Society and two representatives of other retail food trades. These last five members had already been nominated by the trades concerned. The 10 members to be appointed by the Council should be selected so that all classes of consumers in the area should be represented and at least two should be women. RESOLVED, That the following be appointed :—The Mayor ; the Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Alderman Pruen Councillors Avery, Compton and Till, Miss Matthews, with two representatives to be nominated by the Boys' and Ladies' Colleges.

8—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of G. P. Gaywood and J. Birt for the transfer of their Hackney Carriage Licences to new vehicles purchased by them be granted.

9—Domestic Servants' Agencies—Read, report of Superintendent Hopkins that all the Domestic Servants' Agencies had been inspected and the books found to be in order.

10—Assistant Town Clerk—Read, application from the Assistant Town Clerk for an increase in salary RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £650 per annum as from 1st January, 1939.

11—River Severn Development Association—RESOLVED, That Councillor P. T. Smith be appointed the representative of the Council to attend the Annual Meeting of this Association to be held at Worcester on the 27th inst.

12—Cheltenham Traction Company—Read, letter of 21st inst. from the Red and White United Transport Ltd. that they had purchased the whole of the issued Share Capital of the Cheltenham and District Traction Co. and that the transfer took place on the 30th ult. They desired to assure the Corporation that they would continue to do their utmost to serve fully the needs of the Borough in close co-operation with the Corporation.

13—Cleeve Common Conservators—RESOLVED, That Councillor Waite be nominated a Cleeve Common Conservator up to the 31st October next to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Alderman J. Moore.

14—Airport—Read, report of the Joint Airport Committee at their Meeting held on the 29th ult. The Joint Committee recommended :—

(1) That part of Field No. 57 containing 4.24 acres be leased to Rotal Airscrews Ltd. for a term of 46 years, terminable by the Company at the end of 25, 32 or 39 years, at a rent of £200 per annum subject to the following provisions.

(a) The Director of the Home Civil Aviation concurring in provision being made for the removal of the low visibility runway 100 feet to the South East ;

(b) The Corporations to clear, level, drain and sow the fields numbered 57, 58a, 61, 62 (part) and 69 (part) and incorporate them in the Landing Ground with a view to their maintenance as part of the Landing Ground by the Lessees of the Airport ;

(c) The proposed hangar to be constructed in steel with brick filling and asbestos roof, and such hangar and any other buildings that may be erected on the site to be in accordance with plans, elevations, layout plans and specifications to be first approved by the Corporations ;

(d) On the expiry of the Lease, the proposed hangar to be offered for sale to the Corporations at an agreed valuation, and if such offer is not accepted, the hangar to be removed by the Company or in default to become the property of the Corporations ;

(e) If the Airport should cease to be used as such during the term of the Lease, the Company to have the option either of purchasing the site at an agreed valuation, or of determining the Lease, in which event paragraph (d) would apply ;

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(f) On the expiry or sooner determination of the Westgate Motor House Co.'s Lease, the Corporations or their Lessees to grant to the Company the necessary access to the Landing Ground and landing rights for the remainder of the term of their Lease on terms to be agreed ;

(g) The Corporations or their Lessees to maintain the Landing Ground at its present size at least and in proper condition for the operation of all present types of aircraft ;

(h) The Corporations to pay any compensation due to Mrs. Weston in respect of the site and the above-mentioned fields ;

(i) The Company to give up the land within the improvement line of the main road if and when required by the Ministry of Transport or the County Council without any reduction of rent or other compensation.

(2) That the Joint Engineers be authorised to invite tenders from selected firms for carrying out the necessary works referred to in (1) (b) above, to extend the landing ground including culverting of the stream, which they estimated at £1,104, and that the Joint Committee be authorised to accept a tender, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan for the Council's share of the expenditure.

(3) That the two Corporations agree to accept from the Westgate Motorhouse Ltd. one half (estimated at £75) of the rent to be paid by the Air Ministry in respect of the land taken for the third and fourth hangars in addition to the rent of 1:100 now being paid by them to the Corporations, subject to the conditions that the Westgate Motorhouse Ltd. will agree :—

(a) To the surrender by the Tenant (Mrs. Weston) of the fields numbered 57, 58a, 61, 62 (part) and 69 (part) without any reduction in the rent payable by them to the Corporations ;

(b) To the Corporations incorporating such fields in the Landing Ground ; (c) To maintain the fields as part of the Landing Ground as soon as the Corporations have carried out the necessary works to make such fields eligible for inclusion in the Public Use Licence in respect of the Airport.

(4) Land Tax—That the Committee concur in the application to be made for the reduction of the Land Tax on the portion of the Airport land in the Parish of Churchdown, amounting to £1 2s. 6d. per annum, to be redeemed on the basis of approximately 25 years purchase, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the necessary documents for effecting the redemption.

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

15—Naming of Roads—Orchard Estate, Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 7th inst from Mr. W. H. Horsley asking, on behalf of Mr. J. A. Pye, that two further roads on the Orchard Estate should be named "Orchard Drive" and "Orchard Gardens." RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider that a repetition of names of roads beginning with the word "Orchard " is desirable, and that Mr. Pye be asked to suggest other names.

16—Game Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. Reynolds for renewal of his licence to deal in game at la Winchcomb Street be granted.

17—Leckhampton Hill—RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr J. Price to pay £2 for the right to trap rabbits on the Hill during the coming season be accepted.

18—Air Raid Precautions—(a) Blinds—The Committee further considered the provision of dark blinds for all Corporation properties. RESOLVED, That the Heads of the various Departments be asked to consider whether blinds are needed for all the windows contained in the Schedule, with a view to reducing the cost.

(b) Strong Room—The Committee considered a reference from the Finance Committee in regard to the provision of a strong room outside the Borough for the storage of records, plans and documents in the event of an emergency. RESOLVED, That the provision of a strong room be not considered at present

19—Shops Act—Cheltenham Fish Fryers—Read, memorial from 16 proprietors and occupiers of Fried Fish Shops in the Borough asking for an Order to be made under the Shops Act fixing Monday as the day on which all Fish Frying Shops in the Borough shall be closed at 1 o'clock with the provision that any proprietor may substitute Saturday as early closing day instead of Monday. RESOLVED, That the Council being satisfied that a prima facie case has been made out for making an Order a Register of Shops be prepared and that Notice be given of Intention to make a Closing Order in the manner prescribed in the Regulations.

20-77 Promenade—RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Taylor and Ward and Councillor Waite be appointed to consider what alterations will be necessary in the Offices when possession is obtained of No. 77 Promenade which has been purchased for the extension of the Offices.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

**FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th July, 1939.** Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bush, Fletcher and Green; and Mr. Wiggett (Alderman Ward in the chair).

1—Monthly Report of Acting Chief Officer—The Acting Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting of the Committee the Brigade had attended three outbreaks of fire, as follows :—

27th June	Marle Hill Road, Cheltenham.
1st July	Albion Street, Cheltenham.
8th July	13 Grosvenor Place South, Cheltenham.

2—Fire Tender—The Committee inspected the new fire tender which was delivered on the 1st inst. The Agreement with Northleach Rural District Council which came into force on the delivery of the fire tender therefore commenced on the 1st inst.

3—Uniform—Whole Time Brigade—The Acting Chief Officer reported that it was necessary to provide the staff with new uniform, equipment, etc. as provided in the estimates. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to purchase the uniform, equipment, etc., now requisitioned at a cost of approximately £58.

4—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) Badges—The Acting Chief Officer reported that 60 men of the Auxiliary Fire Service had completed their training with the exception of the escape drill which could not be carried out until the new escape was delivered. In the ordinary way, members were not eligible to receive Auxiliary Fire Service badges until the syllabus of training had been completed. RESOLVED, That the Auxiliary Fire Service badges be issued to these 60 men forthwith.

(b) Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Home Office that it had been decided to increase the peace time allocation of light trailer pumps to 80 per cent of the ultimate requirements and accordingly a further allocation of 5 light trailer pumps had been made, which would be issued as soon as supplies became available from the manufacturers.

(c) Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Home Office, approving of the purchase of an additional 50 sets of uniform under the existing contracts. The Town Clerk reported that the uniforms had now been ordered.

5—Charlton Kings—Emergency Fire Brigade Scheme—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council that his Council's Emergency Fire Brigade Scheme had been approved by the Home Office and one pump had already been delivered. The Urban District Council now asked the Corporation to undertake the training of the members of the Auxiliary Fire Service as and when they are recruited. The number required was approximately 40. RESOLVED, That the Council are prepared to undertake this training at a charge of £2 per man.

6---Cheltenham Rural District—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Clerk to Cheltenham Rural District Council that his Council had accepted the offer of the Corporation to provide the services of the Brigade to parishes in their District for a period of ten years at a charge of 1d. rate plus the cost of attending fires, based on the National Fire Brigades Association's Scale. It has been, however, found necessary to

exclude the parishes which were more than six miles from Cheltenham to comply with a recent Home Office Memorandum on Fire Protection in Rural Areas. It was therefore decided to reduce the area by excluding the parishes of Winchcomb, Hawling, Prescott and Sudeley. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement for the provision of the services of the Brigade for a period of 10 years on the above terms in respect of the parishes of Badgeworth, Boddington, Great Witcombe, Shurdington, Staverton, Up Hatherley, Coberley, Cowley, Leckhampton, Prestbury, Swindon, Uckington, Southam, Bishops Cleeve, Gotherington and Woodmancote.

7—New Fire Station—Read, letters of 20th and 21st inst. from the Bursar of the Cheltenham College that the College Council were not anxious to sell the land which the Corporation required to purchase for the provision of a drying ground as the taking of this land would break up a compact piece of land and lower the value of the remainder and would mean the abolition of a tennis court RESOLVED, That the College Council be asked to sell a smaller strip of land to enable the laundry building to be erected.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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#### **CIVIL DEFENCE COMMITTEE.**

**At the First Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 12th July, 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Ward; Councillors Bush, Compton and Grimwade.—Major-General Sir Henry Thuillier, Dr. Morley, Superintendent Hopkins, Messrs. Bache, Bird, Cox, Davis, Jefford, King, Marsland, Parnell and Savory, the County A .R P. Organiser and the Divisional Officer also attended.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor Grimwade be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the remainder of the current year

2—Vice-Chairman—RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor be appointed Vice-Chairman of this Committee for the remainder of the current year.

3—Charlton Kings—Read, letter of 15th ult. from the Clerk of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, reporting that his Council wished their district to be administered as one area with Cheltenham for the purposes of Air Raid Precautions, and suggesting the appointment of three representatives from their Council on the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Urban District Council be informed that the Committee are prepared to include Charlton Kings in the area under their control, but consider that the representatives of the Urban District Council on the Committee should be limited to two. RESOLVED, also, That, subject to the approval of the Urban District Council their Chairman (Councillor W. S. F. Harris) and Councillor J. Hughes be co-opted full members of the Committee.

4—Cheltenham Rural District—(a) Read, letter of 12th May last from the Clerk of the Cheltenham Rural District Council, suggesting that the Civil Defence Committees of the Corporation and the Rural District Council should each nominate a representative to attend the Meetings of the other to facilitate co-operation and exchange of information between the two Authorities. RESOLVED, That this suggestion be approved, and that the Rural District Council be invited to appoint a representative to attend the



Meetings of this Committee. RESOLVED, also, That Councillor Bush be appointed the representative to attend the Meetings of the Rural District Council Civil Defence Committee.

(b) Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Clerk of the Cheltenham Rural District Council, stating that he had been informed by the County Surveyor that the Rural District would be served by Decontamination and Rescue and Demolition Squads established in Cheltenham, and asking for an assurance that the necessary arrangements were being made for this purpose. RESOLVED, That the Rural District Council be informed that squads have been provided to serve the old Area, comprising Cheltenham, Charlton Kings and the Rural District, and that these squads will still be available to assist in the Rural District if they are not required elsewhere.

5—Co-option of Members RESOLVED, That in addition to the representatives of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council mentioned above Major-General Sir Henry Thuillier be co-opted a full member of the Committee.

6—Report of Progress—The Town Clerk submitted Report of Progress to June, 1939, and detailed Reports by the Heads of the Casualty and Decontamination Services (copies of which accompany these Minutes). These reports were considered in detail by the Committee, and the following matters discussed :—

(a) Public Warnings—Read, letter of 28th ult. from Mr. Bache, reporting the result of a siren test carried out in Cheltenham on the 15th ult. Four steam whistles, one steam siren, and four electric sirens were used on this occasion, and 62.5 per cent. of observers indoors and 75 per cent. of observers out-of-doors had stated that they had heard the signals loudly. He considered that the result was satisfactory except in the South-West of the Town, in which district the signals did not appear to have been adequately received owing to the direction of the wind. He understood that Aircraft Components Ltd would shortly be installing an electric siren at Arle Court, and he recommended the installation of another electric siren at Crooks Laundry. With these additions he believed a reasonably satisfactory system would be provided. RESOLVED, That Mr Bache be asked to submit his amended scheme for the approval of the Central Authority and Home Office

(b) Report and Control Centre—RESOLVED, That the Central Authority be asked to provide adequate means of ventilation and emergency lighting at the Report and Control Centre RESOLVED, also, That the Divisional Officer be authorised, subject to the approval of the Chairman, to purchase suitable furniture for the Report and Control Centre.

(c) Wardens' Posts—The County Organiser suggested that the number of Wardens' Posts might be increased with advantage RESOLVED, That the Chief Warden be asked to consider this.

(d) First Aid Posts—RESOLVED, That Dr. Morley be asked to approach the County Medical Officer of Health with regard to the provision of furniture for First Aid Posts.

(e) Rescue and Demolition Service and Decontamination Service—(i) Equipment—The County Organiser reported that there was no need to purchase the heavy tackle required by Mr. King for the Rescue and Demolition Service, as standard equipment would in due course be supplied by the Home Office.

(ii) Cleansing Station—RESOLVED, That the Central Authority be asked to authorise the installation of a direct telephone line from the Control Centre to the Cleansing Station

(iii) Decontamination of Materials—RESOLVED, That the Central Authority be asked to authorise the installation of three rectangular galvanised iron tanks at Alstone Baths for boiling contaminated clothing.

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(iv) Heads of Services—Read, letter of 16th ult. from Mr. Jefford, reporting that he had been appointed Local Food Officer by the Food (Defence Plans) Department of the Board of Trade, and that under these circumstances he would be unable to continue as Head of the Decontamination Service. RESOLVED, That Mr. Jefford's resignation be accepted, and that Mr. King be appointed Head of the Decontamination Service in his place. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. C. F. Trigg be appointed Head of the Rescue and Demolition Service in place Mr. King.

(f) Shelter Trenches—RESOLVED, That Mr. Marsland be asked to prepare a scheme for the provision of permanent Shelter Trenches to accommodate 10 per cent. of the population, and that the Town Improvement h Committee be asked to permit the siting of trenches at the Winter Gardens. RESOLVED, also, That the trenches at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, which are not suitable for retention, be filled in.

7—Respirator Census—The Town Clerk reported that the final figures of the Respirator Census for Cheltenham and Charlton Kings had been submitted to the County Organiser, and that these were as follows :—

Large ..	14,236
Medium ...	34,258
Small ...	7,596
Very Small or Baby Helmets	<u>2,097</u>
Total	58,187

8—Blackout Exercises—The Divisional Officer and the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade submitted reports on the Exercises carried out during the Blackout on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9th July, RESOLVED, That these be referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Major-General Sir Henry Thuillier and the Heads of Services and that this Sub-Committee be asked also to consider the arrangements for the Blackout Exercises to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup>/10th August next.

9—A.R.P. Conference—RESOLVED, That Councillor Bush and The Chief Warden be appointed to attend as representatives of this Committee at an A.R.P. Conference to be held at Gloucester on the 28th inst.

H. C. GRIMWADE, Chairman.

#### **ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th July, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton and Green ; Messrs. A. Ball, E. H. Carter and H. T. Stokes (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments. The following allotments were in an untidy state of cultivation :—Nos. 57, 58, 72, 73, 76, 77, 89, 90, 91, 9g and 107 Old Bath Road ; Nos. 16, 17 and 40 Alma Road ; No. 48 Creamery Piece ; and Nos.

22, 80, 82, 84 and 142 Marle Hill. The tenant of No. 185 North Ward was keeping a car in the shed on his allotment and also a car belonging to the occupier of No, 70 Manser Street was being parked on waste land inside the gate at Creamery Piece allotments. The hedges had been cut at Baglin's Piece, Old Bath Road and Alma Road, and the weeds had been mown on the vacant plots at Alma Road and Old Bath Road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of the allotments Nod. 98 Old Bath Road and 17 Alma Road informing them that, unless their allotments are put in proper order before the next inspection, they will be given notice to quit, and that Notices to quit be given to the other allotment holders who have been previously reported. RESOLVED, also, That Councillor Addis be asked to make enquiries with regard to the car kept by the tenant of No. 185 North Ward on his allotment and report to the next Meeting of this Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant of No. 70 Manser Street, who is the owner of the car parked on the piece of waste land at Creamery Piece, requiring him to remove his car from this land.

2—Allotment No. 5 Hatherley Road—The Town Clerk submitted an offer to take this allotment provided it was let rent free to the 25th March next. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

3—Crabtree Piece Allotments, Nos. 1-9—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Mr. W. E. Hodges complaining of the dangerous state of five elm trees on land belonging to the Animal Welfare Association which overhang these allotments in his tenancy. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Association requesting them to have the trees lopped.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th July, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher and Green (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Athletic Ground—The Gardens Superintendent reported that, as instructed at the last Meeting of this Committee, he had renovated the playing area at this ground and had also provided a Jumping Pit for the use of the Athletic Clubs.

2--Alstone Croft Playing Field—(a) The Gardens Superintendent reported that he was treating the tipped area at this playing field with light loam.

(b) Custodian—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Custodian asking that the increase of 10s per week granted at the last Meeting of the Committee should be made retrospective as from the 20th April last, RESOLVED, That the letter be referred to the Education Committee for their consideration.

(c) Conveniences—The Borough Surveyor reported that with regard to Minute No. 1 (d) of the last Meeting of the Committee, it was now found that it would be unnecessary to take a portion of the garden of Norton House for the erection of conveniences. He recommended that owing to the lack of accommodation, the plans be amended to include a tool shed at an estimated cost of £100. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan of £325

3—Marle Hill Annexe—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he was treating the weeds in this Lake with copper sulphate in an effort to keep them in check, but the cleaning out of the Lake would be necessary at an early date.

4—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Floral Fete—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the cost of clearing up the Gardens after the Floral Fete was very small and in view of the fact that the Fete Committee had allowed the Corporation to retain the Sorbex Peat purchased by the Fete Committee it was RESOLVED, That no charge be made.

(b) Rockery Stone—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the Floral Fete Committee had offered to sell to the Corporation the Cumberland Stone used in connection with the Fete and deposited at the Montpellier Gardens. RESOLVED, That this be purchased for the sum of £15.

5—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Rogers & Davies (Leckwith Estates) Ltd. had offered to sell the land required for the extension of this Ground at the price of £3 per foot frontage plus a contribution towards the cost of the services in Bournside Road, which would amount together to about {5,000. RESOLVED, That this offer be not entertained but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ascertain whether Messrs. Rogers & Davies would be willing to exchange the piece of land 15 feet wide forming the entrance on the north west side of Bournside Road for a piece of land approximately 25 feet in width to form an entrance on the north east side of the road. RESOLVED, also, That the County Council be asked to consider the desirability of purchasing a further strip of 25 feet on the opposite side of the road to provide means of access to the grounds of the Woodlands.

6—Football and Hockey Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be granted 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.
Agg-Gardner	St. Gregory's R.F.C.	Alternate Saturdays.
St. Mark's Playing Field	Central School Old Boys	do.
do.	Y.M.C.A. ...	do. (2 pitches)
do.	Y M.C.A. Juniors	Alternate Saturdays.
do.	St. Gregory's Ladies' Hockey Club ...	Wednesdays and Saturdays to be arranged.
do.	Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Hockey Club	Saturdays to be arranged.
do.	Cheltenham and County Harriers	Wednesdays and Saturdays to be arranged
do.	Patesian R.F.C.	Saturdays.
do.	Parish Church Old Boys	Alternate Saturdays
do	Parish Church Juniors ...	do.
Whaddon Road ...	Whaddon United A F.C.	Alternate Wednesdays.
do.	Whaddon Sports Club ...	Alternate Saturdays.
Tewkesbury Road	Whaddon Works Social Club	
Playing Field	(Walker, Crossweller)	Alternate Saturdays
Naunton Park ...	St. James' Co. Church Lads Brigade ...	Saturdays.

And That the Patesian R.F.C. be charged £7 10s. 0d. and the Whaddon Works Social Club £5 5s. 0d. for the use of the Pitches for the season.

RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretaries of the three Ladies' Hockey Clubs informing them that as there is only one Hockey Pitch available they should consult each other as to fixing dates for their various matches.

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7—Tewkesbury Road Playing Field—The Town Clerk submitted the assessment by the Cheltenham Rural District Council of this Playing Field. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to lodge an objection thereto, and appear at the Meeting of the Assessment Committee to support the same.

8—Whaddon Recreation Ground—The Chairman submitted letter of 12th ult. from Mr. H. W Chester complaining of the annoyance and damage caused to the garden of his house, "Oak Bank," by children using the Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to him that the Parks Superintendent's attention had been called to his complaint.

9—Damage and Pilfering—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter dated 16th ult., from Superintendent Hopkins stating that he would arrange for special attention to be paid to the complaints of pilfering and damage in the various Parks and Recreation Grounds and asking that in future cases immediate notice should be given to the Police. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to inform the Police immediately any cases are brought to his notice.

10—Sea Cadet Corps—RESOLVED, That the Sea Cadet Corps be offered the use of the Car Park at the Athletic Ground free of charge, for training purposes.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th July, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Avery and Rogers; and Major J. G. N. Clift (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for June, 1939—Visitors-2,176 (last year 2,879). Included in this figure was a party of 22 ladies from Knightwick.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc, £1 19s. 1d. Subscriptions to "The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund" £1 0s. 3d Total £2 19s. 4d.

Showcasing—As authorised by the Council, the Chairman and Curator had selected three cases in the Museums. Association Conference Exhibition at a net cost of £88 3s. 0d. as provided for in this year's Estimate.

Water-colour of "Old Well Walk" by J. Shotter Boys—The Committee's offer of 20 gns, for this painting had been declined, but the Curator's action in asking the consideration of the National Art-Collections Fund with a view to obtaining a grant was confirmed.

Harcourt Johnstone Collection—The Curator reported the withdrawal of this collection and its return to Sotheby's. during the present week.

2—"Twilight at Painswick " by Stanley Anderson, A.R.A.—RESOLVED, That this Tempera drawing, offered as a gift by Alderman W. A Cadbury, be accepted with thanks.

3—Pottery and Statuary—RESOLVED, That the three following objects, previously on loan and now offered as a gift by Lady Dixon Hartland, be accepted with thanks, and that the specimens be insured for the sums indicated :—

(a) Minton Vase, decorated by Monsieur Solon (£100)

(b) Wedgwood Vase (£7 10s. 0d.).

(c) Winged Cupid in marble by John Gibson, R.A. (£10).

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4--Specimens—RESOLVED, That two pieces of Old English Glass 1 Coal or Plate, 1 Liverpool Jug, 1 Leeds Charger, - 3 Crown Derby Plates ; 2 Pontypool Ware Candlesticks ; 1 Painted Fan in case ; 7 Liverpool Tiles by Sadler ; 4 Delft Pottery Dishes , 3 Old Worcester Jugs ; 4 Old Worcester Cress Dishes ; 4 Bygones ; and 1 "Cotswold Games " Print, be purchased at a total cost of £22 18s 0d.

5-66 Hill Farm, Painswick " by the late Alfred Thornton—RESOLVED, That an offer of £75 from the Leslie Young Benefaction Account be made to the Artist's widow for this oil painting.

6-Museums Association Jubilee Conference—The Curator read letter from Viscount Bledisloe conveying the thanks of the Museums Association to the Curator and his staff for the pains taken to make the local arrangements so great a success. The whole week's proceedings were a triumph of efficient organisation RESOLVED, That an extract of the letter be placed on the minutes, and that the Council be recommended to express to Mr. Herdman their appreciation of his control of this event.

