

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 Thursday, 9th November, 1939, at 12 noon.

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

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., 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., E. W. Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Fletcher and Till.

1—Election of Mayor—RESOLVED, That Councillor John Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., J.P., 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.

2—Appointment of Deputy Mayor—The Mayor signified in writing that he had appointed Alderman Capt. John Henry Tyre, C.B.E., R.N. (Retd.), to be his Deputy, and it was RESOLVED, That the appointment be recorded on the Minutes of the Council.

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

4—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 and Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr. Curling Hayward, 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).

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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, Dr. Curling Hayward, Lipson, Moore, Morris and Till, and that their powers and duties be as follows :-To regulate and manage all matters relating to the provision of new houses for the working classes, under the Housing Acts, and plans for outbuildings (other than Garages) on the several Corporation Housing Estates. **Maternity and Child Welfare Committee**-RESOLVED, That the following do form the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee for the ensuing year to carry out all duties connected with Maternity and Child Welfare-The Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Leigh James ; 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, Pates and Ward ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade, Morris, Rogers and Till, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the repair of the streets, including public and private streets and main and contribution roads, and including the roads and footpaths on the Pittville Estate, and to consider all proposed public street improvements, and the making of any Byelaws in respect of new Streets and buildings. To have the management of the Central Depot and the horses, materials and carts, etc., there ; any matters in connection with the Borough Surveyor's Department and of any properties acquired by the Corporation in respect of street improvements : To deal with matters in connection with Street Projections: To consider and regulate all matters concerning Traffic, and to manage and control the Royal Well Omnibus Station.

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 Clara Winterbotham, Taylor and Ward: Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore and Waite, and that their powers and duties be as follows:-To examine and report upon all plans for new Streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the Byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto. To deal with the Town Planning Scheme under the Housing and Town Planning Acts, 1909-1932, and to enforce the provisions of the following Acts so far as regards new streets and buildings : Public Health Acts, The Public Health (Building in Streets) Act, 1888, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts, 1852 and 1889, The Roads Improvement Act, 1925, and the Cheltenham Order of 1896, The Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board etc. Act, 1936, and to consider and deal with all plans of new streets and buildings submitted except plans of outbuildings (other than Garages) on the several Corporation Housing Estates.

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Town Improvement and Spa Committee—RESOLVED, That the following members of the Council do form the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Ward ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Green,

Grimwade, Ben James, Lipson, Rogers, Smith and Waite, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To have the control and management of the Town Hall and Winter Garden, the Alstone and Spa Baths (including the Medical Baths thereat), and St. Peter's Recreation Ground, and Sandford Park Swimming Pool, and to enforce the provisions of the Byelaws made by the Council with reference to them. To regulate and manage any matters in connection with the Mineral Waters under the control of the Corporation. To control the letting of the Montpellier Gardens, Pittville Gardens and Pump Room. To manage and control Entertainments undertaken by the Council and to consider and report upon all matters in connection with the advertising of the Town and the provision of a Band. To consider and report upon any matters in connection with 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 and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Ben James, Bettridge, Moore, Grimwade, Rogers and Waite, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Electricity Undertaking of the Corporation, the public lighting whether by electricity or gas, and to carry out the provisions of the Electric Lighting Acts and the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Orders, 1890, 1899, 1900 and 1912, and the Cheltenham Electricity (Extension) Special Order, 1927, and the regulations of the Board of Trade and Electricity Commissioners made thereunder.

Water Committee—RESOLVED, That the following members of the Council do form the Water Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Pates and Ward ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Dr. Curling Hayward, Moore and Smith, 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.

Fire Brigade Committee-- RESOLVED, That the following members of the Council do form the Fire Brigade Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Pates and Ward ; Councillors Bush, Fisher, Fletcher, Green, Grimwade and Till, and that their duties be to deal with all matters connected with the Fire Brigade.

General Purposes and Watch Committee—(Chairmen of the several Standing Committees when appointed, including the Chairman of the Civil Defence Committee). **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 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:—Aldermen Taylor and Ward; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Ben James, Moore and Smith, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters in connection with the Rating and Valuation Acts, 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.

Finance Committee--RESOLVED, That the following members of the Council do form the Finance Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen, Taylor and Ward; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters of Finance, including the Collection of Rates, 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 and Rates Offices, the preparation of Estimate 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. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H.

J. Norris, C. E. Walsh, B.A., and F. Vernall, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Public Library and all matters relating thereto, subject to the proceedings of the Committee being submitted from time to time for confirmation by the Council.

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Art Gallery and Museum Committee—RESOLVED, That the following do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year :--The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Leigh James and Margrett ; Councillors Avery, Bendall, Fletcher and Rogers ; Dr. R. Davies; Major J. G. N. Clift ; and Mr. 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. Pensions Committee.— RESOLVED, That the Local Pensions 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, 1940, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

5—**Education Committee**--(a) 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 and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fletcher, Garland, Grimwade, Lipson, Moore and Morris. (b) RESOLVED, That the Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone (being a person acquainted with the needs of the various kinds of schools); the Rev. Canon J. B. Goodliffe, M.A., Rector of Cheltenham, representing the Managers of Non-Provided Schools ; and Mr. A. G. Dye representing the Local Teachers' Association be appointed Members of the Education Committee for a term of three years expiring on the 9th November, 1942. RESOLVED, also, That consideration of filling the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. A. C. White be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council.

6—**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, Bush, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward and Moore. RESOLVED, also, That the following persons be nominated to serve on the Committee :—Mrs. E. Garland, Mr. S. J. Clarke, the Rev. Barbara Thomas and Mr. R. Parnell.

7—**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, Pruen, Taylor and Ward ; and Councillor Waite.

8—**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 ; Aldermen Margrett, Pruen, Taylor and Ward ; and Councillor Waite. 9—

9—**Delancey Hospital Trustees**—RESOLVED, That The Mayor; Alderman Margrett; Councillor Grimwade; Dr. R. Davies ; Mr. T. A. D. Clarke and Mr. P. P. Davis be appointed Representative Trustees of the Delancey Hospital for a term of three years expiring on the 9th November, 1942.

10—**Assessment Committee**—RESOLVED, That the following Members be appointed on the Assessment Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Bendall, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Green. Grimwade, Rogers and Waite.

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, 4th December, 1939.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th November, 1939. Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Ben James, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

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—Nuisances from Drains—King's Cottage, Kingsditch Lane ; 3 and 5 Duke 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 etc., and apply any test other than a test by water under pressure, and, if necessary, to open the ground.

5—Insanitary Property at 7 Princes Street—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Health 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.

6—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 5,6 and 7 Exmouth Street and 30 Marle Hill Road—The View Committee reported their inspection of these premises and the Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that work was now proceeding on all the houses.

(b) 28 Union Street ; 23 All Saints' Road and 16 Waterloo Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the owners of these houses 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) 40 Queen Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house was carrying out the necessary work to render the premises fit for human habitation.

7—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs.

of Beef : 2 qrs. of Mutton , 1 qr. 16 lbs. of Pork ; 1 qr. 19 ½lbs of Ham ; 3 qrs. 21 lbs. of Fowl 1 qr. 4 lbs. of Rabbits ; 1 qr. ¼ lb. Eggs.

8---Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness—(a) 16 Waterloo Street and 20 Bath Terrace—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 a certificate 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.

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(b) 47 Russell Street and 35 Queen Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these houses had in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 (i) 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—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his report of analyses of water taken since the last Meeting of the Committee.

10—Notification of Measles and Whooping Cough—The Town Clerk submitted Circular from the Ministry of Health together with provisional regulations providing for the notification of all cases of Measles and Whooping Cough by Medical Practitioners to Medical Officers of Health. The Medical Officer of Health reported that books of Certificates have been ordered and that copies would be sent to Medical Practitioners in Cheltenham as soon as possible.

11—Offensive Trade—Fish Frying—The View Committee reported their inspection of the premises at Royal Well House, College Place, proposed to be used as a Fried Fish Restaurant by Mrs. Haryett of Stroud. RESOLVED, That the application for permission to use these premises for the trade of fish frying be refused.

12—Diphtheria Immunisation—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Birmingham Authorities had agreed to pay the expenses incurred in inoculating the children evacuated to Cheltenham from Birmingham against Diphtheria.

13—Tuberculosis of Mulch Cow—The Medical Officer of Health reported that a Milk Cow from Lively's Farm was found at the Slaughter House to be suffering from advanced Tuberculosis, and it appeared that milk from this cow was marketed up to the time of slaughter. The matter had been reported to the County Medical Officer of Health. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to

write to the Clerk of the County Council pointing out the seriousness of this occurrence and asking for particulars of the numbers of the inspections taken by the County Council for Tuberculosis

14—Shops Act, 1934-3 Montpellier Avenue—The Committee considered the 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, 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

15 -Abattoir—(a) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 25th ult. from the Ministry of Food with regard to the taking over by the Ministry of the Public Abattoir. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Farms and Abattoir Sub-Committee.

(b) Blood Fertiliser—The Chief Sanitary Inspector recommended that he be authorised to make arrangements for utilizing the blood from animals slaughtered at the Abattoir for conversion into fertiliser. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

16—Land adjoining Sewage Farm, Elmstone Hardwicke—The Town Clerk submitted an offer from Messrs. Merrett, Halls & Co, Ltd. to sell about 35 acres of land adjoining the Corporation Sewage Farm. RESOLVED, That consideration be referred to the Farms and Abattoir Sub-Committee and that they be requested to inspect the land.

17—Camping Site—The Town Clerk reported that he had received an application from Mr. C. C. Comely of Harthurstfield Farm, Gloucester Road, for a renewal of the licence granted to him under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, in respect of the Camping Site provided by him at these premises RESOLVED, That a licence be granted for the period 15th October, 1939, to 15th October, 1940, on the same conditions as were contained in the previous licence.

18—Land at Barn Farm Cottage—Read, letter from the County Surveyor stating that the execution of road works in this vicinity is being deferred owing to the War and asking that the provisional settlement of £5 for the land required for the improvement of Barn Farm Cottage should be regarded as still in force, so that on the cessation of hostilities the land may be taken up without delay, the payment being made at that time. In the meantime, the land should remain in the occupation of the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

19—Byelaws—The Town Clerk submitted draft byelaws for preventing the occurrence of nuisances from snow, filth, dust, ashes and rubbish, which would take the place of the byelaws previously in force, which had expired. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting.

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20—Sewers—(a) Disposal of Sludge—The Borough Surveyor reported on the disposal of sludge and stated that he understood that certain of the grazing lands round the sewage works were to be ploughed up, in which case the present outlet for sludge would be seriously curtailed, and it would be impossible to proceed without the process of sludge digestion which would involve extra labour and clearing sludge from dry beds in the works. RESOLVED That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Agricultural Committee of the County Council and to Mr. Rymer asking that the Corporation should be consulted before breaking up land at the Sewage Farm.

(b) Main Drainage Scheme—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Sewers originally intended to be reconstructed had been examined and made recommendations with regard to the carrying out urgent work for keeping these working temporarily at an estimated cost of £785 This figure would be subject to amendment due to the difficulty of estimating at the present time He proposed to commence the work as soon as the Duke Street Sewer is completed. RESOLVED, That his recommendations be approved.

(c) Recorder at Gas Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the automatic recorder which measured the flow of waste liquors into the sewers was worn out and the Gas Company were proposing to install a new recorder which would enable satisfactory recordings to be obtained RESOLVED, That the proposal be approved.

(d) Lower Arle Development—The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to the War, development of land at Lower Arle, adjoining the stream flowing between Arle Road and Brooklyn Road, had been temporarily abandoned and the Owner of the land on the lower level was not desirous of proceeding with the work of culverting his portion of the stream. Notices under Section 262 of the Public Health Act, 1936, had been served on the Owners concerned, but there was some justification for the objection of the Owner owing to the development of the land ceasing, RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Flooding Sub-Committee.

(e) Albert Road Sewer—It was reported that the connection of the Rural District Council's Sewer to the Wyman's Brook Sewer had been completed.

(f) Sewer at the rear of Nos. 1-22 Windsor Street—It was reported that a section of the Sewer outside No. 21 Windsor Street had been found to contain a large amount of silt with the result that the sewage was not getting away satisfactorily. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to sink one or two trial holes with a view to ascertaining the condition of this sewer for the remainder of its length.

LEIGH JAMES, Chairman

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th November, 1939. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Moore and Morris.

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

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

3—Selection of **Tenants, View and Repairs Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the following be appointed this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Moore and Morris.

4—Housing Manager—(a) Annual Report—The Housing Manager submitted her Report for the year ended 31st March last RESOLVED, That this be approved as now settled by the Committee and circulated to the members of the Council.

(b) The monthly Report of the Housing Manager on the collection of rents was submitted. RESOLVED, That the sum of £18 19s 10d. arrears of rent written off as irrecoverable on last month's minutes be altered to £18 7s. 4d., and that Minute No. 4 (b) of the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

(c) Student—RESOLVED, That the Student in the Housing Office be granted a bicycle allowance of per annum.

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5—Selection of Tenants—(a) The Housing Manager reported that the number of applicants now on the Waiting List was 440 of whom 120 were on the Selected List of applicants. RESOLVED, That for the present no further applicants for tenancy of houses be interviewed by the Sub-Committee except very urgent applications.

(b) Report of Sub-Committee—Read, report of Meetings of the Sub-Committee held on the 19th October and 10th inst. and of the View Sub-Committee held on the 25th July last.

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) Fumigation—That the Thermotox system of fumigating houses be adopted in lieu of the present cyanide fumigation.

(c) 66-74 Hope Street —That any necessary repairs be carried out to maintain these houses in a habitable condition and that no action be taken at present in regard to their demolition.

(d) 2 Kingsley Gardens—That the gaps in the hedge of this house be filled up with privet.

(e) 24 and 26 Milton Road—That the Servall Grates be removed and replaced with new open grates and boilers.

(f) That the sheds and out-buildings inspected by the Sub-Committee be approved as now reported.

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

6—Steel Casements—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the interior painting of the steel casements of houses on the Moors Estate and also of the houses erected under Contracts "A " and "B " on the Whaddon Estate, and that half the houses on the Moors be painted with graphite ante-rust paint, and half with aluminium paint.

7—Benhall Gardens and Benhall Cottage—The Borough Surveyor reported that Benhall Cottage was in a poor state of repair, and also the out-buildings of Benhall Gardens, and a sink was required in the wash-house of the latter premises. He estimated the cost of carrying out the work at Benhall Cottage at £15, and Benhall Gardens at £64. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

8—Whaddon Farm Estate—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to renew the turf verges on the Whaddon Farm Estate where these have become worn.

(b) RESOLVED, That the due proportion of the cost of constructing the roads and footpaths adjoining sites which have been sold off be charged against the purchase money received from the sales of the sites.

9-38 Waterloo Street—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Ministry of Health that, in view of the circular from the Treasury, the Minister was not prepared to issue loan sanction of £59 for the purchase of this house. RESOLVED, That the Ministry be asked if they will consent to the Corporation purchasing the property if the cost is charged to revenue.

10—Keeping of Poultry on Housing Estates—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 7th inst. from the Ministry of Health on the importance at the present time of relaxing so far as may be practicable such restrictions as may exist to prevent the keeping of poultry by tenants of Council houses. The Ministry was of the opinion that even in normal times it was desirable that tenants of Council houses should be allowed such reasonable freedom to keep poultry as is consistent with the preservation of amenities, and he felt sure that the particular importance of this form of food production with the aid of household, garden and allotment refuse at the present time would be evident to all Authorities. The Ministry urged Authorities which had thought it necessary to prohibit the keeping of poultry to reconsider the matter with a view to determining how far the prohibition could reasonably be relaxed.

It was necessary for the good of the community as a whole that proper safeguards, especially in urban areas, against the possibility of a nuisance being created by poultry keeping should be imposed. These should include the use only of types of hencotes approved by the local authority ; control over siting ; restriction, according to space available, of number of birds kept ; and a ban on keeping of male birds capable of creating a nuisance to neighbours by crowing.

RESOLVED, That the circular be considered when any applications are received.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th November, 1939. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Morris, Rogers, Ward and Till.

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

2—**Pittville Street Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor; Alderman Ward ; and Councillors Fisher and Grimwade be appointed the Pittville Street Sub-Committee for the ensuing year

3—**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.

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

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

-6—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.

7—Trunk Road No. 10—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been informed by the Ministry of Transport that the re-construction of the culvert under the Gloucester Road near Arle Court had been approved but the Ministry had asked that the work should not proceed for at least six months. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, also that the Borough Surveyor supply the Ministry of Transport with a description of the condition of the existing culvert as requested,

8—Boundary Fence, High street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 25th ult. from the Entertainments Manager for permission to place a pictorial sign on the fence on the High Street frontage of Lance's old site. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the proposal.

9—County Road Estimates, 1940-41—The Borough Surveyor read letter of 8th inst from the County Surveyor asking for draft of County Road Estimates for 1940-41 to be submitted by the 15th inst. and that he had submitted the following estimates for the respective roads :—

Class 1.	Class 2.	Unclassified	Total.
£1,906	£1,495	£172	£3,573

This showed a reduction on the current year's expenditure of £117. Further, he had asked for the usual amount of £400 in respect of contribution roads. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Annual Tenders—The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to the fluctuation of prices of the majority of stores he did not think it practicable to invite tenders for stores during the ensuing financial year. He suggested the better course would be to circularise the present contractors to ascertain upon what terms they would be willing to extend the present contracts which expire on the 31st March next. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

11—Workmen's Time Recorder—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 18th ult. from the International Time Recorder Co., Ltd., offering to maintain the workmen's Time Recorder at the Central Depot for an annual payment of 3 guineas. He reported that the free maintenance period of the recorder had now expired. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

12—Refuse Collection and Disposal—The Borough Surveyor reported that at the end of the first and second quarters respectively of the current financial year the proportionate rate of expenditure on this service had been exceeded. He had, however, made certain alterations with a view to reducing future expenditure in order to save a portion of the over-expenditure and he suggested improved

supervision with a view to increasing the efficiency of the system. He pointed out that as all capital works would cease, and other works be reduced to a minimum, during the War period the supervision of the refuse collection and disposal could be carried out by the General Foreman under the direction of the Highways Superintendent. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that Mr. R. C. W. Bridges be asked to retire on 1st April, 1940, at which date his pension as reported by the Borough Treasurer would amount to £154 9s. 1d. in respect of 41 years' service.

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13—Leckhampton Depot —The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 19th inst. from Mr. H. Boreham stating that the sale of the land for the widening of Moorend Road is the only outstanding matter in connection with the winding up of the estate of the late Miss Hicks and asking the Corporation to purchase forthwith by payment of £25 plus agents fees. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

14—The Grove—RESOLVED, That notice be given of intention to take over this road as repairable by the Corporation. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to plant the road with trees when the road is taken over.

15—Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 7th inst. from the Secretary to the Ambulance Association agreeing to the setting back of the wall of their property at the junction of Gloucester Road and Millbrook Street. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work.

16—Wages and Conditions of Service—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 11th inst. from the Secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers that the Union representatives who attended a Meeting of the Labour Sub-Committee on the 17th July, 1939, were given to understand that the Committee would recommend a ten minutes break daily during winter working hours. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to adhere to their decision of the 3rd July, 1939, not to grant a ten minutes break to employees other than those at the Cemetery and the Electricity Department.

17—Francis Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that an application by Mr. A. J. Bettridge was coming before the next Meeting of the Town Planning Committee for permission to erect one house on the site of four condemned cottages at the junction of Exmouth and Francis Streets. He further reported that a portion of the site will be required to improve the junction of the roads at this point and that the Town Planning Scheme provides for a continuation of Exmouth Street by the widening of the Minnow Ditch footpath. RESOLVED, That the Town Planning Committee be recommended not to agree to the erection of a house on the site and that the owner be asked upon what terms he is prepared to sell the property.

18—Tewkesbury Road—Read, letters of 11th inst. from Mr. A. R. Cook and the 18th inst. from Miss G. M. Fielder with regard to damage to walls at Bridge House, Tewkesbury Road, since the adjoining house was demolished. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and to report on the matter.

19—Extension of Services—The Borough Surveyor reported that C. Attwood, C. Prewer and R. E. Richings whose services were extended for one year on the 23rd January, 1939, but who are not

included in the Superannuation Scheme and that A Price, B. Daunter, E. Cox and E. Hall who are included in the Superannuation Scheme had asked for their services to be extended. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes Committee be recommended to extend their services for one year

20—Brooklyn Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the footpaths in Brooklyn Road over frontages recently built-up were in a bad condition. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to pave the footpaths 6 feet wide with slabs,

21—Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the footpath in Arle Road over frontages recently built-up were in a bad condition. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit Specification, Plan and Estimate with a view to Notices being served for paving of the footpath by the abutting owners.

22—Alstone Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that this road for a distance of approximately 172 yards from the junction with Brooklyn Road is in a bad condition. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit Specification, Plans and Estimate with a view to Notices being served for making up this portion of the road by the adjoining owners

23—Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed he had made many enquiries with regard to salvage of waste paper and the best terms obtainable are those offered by The Thames Board Mills Ltd., of Purfleet, Essex. The present day prices are, mixed paper £2 7s 6d. per ton and newspapers £3 0s. 0d. per ton. The firm was prepared to enter into a five years' contract to buy waste paper at controlled prices, the minimum being £1 per ton mixed paper and £1 2s. 6d per ton newspapers. The firm will provide publicity matter and loan a baling press for six months if necessary. He further reported that the Local Scouts Organisation have undertaken a newspaper collection and by arrangement they will confine themselves to private dwelling houses. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed collect waste mixed paper and newspaper from business houses provided the cost of collection, baling and disposal does not exceed the proceeds from the sale of the waste paper.

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24—High Street and St. Paul's Street—The Committee further considered the offer of Mr. Jones to sell 183 High Street and the Borough Surveyor's report on the premises. RESOLVED, That as sanction to a loan could not be obtained at the present time the offer be not entertained at present

25—Dunalley Parade and Brunswick Street—The Committee further considered an offer to sell Ash Cottage at the junction of Dunalley Parade and Brunswick Street and the Borough Surveyor's report thereon. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

26—Horse Drivers—(a) The Committee further considered the report of Horse Sub-Committee on the condition of the horses and stables together with the Borough Surveyor's report and the improvements made during the past month. RESOLVED, That the horses and stables be inspected weekly by one or more members of the Horse Sub-Committee also that five Martingales no longer required be offered for sale in the Gloucester Market.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of Messrs. Elliott Bros. for permission to increase the charge for horse hire tender agreement from £3 12s. 0d. per week to £4 10s. 0d. per week.

RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to the carmen's wages being raised to the same scale as paid by the Corporation to their horse drivers.

27—Articled Pupil—The Borough Surveyor asked permission to take as a Pupil, Donald Creese, of Gloucester. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

28—Pittville Street Improvement—(a) Read, report of Pittville Street Sub-Committee on rents proposed for the letting of properties in Pittville Street. RESOLVED, That these be approved.

(b) Read, letter of 14th August last, and subsequent correspondence from Messrs. Vicker & Stanley asking if the Council would open negotiations for a building lease to their clients, on the understanding that their clients would undertake to commence building at the end of the War. RESOLVED, That this be not entertained at present.

(c) Read, letter of 27th ult., from Messrs. W. Liddington & Co. that they were prepared to negotiate for the site provided the actual completion of the contract should be held over for one or two years after the conclusion of peace. RESOLVED, That this be not entertained.

(d) Read, letter of 9th inst. from Messrs. Hillier, Parker & Co., offering to purchase the site for £40,000 subject to contract and survey, and to their clients being satisfied that they would be able to obtain necessary materials to complete their building. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained.

(e) The Town Clerk reported he had let No. 14a Pittville Street to Mr. Horlick at £20 per annum plus rates ; Tenant to keep property in reasonable repair but Corporation to be responsible for plate glass in shop windows and for fire. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(f) The Town Clerk reported he had let a room in 107 Albion Street to the Cheltenham Company of Jehovah's Witnesses at 10s per week inclusive. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(g) Read, letter of 7th inst. from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter claiming £25 on behalf of Mr. Flemons for fittings left at 122 High Street. The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Flemons had now withdrawn the claim as the fittings had been stored by the present tenant for removal at a later date.