7—August Bank Holiday—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum remain open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on August Bank Holiday, 7th August, 1939.

8—Date of Next Meeting RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 15th September, 1939.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

#### **CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st July, 1939.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher and Green (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report--Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 24th June to 21st July, 1939. Interments 37 Grave Spaces sold 9 (4th Position); Memorials erected 20 ; New Inscriptions 15 ; Cremations 9.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 10024 to 10032.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2418 to 2429, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Chapel—Lighting—RESOLVED, That the tender of the Gas Company to provide lighting in the Church of England Chapel, Cloisters and Vestry amounting to £34 14s. 0d. be accepted.

5—Civilian Deaths due to War Operations—Seven representatives of local Undertakers attended and discussed with the Committee the formation of a Scheme of the arrangements to be made for the disposal of bodies of persons killed in consequence of war operations. RESOLVED, (a) That the owners of the various buildings, now suggested for use as Mortuaries, be asked on what terms the buildings could be used as such in time of war ; (b) That the Traffic Commissioners be asked to earmark six large covered vans for conveying bodies to mortuaries ; (c) That Mr. Woolhouse be appointed Chief Superintendent of Mortuaries, and that he be asked to consult with local Undertakers and Bearers with a view to recruiting a Superintendent and two Attendants for each Mortuary.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th July, 1939.** Present—Councillors Bush, Compton, Fletcher and Grimwade ; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Messrs. S. J Clarke, F. Vernall and C E. Walsh (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for May and June, 1939—Receipts £49 3s 5d

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 12,075; Lending Department 42,547 ; Junior Department 4,604 ; School Libraries (April-June) 7,471. Total 66,697 (last year 64,388).

Replacements and Binding-214 volumes had been replaced, 702 volumes had been returned from the binder, and a further 397 volumes dispatched.

Library Association Conference—The Librarian reported briefly on the 62nd Annual Conference of the Library Association held at Liverpool from 12th to 16th June, 1939.

Staff—The following members of the staff had passed examinations of the Library Association held in May, 1939 :—Miss F. Benney : Intermediate Parts 1 and 2. Miss B. J. Burford : Elementary. RESOLVED, That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Miss Benney and Miss Burford.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 322 volumes, published at £137 12s. 0d. be purchased for £74 14s. 11d.

(b) That be spent on Binding.

(c) That £50 be spent on Replacements

3—Donations—90 volumes and 112 pamphlets had been received as gifts from 30 donors.

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

4—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That " The New Judaea," (6s per annum) be added to the list of periodicals taken for 6 months on trial.

5—Leckhampton Hill Case—The Librarian submitted the Abstract of Deeds, offered on approval for sale  
RESOLVED, That he be authorised to consult the Town Clerk and to act therein on lines approved .by the Committee

6—August Bank Holiday—RESOLVED, That all departments of the Library, including the Newsroom, be closed on August Bank Holiday, 7th August, 1939.

7—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 15th September, 1939.

H. C. GRIMWADE, Chairman.

#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 6th July, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward ; 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—G.W.R. Second Roll—The Town Clerk submitted further correspondence with the Railway Assessment Authority in regard to the objection made by the Council to the exclusion of certain "Void" properties from the Second Roll. The Authority now asked that the Corporation should agree to the Authority deciding the objection without a formal hearing. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

3—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, 25th July, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James, Taylor and Ward; Councillors Garland and Grimwade (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 24th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £3,648 ; Outstanding £58,782.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 24th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1939. Amount collected £10,245 ; Outstanding £7,375.



3—Accounts Rota Committee--Reported Meeting on the 25th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Alderman Ward.

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

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

Date, 1939.	Purpose.	Amount.	Term.
27th June	Water mains... ..	£10,000	30 years.
21st July	Purchase of 77 Promenade (land only)	£1,263	60 years.
“	“ “ (buildings only)	£1,515	20 years.
“	Offices and Store at Sandford Park	£473	30 years.

5—Auditor's Report--The Committee considered the observations of the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer respectively with regard to the Auditor's comments on the cost of flagging Montpellier Spa Road and the distribution costs of the Electricity Undertaking. The Town Clerk reported that the Street and Highway Committee had considered the observations of the Borough Surveyor and were satisfied that the cost of flagging was not excessive having regard to the circumstances reported by the Borough Surveyor The Electricity and Lighting Committee had also considered the observations of the Borough Electrical Engineer and were satisfied that the Distribution Costs of the Undertaking compared favourably with those of other Undertakings having regard to the variation of the circumstances in different areas RESOLVED, That the observations of the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer be forwarded to the Ministry of Health.

6—Stock Redemption Fund—The Borough Treasurer reported that there was now £81,674 to the credit of the Sinking Fund, and he recommended that application should be made to the Ministry of Health for an Order under Section 127 of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board etc. Act, 1936, and the Stock Regulations, 1934 consenting to this sum being applied to loans under any statutory borrowing power exercisable by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and an Order applied for.

7—County Review Order, 1935—Financial Adjustments—The Town Clerk and Borough Treasurer reported that they had met Messrs. Alban & Lamb, representing the Prestbury Parish Council and Cheltenham Rural District Council, and had provisionally agreed the following financial adjustments in respect of the area transferred to the Borough under the County Review Order, 1935, subject to the Town Clerk obtaining an opinion as to the amount claimed by the Parish Council in respect of cost of lighting.

(a) Prestbury Parish Council's Claim :—

Rateable proportion of capital liability in respect of Parish Allotments	£340 10 2
Less proportion of Reserve Balances	<u>9 3 10</u>
	331 6 4
Increase of Burden (£14 per annum at 12 years' purchase)	<u>168 0 0</u>
	499 6 4
Less 3 per cent. agreed reduction in respect of rateable value of transferred area	<u>15 0 0</u>
	<u>484 6 4</u>
But agreed at	£482 0 0
Subject as above (with interest at 3 ½ per cent. from date of Review Order to date of payment)	
Original Claim	£556 0 0

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(b) Cheltenham Rural District Council's Claim

Housing Assisted Scheme (R.V. proportion approximately 1/6 <sup>th</sup> )	£68 6 7
Compensation to Ex-Clerk do.	<u>14 14 1</u>
(say)	£83 0 0
Increase of Burden (£171 per annum at 12 years' purchase)	1428 0 0
Prestbury Special Expenses Increase of Burden (£11 per annum at 12 years' purchase)	132 0 0
Leckhampton Sewerage and cost of Rate Collection (£20 per annum at 12 years' purchase) •••	<u>240 0 0</u>
	£1883 0 0
Less proportion of Reserve Balances	<u>56 0 0</u>
	£1827 0 0
Less 2 per cent. agreed reduction in respect of rateable value of transferred area	<u>38 0 0</u>
Agreed at	<u>£1789 0 0</u>
(With interest at 3 ½ per cent from date of Review Order to date of payment)	
Original Claim ...	£2392 0 0

A claim of £360 in respect of Council offices which had been withdrawn by Messrs. Alban & Lamb for further consideration and a claim in respect of Sewage loans still remained to be dealt with. The latter would be deferred until settlement of the Agreement as to Sewers. RESOLVED, That payments on account be made in regard to agreed items

8—National Health Insurance—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for renewal of the Certificate of Exception under the National Health Insurance Acts.

9—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer submitted Accounts for the year ending 31st March last, showing a surplus for the year amounting to £6,328 15s. 2d. and a total fund at the end of the year amounting to £76,632 7s. 7d.

(b) W. Pates--The Borough Treasurer reported that W. Pates (Electricity Department), who retired on the 26th ult., was entitled to a pension of £1 10s 1d. per week. RESOLVED, That this pension be paid.

(c) Dr. J. H. Garrett—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Dr. J. H. Garrett, applying for his Superannuation allowance to be increased according to the rate for non-contributory service approved by the Council in July, 1938. He stated that he had also written to the Ministry of Health on the matter RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the observations of the Ministry of Health are received

10—Housing Act, 1936—The Town Clerk submitted the following applications for the Corporation to guarantee repayment of advances proposed to be made by the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society in connection with the purchase of the houses mentioned opposite the respective initials of the applicants :—

Mr. E. G. H.	63 Brooklyn Road	£720 0 0
Mr. J. T. H.	147 Brooklyn Road ... ..	£526 10 0
Mr. A. F. ...	Plot 36 Brooklyn Road (S.E.) ...	£526 10 0
Mrs. K. M. B.	1st house in course of erection in Pilford Avenue (S. side)	£585 0 0
Mr. C. A. P.		£526 10 0
Mr. I. F. E.	Hales Road (3rd house from High Street)	£675 0 0

He submitted reports upon the financial and other circumstances of the applicants, and a Report by the Borough Surveyor upon the construction of houses as to the first 4 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 guarantees to be limited to the amounts between  $66\frac{2}{3}$  and 90 per cent of the value of the houses ; and the rate of interest to be charged in respect of advances not to exceed  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent, subject to satisfactory reports being made by the Building Society's Surveyor and to satisfactory reports from the Borough Surveyor as to the last 2 houses and that the Common Seal be affixed to the formal Guarantees to be approved by the Town Clerk

11—Air Raid Precautions in Schools—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Education Committee, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £10,000 for the provision of shelter trenches for pupils and teachers at schools in accordance with the specification of the Board of Education.

12—Office for Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence—The Town Clerk reported that Mrs. Lipson had applied for an office for the Cheltenham Branch of the Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence, and that H.M. Office of Works had offered suitable accommodation at 3 Wolseley Terrace, free of rent, subject to the Corporation undertaking that no claim would be made in respect of the premises for rates or a contribution in lieu of rates, and that the occupation be determinable at any time by a week's notice. RESOLVED, That this Undertaking be given.

Mrs. Lipson would also require the offices to be furnished with a Telephone, Typewriter, shelves, table and chairs.

RESOLVED, That application be made to the Central Authority for these.

13—Payment of Wages During Sickness—RESOLVED, That present employees be asked to sign a form agreeing to, the deduction of wages during illness where this has been usual, and that all new employees be required to sign a form of assent to conditions of employment

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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**Borough of Cheltenham.**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 31st August, 1939.

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 September. 1939, 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 MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENCE COMMITTEE

4. Letter from Home Office re use of Broadcast Relay Service for A.R.P. purposes.
5. To consider offers for purchase of No. 13o Tennyson Road.
6. Letter from Cheltenham College re London Train Service.
7. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

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, 31st July, 1939, at 3 p.m. Present :**

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

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen, Taylor, 'Ward ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fletcher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Compton, Fisher, Dr. Hayward, Lipson and Till.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 3rd July, 1939, 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—(a) Resolved, That the proceedings of the under-mentioned Committees at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing be approved and confirmed :—

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Public Health Meeting held July 10

Resolved, also, That all matters relating to the Abattoir and other matters under the Public Health Committee which may require immediate attention before the next Meeting of the Committee be referred to the Standing Sub-Committee with power to act.

Housing Meeting held July 15

Street and Highway Meeting held July 17

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 2 (d) with regard to the "bulge" at Westal Green Roundabout be not approved and that further representations be made to the Ministry of Transport for removal of the "bulge" referred to" was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Waite : "That Minute No. 4 (e) (iv) with regard to affiliation with the Joint Industrial Council be referred back and that the Committee be asked to report as to the advantages or otherwise of affiliation with the Joint Industrial Council " was lost).

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held July 17

Town Planning Meetings held July 20 & 31

Resolved, also, That the application of J. Marsh of the Globe Shopfitting & Joinery Co. for permission to erect a shopfitting works in Casino Place be approved subject to the site being cleared in accordance with the Clearance Orders and to the building being set back to the building line and being not more than one storey high, also to plans conforming to the requirements of the Town Planning Scheme and the Building Byelaws.

To Improvement and Spa Meeting held July 21

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Avery and seconded by Councillor Ben James : " That with reference to Minute No. 8 the tender of Messrs. T. Broad Ltd. of Malvern for the reconstruction work at the Winter Garden be not accepted but that the next lowest tender, Messrs. A. C. Billings & Son, being local Builders, be accepted " was lost). Resolved, also, That the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to His Worship the Mayor for his presentation of two seats for the Sandford Park Swimming Pool.

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held July 24

Except that with reference to Minute No. 8, the fee for Messrs. Gerald Eve & Co. be fixed at 130 guineas.

Subject, also, to an Amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 1 with regard to the erection of a new Sub-Station etc. at Rowanfield Road in connection with Air Raid Precautions, be not approved."

Subject, also, to an Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland: "That Minute No. 5 with regard to the A.R.P. Offices in the Electricity Showroom be referred back for further consideration."

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Water Meeting held July 11

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held July 18

Except that Minute No. 19 with regard to the application of the local Fish Friers for a Closing Order under the Shops Act, be referred back for further consideration.

Resolved, also, That the application of V. L. Ballinger for the transfer of his Hackney Carriage Licence to a new Vehicle EML 595, purchased by him, be granted.

Fire Brigade Meeting held July 24

Allotments Meeting held July 10

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held July 10

Resolved, also, That permission be granted to the undermentioned Clubs to play football or hockey on the various Recreation Grounds during the coming season :—

Ground.	Club.	Day of Play.
Agg Gardner ...	St. Gregory's A.F.C. ... ..	Alternate Saturdays.
Naunton Park ...	Naunton Park Old Boys A.F.C....	"
"	Naunton Park Old Girls Hockey Team ...	"

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held July 18

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held July 21

Public Library Meeting held July 14

Rating Meeting held July 6

Finance Meeting held July 25

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Bush and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That with regard to Minute No. II with reference to the provision of Shelter Trenches at Schools that the following words be added but that the work, other than pegging out the trenches and obtaining materials, be not undertaken until the General Purposes Committee so decide."

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.

(b) Resolved, also, That the Report of the Civil Defence Committee of their Meeting held on the 12th July, 1939, be received.

JNO. HOWELL, Mayor.

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

**At Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th August, 1939**, Present—The Mayor; Alderman, Leigh James ; Councillors Bush, Compton, Garland and Grimwade ; Mrs. Booy and Mrs Mellersh (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Milk Supply—Read, circular letter 1840 from the Ministry of Health enclosing Scheme prepared by the Milk Marketing Board under Section 11 of the Milk Act, 1934, as amended by Section 2 of the Milk Amendment Act, 1938, which had been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, the effect of which was to make liquid milk available to Local Authorities for the purpose of Maternity and Child Welfare arrangements at the price of 1s 4d per gallon. In the first place the Local Authority would pay to the supplier such sum per gallon as is necessary to bring the total return to the supplier (after allowing for any payment received by him from customers) up to the Regional price, at present fixed at 1s 4d per gallon, together with an amount to be determined by the Milk Marketing Board for cost of distribution, at present fixed at 8d. The Medical Officer of Health submitted a Scheme for the supply of milk to persons whose income was within the scales set out in the Scheme

The Scale of Income is based on that at present in use with some modifications

RESOLVED, That the Scheme, as now settled, be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Health for approval. (A copy of the Scheme accompanies these Minutes).

The Medical Officer of Health reported that the administration of the Scheme would involve additional work, and recommended that he be authorised to engage a junior female clerk at a salary of 25s per week RESOLVED,. That this be approved.

LEIGH JAMES, Chairman.

## TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 31st July, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Ward ; Councillors Barnett and E. W Moore (Alderman Ward in the chair)

1—Application to Develop—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 21st inst from Messrs. Midwinter & Co. applying on behalf of Messrs. Spirax Manufacturing Co. Ltd. for permission to use the Dingley Dell Works, St. George's Road, for the manufacture of light brass machine parts. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the Works being used for light industries only and to no injury to the amenities of the neighbourhood being caused by the emission of smoke or fumes, or to dust, noise or smell.

2—Plan of New Building—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of intended New Building, namely :—

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5268	Messrs. Spirax Manufacturing	Extensions to existing Works, St George's Road. Co. Ltd.

Decision under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plan No 5268 be approved subject to the existing drain under the proposed extensions being re-laid in iron, and to the steel work being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

Decision under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 5268 be approved subject to the conditions attached to the approval of the application for the use of the Works for the manufacture of light brass machine parts as set out in Minute No. 1.

E. L. WARD, Chairman. [NOTE—THE TOWN PLANNING MINUTES WERE CONFIRMED BY THE COUNCIL AT THEIR MEETING ON THE 31ST JULY, 1939].

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th August, 1939.** Present-The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Ward; Councillors Barnett, Bendall and Moore; Messrs. W S F. Harris, A. Yiend and A. Wiggett (Alderman Ward in the chair)

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

No, of Plan.	Name.	Description.
4371A	Messrs. Associated British Cinemas Ltd.	Amended drainage plan, Regal Cinema.
5231	Hacker, F A.	Garage, 222 Alstone Lane.
5243	Messrs. A. Williams & Co.	New showrooms, Winchcomb Street.
5269	Bond, E.	Detached house, Arle Road.



5270	The Elmfield Park Estate Co. Ltd.	20 flats in 5 blocks, and 36 semi-detached houses Elmfield Park Estate, Swindon Road.
5271	Sykes, R.	Garage extension, 68 Tennyson Road.
5272	Cannop, A.	Garage, 150 Cleevemount Road.
5273	The Stroud Brewery Co. Ltd.	Additional Convenience, Bakers Arms Inn, High Street.
5274	Messrs. Steel's Garages Ltd.	New showroom, High Street.
5275	Matthews, F. F. G.	New detached house, Sydenham Road South.
5276	King, A. R.	Alterations and additions, Wallworth House, Thirlestaine Road.
5277	Tarr, C. F.	Hobby shed, 247 Prestbury Road.
5278	Messrs. Goddard & Hunt	Two pairs semi-detached houses, Brooklyn Road.
5279	Hyett, A.	Garage, 11 Cleevemount Road.
5280	Head, F. W. J.	Conversion of stables, Hillside, Warden Hill Road.
5281	Cove, Mrs. D.	Alterations and additions, 35 Queen Street.
5282	Holmes, A. F.	New bungalow, Shurdington Road.
5283	Executive Committee, St: Paul's College	Alterations and extensions, St. Paul's Training College.
5284	The War Office	New Headquarters and Drill Hall, Arle Road.
5285	Sindrey, F.	Detached house, Arle Road.
5286	Messrs. Western Estates Ltd	11 houses, Arle Road.
5287	Seacome, R O.	Conversion to maisonettes, "Wingfield," Western Road.
5288	Rodway, W	Conversion into two shops, 26 Portland Street.
5289	Watts,	Garage, 137 Cakebridge Road.

Decisions under Byelaws-RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 4371A, 5231, 5271, 5272, 5275, 5277, 5275, 5279, 5281, 5282, 5284, 5288 and 5289 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 5269, 5285 and 5286 be approved subject to the new sewers being laid to gradients and constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor That Plan No. 5270 be approved subject to the floors at first floor level being constructed of fire resisting materials , That Plans Nos. 5273, 5274, 5276, 5280, 5283 and 5287 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development Order) 1933- RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5231, 5270, 5271, 5272, 5273, 5274, 5278, 5279, 5280, 5281, 5282, 5283, 5284, 5287, 5288 and 5289 be approved ; That Plan No 5243 be approved subject to the building conforming to the improvement line in Winchcomb Street and to the front wall in Warwick Place being set back to the improvement line on completion of the building ; That Plans Nos. 5269, 5285 and 5286 be approved subject to the walls having the same treatment on all elevations, and in the case of Plans Nos. 5285 and 5286 also to the buildings conforming to the building line of the new houses at the western end of Arle Road ; That Plan No. 5275 be approved subject to colour and texture of materials used externally being to the satisfaction of the Committee ; That Plan No 5276 be approved subject to double hung sashes being used in lieu of casements ; That Plan No. 5277 be approved subject to no nuisance being caused to other residents in the neighbourhood by reason of noise, smoke, dust or fumes.

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.
1571	Rhodes, J. D.	New wing, Air Balloon Cottages, Crickley Hill.
1577	Messrs. Melville & Webber	Preliminary layout, 48 maisonettes, Lynworth Farm, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury.
1581	Paxton, Mrs.	Detached house, Cleeve Hill.
1582	Yates, A.	Re-modelling six cottages, Bishops Cottages, Shurdington.
1583	Simmonds, G. W	Garage (private), Undercliff Terrace, Leckhampton.
1584	Richards, W. E.	Detached house, Cleevelands Drive, Prestbury.
1585	Lewis, H. R.	3 pairs semi-detached houses, Little Witcombe.
1586	Careless, Rev. W. H.	Greenhouse, King's House, Bafford Lane, Charlton Kings.
1587	Peacey, Mrs.	Alterations and additions, " Ferndale," Copt Elm Road, Charlton Kings.

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No, of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1588	Messrs. Marshall & Sons Ltd.	Pair semi-detached houses, Spring Bottom, Charlton Kings.
1589	Schuster, Mrs. E.	Detached house, Greenhills Road, Charlton Kings.
1590	Ellard, H. T	Greenhouse, "Gritmore," Okus Road, Charlton Kings.
1591	Ballinger, E.	Additions, " Brookside," Crickley Hill.
1592	Hoperaft, Mrs.	Store shed at Gable Cottage, Southam.
1593	Broad, A. E.	Garage (private), Phylbrey, Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1594	Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons	Alterations, Daisy Bank, Bentham Lane, Crickley Hill.
1595	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Elevation to Skittle Alley, Twelve Bells, Little Witcombe.
1596	Gaskins, C.	Amended elevations, 4 houses, Station Road, Bishops Cleeve.
1597	Boulton, L. H.	Garage (private), 16 Noverton Avenue, Prestbury.
1598	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Additions, Kings Arms (P.H ), Prestbury.
1599	Patchett, C M.	Additions, Chapel Lane, Winchcomb.
1600	Bircher, J.	House and garage (private), Gloucester Road, near Staverton.
1601	Messrs. S. Smith & Sons (Cheltenham) Ltd.	Two factory buildings, administrative and service blocks, Kayte Farm, Bishops Cleeve
1602	Hawkins, H. O.	Preliminary layout for 226 houses, Shurdington.
1603	Messrs. Pye Bros.	Pair semi-detached houses, extension of new road for 8 houses, Bishops Cleeve.
1604	Richards, NV. E	Amended layout of service road, Cleevelands, Evesham Road.
1605	Barnard, L W. & Partners	Amended layout, Prestbury Court Estate, Prestbury
1606	Pope, F. J.	Additions, Lower Lodge, Dowdeswell Court, Dowdeswell.
1607	1933 Housing Society Ltd.	Preliminary layout for 254 houses, Rowanfield Road, Cheltenham.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1571, 1581, 1582, 1584, 1585, 1586, 1587, 1589, 1590, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1595, 1598, 1599, 1600, 1601 and 1606 be approved : That Plan No. 1588 be approved subject to the

front fence being set back eight feet and the owners making a draw-in to avoid standing vehicles obstructing the highway ; That Plan No. 1591 be approved subject to the drainage being to the satisfaction of the Rural District Council ; That Plan No. 1596 be approved subject to the elevations being amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Panel of Architects; That Plan No 1604 be approved subject to the service road being increased from 16 feet to 20 feet ; That Plan No. 1607 be approved in principle subject to the widths of roads and design of the cul-de-sac being amended to the requirements of the Town Planning Scheme and to plans giving all details of the construction of the roads and sewers being submitted to and approved by the Council before work is commenced , That consideration of Plan No 1602 be deferred ; That Plans Nos. 1577, 1583, 1597, 1603 and 1605 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Committee further considered the application of 26th June from Miss K N. Bayliss to convert No. 56 Leckhampton Road into a Nursing Home. RESOLVED, That this be not granted.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of Mr. O. Carmen for permission to erect two houses on Plots Nos. 39, 40 and 41 in the Parish of Bishop's Cleeve RESOLVED, That the owner be informed that the Committee will be prepared to consider the erection of two houses on the site when the public services, water mains and sewers are available.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 22nd inst. from Mr. H. P. Rigby for permission to erect one house on approximately one acre of land in Bushcombe Lane, Woodmancote RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the drainage being to the satisfaction of the Rural District Council.

4—Greenway Lane, Charlton Kings—The Town Clerk submitted letters from Brigadier-General P J. Miles of the 3rd and 6th inst. and from Major R L. Bullock of the 4th inst asking for an assurance that no further houses would be erected on the land fronting Greenway Lane between the house now in course of erection and the Little Manor. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the owner of the land has definitely agreed not to use the land for building purposes.

5—Appeal by Mr. J. A. Millward—The Town Clerk submitted Notice of Appeal by Mr J. A. Millward to the Minister of Health against the decision of the Council not to approve his plans for the erection of a garage in East End Road, Charlton Kings and that the Ministry of Health had asked for the observations of the Council thereon. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Ministry of Health asking for an extension of time as the whole of his Staff were heavily engaged on A.R.P. work and that this had been agreed to by the Ministry.

6— School Sites, St. Mark's—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter dated 19th July, 1939 from the Secretary to the Education Committee, Cheltenham, pointing out that owing to the development taking place in the vicinity of St. Mark's the School Sites and Buildings Committee of the Education Committee had come to the conclusion that it is necessary to schedule a school site of approximately four acres for a two department school in that area. They suggested that a site on the south side of Brooklyn Road and near the St. Mark's Recreation Ground should be reserved for the purpose as it would effect a saving of a considerable sum of money by avoiding having to provide special Playing Fields for the new school. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to agree to the scheduling of the site for school purposes subject to no access being made from the site to the proposed By-Pass when this is constructed and that the Housing Committee be asked if they have any observations to make thereon.

7—River Chelt, Brooklyn Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Western Estates Ltd. had informed him that the gardens of the houses now being erected in Brooklyn Gardens would extend down to the River Chelt and they enquired whether the Corporation would want land along the banks of the River for any purpose. The Borough Surveyor also reported that in his opinion land may be necessary in that area to enable the Corporation to deal effectively with the improvement of the River at some future date. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Public Health Committee for their observations thereon.

8—" Ravenscote " and 7 Keynsham Parade, High Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. Allan of the 27th ult., and from the Secretary of the London Scottish American Trust Ltd. of the 27th ult., pointing out that a telegraph pole had now been erected on the site where a new access had previously been approved and asking for permission to make a new access a few feet west of the original position. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the proposal subject to no interference with the roots of a nearby street tree and a proper crossing being made over the footpath. Also, to parking facilities being provided behind " Ravenscote " for the Staff of The London Scottish American Trust Ltd.

9—Town Planning Scheme No. 1—Objections—Open Space along River Chelt—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale that their Client Mrs. Lyne would probably withdraw her opposition to the proposals if none of her property were included in the Open Space. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had ascertained the correct boundaries of Mrs. Lyne's property and that he could definitely say that none of it would be included in the proposed open space.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Steel, Lane & fiend dated 18th August, 1939 stating that their Client Mr. J. E. Piggott is not willing to withdraw his objection to the amended scheme. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

10—Zoning, Kayte Farm—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had submitted zoning proposals for Kayte Farm to Messrs. S. Smith & Sons (Cheltenham) Ltd. and that these had been agreed with the exception that the owners required the area for the corundite factory near the Farm to be slightly enlarged. The Borough Surveyor reported that he could see no objection to this and that it might be agreed to as soon as the plans were submitted. The Borough Surveyor explained that the zoning proposals included a large area of land on the south side of the site being reserved for Rural purposes and would not be built upon and that the Company had agreed to all the housing being kept in proximity to Bishop's Cleeve.

11—Garage, Stanley Pontlarge—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the County Surveyor dated 31st July, 1939 stating that he had interviewed the owner of the garage at Stanley Pontlarge which had been erected in front of the Building line and that he was satisfied that this had been due to a misunderstanding., He proposed to grant a temporary consent to the building and access for a period of five years and asked for the observations of the Committee on the matter. RESOLVED, That this Committee adhere to their previous decision not to approve the plan

12—" Laxton," Lansdown Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Brigadier J. M. Hamilton dated 2nd August, 1939, asking if the Council would agree to the garage being erected at 15 feet from Queen's Road instead of 20 feet as previously approved. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

13—Montpellier Rotunda—The Town Clerk submitted letter from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale dated 1st August enclosing claim of The Montpellier Rotunda Co. (1927) Ltd. against the Council in consequence of the Order made by the Council on 6th April, 1938, and confirmed by the Minister of Health on 7th September, 1938, for the preservation of the Montpellier Rotunda under Section 17 of the Town Planning Act. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned pending receipt of the views of the District Valuer thereon.

14—Casino Place, Andover Road—The Town Clerk submitted letter from Mr. A. C Hands dated 21st August, 1939, with regard to the condition of Casino Place RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Marsh that unless he proceeds with the erection of the workshop on this site in respect of which plans have been approved at the last Meeting of the Council, the Public Health Committee will have to proceed with the clearing of the site under the Clearance Order, in default

15—Northerwood, Pittville Circus Road—The Town Clerk submitted letter from Mr. J. Roberts of the 22nd inst. stating that the work now being done on the stables at the rear of Prestwick Lodge overlaps his premises. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and the Borough Surveyor report thereon at the next Meeting of the Committee.

16—Secondary Means of Access to Basements—The Borough Surveyor reported secondary means of access were required for the basements under a number of shops in the centre of the town which would be required as shelters in the event of hostilities breaking out and that this could be obtained only by coming up through the pavements in front of the various premises. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th August, 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett and Pates ; Councillors Green, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Air Raid Precautions in Schools—The Committee considered the resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Council, that the work of constructing shelter trenches at schools be not undertaken until this Committee so decide. RESOLVED, That in view of the present international situation and of the shortage of small gas masks, the construction of shelters be put in hand without delay, subject to the approval of H.M. Inspector of Schools. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders for the construction of the shelters, and that, in view of the fact that there is little likelihood of the Corporation being able to obtain delivery of steel linings, the shelters be constructed in a temporary manner using timber riveting, it being understood that the timber would be stripped out and replaced with steel linings immediately delivery of this is made.

2—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor and Building Inspector be authorised to proceed with the strengthening of a portion of the basement of the Offices, to provide an air raid shelter for members of the Council and employees, at a cost of approximately £200.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 28th July, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward ; Councillors Bush and Ben James, (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Excusals—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applications for excusal of rates.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th August, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Ward; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £121,939 ; Outstanding £10,491

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1939. Amount collected £22,506 , Outstanding £3,794.

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3—Accounts Rota Committee--Reported Meeting on the 23rd inst. Present—Councillor Grimwade (in the chair) ; Alderman Ward and Councillor Waite. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Electricity Charges—Read, report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity charges since the last meeting, and also on the collection of arrears.

5—Financial Adjustment—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a claim from the County Council for £25,581 for financial adjustment under the County Review Order in respect of the Area transferred to the Borough, RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Town Clerk and Borough Treasurer for consideration and report.

6—Loans--The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting £3,100 had been received on loan. RESOLVED, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans,

7—War Risk Insurance Act, 1939—RESOLVED, That application be made for registration for insurance under this Act in respect of the General Stores and Electricity and Waterworks Stores for £17,000 with the County Fire Insurance Co.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

## CIVIL DEFENCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th August, 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Bush, Compton, Fisher, Grimwade and Smith---Superintendent Hopkins, Messrs. Bird, Curtis, Hughes, Jefford, King, Parnell, Poole, Savory and Trigg. The Divisional Officer also attended.

1—Public Shelter Trenches--The Committee considered the Borough Surveyor's report which contained a Scheme for public shelter trenches which provided for the construction of steel lined trenches and strengthened basements. All the shelters were adjacent to the busy shopping centres of the town and would provide accommodation for 7,500 persons. The total cost of construction of the trenches and basements was £12,933 and the cost of fitting and lighting the same amounted to an additional £4,341. RESOLVED, That the Scheme be forwarded to the Central Authority for their approval at their next meeting, but that in view of the present crisis and the fact that there is no likelihood of the steel linings being delivered for a considerable time, the Central Authority be asked to authorise this Committee to proceed at once with the construction of the trenches in a temporary manner, using timber riveting to the same details as previously used, it being understood that the timber will be stripped out and replaced with steel linings immediately these are received.

2—Respirators—The Head Warden reported that all the Gas Masks at the Elms had been assembled and distributed to the various stations in the town, but that there was a shortage in the number reported. Capt. Hayes reported that the Government had been requested to supply a further 40,000 respirators for the County and he hoped that these would be received shortly.

3—Civil Defence Act—RESOLVED, That Mr. King be authorised to carry out the duties required by Section 23 of the Act with regard to the training of staffs of commercial houses etc.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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## Borough of Cheltenham.

**At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 4th September, 1939, at 3 p.m.** Present :

The Mayor (Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., J.P.) in the chair.)

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

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Ward ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Ben James, Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Pruen ; and Councillors Avery, Compton, Fletcher and Lipson.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 31st July, 1939, 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 :—

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held August 14

Town Planning Meeting held August 24

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held August 25

Resolved, also, That Mr. G. Gould Marsland, Borough Engineer, be appointed local Fuel Overseer for the Borough and that the Local Coal Merchants Association and the Cheltenham & District Gas Company each be asked to nominate two representatives and the Gloucester Co-operative & Industrial Society one representative to serve on an Advisory Committee, and also that two members of the Electricity Undertaking be appointed to serve on such Committee.

(NOTE.—The General Purposes Committee appointed the following :—Mr. H. Cole and Mr. A. J. Morris nominees of the Coal Merchants, Mr. A. L. Morris and Mr. L. R. Cowley the nominees of the Gas Company, Mr. H. Cole the nominee of the Co-operative Society to be succeeded by Mr. H. T. Hawker at end of September). (The Coal Merchants Association have now nominated Mr. Alleyne E. Davies in place of Mr. H. Cole).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held September 1

Rating Meeting held August 28

Finance Meeting held August 29

Resolved, also, That the services of Mr. E. D. Ricketts, Rating and Valuation Officer, be extended for a further period, namely, to the 31st March, 1940.

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—Civil Defence Committee—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Civil Defence Committee held on the 24th August, be received.

JNO. HOWELL. Mayor.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 2nd October, 1939.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th September, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr Hayward, Ben James, Moore, Morris Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains-70, 72 and 74 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 etc., and apply any test other than a test by water under pressure, and, if necessary, to open the ground.

2—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 31 Hungerford Street ; 51 Fairview Street ; 263 High Street ; and 11 St, James's 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.

(b) The Committee considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following houses :—

(i) Cumberland Villa and The Shamrock, Grove Street ; 1-4 Alstone Croft ; 34 North Place—RESOLVED That in view of the war consideration be adjourned sine die.

(ii) Eaton Cottage, Eaton Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had not yet commenced the work of reconditioning. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month and that the Owner be informed that the work must be commenced by then or a Demolition Order will be made.

(iii) 1--3 Buckles Cottages—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months.

(iv) 40 Queen Street—Read, letter of 5th ult. from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale stating that this property had now been sold to Mr. S. O'Brien. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for three months to enable him to proceed with the work.

(v) 1-10 Casino Place—The Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of these premises had not yet commenced to demolish them. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Packer & Sons amounting to £7 10s. 0d. for the demolition of these premises be accepted and that the cost be recovered from the Owner in accordance with Section 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(vi) Bruton Cottage—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for two months and that the Owners be informed that unless a proposition is placed before the Committee by that time a Demolition Order will be made.

(vii) 30 Marle Hill Road—It was reported that this house had been re-let in contravention of the Undertaking given by the Owner on the 13th day of March last, Mr. Fowles (Junior) attended and stated that it was necessary to carry out the work at this house and the adjoining house at the same time and that, as the tenant of the adjoining house had been unable to find alternative accommodation, this

house had been temporarily re-let. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month and that the Owner be informed that unless the work is then commenced a Demolition Order will be made.

(viii) 16 Waterloo Street—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for three months.

(ix) 307 Gloucester Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house who had entered into an undertaking not to allow it to be used for human habitation had applied to be allowed to re-let the house in view of the war. RESOLVED, That the application be refused.

3—Notices not complied with—3 Moorend Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Notice served under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936 in respect of this house had not been complied with RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to enforce compliance

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4—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness—3 Beaufort Place ; 51 Fairview Street ; 263 High Street ; 31 Hungerford Street ; 20 Queen Street ; 49 St, James' Street ; and 17 Worcester 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.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 9 cwt. 21 ½ lbs. Beef ; 2 cwt. 10 lbs. Mutton ; 4 cwt. 11 ¼ lbs. Pork ; 5 cwt. 9qrs. 2 lbs. Bacon ; 4 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 ½ lbs. Fish ; 193 Eggs 3 cwt. 20 lbs. Sausages and Meat Pies; and 49 Fowls and Ducks.

6—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his report of analyses of water taken since the last Meeting of the Committee.

7—Swimming Pool—The Medical Officer of Health reported analysis of water at Sandford Park Swimming Pool which was very satisfactory.

8—Higgs' Cottages, Alstone—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that a nuisance was being caused by children playing on these premises and recommended that the entrance be boarded up. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Housing Committee.

9—Flooding—(a) Crabtree Place—Read, letter from Councillor Compton complaining of the recurrence of flooding in Crabtree Place. It was reported that an entirely new drainage system would be necessary to obviate this. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

(b) 96, 100, 102, 104 and 106 Evesham Road ; 86 and 86a Promenade—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported his inspection of the basements at these premises about which complaints of flooding had been received at the last Meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be asked to advise the Owners as to the best method of remedying the nuisance pending the construction of the new main sewer which could not be carried out at present.

(c) Cleevemount Estate—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that flooding on this estate was being caused by the ditch and stream running across the estate being blocked by rubbish and waste building

material and that a Statutory nuisance was thereby caused. RESOLVED, That notices be served under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring the Owners or occupiers of the adjoining houses to abate the nuisance and to execute such works and take such steps as may be necessary for that purpose

10—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926--RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. C Griffiths of 163 Bath Road for registration as a Retail Purveyor of Milk in the Borough be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order.

11—Barn Farm—Tewkesbury Road improvement—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter of the 3rd ult. from the District Valuer stating that he was advising the County Council to pay the Corporation £5 in respect of part of the garden of a cottage at Barn Farm required for widening Tewkesbury Road and also to supply a new gate and erect a wire fence or posts and three rails with quick hedge. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the tenant who is negotiating direct with the County Council with regard to compensation.

12--69 St. George's Place—Demolition—RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. W. H. Chambers amounting to £101 5s. 0d. for the demolition of this property be accepted subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

13—Main Drainage Scheme—RESOLVED, That in view of the War the reconstruction of the Main Drainage System be postponed indefinitely but that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect the sewer at frequent intervals and to reconstruct any extremely bad portions.

14—Golden Valley Drainage Scheme—RESOLVED, That consideration of the scheme be postponed for the present.

15—Abattoir—(a) Extensions—The Borough Surveyor reported certain emergency steps taken at the abattoir to prevent escape of light and to create additional killing space at a cost of approximately £140. RESOLVED, That his action be approved.

(b) Read, letter of 16th ult. from the Journeymen Butchers' Federation of Great Britain with regard to the adoption by the Cheltenham Branch of a new scale of charges for casual slaughtering.

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16—Waste Land between Mead Road and Railway—Read, letter of 5th ult. from Councillor Garland enquiring whether this matter could be expedited. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned pending negotiations by the Street and Highway Committee for permission to level the land by tipping.

17—Sewers in Added Area—Read, letter of 29th July last from the Cheltenham Rural District Council stating that they adhered to their previous decision not to allow the Council to disconnect the Albert Road Sewer from the Prestbury Main Sewer. RESOLVED, That in view of War emergency the Rural District Council be again urged to agree to the Albert Road Sewer being connected with the Borough Sewer so as to avoid drainage difficulties at the Girls Grammar School which was about to be opened.

18—Brooklyn Road—Nuisance from Flies—Read, memorial from eight residents in Brooklyn Road complaining of a plague of flies alleged to be caused by the refuse tip in the vicinity. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the tip was not a breeding place for flies and that flies were very numerous in all districts this summer. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

19—Health Department—(a) Horse, Van and Waggon—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the horse, van and waggon used by the Health Department had all become unfit for further use and recommended that a light motor van be purchased to replace the same. RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for the supply of a suitable motor van and that the Chairman and Councillor Garland be authorised to accept a tender not exceeding £200.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Vanman (Cross) had been called up for military service. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to appoint a suitable man to fill the vacancy at a wage of not exceeding £3 10s. 0d. per week.

(c) Chief Sanitary Inspector—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Ministry of Health approving the increase in salary granted to the Chief Sanitary Inspector in February last

(d) Staff—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. J. F. Ursell, District Sanitary Inspector, and Mr. H. L. Clapp Clerk and Pupil, had enlisted in the R.A.M.C., and that Mr. W. L. Booy, Pupil, had been called up for military service with the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars.

20—Food and Drugs Act, 1938—Read, circular from the Ministry of Health dated the 11th ult, drawing attention to the provisions of this Act which comes into operation on the 1st prox. Under the Act the Corporation will take over Food and Drugs functions from the County Council, RESOLVED, That the County Analyst be asked to carry out the duties of Analyst for the Borough under the Act.

21—Shops Act, 1934-72 Promenade and 6 Queen's Circus—The Committee considered applications for Certificates 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 a Certificate be granted in respect of 72 Promenade subject to the Owner undertaking to inform the Council of any alteration in the arrangements reported to the Committee, and that consideration of No. 6 Queen's Circus be adjourned for one month to enable the Owner to attend the next Meeting of the Committee.

22—Housing (Emergency Powers) Act, 1939—Read, circular of 18th ult. from the Ministry of Health and subsequent Memorandum with regard to responsibility for carrying out necessary repairs to render houses damaged by war action habitable. The Act provides that local authorities shall be responsible for carrying out the work and provides that a loan repayable during a period not exceeding 30 years will be made by the Ministry to the Local Authority for the cost of carrying out the work. The cost will become a charge on the property concerned, Read also, letter of 4th inst. from the Cheltenham Master Builders Association stating that the members had resolved to support the Council wholeheartedly in carrying out any repairs necessary to property. RESOLVED, That the Association be thanked for their offer of support.

23-47 Brunswick Street—Councillor Waite reported that this house was considerably overcrowded and although the occupier had been offered a Council house he refused to leave. RESOLVED, That Notice be served requiring the abatement of the overcrowding and that in default proceedings be taken to enforce this.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th September, 1939**, Present—Alderman Pates, Addis, Compton, Rev. de Currey-Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward, E. W. Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Whaddon Farm Estate--(a) Scheme E---The Borough Surveyor reported that he had now settled the final account for Messrs. Edwards Ltd.

(b) Scheme F—(i) The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell had now completed and handed over all the 30 houses under their contract.

(ii) The Committee further considered the complaint from the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives that Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell had not observed the local working rules, as they had worked overtime without obtaining a permit from the local Overtime Committee The Town Clerk reported that the local Overtime Committee was a Joint Committee of representatives of the Master Builders and Operatives, but that Messrs, Wheeler & Mansell's application to work overtime had not been considered by the Joint Committee but only by the Operatives and refused by them. RESOLVED, That in these circumstances no penalty for breach of contract be exacted, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell pointing out that they have, in the opinion of the Committee, committed a breach of their contract, and to ask for an assurance that for any further work which they may carry out for the Corporation, they will comply strictly with the local working rules and will not work overtime without obtaining the necessary permit.

2—Repairs Superintendent—(a) As instructed, the Borough Surveyor and the Housing Manager reported on the work of the Repairs Superintendent (Mr. A. Waterhouse) since his appointment. They were both of the opinion that he carried out his work in a satisfactory manner and that his appointment had been justified.

(b) The monthly report of the Repairs Superintendent was submitted RESOLVED, That the Repairs Superintendent be authorised to have the necessary external painting carried out at Prospect Villa at a cost of £8, and such portion of the interior repairs as are the Corporation's liability under the Tenancy Agreement, subject to Mr. Davis paying for the repairs for which he is responsible RESOLVED, also, That Mr. Arkell's tender for external treatment of the roughcast facings at Nos. 2, 4 and 6-9 Orchard Terrace amounting to £31 15s. 0d. be accepted.

3—Housing Manager—(a) The Housing :Manager submitted her quarterly report on the collection of rents.

(b) Staff--The Committee further considered the placing of Miss Barris, temporary assistant, on the permanent staff. RESOLVED, That Miss Barris be now placed on the permanent staff subject to her passing a medical examination.

(c) The Housing Manager submitted application from Miss Dudin (Deputy Rousing Manager) for allowance towards running her car. RESOLVED, That she be allowed the sum of £5 per annum.

4—New Houses—(a) Sun Street—The Town Clerk submitted valuations of the District Valuer of the sites of 49, 50, 51, and 53 Sun Street on which the Committee had previously decided to erect four 3-bedroom houses. RESOLVED, That consideration of purchasing these sites be deferred for the present.

(b) Waterloo Street—The Town Clerk submitted valuations of the District Valuer of Nos. 38 Waterloo Street, 32 and 33 Waterloo Street, 272 and 274 Swindon Road, and garden ground belonging to 264 Swindon Road, and garden ground forming part of property known as Delhi Cottage, which the Committee had previously decided to acquire for the erection of three houses. RESOLVED, That consideration of purchasing these sites be deferred for the present.

(c) Higgs Cottages—The Town Clerk reported that the Compulsory Purchase Order had been confirmed by the Ministry of Health. The District Valuer hoped to be able to complete negotiations with the owners for the purchase of the property at an early date.

(d) Land in Worcester Street—The Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. A. P. Smith was willing to consider an offer for the vacant strip of land in Worcester Street lying between the houses on either side belonging to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That Mr. Smith be offered £25 for the land.

(e) News Cottages—The Sanitary Inspector submitted an offer from Mr. W. H. Horsley to purchase the site of News Cottages belonging to the Corporation for the sum of £125. RESOLVED, That this 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.

(f) The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had issued a circular informing Local Authorities that the erection of new houses would not be sanctioned unless required for War purposes or of very pressing importance.

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5—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 4th August and 8th September.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) That application of the tenant of 26 Pilley Crescent to retain the fowls kept by him be not granted, and that he be given notice to terminate his tenancy if the fowls are not removed forthwith.

(b) St. Paul's Estate—That as no applications were received for the appointment of Caretaker on this estate, no-further action be taken at present.

(c) That the rents fixed and rebates granted, as set out in the Rent Rebates Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

(d) 34 Humber Road—Having received complaints of the annoyance and damage caused by boys throwing stones at the pigeons, that the tenant of 34 Humber Road be informed that he must get rid of these.

RESOLVED, (a) That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, (b) That the Committee adheres to their decision not to allow the tenants on the Housing Estates to keep fowls, and (c) to adhere to their previous decision only to allow racing pigeons to be kept by tenants.

6—Land at St. Mark's—RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to the Parks Committee ploughing up and planting until potatoes the four acres of vacant land adjoining the temporary playing-field which cannot be used for building the extension of Brooklyn Road is carried out.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th September, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Ward ; Councillors Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Morris and Till (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Road Works, etc.—The Borough Surveyor reported that as his Staff was engaged on National Emergency work and it was not known when this would be completed, he was unable to submit particulars of other works proposed to be carried out during the ensuing month.

9-National Emergency Work—The Borough Surveyor reported that since a few days prior to the outbreak of War all normal works had ceased and workmen had been concentrated on National Emergency work, trench construction, lining of roads, alterations of buildings, etc, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Stores Contracts and War Conditions—The Borough Surveyor reported that many Firms had notified him that they will be unable to supply stores at Contract rates when pre-war stocks become exhausted He considered that there was no alternative but to accept the position and to get the best prices when new stores are required.

4—Tewkesbury Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an account for 15 guineas from Messrs. Stratton, Davis & Yates for services in connection with the purchase of land from St. Peter's Church and St. Anne's Bounty for the widening of Tewkesbury Road. He recommended that this be paid provided the authority of the Divisional Road Engineer can be obtained. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Dunalley Parade and Brunswick Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been informed that Ash Cottage at the junction of Dunalley Parade and Brunswick Street could probably be acquired for about X50 RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred for the Borough Surveyor to report further thereon.