(h) Read, letter of 18th inst. from Mr. J. E. Curtis offering to rent a room in Pittville Street on behalf of the "Left Book Club." RESOLVED, That this be entertained if it will not interfere with the letting of the remainder of the building.

29—Montpellier Terrace—The Town Clerk reported that the paving in the lane at the rear of Montpellier Terrace had been damaged by a motor vehicle belonging to Messrs. H. Packer & Co. Ltd. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for making good the damage estimated at £1 15s. 10d.

30—Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk reported that a plane tree in Tewkesbury Road had been knocked down by a lorry belonging to Mr. P. K. Matthews, Worcester. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for making good the damage estimated at £1 12s. 10d.

31—Westal Green—The Town Clerk reported that a " Keen Left " sign had been damaged by a motor vehicle belonging to a Mr. Morgan. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for making good the damage estimated at £6 2s. 11d.

32—High Street Roundabout—The Town Clerk reported that a " Keep Left " Bollard had been damaged by a motor vehicle owned by Messrs W. A. & A G. Spires of Melksham. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for making good the damage estimated at £10 4s. 7d.

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33—Projecting Signs—The Town Clerk submitted applications from :—

(a) Cinescope Publicity Co. Ltd., for permission to erect Original Brewery Tower signs on the following premises : White Horse, Tewkesbury Road ; Tivoli Inn, The Tivoli ; Bayshill Inn, off Promenade ; Railway Inn, Gt. Norwood Street ; Russell Arms, Hewlett Road; Lower George, Lower High Street ; and at 74 Tennyson Road. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to the signs not being lighted during lighting restrictions and complying with the usual conditions

(b) A W. Hawker for permission to erect a sign at 428 High Street. The sign will project 4 ft. 4 ins. over the pavement. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to the sign being not less than 20 feet above the level of the pavement.

34—Junction Albion Street and Grosvenor Street—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Cheltenham Ratepayers' Association pointing out that vision across the corner is now impossible owing to the growth of a thick clump of evergreen bushes. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to interview the owner with a view to lowering the height of the bushes to give a view to traffic across the corner

35--Evesham Road Roundabout—Read, letter of 19th ult. from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce that the roundabout is not easy to negotiate. The Borough Surveyor reported that it was not possible to improve the roundabout without setting back the fences

36—Black-out—(a) Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce suggesting that the thinning of trees and painting of kerbs etc. would assist very much in the black-out RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

(b) Obstructions—The Town Clerk submitted draft letter which he suggested should be sent to firms and others who had placed sand bags on the footpaths, pointing out their responsibilities in doing so. RESOLVED, That the draft letter be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to collect and store all seats which he considers form obstructions owing to the black-out.

37—Winchcomb Street Improvement--(a) The Committee considered a report of the District Valuer on the property known as Alders Stores, Nos. 2 and 3 Winchcomb Street, and that the owners had agreed to sell the property for £1,800 subject to contract, the vendors to pay their own Surveyor's fees and legal costs and not to ask for completion until the cessation of hostilities RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into contract subject to consent of the Minister of Health

(b) Read, letter of 17th inst. from The Gaumont British Picture Corporation Ltd., asking whether the Council are proposing to proceed with the purchase of No 24 Winchcomb Street. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken for the present and that The Gaumont British Picture Corporation be asked that in renewing the lease on the premises they make the period as short as possible

(c) The Committee considered the Borough Surveyor's report on the work to be carried out at No 11 Winchcomb Street to put the property in a reasonable state of repair. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work at a cost not exceeding £10.

(d) The Town Clerk reported that Mrs Hobbs had offered to rent No 11 Winchcomb Street on a monthly tenancy at £39 per annum plus rates, and that references given on her behalf appeared satisfactory, RESOLVED, That Mrs. Hobbs' offer be accepted.

(e) Read, letter of 31st. ult. from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend that their Clients were not willing to enter into a contract for the sale of 16/19 Winchcomb Street for completion at end of hostilities RESOLVED, That no further action be taken for the present.

38—Road off St. George's Place—Read, letter of 8th inst from Messrs. Pates & Co., asking the Corporation to scavenge the road at the back of Little Bayshill Terrace. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

39—Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Mr. A. Fraser agreeing to the Corporation's terms for the letting of a strip of land between his property and the brook.

40—Footpaths—Read, circular from the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society asking Local Authorities to continue their support during the War. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to continue their subscription to the Society.

41—Alstone Lane—(a) RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase out of Revenue for £40 the land for the improvement of the junction of Alstone Lane and Alstone Croft instead of applying for a loan.

(b) Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Mr. I. Jardine offering to purchase the surplus land in Alstone Lane for the sum of £25 provided it is fenced or wired off. RESOLVED, That Mr. Jardine be informed that the Council are prepared to sell the surplus land for £25, the purchaser to erect the fence on the new line

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42—Rowanfield Road—The Town Clerk reported interviews with Mr. E. T. Stinchcombe with regard to the condition of Rowanfield Road. Mr. Stinchcombe considered that he had fulfilled his obligations to make good the road where he had opened it, but that openings had also been made by Messrs. Martins RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs. Martins asking them to carry out the necessary repairs to the road damaged by them.

43—Hales Road—Read, letters of 18th and 24th inst. from Messrs. Taylor, Simpson & Mosley asking that the road in front of the new houses erected by Messrs. G. A. M. Hall Ltd. should not be permanently made up for the present.

RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

44—No. 6 Montpellier Avenue—Read, letter of 17th instant from Mr. F. L. Griffiths with regard to the arrears of rent by Mrs. Griffiths on No. 6 Montpellier Avenue and asking the Corporation to

forego their claim or alternatively to postpone their claim. RESOLVED, That Mrs. Griffiths be called upon to pay off the arrears by three equal monthly instalments.

45—Damage to Truck—The Town Clerk reported that a truck loaned to the Highways Department by the Water Department had been damaged by a lorry belonging to Messrs. Loader & Munkton. RESOLVED, That a claim be made for the cost of making good the damage estimated at £1 10s. 0d.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 2nd November, 1939. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Barnett, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland and Grimwade ; Mrs. Grist, Mrs Mellersh and Mrs. Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Victoria Home—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted his amended suggestion as to the scale of fees payable by patients accepted for confinement or ante or post natal treatment at the Victoria Home under the Borough Scheme.

(A copy of the scale of fees accompany the Minutes). The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the scheme had met and recommended that this be approved. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the Honorary Treasurer of the Victoria Home attending the next meeting of the Committee to put before the Committee a statement as to the financial position of the District Nursing Association.

2 —Day Creche—The Committee considered suggestion that a Day Creche should be opened in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That the Infant Welfare Association be asked to consider and report thereon.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th November, 1939. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Moore and Waite (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Alderman E. L. Ward be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd November, 1939. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore and Waite; Captain Leschallas; and 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.
5304	Walker, Crossweller & Co.	Temporary store room and recreation room, Clyde Crescent.
5305	Cheltenham Electricity Committee	Sub-station, Alstone Lane.
5306	Eager, H.	Store Shed, 246 Gloucester Road.
5307	Littman, J. A.	Shop, 103/4 High Street.
5308	Brand, L. W.	Garage, Pilford Avenue
5309	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd.	Conversion of dwelling house into two flats 3 Monson Terrace.
5310	Rouse, F. J.	Conversion of cottages into warehouse and garages, New Cottages, Alstone Lane.
5311	Saqui & Lawrence	New shopfront, 121 High Street.
5312	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd.	New Lavatory accommodation, Bell Inn, Bath Road.
5313	Burrow, S.	Garage, 80 Cakebridge Road.
5314	Bullingham, W.	Conversion of one house into pair of semi-detached houses, 150 Hewlett Road.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5304, 5305, 5308 and 5311 be approved ; That Plan No. 5306 be approved subject to the surface water drainage being connected to the surface water sewer in Gloucester Road ; That Plans Nos. 5307, 5309 and 5312 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 5310, 5313 and 5314 be not approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5304, 5305, 5306, 5308, 5309, 5311 and 5312 be approved ; That Plan No 5307 be approved subject to the front main wall of the building being set back to the improvement line ; That Plans Nos. 5310, 5313 and 5314 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,
1623	Lt.-Comm. J. S. Linsey, R.N.	Garage (private), New Road, Southam.

1624	Nott, L. W.	Two Cottages, Little Witcombe.
1625	Worrall, H. O.	Alterations, Braeside, Cleeve Hill.
1626	Cheltenham Electricity Committee	L.T. Overhead Line, Welling Hill Farm, Charlton Kings.
1627	Pugh, T. C.	Garage (private), Sandy Lane, Charlton Kings.
1628	Wayman, A. J.	Detached house and garage, Ryeworth Road, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1625, 1626 and 1627 be approved ; That Plan No. 1623 be approved subject to the front wall of the garage being surmounted by a dwarf stone parapet and the hedges to be cut back to the requirements of the County Council ; That Plan No. 1628 be approved subject to the front elevation being amended in accordance with the sketch plan now submitted by the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 1624 be not approved.

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4—Applications to Develop—(a) Francis Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted application dated 13th inst. from Mr. A. J. Bettridge for permission to erect one house on the site of four condemned cottages at junction of Exmouth Street and Francis Street, RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) 150 Hewlett Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted application dated 17th inst. from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green on behalf of Mr. Bullingham to use 150 Hewlett Road, Cheltenham, as a Builder's yard, RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(c) Uckington—The Borough Surveyor submitted application dated 21st inst. from Mr. C. H. Denley to erect a temporary building for use as a Place of Worship in place of the permanent building originally proposed. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the Trustees 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 Planning Authority may permit, subject also to plans being submitted to and approved by the Committee.

5—Hotel Majestic—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Fire Escape had not been erected at these premises as arranged with the builder. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to communicate again with Mr. Halls requiring him to erect the Escape without further delay

5—Land, Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported interviews with representatives of the Office of Works with regard to the proposed development off the Gloucester Road

7—Appeal by Mr. J. A. Millward —The Town Clerk submitted copy correspondence between the Ministry of Health and Mr. Millward with regard to the postponement of the inquiry into the appeal made by him against the decision of the Council not to approve plans for lock-up garages at East End, Charlton Kings. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Ministry of Health that this Council raises no objection to the postponement of the inquiry to a later date.

8-Defence Act—Section 70—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed he had written to the Ministry of Health asking whether any Model Clauses or Regulations had been prepared for the guidance of Local Authorities on this matter and that he had been informed that while no official

statement had been made on the matter, the Town Planning Institute had made a number of recommendations for the guidance of Planning Authorities.

9—Naunton Estates, Ltd.—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed he had communicated with Naunton Estates, Ltd. regarding the proposed drainage of houses at Naunton Way and that he had now been informed that the Company desired to connect two houses to one drain instead of having a separate drain to each house. RESOLVED, That this be permitted on condition that the combined drain shall not become a public sewer.

10—Level Crossings—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum Town and Country Planning 16 from the Ministry of Health suggesting that Local Authorities should consult with Railway Companies before proposing to develop or permitting development of housing estates or industries with roads leading to either a public or accommodation level crossing. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

11—Georgian Group—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter from the Chairman of the Georgian Group that the Group will continue its work in a modified form during the duration of the War.

12—Chapel Street—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 22nd inst. from Mrs. Bowler complaining of the nuisance caused by the conversion of a garage into a factory in this street RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report at the next Meeting of the Committee.

13—Planning Maps—The Borough Surveyor reported that some time ago the Committee authorised him to purchase the necessary maps to complete the Scheme Map required for the Ministry of Health but that he had not yet done so. He now found it essential to have the maps and he asked the Committee to re-authorise their purchase. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Town Hall on Friday, 17th November, 1939. Present—Aldermen Pates and Ward ; Councillors Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Smith and Waite; and Mr. R. B. Seaton.

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

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

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

(c) **Baths**—RESOLVED, That the Mayor ; Alderman Ward ; Councillors Grimwade, Rogers, Smith and Waite, together with Messrs. R. F. Fowles and J. F. Pusey (as representatives of the Swimming Club) be appointed the Baths Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

(d) **Advertising**—RESOLVED, That Councillors Avery, Bush, Green and Grimwade, be appointed the Advertising Sub-Committee for the ensuing year

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

Montpellier Baths and Sandford Park Swimming Pool The Mayor and Alderman Ward.

Town Hall and Winter Garden Alderman Pates and Councillor Green.

Alstone Baths Councillors Grimwade and Smith.

4—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Engineer reported that the attendances of soldiers at the Washing Baths during the period from the 20th September to the 15th November had been 1,926. As the Washing Baths were insufficient for this large number, he had arranged, with the approval of the Chairman, to provide a mixing box to the footbath in the large swimming bath in order to provide hot water at a cost of £21. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Swimming Bath—The Borough Engineer reported that the total attendances of scholars during the weeks ended 22nd October and 29th October were 1,100 and 1,031 respectively. RESOLVED, That the small bath be kept open so long as the attendances by schoolchildren warrant this.

(c) The Borough Engineer reported that the floor had been laid on the Baths, but that the Y.M.C.A. could not use this in the evenings as the contract for the blackout had not yet been completed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for some temporary means to provide a blackout.

(d) The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. Lane had now taken up residence at the Baths, and he had arranged to install a small gas heater in the house for heating water as there was no hot water supply RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Town Hall—(a) RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to obtain tenders for the right to provide bar refreshments at the Town Hall for the ensuing year, and that the Entertainments Sub-Committee be authorised to accept a tender.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a "light trap" for the main entrance at the Town Hall.

6—Catering Manageress—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had informed Miss Hulatt that they were prepared to recommend the Council to continue her services after the expiration of her notice on the 30th November next for so long as she was engaged in the day time in the Food Office, but the Town Clerk reported that he had now received a letter from Miss Hulatt that she desired her appointment to terminate on the 30th November.

7—Entertainments Sub-Committee---Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 7th and 14th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) Dance Teas—That as from the 18th inst. the charge for admission to the Dance Teas be increased from 1s 6d to 2s.

(b) Dance Band—That in view of the extension of the dancing hours to 11 p.m., Billy Gammon be paid his contract rates for playing at the Dances as from the 9th inst.

(c) That the tender of R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd. to provide a crush barrier for the gentlemen's cloakroom, amounting to £11 5s 0d. be accepted.

(d) That no charge be made for the recent use of the Drawing Room for the presentation of Ambulance Corps Badges.

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(e) That in view of the extension of the Entertainments at the Town Hall that the General Purposes Committee be requested to arrange for the transfer of the Food Office and National Registration Office at present in the Pillar Room to No 77 Promenade, also that the Food Office be charged a rent of £3 per week for the use of the Pillar Room, and the National Registration Office per week, plus in each case a proportion of the cost of cleaning, heating, and lighting.

(f) Christmas Relief Fund—That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for a Whist Drive and Dance in aid of the Christmas Relief Fund on a date to be arranged.

(g) Race Ball—That Ambrose and his Band be engaged to play for the Municipal Race Ball on the 29th November on sharing terms, the Band to be paid 70 per cent of the nett receipts, also that the charge for admission to the Dance be fixed at 5s.

(h) That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for an additional Popular Dance to be held on Friday evenings and also for a Cafe Variety, etc. on Thursday evenings at an admission charge of 3d. and that he be instructed to bring this to the notice of the Commanding Officers of the various H.M. Forces camped and billeted in the vicinity of Cheltenham, RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

8—Winter Garden—(a) RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Allotments Committee to provide a demonstration Allotment at the rear of the Winter Gardens.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider what steps can be taken to preserve the maple floor of the Winter Garden which was likely to be damaged owing to the rain coming in through the roof.

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

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th November, 1939. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Moore and Waite.

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

H. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th November, 1939. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Grimwade, Ben James, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

2—Land in Brooklyn Road--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application from Mr. W. H. Horsley on behalf of Mr. R. O. Mills to purchase a piece of land 42 feet by 12 feet at the back of the Transformer Kiosk in Arle Estate, Brooklyn Road for £5, including all costs. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee are prepared to sell the land for £10, the purchaser paying his own costs.

3—Contract for Cables—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application from the Aberdare Cable Company for an increase in the Schedule Rates in their contract for the supply of cable of per cent owing to the rise in prices-of various materials. RESOLVED, That they be allowed an increase of 3 per cent on the Schedule Rates.

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4—Hire Charge of Reconditioned Cookers—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in view of the present need to restrict capital expenditure he had reconditioned some of the old cookers and with the approval of the Chairman had been hiring these out at 4s 6d a quarter instead of the usual charge of 5s for this size of cooker RESOLVED, That this be approved

5—District Joint Board and District Joint Committee—RESOLVED, That Councillor Waite be re-appointed representative on these Committees.

6--Supply to Gas Company—It was reported that the Cheltenham & District Gas Company are considering taking the supply of Electricity for their works in Lower Mill Street which would involve laying a low pressure 3 phase cable from the Gloucester Road Sub-Station along Arle Avenue a distance of 160 yards at a cost of £143 plus £38 10s. 0d. for the service cable to the premises The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that as there is no immediate prospect of any other consumer being supplied from the new cable the Gas Company be asked to pay half the cost, the Corporation to pay the other half because this cable will eventually be interconnected with the ordinary distribution system. The Gas Company would pay the whole of the charge for the Service Cable. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

7—Duplicating Machine----The Committee considered the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee that this Committee should contribute towards the cost of the purchase of a new Gestetner Duplicating Machine. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to take over the present machine at the same price proposed to be allowed by the manufacturers on the new machine, namely £15.

8--Hire Purchase—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the Hire Purchase Scheme, which was temporarily suspended on the outbreak of War, should be reconsidered with a view to

restoring Hire Purchase facilities in suitable cases. RESOLVED, That the Scheme be again put into operation for six months, but that the Borough Electrical Engineer should satisfy himself that every applicant is reasonably likely to fulfil his obligations before entering into the agreement.

9—Advertising—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the Advertising scheme temporarily suspended on the outbreak of War should again be put into operation in a modified form. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to expend an amount not exceeding half the usual amount spent upon advertising up to the end of the current financial year

10—Public Lighting Costs—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a report on the costs of public lighting The number of men regularly employed on public lighting work before the War was six, of whom five have been put on to other work leaving one man only employed on public lighting maintenance work. White bands had been painted on all the lamp posts throughout the town and these would require repainting periodically in order to be effective. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to have the bands repainted on the lamps when necessary.

11—Overhead Lines---The Town Clerk reported receipt of the consent of the Ministry of Transport to the erection of overhead lines to Barrow Farm, Boddington and Up Hatherley Farm.

12—Civil Defence Act, 1939—Read, letter from the Electricity Commissioners approving the measures taken by the Corporation's Electricity Undertaking with regard to the training and equipment of employees in respect of Air Raid Precautionary training, First Aid treatment, Anti-Gas measures and firefighting.

13—A.R.P. Fire Fighting Equipment—Read, letter from the Electricity Commissioners stating that they are of opinion that the expenditure incurred in the provision of the fire extinguishers and refills at a total cost of £198 for the protection of the various Sub-Stations should be met from revenue in which case no consent of the Commission would be necessary. RESOLVED, That the expenditure be met from the Revenue Appropriation Account.

14—Land at Junction of Church Road and Gloucester Road—RESOLVED, That permission be given for a demonstration allotment to be cultivated on vacant land at the corner of Church Road, St. Mark's and that the land be fenced in if necessary and provided with a suitable gate.

15—Gas Examiner—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Board of Trade pointing out the extreme undesirability of discharging gas examiners and discontinuing the testing of gas during the War.

16—Gas Tests—Read, report of Gas Tests made on the 23rd and 31st ult. and the 6th, 12th, 17th, 21st and 27th inst., showing the Calorific Value on these dates to be 463.6, 464.3, 463.5, 469.3, 473.8, 482.7 and 471.0 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure to be 5.7, 5.8, 5.5, 8.5, 6 1, 5 8 and 8.9 inches of water respectively

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th November, 1939. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett and Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward and Moore.

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

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st October, 1939	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	96,000 gallons	84,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	387,000 “	375,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	29,000	17,000 “
	512,000	476,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 73,776,000 gallons.

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

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

5—Fresh Water Biological Association—The Borough Engineer submitted letter from this Association asking the Corporation to contribute to the funds of the Association and enclosing a list of contributions made by other Authorities. RESOLVED, That an annual subscription of 2 guineas be made.

6—Extension of Mains----The Borough Engineer reported enquiries had been made for a supply of about 40,000 gallons per day for buildings proposed to be erected at St. Mark's and for 50,000 to 60,000 gallons a day for an R.A.S.C. Depot at Ashchurch. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to undertake the work of laying the necessary mains subject to the estimated cost being deposited by the Contractors before the commencement of the work. RESOLVED, also, That, in the case of the R.A.S.C. Depot at Ashchurch, the Committee agree to supply this water in bulk to the Rural District Council at a charge of 1s 3d per thousand gallons.

7—Pipes and Specials—The Borough Engineer submitted letter from the Staveley Coal and Iron Co. Ltd., notifying the authorised increase of 9s 6d per ton for straight pipes and 10s per ton for specials, as from the 1st inst.

8—Parish of Swindon—The Borough Engineer submitted memorial received from the residents in Swindon complaining of the condition of the water supply to Swindon village. He had had the mains

thoroughly washed out. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to obtain analyses of the water.

9—Coal—The Borough Engineer submitted a notification dated 30th ult. from Mr. S. C. Hopton of the proposed increase in the price of hauling coal from the Tewkesbury Station to the waterworks of 2s 6d per ton as from the 1st inst.

10—Supply to Gloucester—The Borough Engineer reported on the suggestions of the Gloucester Corporation in regard to the supply of water to Churchdown to enable Gloucester to take its supply from the new reservoirs. RESOLVED, That when the new trunk mains are connected the Borough Engineer be authorised to pump to capacity from Tewkesbury to Churchdown and to arrange for Gloucester to take a supply from that source when the needs of the Cheltenham area supplied have been fully met.

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11—Staverton Water Supply—The Borough Engineer reported on the application of the Cheltenham Rural District Council for immediate refund of a proportion of the cost of the Staverton main on account of the revenue received by the Corporation from the supply afforded to Gloucester through the main. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next meeting, and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to report as to the advisability of taking over from the Rural District Council the portion of the Rural District Council main through which the water was supplied

12—Assessment of Undertaking—The Town Clerk submitted re-valuation of the Water Undertaking made on behalf of the County Council by Messrs. James L. Milne & Bourne. RESOLVED, That Messrs Gerald Eve & Co. be instructed to value the undertaking on behalf of the Corporation at a fee of 140 guineas.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st November, 1939. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Leigh James, Margrett, Pruen and Ward ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade and Waite.

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

2—**Market Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett and Taylor, be appointed this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—**Evacuation Scheme Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Pruen ; and Councillor Grimwade be appointed this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—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—Read, circular of 16th inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture drawing attention to the importance of local authorities doing everything in their power to arrest the spread of this disease. RESOLVED, That this be referred to Superintendent Hopkins.

5—Car Parks—(a) Rodney Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Emergency Committee had accepted the tender of Messrs, S. C. Morris & Sons amounting to £146 for providing sliding doors for the open shed at this Car Park to enable the Ambulances and Trailers to be garaged in the car park, and in respect of which the County Council will pay an appropriate rent. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Imperial Square, South Side—Read, letter of 17th September, that he had received complaints of the danger caused by motor cars being parked in this Car Park without lights. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put a barrier at each end of the Car Park and to place red lights thereon.

(c) Promenade—The Borough Surveyor reported further on the engagement of the additional attendant at this parking place. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to continue the engagement of the attendant until the end of the year.

6—Re-numbering of Houses—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to re-number the houses in Priors Road and St. Paul's Street in accordance with the plans submitted.

7—Grammar School—RESOLVED, That Aldermen Clara Winterbotham and Margrett be re-appointed Governors of the Grammar School for a further term of three years, expiring on the 4th December, 1942.

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8—Petrol Licences, etc.—(a) RESOLVED, That the following applications for Licences to store petroleum be granted:-

Cheltenham Factors Ltd., Norwood Garage, Norwood Street Underground Tank 500 gallons.

Great Western Railway, Goods Depot, St. James's Square
Underground Tank housed in concrete container 750 gallons.

U.C.A.L., Ucal Works, High Street Underground Tank ... 1,000 gallons.

Pitchers, Ltd., Benhall Farm, Gloucester Road Can Store 100 gallons.