6—Montpellier Terrace—Read, letter from Mrs. E. L. Gummer, of "Delmar," Montpellier Terrace, asking for a sign erected requesting motorists to drive quietly along the Terrace. RESOLVED, That the request be not acceded to.

7—Leckhampton Depot—The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed he had been in communication with the Agent acting for the owner of the land adjoining Leckhampton Depot and had been informed that owing to illness she is at present unable to discuss the matter.

8—Horse—The Borough Surveyor reported that the aged horse " Captain," had been destroyed and the sum of 30s received had been paid to the Borough Treasurer.

9—Horse Drivers' Hours—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of the hours of work of Horse Drivers under the system now in operation. This shows that the average number of hours per week worked by the horse drivers is 55 ½ . RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Horse Sub-Committee.

10—Little Bayshill Terrace--The Borough Surveyor reported that the bridge over the River Chelt to Little Bayshill Terrace was in an unsafe condition. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make the structure safe.

11—Clarence Square—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received complaints with regard to weeds, etc., in a short length of private road at the end of the lane behind Clarence Square and that he had given instructions for this portion of the lane to be scavenged. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

12—Military Service—The Borough Surveyor reported that five members of his Staff and nine Workmen had been called up for Military Service and that he had informed each one that his employment would be available on his return from Military Service. RESOLVED, That this be approved. It was further RESOLVED, That their Army pay be made up forthwith as a temporary measure to the amount they were receiving from the Corporation when called up, and that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee,

13—Pittville Street Improvement—The Town Clerk reported (a) That Mr. N. E. W. Carter had vacated 8 Pittville Street and that he had accepted the offer regarding the arrears of rent.

(b) That Messrs. Smith, Wood and Roberts on behalf of Mr. S. A. Pitcher had asked for the amount to be paid to him to be increased to £66. RESOLVED, That the Council adhere to their previous offer to make an ex gratia payment of £50.

(c) That all purchases had now been completed. RESOLVED, That demolition of the properties be postponed.

(d) That No. 7 Pittville Street had been let to the Women's Voluntary Services RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(e) That Nos. 6 Pittville Street was being used for the sale of dry milk to Birmingham mothers. RESOLVED, That this be approved.



14—Winchcomb Street and Albion Street Improvement—(a) The Town Clerk submitted letter from Messrs. Hillier, Parker, May and Rowden offering to sell 108 High Street for £6,000. RESOLVED, That negotiations be not proceeded with at present.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted Report of the District Valuer on Nos. 24 Winchcomb Street and 44 Albion Street. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken for the present.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 5th ult. from Messrs. H. H. Fuller Peiser & Co. asking if the Corporation would make them an offer under the following headings for Messrs. A. H. Taylor's Butcher's Hide, Skin, Fat and Wool Premises, Albion Street:-

(1) For the house and shops 56s 64 Albion Street Hide and Skin Yard, Gloucester Place ; site of cottages, Albion Square.

(2) For cost of constructing satisfactory Factory premises and removal thereto.

RESOLVED, That no further action be taken for the present.

(d) The Town Clerk submitted letter from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend, of the 21st ult., asking if the Corporation would defer completion of the purchase of 16-19 Winchcomb Street for £5,500 plus Vendor's Solicitor's and Surveyor's costs, until such times as the premises are actually required for the improvement of the Street. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to completion of purchase being postponed for a period of 12 months.

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15—Post Office Telegraph Lines—(a) The Town Clerk submitted application from the Post Office Superintending Engineer for permission to lay an underground telegraph line in St. George's Road from its junction with St. George's Parade to Western Road. RESOLVED, That consent be given subject to the conditions recommended by the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted application from the Post Office Superintending Engineer for permission to erect overhead telegraph line in Merrivale Road from its junction with Sandfield Road to a point near No 18. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the conditions recommended by the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineer.

16—Borough Surveyor's Department—Highways Superintendent—The Town Clerk submitted letter from the Highways Superintendent dated 27th July, asking that the decision of the Committee regarding the increase in his salary as recommended by them be reconsidered. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision.

17--St. Stephen's Road—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son had seen him with regard to the claim for £2 19s. 0d. for damage to the footpath in this road whilst carrying out building operations, and stated that they had deferred making this good as the owner of the house had made application for a crossing to be constructed. Mr. Wilson considered that in the circumstances they were not liable for any expenses incurred by the Corporation repairs. in repairing the footpath. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son be asked to pay the cost of the re

18-215 Bath Road—The Town Clerk read letter of 31st July last from Messrs. Lear & Lear offering to sell 215 Bath Road for £225. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred and the Borough Surveyor instructed to report thereon.

19—Moorend Road—Read, letter of 1st ult. from Mr. H. Boreham that the tenant of No. 10 Moorend Road was prepared to give possession of the land required for the widening of the road at this point. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had already dealt with the matter.

20—Omnibus Shelters—Read, letters of 21st July and 4th August from the Public Transport Publicity offering to erect shelters on the routes served by omnibuses in the area, capable of accommodating twenty people, free of all cost subject to an Agreement permitting the shelters to remain for a period of six years and the sole rights for exhibiting advertising matter therein. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

21—Obstructions on Footpaths—Read, letter of 1st ult. from Col. C. W. Biggs pointing out that the secondhand shops at Nos. 13 and 19 Suffolk Road are placing their goods on the public pavements in front of their shops RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the police.

22—Clarence Square—Read, letter of 6th ult from Mr. G. B. Watts complaining that the branches of a tree outside 11 Clarence Square were overlapping his garden and asking for the branches to be removed RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report to the next Meeting of the Committee.

23—Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk submitted application of the Head Postmaster, Cheltenham, for permission to erect a pillar box in Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the position of the pillar box being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

24—Gloucester Road—Read, memorial of 15th ult. from residents with regard to the danger to traffic and pedestrians at the junction of Arle Road and Millbrook Street with Gloucester Road RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report thereon,

25—Winchcomb Street and Portland Street—Read, letter of 17th ult. from Messrs Hillier, Parker, May & Rowden offering to sell 70, 71 and 72 Winchcomb Street and 15 Portland Street for £9,000. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

26-Warwick Place Improvement—Read, letter of 17th ult. from Councillor K. J. Fisher that Mr. Crock is now prepared to sell a portion of his property in Warwick Place required for street improvement for £37 10s. Od., subject to the lime tree outside the house being left standing. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

27—High Street and St. Paul's Street—Read, letter of 17th ult. from Councillor K. J. Fisher that Mr. Jones was willing to sell 183 High Street for £650 including any claim for disturbance. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report thereon.

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28—Sandy Lane Tip—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Holborow has offered to take a lease of the land at 10s per acre- RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to Mr. Holborow for five years at proceeding without delay in the clearing of the weeds and thistles and to his entering into a Tenancy Agreement,

29-3 and 4 Montpellier Walk--Read, letter of 21st ult. from Mr. W. H. Horsley offering to sell these premises for £1,000. RESOLVED, That the offer be not accepted.

30--Alstone Lane—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with the London, Midland & Scottish Railway Company that they were prepared to sell 318 square yards of land required for the improvement of Alstone Lane for the sum of £40. RESOLVED, That this be accepted,

31—Sandford Road—Read, letter of 24th ult. from the Secretary of the Cheltenham General and Eye Hospitals complaining of the noise occasioned in Sandford Road by heavy traffic and asking for steps to be taken to minimise the noise. The Borough Surveyor reported that they had recently treated the road with a view to minimising the noise and that he did not consider it was possible to take any further action.

32-6 Montpellier Avenue—The Town Clerk reported that he had received an offer from Mr P. Francis to rent these premises at 11 per week inclusive for the sale of sports goods. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to satisfactory references being furnished.

33—Projecting Signs- --The Town Clerk submitted applications from :—

(a) The Jaeger Co Ltd., for a non-luminous sign at 4 Little Promenade. RESOLVED, That this be granted subject to the usual conditions

(b) The Stroud Brewery Co. Ltd., for an illuminated sign at the Great Western Hotel ; (c) Messrs. Buckleys (London) Ltd., for an illuminated sign at the Brown Jug P. H., Bath Road ;

(d) Messrs. Buckleys (London) Ltd., for an illuminated sign at the Full Moon Inn, High Street ; and

(e) Cinescope Publicity Co. Ltd., for illuminated signs at seven Public Houses belonging to the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd. RESOLVED, That these applications be not granted in view of the Lighting Restrictions Order.

34—Andover Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Halt Sign in Andover Road had been damaged by a lorry belonging to Messrs. Cheltenham Factors Ltd., and that the claim for damage amounting to £2 4s. 8d. had been paid.

35—Gloucester Road—The Town Clerk reported that a temporary bollard and hurricane lamp on the Gloucester Road had been damaged by a vehicle driven by Mr. W. Melling. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of making good the damage estimated at 9s 1d.

36—London Road—The Town Clerk reported that the traffic lights at the junction of Old Bath Road with London Road had been damaged by a car driven by Mrs. I. Grey, and that a claim for making good the damage had now been paid.

37—Folly Lane—The Town Clerk reported that a tree-guard in Folly Lane had been damaged by a vehicle belonging to the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of making good the damage estimated at £1 2s. 11d.

38—Rowanfield Road—It was reported by Councillor H. C. Grimwade that the portion of Rowanfield Road which had been opened up by Messrs. E. T. Stinchcombe & Son when erecting new houses had

been left in a very bad state. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs. E. T. Stinchcombe & Son asking them to carry out the necessary repairs to the road.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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#### TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st September, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore and Waite ; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Alderman Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5290	Bullingham, W.	Garage, 150 Hewlett Road.
5291	Messrs. W. Ride & Co. Ltd.	Alterations to hay store, Devonshire Street.
5292	Messrs. A. & A. J. Biddle	Conversion of stables and loft over into dwelling place, Hatherley Lawn.
5293	Taylor, J. H.	Two garages, Albany Road.
5294	Lawton, E.	Garden Tool shed, 76 Cleevemount Road.
5295	Webley, L. S.	Rebuilding of cycle and store shed, 45 Courtney Street.
5296	Ladies' College Council	16 Type C Army Hutments, Ladies' College Playing Field.
5297	Cheltenham Rural District Council	Temporary Hut, 14 Imperial Square.

Decisions under Byelaws—RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5290, 5291, 5293, 5294, 5295, 5296 and 5297 be approved ; That Plan No. 5292 be not approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Platting (General Interim Development Order) 1933— RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5290, 5291, 5293, 5294 and 5295 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 5296 and 5297 be approved subject to the owners entering into an Undertaking to remove the buildings within three months of cessation of hostilities or such longer period as the Council think fit ; That Plan No, 5292 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.
1602	Hawkins, H. O.	Preliminary lay-out for 226 houses, Shurdington,
1608	Drew, Mr.	Detached house, Chapel Lane, Winchcomb.
1609	Coxwell-Rogers, C. J.	Additions, Rossley Manor, Dowdeswell.
1610	Electricity Committee	Overhead L.T. Line, Alma Road to Up Hatherley Farm.

1611	The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Clifton	Proposed new Church and Presbytery, Chandos Street, Winchcomb
1612	Clements, W. R. C.	Alterations, The Orchards, Gretton.
1613	New, C. T.	Additions, Hylside, Gretton.
1614	Richards, W. E.	Alterations, Cleevelands Drive Evesham Road.
1615	Fuller, G. A.	Proposed two additional petrol pumps, Station Garage, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1608, 1609, 1610, 1611, 1613 and 1614 be approved ; That Plan No. 1615 be approved subject to the owner entering into an Undertaking to remove the pumps at his own expense and without compensation if and when required for the purposes of the Scheme ; That Plans Nos. 1602 and 1612 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 31st ult. from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers for permission to erect one house on a vacant piece of land in Sidney Street. He reported that the density of this house would be 38 houses to the acre and that it was proposed to bring the house hard up to the street. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) Corinth House, Bath Road—Read, letter of 29th ult. from Messrs. Linklaters & Paines asking for permission for their clients to use the premises for the purposes of storage of papers in connection with their business in case of emergency and also for the use of the premises during the emergency in connection with their business. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Land, Swindon Road—Read, letter of 20th inst. from Messrs. Griffiths & Lewis asking if the land belonging to the Trustees of the late Charles Williams in Swindon Road could be used for the purposes of a Sand Pit. RESOLVED, That the Trustees be informed that the Committee are prepared to consider the application favourably provided no objection is made by the Minister of Agriculture.

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4—Hoarding, Harp Hill—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 7th inst. from Mr. E. T. Holder complaining that in the re-erection of the hoarding at the foot of Harp Hill the Billposting Company had increased it both in height and length.

He reported that the site of the hoarding came within an area referred to in Schedule 2 of the Advertisement Byelaws and that in his opinion the permission of the Council should have been sought for the re-erection of the hoarding as this was a "building" within the meaning of the Town Planning Act. RESOLVED, That the Billposting Company be informed that in the opinion of this Committee the re-erection of the hoarding is a contravention of the Town Planning Scheme and they reserve themselves the right to take such action they deem necessary when the Scheme comes into force.

5-150 Hewlett Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received complaints from residents in Hewlett Road that No. 150 Hewlett Road is now being used as a Builder's yard by Mr. Bullingham. He also reported that no application had been made by the owner for permission to convert the Premises into business premises and that such conversions could only be made with the special consent of the Council. RESOLVED, That Mr. Bullingham be informed that it is contrary to the provisions of the Scheme

to use the premises for business purposes without the consent of the Council and that the Council reserve themselves the right to take such action they deem necessary when the Scheme comes into operation.

6—Argyll Road —The Borough Surveyor reported that two garages to new houses in the course of erection in Argyll Road had been erected in front of the building line in spite of the fact that the approval of the plans was conditional on the buildings being set back to the main wall of the new houses. RESOLVED, That the owner be informed that the Committee is prepared to allow the garages to remain in that position provided he enters into an Undertaking to remove the buildings at his own cost and without compensation if and when required by the Council for the purposes of the Scheme.

7—King George's Field, Shurdington—Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Clerk to the Shurdington Parish Council notifying the Committee that the Parish Council proposes to acquire a piece of land at Shurdington for the purpose of providing a public playing field and recreation ground to form a National Memorial to His Late Majesty King George V. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this.

8—Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935—The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 528 (Roads) dated 4th inst.

from the Ministry of Transport that the Minister will not be able to deal with fresh applications for the approval plans or resolutions under Sections 1 and 2 of the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act 1933, unless the circumstances of the application are exceptional.

9—Assistant Building Inspector—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 1st inst from the Hon. Clerk to the Central

Authority for Air Raid Precautions in the County and City of Gloucester that the Regional Officer had approved of the appointment of an Assistant Building Inspector for a period of six months and of expenditure not exceeding £100.

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E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th September, 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Green, Grimwade, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Report of Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Meetings of the Entertainments Sub-Committee held on the 22nd August and 12th September.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) Summer Orchestra—That Mr. Cole be paid a pro rata allowance of £9 4s. 6d. for the extra session of the Orchestra on August Bank Holiday.

(b) Winter Garden Band Stand—That the free use of this Band Stand be granted to the Aircraft Components Band on the five Sunday evenings commencing 24th September, providing that no charge is made for admission to the Concerts.

(c) Benefit Ball—That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to Hector Davies for a Benefit Ball on a date to be arranged.

(d) Quartet—That Mr. Arthur Cole's tender for the provision of the Quartet to play every week-day morning for 1½ hours at a charge of £10 0s. 0d. per week up to Easter 1940 be accepted, subject to the usual contract being entered into, and to the right of the Corporation to cancel any performances. Also that Mr. Cole be paid £10 0s. 0d. for the week commencing the 3rd inst. during which the performance by the Quartet were cancelled on the instructions of the Government.

(e) Sunday Concerts—That Mr. Arthur Cole's tender for the provision of an Orchestra of 14 including himself as Conductor and Mr. Parrington as Leader for the sum of £15 6s. 0d. per Sunday commencing on the 17th inst. be accepted for Sundays as and when required, and that the Concerts commence at 7.30 p.m.

(f) Dances—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for Billy Gammon and his Band to play for Tea Dances and Evening Dances from 7 to 10 p.m. commencing on Saturday, October 7th.

(g) Morning Concerts—That as an experiment the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange with Mr. Arthur Cole for morning Concerts by an Octet and Artist in the Large Hall for the next four Saturday mornings, and that a charge of 3d. be made for admission.

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

2—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk reported that the Emergency Committee had agreed to allow the Queen's Hotel to store furniture in the Winter Garden on terms to be arranged, the Corporation not being under any liability to repair the building or for any damage suffered to the furniture etc. and reserving the right to terminate the tenancy by one month's notice.

3—Alstone Baths—(a) Read, letter of 9th ult. from the Great Western Railway, that as the Baths Superintendent was still cultivating some of the Company's land for the purpose of ornamental gardens, they asked that the Corporation should enter into an agreement for the use of this land and also the windows in the baths overlooking the Company's land at a nominal rent of 2s 6d per annum. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and the Common Seal affixed to the Agreement.

(b) Gala—RESOLVED, That no charge be made to the Gloucester Aircraft Swimming Club in respect of the cancellation of their Gala which had been fixed for the 20th September.

(c) Junior Bath—RESOLVED, That the Junior Bath be kept open until about the middle of November and that the charge for admittance for all children be reduced to 2d.

(d) Female Attendant—Read an application from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for the payment of overtime to Mrs. Cripps on the 1st and 2nd August. The Borough Surveyor reported that Mrs. Cripps' hours varied throughout the Season, but had been so arranged as not to exceed an average of 44 hours. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

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

(b) Swimming Bath—RESOLVED, That this Bath be closed on Sunday the 17th August so as to enable the arrangements for using the Baths for decontamination purposes to be completed.

5—The Bungalow, Marle Hill—Read, letter of 21st July from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter offering this property comprising 5 ½ acres adjoining the Pump Room at the price of £3,000. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained at present.

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6—Meteorological Reports—The Borough Meteorological Officer reported that he had been instructed by the Air Ministry to discontinue supplying weather reports to the papers and Air Ministry.

7—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—Read, letter of 21st July last Mr. J. Brasher asking that the Pool should be kept open next Winter as last year, and offering to act as Attendant at a salary of 1s per week. If his offer was accepted, he was willing to provide, at his own expense, a wooden dressing hut which he would remove at the commencement of the Summer Season. He suggested that the Season Ticket should be 5s and Monthly Tickets 1s 6d. RESOLVED, That in view of the damage done to the tiles, caused by the splashing of water in frosty weather, and the very poor attendance at the Pool last Winter Season, the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to keep this Pool open this Winter, but that Mr. Brasher be thanked for his offer.

8—Caravan Rally—The Committee considered the account rendered to the Trailer Caravan Club for the work in providing water supply and entrance road etc. on the vacant land at St. Mark's where the Caravan Rally was held last Easter. RESOLVED, That the sum of £5 0s. 0d. be accepted in settlement of the account.

9—Town Hall—The Entertainments Manager reported that owing to the War and also the black out a number of bookings at the Town Hall had been cancelled. RESOLVED, That these cancellations be accepted and the deposits refunded.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd September, 1939.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Grimwade, Ben James, Lipson, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

10—Alstone Baths—(a) The Committee further considered the appointment of Superintendent of these Baths to which Mr F. E. Lane had been appointed in a temporary capacity. RESOLVED, (a) That Mr. F. E. Lane be appointed Superintendent of the Baths at a salary of £130 per annum, plus house, fuel and lighting, the appointment to be terminable by either party by three months' notice in writing and (b) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for Mrs. Cook to give up possession of the house, and that she be appointed Female Attendant at the Baths during the time that either the large Bath or Junior Bath is open, at the recognised Trade Union rate of wages.



(b) Read, letter of 22nd inst. from the Y.M.C.A. that as their premises were now being used for a day and night canteen service, they had great difficulty in carrying on their programme for the young people of Cheltenham, and asking if the Council could arrange for some hall to be allotted to them for this work. Hitherto, the Montpellier Baths had been used, but this would not be available this winter as it was required for a Decontamination Centre. RESOLVED, That if the Badminton Club do not desire to use the Alstone Baths this year, the use of the Bath be granted to the Y.M.C.A. at a charge of £30 for the winter season up to the 31st March next, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the floor put down and the glass roof sprayed to obscure the light.

11—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—Read, letter of 20th inst. from Mr. W H Brasher asking the Committee to re-consider the decision not to open the Pool during the Winter, but that, if the Committee are unable to do this, he asked that the Pool should be opened during the month of October RESOLVED, That the Pool be kept open during October for two hours each morning from 7 a m to 9 a.m., but that the water be not heated, and that a charge of 3d. be made for admission and a monthly ticket issued at a charge of 2s 6d.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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#### ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 1st September, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Ben James, Morris and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Air Raid Precautions, Rowanfield Road—With reference to Minute No. 1 of the Meeting of this Committee on 24th July last recommending the provision of an alternative Sub-station on a site in Alstone Lane, at the request of the Chairman the Committee again considered the Borough Electrical Engineer's report submitted at the last Meeting (a copy of which accompanies these Minutes). RESOLVED, That for the reasons set out in that report the Committee strongly urge the Council to agree to their former recommendation to erect a Sub-station on an approved site and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to negotiate the purchase of a suitable site and proceed forthwith to erect the building and plant required at the estimated cost of £1,624.

RESOLVED, also, That application be made through the Electricity Commissioners to the National Committee on Air Raid Precautions for a grant in aid of the above expenditure and to the Electricity Commissioners for a loan for any part of the cost which may not be covered by the grant.

2—Sub-Stations—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to proceed without delay to provide sandbags or other means to protect the following Sub-stations at the cost set out against each Station named :—

	£	s.	d.
Rowanfield Road	147	10	4
Westal Green ...	305	11	4
Leckhampton Depot	310	15	3

Sandford Park	£75 0 0
Swindon Road	50 0 0
Evesham House	50 0 0
Gloucester Road...	100 0 0
Charlton Lane ...	61 0 0
Hales Road	<u>20 0 0</u>
	£1,119 16 11

proceeding with the first three forthwith.

3—Fuel Control—Read, letter from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking for two representatives of the Electricity Undertaking to serve on their Advisory Committee. RESOLVED, That Mr. Bache and a member of his staff be appointed

4—Lighting Restrictions—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported on the lighting restrictions he has already put in hand.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th September, 1939.** Present—The Mayor; Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Ben James, Morris and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Fuel and Lighting Order—(a) This Order provides for reduction of consumption of electricity to 75 per cent. of that used for the year ended 30th June last. All consumers have to be notified of their consumption during each of the four quarters of that year and also of their corresponding ration. As meters are not all read at exactly 91 day intervals many adjustments are necessary in these calculations, and the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it had been necessary to engage one male supervisor and three female clerks, The Order provides that Local Authorities shall be paid a contribution to the costs of notifying consumers of their rations. RESOLVED, That the engagement of the four assistants be approved.

(b) Change of Tariff—RESOLVED, That in view of the effect this reduction in consumption will have on consumers charged under a guarantee rate, shop window lighting rate or on the maximum demand system, the action of the Borough Electrical Engineer in issuing a letter giving consumers affected by the change the option of changing to any other appropriate tariff as from the ordinary reading of meters after the 7th September be approved.

(c) Pamphlets—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that copies of a pamphlet informing consumers how best to economise on their consumption should be purchased and sent to all consumers. RESOLVED, That a supply (about 11,000) be purchased at a price of 25s per thousand and distributed by post.

2—Hire Purchase Scheme—Read, letter of 25th July last from the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association enclosing model forms of credit sale agreements RESOLVED, That, for the present, no

further hire purchase agreements be entered into until the matter has been further considered by the Committee.

3—Emergency Precautions—The Town Clerk reported that the Electricity Commissioners had sanctioned the borrowing of £1,124 in respect of switch gear for the proposed alternative sub-station in Alstone Lane and that the application for the balance amounting to £500 in respect of the land and building would be further considered when details of the actual cost were submitted He had asked the District Valuer to negotiate for the purchase of the land required. RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for the erection of the building and that the Chairman and the Mayor be authorised to accept the most favourable tender.