S. H. Williams, Belle Vue Garage Underground Tank 500 gallons.

(b) Read, circular of 6th inst. from the Home Office in regard to Air Raid Precautions at Inland Bulk or Distribution Petrol Depots and Filling Stations. RESOLVED, That the Petroleum Inspector be

instructed to bring this circular to the notice of the persons storing petrol to which the circular applies.

9--Employees on War Service--The Committee considered application from W. Garside, aged 34, and R. Iddles, aged 31 (Gardeners) in Parks Department, for permission to enlist. RESOLVED, That consent be given.

10—Pawnbrokers' Licence---RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. H. Higgins for renewal of his certificate under the Pawnbrokers' Act be granted for one year up to the 9th November next.

11—Food Control Committee—The Committee considered the appointment of a woman representative of working-class women in the Borough on the Food Control Committee. RESOLVED, That Mrs. K. Greening be appointed.

12—Athletic Ground---(a) With reference to the requisitioning of this ground by the military. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make an inventory and to report on the conditions of the buildings and land with a view to a claim being made for compensation in respect of any damage that may be done.

(b) Read, letter of 31st ult. from the Cheltenham & District Billposting Co., asking the Council to agree to a reduction of 50 per cent. of the rent of the hoarding in St. Anne's Terrace, RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to.

13—Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, letter of 21st inst. from Mr. H. J. Taylor asking, if he purchased a car, whether the Council would grant him a Hackney Carriage Licence. RESOLVED, That this application be not granted

14—Municipal Offices—(a) Christmas Closing—RESOLVED, That the Offices be closed on the 25th, 26th and 27th December

(b) Duplicating Machine—Read, letter from D. Gestetner Ltd., that the present Gestetner Duplicating Machine purchased in 1931 was now showing signs of wear, and that it was desirable to take advantage of replacing this with a new machine which they could now supply at pre-war price. RESOLVED, That a new machine be purchased at the nett cost of £61 10s. 0d. after allowing £15 for the old machine and a special discount of 15 per cent., and that a portion of the cost be charged to the Electricity Committee as in the case of the present machine.

(c) A.R.P. Blinds—Read, letter of 20th ult. from E. L. Ward, Ltd., in regard to additional expense incurred in carrying out the contract for A.R.P. blinds for the offices and other Corporation properties. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the contract has been finally completed.

15—Montpellier Rotunda—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the District Valuer in regard to the claim of £1,010 made by the Montpellier Rotunda Co. Ltd., in respect of the order made by the Council under the Town Planning Act that the building shall not be demolished without the consent of the Council. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances, the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate terms for the purchase of the property, and to ascertain whether the Ministry of Health will consent to a loan for the purchase.

16-77 Promenade—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Town Improvement Committee to transfer the Food Office and National Registration Office from the Town Hall to 77 Promenade. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that the Fuel Office be transferred to the Electricity Showroom. RESOLVED, also, That the Food Office be charged a rent of £3 a week, and the National Registration Office £1 per week, plus the cost of lighting and heating in the same proportions.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th November, 1939. Present—Aldermen Pates and Ward; Councillors Bush, Fisher, Green and Grimwade.

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

2—Monthly Report of Acting Chief Officer—The Acting Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended 10 calls to fire, as follows :—

October 25th Lansdown Court West, Malvern Road.

“ 30th Cleavelands Lodge, Evesham Road.

“ 30th .. Earlham, Bouncers Lane.

November 8th .. 86 Whaddon Avenue,

“ 9th .. Newholme, Okus Road, Charlton Kings.

“ 16th ... Racecourse, Evesham Road (Pay-Box).

“ 19th .. Merrowdown, Lansdown Road.

“ 21st 1 Pumphreys Road, Charlton Kings.

“ 22nd . . Duke Street (Watchman's Box)

“ 23rd .. 10 St. George's Place.

3—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) Commandant—The Committee further considered the letter of the 4th ult. from the Home Office authorising the appointment of one Commandant and a Deputy Commandant and 4 Section Officers for the Auxiliary Fire Service, and also as to the salary to be paid As previously reported, the Acting Chief Officer had only appointed one Officer (Commandant H. D. Cassini) for the Auxiliary Fire Service). RESOLVED, That he be paid a salary of £4 per week as from the 4th October

(b) Waterproof Coats—The Committee considered 10 tenders received for the supply of 150 Rubber Waterproof Coats for the Auxiliary Fire Service. .RESOLVED, That the tender of Attwater & Sons Ltd., for the provision of 150 black Waterproof lined Coats, in accordance with sample now submitted at

the price of 23s 6d. each, being the most favourable tender received for this type of coat, be accepted.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted the following circulars from the Home Office :—

No. 84. re Type "A" Towing Attachments.

No. 86. re Head Lamp Masks

No. 79. re Repairs and Replacements on Fire Appliances,

No. 81. re Central Purchase of Folding Beds.

No. 82. re Protection of Appliances against Frost Damage,

No. 91. re Batteries and Bulbs for Electric Hand-Lamps

RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Chief Officer for attention.

(d) Signs for identifying Fire Stations—Read, circular No 80 of 26th ult. from the Home Office that it was desirable to exhibit illuminated signs outside regular and Auxiliary Fire Stations by which these Stations will be readily identified by the public by night as well as day, and arrangements had been made with a number of manufacturers to produce a suitable sign at a low price of not exceeding £1 each. The expenditure on the purchase of signs would rank for grant. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not think it is necessary to mark the head Fire Station and 4 Auxiliary Fire Stations with signs.

(e) Goose-Necks—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Home Office, that instructions had been issued for delivery to Cheltenham of 13 Goose-Necks which were units for the purpose of directing water into dams.

4-6 St. George's Terrace—The Committee further considered the proposed purchase of this property as a residence for one of the members of the Fire Brigade, and the Town Clerk submitted letters from Messrs. Lear & Lear and the District Valuer. RESOLVED, That the proposed purchase be not proceeded with

5—Chief Officer—The Committee further considered the question of continuing the free housing accommodation for the Chief Officer who was seconded to the Home Office. RESOLVED, That he be allowed to reside in the house for the present

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th October, 1939. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Green and Smith; Messrs. Ball and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

8—War Time Food Production—The Town Clerk reported interviews he and the Gardens Superintendent had had with an Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The Inspector

had suggested that a Horticulture Committee should be formed consisting of four members of the Horticultural trade, four members of the Growers' Association and four members of the Allotments Committee. The Inspector had intimated that he would be willing to attend the first Meeting of the Committee. Horticultural trade had nominated Messrs. T. H. Fuller, Stanley Yeates, Frank Cypher and P. C. A. Wiggall RESOLVED, That an Advisory Committee be appointed to be called the Horticulture Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillor Green and Messrs. Ball and Yeend (representing this Committee), Messrs. T. H. Fuller, Stanley Yeates, Frank Cypher and P. C. A. Wiggall representing the Horticultural trade, and four members to be nominated by the Growers' Association.

9—Land rear of The Elms—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed he had written to the Public Assistance Committee with regard to the Corporation cultivating this land but he had now been informed that they had decided to arrange for the cultivation of this land themselves.

10—Waste Land, Creamery Piece—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. White of 70 Manser Street had erected a Garage on this land contrary to the conditions upon which the land was let to him. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. White informing him that the Committee adhere to their previous resolution that no building should be erected on the land and that unless the building is removed at once steps will be taken to have the same removed.

11—Rebates in Rent—RESOLVED, That the Tenants of Nos. 29, 72 and 73 Asquith Road, 46 North Ward and 21 Marle Hill Estate be granted the use of the allotments rent free up to the 25th March next in view of their bad condition. RESOLVED, also, That if a tenant is found for No. 7 Tennyson Road he be allowed six months' rebate.

12—No. 47 North Ward—It was reported that a portion (about one-quarter) of this allotment was covered with rubble and concrete which had been left by the late tenant. RESOLVED, That three-quarters of the allotment be let and that the remaining quarter be retained and that the Gardens Superintendent remove the rubble as and when this is required

13—Asquith Road Allotments—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Housing Committee, That Mr. Russell of 26 Pilley Crescent be granted an allotment of half a chain, rent free for twelve months.

P. T. SMITH, Chairman.

[CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL, 30TH OCTOBER, 1939.]

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th. November, 1939. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. A. Ball, E. H. Carter and E. M. Yeend.

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

2—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments. The following allotments were still in an unsatisfactory state :—No 3 Creamery Piece, No. 98 Asquith Road, No. 11 Gappers Field, Nos. 84, 85 and 86 North Ward and No. 142 Marle Hill.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the tenants of these allotments one month's notice to quit.

3—Cultivation of Vacant Land—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had been in communication with the County Agricultural Organiser with regard to the ploughing up of the vacant land in various parts of the town. The scale of charges for ploughing by the War Agricultural Committee was from 15s to 25s per acre according to local conditions. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to accept this offer and to make arrangements with the War Agricultural Committee for the ploughing of the field adjoining the temporary playing field at St. Mark's containing 4 acres, the land adjoining the tip at Brooklyn Road containing about 6 acres, land at Marle Hill Estate containing about 3 acres and the land at Severn Road containing about 3 acres.

4—Demonstration Allotments—The recommendation of the recently formed Horticulture Committee that demonstration allotments should be provided in various parts of the town, was considered. RESOLVED, That demonstration allotments be provided in the Winter Garden (Imperial Square side), Sandford Park, land at corner of Church Road, St. Mark's, North Ward and Asquith Road Allotments and that application be made to the various Committees concerned for the necessary permission. RESOLVED, also, That No. 50 Creamery Piece, which is now vacant, be appropriated for the demonstration allotment in the North Ward.

5--**Horticulture Committee**-- The Town Clerk reported that the Horticulture Committee had held their first Meeting and made various recommendations. Leaflets and Posters had been ordered for advertising the campaign to grow more food. The Cheltenham Circular had offered to distribute 10,000 copies of the Leaflet at a charge of £5 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That the offer of the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co. to exhibit copies of the small Posters in their 'buses be accepted with thanks, also that an advertisement be inserted in the " Echo " giving notice that advice may be obtained from the Horticulture Sub-Committee.

6--Fencing—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received tenders for the fencing of the vacant land at Severn Road and Cam Road. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Parry amounting to £25 be accepted.

7—Nos. 167 and 168 North Ward Allotments--The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of these allotments wished to terminate his tenancy but required £4 compensation for stabling, piggeries and fruit trees. There were arrears of rent to 29th September last amounting to £3 1s. 1d. RESOLVED, That Councillor Addis and the Gardens Superintendent be asked to inspect the allotments and report to the next meeting of this Committee.

8—Waste Land, Creamery Piece—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed at the last meeting of the Committee he had written to Mr. White informing him that unless the Garage on this land was removed at once steps would be taken to have this done. He submitted a letter of the 6th inst. from Mr. White stating that the shed had been removed. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

9—Arrears of Rent—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be asked to submit to the next meeting of this Committee a statement showing the arrears of rent outstanding in respect of the various allotments.

P. T. SMITH, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th November, 1939. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith.

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

2—Memorial to the late Alderman Stewart—The Gardens Superintendent submitted sketch plan of Bird Bath proposed to be erected in Sandford Park by the relatives of the late Alderman Stewart. It was suggested that this should be placed in the Waterfalls Garden. RESOLVED, That the proposed Memorial and the site be approved.

3—Gifts—The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the last month the following gifts had been received :—

Two Ravens for Aviaries presented by Mr. Leighton of Ridgway Filling Station, Moreton Vallance, Nr. Gloucester;

10 Rhus Trees and 1 Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven) presented by Miss Gilbert of Lechantone, Charlton Lane ; and

Abutilon shrubs in large receptacles presented by Mr. Bradbury of Moorend Park Road.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be asked to convey the thanks of this Committee to the donors.

4—Demonstration Allotment—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Allotments Committee, That a demonstration allotment be provided in Sandford Park Recreation Ground near to the College Road entrance.

5—Athletic Ground—RESOLVED, That the laying of the new tar macadam at the main entrance to the Athletic Ground be deferred for the present.

6—Gardens Superintendent's New Offices—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that these offices were nearly completed. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to purchase the necessary furniture and equipment.

(b) Telephone—RESOLVED, That the telephone at present installed at Field Lodge be removed to the new offices with an extension to Field Lodge.

7—Football Pitch—RESOLVED, That the application of the R.A.F. Cadets for the use of a Football Pitch on Saturdays at the Alstone Croft Playing Field be granted.

8—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk reported that he had now heard from the County Council stating that the County Education Committee had decided to recommend the County Council to purchase the strip of land about 25 feet wide to provide means of access to this Recreation Ground from the Woodlands and thanking the Committee for drawing the attention of the County Council to this matter.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th November, 1939. Present—Aldermen Winterbotham, Leigh James, Col. Trye ; and Dr. R. Davies.

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

2—Curator's Report for October, 1939—Visitors-2,361 (last year 3,148). Included in this figure was a party of 60 girls from Pate's Grammar School.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. 2s 11d. "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund" 10s 9d. Total 13s 8d.

Blinds—Improvised darkening of the Art Gallery top-lights had been carried out so that the Gallery is now open during normal hours.

3—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following:—Lt.-Col. C. D. Barrow, Mr. J. D. Bradley, Miss E. Maude Bubb, His Honour Judge Dale, Miss M. Eyre, Miss Harriet C. Fawkes, Miss E. L. E. Mason, Mrs. Percival, Mrs. A Tawney, Mrs. A. J. Waller and Mr. L. D. Wingate.

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

4—Specimens—RESOLVED, That 2 examples of ceramics and 4 Bygones be purchased from the General Account at a cost of £1 17s. 0d.

5—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That 2 Bygones be purchased from this Fund at a total cost of 23s.

6—Proposed Strong-Room—This matter having been referred back from the last Council meeting was re-considered, when a full report was submitted to the Committee, together with a revised and modified estimate from the Borough Surveyor. RESOLVED, unanimously, That the Council be recommended to proceed with the work at a cost of £72.

7—Christmas Closing—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Monday, 25th December, 1939.

8—Date of Next Meeting--RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, 11th January, 1940 at 3 p.m.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th November, 1939. Present—Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Moore.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th November, 1939 Present—Councillors Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Moore (Councillor Rev de Courcy Ireland in the chair)

2—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 21st October to 24th November: Grave Spaces sold 19 (1st Position 1, 2nd Position 2, 4th Position 16); Number of Interments 85; Cremations 19; Memorials erected 8 ; New Inscriptions 14.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 10069 to 10087

4—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2467 to 2479, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

5—Civilian Deaths due to War Operations--Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Ministry of Health. The Ministry observed that the Council were satisfied that three buildings would be sufficient for temporary mortuary purposes when an emergency arises, and instructions had accordingly now been given for the fourth building previously earmarked for this purpose to be cancelled. The Minister was prepared to recognise for purposes of grant under the A.R.P. Act 1937 the purchase of equipment for the mortuaries on being furnished with an estimate of the cost thereof. RESOLVED, At a Special Meeting of the Committee be held to discuss the scheme with the Heads of the A.R.P. Services concerned, with a view to estimates being prepared for submission to the Ministry.

6—Maintenance of Graves Nos. 10472 and 10473 Section "Q"—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Miss E. M. Conder asking on what terms the Corporation would be prepared to maintain these Graves. RESOLVED, That the Corporation are prepared to undertake the maintenance of these graves in perpetuity on payment of the sum of £100.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th November, 1939. Present—Councillors Bendall, Bush, Compton, Garland and Grimwade ; Rev. Canon Johnstone; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—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 October, 1939—Receipts £27 15s. 5d. Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 4,708; Lending Department 24,523 ; Junior Department 3,686. Total 32,917 (last year 32,109).

Record Issues—The Librarian reported that the record issue had been broken on each of the three last Saturdays, that for 11th November being 2,585 volumes

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Replacements and Binding-154 volumes had been replaced, 1,085 volumes had been returned from the binder and a further 309 volumes dispatched.

Lecture—The following lecture had been given in the Art Gallery .—Monday, 13th November ... Dr. George Sheppard on " Life under the Equator." Attendance 141.

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

6—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 439 volumes, published at £144 12s. 6d., be purchased for £92 16s. 8d.

(b) That £25 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £20 be spent on Replacements.

7—" The Bath and Cheltenham Gazette," January 1827 to December 1828--The Librarian reported the receipt as a gift of this important local item from Mr. C. A. Stonehill. RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

8—Donations--104 volumes and 13 pamphlets had been received as gifts from 11 donors. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

9—Lending Library Floor—Read, letter from the Borough Surveyor stating that quotations received were considerably in excess of the sum authorised by the Council. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Borough Surveyor for further consideration and report to the December Committee.

10—Public Library Lectures—RESOLVED, That arrangements for the January-March 1940 session be left in the hands of the Librarian.

11—Christmas Closing--RESOLVED, That the Libraries and Newsroom be closed on Monday and Tuesday, 25th and 26th December, 1939.

12—Junior Library Hours—The Librarian reported that very little use was made of the Junior Library between 6 and 7 p.m. each evening. RESOLVED, That the Junior Department close at 6 p.m. and earlier if deemed advisable by the Chairman.

13—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on 15th December, 1939.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 1st November, 1939. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bettridge and Bush (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—New Valuation List—The Committee continued the preparation of the new Valuation List.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th November, 1939. Present—Alderman Ward; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Ben James and Moore (Alderman Ward in the chair).

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

3—Defaulter—The Committee interviewed and dealt with one Rate defaulter.

4—Unpaid Rates—A statement of unpaid Rates for the half-year ended 30th September last was submitted and signed by members of the Committee

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

6—New Valuation List—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Clerk of the County Council that the Valuation Advisory Committee had considered the recommendation of the Council that the Rating Authorities in the County should be asked to revise any Assessments where as a result of the preparation of the new Valuation List it appeared desirable that such Assessments should be revised, and that the Valuation Advisory Committee had decided to advise the County Valuation Committee to recommend all Rating Authorities to deal with anomalies in the existing lists.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th November, 1939. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair); Aldermen Pruen and Taylor ; and Councillor Waite.

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

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th November, 1939. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen, Taylor and Ward; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

2—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst , on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £21,202 ; Leaving Outstanding £113,567.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1940. Amount collected £3,558, Leaving Outstanding £14,626 (excluding Metered supplies).

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 25th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Alderman Leigh James. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

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5—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of the Electricity charges since the last meeting.

6—Loans—(a) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debentures amounting to £11,575 be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting £1,500 had been received on loan. RESOLVED, That a mortgage be issued and sealed on account of duly authorised loans.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported the terms arranged for loans of £20,000 and £1,000, RESOLVED, That these be approved and that mortgages be issued and sealed on account of duly authorised loans.

(d) The Borough Treasurer reported that a further £5,000 had been received on loan from The Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society, making a total loan of £130,000.

7—Superannuation—(a) Quinquennial Valuation—The Borough Treasurer submitted quotation from Messrs. J. H. Robertson, Actuaries, for carrying out the third Quinquennial Valuation of the Superannuation Fund, amounting to Fifty-five Guineas. RESOLVED, That this be accepted.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that W. Page, who voluntarily resigned on the 16th inst. was entitled to a refund of his contributions amounting to £86 9s. 9d. RESOLVED, That this sum be paid subject to Mr. Page giving an Undertaking indemnifying the Council against loss in the event of his taking up another post during the next 12 months involving the payment of a transfer value.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that F. Page resigned on the 16th inst. and was entitled to a refund of his contributions of £2 10s 8d. RESOLVED, That this sum be repaid.

(d) The Borough Treasurer reported that H. Rimell, Ambulance Driver at Delaney Hospital had been certified by the Medical Officer as medically unfit. RESOLVED, That he be paid a pension of 10s a week in respect of 8 years contributory and 8 years non-contributory service.

(e) The Borough Treasurer reported that the following pensioners had died :

A. Large 10th November, formerly in receipt of pension of 15s a week.

T. Gore 11th November, formerly in receipt of pension of 7s 6d a week.

C. Cossens 23rd November, formerly in receipt of pension of 11s 1d a week.

8—Aircraft Insurance—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Insurance of Corporation Properties against damage by aircraft or articles dropped therefrom had been discontinued as from the 3rd inst. as the Companies were only liable during War-time for damage caused exclusively by Civil Aircraft operating in a civil capacity. RESOLVED, That this be approved

9--Airport—The Town Clerk reported that the Joint Airport Committee at their Meeting on the 14th inst agreed to recommend that the two Corporations should contribute £100 towards the cost of £396 incurred by Rotol Airscrews Ltd. in constructing a concrete roadway from their hangar (erected on the land leased to them) to the landing ground. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be adopted.

10—Employees on War Service—The Committee further considered the making up of civil pay to employees with H.M. Forces The Borough Treasurer reported that so far 13 members of the Administrative Staff and 14 employees in the Electricity and Highways Departments were in the Forces all of whom had enlisted prior to the outbreak of War. He submitted statements showing the amounts being paid The weekly salaries of the 13 employees on the Administrative Staff amounted to £39 18s. 7d., and the amount being paid to these employees after deduction of Service pay and allowances at the old rate was £19 2s. 1d per week. After allowing for the wages of 4 temporary employees engaged to replace some of the staff amounting to £6 5s. 0d. per week, there was a saving to the Council of £14 11s. 6d. per week which saving would increase as the service pay was increased on promotions and the new rates of allowances became operative. The weekly wages of the 14 other employees amounted to £39 19s. 5d.and the amount being paid to these after deducting service pay and allowances at the old rate was £9 19s. 1d. per week. RESOLVED, until further order, That as from the 1st January next the sum of 10s per week in respect of food be deducted from the amount paid to each unmarried employee serving with H.M. Forces or hereafter called tip or enlisting in H.M. Forces with the consent of the General Purposes Committee and that Minute No. 8 of the General Purposes Committee confirmed by the Council on the 3rd July last and

Minute No. 6 of the Finance Committee confirmed by the Council on the 2nd October last be varied accordingly.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 28th December, 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 1st day of January, 1940, 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 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 FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

[PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING.]

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 4th December, 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 Trye, C.B.E., R.N. Retd.).

Aldermen Leigh James, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ;
Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bendall, 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 and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Fletcher, Miller and Till.

1—Death of Mrs. C. H. Margrett—RESOLVED, That this Council desires to record their deep regret at the death of Mrs. C. H. Margrett, who for seven years was Mayoress of this Borough and who by her charm of manner endeared herself to the Citizens of this town and that the Town Clerk be instructed to convey to Alderman Margrett and his family the Council's sincere sympathy in the great loss they have sustained.

2— Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That -the Minutes of the Statutory Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on the 9th November, 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 with the addition of Mr. A. Ball as a co-opted member of the Allotments Committee.

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

Public Health Meeting held November 13

RESOLVED, also, That a Certificate be issued to the Owner of No. 5 Providence Square 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.

Housing ..Meeting held November 16

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and Seconded by Alderman Pruen : "That Minute No. 10 with regard to keeping of Poultry on Housing Estates be referred back for further consideration " was lost).

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Street and Highway Meeting held November 20

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland and seconded by Councillor Bush " That Minute No. 16 with regard to a ten minutes' break daily during winter working hours to employees other than those at the Cemetery and Electricity Department be not approved and that the application for a ten minutes' break during winter working hours be granted."

Maternity and Child Welfare... Meeting held November 2

Town Planning Meeting held November 23

RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for an extension of the period within which the Cheltenham & District Joint Town Planning Scheme No. 1 must be approved and for an extension of the period for the preparation of the draft Town Planning Scheme No. 2.

Town Improvement and Spa... .. Meeting held November 17

Electricity and Lighting .. Meeting held November 27

Water Meeting held November 14

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held November 21

Fire Brigade Meeting held November 27

Allotments ... Meeting held November 13

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held November 13

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held November 16

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held November 24

Public Library Meeting held November 17

Rating Meetings held November 1 & 15

Finance ... Meeting held November 28

RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consents to loans of :—
£13,015 for the expenditure on the Churchdown to Hewletts Main in excess of the Parliamentary Estimate. £39,684 for the cost of purchase of properties under the Pittville Street etc. Compulsory Purchase Order which, together with the previous loan sanctions make a total of £80,736.

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 the Rev. H. Clarkson, being a Person interested in Education and having a knowledge of the different types of Schools, be appointed a member of the Education Committee for a term of three years expiring on the 4th December, 1942 ; Also, That Mrs. I. James, being a representative of the Grammar School, be appointed a member of the Education Committee for a further term of three years expiring of 4th December, 1942.

5—Regal Cinema—Christmas Opening—Read, letter from the Manager of the Regal Cinema asking, in view of the prevailing exceptional conditions, for permission to open the Cinema on Christmas Day. RESOLVED, That subject to the Justices granting a Music and Dancing Licence, permission to open the Cinema on Christmas Day be granted subject to the Cinema not opening until 3 p.m., also that the Manager be asked to grant a full day's holiday with pay to such of the employees who are required to work on Christmas Day. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be authorised to grant on these terms, any applications to open on Christmas Day that may be received from the other Cinemas.

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, 1st January, 1940.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th December, 1939. Present—Aldermen Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr. Hayward, Ben James, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 40 Queen Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the work of reconditioning this house was being carried out.

(b) Bruton Cottage—RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month and that the Owners be informed that unless a proposition is placed before the Committee by that time a Demolition Order will be made.

(c) 14 and 15 Hereford Place (converted into one house) ; 6 and 21 Queen Street ; and 16 Clare Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the owners of these houses had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render the premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That their Undertakings be cancelled.

(d) 4, 5 and 6 Exmouth Street—The Committee further considered the work required to be done to render these premises, in respect of which an Undertaking had been given by the Owner, fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Owner be asked to attend a Meeting of a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Alderman Winterbotham and Councillor Morris to discuss the question of structural alterations.

2—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 6 cwt. 13 lbs. Beef 2 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs. Pork ; 54 Rabbits ; 14 Fowls ; and 1 qr. 14 lbs. Eggs.

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

4—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness--14 and 15 Hereford 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 a certificate 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—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 Lodging House, Grove Street, until the 31st December, 1940. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. A. A. V. Meulbrouck and Mr. A. F. Evans be registered as Common Lodging

housekeepers until the 30th June, 1940, in respect of Cumberland Villa, Grove Street and the Shamrock, High Street respectively.

6—Tuberculosis of Milk Cow—Mr. J. Brain, Veterinary Surgeon, and Mrs. Lively attended and were interviewed by the Committee with regard to the cow which as reported previously had been slaughtered at the Abattoir and found to be suffering from advanced Tuberculosis. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that Mr. Lively and Mr. Mudway (the butcher who had purchased the cow from Mr. Lively) be asked to attend the next Meeting of the Committee.

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7—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936—RESOLVED That the following applications for licences be granted for one year to the 31st December, 1940, subject to the provisions of the Order :--

(a) Application of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd., for a licence to use the Special Designation " Pasteurised " in relation to milk treated at their Depot in Imperial Lane.

(b) Applications of the Gloucestershire Dairy Co Ltd., Mr. H. C. Pumfrey and the Gloucestershire Milk Bars Ltd. for dealers' licences authorising the use of the Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested " in relation to milk sold respectively in the Borough, at Benhall Farm and at the Gloucestershire Milk Bar, Promenade.

(c) Applications of Mr. M. E. Chamberlayne and the Gloucester Co-operative & Industrial Society Ltd. for Dealers' Licences authorising the use of the Special Designation " Pasteurised " in relation to milk sold for consumption at Christowe, Sandford Road and in the Borough respectively.

(d) Application from Mr. F. Hammond for a Supplementary Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation " Accredited in relation to milk sold in the Borough.

8—Offensive Trade—Fish Frying—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, That consent be given under Section 107 of the Public Health Act, 1936, to the trade of fish frying being carried on by Mr. W. T. Morris at his shop at 82 Tennyson Road, by Mr. Collins at his shop in Whaddon Road, by the Cheltenham Spa Fisheries at their premises in Gloucester Road, and by Mr. W. T. Harris at his shop at 76 Tewkesbury Road, until the 31st December, 1940.

9—Food and Drugs Act, 1938—(a) The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted Certificates of the Public Analyst in respect of 6 samples of milk and one each of linseed oil, cocoa, powdered glucose and sultanas all of which were found upon analysis to be genuine

(b) RESOLVED, That the Standing Sub-Committee be asked to meet when necessary in order to consider reports of any unsatisfactory samples analysed and to make any necessary observations and recommendations.

(c) RESOLVED, That the premises set out in the report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector be registered for the sale of Ice Cream, Preserved food etc. in accordance with Section 14 of the Act. RESOLVED, also, That an advertisement be inserted in the " Echo" calling attention to the provisions of the Section.

(d) Authority to enter Premises—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign Certificates authorising Mr. C. W. Clifford, Mr. F. Keene and Mr. A. L. Jones to enter premises under Section 77 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

10—Abattoir—(1) The Sub-Committee recommended that the use of the Abattoir be offered to the Ministry of Food on the following terms:-

(a) The Ministry to pay the cost of the blackout--£190 ; headage charges in accordance with the scale, plus 1d. per head per beast for stunning ; a contribution to cover meat inspection for the County Area, £62 10s. 0d. ; and the Electricity and Water charges to the ordinary scale of charges.

(b) The Services to be provided by the Corporation as follows :— (i) Use of Abattoir, buildings and equipment as now completed. (ii) The Corporation to pay all rates, land taxes, insurance and loans thereon, also to provide wagon, horse and driver for removal of offal.

(2) Read, letter of 28th ult., from the Ministry of Food agreeing to pay on the basis of tolls but stating that they were not willing to contribute towards the recent capital expenditure incurred amounting to £513 nor to make a contribution towards the meat inspection which they considered would be met by the tolls from the County Area. The Ministry did not desire to take the initiative in suggesting that the Council should contract for the slaughter of stock but it was open to them to do so if they so desired.

(3) Read, also, letter from the Cheltenham Butchers' Buying Committee forwarding a resolution, namely :—" That the Cheltenham Butchers' Buying Committee, in the event of the Corporation entering into a contract with the Government for slaughtering, were willing to give all the support and co-operation in their power."

RESOLVED, That the Ministry be informed that the Corporation consider that the expenses (190) incurred for the blackout should be paid by the Government and also the additional capital cost incurred in rendering the premises suitable for their use and that the Town Clerk be instructed to enter into further negotiations with regard to this.

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11—Byelaws--RESOLVED, That consideration of the draft Byelaws for preventing the occurrence of nuisances from snow etc. be further adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

12—Importation of Meat etc. (Wrapping Materials) (Amendment) Order, 1939—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries together with a copy of this Order. RESOLVED, That the Order be referred to the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

13—Corporation Sewage Farms—Read, letter of 18th ult., from the War Agricultural Executive Committee stating that at present no land on these farms had been scheduled for ploughing and that they would see that no land is scheduled for ploughing without consulting the Corporation,

14—Influenza and Typhoid Fever—The Town Clerk submitted Circulars Nos. 1865 and 1906 together with Memoranda from the Ministry of Health with regard to typhoid fever and influenza respectively. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

15—Benhall Farm—Nuisance front Caravans—Read, letter from Mr. C. Harris, tenant of this farm, stating that the caravans which had been causing a nuisance to adjoining householders, had now all been removed.

16—Treatment of Foodstuffs contaminated by Gas—Read, letter of 24th ult., from the Ministry of Food with regard to the steps to be taken for the treatment and disposal of foodstuffs contaminated by gas, The Ministry requested local authorities to authorise officers qualified for food inspection to deal with such contaminated foodstuffs. The letter pointed out the desirability of such officers undertaking the full anti-gas course. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector, who had already taken the anti-gas course, be placed in charge of the actual work and that the Assistant Sanitary Inspectors be asked to take the course with a view to assisting with the treatment of contaminated food and that the Ministry be notified accordingly.

17—Billets for Troops—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had been supervising the provision of sanitary and other equipment in preparation for the reception of about 200 troops. He foresaw complaints arising as a result of insufficient screening of W.C, apartments by canvas screens particularly in Clare Street. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to take such steps as he may deem necessary to ensure adequate screening.

18—Alleged pollution of Well by Sewage—The Borough Surveyor reported that the tenant of Ivy Cottage, Hester's Way, alleged that his well had been polluted by sewage pumped on to adjacent lands. No sewage had reached a point nearer the well than 80 yards and the discolouration appeared to be due to flood water passing over clay. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to take a sample of the water in the well for analysis.

19—Windsor Street Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported his investigation of this sewer. The sewer is constructed of old pipes which have moved and sag in places. He estimated the cost of reconstruction it at £200. He recommended in the present circumstances that a manhole be constructed at each end which would enable the sewer to be rodded and kept clear in the meantime. This would cost about £40. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

ARTHUR S. F. PREEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th December, 1939. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Housing Manager—The Housing Manager submitted her quarterly statement on the collection of rents.

2—Moors Estate—The Housing Manager submitted application from the Caretakers on this Estate for an increase in their wages of 17s 6d. RESOLVED, That their wages be increased to £1 per week.

3-44 Kipling Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this house for substitution of the kitchen-range for a new open grate be granted, subject to the tenant contributing £1 towards the cost.

4—Whaddon Farm Estate—Mr. A. E. Naylor and Mr. Hitchman attended on behalf of the Junior Department Committee of the Y.M.C.A., and suggested to the Committee that it was desirable to start a Club for young people on the Whaddon Farm Estate. They stated that the Y.M.C.A. would be glad to undertake the running of the Club if a suitable building and financial assistance could be provided. RESOLVED, That the Committee are in sympathy with the proposal, but that consideration be deferred until the matter has been considered by the newly appointed Youth Organisation Committee.

5—Sale of Houses RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended not to sell any more houses for the present in view of the demand for houses for letting and the fact that the Corporation have discontinued building.

6-38 Waterloo Street—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Ministry of Health that they raised no objection to the Council using money standing to the credit of the housing revenue account for the purpose of acquiring No. 38 Waterloo Street amounting to £59. The Town Clerk reported that he was now proceeding with the purchase. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders for the demolition of the property, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender.

7—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee of their Meetings held on the 23rd ult. and 5th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Whaddon Farm Estate—That the Caretaker on this Estate be provided with a bicycle and electric torch.

(b) That the rents fixed and rebates granted, as set out in the Rents Rebate Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman be authorised to purchase a second-hand bicycle for the Caretaker of the Whaddon Farm Estate at a cost not exceeding £6.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th December, 1939. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, and Morris (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—Horses, etc.—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted Veterinary Surgeon's Certificate dated the 25th ult. stating that the horses were in good condition and satisfactory in every way.

(b) Harness—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged for the surplus harness to be sold at Gloucester Market on the 16th inst. With regard to the martingales, he had sent four of these to the Museum and proposed to keep two in his office.

RESOLVED, That this be approved

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3—Eldon Avenue and Beechurst Avenue—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Wheeler and Mansell asking for these roads to be taken over. The Borough Surveyor reported that all necessary work had been satisfactorily completed. RESOLVED, That notice be given of intention to take over these roads as repairable by the Corporation.

4—Wages and Conditions of Service—(a) Casual Employees—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for the advance granted by the National Civil Engineering Conciliation Board of a half-penny per hour as from the second full pay period in December to be granted to the Corporation casual labourers, also for the wages to be reviewed every four months during the emergency period. The Borough Surveyor reported that on Minute No. 28 (a) (vi) at the Meeting of the Committee on the 24th January, 1938, the Council agreed that casual general labourers should be paid according to the Civil Engineering rate. RESOLVED, That the advance of one half-penny an hour be granted to the casual labourers as from the second full pay period in December.

(b) Read, circulars from the National Federation Building Trades Operatives that the wages of men engaged in the building industry had been increased by a half-penny an hour from the 1st inst. RESOLVED, That this increase be given to the Corporation employees engaged in the building industry including any builders labourers.

5—Trunk Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that at the request of the Ministry of Transport he had supplied an estimate of the expenditure proposed to be incurred on the Trunk Road during the ensuing year amounting to £3,315. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Annual Tenders—The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed he had circularised the present Contractors to ascertain on what terms they would be willing to extend the present Contracts which expire on the 31st March next, and he now submitted the replies received. In nearly every case the Contractors were prepared to extend their Contracts subject to the payment by the Corporation of legitimate trade increases, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Leckhampton Depot—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 7th inst. from Mr. H. Boreham asking when it was intended to take possession of the land recently purchased. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to take possession of the land and mark off the land purchased by concrete posts.

8—Pittville Street Improvement—(a) RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee be asked to consider and report on the sale and development of this site.

(b) Left Book Club—Read, letter from Mr. J. Curtis that the rooms offered were too small for the purpose required and asking if other rooms about treble the size could be let to them. RESOLVED, That the Committee have no other suitable rooms.

(c) 13 Pittville Street-----The Town Clerk reported an offer from Mrs. Weaver to rent No. 13 Pittville Street on a quarterly tenancy at a rent of £45 per annum exclusive subject to the Corporation blocking up the doorways which connect the premises with No. 14. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and the Common Seal be affixed to the Tenancy Agreement.

9—Private Improvement Works—(a) Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans, specifications and estimates for making up the unpaved portions of two lengths of footpath in Arle Road, at an estimated cost of £150 for one section and L988 for the other section, plus £4 10s. 0d. for each crossing required. RESOLVED, That the same be approved RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to approach the developers and abutting owners to ascertain if they are prepared to deposit the cost of carrying out the work, failing which notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Acts 1852 and 1889, to the owners of the premises abutting on these footpaths requiring them to do the specified work within twenty-eight days, and in default of the Notices being complied with the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

(b) Alstone Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans, specifications and estimates for the making up of the west end of Alstone Lane by the abutting owners, at an estimated cost of £1,436 plus £4 10s 0d. for each footpath crossing required. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to approach the developers to ascertain if they are prepared to deposit the cost of carrying out the work, but failing this, Notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting on this portion of the road requiring them within twenty-eight days to carry out the work specified in the plans, specifications and estimates of the Borough Surveyor for making up this road and that in default of the Notices being complied with, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

(c) Brooklyn Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan, specification and estimate for the paving of the footpath adjoining No. 217-249 Brooklyn Road at an estimated cost of £210, the Corporation to take down and re-erect the fence to the new line at an estimated cost of £75 as previously agreed. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Acts 1852 and 1889, to the owners of the premises abutting on this footpath requiring them to do the specified works within twenty-eight days, and in default of the Notices being complied with the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

10-11 Winchcomb Street—The Town Clerk reported that this shop had been let to Miss Tessier on a quarterly tenancy at a rent of £39 per annum, plus rates, subject to the Corporation carrying out the necessary repairs and certain decoration work at a cost of £40. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

11-103 Promenade—Read, letter of 25th ult., from Messrs. Lear & Lear asking for the trees in front of the premises to be pruned in the Spring. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

12—Blackout—(a) Pillar Boxes—Read, letter of 23rd ult. from the Chamber of Commerce suggesting that the Post Office Pillar Boxes should be marked with a white band. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Postmaster who had replied that it was considered that the whitening of the Pillar Boxes was included in the general instructions given to Local Authorities by the Home Office and that the cost should be borne by the Local Authority. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Home Office thereon.

(b) Promenade Flower Beds—Read, letter of 24th ult. from the Postmaster asking if the railings round the flower beds outside the Post Office could be illuminated at night. The Borough Surveyor reported that red lamps were now placed on the railings. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to paint white the chains on the pedestrian guards at the Promenade Traffic Island.

13--Streamer Across Promenade—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Mr. R. H. Vince asking for permission to erect a streamer across the Promenade advertising his Course of Advent Missions to be held at the Town Hall on Sunday afternoons. RESOLVED, That consent be not granted.

14—Land, Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Mr. I. Maddox, that owing to the war he had to find another situation necessitating his removing to South Wales, in which case he would be unable to proceed with the development of the land which he contracted to purchase in Brooklyn Road and asking whether, in the circumstances, the Corporation would release him from his Contract and return the deposit. The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Maddox had contracted to purchase a frontage of 321 ft. at £3 15s. 0d. per foot, and made a deposit of £240. He had completed the Conveyance of 89 ft. in respect of which £66 15s. 0d. of the deposit had been credited to this portion of the sale leaving the Conveyance of the remaining 232 ft. to be completed in respect of which the Corporation held a deposit of £173 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to release Mr. Maddox from his Contract to purchase the remaining land, but are not prepared to return the deposit.

15—Collection of Waste Paper—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking if the Corporation would allow No. 6 Pittville Street to be used for storage and packing of waste paper collected from the Rural District by the 'Women's Voluntary Services. RESOLVED, That the Committee regret they are unable to accede to this application as they consider that the premises are not suitable for this purpose.

16—Refuse Collection Disposal—(a) Disposal of Offal—The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative schemes prepared by Heenan & Froude for the incineration of offal and condemned meat at the Destructor involving the construction of suitable gas combustion chambers. He reported, however, that he had ascertained that the Gloucester City Soap Works were prepared to take condemned carcasses free of cost and arrange for their own transport, and he recommended that this firm should be given a trial and, if it was found unworkable, the question of gas incineration could then

be further considered. RESOLVED, That the Public Health Committee be recommended to arrange with the Gloucester City Soap Works to take the condemned carcasses as offered for a trial period.

(b) Refuse Foreman—Mr. R. C. W. Bridges attended the Committee and stated that he was prepared to retire on superannuation on 1st April next if he could be allowed to continue his tenancy of the house at the works and if his pension was made up to what it would be if he remained in the service of the Corporation until he was 65. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to Mr. Bridges remaining as tenant of the cottage for a period terminating not later than the date he attains the age of 65, at a rent of 10s a week inclusive, and that the Finance Committee be recommended to make up Mr. Bridges' superannuation to the amount which he would receive if he remained in the service of the Corporation until he reached 65.

17—Footpath, Malvern Road to St. George's Road—Read, letter from Councillor Compton drawing attention to the condition of this footpath. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

18—National Joint Industrial Council—Read, circulars from the National Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities and Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers) in regard to the proposed establishment of a Joint Industrial Council for Manual Workers in the Non-Trading Services of the Local Authorities for the Counties of Gloucester, Somerset and Wilts. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting and the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain the views of the Boroughs in these Counties on the proposal.

19—Junction Montpellier Terrace and Bath Road—Councillor Green suggested that the junction of these roads should be improved by setting back the footpath on the South side. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report on this suggestion,

20—Norwood Road—Read, report of damage to paving of this road by lorry belonging to Messrs. Eastwoods. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage amounting to £2 5s. 11d.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th December, 1939. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillor Barnett; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Alderman Winterbotham 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.
5264	Tomkins, J.	Conversion of stables into dwelling house, Back Lansdown Place.
5292	Turnour, Miss	Conversion of stables into dwelling house, Hatherley Lawn, Lansdown Road.
5315	Cheltenham Shop-fitting Co. Ltd.	Temporary bonded store for aircraft timber, Synagogue Lane.

5316	Messrs. Rogers & Davies	Detached house, Hatherley Court Road.
5317	McIntosh, E. O.	Garden shed, Priors Road.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos 5315, 5316 and 5317 be approved ; That Plan No. 5264 be approved subject to the sub-soil under the ground floor being excavated to a depth of 12 inches below the present level and filled with hardcore and covered with 6 inch site concrete ; That Plan No. 5292 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. 5264 and 5317 be approved ; That Plan No. 5292 be approved subject to the pitched roof over the existing building being continued over the new building and to the premises being used for staff purposes only and not let or sold as a separate dwelling house ; That Plan No. 5315 be approved subject to the owners entering into an Undertaking to remove the building at their own cost and without compensation on cessation of hostilities or such longer period as the Council may permit ; That Plan No. 5316 be approved subject to sand faced tiles of approved colour being used on the roof.

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.
1629	Klitz, P. A.	Garage (Private), 20 Noverton Avenue, Prestbury.
1630	Pleydell, F. W.	Additions, No. 1 Cottage, Bushcombe Lane, Woodmancote.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) 130 St. George's Road--The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 7th inst. from The Spirax Manufacturing Co. Ltd., for permission to use 130 St. George's Road as Offices in connection with their Works. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to any alterations to the external appearance of the building being approved by the Committee.

(b) 105 High Street- The Borough Surveyor submitted letters of 30th ult. and 5th inst. from Rotol Airscrews Ltd., for permission to use 105 High Street for assembling aeroplane Spinners. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to :

(1) the premises being used as a factory for the period of the War only, or for such longer period as the Council may permit on cessation of hostilities ;

(2) no vehicle to enter or leave the premises by the High Street entrance in reverse gear ; and

(3) all chemicals to be treated to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor before they are allowed to pass into the sewers.

4-103/104 High Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 13th inst. from the Divisional Road Engineer of the Ministry of Transport that in view of the Architect's letter stating that his Client

was prepared to give an Undertaking to set back the shopfront to the improvement line when the road widening was carried out, he did not desire to press for setting back at the moment. He also considered that the improvement would be in the nature of a Town Improvement as the High Street will eventually be by-passed and that he would, therefore, be prepared to recommend a 75 per cent grant towards the cost of the scheme when it matured on the understanding that the Council would contribute the remaining 25 per cent, RESOLVED, That permission be granted for the temporary shopfront to be built on the existing line of buildings, but that the main wall of the building be carried up on the improvement line and that Minute No. 2 of the 23rd ult. be varied accordingly

5—Chapel Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed he had investigated the complaint of Mrs. Bowler of the nuisance caused by the conversion of a garage into a factory in Chapel Street. He reported that the premises had been converted into a factory for War work and that a certain amount of noise was caused when the presses for stamping patterns from sheets of duralumin for aeroplanes were in use. The noise was due to vibration and steps had been taken to pack the benches with felt to reduce it to a minimum. RESOLVED, That consent be granted for the use of the premises as a factory subject to every precaution being taken against making undue noise and to the premises reverting to its former use as a garage on cessation of hostilities unless otherwise agreed by the Council.

6—Hotel Majestic—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had again asked Mr. Halls to provide a fire escape at these premises and that Mr. Halls had replied that he understood that he would not be required to do the work during the War. RESOLVED, That Mr. Halls be asked again to provide an outside steel staircase without further delay and to make the necessary application for permit for delivery of steel.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th December, 1939. Present--The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Ward ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade and Waite; and Messrs. R. B. Seaton and D. V. Davies (Councillor Waite in the chair).

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

2---Advertising—Read, letter from the Great Western Railway that the Company had decided not to proceed with the Joint Advertising Scheme for next year, RESOLVED, That the Committee concur with this decision and that for the present the Entertainments Manager be instructed to insert advertisements in the usual Holiday Guides only.

3—Town Hall--RESOLVED, That the free use of the Pillar Room at the Town Hall be granted on a date to be arranged in January for a Lecture to be arranged by the Horticulture Committee.

4—Entertainments Sub-Committee--Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 12th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—(a) Cheltenham Blackout Club—That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to the newly-formed Youth Organisation Committee on Monday evenings commencing on 8th January for the purpose of the proposed Cheltenham Blackout Club which is being promoted for the youth of the town, subject to the Corporation being at liberty to terminate the letting at any time on one week's notice.

(b) Evacuees—RESOLVED, That the free use of the accommodation at the Town Hall be granted on 28th December and 4th January for Christmas entertainments to be given to the Evacuees.

(c) That the free use of the Pillar Room at the Town Hall be granted for the Wardens' Meeting held on the 5th inst. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

5—Bar Refreshments----The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported on the tenders received for the right to provide bar refreshments at the Town Hall during the winter season, RESOLVED, That the right to sell bar refreshments be granted to Messrs. Georges Ltd. on payment of a sum equivalent to 20 per cent of the takings, such sum to be paid at the conclusion of each Dance.

6—Conference—The Entertainments Manager reported that the Conference of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, arranged to be held in Cheltenham next year, had been cancelled

7—Alstone Baths--(a) Attendances—The Borough Surveyor reported that during the six weeks ended the 10th inst., there had been 4872 attendances at the Swimming Baths and 3158 attendances at the Washing Baths.

(b) Washing Baths—RESOLVED, That in future the charge for the use of the Washing Baths by soldiers be 3d. plus 1d for each towel used

(c) Roof—The Borough Surveyor reported that a number of the slates on the roof of the Alstone Baths had become perished and he recommended that he be authorised to have these replaced with new slates at a total estimated cost of £35. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(d) Read, report of the Borough Surveyor of damage to a gate pillar at the side of Alstone Baths by a lorry belonging to T. R. Carmichael & Co. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage estimated at £9 8s. 3d.