4—Street Lighting--(a) The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a considerable amount of protective work in respect of street lighting apparatus was necessary to prevent undue deterioration, and that white bands were being painted on all public lighting standards, so that for some time the only saving resulting from the black-out would be the actual current saved. He recommended that the practice of laying street lighting cables at the same time as new private supply cables when these are laid in new streets be continued as it would be an economy when street lighting is again resumed. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

(b) Hales Road to the Promenade—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Ministry of Transport that in view of the War it had been decided that no further street lighting agreements would be entered into, and that where an agreement had been entered into but no tender accepted the agreement should be returned for cancellation. The Town Clerk reported that he had therefore returned this Agreement. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that some apparatus was already ordered. RESOLVED, That the apparatus purchased in anticipation be kept in stock.

5—Supply to War Office Establishment, Boddington—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement with the War Office for extension of the overhead electricity cable from Staverton to Barrow Farm, Boddington, on payment of £777 6s. 0d. or such other sum as may become payable owing to the increases in the cost of materials. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to accept the tender of British Insulated Cables Ltd., if satisfactory, and to proceed with the work. RESOLVED, also, That the necessary consents of the Electricity Commissioners, the Gloucestershire Counts' Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council to the erection of the line be applied for.

6—Result of Year's Trading—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted report of the result of the year's trading to 31st March last which sheaved a net surplus for the year of £2,613 14s. 11d. which would be transferred to the Net Revenue Appropriation Account which would then amount to £9,148 1s. 4d. He recommended that the following be paid out of this Account, viz. :—Site for Kiosk £7, Apparatus on hire £3,888 5s. 9d., Sub-station Equipment £34 0s. 3d., and Consumers Apparatus £67 0s. 2d. He further recommended that £2,000 be transferred to the Reserve Fund and £1,500 to the General Rate Fund, leaving in the Account £1,651 15s. 2d. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

A copy of the Accounts and of the Borough Electrical Engineer's Report thereon accompanies these Minutes.

7—Kayte Farm Factory—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Messrs. Smith & Sons had now asked for a high tension supply instead of a low tension supply to this factory, which would involve a modification of the terms already arranged. RESOLVED, That in view of the urgency of the matter the Chairman, Councillor Morris and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to settle terms.

8—Borough Electrical Engineer—The Town Clerk reported that 52 applications for this post had been received. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to postpone the appointment of an Electrical Engineer and that in view of the war Mr. Bache be asked to continue his services for the present. He had intimated his willingness to do so. RESOLVED, That his services be extended for 12 months from 26th January next.

9—Electricity Supply (Meters) Act, 1936—The Town Clerk submitted formal approval of the Electricity Commission of a substandard Wattmeter to be used at the meter testing station. Read, also, Circular letter from the Electric Commissioners with regard to the certification of meters under war conditions, RESOLVED, That this letter referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for his attention.

10—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) It was reported that a lamp post near 400 Gloucester Road had been damaged by a car driven by Mr. G. A. Gascoigne RESOLVED, That a claim be made against Mr Gascoigne for the cost of repairing the lamp post, estimated at £7 12s. 5d.

(b) It was reported that a lamp post near 147 Old Bath Road had been damaged by a car driven by Mr. E. Tunney. RESOLVED, That a claim be made against Mr. Tunney for the cost of repairing the lamp post, estimated at £11 0s. 10d.

(c) It was reported that a lamp post in Imperial Lane had been damaged by a vehicle owned by the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd. RESOLVED, That a claim be made against the Company for the cost of replacing the lamp pc estimated at £14 4s. 7d.

11—Re-Valuation of Electricity Undertaking—Read, letter of 8th ult. from Messrs. Gerald Eve & Co. that the fixed fee of 130 guineas agreed with them for representing the Corporation includes travelling and out-of-pocket expenses but not fees and expenses incurred in attending before any Assessment Committee or Quarter Sessions. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

12—Alteration and Extension Scheme—Read, letter of 20th July from the Central Electricity Board reporting the adoption by the Board of the South West England and South Wales Electricity (Alteration and Extension) Scheme, 1939.

13—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on 27th and 31st July, 4th, 8th, 10th, 22nd and 29th August and 8th, 13t 20th and 25th September which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 471.3, 470.6, 480.3, 465.7, 461 473.4, 468.3, 470, 473, 463.5, 478.8 and 475.4 respectively, and the pressure to be 6.4, 6.2, 8.5, 6.0, 7.9, 9.2, 8.2, 9 8.4, 8.4, 9.1 and 6.0 inches of water respectively.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

## WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th September, 1939. Present—Aldermen Margrett and Pates Councillors Barnett, Hayward and Moore (Alderman Margrett in the chair)

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

### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st July, 1939	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	120,000 gallons	117,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	439,000	307,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	39,000	26,000
	595,000	450,000

### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 68,157,000 gallons

	For month ended 31st August, 1939	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	111,000 gallons	96,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	478,000 "	312,000
Leckhampton Springs	39,000	22,000
	628,000	430,000

### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 67,411,000 gallons

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the months of July and August.

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

4—Staverton Water Supply—Read, letter of 14th July from the Cheltenham Rural District that they were pleased to note that the Council approved in principle that compensation should be made to their Council, in respect of the cost incurred by them in laying the Staverton Water Main on account of the revenue received by the Corporation from the City of Gloucester supply from the main. They suggested that the sum to be repaid should be not less than a sum equivalent to the original cost of laying the length of main used by the Corporation for this purpose. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision to defer decision on the matter until the supply to Gloucester through the main is finally discontinued.

5—A.R.P.—The Committee further considered the report made by the Borough Engineer in regard to the steps to be taken for the protection of the Water Undertaking The scheme provided for the purchase of spare pipes, valves, tools and repair plant, a small motor van, provision of sandbags,

provision of blinds for windows, protective clothing, A.R.P. shelters, and sprays and baths. The Borough Engineer also considered that a standby emergency pumping plant should be provided at the Sandford Waterworks. The total estimated cost of the scheme was £3,123 which included £1,200 for the emergency pumping plant at Sandford.

On the outbreak of war, the Emergency Committee had authorised proceeding with the purchase of spare pipes and valves, tools and repair plant, and sandbags, at a total cost of £1,168.

With regard to the emergency pumping plant at Sandford, the Borough Engineer reported that this was not primarily an A.R.P. measure as for this purpose the emergency pumping plant should be provided at least 100 yards away from the existing pumping station, but, in his opinion, it was necessary to provide an emergency standby pump at the present station in view of the age of the present pump which was now showing signs of wear and might break down. He had enquired of Messrs. Mather & Platt Ltd., whether they had a pump in stock which could be adapted for the purpose, and he thought if he could obtain an electric pump, he might be able to obtain this at a cost of approximately £600. RESOLVED, That the A.R.P. scheme be approved and submitted to the Home Office and Ministry of Health, and that application be made for a grant of 50% towards the cost. RESOLVED, also, That it be left to the Emergency Committee to decide as to the installation of an emergency standby pump at Sandford Waterworks.

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6—Tewkesbury Waterworks—The Borough Engineer recommended that he be authorised to provide an underground chamber for the storage of a large quantity of Chlorine and Ammonia now being stored at the Works, at an estimated cost of £60. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Water Supply—The Borough Engineer reported on the increased demand for water on account of the large influx of population to the area of supply and in view of the further prospective increase of population in the area he had advised the Emergency Committee to restrict the supply by requesting householders not to use water for watering gardens, cleaning cars, washing down pavements etc. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Emergency Committee be authorised to take any other steps for the further restriction of supply if and when they consider this is desirable.

8—Lower Avon—The Borough Engineer reported that the Inverted Syphon beneath the Lower Avon had now been completed, and that all the work which he had asked the Catchment Board to carry out on the grounds of safety had been executed to his satisfaction.

9—Castle Barn Farm—The Borough Engineer reported that the Cowsheds at this Farm had been completed and handed over to the tenant.

10—Coal Supply etc.—The Borough Engineer reported the steps he had taken to accumulate stocks of coal at Tewkesbury. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

## GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th September, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Pruen and Ward ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases Amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins submitted his monthly report of the contagious diseases amongst animals in the Borough.

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of L. Ballinger, J. Clark and M. Overton for transfer of their licences to new Taxis purchased by them be granted.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted applications from A. R. Linton, H. C. Smith and A. R. Wilson for new Hackney Carriage Licences. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that in the meantime the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain from Cheltax Ltd. whether they are still desirous of obtaining Hackney Carriage Licences.

(c) Fares—The Town Clerk reported that the Members of the Taxi Hire Owners Association had so far only been allocated 20 gallons of petrol per month which they stated was not sufficient for an ordinary week's running. They had applied for an increased allocation, but if the amount allocated was not sufficient to enable them to carry on their work, the Association had come to the conclusion that it would be necessary to increase the fare from 8d. to 1s per mile. RESOLVED, That the Committee concur in this proposal, subject to the Committee being satisfied that the amount of petrol allocated to the Taxi Owners is not sufficient to enable them to maintain a reasonable mileage.

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3—Market—Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Gloucestershire Marketing Society that with the heavy bulk of goods now being handled, it was impossible to check the extensive pilfering so long as people who have no trading interest are admitted to the Market building. They proposed to place barriers to the doors with notices that admission is confined to those persons who trade with the Association, and the Society asked for the Council's support. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the action of the Marketing Society.

4—Omnibus Service—Read, letter of 9th ult. from the Cheltenham and District Traction Co. asking for consent to provide a bus service along Brooklyn Road, RESOLVED, That consent be given.

5—Police Force—Read, letter of 16th ult. from the Clerk of the Standing Joint Committee that the Home Office had approved of the appointment of two additional Constables for the Borough.

6—Ambulance Headquarters—RESOLVED, That an additional special subscription of £3 3s. 0d. be made to the Ambulance Headquarters in respect of the special work carried out by them during the July "black-out."

7—Broadcast Relay Services—Read, letter of 24th ult. from the Home Office that the Government attached considerable importance to the development of relay services in connection with Defence. The Lord Privy Seal hoped that local authorities would favourably consider applications for permission to install radio relay services; the licenses to the Companies would in future require them to permit the use of their systems for the transmission of special announcements in War time RESOLVED, That the

Town Clerk be instructed to inform the two applicants who have recently applied for permission to establish a radio relay service that the Council are now prepared to favourably consider an application.

8—Marle Hill House—RESOLVED, That consent be given to the Post Office to place one stay in the field in Evesham Road subject to payment of the usual acknowledgment of 1s per annum.

9—Royal Well Omnibus Station—Read, letter from Messrs. Fulham & Sons asking for permission to use this omnibus station as a parking place for their Cheltenham to Rissington services. RESOLVED, That they be allowed the free use of this station for this purpose subject to two weeks notice.

10—Town Clerk's Department—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. A. R. A. Seacome, R. Rouse and E. M. Staite of his Department had been called up for active service. He had arranged for the services of a Shorthand Typist at £1 10s. 0d. per week, and for a part-time female Clerk at £1 per week. He recommended that Mr J. Atkinson should be appointed to the Staff in his Department as from the 1st October. By this arrangement and with the assistance of other Departments, he thought that he would be able to carry on the work of the Department for the present, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk's proposals be approved and that Mr. Atkinson be appointed assistant in the Department at a salary of £156 0s. 0d. per annum.

11—Petrol Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of the Premier Polish Company, Selim Smith & Co. and Messrs. Dennis Bros, for Licenses to store 1,000, 500 and 300 gallons respectively in their underground storage tanks be granted.

(b) Renewals—Mr. King the Petroleum Inspector reported that owing to the pressure of A.R.P. work it had not been possible to submit the usual report on applications for the renewal of petrol licences and in many instance the licencees desired to have their licences renewed for a smaller quantity of petrol in view of the petrol rationing RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to grant applications for renewals of licences as reported to him by the Petroleum Inspector.

12—Promenade Car Park—The Borough Surveyor reported on the result of an additional Attendant at this Car Park. RESOLVED, That the additional Attendant in the evenings be discontinued, but that the additional day time Attendant between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. be continued until the next Meeting.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

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#### **FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th September, 1939.** Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bush and Grimwade ; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Alderman Ward in the chair).

1—Monthly Report of Acting Chief Officer—The Acting Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting of the Committee the Brigade had attended ten outbreaks of fire, as follows :—

July 24th	27 Promenade.
" 28th	8 Selkirk Street.
August 2nd	St. George's Place.



“	9th	55 Bath Road.
“	15th	Christ Church Schools, Malvern Road.
“	25th	Grosvenor Place South.
“	28th	Ucal Works, London Road.
“	30th	Hatherley Court Playing Field.
Sept	8th	Bafford Farm, Charlton Kings.
“	16th	15 Grosvenor Street.

2—New Fire Engine--The Committee inspected the new Leyland Fire Engine and Escape which was delivered on the 24th ult.

3—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) The Acting Chief Officer reported that in accordance with telegraphed instructions from the Home Office on the 1st September, he had mobilised the A.F.S. personnel and put into operation emergency fire measures, according to the Home Office instructions. Reports were being made at regular intervals to the Emergency Committee from whom instructions were being obtained on any matters arising in connection with the Emergency Fire Brigade Scheme.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that a further 11 light Trailer Pumps have been allocated by the Home Office and orders placed with the manufacturers for supply of same to Cheltenham.

4—New Fire Station—The Town Clerk submitted report dated the 29th ult. from the District Valuer on the piece of land containing 420 square yards belonging to the Cheltenham College required by the Corporation in connection with the erection of the new Fire Station, He was of the opinion that the price of £115, the price at which the College were prepared to sell was reasonable, the Corporation to erect the existing wooden fencing upon the new boundary and repair with new wood where necessary, and also to pay the proper legal costs of the transaction, RESOLVED, That while the Committee do not think it desirable to proceed with the erection of the new Station at present, they consider it desirable to proceed with the purchase of the land, and they recommend the Council that the land be purchased at the price of £115 and paid for out of revenue.

5-6 St. George's Terrace-Read, letter of 17th ult. from Messrs. Lear and Lear, Estate Agents, offering this property to the Corporation for £650, and stating that the owner was prepared to consider any reasonable offer. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be instructed to submit his report on the property and that if the Chairman considers it advisable to purchase the premises instead of renting flats as at present in Royal Crescent, that the Committee be authorised to make application to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan for purchase of the property.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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#### ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th September, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Fisher, Green and Smith ; Messrs, Ball, Carter and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Cultivation of Vacant Land—The Gardens Superintendent submitted his suggestion for cropping vacant land in accordance with the appeal made by the Government that all vacant land should be put into cultivation, RESOLVED, (a) That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to have all vacant allotments ploughed up and planted with potatoes, and also that the Town Clerk be instructed to give one month's notice to all allotment holders whose allotments are not cultivated, and that these be handed over to the Gardens Superintendent for cultivation.

(b) That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to plough up and plant the vacant land adjoining the Marle Hill Allotments and Hatherley Road Allotments, and also the surplus land belonging to the Housing Committee in Severn Road totalling altogether about 14 acres.

(c) That the planting be carried out by the employees in the Parks Department.

(d) That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to plant the vacant land in Keynsham Road of which possession had been taken for the purpose of the new Fire Station.

(e) That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide the necessary fencing, gate and approach road for the surplus land on the Whaddon Estate, at an estimated cost of £30.

(f) That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to purchase the necessary supply of seed potatoes.

2—Creamery Piece Land—Read, letter from Mr. W. White, 70 Manser Street, apologising for leaving his car on the waste land inside the gate of these Allotments and asking if he could continue to do so on payment of a rent, Councillor Addis reported that he saw no objection to this as the land could not be used for any other purpose. RESOLVED, That Mr. White be given permission to park his car there, subject to keeping the land tidy, to no building being erected on the land, and giving up possession at any time on one week's notice, and to his paying a rent of 10s per annum in advance.

3—Land, Arle Road—Read, letter of 11th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries asking whether the Corporation could take any steps to provide further land for allotment holders who had been displaced as a result of the sale of about 24 acres of land in Arle Road, to the Territorial Association. The Town Clerk reported that he had informed the Ministry that there were a number of vacant allotments for which the displaced holders could apply.

4—Vacant Orchard Land, rear of Tennyson Road—Councillor Smith reported that he had received enquiries as to whether the Corporation would allow this land to be dug up or used for poultry keeping. The Borough Surveyor reported that the land was included in the Scheme for the erection of houses by the 1933 Housing Society. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to allow any applicants to use the land rent free, subject to their giving it up at any time when required on one month's notice, and to no claim for compensation being made.

P. T. SMITH, Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th September, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Fisher, Green and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Cultivation of Land—The Gardens Superintendent reported on the steps which he recommended should be taken for the cultivation of vacant land belonging to the Corporation, He recommended that such land should be planted with potatoes and other vegetables, and also that two greenhouses should be reserved for the growing of seedlings, lettuce etc. This would entail a reduction of a portion of the present stock of bedding plants.

RESOLVED, (a) That the proposals of the Gardens Superintendent for the use of two greenhouses for growing vegetables, seedlings, etc. be approved.

(b) That the Housing Committee be recommended to allow the four acres of vacant land adjoining the Playing Field to be ploughed up and planted for potatoes.

(c) That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to plough up and plant the land not at present required for tipping in Brooklyn Road.

(d) That consideration of ploughing up the Tewkesbury Road Playing Field be deferred to the next Meeting.

(e) That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to purchase the necessary supplies of seed potatoes and other vegetable seeds.

2—Spring Bedding—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to proceed with the purchase of the usual supply of bulbs for spring bedding as provided for in the estimates.

3—Alstone Croft Conveniences—The Committee further considered the question of the erection of additional Conveniences at Alstone Croft Playing Field. RESOLVED, That, in view of the war, this work be deferred.

4—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters from Messrs, Rogers & Davies, and Mr. Ivamy of the Technical College in regard to the suggested exchange and purchase of a piece of land in Bournside Road, RESOLVED, That in view of the war, consideration be deferred for the present

5—A.R.P. Trenches--(a) The Borough Surveyor reported on the construction of trenches authorised by the Emergency Committee in the Naunton Park, Athletic Ground, Whaddon Playing Field and Whaddon Recreation Ground.

(b) Clarence and Wellington Squares—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received enquiries from residents in these Squares asking if they could at their own expense construct trenches in the Gardens of these Squares. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider that, as most of the houses in the Squares have large basements, it would be preferable for the residents to combine and arrange a scheme for the strengthening of some of the basements.

6—Football and Hockey Pitches—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Y.M.C.A. for use of a Hockey Pitch at Naunton Park be granted, subject to their arranging their fixtures with the Naunton Park Old Girls' Hockey Club.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Air Navigation School for the use of a Football Pitch on Saturdays be granted, and that they be granted the use of a pitch at either St. Mark's or Tewkesbury Road Playing Fields.

7—Sandford Park—RESOLVED, That consent be given to the Post Office Telephones to place a pole and stay in Sandford Park subject to any damage being made good, and to payment of a wayleave of 1s per annum,

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15thS 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; Dr. R. Davies and Major J. G. N. Clift (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for July and August, 1939—Visitors----6,729 (last year 5,767). Included in this figure were the following parties :--30 students from Ladies' College ; 22 children from St. Paul's Infants' School ; 32 children from Naunton Park School.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £4 3s. 0d. Subscriptions to "The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account" £4 3s. 3d. Total £8 6s. 3d.

War Emergency--As authorised by the Committee five pictures from the Baron De Ferrieres Collection had been evacuated to country houses.

Exhibitions—Owing to the War Emergency, the transfer of the Exhibition of Gloucestershire Art and Craftsmanship from Cirencester had been cancelled, and the Exhibition to be entitled "Christianity and the Child " had been postponed.

2—" The Old Well Walk, Cheltenham," by T. Shotton Boys—RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to The National Art-Collections Fund who had purchased this water-colour at a cost of £26 5s. 0d. and presented it to the Art Gallery.

3—" Willow-Lopping " by Stanley Anderson, A.R.A., R.E.—RESOLVED, That this line-engraving, offered as a gift by Alderman W. A. Cadbury, be accepted with thanks

4--" Northleach, Glos.," by James W. Tucker, A.R.C.A.—RESOLVED, That this water-colour offered as a gift by Mr. W. A. Rixon, be accepted with thanks.

5—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following:—Mr. H. J. Lloyd-Johnes, Mr. A. C. Meader, Mr. J. Spreutels and Mr. R. Miller RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

6—Specimens—RESOLVED, That 2 Bygones, a Plover and 11 local prints be purchased from the general account at a cost of £1 4s. 6d.

7—The Maryon-Daulby Collection—The Curator reported that 19 Old Masters from the Maryon-Daulby Collection had been sent on loan to the Art Gallery from Mr. Edward Maryon of London, for the period of the war. All expenses connected with this Collection had been borne by the owner.

8—Hours of Closing—RESOLVED, That until dark blinds could be fitted to the windows, the Art Gallery and Museum should close at dusk.

9—Loan of Glass—RESOLVED, That a collection of glass, the property of Mr. C. E. Wright, be accepted on loan.

10—Stroud Museum—RESOLVED, That a Bronze Age Beaker and Saxon Glass Tumbler from Stroud Museum (now closed) be received on loan for safe custody.

11—Strong Room—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be asked to inspect a small room in the basement with a view to reinforcing it for use as a strong room.

12—W.E.A. Class—Application was made for the loan of the Chinese Porcelain Room for a fortnightly class in English Literature to be held throughout the coming winter. RESOLVED, That facilities be given for this purpose.

13—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 13th October 1939.

JNO. HOWELL,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th September, 1939.** Present—Councillors Bush and Gr in"; Rev. Canon Johnstone ; Rev. B. Thomas ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. S. ,f Clarke, H. J. Norris and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for July and August, 1939—Receipts £59 2s. 1d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 13,224; Lending Department 43,385 ; junior Department 4,615. Total 61,224 (last year 55,081).

Replacements and Binding—183 volumes had been replaced, 395 volumes had been returned from the binder, and a further 604 volumes dispatched.

Heating Boiler—Cleaning and repairs to the boiler had been carried out at a cost of £3 4s. 6d.

Inter-Availability of Tickets—St. Annes-on-Sea Public Library had asked for reciprocal facilities. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

War-Time Service—The Librarian reported that the extra demand for books for home-reading had been strongly in evidence since the outbreak of hostilities, the issues having risen by 116 volumes per day.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 466 volumes, published at £165 12s. 6d., be purchased for £104 2s 6d.

(b) That £75 be spent on Binding. (c) That be spent on Replacements.

3—Donations-16 volumes and 55 pamphlets had been received as gifts from 11 donors RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors

4—Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That "The Portico" (monthly) offered as a gift be accepted with thanks.

(b) That " The Accountant " suggested for purchase be not added,

(c) That " The Catholic Herald " (2d. weekly), which had previously been presented, be added to the list of periodicals purchased.

5—Lending Library Floor—The Librarian reported that several borrowers had fallen in the Lending Library owing to the unevenness of the wood blocks. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect the floor and report as to whether it would be possible to execute repairs.

6—Supply of Fuel—RESOLVED, That the quotation of 44s per ton for large anthracite, submitted by Mr. W. S. Smith, be accepted.

7—Lectures—RESOLVED, That the question of holding public lectures during the coming winter be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

8—Hours of Opening and Closing—RESOLVED, That until such time as dark blinds could be fitted to the windows the Lending and Reference Departments should be open at 9 a.m. instead of 10 a.m., and close at dusk.

9—Library Facilities for School Evacuees—RESOLVED, That Lending Library facilities be granted to child evacuees under the Government scheme who were billeted in Cheltenham or in parishes outside the town boundary but immediately adjacent thereto.

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 13th October, 1939.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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#### **RATING COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th September, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward; Councillors Bush, Ben James and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Arrears—The Committee went through the list of arrears and interviewed defaulters, and gave the Rating instructions thereon.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th September, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen, Taylor and Ward; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £124,963 ; Leaving Outstanding £7,467.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 23rd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th inst. Amount collected £24,161 ; Outstanding £2,139.

3—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of the Electricity charges since the last meeting, and also on the collection of arrears.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 26th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair), Alderman Leigh James ; Councillor Garland, The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Sanction to Loans—The Town Clerk reported receipt of the following sanction to loan :—

Date, 1939.	Purpose.	Amount.	Term.
19th September	Sub-Station Plant (switch gear)	£1,124	20 years.