8—Winter Garden—The Committee considered what steps could be taken to preserve the walls and floor of the Winter Garden from damage by the rain coming in through the roof, and the Borough Surveyor reported on his inspection of the building. He considered that the only way to preserve the floor and walls was to carry out the extensive repairs required to the roof. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to expend any money on repairing and maintaining the glass roof, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to extend the barrier round the building so as to keep the public away from the area adjoining the building on which glass is liable to fall.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 13th December, 1939. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Grimwade and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Prepayment Meters—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that on the publication of the Fuel and Lighting Order issue of prepayment meters was discontinued but that with the modification of the Order he recommended that these meters should again be issued for lighting but not for power circuits. This would avoid lighting consumers having to pay a deposit. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved.

2—Cars—It was reported that two staff cars and the Austin Van used by the Electricity Department, all of which had covered a considerable mileage, were in need of extensive repairs and, in view of the large number of second hand cars which would probably come on the market at the beginning of next year, the Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that it would be more economical to replace the present cars than to incur considerable expenditure in reconditioning them. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillor Grimwade be authorised to purchase two second hand cars of 12 or 14 h.p. and one 10 or 12 h.p. car or chassis on which the body of the present van could be remounted.

3—E.D.A. Area Executive Committee—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be nominated representative of the Corporation on the Executive Committee for the ensuing year and that Mr. Williams be authorised to attend any Meetings which Mr. Bache is unable to attend.

4—Hire Purchase Appliances—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to charge the cost of hire and hire purchase appliances (to be purchased as required) to Revenue Surplus Account,

5—Loan Sanctions—(a) Kayte Farm Factory—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of 600 for expenditure to be incurred by the Corporation in respect of the supply of electricity to this factory and that Minute No. 2 of the Minutes for the October Meeting of the Committee be amended accordingly.

(b) Supply to War Office Establishment, Boddington—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £225 for expenditure to be incurred by the Corporation in respect of the supply to these premises.

(c) Office of Works Premises, Gloucester Road—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to a loan of £39 for expenditure to be incurred by the Corporation in respect of the supply to these premises.

6—Gas Tests—Read, report of gas tests on the 4th and 6th inst., which showed the Calorific values on these dates as 474 and 475.2 B.Th.U. per cubic foot respectively and the pressure as 5.6 and 6.4 inches of water respectively

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th December, 1939. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Dr, Hayward and Moore (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 30th November, 1939.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	124,000 gallons	102,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,138,000 “	730,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	24,000 “	17,000 “
	1,286,000	849,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Estimated Usable Quantity about .., ... 99,624,000 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—Supply to Staverton Court, Etc.--The Town Clerk reported that Mr. R. B. Prettejohn had asked that the Agreement with him and Major Cobden for supply of water to Staverton Court, Staverton Lea, and Staverton Court Farm should be cancelled, and that the Corporation should take over the 3 inch main from the road to Staverton Court Farm and supply the three properties through meters and render accounts direct to the consumers. RESOLVED, That, subject to Major Cobden and Mr. Sadler agreeing, this be agreed to, and that the Agreement dated the 6th February 1934 be cancelled.

5—Extensions to Mains—Benhall Farm Site—The Borough Engineer reported that H.M. Office of Works had now commenced the erection of temporary buildings on the Benhall Farm site. The Office of Works were not willing to deposit the full cost of the main and asked that the Corporation should make a contribution towards the cost of the main. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to contribute 20 per cent of the total cost estimated at £300 subject to the Corporation's payment not exceeding £60 and that Minute No. 6 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

6—Tewkesbury Water Works—Oil Separator—The Borough Engineer reported negotiations with Messrs. Hathorn, Davey & Co. in regard to the Oil Separator on the engine which had not proved satisfactory The firm recommended that a filter should be installed. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to purchase this.

7—Cultivation of Lands Order—The Town Clerk reported that the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee had served notices on the tenants of Lower Woodlands Farm and Castle Barn Farm directing them to plough up Fields Nos. Pt. 322 and 95 containing 13 and 14.4 acres respectively.

8—Staverton Water Supply—The Borough Treasurer submitted report on the proposal to take over from the Rural District Council the portion of the District Council's main through which water had been supplied to Gloucester. The main was laid in 1934 by the District Council at a cost of £2,669. The loan debt now outstanding was £909 due to the Public Works Loan Board with interest at 3 ½ per cent repayable by instalments of £53 12s. 0d. per annum for the next twenty-five years Income from properties now taking water from the main was £74 3s. 10d. per annum. He recommended that the Corporation should agree to take over the main and to pay the Rural District Council the loan charges of £53 12s. 0d. per annum for the remaining period of twenty-five years, and also the sum of £510, being the sum paid by the Rural District Council out of rates towards loan expenses. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th December, 1939. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson and Smith (The Deputy Mayor 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) The Town Clerk submitted order made by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on the 6th inst. withdrawing as from the 11th inst. the restrictions imposed by the Gloucestershire and Somersetshire Swine Fever Infected Areas Order.

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of J. Tarling and J L. Clarke for transfer of their licence to new cabs purchased by them be granted.

3—A.R.P. Trench, Cambray House—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be fixed to an Agreement with the Great Western Railway Company in regard to the laying of a drain under the railway near Malvern Road Station for the draining of the shelter.

4—Provincial Whitley Council—Read, circular of 14th inst. from the Sodbury Rural District Council that they had decided to approach all local authorities in the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucester, Somerset and Wiltshire with a view to the establishment of a provincial Whitley Council for the professional, clerical and administrative staffs, and requesting if the Council approved of the proposal, that the Council should ask the National Joint Councils for local authorities to form such a Provincial Council. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

5—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street & Highway Committee, That the services of the following employees who were over 65 years of age and not on the Superannuation Scheme be extended for one year from the 1st April next, namely,—C. Attwood (Labourer), C. Prewer (Bricklayer), R. E. Ritchings (Sweeper), also that the services of A Price (Sweeper), B. Daunter (Pavier), E. Cox (Sweeper), and E. Hall (Sweeper) be extended for another year under the Superannuation Scheme.

6—Airport—(a) Read, report of the Meeting of the Joint Airport Committee held on the 14th ult. RESOLVED, That the Report be approved.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that, since the Meeting of the Joint Committee, the Airport had been requisitioned by the R.A.F.

7—Montpellier Rotunda—The Town Clerk reported that, as instructed, he had been in negotiation with Messrs. Haddock & Pruen with a view to arranging terms for the acquisition by the Corporation of the Montpellier Rotunda, and he now submitted letter of 13th inst. from Messrs. Haddock & Pruen in regard thereto. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to negotiate terms for the acquisition of the property.

8—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of H. Packer & Co. (1928) Ltd., for a licence to store 1,000 gallons of petrol in an underground tank at their premises in Tewkesbury Road be granted,

9—Re-numbering of Houses—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to number the houses on the Cleevemount Estate.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th December, 1939. Present—Councillors Bush, 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 the Brigade had attended four calls to fire, as follows :—

30th November Smith's Systems, Tennyson Road.

4th December St. Paul's Stores, St. Paul's Road.

6th December 6 Margrett Road.

7th December Westal Green (Watchman's Hut)

2—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) Commandant—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Home Office approving the establishment of a Commandant for the Auxiliary Fire Service at a salary of f4 per week as from the 4th October.

(b) The Acting Chief Officer reported that three divisions of the Auxiliary Fire Service personnel took part in a combined exercise on the 27th ult. and that a combined exercise was taking place on the 28th December when approximately 60 personnel and 10 pumps would be engaged.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted the following circulars from the Home Office :—

No. 93. re Head Lamp Masks for Emergency Fire Brigade Vehicles.

No. 92. re Leave with pay for personnel in cases of sickness or injury.

No. 96. re Distribution of preliminary Air Raid Warning Message.

No. 94. re Release of Motor Vehicles for Emergency Fire Brigade.

No. 95. re Police and Firemen War Service Act.

No. 336. re Annual Leave for Personnel.

RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Chief Officer for attention.

(d) Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Home Office that instructions had been given for delivery to the Brigade of six Hose Darning Sets.

(e) Auxiliary Fire Stations—St. Mark's Garage and 98 Prestbury Road—The Town Clerk submitted claims from Mr. J. H. Horsman and Newmek Ltd., for rents of £1 10s. 0d. per week and £2 0s. 0d. respectively for the use of part of their premises for Auxiliary Fire Stations. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to offer the owners a rent of £55 per annum, subject to the approval of the Home Office, and that, failing acceptance of this offer, the claims be referred to the District Valuer.

3—Battery Charger—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from the Borough Electrical Engineer that he could arrange for a suitable rectifier for charging batteries of all vehicles belonging to the Fire Brigade and other Corporation Departments to be installed at the Electricity Stores in St. George's Place at a cost of £28 6s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be asked to install the charger, and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to apportion the cost thereof over the Departments who will use this.

4—Cheltenham Rural District—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with the Cheltenham Rural District Council for the provision of the Fire Brigade to 16 parishes in their District which it was proposed should commence as from the 1st January. RESOLVED, That this be approved as now settled by the Committee.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th December, 1939. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith; and Mr. A. Ball (Councillor P. T. Smith in the chair).

1—Visitors—RESOLVED, That the following be appointed Visitors of the Allotments for the ensuing year :—Councillors Addis and Compton and Messrs. Ball and Carter 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.

2—Allotments Inspection—Read, the Gardens Superintendent's report of his monthly inspection of the allotments. The following allotments were still in an unsatisfactory state and some had been reported at previous meetings :—Nos. 57, 89 and 98 Asquith Road ; No. 24 Alma Road ; No. 11 Gapper's Field ; Nos. 165 and 166 North Ward ; Nos. 15, 22 and 142 Marle Hill. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of the allotments. RESOLVED, also, That No. 90 Asquith Road be appropriated for a demonstration allotment.

3—Cultivation of Vacant Land—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the trenching of the land at the junction of Gloucester Road and Church Road would be completed this week. The hedge on the land at Severn Road had been removed and part of the surface levelled up. Subject to weather conditions, demonstration plots would be commenced within a few days and arrangements had been made for ploughing up spare land.

4—Arrears of Rent-- The Borough Treasurer submitted statement showing arrears amounting to £68 7s. 5d. RESOLVED, That this matter be referred to the Town Clerk and Borough Treasurer with instructions to take what action they think necessary with a view to the collection of the amounts outstanding and terminating the tenancies where required. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit reports of arrears to the Meetings of this Committee next following the four usual quarter days.

5—Horticulture Committee—The Gardens Superintendent reported the progress made by this Committee. Read, also letter of 2nd inst , from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries enclosing letter from the Ministry dated 27th ult., which had been addressed to the Councils of Counties and County Boroughs on the subject of the Royal Horticultural Society's Panel of Practical Gardeners and suggesting that valuable work could be done by the attendance of a demonstrator to address growers, discuss their difficulties and offer constructive criticism or commendation of the gardening methods employed. Where practicable the Committee might arrange an assembly of allotment holders and gardeners in the vicinity of their plots or any special demonstration plots. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Horticulture Committee. The Town Clerk also reported that the Ministry had been unable to supply 15,000 copies of the Grow More Leaflet No. 1 which were to be delivered by "The Cheltenham Circular " at a charge of £5 5s. 0d. as the Ministry thought this would probably result in a large number of leaflets being left with occupiers who had neither an allotment nor a garden and in view of the cost of production of the leaflet they had arranged for 5,000 copies to be supplied.

6—Rebates in Rent—RESOLVED, That the Tenants of Nos. 217 Crabtree Piece and 14 Creamery Piece be granted the use of these allotments rent free to the 24th June, 1940, in view of their bad condition.

7—North Ward Allotments—(a) No. 38—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of this allotment had given notice to terminate his tenancy on the 25th inst., but asked for £2 compensation for the young fruit trees, rhubarb, gooseberry bushes, strawberries etc. on the Allotment. The Gardens Superintendent reported that the amount was reasonable. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

(b) Nos. 167 and 168—Councillor Addis and the Gardens Superintendent reported on their inspection of these allotments. The allotments were in a bad state of cultivation, the trees cankerous and the pig sties in a dilapidated condition and it would be necessary to allow a new tenant six months' rent free to get the allotments into a proper state of cultivation. The arrears of rent now amounted to £3 17s. 1d. which the present tenant was unable to pay, as he was an old-age pensioner and in a bad state of health. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform him that the Corporation would be willing to write off the arrears on his giving immediate possession.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th December, 1939. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—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.
Taunton Park Recreation Ground	Councillors Bendall and Smith.
Montpellier Gardens ...	Councillors Bush and Grimwade.
Whaddon Road Recreation Ground	Councillors Green and Smith.
Sandford Park	Councillors Bush and Green.
St. Mark's ...	Councillors Grimwade and Smith,
Pittville Gardens	Councillors Addis and Fisher.
Hatherley Court Recreation Ground	Councillors Grimwade and Smith.

2—Sale of Surplus Fowls—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the surplus fowls from Pittville Gardens were sold at the Market by Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son for £4 4s. 9d.

3—Pittville Pump Room—Foreman's living quarters—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the Foreman's living quarters were in a bad condition. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect and report to the next Meeting of this Committee.

4—Hatherley Court Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That in future this ground be called " Hatherley Park." RESOLVED, also, That the Ground be opened at 10 a.m. on Sundays and that the Custodian be paid at the usual rate for the extra hours he is on Sunday duty.

5—Sandford Park—Bath Road Entrance—A proposal to reduce the height of the walls at the side of the Bath Road entrance to this Park was considered. RESOLVED, That members of this Committee be asked to inspect the same and that the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting.

6—Westal Green Roundabout—The Gardens Superintendent reported that some of the shrubs recently planted at this Roundabout had been uprooted and had been found some distance away.

7—Gift of Pigeons—Read, letter of 14th ult., from Mr. M. Leighton Ridgway offering about 50 pairs of pigeons. RESOLVED, That he be thanked for his offer and that the Chairman and Gardens Superintendent be asked to select a few suitable pairs

8—Wages of L. Turner—RESOLVED, That the wages of L. Turner, the youth employed at Montpellier Gardens, be increased by 5s per week as from the date of this Committee.

9—Alstone Croft Playing Field—Read, application from the Swindon Road Old Boys Football Club asking for the use of a Pitch at this Ground on Saturday afternoons, RESOLVED, That they be granted the use of a Pitch in conjunction with the R.A.F. Cadets, to whom permission to play has already been granted, on Saturdays to be arranged.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th December, 1939. Present—Councillors Bendall, Rev de Convey Ireland, Green and Moore (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 25th November to 15th December. Number of Interments 43; Cremations 15 ; Grave Spaces sold 17 (1st Position 2, 2nd Position 2, 4th Position 13); New Memorials erected 7 ; New Inscriptions 11

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 10038 to 10104

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2480 to 2484, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Civilian Deaths due to War Operations--The Town Clerk reported that members of the Committee had met the Heads of the A.R.P. Services and discussed the scheme for Civilian Deaths due to War Operations. The Superintendent submitted suggestions for coffins and shrouds. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain samples of the special collapsible coffins now being manufactured for the purposes of the scheme.

5—Crematorium—The Superintendent reported that the windows in the Crematorium Chamber needed blacking out. RESOLVED, That Messrs. E. W. & W. J. Moore, Ltd., be instructed to have this work done.

6—War Graves—The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 1922 of the 1st inst. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the registration and care of graves of serving personnel of H.M. Forces who have died or may die on or after the 3rd September. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Superintendent.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th December, 1939. Present—Councillors Bendall, Bush, Compton, Garland, Grimwade and Lipson ; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Messrs. H. J. Norris, C. E. Walsh and F. Vernal (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for November, 1939—Receipts £29 5s. 0d. Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 6,000; Lending Department 26,292 ; Junior Department 4,322. Total 36,614 (last year 31,702).

Record Issue—The Record issue had again been broken on Saturday, 25th November, when 2,630 volumes were issued. Replacements and Binding—26 volumes had been replaced, 391 volumes had been returned from the binder and a further 252 volumes dispatched. Lectures—The following lectures had been given in the Art Gallery :—

20th November	Colonel W. F. Henn, " Egyptian Deserts." Attendance 178.
27th "	Mr. C. E. Walsh, "What is lovely in Gloucestershire." Attendance 275,
4th December	Madame Perigal, "The History of Fencing." Attendance 63.
11th "	Mr. D. Leuchars, " Horticulture in War-time." Attendance 80.

Booklist—A list of books in the Lending Library for Gardeners and allotment holders had been prepared for circulation.

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2—Books—RESOLVED, That 218 volumes, published at £79 1s. 6d., be purchased for £51 18s. 4d.

3—Donations—63 volumes, 24 pamphlets and a collection of Victorian Cartoons had been received as gifts from 14 donors. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4—Periodical—RESOLVED, That "The Journal of the British Astronomical Association," offered as a gift, be accepted with thanks.

5—Co-operation with County Library—Read, letter from the County Education Secretary asking for a reduction in the charge of 3s 6d. per annum per borrower in respect of persons resident outside the borough boundaries who register under a scheme of co-operation for the full facilities of

Cheltenham Public Library. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot see their way to accede to this request,

6—Lending Library Floor—This matter was further considered. RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. W. Drew to renew about 12 square yards of the most worn portions of this floor at 20s per square yard be accepted.

7—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 16th February, 1940.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 6th December, 1939. Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward ; Councillors Bush and Ben James (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

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

2—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed and dealt with two defaulters.

3—Motor Traders' Association—Messrs. Chinn, Poulton, and Readings attended as a deputation from the Cheltenham Motor Traders' Association and asked if the Committee could grant motor garage proprietors a rebate off their rates on their premises as the rationing of petrol only necessitated the use of one petrol pump and had considerably interfered with the sale of cars. The Deputation was informed that the Committee had no power to grant rebates in such cases, and that the proper course for them to adopt was to lodge proposals with the Assessment Committee for reductions in their assessments,

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st December, 1939. Present—Aldermen Pruen and Taylor; Councillors Garland and Grimwade (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 20th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £44,691 ; Leaving Outstanding £90,078.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 20th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1940. Amount collected £10,468 ; Leaving Outstanding £17,071.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 21st inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Alderman Pruen and Councillor Garland.

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

4—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of the Electricity charges since the last meeting.

5—Loans—(a) RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Debenture amounting to £10,000 be approved and the Debenture endorsed accordingly.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting £3,500 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 loans of £5,000, £12,500 and £2,000. RESOLVED, That these be approved and that mortgages be issued and sealed on account of duly authorised loans.

6—Superannuation—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee that the superannuation allowance of Mr. R. C. W. Bridges who was retiring on the 1st April next should be made up to the amount he would have received had he remained in the service of the Corporation until he was 65. The amount of his Superannuation on the 1st April next would be £154 9s. 7d. per annum and if he remained in the service of the Corporation until he was 65 his pension would amount to £172 7s 9d. RESOLVED, That Mr. Bridges be superannuated on the 1st April next and that his pension be increased from £154 9s. 7d. to £172 7s. 9d., and that the portion of his pension in respect of his non-contributory service be increased accordingly.

7—Consents to Loans—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 24th ult. from the Treasury Chambers drawing attention to the new Defence Finance Regulations under which it would be necessary for the Corporation to obtain the consent of the Treasury for all loan transactions (with a few exceptions). The object of the Regulations was to reserve the capital resources of the country primarily for such purposes as are essential to the successful prosecution[?] of the War and in accordance with that policy it was the intention of the Government that capital expenditure by Local Authorities whether or not already authorised should be restricted within the narrowest limits. Consent to the exercise of borrowing powers would not therefore be given unless the project was of pressing necessity either for reasons of public need or on account of war requirements. In the case of works in progress, if the Council deem it a pressing necessity to continue such works, it will be necessary for them to demonstrate with every possible alternative that such continuance has been examined before the extent of the application has been finally determined. RESOLVED, That the circular be referred to the Town Clerk and the Borough Treasurer, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to make such applications as may be necessary for the consent of the Treasury and appropriate Government Departments to the renewal of mortgages and debentures as may be required and to the issue of new mortgages in respect of loan sanctions already issued or in respect of which the Council have approved applications being made therefor.

8—Electricity Accounts—RESOLVED, That the Electricity Committee be recommended to make a charge to consumers for reading of meters when required by them in addition to the ordinary readings.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held-at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough., on Monday, 1st January, 1940, 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 Trye, C.B.E., R.N. Retd.).

Aldermen Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bendall, Bush, 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., Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Margrett ; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Compton, Fletcher and Till.

1—Death of Mr. David Lewis---RESOLVED, That the Council express their deep regret at the death of Mr. David Lewis, Honorary Freeman of the Borough, who was held in great respect and esteem by the inhabitants of Cheltenham, and desire to convey their deep sympathy with his family in their bereavement.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th December, 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.

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 December 11

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Miller and Seconded by Councillor Barnett : "That Minute No. 19 with regard to Windsor Street Sewer be referred back and that the sewer be reconstructed forthwith" was lost).

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Housing	Meeting held December 7
Street and Highway	Meeting held December 18

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Bush "That Minute No. 14 with reference to the sale of land in Brooklyn Road to Mr. I. Maddox be referred back."

Town Planning	Meeting held December 14
Town Improvement and Spa	Meeting held December 15
Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held December 13
Water	Meeting held December 12
General Purposes and Watch	Meeting held December 19
Fire Brigade	Meeting held December 18
Allotments	Meeting held December 11
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held December 11
Cemetery and Crematorium	Meeting held December 15
Public Library	Meeting held December 15
Rating	Meeting held December 6
Finance	Meeting held December 21

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

RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £41,923 for the cost of the purchase of properties under the Cheltenham High Street, Albion Street and Pittville Street Compulsory Purchase Order, 1937, including compensation and costs which, together with the previous loan sanction, make a total of £82,975.

JNO. HOWELL,

Mayor.

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MINUTES of arc Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 5th February, 1940.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th January, 1940. Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr. Hayward, Moore, Morris and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Nuisances from Drains-3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Field View Cottages ; Marlborough Arms and 2-6 Marlborough Place ; 5 Coltham Fields and 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92 and 94 Rosehill 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—Insanitary Property at 3 Moorend Road—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house are satisfied that this 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 in 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.

3—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 86, 87 and 88 Albion Street (now 65, 67 and 69) and 29 and 31 Bath Terrace—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the owners of these premises had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That their Under-takings be cancelled.

(b) Bruton Cottage, Portland 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 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.

(c) 5, 6 and 7 Exmouth Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had discussed the question of further structural alterations to these premises with the Owner who had agreed to carry out the required works. (d) 95 Prestbury Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that this house was in need of extensive repairs to make it fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That it be viewed by the Rota Sub-Committee and that a report be made to the next Meeting of the Committee.

4—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness-21 Queen 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.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 4 cwt. of Pork, 1 qr. 2 lbs. of Mutton, 1 qr. 25 lbs. of eggs and 3 turkeys which together weighed 21 ½ lbs.

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

(b) Ivy Cottage, Hesters Way—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a bacteriological analysis of water from a well at these premises taken in pursuance of a complaint by the tenant that the water had been contaminated by sewage from the adjoining land. The analysis showed that the water was contaminated and was unsuitable for a drinking supply. He also reported that the structure of the well was defective, rendering contamination from the adjoining garden and land inevitable.

RESOLVED, That the Owner or Tenant be called upon to reconstruct the well with properly stained walls carried above the surface and that he be informed that failing this being done application will have to be made to the Justices under Section 140 of the Public Health Act, 1936 for an Order closing the well.

7—Health Department Motor Van —Read , letter from the Wicliffe Motor Co. Ltd. stating that it would not be possible to give delivery of the Morris 10 cwt. van before the end of February and giving the Committee the alternative of a Bedford 1042 cwt. van or a Ford 10 cwt. van, each at a cost of £168 less 10 per cent The cost of the Morris van would have been £180 less 10 per cent.

RESOLVED, That the 10/12 cwt. Bedford van be purchased at £168 less 10 per cent.

8—Pasteurised Milk—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his quarterly report on the examination of pasteurised milk. One of the samples analysed proved unsatisfactory. He was making investigations as to the cause of this and would report at the next Meeting.

9—Food and Drugs Act—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted certificates of the Public Analyst in respect of 6 samples of milk Nod. 11-16, 1 sample of jelly, 1 of sugar, 1 of condensed milk and 1 of whisky, all of which had proved satisfactory.

10—Registered Slaughter Houses—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted his report on the various private slaughter houses in the Borough. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Abattoir Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

11—Abattoir--(a) Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Ministry of Food stating that the plan of control for meat and livestock would come into force on the 15th inst. and that as from that date the Ministry would be the only slaughterer of stock in the Council slaughter house. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Cheltenham Master Butchers' Association had contracted to carry out the slaughtering.

(b) RESOLVED, That a Meeting of the Farms and Abattoir Sub-Committee be held at the Abattoir to consider various questions with regard to staff and working conditions after the Ministry commence slaughtering at the Abattoir.

12—Disposal of Condemned Meat- -The Committee considered the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee to dispose of condemned carcasses to the Gloucester City Soap Works, with a view to closing down the Refuse Destructor entirely. Reports from the Borough Surveyor and the Chief Sanitary Inspector were read. The proposal to close down the Destructor would deprive the Steam Disinfector of steam and would also leave fish offal etc. still to be dealt with. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Borough Surveyor and Chief Sanitary Inspector for further consideration with a view to submitting a scheme for the installation of a plant which would enable

the carcasses etc. to be disposed of economically and would also provide steam for the Disinfector and that an estimate be submitted of the income which might be derived from the manufacture and sale of by-products

13—Entry of Coal Gas into Sewers—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported complaints received from several houses in Rosehill Street and Hales Road of a smell of gas in the outside W.C.'s at these houses from which it appeared that gas from a damaged gas pipe was finding its way into the public sewer, The Gas Company were making investigations as to the cause of this. The Owners of the houses concerned had no interceptor traps. Steps had been taken to warn the occupiers of the danger.

14—Tuberculosis of Milk Cow—Mr. Lively attended and stated that he was not aware that the cow was suffering from Tuberculosis. He sold the cow to Mr. Mudway for £5 Mr. Mudway, who was previously unknown to him, called to enquire if he had a cow for sale, and stated that he did not want a particularly good cow He sold the cow because it suffered from milk fever which was a recurrent disease and it had also had a fall and was slightly lame. The milk had been used for feeding the calf and none had been used for sale. At the last Meeting of the Committee Mr. J. Brain, the Veterinary Surgeon, stated that he had inspected Mr. Lively's " accredited " herd which included this cow, on the 22nd August last when the herd was quite satisfactory. The cow must have since developed acute Miliary Tuberculosis, otherwise "Gallop Consumption." There would be no outward evidence that it was suffering from this disease except that it would be emaciated, which might be due to other causes than Tuberculosis. The Committee are satisfied that none of the milk had been used for human consumption.

A letter was read from Mr. Mudway, who had been invited to attend the Committee, that he saw no good purpose in attending the Meeting. He had purchased the cow to complete his stock for that week and had taken it to the Abattoir for slaughter and inspection, and had paid all fees. He considered that he had complied with all the regulations respecting the slaughter and saw no reason why this case should be singled out from any other.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Mudway that the Committee consider the purchase for £5 of this cow which was in a very emaciated condition and also lame, and, on slaughter, proved to be in a very advanced state of Tuberculosis, required explanation and they therefore considered it fair to him to give him an opportunity of attending the Committee Meeting, and were surprised that he had not thought it desirable to do so in his own interest.

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15—Land at Elmstone Hardwicke—The Town Clerk submitted the District Valuer's report on the land offered by Messrs. Merrett, Halls & Co. He recommended that the land should be purchased at the price of £940 plus Vendors legal costs, which sum the Owner is prepared to accept. RESOLVED, That a provisional contract be entered into for the purchase of the property on these terms and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £969 for the purchase money and costs and stamp duty.

16—Central Council for Health Education—Read, circular letter of 18th ult. from the Central Council for Health Education applying for renewal of the annual contribution to the Council of £2 2s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be renewed.

17—Sewage Works- -The Borough Surveyor submitted an application from A. Price, employee at these works, for a grant towards the cost of a new set of dentures to replace those which this employee had lost in one of the settling tanks. RESOLVED, That the Committee regret they are unable to accede to this request.

18—Wages of Public Convenience Attendants—The Borough Surveyor submitted an application from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for an increase in the wages of the two male attendants at the Montpellier Conveniences. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Labour Sub-Committee.

19—Windsor Street Sewer--The Chairman read a letter from Councillor Miller with regard to the decision of the Committee at their last Meeting to construct a manhole at each end of this sewer and to keep it clear by rodding instead of completely renewing the sewer The Borough Surveyor reported that the manholes, which will in any case be necessary, would be completed before the next Meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to report further at the next Meeting as to the condition of the sewer.

ARTHUR S. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th January, 1940. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bush, Fisher, Grimwade, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Housing Manager—(a) The Housing Manager submitted her monthly report on the collection of rents.

(b) Pupil Trainee—The Housing Manager reported that Miss Watson had completed her probationary period and recommended that she be now admitted as Pupil under the training scheme. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to, and that she be paid a wage of 10s per week as from the 1st January for the first six months, to be increased to a week for the first year, and thereafter £1 10s. 0d. per week.

(c) The Committee further considered the application of the Housing Manager for an increase in her car allowance of per annum. RESOLVED, That tier allowance be increased to £32 per annum, as from the 5th February.

2—Keeping of Poultry—The Housing Manager submitted applications from tenants of 43 Kipling Road, 260 Swindon Road and 7 St. Peter's Square for consent of the Council to keep fowls RESOLVED, (a) That the application of the tenant of 43 Kipling Road be granted subject to the fowl house to be erected being first approved, and to this being raised above the ground, and also to no cockerels being kept.

(b) That the applications of the tenants of 260 Swindon Road and 7 St. Peter's Square be not granted as the Committee consider the back gardens of these houses are too small to permit of poultry being kept.

3—Repairs Superintendent—(a) The monthly report of the Repairs Superintendent was submitted.

(b) Car Allowance—The Borough Surveyor reported that in January last when the car allowance of £40 for the Repairs Superintendent was fixed, the Committee intimated that they were prepared to review the matter at the end of one year. He now submitted application from the Repairs Superintendent for an increased car allowance together with particulars of the mileage run.

RESOLVED, That his car allowance be increased to £52 per annum

4-38 Waterloo Street—The Town Clerk reported that the purchase of this property had been completed. The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted three tenders for the demolition of the property. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. W. Wiggett, amounting to £6, being the lowest, be accepted.

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5—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee of their Meetings held on the 22nd ult. and 5th 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) That the tender of Mr. J. H. Newman amounting to £31 for fixing new grates in four houses on the St. Mark's Estate be accepted.

(c) That, in arriving at the rents of tenants who are liable to loss of wages during wet and frosty weather, the percentage of 15 per cent be deducted for the six winter months, October to March, and 5 per cent during the six summer months, instead of 10 per cent throughout the year as at present, and that the income scale be amended accordingly.

(d) Repairs—That the revised schedule of prices for internal decorations submitted by the Repairs Superintendent be approved as now settled by the Sub-Committee.

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

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd January, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pales and Ward ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Grimwade and Morris (Alderman Trye in the chair).

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

2—Superannuation—The Borough Engineer reported that A. Richards, Sweeper, had to retire as he had had his right leg amputated above the knee. He had been in the service of the Corporation for 25 years and his superannuation would be 17s 1d a week. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report at the next Meeting as to the financial position of Mr. Richards.

3—Horses, etc.—Harness—The Borough Surveyor reported that the harness sold by Messrs. Pearce, Pope & Sons realised a net sum of £15 19s. 0d., after deduction of cost of advertising and commission.

4—Payment of Wages During Sickness—The Borough Surveyor reported that in reference to the circular letter recently sent out to all the employees in regard to non-payment of wages during illness, four men employed in the capacity of foremen and a Stoker at Alstone Baths had previously been informed in writing on their engagement that they would be paid during sickness tip to two weeks' full pay and two weeks' half-pay less National Health Insurance benefit. RESOLVED, That the men be informed that it is not the intention of the Council to worsen the conditions of employment of any employee, and that the above conditions as to payment during illness may be regarded as unaltered.

5—Coal—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from J. Williams & Co. that when submitting their fuel tender on the 12th June, they had omitted to insert the variation clause prepared by the South Wales Control Board for all contracts ending at that time. In pursuance of this clause the Control Board sanctioned an increase of 6d. per ton for all coal despatched on or after the 20th October last, and Messrs. Williams & Co. now asked that this increase should be allowed them. RESOLVED, That the increase be allowed for all coal delivered on or after the 1st inst.

6—Junction of Francis Street and Exmouth Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. A. J. Bettridge, asking if the Committee would consider purchasing the block of condemned property at the junction of these street' in view of the fact that part of the site would eventually be required for Street Widening. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked for his valuation of the property.

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7—Pedestrian Crossing— The Borough Surveyor submitted letters from Mr. E. D. Wynn offering to supply on trial a system of illumination for Pedestrian Crossings patented by him. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to accept the offer subject to the approval of the Police being obtained to an experiment being made.

8—Junction Montpellier Terrace and Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing the rounding off of the footpath on the south side of the junction of these roads, He estimated the cost of carrying out the work at £5. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this done.

9—Military Service—The Borough Surveyor reported that two of his senior assistants had received a circular from the Institution of Civil Engineers inviting applications for commissions in the Army from candidates who had had experience in road construction or similar concrete work. The assistants, who were aged 32 and 30 respectively, had asked if they might submit applications, as if they

became liable for military service, they might not then have the opportunity of obtaining these commissions. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot recommend the General Purposes Committee to consent to their volunteering at present, but that the matter be reconsidered in two or three months' time.

10—Private Improvement Works—Brooklyn Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans, specification and estimate for the paving of the footpath adjoining Nos. 191-215 and 186-240 Brooklyn Road, at an estimated cost of £470 plus £2 for each crossing required. RESOLVED, That this be approved RESOLVED, also, That notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act 1875 and the Cheltenham Improvement Acts 1852 and 1889 to the owners of the premises abutting on this footpath requiring them to do the specified works in 28 days and in default of the notice being complied with, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out

11—Refuse Collection Disposal—Salvage—The Borough Surveyor submitted circular on salvage of material from dust-bin refuse which he had received from the Ministry of Supply and an officer of the Department had interviewed him on the matter Local Authorities are urged not to regard the salvage of material as a profit-making scheme, but rather as a national duty. All prices are controlled, and at the present time markets can be found for all materials salvaged, and a monthly return had to be made of all material collected and sold. Local Authorities were specially urged not to incinerate condemned meat but to send this to a firm dealing with the recovery of waste products. A considerable quantity of scrap metal had been collected and sold since the last Meeting, and all timber sorted and materials suitable for re-use put on one side. One man was employed salvaging material from the tip while two others were employed on baling paper and putting together collected material for sale. The four Bedford Freighters had been provided with a separate compartment for the collection of paper. In due course the Borough Surveyor would submit a financial statement showing whether the arrangement was being worked economically or not.

12—Asphalt Plant—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had invited offers for the disposal of the above plant and two offers had been received. RESOLVED, That the offer of J Cashmore of £77 10s. 0d. for the plant, but excluding the building, a portable steam engine and one of the bitumen boilers, be accepted.

13—Wages and Conditions of Service—(a) Paviers--The Borough Surveyor submitted application dated 20th inst. from the National Union of General & Municipal Workers for the paviers' rate to be increased by ½ d. per hour as from 1st December last to agree with the Building Trade operatives' wages. RESOLVED, That the application be granted as from 1st December last.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received application from the National Union of General & Municipal Workers for an increase in wages for all employees (except the Electricity Department) and an application in respect of employees at Tewkesbury and also an application from an electrician. RESOLVED, That these be referred for consideration of the Labour Sub-Committee and that they be authorised to report direct to the Town Council.

14—National Joint Industrial Council--The Committee further considered the letter from the National Joint Industrial Council asking the Corporation to join the newly established Council for the Local Authorities Non-Trading Service (Manual Workers) for the Counties of Gloucester, Somerset and Wilts. The Town Clerk reported that, as instructed, he had circularised the Boroughs and larger

Urban Districts to ascertain their views on the proposals. The following had already agreed to join, namely : Mangotsfield Urban District Council, Trowbridge Urban District Council, Bridgwater, Yeovil and Swindon Boroughs The following had however decided not to join, namely : Bath, Gloucester and Weston-super-Mare. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Gloucester City Council asking them to appoint representatives to discuss the matter with this Committee, and also to inform Bath and Weston-super-Mare of the proposed conference and to invite them to attend.

15—Streamers Across Promenade and High Street—Read, application from the Local Savings Committee for permission to hang a streamer across the Promenade and also one across High Street advertising the Savings Campaign Week from 5th-10th February. RESOLVED, That consent be given for two days during the week subject to the usual conditions

16—The Grove—The Town Clerk reported that notice had been given to take over this road and no objection had been received. RESOLVED, That the road be now taken over as repairable by the Corporation.

17—Welland Lodge and Cleevemount Roads—Read, application of 20th ult. from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers applying on behalf of G. A. M. Hall, Ltd. for these roads to be taken over by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report thereon at the next Meeting.

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18—Montpellier Terrace—Read, report of damage to " Halt " Sign in Montpellier Terrace by a motor-lorry The Town Clerk reported that the cost of making good the damage amounting to £4 15s. 5d. had been settled under a Sharing Agreement with the Insurance Company concerned.

19—Alleged Right of Way, Rear of Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 28th ult. from Mr. M. A. Blake protesting against the fencing which had been placed over the alleged road way at the rear of Brooklyn Road on the Orchard Estate. The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing that the alleged right of way was an occupation road leading from Arle Farm to fields at the rear of Brooklyn Road and was not shown on the deposited Map under the Footpaths Act. RESOLVED, That Mr. Blake be informed that it does not appear to the Council that any right of way exists over the occupation road.

20—Pittville Street Improvement—(i) Report of Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Sub-Committee of their Meeting held on the 9th inst Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair) ; Alderman Ward Councillors Fisher and Grimwade. The District Valuer (Mr. Ellis Moore) also attended.

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

(a) Sale of Site—The Sub-Committee had considered enquiries from Messrs. J. Trevor & Sons, Green Shops Ltd., and Messrs. Dudley Samuel & Harrison asking on what terms the Corporation would be prepared to sell or lease the site as they had clients who were interested in the site if they were able to arrange for the building to be erected, and asking if the Corporation could render any assistance in securing a supply of building materials. They recommended that as there was no prospect of their

being able to erect the building during the war, the firms be informed that the Committee think that it is desirable that negotiations should be postponed for the present.

(b) Stead & Simpsons' Property—That, having considered the report by the District Valuer of his negotiations for the acquisition of Stead & Simpsons' property, the District Valuer be authorised to negotiate terms for the purchase of this property for completion on the 31st March next, subject to consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan being obtained, and to the consent of the Capital Issues Committee being given to the raising of the loan. Also, That he be instructed to negotiate terms for Messrs. Stead & Simpsons' remaining on after completing the purchase as tenants.

(c) Hoarding—That the application of Wyndham B. Lock to rent space on the hoarding adjoining the Arcade for advertising a Shooting Range in America Passage be not granted.

(d) 11 Pittville Street—That these premises be let to the Cheltenham District Traction Co. for augmenting their offices and waiting room accommodation in North Street on a quarterly tenancy at a rent of £30 per quarter plus rates, subject to the Corporation not being required to expend any money on the premises.

(e) 8 Pittville Street—That these premises be let to Mr. D. Cloak for the sale of cats' and dogs' meat on a quarterly tenancy at a rent of £6 10s. 0d. per quarter, plus rates, the Corporation to have the water carried up from the basement to the back room and to provide a sink and to repair the broken window in the back room and fan-light at a cost of about £8.

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

(2) 13 Pittville Street and 11 Winchcomb Street—The Town Clerk reported that the tenancies of these premises at a rent of £39 each per annum, plus rates, for Confectioners' shops, had fallen through as the Food Control Committee had refused registration. In coming to this decision, the Committee had presumably considered the large increase of nearly 10,000 in the population in Cheltenham and district since the outbreak of war, and the closing of some of the Hotels, but no grounds have been given for refusing the application and the parties concerned were not given an opportunity of attending. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Food Control Committee asking to be informed on what grounds the applications were refused.

(3) British. Home Stores—The Town Clerk submitted Award made by the Arbitrator on the recent arbitration held in regard to the claim made by British Home Stores Ltd. for the sum of £20,000 for their interest under an agreement for lease of the site formerly belonging to Cardigan Estates Ltd. The Arbitrator had awarded the sum of £1,500, each party to pay their own costs and the Corporation to pay the Arbitrator's fees, etc., amounting to £25 1s. 0d.

21—Petrol Pumps, Portland Street—Read, letter from Messrs. A. Williams & Co., asking to be relieved of the payment of 5s per annum wayleave in respect of three out of four of their petrol pump swing arms as they were now only using one pump. RESOLVED, That the payment for three of the swing arms be waived as from the 1st November last for so long as the pumps are out of use, and that the Building Inspector be instructed to see that the pumps are sealed.

22—Malthouse Lane—Councillor Addis reported that this road had not been scavenged for two months. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report thereon at the next Meeting.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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LABOUR SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 25th January, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair); Alderman Ward Councillors Addis, Morris, Green and Grimwade.

1—General Employees--Read, application of 4th inst. from the National Union of General & Municipal Workers for an increase of 3s per week to male manual employees, ½ d. per hour for female manual employees, and 3d. per shift to night-watchmen as from the 1st September last, as recommended by the West Midland Joint Industrial Council on the 2nd inst., the increase to remain in operation until the last pay day in March, 1940. RESOLVED, That the application be granted as follows, all as from the 1st December, 1939, viz. :—

(a) Three Shillings a week to the following employees:-

Employees	Present Wages
4 Horse drivers	53s 6d Plus 6s for stables
1 Storeman	52s 10d Plus 2s 6d for cleaning Depot Offices
1 Yardman	50s 11d Plus Fuel and Light for house
1 Office Cleaner (youth)	30s
2 Scavenging Foremen	61s
1 Roads Foreman	75s
1 Tree Foreman	80s
1 Chauffeur...	65s
1 Chief Assistant, Alstone Baths	65s
1 Assistant Stoker,	52s (Summer only)
1 Stoker, Spa Baths ...	53s
1 Attendant,	46s 6d
1 Foreman, Town Hall	56s
3 Attendants,	51s
Custodian, Leckhampton Hill	56s 6d
1 Car Park Attendant	51s 6d
2 Car Park Attendants	41s 6d
1 General Labourer, Sewage Works	50s
1 Waterman, Sewage Works ...	42s Plus house
Joint Caretakers, Clarence Parade Conveniences	51s 6d Plus house
1 Cleaner and Attendant, St. George's Square Conveniences	44s
1 Cleaner, General Conveniences	55s
1 Foreman Gardener...	70s
1 Gardener	57s 6d
1 Gatekeeper	39s 6d
1 Recreation Ground Custodian	55s Plus house
5 Recreation Ground Custodians	49s Plus house
1 Recreation Ground Custodian	60s

1 Park Constable	52s 6d
1 Park Constable	50s
1 Water Meter Reader	54s 10d
1 Hewletts Reservoir Keeper	50s Plus 10s emoluments

(b) Three farthings per hour to the following	
employees Paid on Employees	
Employees	Present Hourly Rate
Asphalte Spreaders and Layers	1s 1 3/4d (3s 4d. above Labourer's rate)
Chipping Spreaders ...	1s 1 1/2d (1s 2d. above Labourer's rate)
Tar Sprayers	1s 2 1/2d (1 1/2d. above Labourer's rate)
Chainman	1s 1 1/2d (1/2d. above Labourer's rate)
1 Mechanic	1s 4 1/2
1 Electrician	1s 5 1/2d
1 Sewer Foreman	1s 4d
4 Charge Hands	1s 3d
1 Blacksmith	1s 4d
1 " (Mate)	1s 2d
34 General Labourers	1s 1d
20 Sweepers	1s 1d
1 Labourer	1s
1 Part-time Car Park Attendant	1s
1 Relief "	1s
1 Engineman, Sewage Works	1s 2d
3 Labourers " "	1s 1 1/2d
1 Labourer " "	1s 1 1/2d Plus House
10 Gardeners	1s 1d
10 Gardeners	1s 1 1/2d
1 Turncock	1s 2d

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Employees	Present hourly rate
1 Labourer (Waterworks)	1s 1d Plus 6s emoluments
1 Labourer "	1s 2d
1 Main Jointer "	1s 2d Plus 11s 6d emoluments
1 Labourer "	1s 1d Plus 11s 6d "
1 Filter Attendant "	1s 1 1/2d Plus 10s "
1 Labourer "	1s 1 1/2d
1 Treeman's Mate	1s 2 1/2d , (1 1/2 d. above Labourer's rate)

(c) Two Shillings per week to the following Female employees:-

	Present Weekly Wage
1 Cash Attendant, Alstone Baths ...	25s (Summer only)
2 Charwomen, Spa Baths ...	35s
1 Attendant “	30s
1 Attendant	25s
1 Attendant...	20s
1 Spa Attendant, Town Hall ...	32s 6d
1 Cleaner, General Conveniences	34s

(d) One half-penny per hour to the following Female employees Paid on an hourly basis:—

	Present hourly rate
8 Office Cleaners	8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.
1 Charwoman, Alstone Baths	8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.
2 Charwomen, Town Hall	8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

(e) One penny per hour to the following employees to bring them up to the West Midlands J.I.C. rate (including advance of $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per hour) :-

12 Lorry and Freighter Drivers	1s 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
1 Lorry Driver (Waterworks)	1s 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d

(f) One half-penny per hour to the following employees (who are at present paid above J.I.C. rate) so as to bring them to the J.I.C. rate (including $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per hour increase) :-

3 Roller Drivers ...	1s 4d
1 Mechanical Sweeper Driver	1s 4d

(g) RESOLVED, also, That the proportionate increases be granted to the following employees as from the 1st December last :—

	Present Wage	Proposed
Watchman.... ..	Full Shift 7s 3d	7s 6d
“	Saturday Shift 3s 8d	3s 9d
1 Relief Attendant, Clarence Parade	18s-	19s 6d
1 “ “ “ (Female) ...	15s	16s
1 Cleaner (Female) Leckhampton Conveniences	7s	8s
1 Part-time Custodian Recreation Ground	25s	26s 6d
2 House Inspectors (Waterworks) ...	59s	59s 6d

(h) Casual Labourers—The Borough Surveyor reported that there were now only 57 Casual Labourers employed, nearly all of whom have been continuously employed for two or more years. Their present rate of wages was 1s 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per hour. RESOLVED, That in future casual labourers be paid at the establishment rate but that the wages of the present men be not reduced. RESOLVED, also, That casual labourers engaged for snow sweeping continue to be paid 1d. an hour above the establishment rate.

2—Refuse Collectors—Read, application of 22nd ult. from the Union for the Refuse Collectors to be also raised from Grade 2 to Grade 3 thereby increasing their wages by 1s per week. RESOLVED, That the application be granted and that the three Refuse Collectors at present paid 1s 2 ½ d. per hour be paid 1s 3 ½ d. per hour and that the 22 Refuse Collectors at present paid 1s 1 ½ d. an hour be paid 1s 2 ½ d. per hour, and all to date as from the 1st December last.

3—Tewkesbury Water Works—Read, application of 22nd ult. from the Union for two employees at Tewkesbury Water-works to be credited and paid as Engine Drivers and for three others to be paid as Stokers. RESOLVED, That the Engine Drivers and Stokers now paid at 8s 3d per shift when pumping be paid 8s 9d for weekday shifts, and 9s - for Sunday shifts, and that when not pumping their wages of 1s 1 ½ d. per hour be increased by ¾ d. per hour, all increases to date from the 1st December last.