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6—Employees on War Service—Read, circular of 11th inst. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the Local Government Staffs (War Service) Act, 1939, which came into operation on the 1st inst.. The Act empowered Local Authorities to make up the balance of civil pay of employees undertaking war service as defined in the Act, and the superannuation rights of such employees are thereby preserved.

RESOLVED:-

(a) That, henceforth no permanent employee of the Council shall be authorised to volunteer for war service without the approval of the General Purposes Committee.

(b) That, subject to any legislative provision, in all cases where permanent employees of the Council have been or shall be called up or may hereafter volunteer for war service as defined in the Act :

(1) Their civil posts shall be kept open for them until their return from service ;

(2) until further order of the Council they shall be paid a sum equal to the difference between their service pay (including marriage, family and other similar allowances) and the remuneration which they would have received if they had remained in the service of the Council ;

(3) the period of war service shall be reckoned for purposes of increment of salary or wages;

(4) the period of war service shall be reckoned as a period of local government service for superannuation purposes ;

(5) in order that promotion shall not be prejudiced by absence on war service, all appointments or promotions during the period of the war shall be temporary ;

(6) as from the date of the passing of this Resolution by the Council, Minute No. 8 of the General Purposes Committee of 20th June last and confirmed by the Council on 3rd July last shall be rescinded, such Resolution to continue to apply however to such employees who have volunteered or have been called up for service in His Majesty's Forces prior to the date of the rescission of the Resolution.

NOTE-The Resolution of the General Purposes Committee confirmed by the Council in July last is reprinted here for the information of the Members of the Council :—

“ 8—National Emergency—Read, circular of 7th inst. from Association of Municipal Corporations, that at the County Councils Association, the Urban and Rural District Councils Associations and the London County Council had decided to advise their respective members to adopt the under-mentioned policy in dealing with such of their employees, including all teachers, as volunteer or are called up for service with His Majesty's Forces during an emergency ; the recommendations did not apply to men called up under the Military Training Act, or Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Act, in reference to whom the circular referred to in the previous Minute had been issued by the Ministry of Health :—

(a) To grant leave of absence so that employees may be enabled to serve in the Forces or in civil defence during an emergency;

(b) To make up the difference between their service pay and allowances and that which they would have received had they remained in the actual service of the authority ;

(c) To safeguard, subject to the passing of such legislation as may be necessary and to the payment of the proper contributions, all superannuation rights, including the reckoning of emergency service for superannuation purposes ;

(d) To give such assurances as they can with regard to the reinstatement of employees in their original employment;

(e) To effect such reinstatement at the points in their respective grades which they would have reached had their service with the authority been uninterrupted;

(f) To pay salary increments as they fall due.

RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to adopt the above recommendations."

7—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported on the loan position of the Borough and as to the loans which would expire during the ensuing twelve months. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be



authorised to renew loans and raise new loans on the terms now approved by the Committee, and to take the steps now directed by the Committee to obtain new loans.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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**Borough of Cheltenham.**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 26th October, 1939.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 30th day of October, 1939, at TWO-THIRTY O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE and to appoint Mr. R. H. Ellis as Analyst for the Borough for the purposes of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

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 FIRE BRIGADE 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 three Cleeve Common Conservators to fill vacancies caused by expiration of terms of office of Aldermen Margrett and Pates and Councillor Waite.
5. To fix date and time of Meeting of Members of the Council to settle constitution of Committees for ensuing year.
6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

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, 1939, at 3 p.m.** Present The

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

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P., Morris, Rogers, Smith; Till and Waite.

Apologies-Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Avery, Fletcher and Moore:

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th September, 1939, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held September 11

Housing Meeting held September 14

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 5 (a) with regard to the keeping of fowls by the tenant of No. 26 Pilley Crescent be not approved " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Lipson: "That Minute No. 5 (c) be referred back so far as the rent of No. 23 Thames Road is concerned " was lost).

Street and Highway Meeting held September 18

Town Planning Meeting held September 21

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held September 15 & 22

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held September 25

Water Meeting held September 12

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held September 19

Except that Minute No. 2 (c) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Resolved, also, That the application of Col. Lewis Hall for a licence to store too gallons of Petroleum (in cans) in a fire-proof can store in accordance with requirements, be granted.

Fire Brigade Meeting held September 25

Allotments Meeting held September 11

Except that Minute No. 1 (d) be referred back for further consideration.

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held September 11

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held September 15

Public Library Meeting held September 15

Rating Meeting held September 7 7

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Finance Meeting held September 26

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Bush and seconded by Councillor Green : " That Minute No. 6 (b) (2) with regard to employees on War service be amended by inserting the words subject to a maximum of £250 ' after the word remuneration ' in the second line " was lost).

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

3—Fuel Local Advisory Committee-Resolved, That Mr. Alleyne E. Davies be appointed a member of the Fuel Local Advisory Committee as a representative of the Cheltenham Coal Merchants Association.

4—Gloucester and Cheltenham Joint Airport-The Town Clerk reported that it was now possible for the Corporations of Gloucester and Cheltenham to acquire the Parton Court Farm in the Parish of Churchdown and by means of an exchange of part of the farm and sales or potential sales of other parts thereof to obtain the land required for the extension of the Airport southward to the proposed London-Fishguard Trunk Road By-pass on reasonable terms. Resolved, That the Council concur with the Gloucester City Council in acquiring jointly the above-mentioned property for the purposes of the extension of the Airport ; and to apply to the Minister of Health for consent to the borrowing of the Council's share of the purchase money and of any money paid for equality of exchange less the proceeds of any immediate re-sales.

JNO. HOWELL,

Mayor.

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**MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval (if Mc Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 30th October, 1939.**

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th October, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Ben James, Morris and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Notices not complied with—9 Hermitage Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Notice served under Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1930 in respect of this house had not been complied with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to enforce compliance.

2—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—The Committee further considered the question of making Demolition Orders in respect of the following premises (a) Eaton Cottage, Eaton Place--The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that this house was now void, RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order in breach of Owner's undertaking to recondition be adjourned sine die.

(b) 30 Marle Hill Road—Mr. Fitzroy Fowles attended and asked for an adjournment RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Committee to inspect this house.

(c) 40 Queen Street—It was reported that Mr. O'Brien, the purchaser of this house, had given an Undertaking that the house shall not be used for human habitation until the Council are satisfied that it has been rendered fit for human habitation and cancel the Undertaking. RESOLVED, That this Undertaking be accepted.

(d) 43 Union Street; 1 and 2 Buckles Cottages (converted into one house); and 20 Bath Terrace—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.

(e) Nos. 5, 6 and 7 Exmouth Street—Read, letter from the Rev. H. Percy King, owner of these houses who has given an Undertaking to recondition them, asking if the work of reconditioning can be postponed for the duration of the war RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to enable the Committee to view the premises.

(f) 3 Clarence Square, Basement—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of these premises had now carried out to his satisfaction the work necessary to render them fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That an Order be made determining the Closing Order made on the 6th April, 1939

3—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness--43 Union 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.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 15 lbs Pork ; 1 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs Fowls ; 6 Rabbits, 20 lbs. ; 1 cwt. 14 lbs. Bacon ; 54 dozen Eggs, 2 qrs. ; tin of chilled Veal, 6 lbs.

5—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his report of analyses of water taken since the last Meeting of the Committee

6—Health Department—(a) Motor Van—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the tender of The Wycliffe Motor Co. Ltd. for the supply of a Morris 10 cwt Van for £180, less 10 per cent discount, had been accepted with the approval of the Chairman and Councillor Garland as authorised at the last Meeting of the Committee.

(b) Temporary Disinfector—The Medical Officer of Health reported that it had been necessary to engage a temporary disinfector to take the place of G. Cross, who was on active service. He had engaged S. Woodman at a wage of £3 a week to carry out these duties. RESOLVED, That his action be approved.

7—Pasteurised Milk Analyses—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his Quarterly Report of Pasteurised Milk Analyses which were satisfactory.

8—Shops Act, 1934—(a) 6 Queen's Circus—The Committee considered an application for exempting these premises from the provisions of Section 10 (2) of the Shops Act, 1934 which requires the provision of sufficient and suitable Sanitary Conveniences. Mr. A. E. Davies attended. RESOLVED, That a Certificate be granted subject to the Owner undertaking to inform the Council of any alteration in the arrangements reported to the Committee.

(b) 3 Montpellier Avenue—The Committee considered application for Certificate exempting these premises from the provisions of Section 10 (2) of the Shops Act, 1934 and the Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the premises did not comply with the Act. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Owner to attend at the next Meeting of the Committee.

9—Flooding—(a) Hewlett Road—Read, letter from the occupier of 64 Hewlett Road complaining of flooding in the basement after heavy rainfalls. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to inspect and report.

(b) Evesham Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that, as instructed at the last Meeting of the Committee, he had investigated the complaints of flooding at premises in Evesham Road and had given the necessary advice where required,

10—Sewerage and Water Schemes—Read, circular letter of 18th ult. from the Gloucestershire County Council that they had passed a Resolution that they were not prepared at present to entertain applications for contributions to Sewerage or Water Schemes save in very exceptional circumstances.

11—Prestbury Sewerage—Read, letter from the Cheltenham Rural District Council setting out the conditions on which the District Council agreed to the diversion of the Albert Road sewer into the Corporation Sewerage system, namely :—

(1) All temporary work to be carried out at the cost of the Corporation.

(2) The Corporation to receive and deal with sewage draining to the diverted sewer without charge to the Rural District Council, pending a settlement of the questions affecting the sewage of Prestbury and the added area.

(3) The Corporation to reconnect the Albert Road sewer to the Rural District Council sewer at their own expense within six months from receipt of Notice from the Rural District Council, no such Notice to be given before the end of the war.

(4) This arrangement is made without prejudice to the position of either Council in relation to the settlement of the questions affecting the Prestbury Sewage system as a consequence of the operation of the County of Gloucester Review Order, 1935.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the work of disconnection had now been completed. RESOLVED, That these conditions be agreed to.

12—Rats and Mice Destruction Act—Read, circular letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that National Rat Week commences on the 6th prox., and asking the Corporation to make a special effort to carry out the recommendations of the Ministry. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be allowed the sum of £5 in order to carry out his usual campaign.

13—National Health Educational Conference—Read, circular from the Central Council for Health Education cancelling their Annual Conference owing to the war.

14—Slaughter House Licences—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported seven applications from Owners of registered slaughterhouses to be licensed under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Under the Act Registered Slaughterhouses were to be licensed for four months from the commencement of the Act (1st October). RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to inspect and report on condition of these slaughterhouses.

15—Diphtheria Immunisation—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had asked the Birmingham authorities to agree to allow the children evacuated to Cheltenham from Birmingham to be inoculated against diphtheria and to pay the expenses incurred. RESOLVED, That his action be approved.

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16—Food and Drugs Act, 1938 (a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had circularised all local medical practitioners with regard to notification of cases of food poisoning as required by this Act.

(b) Read, letter from Mr. R. H. Ellis offering to act as Analyst for the Borough on the same terms as those for which he acted for the County and other authorities. These could be :—(1) A retaining fee of £100 per annum, such fee to cover analyses and repos on 165 samples per annum, additional samples at 12s per sample, the retaining fee to cover quarterly reports as required by the Ministry of Health. (2) The Corporation to provide the necessary Record books and certificates. (3) Attendances at Court £1 1s. 0d. per case, per day, plus out-of-pocket expenses (if any). RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Sanitary Inspector be asked to interview him with a view to arranging a reduction in the retaining fee, having regard to the probability of the normal number of samples having to be reduced owing to War conditions.

17—Offensive Trade—Fish Prying—(a) Mrs. Haryett of Stroud attended and applied for permission to open a Fried Fish shop at Royal Well House, College Place. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to enable the Chief Sanitary Inspector to report.

(b) It was reported that, under the Public Health Act, 1936, the order in force declaring the trade or business of fish frying to be an offensive trade will cease to have effect for the purposes of the Act on the 30th September, 1940. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application for a new Order under Section 107 of the Act.

18—Public Abattoir—The Town Clerk read letter dated 30th ult., from the Ministry of Food with regard to the taking over of the Abattoir by the Ministry for slaughtering fat stock during the war. The Minister asked for the co-operation of the Council so that it would not be necessary to have recourse to the exercise of compulsory powers. The Minister asked that, in return for tolls, the Council should provide full slaughtering facilities in the same way as such facilities are provided to traders at the present time. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Abattoir was ready for the Ministry to take over and recommended that the Ministry should be allowed to use it upon payment of the usual scale of charges. In order to conform with the provisions of the Factory Act, a mess room for the large staff to be employed would have to be provided, and he recommended that a wooden building already at the Abattoir should be converted at moderate cost. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved

19—Hatherley Brook—The Borough Surveyor read letter of 26th ult., from the Land Drainage Officer stating that a large amount of broken glass and bottles had been encountered in cleaning out this brook, and that under the Agreement it was only agreed to clean out the mud and burn the bushes. He pointed out that the clearing of the glass was adding considerably to the time spent in carrying out the work and stated that he would be obliged to leave it on the banks where it would be dangerous to cattle. The Borough Surveyor pointed out that the total liability of the Committee under the Agreement amounted to £70 6s. 3d. and they had further agreed to make an ex-gratia payment of £25 over and above this by virtue of the general drainage of surface water to the stream. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange with the Land Drainage Officer for any extra cost to be included, if possible, in the frontage charges, and failing this that he be authorised to have the debris removed

ARTHUR. S. F. PRUEN, Chairman.

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#### HOUSING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th October, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Rev. de Courcy-Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward, Morris and Till (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Moors Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of the interior painting of the steel casements in the ground floor of houses on this Estate at £140 8s. 0d. which provides for two coats of graphite anti-rust paint and one coat of glossy finish. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to consider the advisability of using Aluminium Paint which the Committee understand will last longer, and that the Chairman be authorised to have the work put in hand.

2—Pittville Street—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee that the vacant properties in this street, which would be capable of being rendered fit for habitation at a reasonable cost, should be let for housing. RESOLVED, That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to let the premises, and that such premises in respect of which no offers for tenancy of the shops etc., are received be handed over for letting and management to the Housing Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman and Councillors Fisher, Green and Moore be appointed as a Sub-Committee to inspect the premises.

3—Repairs Superintendent—The monthly report of the Repairs Superintendent was submitted. RESOLVED, That a new floor be laid in the living-room of 123 Tennyson Road at an estimated cost of £18.

4—Arrears—(a) The Housing Manager submitted her monthly report on the collection of rents. (b) RESOLVED, That the sum of £18 19s. 10d. arrears of rent as set out in the Book now signed by the Chairman be written off as irrecoverable.

5-115 Tewkesbury Road—RESOLVED, That the rent of this house be reduced to 9s per week.

6-26 Pilley Crescent—The Housing Manager reported that the tenant of this house was prepared to remove his fowls to an Allotment if the Council would reduce the rent of his house by the amount equivalent to the rent of the allotment and provide him with a Fowl-house. RESOLVED, That the Allotment Committee be recommended to grant Mr. Russell the tenancy of an allotment on the usual terms, but to allow him the allotment rent free for one year.

7—New Houses—(a) 38 Waterloo Street—The Committee considered a letter from Mr. W. H. Horsley that the decision of the Council not to proceed with the purchase of this house had deprived the owner from selling the house to another purchaser and that, as the Committee had provisionally intimated their intention of purchasing the premises, the owner had not taken any steps to maintain it as it was the intention of the Corporation to demolish it. In view of the difficult position in which the owner had been placed, he asked that the question of the purchase should be reconsidered. RESOLVED, That in these circumstances, the Committee agree to purchase the property at the price of £50 plus vendors' Solicitors' costs and surveyors' fees, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan for the cost, and that Minute No. 4 (b) passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

(b) Grove Street—Read, letter of 5th inst, from the District Valuer that, in view of the postponement of work on housing schemes, he did not propose to take any further action to negotiate the purchase of properties in Grove Street until the Council intimate their desire to proceed with the acquisition. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 21st September and 6th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) That the rents fixed and rebates granted, as set out in the Rents Rebate Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

(b) One-Bedroom Flats—That the Housing Manager be authorised to assist in providing curtains and rods to tenants who are old, infirm and needy.

(c) Non-Subsidy Houses, Whaddon Farm Estate—That, having considered the position of the wages of tenants in Non-Subsidy houses on this Estate who have been called up for service with the Forces, that the rents rebate system be applied to these houses in the same way as applied to the Subsidy houses, except that a minimum rent of 7s 2d be fixed.

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



J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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#### STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th October, 1939** Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Morris, Rogers and Till (The Deputy 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—Merriville Road and Merriville Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported an application by Messrs. Western Estates Ltd., for the remaining portion of Merriville Road and Merriville Gardens to be taken over by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That notice be given of intention to take over the roads as repairable by the Corporation.

3—National Emergency Work—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letters from the Secretaries of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers and National Joint Industrial Council with regard to wages and overtime rates for men engaged in connection with the National Emergency. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to curtailment of work there may be insufficient work for skilled workers and he asked that in the event of such a contingency arising he be given permission to offer the skilled workers employment as general labourers in preference to discharging the men and that they be paid the appropriate rate for the work on which they were engaged, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the junction of Millbrook Street and Arle Road with Gloucester Road with a view to overcoming the danger to traffic and pedestrians at this point, and he suggested that in view of the difficulties now existing in obtaining permission to fix "Halt" Signs, the Ambulance Association be asked to agree to the setting back and lowering of their wall. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the work be carried out at the Corporation's expense.

5—Borough Surveyor's Department—Highways Superintendent—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Highways Superintendent now asked that his salary may be allowed to revert to the position as existing on the 17th July as the increase then granted militated against him as regards Income Tax owing to loss of emoluments. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that Minutes 9 (a) dated the 17th July, 1939, and 16 dated the 15th September, 1939, be varied accordingly.

6--Horse Drivers Hours—Read, report of the Horse Sub-Committee on the working hours of the horse drivers and the condition of the horses and stables. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to investigate and report to the next Meeting of the Committee.

7—Pittville Street Improvement—(a) The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Eric Posner had agreed to take the premises formerly occupied by Mr. H. W. Flemons on a monthly tenancy from the 1st November, 1939, at an inclusive rent of twenty-five pounds per month payable in advance. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Read, recommendation of the Housing Committee that such properties not let by the Street and Highway Committee and which could be used for human habitation without excessive repair costs should be handed over to the Housing Committee for letting and management. It was reported that most of the property is unsuitable for letting for housing and that there appeared to be a demand for shops in that area RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the premises cleaned out and that they be put in the hands of local Agents for letting on short terms. RESOLVED, also, That the Pittville Street Sub-Committee be authorised to settle the rents to be charged.

8-215 Bath Road—The Committee further considered the offer of Messrs. Lear & Lear to sell these premises for £225. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted.

9—Obstructions on Footpaths—The Town Clerk submitted report of Superintendent Hopkins that the complaint as to obstructions on the footpaths at Nos. 13 and 19 Suffolk Road had been attended to.

10—Projecting Signs—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from Messrs. Buckley's (London) Ltd., asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to approve projecting signs at the "Full Moon" Inn, High Street, and the "Brown Jug" Public House, Bath Road, RESOLVED, That the signs be now approved subject to the usual conditions and to no lighting during lighting restrictions.

11—Imperial Square—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Mr. R. N. Coleby complaining of the nuisance caused by the parking of cars in front of his premises and asking permission to put up a Notice "No Parking," by Order. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

12—Lansdown Place—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Miss A. Brewer asking the Corporation to erect a second seat in front of Lauriston House. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report thereon.

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13—Rowanfield Road—Read, letter of 7th inst from Messrs. E T. Stinchcombe & Son that they intended to repair the openings in Rowanfield Road at once. It was reported that this had not been done. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the matter up again with Messrs. E. T. Stinchcombe & Son.

14—The Repository, Winchcomb Street—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter offering to sell these premises for f9,000. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

15—Winchcomb Street Improvement-16-19 Winchcomb Street—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend stating that no doubt their client would be willing for the Contract to remain in abeyance for the time being, but that they are now of opinion that the terms previously arranged must not now be considered binding on either party so that it will be open to either of the parties to negotiate other terms if and when the Corporation wish to proceed with the matter. RESOLVED, That

the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange for the Contract to remain in abeyance for the period of hostilities.

16—Pittville Circus Road and All Saints Road—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Miss P. M. Cooke asking for the trees overhanging the gardens of the Gloucester Diocesan House to be heavily pruned in the Autumn. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

17—Tewkesbury Road—Railway Bridge—Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Ministry of Transport that these improvements are included in the list of works not to be commenced.

18—Post Office Telegraph Lines—(a) Rowanfield Road—The Town Clerk submitted application from the Post Office Superintending Engineer for permission to erect an overhead telegraph line in Rowanfield Road from Marsden Cottage to the Parish Hall, RESOLVED, That consent be given subject to conditions recommended by the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineers.

(b) Clyde Crescent—The Town Clerk submitted application from the Post Office Superintending Engineer for permission to erect an overhead telegraphic line from 42 Clyde Crescent to Cam Road. RESOLVED, That consent be given subject to condition recommended by the Borough Surveyor and the Borough Electrical Engineers.

(c) Gloucester Road—The Town Clerk submitted application from the Post Office Superintending Engineer for permission to erect an overhead telegraph line at the rear of New Inn, Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That consent be given subject to conditions recommended by the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineers.

19—Montpellier Walk—The Town Clerk reported that a bollard in Montpellier Walk had been damaged by a motor vehicle belonging to Mr. Hardman and that the claim for the damage had been paid.

20—Evesham Road—The Town Clerk reported that the traffic island at the junction of Evesham and Wellington Roads had been damaged by a motor vehicle driven by Corporal Gresham. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of making good the damage estimated at £1 17s. 10d.

21—St. Peter's Square—The Town Clerk reported that a tree in St. Peter's Square had been damaged by a motor vehicle index No DDD 490. RESOLVED, That a claim be made against Cheltax Ltd. for the cost amounting to £1 10s 4d.

22—St. Stephen's Road—Read, letter of 13th inst. from Messrs. Amos Wilson & Son that as they had already explained by both telephone, letters and interviews they did not consider they were liable for the repairs to the paving as the paving had been repaired after application had been made for a crossing which rendered the repairs to the paving unnecessary, and the work done in repairing the pavement had had to be taken up a day or two after it had been done in order to lay the crossing. RESOLVED, That the claim be not further pressed.

23—Brooklyn Road—(a) Read, letter of 16th inst. from Mr. W. J. Forbes asking whether the time for completion of the purchase of the land by Mr. I. Maddox, which was fixed for the 31st December, 1939, can be extended. RESOLVED, That Mr. Maddox be granted 3 months extension.

(b) Read, letter of 14th inst. from Mr. A. Fraser asking if the Corporation would let the narrow strip of land beside the stream for cultivation. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to a nominal rent of 1s a year and to the land being surrendered without compensation when required by the Corporation.

24—Waste Paper—Councillor Grimwade enquired what steps if any the Corporation were taking regarding the collection of waste paper having regard to the advertisements in the Press urging people to save their waste paper. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Borough Surveyor to report thereon at the next Meeting.

25—Closing down of Road Works—The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 520 (Roads) from the Ministry of Transport with regard to (1) Schemes to be completed ; (2),Schemes to be proceeded with : (3) Schemes to be stopped and made safe : and (4) Schemes not to be commenced.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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#### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th October, 1939 Present—**The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James and Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland and Grimwade ; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Grist, Mrs. Mellersh and Mrs. Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1939 The attendances at the Centres had been as follows:-

	Infants.	Toddlers.	Evacuees.
At Baker Street (10 Meetings)	26.3	36.1	13
At Clare Street (10 Meetings)	38.5	43.0	12
At Grosvenor Street (9 Meetings)	33.0	36.4	11
At St. Mark's (10 Meetings)	33.5	35.9	11
At Whaddon (10 Meetings)	18.7	55.3	10

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1939 ;—

No. of Children on Register	...	3,008
“ Un-notified Live Births discovered	...	3
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under		1,466



Name.	Address.	Maximum No. of Children allowed.
Mrs. Brain...	Malvern House, Malvern Road	1
Miss Cook ...	Imperial Nursing Home	1
Mrs Dicks	9 Thames Road	1
Mrs. Bond	23 Mersey Road	1
Mrs. Blackford	6 Severn Road	1

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6—Gynaecological Clinic—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 3 Clinics had been held to date and the total number of attendances was 14, including 12 Borough patients He submitted the account for payment, with a special account for £1 16s. 0d. for patients seen at the Doctor's private address in circumstances rendered necessary by the emergency. RESOLVED, That these be paid.

7—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 166, of which 86 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 23 surgeons' consultations had been held ; 80 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 15 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) Provision of Shoes in cases of Flat Foot —The Medical Officer of Health reported that The Cripples Aid Society had decided that they must discontinue the practice of providing shoes in these cases and that he had obtained prices for small shoes and for the alterations necessary to render them suitable for cases of flat foot. RESOLVED, That in cases where the incomes of the families of children requiring special shoes, fall within the figure of the free milk scale, shoes be provided by the Corporation subject to a payment by the parent of an amount approximating that which would normally have been expended by the parent for ordinary shoes.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from the Cripples Aid Society for a grant towards the cost amounting to £5 13s. 0d. of instruments, boots and repairs for children under five. RESOLVED, That a grant of 50 per cent, namely £2 16s. 6d. be made.

8—Milk Supply—(a) Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Ministry of Health that the Minister hoped the new Milk Scheme would be brought into operation generally as soon as possible. With regard to the scheme submitted by the Council, the Minister had the following observations to make (1) That the existing income scale in operation in the Borough is preferable to that proposed for the new scheme and the Minister asked that the Council should consider the proposed upward revision of this, (2) That in addition to the proposals for giving publicity to the scheme, the Council might consider the desirability of advertising in the local Press. (3) The Minister asked that, in cases where one pint of milk per day only is supplied, attendances at a Clinic will not be a condition of participation in the scheme, and that this will be made clear in bringing the scheme to the notice of applicants. The Minister reminded the Council that it is open to them to supply a greater quantity of milk up to two pints a day on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health. (4) It was not intended by the Ministry to invite tenders for the supply of milk under the scheme. It was the intention that there should be a panel of suppliers on which any milk vendor should be enrolled if he is willing to supply milk on the conditions

laid down by the Council. RESOLVED (1) That the existing income scale be reverted to for the new scheme (2) That the scheme be not advertised in the local Press. (3) That the Ministry be informed that it is the intention for the time being to work the scheme in association with the Infant Welfare Clinics which are situated in the various parts of the town. And, whilst it is not to be an invariable condition that mothers should attend the Clinics it would be of great assistance in carrying out the scheme if mothers could attend at least once a month to furnish details in regard to changes in income.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mrs Collins of 303 Old Bath Road had made a false statement with regard to her income and thereby obtained a free supply of milk, and she was not entitled to this. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be asked to interview Mr. and Mrs. Collins and to arrange with them for payment of a weekly sum for refund to the Corporation of the value of the milk they had thus obtained.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health also reported that Mr. Davis of 18 Crabtree Place had not reported a change in his income. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to warn Mr. Davis that if he fails again to report a change in income, proceedings will be taken against him.

9—Puerperal Pyrexia Cases—The Medical Officer of Health reported two cases of Hospital treatment. RESOLVED, That the account of 1S Ss. 0d. due to the Hospital for these treatments be paid.

10—Victoria Nursing Home—The Medical Officer of Health submitted suggested scale of fees payable by the Corporation for Maternity Cases accepted for confinement or ante natal or post-natal treatment at the Victoria Home together with scale of income for calculating the fees, RESOLVED, That consideration and report be referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillor Garland, Mrs. Grist, Mrs. Mellersh and Mrs. Wood.

11—Midwives Act, 1936—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 £114 4s. 6d. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

12—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—(a) 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, 1940.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss L. E. Bayliss had now given up her intention to carry on a Nursing Home at 56 Leckhampton Road so that her application for registration could be regarded as withdrawn.

13—Ante Natal Service—The Medical Officer of Health reported that as instructed he had written to the Doctors of the Victoria home with suggestions for an extension of the Ante Natal Services provided in the Borough. RESOLVED, That as it is unlikely that it will be possible to make plans for the extension of the work at present, consideration of the matter be deferred.

LEIGH JAMES, Chairman.

## TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

**At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th October, 1939.** Present—The Mayor : The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Bendall and Waite ; (Alderman Ward in the chair).

1—Applications to Develop— Westbourne House, Pittville Circus Road—Read, letter of 25th ult. from The Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co. Ltd., asking for permission to use Westbourne House for the purpose of dispensing sterilising solutions. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to the Company entering into an Undertaking (a) not to allow the premises to be a nuisance to owners of adjacent properties by reason of emission of smoke or fumes, or dust, noise or smell:

(b) not to use the premises for any other purpose than residential purposes after the cessation of hostilities :

(c) not to allow chemicals to be passed into the drains : and

(d) not to stack packing cases indiscriminately about the grounds of the property

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th October, 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor Aldermen Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore and Waite ; Messrs. Harris, Walker and Wiggett (Alderman Ward in the Chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5298	Messrs. Wheeler & Mansell, Ltd.	Garage, 24 The Grove.
5299	Gloucestershire County Council	Decontamination Unit, A.R.P., Cheltenham General Hospital.
5300	The Alton Court Brewery Co., Ltd.	New lavatory accommodation, Unicorn Hotel.
5301	Eager, H.	Alterations, 246 Gloucester Road,
5302	Ball, W.	Garage, Mayhew, Arle Drive.
5303	Cheltenham Agricultural Traders Ltd.	Temporary storage accommodation, Park Street.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans. Nos. 5298, 5299, 5302 and 5303 be approved That Plans Nos. 5300 and 5301 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5298, 5300, 5301 and 5302 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 5299 and 5303 be approved subject to the respective owners entering into an Undertaking to remove the building at their



own cost and without compensation within three months of the cessation of hostilities or such longer period as the Council may permit.

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.
1616	Borley, Mrs. E.	Garage (Private), Edgehill, Stockwell Lane, Cleeve Hill.
1617	Williams, E. M.	Garage (Private), 42 Noverton Lane, Prestbury.
1618	Clements, W R. C.	Alterations, The Orchards, Gretton.
1619	Clifford, H D.	Additions, Chandlers, Little Witcombe.
1620	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Temporary Bar and Sanitary Accommodation, Newlands Inn, Bishop's Cleeve.
1621	Strawford, E.	Pair semi-detached bungalows, Hayden Green, Nr. Staverton
1622	Cheltenham Electricity Committee.	L.T. Overhead Line, Staverton-Barrow.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1618, 1619, 1621 and 1622 be approved ; That Plan No. 1616 be approved subject to a suitable tile being used on the roof ; That Plan No. 1617 be approved subject to the roof being painted a suitable colour to harmonise with the district ; That Plan No. 1620 be approved subject to the owners entering into an Undertaking to remove the building at their own cost and without compensation within three months of cessation of hostilities or such longer period as the Planning Authority may permit.

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4—Applications to Develop—(a) 246 Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted application of Mr H. Eager for permission to erect two store sheds at the rear of 246 Gloucester Road for the storage of building plant and materials. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to plans being submitted to and approved by the Committee under the Building Byelaws.

(b) Brooklyn Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers of 13th inst. for permission to erect one house on a plot of land fronting Brooklyn Road. It was reported that the plot is part of a larger plot which was restricted to one house and that one house had already been erected. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

5—Westbourne House, Pittville Circus Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 10th inst. from Messrs. McLaren & Jeens that their Client, Miss Bellhouse, will not now raise any objection to the user of Westbourne House and that she relies on effect being given to the conditions attached to the approval of the change of user of the building.

6—Planning Maps—The Town Clerk submitted Circular 1873 of 21st ult. from the Ministry of Health requiring Planning Authorities to omit from their Planning Maps all information which might be of value to the enemy.

7—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum from the Clerk to the County Council setting out the General Principles and recommendations of the County Planning Committee having regard to Section 70 of the Civil Defence Act which states that " the object of rendering the whole or any part of the area to which the scheme applies less vulnerable to air raids " shall be included in Section of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, as one of the general objects for which a scheme may be made. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Minister of Health to ascertain whether any Model Clauses or Regulations have been prepared for the guidance of Local Authorities on this matter.

8—Reproduction of Ordnance Survey Maps—The Town Clerk submitted copy of Regulations Governing the Reproduction of Ordnance Survey Maps together with letter of 14th inst. from the Director General, Ordnance Survey pointing out that reproduction from Ordnance Survey Maps or Maps based on Ordnance Survey material may not be put in hand until prior permission has been obtained and that any reproduction without permission is an infringement of Crown Copyright. The Director General submitted two alternatives on which he is prepared to issue licences :

(a) The Undertaking to maintain a complete list of all tracings and reproductions to be submitted quarterly for assessment in accordance with the prescribed scale of royalties ; and

(b) Each Undertaking (water and electricity) to agree to pay £1 1s. 0d. per annum per 100,000 population supplied.

RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to adopt alternative (b) and that the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire what extra charge will be made for a licence to cover the tracing and reproduction of Ordnance Maps in the Town Planning and other Departments. RESOLVED, also, That a small charge be made for any tracing or reproduction of the Town Planning Map where this is done by request.

9—" Naunton Estates" Ltd.—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 17th inst. from Messrs. Naunton Estates Ltd., with regard to the drainage of surface water into foul sewers, and asking for a ruling thereon. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to deal with the matter.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th October, 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bettridge, Rev. de Courcey-Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Ben James, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—St. Peter's Bathing Pools----The Borough Surveyor reported that these Pools were closed on 25th September, and during the season 5,810 boys and 4,923 girls used the Pools.

2—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that arrangements had been made for soldiers of the 1st Royal Gloucestershire Hussars and the 7th Gloucester Regiment, stationed at the Race-Course, to use the Slipper Baths at Alstone and the Spa Baths at a charge of 3d. per head, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received application from the 72nd Bath Regiment R.A. for 650 troops billeted at Winchcombe to use the Slipper Baths. As the Slipper Baths are now being used to capacity, he recommended that, if a hot shower was placed in the foot bath of the large plunge, many of the men could wash there and afterwards have a swim. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to adopt the suggestion as the Baths have been promised to the Y.M.C.A when this is closed at the end of the month, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to H.M. Office of Works suggesting that the Baths at the Boys' College and Dean Close School which have been requisitioned by the Government, might be placed at the disposal of the troops billeted in and around Cheltenham.

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Superintendent of these Baths had asked for a bath and lavatory basin to be provided. RESOLVED, That this be not entertained at present.

(d) RESOLVED, That as the Y.M.C.A. will not be able to obtain use of the Baths until about the middle of next month, the rent be reduced from £30 to £25.

3—Pittville Pump Room—Councillor Grimwade reported that, owing to the new Grammar School not being completed, the girls attending the School were unable to have their usual physical training instruction. RESOLVED, That the free use of the Pump Room be granted to the Pate's Grammar School and the King Edward's High School for Girls, for physical training subject to the Schools arranging for the necessary cleaning of the room and to no lighting being used.

4—Sunday Concerts--(a) The Entertainments Manager reported that he anticipated being able to obtain the services of Henry Hall and his Dance Band to give a Sunday Evening Concert in December on sharing terms, the Corporation taking 30 per cent. of the nett receipts. RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for this on Sunday evening, 3rd December, and Mr. Cole be given notice that his Orchestra will not be required on that evening.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to let the Town Hall, or provide such entertainment as in their discretion they think desirable on Sundays, and that the Minute of the Council requiring all Sunday Bookings and entertainments at the Town Hall to be submitted for the approval of the Council, be rescinded.

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

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

That the Saturday Dance Teas and evening Dances be continued and Mr. Billy Gammon be paid the sum of £14 10s. 0d. per Saturday for the two Dances. Also that a Popular Dance be held on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. and that Mr. Billy Gammon's tender of 7 guineas per evening for providing his Band for these Dances be accepted.

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

6—Catering Manageress—The Entertainments Manager reported that as the entertainments at the Town Hall had to close at 10 p.m., the catering had been reduced to the sale of tea and coffee and light refreshments. The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had considered this matter, and recommended that Miss B. Hullatt, Catering Manageress, be given one month's notice to terminate her

engagement on 30th November, unless the position in regard to the closing of the Town Hall at 10 p m. changes in the meantime. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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#### ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd October, 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Ben James, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Air Raid Precautions—(a) Payment of Personnel—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the National Joint Industrial Council had made certain recommendations with regard to the payment of electricity employees engaged on Air Raid Precautions duties. The principal recommendations were that :—

(i) Any employee carrying out normal duties should be paid at an appropriate rate under the present trade agreements, as set out in the various district council agreements, including overtime.

(ii) Any employee whose normal working week is made up partly of normal duties and partly of Air Raid Precautions work, including standing by, shall be paid not less than a normal week's wages.

(iii) Standby Air Raid Precautions duties outside normal hours should be undertaken by voluntary labour.

These recommendations would come up for consideration by the West of England Industrial Council and, if approved, will govern the practice of the Cheltenham Electricity Department.

(b) Alstone Lane Sub-Station—It was reported that the tenders for building Alstone Lane Sub-Station had been opened by the Mayor and the Chairman as authorised at the last meeting of the Committee. The tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons amounting to £489 was the lowest and had been accepted, but the Borough Electrical Engineer had been able to make certain modifications which reduced the amount of this tender to £423. The Town Clerk reported that he had received the valuation of the District Valuer which amounted to £80 and the Corporation would have to pay the Vendors' legal costs and Agents' fees amounting to £9 5s. 0d. and to fence the land with a good and sufficient fence. It was also reported that the tenant had agreed to give immediate possession on payment of £3 compensation. The total sum amounted to about £13 above the estimate. RESOLVED, That the amount of the loan to be applied for be increased by this amount.

2—Kayte Farm Factory—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that, apart from minor details, the terms had now been settled with Messrs. Smith & Sons for a High Tension Supply to this factory. The greater part of the cost of cables and the switch-gear would be borne by the Company but expenditure of about £472 on switch-gear would have to be incurred by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £472 for this purpose.

3—Land in Gloucester Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the small piece of land belonging to this Committee at the corner of Gloucester Road and Church Road should be broken up for crops and this recommendation was approved by the Parks Committee subject to the consent of this Committee. RESOLVED, That this consent be given,

4—Extensions to Mains—The Town Clerk reported receipt of the sanction of the Electricity Commissioners to a loan of £3,418 for the new 11,000 volt cable to be laid from Westal Green to Hatherley Brake and Arle Court.

5-Notification of Failure of Supply—Read, letter 29th from the Electricity Commissioners with regard to amended requirements as to notification of failures of supply.

6—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended the 30th ult., which showed the average calorific value to be 471.2 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read, report of gas tests made on the 3rd, 9th, 11th, 17th and 29th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 492.9, 486.8, 483.1, 486.0 and 474.6 respectively and the pressure to be 6.3, 6.3, 9.1, 9.0 and 9.3 inches of water respectively,

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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#### WATER COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th October, 1939.** Present—Alder Margrett and Ward; Councillors Barnett and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair). men

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

#### DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st September, 1939.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	100,000 gallons	80,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	311,000 "	212,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>35,000</u> "	<u>19,000</u>
	446,000	311,000

#### CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... .. 58,555,000 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—Outlet Main from Hewletts Reservoir—The Borough Surveyor reported that approximately 950 yards of this main had been laid and the trench filled in. The portion of the main laid had been tested and had proved satisfactory.

5—Purchase of Stores—The Borough Surveyor reported that additional supplies of consumable stores had been purchased for storage at various points. He reported that between 200 and 300 tons of coal were stored at Tewkesbury and it had been necessary to prepare new storage space to accommodate this RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—A.R.P.—(a) It was reported that the sandbagging of vulnerable points at the various works had been completed. Shelters had been formed at Sandford and Tewkesbury and special pipes and joints had been ordered for emergency purposes and some of these had been delivered. The 12 cwt. Bedford van, referred to in a previous report, had been purchased and was proving very useful.

Four tenders had been received for the installation of a Standby pumping set at Sandford. The tender of Messrs. Worthington & Simpson Ltd. was the lowest but included an unsatisfactory motor. The Borough Engineer recommended that the tender of the Harland Engineering Company should be accepted. He pointed out that additional work of laying on current, wiring up, the provision of concrete beds and the fixing and connection to suction and delivery mains would have to be carried out in addition at an estimated cost of £100. RESOLVED, That the tender of the Harland Engineering Company Ltd., amounting to £239 1s. 6d., being the most satisfactory tender received, be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to carry out the necessary additional work of installation at an estimated cost of £100.

(b) Protective Clothing —The Borough Engineer recommended that seven suits of protective clothing to be kept at Dowdeswell (1), Sandford (4), and Tewkesbury (2) should be purchased at an estimated cost of £4 per suit. He pointed out that half of this sum would rank for grant. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

7—Additional Water Supply at Ashchurch—The Borough Engineer reported application from the Cheltenham Rural District Council for a supply of water from the main on the Tewkesbury-Ashchurch Road to an Army Camp at Ashchurch. About 15,000 gallons per day would be required during construction of the camp and about 50,000 gallons per day when the camp is occupied The Borough Engineer pointed out that the 6 in. main from Tewkesbury along this road terminates at a point 1,320 yards short of the terminal meter and the water is then carried by a 4 in. main. Beyond the terminal meter a 3 in. main, laid at the expense of the Rural District Council, supplies water to parishes in As a result of heavy consumption by railway engines at Ashchurch from the 4 in main, pressure fluctuates considerably and at times is as low as 70 lbs. per square inch The Borough Engineer recommended that the Rural District Council be informed that the supply to the camp will, if the mains remain as they are, still further reduce the pressure to the rural parishes. He also recommended that, in order to keep up the pressure to the camp, the War Office should be approached and asked to bear the expense of extending the 6 in. main a distance of 1,320 yards to the terminal meter. This extension would overcome all difficulties, RESOLVED, That his recommendation be approved and that he be instructed to inform the Rural District Council and approach the War Office accordingly.

8—Water Undertakings Bill—Read, circular letter from the Association of Municipal Corporations stating that they had written to the Ministry of Health asking that this Bill should not be proceeded with during the present session.

9—Assessments—The Town Clerk reported proposals received for amendment of the assessment of water mains etc. in parishes of the Cheltenham Rural District Council and the Northleach Rural District Council. He also reported revised assessment received in respect of the pumping stations, water mains etc. in the Borough. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to give notices of objection to the various assessments.

10—Staverton Water Supply—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking for the immediate consideration of the Council's application for compensation in respect of the main used for the conveyance of water between Cheltenham and Gloucester. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th October, 1939.** Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, Pruen, Ward and Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Green, Grimwade, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Smith and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

2—Hackney Carriages—(a) The Committee further considered the application from Mr. A. R. Wilson for 2 Hackney Carriage Licences and Drivers' Licences for W. E. Hill and A. R. Wilson. The Committee also considered the renewed application by Mr. H. F. Midwinter on behalf of Mr. Savory, proprietor of Cheltax Ltd., for a grant of 8 Hackney Carriage Licences and 14 Drivers' Licences. Mr. H. F. Midwinter attended the Meeting and stated that Mr. Savory desired the licences to enable the taxis to pick up passengers on return journeys, etc. At present Mr. Savory was unable to meet the demand for his cars owing to the fact that he was only able to obtain one gallon of petrol per car per day, whereas licenced hackney carriages were allowed 3 gallons per car per day.

RESOLVED (i) That the application of Mr. Wilson for 2 Hackney Carriage Licences be granted subject to the vehicles being passed by the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector and Superintendent Hopkins, and also to the two applicants for Drivers' Licences being recommended by Superintendent Hopkins.

(ii) That the application of Cheltax Ltd., for 8 Hackney Carriage Licences be granted subject to the vehicles being passed by the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector and Superintendent Hopkins ; also that the 14 applications for Drivers' Licences be granted subject to the applicants being recommended by Superintendent Hopkins.

(b) Fares—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 2nd inst, from the Local Taxi Drivers' Association, that as they had obtained a supplementary allowance of petrol for two months, they could continue running their service at the present fares unless it became necessary to increase the fares in view of increased cost of tyres, petrol, etc.

3—Bath and West Show—Read, letter of 21st ult. from the Bath and West and Southern Counties Society that it had been decided to cancel the Show for next year.

4—Domestic Servants Agencies—Read, report of 6th inst. from Superintendent Hopkins of the quarterly inspection of the Agencies All the books were examined and found to be in order. Ann Gray's Agency had been transferred from Miss Walton to Major Lloyd who was carrying on business at 89 Winchcomb Street, and Mrs. Smollen of 3 Montpellier Walk had opened an agency at that address.

5--Art Gallery—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Mr. Herdman that the Art Gallery Committee had had under consideration the strengthening of one of the cellar compartments so that there might be a sufficient strong-room for the safe-keeping of such articles in the Institution as need special protection, including the Corporation plate The Committee had considered a plan and estimate prepared by the Borough Surveyor for the provision of a strong-room in the basement of the Library at a cost of £160. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to instruct the Borough Surveyor to proceed with the construction of the strong-room.

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6—Employees on War Service—The Committee considered applications from W. Bailey, Clerk in the Water Department, age 40, and J. G. Ayres, Clerk in the Costing Office of the Borough Treasurer's Department, age 48, for permission to enlist. RESOLVED, That consent be withheld for the present and that the matter be further considered in three months' time.

7—Standing Orders—RESOLVED, That Standing Order No, 50 which requires the Town Clerk to prepare a showing the attendances of each member of the Council at Council Meetings and Committee Meetings, be suspended Return for one year.

8—Statutory Annual Meeting of the Council—RESOLVED, That the Meeting of the Council on the 9th November be held in the Drawing Room at the Town Hall at 12 noon.

9—Broadcast Relay Service—Read, letter from Wireless Service Ltd., that they could not now see their way to instal a Radio Relay Service in Cheltenham Read, also, letter of 7th inst. from the Swindon Radio Relay Exchange Ltd., that they were prepared for their former application to establish a Radio Relay Service in the Borough to be submitted again to the Council. RESOLVED, That on further consideration, the Committee do not think it is desirable to proceed with the establishment of a Radio Relay Service for the Borough at present, and that Minute No, 7 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

10—Food Control Committee--The Town Clerk reported that included in the membership of the Food Control Committee as appointed, were Councillor Avery who is now on war service, and Mr Pelley, Bursar, as representative of the Boys' College. Read, letter of 23rd ult. from the Cheltenham District Trades' Council asking if they might appoint two representatives on the Committee and submitting the names of two representatives who would be willing to serve. RESOLVED, That Mr. J. R Habgood be



appointed a member of the Committee as representative of the Cheltenham District Trades' Council, and that Mr. D. E. Davies, of The Ellenborough Hotel, be also appointed a member as representative of the Cheltenham Hotel Proprietors.

11—Traffic Commissioners—Read, circular of 7th inst: from the Ministry of Transport inviting nomination of persons to serve on the panel from whom Traffic Commissioners are appointed. RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Captain J. H. Trye, be nominated as previously.

12—Athletic Ground—The Town Clerk submitted Notice dated the 25th ult. signed by Col. Eager, that he had taken possession of the Athletic Ground under the Emergency Powers Defence Act on behalf of the Military.

13—Municipal Elections and Register of Electors—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 1 lth inst. from the Home Office that a Bill would be made before Parliament at an early date to postpone the Elections of Local Authorities and the preparation of the Register of Electors, and that, pending consideration of the Bill, Notices of Election which would have been necessary for the Elections on the 1st November, should not be given.

14—Cheltenham Christmas Relief Fund—RESOLVED, That the Relief Fund Committee be granted the free use of a room in No, 77 Promenade for use as an office.

15—Petrol Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of Messrs. Smith Bros., the Ladies' College, Mark Williams & Co Ltd., and Chas. Dickens Ltd., for licences to store 500 gallons, 100 gallons, 1,500 gallons, and 500 gallons respectively at their respective premises in Albion Street; College Playing Fields in Christ Church Road, Well Place and Hatherley Court ; St. Paul's Road ; and Wellington Street, be granted.

(b) Transfer—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. C. E. Rea for the transfer of the licence granted to Suffolk Garages Ltd., be granted.