4—Montpellier Conveniences—Read, application of 4th inst. from the Union for the rates of wages and overtime conditions of service of the attendants at these conveniences to be placed on the J.I.C. scale. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred back for the consideration of the Public Health Committee and that they be recommended in lieu of increasing the wages to reduce the hours of four full-time and two part-time attendants.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd January, 1940, Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Bettridge, Bush, Garland and Grimwade ; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Grist, Mrs. Mellersh and Mrs. Wood (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1939. The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (12 Meetings)	26.1	36.4
At Clare Street (12 Meetings)	28.3	33.0
At Grosvenor Street (12 Meetings)	32.3	36.5
At St. Mark's (12 Meetings)	38.3	33.6
At Whaddon (12 Meetings)	20.4	43.1

2—Health Visitors--Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1939 :—

No. of Children on Register...	3,087
Un-notified Live Births discovered	... 4
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	1,563
“ “ “ (b) over 1 year	1,864
First Visits paid by Health Visitors	201
Ante-natal cases visited (a) New	72

“ “ (b) Return..	45
Special visits to Mothers	137
Chicken Pox cases visited .,	1
Measles cases visited .	22
Mumps cases visited .	2
Scarlet Fever cases visited,	1
Whooping Cough cases visited	10
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	76
Cases reported to the N.S.P.C.C. Inspector	2

Grants of Milk

Carried over from previous quarter	248
New Orders ...	82
Orders discontinued during quarter ..	71
“continuing to coming quarter ..	259
Evacuees ..	. 2

Children Act :	Health Visitors. School Nurses.	
No of Children on Register at end of the Quarter	26	10
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter	16	10
“ visits paid (under Children Act) ...	33	15

3—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 51 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st October to 31st December, 1939, and that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from the 1st October to 31st December, 1939, was £98 16s. 6d., of which £55 13s. 5d. was chargeable to patients.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from Midwives during the quarter ended 31st December, 1939: Still-births 2 ; Deaths of Infants 2 ; Deaths of Mothers 1 ; Commencement of artificial feeding 2 ; Liability to be a source of infection 4.

4—Dentistry—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 50 mothers and infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 70 mothers and 13 infants on Wednesday evenings during the quarter in accordance with the arrangements made with the Education Committee. The number of Wednesday evening sessions held during the quarter was 12.

(b) Small Children—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Children's Hospital had suggested the following fees for providing accommodation for the School Dentist to carry out the extensive extractions for young children including the provision of an Anaesthetist, namely :—

Services of Anaesthetist ... 7s 6d for each case but not to exceed one guinea for one session of one hour.

Hospital Fee ... 5s for each case to cover cost of Anaesthetist, use of theatre, ward washing, etc.

RESOLVED, That these be approved

(c) The Medical Officer of Health reported a case of a necessitous mother requiring a denture at a nett cost of £2, towards which the Charity Organisation Society would pay half. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to pay the other half.

5—Gynaecological Clinic —The Medical Officer of Health reported that 6 Clinics had been held to date and the total number of attendances was 21, including 11 Borough patients. He submitted the account for payment. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

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6—Orthopaedic Scheme—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 170, of which 91 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 28 surgeons' consultations had been held ; 79 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 13 surgeons' consultations had been held. He submitted accounts of the proportion of the fees payable by this Committee RESOLVED, That these accounts be paid.

7—Puerperal Pyrexia Cases—The Medical Officer of Health reported three cases of Hospital treatment in respect of which an account of £17 12s. 0d. was due to the General Hospital. Special nurses had also been provided in two cases at a cost of 13s. RESOLVED, That these accounts be paid.

8—Milk Supply—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Dix of 56 Brunswick Street had made a mis-statement of his income. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to warn Mr. Dix that if this occurs again, proceedings will be taken against him.

(b) Read, letter of 24th November last from the Ministry of Health that it was never intended that attendance at Clinics should be made a condition of participation in the proposed new Milk Scheme. The Ministry hoped therefore that the Council would re-consider its intention that mothers covered by the Scheme would be expected to attend once a month at the Clinics, unless they plead ill-health or some other reasonable excuse. The Town Clerk reported that he had informed the Ministry that the Committee would agree not to require attendance at the Welfare Clinics as a condition of participation in the Scheme. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to arrange for those mothers who find it inconvenient to attend a Clinic, to attend at the Municipal Offices on two mornings to be arranged.

9—Victoria Horne—(a) Mr. R. B. Seaton, the Honorary Treasurer of the District Nursing Association, attended and informed the Committee of the financial position of the Association. The Association was for the first time faced with a loss which was wholly in respect of the Maternity Ward. The loss was mainly due (1) to the Association being unable to obtain pupil midwives and having to employ all fully-trained nurses ; (2) to the salaries of the nurses having to be increased to the same as the domiciliary midwives in accordance with the scale provided by the Ministry of Health , and (3) to the decline in ward fees in view of the fact that the Home had ceased taking in private patients. The subscriptions to the Association had also declined. As the Maternity Ward was now used solely for cases sent in by the Town Council and the County Council, the Association considered that the two Authorities should come to some arrangement with them to make good the deficit. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the discontinuance of taking in private patients had resulted in adequate accommodation being provided in the Home for Borough cases, and there was now no

need for extended maternity ward accommodation. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider it desirable that a conference of representatives of the two Councils and the Association be held to discuss this matter, and that the County Council be asked to appoint four representatives to attend the Conference and the Association two representatives. RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman (Alderman Leigh James), The Mayor, Councillors Garland and Grimwade be appointed the representatives of this Committee to attend the Conference.

(b) Domiciliary Midwives—RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to report at the next Meeting as to whether it is now possible to dispense with the services of one of the midwives under the Midwives Act Scheme.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that, as instructed, he had written to Nurse Boote and Nurse Boston, who had failed to refund to the Association the proportion of the confinement fees due to the Association in respect of two cases for which the Association had supplied nurses as the two nurses booked had been unable to attend. Nurse Boote had duly paid the fees, but no reply had been received from Nurse Boston. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to report Nurse Boston to the Central Midwives Board.

(d) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Victoria Home had provided an A.R.P. shelter for the patients and staff and had also considerably improved the Ante-Natal Clinic, and they asked the Corporation to contribute £25 towards the cost. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

10—Committee—(a) Read, letter from Mrs. Mellersh, Chairman of the Infant Welfare Association that Mrs. Gurney, one of their representatives on the Committee had resigned. They recommended that Miss Tinson should be appointed in her place. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

(b) Read, letter of 13th ult. from the Cheltenham Maternity Hospital Scheme Committee asking if they might appoint a representative on the Committee. The Town Clerk reported that the Act required that at least two-thirds of the Committee must be members of the Council and as there was no vacancy on the Committee it was not possible to accede to the application unless the Committee was enlarged by appointing two further members of the Council. RESOLVED, That the applicants be informed that there is no vacancy on the Committee.

11 —Day Creche—Read, letter of 6th lilt, from the Chairman of the Infant Welfare Association that her Committee had considered the question of the necessity of establishing a Day Creche in Cheltenham, but that, after making enquiries, they were satisfied that there was not sufficient demand at present to justify the expenditure for this purpose. If and when any large factory or works were opened in or near Cheltenham employing female labour, the Committee would reconsider the matter as the necessity for establishing some sort of Day Creche near the factory or works might then arise.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 25th January, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman E. L. Ward; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore and Waite; Messrs. W. S. P. Harris and J. Walker (Alderman 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.
5318	Adey, J E.	Garage, Westbright, Cleeve View Road.
5319	Hambton, H.	Cycle shed, 78 Priors Road.
5320	—	Garage, Rowanleigh, Wellington Square
5321	Hughes, A.	New Bathroom, 3 King Street.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos, 5318, 5319 and 5320 be approved ; That Plan No. 5321 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. 5318, 5319, 5320 and 5321 be approved,

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1631	Mitchell, Mrs. A	New lavatory, School Road, Charlton Kings.
1632	Smiths (Cheltenham) Ltd,	Administrative Block, Bishops Cleeve.
1633	The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Clifton	Garage (Private), Chandos Street, Winchcomb.
1634	Nott, L. W.	Gardener's cottage, Little Witcombe.
1635	Cheltenham Electricity Committee.	L.T. Overhead Line, Haydon.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1631, 1632 and 1635 be approved ; That Plan No. 1633 be approved subject to cedar shingles or grey corrugated asbestos sheets or grey rectangular tiles being used on the roof, That Plan No 1634 be not approved.

3-105 High Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters of 11th and 29th ult. from Rotol Airscrews Ltd, pointing out that the second condition attached to the approval of the use of 105 High Street as a factory for war work, namely, no vehicle to enter or leave the premises by the High Street entrance in reverse gear, would seriously affect production at the factory. He reported that in view of the Company's representations he had further discussed the matter with both the Ministry of Transport and the local Chief of Police and that they were now prepared to agree, subject to the approval of the Corporation, to vehicles entering or leaving the premises by the High Street entrance in reverse gear subject to the following conditions : (1) a man additional to the driver accompanying each vehicle entering or leaving the premises in reverse gear, and (2) no vehicles to enter or leave the premises by the High Street entrance in reverse gear between the hours of 9.30 in the morning

and 5.30 in the afternoon of any day. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that Minute No. 3 (b) of the Meeting held on 14th December, 1939 be varied accordingly.

4—Plan No. T.P. 1624—The Borough Surveyor reported that a cottage had been erected at Little Witcombe by Mr. L. W. Nott, plans for which were rejected by the Committee on 23rd November, 1939. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Nott that any building or work carried out without the consent of the Committee under the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933, and which is found to contravene the Scheme as ultimately approved, would be liable to removal without compensation and at the owner's cost, and that the Committee reserve the right to take such action as they deem necessary to enforce the provisions of the Scheme when it becomes operative.

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5—Conversion of Cowshed, Little Witcombe—It was reported that Mr. L. W. Nott had converted a cowshed into a dwelling house at Springfields, Little Witcombe, without submitting plans for the approval of the Committee under the Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933. RESOLVED, That Mr. Nott be informed that a change of user of buildings or land must receive the approval of the Planning Authority and that the Committee reserve the right to take such action as they deem necessary to enforce the provisions of the Scheme when it becomes operative.

6--Licensed Premises—(a) Brooklyn Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of the proposed public-house to be erected by the Cheltenham Original Brewery Company on land off Brooklyn Road. The site was in an area scheduled in the Town Planning Scheme as a shopping centre. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve the proposal subject to detailed plans being submitted for approval in due course.

(b) Hotel Majestic—The Town Clerk reported that he had received notice of the application to be made to the Licensing Justices for a full licence in respect of the Hotel Majestic. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the owners that, if the Council does not receive a satisfactory undertaking that the exterior Fire Escape will be provided in accordance with the Notice served on them under the Public Health Act, the Council will oppose the application when this is heard by the Magistrates.

(c) Thirlestaine Hall Hotel—The Town Clerk submitted notice of the intention to apply to the Magistrates for a licence to sell intoxicating liquors at Thirlestaine Hall Hotel. The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 25th inst. from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend that the owner was willing to consent to a restricted licence for the following purposes;

(1) To residents, their guests and visitors.

(2) To non-residents taking a meal at the premises.

(3) To persons other than the above, visiting the hotel for any function of a public social nature. The functions which the owner has in mind are public dances, bridge drives, concert parties and similar occasions.

(4) To persons other than the above visiting the hotel for any function of a private social nature. This would include wedding receptions.

RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the granting of a licence restricted as above.

7—Town Planning Scheme No. 1—Read, letter of 15th ult. from the Ministry of Health extending the period within which this Scheme made by the Council shall be adopted, to 19th December, 1940.

8—Town Planning Scheme No. 2—Read letter of 13th ult. from the Ministry of Health extending the period within which the draft scheme shall be adopted, to 27th December, 1940.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th January, 1940. Present—Aldermen Pates and Ward ; Councillors Bush, Grimwade, Smith and Waite; and Mr. D. V. Davies (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Medical Baths—(a) The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted. (b) Decontamination Section—RESOLVED, That no charge be made for the use of the accommodation provided at the Spa Baths for three First Aid Parties and temporary Decontamination Section.

2—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that military authorities had now ceased to use the Alstone Baths and he had therefore reduced the staff to the usual winter establishment.

3—Town Hall—The Entertainments Manager submitted letter of 26th ult. from the District Leader of the British Union of Fascists asking for a list of vacant dates as they were now compiling their 1940 list of bookings for Meetings to be addressed by Sir Oswald Moseley. RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to let the Hall for this purpose subject to a Bond of £500 being entered into in respect of each booking to provide against damage being caused.

4—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Meetings of the Entertainments Sub-Committee held on the 2nd and 9th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) A.R.P. Cafe Variety--That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for a Cafe Variety for A.R.P. workers to be held on the 13th February.

(b) Chair Storage--That the tender submitted by Messrs. Smith Bros. for a shed to be erected at the rear of the Town Hall for storage of chairs at a cost of £29, plus £4 for drainage etc. (for which provision had been made in the estimates) be accepted, and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this erected in the position approved by the Sub-Committee. 3s

(c) That the free use of the Town Hall be granted on the 8th February for a Public National Savings Meeting to be addressed by Lord Elton.

(d) That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted to the Horticulture Committee for Lectures on the 6th February and 5th March to be given by Dr. G. Reddington and Mr. P. G. Clarke, and that the free use of the large Hall be granted on the 4th April for a Lecture to be given by Mr. Middleton.

(e) Medical Baths—That a flat rate of 17s 6d per week be charged for the treatment of war casualties including treatment of civilian casualties due to air raids.

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

5—Town Hall—(a) Bar Licences—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the recommendations of the Magistrates in regard to the Dances at the Town Hall, Councillor Waite reported the interview he had had with Superintendent Hopkins on this matter. The Sub-Committee made the following recommendations :—

(1) That except on special occasions (such as the Pantomime Ball, etc.) the doors of the Town Hall be closed for admissions at 11 p.m., and that between the hours of 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. careful discretion as to admissions be exercised.

(2) That one of the Corporation's uniformed attendants be on duty at the front door, both at Municipal Dances and other Dances, to see that these instructions are carried out.

(3) That the bar be closed on all occasions at least half-an-hour before the end of each Dance. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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(b) The Sub-Committee had considered applications for the booking of the Town Hall for Dances to be given by the Office Staff of Aircraft Components Ltd., and for a Whist Drive and Dance by the Sports Club of Gloster Aircraft Works, and the Entertainments Manager submitted letters from the Secretary of Aircraft Components Ltd, and the Aircraft Components Dance Committee that arrangements had been made to provide stewards throughout the building for the whole evening and to allow no admission after 10 p.m.

They recommended (a) That the application of Aircraft Components be granted, and (b) That the application of the Sports Club of the Gloster Aircraft Works be not granted.

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

6—Sandford Park—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Bertram Mill's Circus that, with a view to keeping as many members of their staff in employment as possible, they had decided to run a modified tenting circus this summer within the limits imposed by war time conditions, and asking if they could take Sandford Park for the Circus for three days on dates to be arranged at a rent of £40. They would undertake to leave the ground in a clean and tidy condition. RESOLVED, That the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee be recommended to let the ground for this sum, subject to the Circus undertaking to pay the cost of making good any damage and to their leaving the ground in a tidy condition.

7—Winter Garden—The Committee further considered whether any steps could be taken to preserve the walls and floor of the Winter Garden from damage by rain, and Mr., T. Overbury attended.

Mr. Overbury reported that he had made an examination of the roof from the ground from which it appeared that about 150 sheets of glass in the roof had either slipped out of position or had broken. The cause of the slipping of the glass was due to defective stops on the ends of the glazing bars ; the panes of glass which had not broken could be put back in position and new stops added to the bars to keep the glass in position. Where the panes of glass were broken, these could be replaced with Asbestos Sheets. With regard to the walls, he suggested that the existing eaves gutters be cleaned out and given a thick coat of a bitumastic mixture which would run into the joints and help to make them water tight, and any cracks in the gutters could be repaired in canvas and treated with the same material.

He recommended that a steeple-jack should be employed to examine the roof and to furnish an estimate of the cost of the work. He considered that a steeple-jack would carry out repairs such as this at a much less cost than a builder, and an estimate would cost very little to obtain.

With regard to provision of a new roof, the revised tender of Messrs. Broads of Malvern for this was £10,910 It was based on their original tender but had been adjusted having regard to the present conditions and to the rise in wages and costs of materials since the tender was accepted and included for the advance in wages expected in the coming month. It provided for raising the walls, clerestory windows and other contingent items as well as the actual re-roofing, also for cost of removing the present roof, also for remodelling of the roofs of the twin towers and the essential repair of the towers, a sum of £100 was also included for electrical work. No sum was, however, included for Architects fees etc.

Mr. Overbury pointed out that if the building was left in its present state for the likely period of the war, the walls and floors would probably be in a ruinous state beyond restoration.

RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to spend any money on repairing the existing roof, but that as it is of pressing importance to preserve the building from ruin, application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £10,910 for the cost of re-roofing the building. RESOLVED, also, That if the consent is received, application be made to the Capital Issues Committee of the Treasury for consent to the raising of the loan.

T. WILFRED -WAITE,

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th January, 1940. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Leigh James; Councillors Addis, Grimwade, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—Read, application from the Cheltenham & District Gas Company for a payment towards the standing charges incurred by the Company in respect of the 25 street gas lamps in the

Parish of Prestbury now added to the Borough. The charge per lamp was £3 11s. 9d., which the Company stated included £1 10s. 0d. for maintenance and 10s 3d per lamp per annum for capital and interest charges. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to negotiate terms.

2—National Savings Committee—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted an application from the National Savings Committee for a free supply of electricity for lighting and heating to temporary premises for about a fortnight in connection with the local Savings Campaign. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

3—Electricity Department Staff—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that 7 members of the technical staff had been obliged to lose one or two weeks of their summer holidays owing to the declaration of war and requested the Committee to authorise the grant of equivalent pay in lieu of the time lost. RESOLVED, That they be paid 75 per cent of their salary for the period of holiday lost.

4—Bulk Supply Stand-by—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an interview he had had with the General Manager of the S.W. & S. Power Company. The question of a standby supply from the West Gloucestershire Power Company's 33,000 volt line from Gloucester was considered ; to increase the capacity of the line to 8,000 K.V.A. would cost about £14,000 and to increase it to 15,000 K.V.A. would cost about £19,000. The Company were of the opinion that both the cost of the alteration and the cost of the stand-by supply should be brought into the bulk supply terms since the existing terms only take account of apparatus on the existing lines. The Borough Electrical Engineer also reported that the Company will have a direct line of supply from Stourport to Evesham during the coming summer which by providing a third route will contribute greatly towards ensuring continuity of supply to this area. RESOLVED, That the Company be informed that the Corporation are not willing to contribute towards the cost of the alteration of the Gloucester line.

5—H.M. Office of Works Buildings—It was reported that an enquiry had been received as to the terms upon which a supply of electricity could be extended to a block of office buildings for the Office of Works, RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to negotiate terms with the Office of Works.

6—Special Meter Readings—The Committee considered recommendation from the Finance Committee that consumers should be charged for the reading of meters when required by them in addition to the ordinary readings. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider such a charge would result in a very small increase in the revenue and would be inadvisable as small services like these cost very little but contribute largely towards fostering good relations between the Corporation and consumers.

7—Car Allowances—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that P. H. Cox, one of the Assistant Engineers, had used his own car for several years almost entirely for his work but had never been granted any allowance and he recommended that an annual allowance of be made in respect of this car as from 1st September last. He also reported that Mr. W. Ball, Public Lighting Assistant, had used his car extensively at his own expense for Corporation work but that the car was at present laid up. He recommended that a grant of £10 be made for the use of this car during the previous year RESOLVED, That the recommendations be approved.

8—Overhead Lines—The Town Clerk reported receipt of the consent of the Ministry of Transport to the erection of overhead lines in Charlton Kings to Welling Hill Farm.

9—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 31st ult. which showed the average calorific value to be 473.0 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Received, reports of gas tests made on the 13th, 18th, 20th and 27th ult. and the 3rd, 9th, 15th, 22nd and 24th inst., which showed the calorific value on these dates as 462.1, 465.9, 464.7, 462.1, 462.5, 478.7, 461.6, 467.3 and 457.9 B.Th.U. per cubic foot respectively and the pressure at 6.0, 6.8, 8.4, 8.9, 6.9, 6.5, 9.5, 8.5 and 8.7 inches of water respectively.

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th January, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Pates and Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward and Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair),

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st December, 1939.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Spring	364,000 gallons	261,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,811,000 "	1,712,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	54,000 "	38,000 "
	2,229,000	2,011,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 95,192,000 gallons

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

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

4—Statistics—The Borough Engineer submitted statement showing the quantity of water pumped and supplied for each month during 1939. The total quantity of water supplied during the year was 783,975,000 gallons of which 0.49 per cent was pumped from Tewkesbury, 0.06 per cent was pumped from Sandford, and 0.45 per cent supplied by gravitation. The quantity of water supplied to Gloucester during the year was 15,803,000 gallons. He also submitted particulars of the rainfall

during the year which had been as follows :—Sandford 31.27 in., Hewletts 33.9 in., Dowdeswell 33.94 in., Tewkesbury 26.12 in.

5—Tewkesbury Water Works—The Borough Engineer submitted letter from the District Organiser of the National Union of General & Municipal Workers asking for two employees to be paid as Engine Drivers and three labourers to be paid as Stokers. RESOLVED, That this be referred for consideration of the Labour Sub-Committee.

6—Salts Farm—The Borough Engineer submitted letter from Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son in regard to the repairs required to this property. He estimated the total cost of the work to be £26. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out such work as the Corporation are responsible for under the Lease, and with regard to the gates and fencing required he be instructed to provide timber in the rough for this purpose. RESOLVED, also, That the application of the tenant to plant six new trees in the Orchard be granted subject to no claim for compensation being made for these at the expiration of the tenancy.

7—Staverton Water Supply—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that his Council had agreed to the proposal of the Corporation for the taking over of the Staverton Main.

8—Parish of Swindon—The Medical Officer of Health reported that, as instructed, he had obtained analyses of the water supplied to Swindon Village in respect of which a memorial had been received from the residents. RESOLVED, That the residents be informed that the analyses are satisfactory, and that the Borough Engineer has been instructed to have the main, which was a dead end, flushed out at regular intervals.

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9—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board had agreed to make application to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of 127,008 for the Board's share of the expenses in increasing the size of the pumping station at Tewkesbury to provide for pumping a supply of an additional 4,000,000 gallons per day instead of an additional 2,000,000 gallons per day as originally proposed under the Water Board Act. The amount of the loan was made up as follows :—

Agreed contribution for Pump House extension	£1,000 0 0
Half cost of enlarged Filter House	8,243 16 11
Half cost of enlarged Sedimentation Tanks	9,226 14 4
Proportion of Preliminary Items, Provisional Bill and Daywork	2,509 19 7
Proportion of extra cost of Pipes and Valves ...	3,162 0 0
Proportion of cost of enlarged Intake ...	1,000 0 0
Half cost of enlarged Chemical House...	1,000 0 0
Proportion of cost of enlarged Transformer House	500 0 0
Experimental Tanks (whole cost)	<u>365 16 2</u>
	£27,00 7 0

The Borough Engineer reported that he had carefully investigated the figures and was satisfied that the amount represented a fair share of the cost of the work to be borne by the Board. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd January, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Pruen and Ward; Councillors Green, 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) The Town Clerk submitted the Regulation of Movement of Swine (Amendment) Order, 1940 which made certain alterations in the existing regulations in regard to the licencing and marking of fat pigs which are sent for immediate slaughter. The Order had been published as required by the Ministry,

2—Numbering of Houses—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for the numbering of the houses on the Cleevemount Estate RESOLVED, That these be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to serve the necessary notices requiring the occupiers to number the houses.

3—Promenade Car Park—The Borough Surveyor reported on the receipts taken by the additional Car Park attendant. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to report thereon again at the March Meeting.

4—Municipal Offices—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Emergency Committee had been considering the provision of hollow concrete blocks in substitution for the sandbags which required replacement at frequent intervals, and they recommended that he be authorised to experiment with a short length of walling at the rear of the Offices at a cost of six guineas. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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5—Cinematograph Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications for renewal of the Cinematograph Licences in respect of the Gaumont Palace, Coliseum, Regal Cinema, Theatre & Opera House, Daffodil Picture House, St. Gregory's Schools, the Palace Cinema and the Ritz, be granted for the ensuing year expiring on 5th February, 1941.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted circular of 30th ult. from the Home Office enclosing Order made under the Defence Regulations which provided a simplified procedure for the opening of Cinemas on Sundays. The procedure applied to areas in which opening of Cinemas on Sundays was considered to be expedient owing to the presence of large numbers of His Majesty's Forces and in respect of which a certificate to that effect has been given by the competent naval, military or air force authority. When a Local Authority receives such a certificate, it was open for the Local Authority to make a draft Order after giving prescribed notice of such intention. The Order would then be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval and would become operative when approved by both Houses of

Parliament. The receipt of a certificate from a competent naval, military, or air force authority did not impose any obligation on the Council to submit an Order.