(c) The Petroleum Inspector submitted a list of persons who had not taken up their petrol licences. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the licencees that, if they continued to store petrol without a licence, proceedings will be taken against them without further warning.

16—Abattoir—The Borough Surveyor reported that, in connection with the taking over of the Abattoir by the Ministry of Food, Mr. Jefford informed him, that the Ministry of Food desired the Corporation to provide a typewriter and office furniture, etc. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Public Health Committee.

17—Council Meetings—RESOLVED, That the time of the Meetings of the Council be 2.30 p.m.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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#### **FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd October, 1939.** Present—The Mayor; Councillors Bush, Fisher, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Monthly Report of Acting Chief Officer—The Acting Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting no outbreaks of fire had occurred in the Borough.

2—Anti-Freezing Mixture—The Acting Chief Officer reported that the particulars of the insurance on motor vehicles and trailer pumps as set out in Circular No. 276 did not cover vehicles against damage caused by frost, and as the vehicles were being garaged in premises not fitted with heating apparatus, he recommended that he be authorised to purchase a quantity of anti-freezing mixture. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

3—Car Batteries—The Acting Chief Officer reported to the Committee that the cars to be used for towing trailer pumps did not get sufficient running to keep the batteries charged, and recommended that he be authorised to have these charged at intervals by R. E. and C. Marshall Ltd. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to report on cost of a charging board sufficient to charge the batteries on all the vehicles belonging to the Corporation Departments, and meanwhile the Acting Chief Officer be authorised to have the batteries charged by Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd.

4—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) Waterproof Coats—Read, Circular No 76 of the 12th inst. from the Home Office authorising the purchase of suitable waterproof coats either of the rubber or oilskin type by Local Authorities under direct contract and that the expenditure will rank for exchequer grant, provided tenders are invited, the lowest tender accepted, and the number purchased limited to the number of trained whole-time and part-time personnel whose duties require provision of such a garment with any necessary allowance for auxiliary firemen under training. RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for the provision of 150 waterproof coats similar to those being supplied to other Fire Brigades.

(b) Steel Dam—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Home Office that instructions have now been issued for the delivery of one 5,000 gallon steel dam as an emergency water supply. RESOLVED, That this be placed on the vacant land in High Street (Messrs Lances site).

5—Motor Headlamp Masks—Read, circular No. 75 of 12th inst. that 30 masks had been placed on order for the Fire Brigade, the cost of which would be charged to the Corporation but would rank for grant. The price would be about 1s 11d. each.

6—Purchase of Motor Vehicles—The Town Clerk reported the terms on which the Emergency Committee had purchased 14 high-powered second-hand motor cars for towing trailer pumps in lieu of the cars and lorries which had been requisitioned and were standing by idle. This still left two lorries which had been requisitioned for the conveyance of mobile water units. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Home Office for consent to the expenditure incurred ranking for grant. RESOLVED, also, That enquiries be made as to the purchase of two second-hand lorries for the mobile water units and that it be left to the Emergency Committee to purchase these if they consider desirable.

7—Delancey Hospital -The Borough Surveyor reported the difficulty the Delancey Hospital Trustees were experiencing in regard to providing satisfactory arrangements for the driving of their Ambulance. RESOLVED, That arrangements be made for the Ambulance to be garaged near the Fire Station and that the Brigade undertake the furnishing of a driver for the Ambulance and for the cleaning, care and minor running repairs at a charge of £2 10s. 0d. per week.

H. C. GRIMWADE, Chairman.

**ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th October, 1939,** Present--Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Smith Messrs. A. Ball and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments. In addition to the 30 vacant plots the following allotments were not being fully cultivated :— Nos. 3 and 50 Creamery Piece ; Nos. 51, 57, 58 and 98 Asquith Road ; No. 11 Gappers Field ; Nos. 6, 84, 85, 86, 118, 151, 154, 155, 165, 166, 167, 168 and 179 North Ward. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants informing them that the allotments will be inspected again in a month's time and unless a more favourable report is received it will be necessary for the Committee to consider giving them notice to quit so that better use, may be made of them.

2—Cultivation of Vacant Land—(a) Sandford Mead--The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the last month these allotments had been thoroughly cleaned and part of the area dug over The Committee also considered the reference back by the Council of Minute No. 1 (d) passed at their Meeting held on the 11th ult. The Town Clerk reported that he had received 8 applications for allotments on this land, and the Borough Surveyor recommended that the Waterworks employees should be granted plots as before. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to plot out the ground for allotments of one sixteenth of an acre (1 lug), the rent for the portion of the land recently cleaned and dug to be at the rate of 9s 6d. per lug and the remaining portion at 6s 4d. per lug, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to let the land accordingly.

(b) Land at rear of The Elms—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Guardians Committee to ascertain if they would allow the Corporation to cultivate the piece of waste land near the Institution's Garden and to apply to the County Council for this permission, if necessary.

(c) Cam Road—RESOLVED, That the piece of waste land in Cam Road be divided into plots of 1 lug, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to let the same rent free subject to termination by 3 months notice (except June quarter).

(d) Church Road, St. Mark's -RESOLVED, That the land purchased by the Electricity Committee be broken up and planted by the Gardens Superintendent

(e) Field rear Wasley's Farm—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had received enquiries from residents on the St. Mark's Estate for allotments on this land. RESOLVED, That if a sufficient number of applications are received the land be plotted into allotments of 1 lug and let to applicants, and that the Gardens Superintendent plant the remainder of the land as previously instructed.

(f) RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to insert an advertisement in the Echo stating that there are allotments to let in various parts of the town,

3—Orchard, rear of Tennyson Road—The Town Clerk reported that this land had now been plotted out and a number of allotments let. RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillor Grimwade and the Gardens Superintendent be asked to inspect and report on the matter.

4—War-Time Food Production—(a) Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Clerk of the County Council enclosing letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that it was desirable that a Horticulture Committee should be set up charged with the work of encouraging food production in allotments and private gardens and for the purpose of giving advice to growers in the area it serves, and suggesting that the Parks staff of local authorities should be made available to the Committee. The Horticultural Inspectors of the Ministry would be prepared to assist the Committee, and the Ministry could arrange for the services of itinerant lecturers on payment of travelling expense, and also for the services of specialist advisers, and also to grant aid under the Ministry's Agricultural Educational Grant Regulations for such expenditure on horticultural education as approved by the Ministry as was reimbursed by a County Council to the Council of the Borough.

(b) Read, also letter of 18th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries enclosing Order under the Defence Regulations with the object of increasing food supplies by extending the existing powers for providing land for cultivation and authorising local authorities, as Agents of the Ministry, to take possession of unoccupied land without the necessity of obtaining any consents. Power was also given to take possession of occupied land by agreement. The Council should not agree to pay any rent for any unoccupied land taken and the local authority could make arrangements for the cultivation of land taken under the Order in small allotments either by a Society or by individual cultivators. As a general rule 10 rod plots would be sufficient for each cultivator. Section 21 of the Land Settlement (Facilities) Act, 1919, empowered Councils to provide seeds, plants, fertilisers or implements at cost price to allotment holders in cases where there were no adequate facilities for purchasing from a society on a co-operative basis. In exercising their powers under the Order Councils would be acting on behalf of the Minister. It was anticipated that the expenses of providing land would be recouped from the payments by cultivators but any deficiency would be made up by the Ministry provided that, apart from any sum which might in certain circumstances be payable for restoration of the land, it did not exceed £2 for each acre taken by the Council but they were not authorised to enter into any arrangement for restoration of grass land without the approval of the Ministry. A separate account must be kept of all receipts and expenditure under the Order.

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(c) The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had received a letter, dated 5th inst. from Mr. P. C. A. Wiggall on behalf of himself, Messrs. A. Barnfield, Frank B. Cypher T. H. Fuller, Alfred Hurran, G. W. Loads, J. Pollard (representing T. W. Harvey & Sons), E. Wiggall, and Stanley Yates, offering to form themselves into a local Committee and to place their services at the disposal of the Corporation in conducting a local campaign for increased food supplies, and this Committee would be willing to offer its services for the purpose of giving expert advice to allotment holders RESOLVED, That they be thanked for the offer of their services and that the Chairman, Mr. Yeend and the Gardens Superintendent be asked to confer with them to decide how their services could best be utilized for giving advice to growers as to cultivation of their allotments.

5—Elmfield Park Estate—Read, letter of 30th ult., from Messrs. Cunningham & Gibaud asking if the Corporation would be willing to rent the vacant land on this Estate in view of the cessation of building operations. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained at the present time as the Committee feel that they have enough land for their requirements.

6—Sydney House, Rowanfield Road—Read, letter of 24th ult., from Mr J. K. Troughton offering this property for sale. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

7—Allotment No. 77 Asquith Road—The Town Clerk submitted application for a rebate in the rent of this allotment in view of its untidy condition. RESOLVED, That the tenant be granted six months rent free.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th October, 1939.** Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Cultivation of Land—The Gardens Superintendent reported on the steps taken with regard to the cultivation of foodstuffs. He had had 4 nursery plots cleared of stock and planted with vegetables, and was also using some of the frames for growing vegetables.

2—Sandford Park—Garden Superintendent's Offices—(a) Electricity Installation—Four tenders for this work were received. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. F. H. Bastin & Son amounting to £13 15s. 0d. be accepted.

(b) Overtime—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with the Building and Public Works Construction Co. Ltd., with regard to overtime. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to inform them that application should be made in the usual way to the Local Overtime Committee for a permit.

3—Alstone Croft Playing Field—Custodian—The Gardens Superintendent reported further application from the Custodian at this Playing Field with regard to the retrospective payment of his increase in wages as from 20th April last. The Education Secretary attended and stated that the Education Committee would be willing to pay half the amount. RESOLVED, That the increase of 10s per week be made retrospective as from that date.

4—Tewkesbury Road Playing Field—RESOLVED, That the question of ploughing up this field be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

5—Whaddon Farm Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillors Fisher and Grimwade, the Borough Surveyor and Gardens Superintendent be asked to view this Ground and report to the next Meeting of this Committee as to the condition thereof. RESOLVED, also, That the application of the Education Committee to use this ground for Organised Games be deferred for the present.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

## ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th October, 1939.** Present—Aldermen Winterbotham and Leigh James; Dr. R. Davies; Major Clift and Mr. C. R. Mapp (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for September, 1939—Visitors-2,792. (last year 3,032). Included in this figure were 7 parties of girls, totalling 275, from King Edward's High School, Birmingham.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. 9s 11d. " Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund" 9s 7d. Total 19s 6d.

Loss of Pistol —The Curator reported the loss of an antique pocket pistol from a locked case in the Museum on 3rd inst. The matter had been reported to the Police. RESOLVED, That specimens of this character be removed from exhibition for the time being.

1—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from Mr. H. W. A. Kilgour, Mr. M. A. W. Neuman, together with the following:-

2 pencil drawings by R. P. Bonington (1801-28) from Dr. Alice Anderson Clow.

Pencil drawings of the late Sir James T. Agg-Gardner by H. K. Herkomer, and of Sir John Dorrington by T. Sargent, from Mr. Owen Hawkins.

Articles of costume, etc. from Miss L. M. Eyre.

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

3—Specimens—RESOLVED, That two pieces of Worcester porcelain, one Bygone, and ten Local Prints be purchased from the general account at a cost of £1 6s. 0d.

4—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That a Holster Bottle in glass be purchased from this Fund at a cost of 12s 6d.

5—Fuel and Lighting Order, 1939—The Curator reported the receipt of letters from the Fuel and Lighting Overseer calling attention to the Order by which fuel and light has to be reduced by 25 per cent. The Committee see great difficulty in reducing fuel consumption, but recommend that lighting be reduced forthwith by closing the Museum at dusk each evening during the present emergency. RESOLVED, further, That as soon as dark blinds have been fitted, the Art Gallery be kept open normal hours, and that a record be kept of the number of visitors attending after 5 p.m. on the two evenings in the week when the Art Gallery is open until 8 p.m.

6—Proposed Strong Room—The Borough Surveyor's Estimate and Plan for strengthening a room in the basement was submitted. RESOLVED, That this matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee for their consideration,

7—Chinese Porcelain Room—RESOLVED, That if schools working on the double shift system care to make use of the Chinese Porcelain Room for museum talks, facilities be given.

8—The Le Play Society—Some thirty members of this Society wish to spend a morning in Cheltenham at the end of December, and a request had been received for the Curator to act as guide. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

9—Date and Time of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, 16th November, 1939 at 3 p.m.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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#### CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th October, 1939.** Present—Councillors Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Moore (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair). 1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 23rd July to 20th October, 1939. Interments 146; Cremations 31 ; Grave Spaces sold 36 (1st Position 2, 2nd Position 2, 3rd Position 5, 4th Position 27); Memorials erected 41 ; New Inscriptions 36.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 10033 to 10068.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2430 to 2466, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved

4—Maintenance of Grave---1286 C 1. --Read, letter of 15th August from Messrs. Haddock, Pruen & Merivale that the late Mrs. A. M. Johnstone had bequeathed free of duty to the Corporation the sum of £50 upon trust that the Corporation should invest the sum and apply the income thereof in keeping this grave and grave-stone and kerbing in good order and repair, and shall keep the lettering thereon legible and cause the same to be re-cut from time to time. RESOLVED, That this legacy be accepted, subject to the usual condition that the Corporation should not be required to replace the grave-stone in the event of this becoming perished or destroyed:

5—Civilian Deaths due to War Operations—The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Health had now given instructions for the four buildings suggested by the Committee for use as mortuaries to be earmarked accordingly, and had now requested that an estimate should be submitted for the fitting up and adaptation of the buildings as such. The Cemetery Superintendent submitted estimate of the cost of providing the body racks, cleansing tables, hose, bath, stretchers and other equipment as required by the Ministry amounting to approximately £175 for each building. RESOLVED, That the Ministry be informed that the Committee are of the opinion that three buildings will be sufficient and that the estimates be forwarded to the Ministry.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND.

Chairman.

## **PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th October, 1939.** Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Bendall, Bush, Garland, Grimwade and Lipson; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris, C. E. Walsh and F. Vernall (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for September, 1939—Receipts £25 11s. 5d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 5,185; Lending Department 22,474 ; Junior Department 3,225 ; School Libraries (July to September) 4,010. Total 34,894 (last year 33,083).

Replacements and Binding-297 volumes had been replaced, 724 volumes had been dispatched to the binder.

Home-Reading Department-857 new tickets for home reading had been issued to evacuees, and during September the number of books issued for home-reading had increased by 180 volumes per day.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 339 volumes, published at £110 5s. 6d., be purchased for £78 1s. 6d.

(b) That £25 be spent on Replacements.

(c) That £25 be spent on Binding.

3—Donations-205 volumes and 68 pamphlets had been received as gifts from 14 donors. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4—Book List of Recent Additions—RESOLVED, That the bi-monthly Book List of recent additions be continued.

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5—Fuel and Lighting Order, 1939—The Librarian reported the receipt of letters from the Fuel and Lighting Overseer calling attention to the Order by which fuel and light has to be reduced by 95 per cent. The difficulty of effecting economy of fuel with an already inadequate heating system was discussed, and the Librarian's suggestions for certain reductions in the wattage of lamps used, was approved, RESOLVED, also, That the Junior Library close at 7 instead of 8 p.m. and that temporarily this Department be opened each week-day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It was also decided that all Departments of the Library should revert to normal hours as soon as dark blinds had been fixed.

6—Lending Library Floor—The Borough Surveyor's report on the condition of the wood-block floor was discussed. RESOLVED, That if the Borough Surveyor could secure an estimate for replacing about 76 yards of this floor at a cost not exceeding £50 the work should be put in hand.

7—Lectures--RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to proceed with the usual programme of winter lectures.

8—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 17th November, 1939 at 5 p.m.

D. L. LIPSON, Chairman.



## RATING COMMITTEE.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th October, 1939,** Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward ; Councillors Barnett and Bush (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 Rating Officer reported on the collection of the Arrears, and the Committee interviewed one defaulter.

3—New Valuation List—The Town Clerk submitted circular No. 1878 of the 27th ult., that the Government intended in due course to take the necessary steps to secure the postponement of the date of operation of the New Valuation List which would normally come into force on the 1st April, 1941, In the circumstances, the Minister recommended that no further steps should be taken at present towards the preparation of the new Lists but that Rating Authorities should endeavour, as far as possible to maintain whatever organisation may be necessary for dealing with any questions which may arise in relation to the lists now in force. RESOLVED, That in view of the fact that the preparation of the new List is nearly completed, the Committee take steps to complete this, and that where, in the opinion of the Committee, a revision of any assessments is desirable, the Council be recommended to authorise the Committee to lodge proposals for the amendment of assessments accordingly. RESOLVED, also, That the County Valuation Committee be recommended to communicate with the other Rating Authorities in the County asking them to take similar action for the amendment of the current Valuation Lists where it appears that, as a result of the preparation of the new Lists, it is desirable that any assessments should be revised.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 1st October, 1939** Present—Alderman E. L. Ward ; Councillors Bettridge and Bush (Alderman Ward in the chair).

4—New Valuation List—The Committee continued the preparation of the new Valuation List, E. L. WARD, Chairman.

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 25th October, 1939.** Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bettridge, Bush, Ben James and Moore (Alderman Ward in the chair).

5—New Valuation List—The Committee continued the preparation of the new Valuation List. E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

**At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th October, 1939.** Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Taylor and Ward; 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 £124,933 ; Allowances £940 ; Voids £4,443 ; Irrecoverable £608 ; Arrears £2,004

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, 1939. Amount collected ,24,666 ; Voids £272 ; Defaulters £32 ; Abated £29 ; Arrears £1,498.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 24th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and the Deputy Mayor.

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

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

Date, 1939.	Purpose.	Amount.	Term.
5th October .	Electricity mains, Vestal Green to Hatherley Brake.	£2,763 ...	25 years.
do.	do.	£655	20 “

5—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of the Electricity charges since the last meeting.

6—A.R.P.—RESOLVED, That application be made to the County Council for payment on account of the amount incurred by the Corporation in construction of public trenches and on other A.R.P. matters for which the County Council are responsible.

7—Loans—(a) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £15,442 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting £2,610 had been received on loan. RESOLVED, That mortgages be issued and sealed on account of duly authorised loans.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported the terms arranged for a loan of £10,000. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that a mortgage be issued and sealed on account of duly authorised loan. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to accept a further £5,000 from the same lenders on similar terms.

8—Finance Department—The Borough Treasurer reported that several members of the staff would come in the next class to be called up for military service. One of these was the Burrough's Machine Operator, and, as it would be difficult to replace this member of the staff, he asked for approval to obtaining the services of a female operator who was at present available, at a salary of £1 15s. 0d. per week. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Superannuation—The Borough Treasurer reported that A. Moulder and W. J. Stroud who were in receipt of pensions of 9s 9d, per week and £2 6s. 11d. per month respectively, both died on 30th September.

P. P. TAYLOR.

Chairman.

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### **Borough of Cheltenham**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 4th November, 1939.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to as the **Annual Meeting of the Council, to be held at the TOWN HALL on THURSDAY, the 9th day of November, 1939, 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. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing year.
2. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting.
3. To appoint Committees.
4. To appoint eight Members of the Guardians Committee, and to nominate four other persons to serve on the Committee.
5. To appoint six Members of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board.
6. To appoint six Members of the Joint Airport Committee.
7. To appoint Representative Trustees of Delancey Hospital to fill vacancies caused by expiration of term of Office of The Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillor Grimwade, Dr. R. Davies, and Messrs. T. A. D. Clarke and P. P. Davis.
8. To appoint members of the Education Committee to fill vacancies caused by expiration of terms of office of Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Messrs. Dobson and Dye and the late Mr. A. C. White.
9. To appoint eight Members on Assessment Committee. 10. Communications by the Mayor.

Yours faith fully,

N.B.—Robes will be worn.

Town Clerk.

NOTE.—At the conclusion of the Council Meeting the Council will meet as the Local Pension Committee for the Borough.

BUSINESS.

1. To read the Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. To appoint Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

To each Member of the Council.

PLEASE NOTE TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

**Borough of Cheltenham**

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st December, 1938.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 5th day of December, 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 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 ft FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.
5. To appoint a Member of the Education Committee to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Alderman James Moore.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

**Borough of Cheltenham.**

**At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough on Monday, 30th October, 1939, at 2.30 p.m.** Present :

The Mayor (Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Capt. John Henry Tree, C.B.E., R.N. Retd., J.P.)

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bettridge Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Ben James, Lipson, M.A., M.P. Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies-Apologies were received from Councillors Avery, Fletcher and Miller.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting---Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 2nd October, 1939, 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 :—

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Public Health... Meeting held October 9

Resolved, also, That Mr. R. H. Ellis be appointed Analyst under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, on the following terms :---(1) Annual retaining fee £60 to cover analyses and reports on too samples per annum, additional samples 12s per sample. (2) The retaining fee to include necessary quarterly reports required by the Ministry of Health. (3) The Corporation to provide the necessary record books and certificates. (4) Attendances at Petty Sessions £1 1s. 0d. per case per day, plus out-of-pocket expenses (if any). (5) That these terms be re-considered when times become normal.

Housing Meeting held October 12

Street and Highway Meeting held October 16

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held October 16

Town Planning Meetings held October 5 & 19

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held October 20

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Lipson : " That Minute No. 6 with regard to the termination of the appointment of the Catering Manageress be referred back for further consideration" was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held October 23

Water Meeting held October 10

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held October 17

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Addis : " That Minute No. 10 with regard to the appointment of two members on the Food Control Committee be amended by deleting the appointment of Mr. D. E. Davies (representing the Cheltenham Hotel Proprietors) and that the remaining vacancy be filled by a woman representative of the working class women of the Borough, and that the General Purposes Committee be authorised to make the

appointment. Also that the appointment of Mr. J. R. Habgood and proposed working class woman be in the place of Councillor Avery and Mr. Pelley who are now no longer able to serve on the Committee."

Subject also to an Amendment moved by Alderman Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 5 with regard to a strong-room in one of the cellar compartments at the Art Gallery be referred back for further consideration."

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pates and seconded by Councillor Barnett : That Minute No. (2) (a) (ii) with regard to Hackney Carriage Licences for Cheltax Ltd., be not approved," was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Winterbotham and seconded by Alderman Taylor: " That Minute No. 2 (a) be amended and that four licences be granted to Cheltax Ltd. and two to Mr. A. R. Wilson, and also that the necessary drivers' licences be granted subject in each case to the condition contained in the Minute " was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Compton : " That Minute No. 2 (a) with regard to the granting of Hackney Carriage Licences to Cheltax Ltd., and Mr. A. R. Wilson be amended and that only four licences be granted to Cheltax Ltd., and one to Mr. A. R. Wilson " was lost).

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(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Alderman Ward : " That Minute No. 5 with regard to a strong-room in one of the cellar compartments at the Art Gallery be not approved " was withdrawn).

Resolved, That the application of Mr. B. S. Webb of Battledown Brick Works for a licence to store 500 gallons of Petroleum in an underground tank in accordance with requirements, be granted.

Fire Brigade Meeting held October 23

Allotments Meetings held October 9 & 27

Resolved, also, That an Advisory Committee be appointed called the Horticulture Committee and that the following be nominated to serve thereon :—

Councillors Smith and Green, Messrs. Ball and Yeend (representing the Council). Messrs. T. H. Fuller, Stanley Yeates, Frank Cypher and P. C. A. Wiggall (representing the Horticultural trade), and Messrs. H. J. Carter, W. H. Hole, H. May and F. H. Longland (representing the Growers' Association).

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held October 9

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held October 13

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held October 20

Public Library Meeting held October 13

Rating Meetings held October 5, 18 & 25

Finance Meeting held October 24

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

3- Cleeve Common Conservators—Resolved, That Aldermen Margrett and Fates and Councillor Waite be appointed Cleeve Common Conservators for a further term of three years expiring on the 30th October, 1942.

4—Shops Acts—Resolved, That in pursuance of Regulation 60 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, an Order be made postponing the new closing hours for shops fixed by the Regulation until 8 p.m. on the late day and 7 p.m. on the other days of the week.

JNO. HOWELL, Mayor.