(c) Read, letter of 18th inst. from Lt.-Col. E. P. Butler of the Royal Gloucester Hussars at the Race Course that if the Cinemas could be opened in Cheltenham on Sundays it would be very popular with the troops and he thought it would be of great benefit to them and asking if something could be done in the matter. RESOLVED, That Col. Butler be informed that before the Committee can consider this matter a certificate in the prescribed form by the competent army authority must be sent to the Council.

6—Petrol Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Martin Bros, for a licence to store 500 gallons of petrol at their garage off Swindon Road in an underground tank be granted.

7—Domestic Servants Agencies—Read, report of Supt. Hopkins that all the books of the Domestic Agencies had been inspected and found in order with the exception of one where the Proprietor was out on each occasion the Agency was visited. The Agency opened by Mrs. Smollen at 3 Montpellier Walk had now been closed.

8—Military Service—The Committee considered application from Mr. A. L. Jones (District Sanitary Inspector) for permission to enlist. Mr. Jones was aged 23 and was therefore not in a reserved occupation and would probably be called up shortly with his age group, but if he enlisted now there was a possibility of his being able to join the Sanitary Section of the R.A.M.C. RESOLVED, That consent be given.

9—Salary, Conditions of Service—Read, letter of 28th ult. from the Cheltenham District Ratepayers Association that the Executive Committee of the Association had passed a resolution that the scales of pay and conditions of recruitment and service of Local Government employees are of public interest and should be discussed in open Council. The Town Clerk reported that he had informed the Association that such matters are always considered in open Council, and that the Resolution relating to this matter only required that all questions relating to salaries, wages and superannuation matters of individual officers and workmen be first considered by the Council in Committee.

10—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, That the services of the Town Clerk be extended for one year from 31st March next

(b) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That the services of W. Hooper (General Labourer) and S. Young (Sweeper) be extended for one year from 8th March next and 23rd January inst respectively.

11—Montpellier Rotunda—Read, letter of 18th inst. from Messrs. Haddock & Pruen that the Montpellier Rotunda Co. Ltd. were prepared to sell this property to the Corporation at a price of £2,100 plus Surveyor's fee of £26 12s. 0d. in connection with the recent claim and the vendors' Solicitors' scale costs in connection with the conveyance. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to purchase the property on the above terms subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan being obtained and to the consent of the Capital Issues Committee to the raising of a loan. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £2,183 for the purchase of the property, including Surveyors' fees, Solicitors' costs and stamp duty

on the Conveyance, Also that application be made to the Capital Issues Committee of the Treasury for consent to the raising of the loan.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th January, 1940, Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bush, 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 the Brigade had attended 20 calls to fire, as follows :--

19th December	Winter Gardens.
19th	22 Evesham Road.
23rd	7 Warwick Place.
24th	Green Shutters, Southam Road, Prestbury.
26th	4 Lansdown Place.
26th	27 Pittville Street.
30th	Boddington House Farm, Boddington.
3rd January	Sunshine Laundry, Churchill Road.
4th	18 Grosvenor Street.
4th	Berkhampstead, Hewlett Road.
7th	1 Hatherley Villas, Andover Road.
9th	17 Severn Road.
9th	207 High Street.
12th	11 Royal Parade.
16th	6 Little Bayshill Terrace.
18th	3 Zara Cottages, St. Anne's Terrace.
20th	9 Queen's Parade.
21st	Regent Motors, Plough Hotel Yard, High Street.
21st	28 Lansdown Place Lane.
26th	16 Whaddon Avenue.

2—Leyland Fire Engine—The Committee considered the question of having the old Leyland Fire Engine overhauled for which the sum of £270 had been provided in the estimates RESOLVED, That the Acting Chief Officer be instructed to arrange for the machine to be sent to Messrs. Leyland's Works for complete overhaul.

3—Sandbags—The Acting Chief Officer reported that a number of Sandbags used for the protection of Fire Stations now needed replacement as they were not sprayed with protective fluid. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have these replaced with new sandbags dipped in creosote.

4—Fireman—The Acting Chief Officer reported that Fireman Pike had resigned his appointment on his obtaining a post in the Hendon Fire Brigade. Advertisements had been issued inviting applications for the vacant post, and the Town Clerk submitted four applications received which were considered by the Committee. RESOLVED, That Mr. L. Hasted at present professional fireman, Sutton Coldfield Fire Brigade. be appointed Fireman at a wage of £182 per annum, subject to his passing a medical examination, the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Fire Brigades Pension Acts and to be terminable by either party by 14 days' notice in writing.

5—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) The Town Clerk submitted the following circulars from the Home Office :—

No. 98. re Alteration of Road Traffic Legislation affecting Fire Brigades.

No. 99. re Uniform and Equipment for Personnel.

No. 2. Appeal for Volunteers for A.F.S.

No. 15. A.R.P. Practice—Incendiary Bombs.

No. 7. Reinstatement, etc. of whole-time members of A.F.S. whose normal employment is in a reserved occupation.

No. 98. Rubber Boots for Personnel.

RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Chief Officer for attention.

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(b) Indicator Masks—Read, circular No, 4 of 15th inst. from the Home Office that a " Fire indicator disc conforming to the present lighting restrictions had been designed for use with head lamps. The price of the masks would be approximately 2s each. RESOLVED, That 25 masks be ordered.

(c) Read, letters of 16th and 25th inst. from the Home Office that one 500 gallon Canvas Dam, one Pyrene No. 2 Branch Pipes, and 10 gallons of foam compound had been issued to the Brigade and delivery would be made as and when supplies became available from the manufacturers.

(d) Personnel—The Acting Chief Officer reported that he had now received another resignation from the whole-time Auxiliary Fire Service, which was now three below the minimum number authorised by the Home Office, namely 49. All the trained part-time Volunteers had been approached, but none of them were prepared to accept a position as whole-time Auxiliary Fireman. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to interview the Manager of the Labour Exchange to ascertain if there are three unemployed men who would be suitable for these positions in which case he be authorised to arrange for intensive training of the men with a view to their being appointed. RESOLVED, also, That a supply -of posters and leaflets be ordered, and advertisements inserted in the " Echo " with a view to recruiting more volunteers for the Auxiliary Fire Service so as to bring this up to a total strength of 250.

(e) Auxiliary Fire Stations—(i) 10 Lansdown Terrace—The Acting Chief Officer reported that possession had been taken as from the 1st January of the garage premises at the rear of 10 Lansdown Terrace and that the Auxiliary Fire Station was removed to these premises from Roman Road on the 11th January. The Town Clerk reported that the owners of 10 Lansdown Terrace had agreed to let the premises to the Corporation at a rent of £39 per annum, plus rates, electricity and

gas, and this had been agreed to by the Emergency Committee. RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the Home Office the Town Clerk be instructed to enter into a quarterly agreement for tenancy of the premises but not to be terminated by the owner until the end of the war.

(ii) Garage, Roman Road—The Town Clerk reported that as the owner of the above was unable to accept a rent of £55 per annum offered by the Corporation, the Auxiliary Fire Station had been removed from these premises RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the Home Office, the owner be paid the rent asked by him, namely at the rate of £78 per annum for the period this was used from the 2nd September to the 11th January.

(iii) Windsor Street—Read, letter from Mrs Lucy agreeing to accept a rent of £75 per annum for the use of the portion of the premises belonging to New-Mek Ltd. RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the Home Office the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into a tenancy Agreement terminable by a quarter's notice but not to be determined by the owner before the end of the war.

6-52, 52a and 59 St. George's Place—Read, letters offering these properties for sale. RESOLVED, That the purchases be not entertained.

7—Drill Tower—The Acting Chief Officer reported that it was essential that a Drill Tower should be provided for the training of personnel. He estimated the cost of purchasing a steel tower between £70 and £80 plus the cost of erection. RESOLVED, That the Acting Chief Officer be instructed to obtain tenders for the supply and delivery of a Tower and that application be made to the Home Office for approval of this expenditure for the purposes of grant. RESOLVED, also, That the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to allow the tower to be erected in a suitable position in the yard at the Central Depot.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th January, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith; Messrs. A. Ball and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—The Gardens Superintendent submitted his report as to the state of cultivation of the allotments.

2—Land in Brooklyn Road—Mr. Rees attended with regard to the termination of his tenancy for the grazing on the land required for ploughing. He stated he was willing to give up the land before the expiration of his notice if he could find alternative accommodation for grazing his horses. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the Chairman, the Town Clerk and Gardens Superintendent to see what temporary accommodation could be offered to Mr. Rees until the expiration of his notice to quit.

3—War-Time Food Production in Allotments and Private Gardens—Read, letters of 3rd and 6th inst. from the Clerk of the County Council with copy letter of 2nd inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries asking for an estimate of expenditure in connection with this matter. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Horticulture Committee and that they be asked to submit an estimate.

4—Rebates in Rent—RESOLVED, That the Tenants of Nos. 18 and 24 Hatherley Road Allotments and 20 Marle Hill be granted the use of these allotments rent free to 24th June, 1940 in view of their bad condition.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th January, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Bendall, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Sandford Park—New Offices—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Public Works Construction Co had completed this work and the keys had been handed over to the Gardens Superintendent.

2—Pittville Pump Room—Foreman's Living Quarters—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the Foreman's living quarters and it appeared that the dampness complained of was the result of condensation on the walls. He also reported that the bedrooms were extremely cold in winter time. He suggested that two-bar gas fires in the two bedrooms would prevent condensation. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to purchase these at a cost of £8.

3—Alstone Croft Playing Field—The Gardens Superintendent reported that Clubs using this field had asked for the use of the Pavilion for changing. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to inform the Clubs concerned that they must make application to the Education Committee for the use of the Pavilion and that the Clubs also be informed that they must themselves undertake the marking of the pitches.

4—Seed Potatoes—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to obtain quotations for approximately 25 tons of seed potatoes required for the various grounds, Schools etc.

5—Tank, Montpellier Gardens—RESOLVED, That in view of the urgent need for providing scrap metal, the Council be recommended to dispose of the Tank in Montpellier Gardens for this purpose.

6—Sandford Park—Bath Road Entrance—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of the cost of lowering the wall etc. at the Bath Road Entrance to this Park. RESOLVED, That the matter be not proceeded with at the present time.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th January, 1940. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham and Mr. C. R. Mapp (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for November and December. 1939—Visitors-5,759 (last year 4,943). Included in this figure were the following parties :-30 boys from Practising School, 32 children from Holy Apostles' School (2 parties), 14 students from Training College at Charlton Park, 9 children from Upper Thomas Street School, 17 evacuees from Charlton Kings.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. 19s 7d. "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account" £13 16s. 3d. Total £14 15s. 10d.

The Le Play Society—On 2nd January the Curator acted as guide to this Society when visiting the Museum and Cheltenham.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Anonymous, Mrs. Alington, Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Mrs. E. M. Clifford, The Curator, Miss L. M. Eyre, Mr. H. J. Lewis, Mrs. Meyrick-Jones, Mr. F. E. Morris, The National Art-Collections Fund (Five etchings by Hedley Fitton, R.E.), Miss S. J. Probert, The Street and Highway Committee per Mr. G. Gould Marsland, Mrs. Tawney, Miss Tyler, Mr. Tom Whiting, Miss Wishaw, Dr. Oliver H. Wild, and Capt. R. P. Wild.

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

3—Specimens—RESOLVED, That 7 Bygones, Bowl of Leeds pottery, and a Hedgehog be purchased from the General Account at a total cost of £4.

4—" Friends of The Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That 2 examples of ceramics, 4 Scottish silver-mounted Snuff Horns, and a Chinese carved ivory vase be purchased from the Fund at a total cost of £8 7s. 6d.

5—Bequest—The Curator submitted a memorandum of a proposed bequest by Mrs. J. Mascie Taylor, including English water-colours, furniture, glass, china and books. RESOLVED, That the Memorandum be placed on file and that a letter of appreciation be conveyed to Mrs. Mascie Taylor.

6—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That facilities be given for the Cotswold Art Club to hold their annual exhibition in the Art Gallery in June, 1940.

7—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, 15th February, 1940 at 3 p.m.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th January, 1940. Present—Councillors Bendall and Moore. (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read. Report of the Superintendent for the period from 16th September to 26th January. Number of Interments 116; Cremations 33 ; Grave Spaces sold 25 (1st Position 2, 2nd Position 4, 3rd Position 2, 4th Position 20); New Memorials erected 11 New Inscriptions 5.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 10105 to 10132.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2485 to 2495, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

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4—Crematorium—The Superintendent reported that he had received complaints about draughts in this Chapel. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor and the Superintendent be instructed to remedy this.

5—Open-Air Service—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Rector asking for permission to hold a united open-air service at the Cemetery on Easter Day as last year. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

6—Maintenance of Graves—(a) 3735 T, 1492 M and 1497 M—Read letter of 29th ult. from Messrs. Griffiths & Lewis that the late Mr. S. G. Adcock had bequeathed the sum of £150 to the Corporation upon trust that the Corporation should invest the sum and apply the income thereof in keeping these graves and the grave-stones thereon in good order and repair and to 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 Graves 1492 and 1497 Section M being first put in good order.

(b) Grave 1304 A1—Read, letter of 9th inst. from Messrs, Haddock & Pruen for the trustees of the will of G. C. Holtham deceased enquiring whether the Corporation would be prepared to enter into a covenant for maintenance in perpetuity of this Grave in consideration of the sum of £50. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to accept this sum.

7—Civilian Deaths Due to War Operations—The Committee further considered the question of providing coffins or shrouds in connection with this Scheme. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting, and the Superintendent be instructed to approach the Undertakers in the town and ascertain whether they are prepared to stock suitable coffins for the purposes of the Scheme.

E. W. MOORE,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th January, 1940. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Bush, Ben Janice and Moore (Alderman Ward in the chair).

1—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed and dealt with three defaulters

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

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

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th January, 1940. Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward ; Councillors Bush and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

4—Excusals—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for excusal from payment of rates.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th January, 1940. 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 30th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £99,148 ; Leaving Outstanding £35,621.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1940. Amount collected £23,015 ; Leaving Outstanding £7,324.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 30th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Councillors Grimwade and Waite.

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

4—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of the Electricity charges since the last Meeting.

5—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £28,300 had been received on loan, which was required to replace a loan of £25,000 repaid to the Halifax Building Society and other loans paid off. RESOLVED, That Mortgages be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

6—Requisitioned Property—The Borough Treasurer reported that claims had been submitted to the Treasury Valuers in respect of the property requisitioned by the Government amounting to £6,346, and a payment on account of £2,822 15s. 5d. had been received.

7—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that J. Hope (former School Attendance Officer) died on 29th ult. He was in receipt of a pension of £63 1s. 8d. per annum.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that E. Savory (Wages Clerk) died on the 21st inst., age 59. His representatives were entitled to a refund of his contributions of £146 17s. 4d. plus interest at 3 per cent amounting to £36 16s. 8d. RESOLVED, That this sum be paid.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that W. J. Jenkins (Ashman) had retired. The pension payable amounted to £1 7s. 5d. in respect of 27 non-contributory years and 13 contributory years. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

(d) W. A. Page—Read, letter from Mr. W. A. Page, who resigned his appointment last month, asking to be allowed the interest on his contributions. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report on the circumstances which led to Mr. Page's resignation at the next Meeting of the Committee.

8—Audit—The Town Clerk reported that the District Auditor had given notice that the Audit would commence on 4th March at 11 a.m.

9—Borough Treasurer's Department—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported on the illness of his Chief Assistant, Mr. G. B. Pearce. RESOLVED, That Mr. Pearce be given a further two months leave of absence.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that 4 of his staff were included in the age group required to register for Military Service next month, and that another member of his staff would attain the age of 20 in 6 months' time. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to employ such temporary staff as he considers necessary to enable him to carry on the work of his Department.

(c) Rates Office—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. W. Clee, collector in the Rates Office, had been called up, and with the approval of the Chairman he had arranged to employ Mr. A. Ricketts temporarily at a wage of £3 per week. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) The Borough Treasurer reported on applications made by some members of his staff for re-grading. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Garland and Waite be appointed to consider and report on the applications.

10—Electricity Accounts—The Town Clerk reported that the Electricity Committee were unable to adopt the recommendation of this Committee to make a charge to consumers for the reading of meters when required in addition to the ordinary readings. RESOLVED, That the Committee concur with the views of the Electricity Committee.

11—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported that he had received sanction to loan of £6,375 of the Council's share of the cost of purchasing land at the Airport repayable in a period of 60 years. He also reported that the Treasury had consented to the raising of the loan.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the- Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 5th February, 1940, 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, Pruen, Taylor and Ward ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green. Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Lipson, M.A., M.P., Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Pates and Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fletcher, Grimwade and Ben James.

1—Death of Mrs. H. H. Chandler—RESOLVED, That the Council express their deep regret at the death of Mrs. H. H. Chandler, who, for 13 years was the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Musical Festival, and desire to express their sympathy with her family in their bereavement.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the-Town Council held on the 1st January, 1940, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held January 8

(An Amendment moved by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor Green "That Minute No. 12 with regard to the disposal of Condemned Meat be not approved and that the offer of the Gloucester City Soap Works to take condemned meat be accepted" was lost).

Housing ... Meeting held January 18

Street and Highway Meeting held January 22

Labour Sub-Committee Meeting held January 25

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held January 22

Town Planning Meeting held January 25

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Town Improvement and Spa... Meeting held January 19

RESOLVED, also, on the recommendation of the Entertainments Sub-Committee, That with a view to relieving the Entertainments Manager (Mr. Wilkinson) of some of his arduous duties the following arrangements be made :—

(1) That Mr. R. T. Cosgrove attend some of the evening fixtures at the Town Hall and be paid 10s for each long night and 7s 6d for each night up to 12 midnight.

(2) That a Male Junior Clerk be engaged in the Office on Grade A and that the Entertainments Sub-Committee be authorised to make an appointment.

(3) That Mrs. Horton's appointment as short-hand typist be terminated on the 30th April next but that she be released earlier if desired by her, also, That if possible, arrangements be made for her to be transferred to one of the other Corporation Departments if a suitable vacancy in any other Department occurs.

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Morris and seconded by Councillor Bettridge: "That Minute No. 7 with regard to the Winter Garden be referred back."

Subject, also, to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Lipson "That with regard to Minute No. 7, Messrs. Healing & Overbury be instructed to arrange for the roof of the Winter Garden to be examined by a Steeplejack and to obtain from him a report and estimate of the cost of repairing the same.

Electricity and Lighting...Meeting held January 29

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Garland and seconded by Councillor Bush : "That Minute No. 3 with regard to payment of a proportion of the salary of the Electricity Department Staff in lieu of holidays lost owing to the War, be not approved."

Water Meeting held January 9

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held January 23

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Fisher and seconded by Councillor Garland : "That Minute No, 11 with regard to the purchase of the Montpellier Rotunda be amended and that an offer of £1,500 be made for this building" was lost).

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Bettridge "That with regard to Minute No. 11, consideration of the purchase of the Montpellier Rotunda be postponed until after the War, as this Council does not feel justified in applying for consent to a loan " was lost).

Fire Brigade Meeting held January 29

(An Amendment moved by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor Compton "That Minute No. 3 with regard to the replacement of Sandbags, be referred back " was lost).

Allotments ... Meeting held January 8

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held January 8

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Barnett and seconded by Councillor Bettridge: " That Minute No. 5 with regard to the disposal of the Tank at Montpellier Gardens be not approved and that the Tank be retained in its present position."

Art Gallery and Museum ... Meeting held January 11

Cemetery and Crematorium Meetings held January 26

Rating Meetings held January 4 & 26

Finance Meeting held January 30

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

1—Stansby's Charity—RESOLVED, That Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham be re-appointed a representative Trustee of the Stansby's Charity for a further term of four years expiring on 4th February, 1944.

5—Notice of Motion—The Deputy Mayor's Notice of Motion "That this Council make application to be affiliated to the West Midland Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers)" was, with the consent of the Council, withdrawn.

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, 4th March, 1940.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th February, 1940. Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Pruen; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr. Curling Hayward, Moore, Morris and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Statutory Nuisance—Kingsditch Cottage, Kingsditch Lane—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the drains of 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—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs Beef ; 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. Mutton ; 2 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs. Pork ; 19 Fowls weighing 56 lbs and 77 doz. Eggs weighing 93 lbs.

3—Health Department Van—The Medical Officer of Health reported delivery of the Bedford Van and that a detachable galvanised iron tray for carrying infected articles was needed for this at a cost of about £5. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to have the tray made.

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

5—Pasteurised Milk—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his monthly report of analyses of Pasteurised Milk all of which analyses were satisfactory.

6—Food and Drugs Act, 1938—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted Certificates of the Public Analyst in respect of one sample of cheese, one of peppermint cordial, one of butter, six of milk Nod. 21-26, one of margarine, two of grape-fruit squash and one of Blaud's Pills.

7—Staff—RESOLVED, That, owing to shortage of staff in the Health Department, the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to retain the temporary typist at present engaged there for one month at £1 per week.

8—Delancey Hospital—The Committee considered the question of the admission to this Hospital of cases of measles from the General Hospital, hotels and private houses. RESOLVED, with regard to cases from the General Hospital, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to admit these cases when there is accommodation and staff available, the Corporation to pay for patients who reside in the Borough, subject to any claim which may be made against the patients, and the local authority in whose area the patient normally resides to be asked to pay for patients from their district; with regard to cases from hotels, That these be admitted subject to the hotel proprietor or the patient entering into an undertaking to pay the charges; and with regard to cases from private houses, That these be admitted when the Medical Officer of Health, in his discretion, considers it desirable owing to the unsuitability of the patient's home conditions.

9—Sewage Works—Heating of Pump House—The Borough Surveyor recommended the installation of heating apparatus in the pump house in order to safeguard the pump against damage from frost. RESOLVED, That an electric tubular heating system operating automatically when the temperature falls below a pre-arranged level be installed at an estimated cost of £24.

10—Duke Street Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported completion of work on this sewer.

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11—Surface Water Culvert, Lower Arle—The Borough Surveyor reported that the construction of a portion of this culvert between properties owned by Mr. J. A. Pye and The Bucks. & Middlesex Estates was about to be commenced and would leave a portion unculverted for which the Corporation is responsible. The estimated cost of culverting this latter portion was £230 He also reported that the length about to be constructed would not have a satisfactory outlet as the owner of the land next down the stream was not prepared to undertake the work of culverting his portion at the present time and the water would flow into a pool on this land. RESOLVED, That the portion of the culvert for which the Corporation is responsible be constructed and that the owner of the land down the stream be required to fence in the pool and to erect a barrier to prevent the water flooding the adjoining land, this latter work to be regarded as a temporary construction until such time as the Corporation require the owner to construct the culvert in pursuance of the notice served upon him. RESOLVED, also, That a notice be served under Section 262 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring the owner of the land opposite that owned by Messrs. Pye Bros., 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.

12—Disposal of Condemned Meat, etc.—As instructed at the last Meeting of the Committee the Borough Surveyor submitted a report prepared in conjunction with the Chief Sanitary Inspector containing alternative schemes for the disposal of condemned meat etc. The first proposal was to purchase a plant at a cost of £1,450, exclusive of building charges, and to house this in a new structure adjoining the abattoir, or else, on the assumption that the destructor would remain in operation, at the slab factory. A new building at the abattoir would be expensive and the slab factory site was undesirable because the destructor cost over £1,000 to operate during last year, and owing to the success of controlled tipping there would appear to be no justification for the continuance of this expenditure provided other means are available for raising steam for the steam disinfecter. There would be a possible income of £230 if this scheme were adopted, but as the Government are in possession of all waste products from the abattoir and can dispose of these in any way they wish and it would, therefore, appear possible that the plant might be left idle by a change in Government policy. The view of the Ministry of Supply was that all waste material from the abattoir should be disposed of to [?] firms handling this material and not destroyed.

The alternative scheme was to close down the destructor and to dispose of all condemned meat etc. to the Gloucester Soapery and to sell fish offal to fertilizer manufacturers. Dead dogs etc. could well and safely be disposed of by burying at the bottom of a controlled tip. To maintain the steam disinfecter at the destructor a small vertical boiler could be purchased at an estimated cost of £225, erected in a disused stable and operated by the workman in charge of the storage depot at the destructor site. The annual running cost of this boiler would be about £54 for fuel, one-third of the workman's wages, viz. £52, and £26 for running repairs, water, etc. The Borough Surveyor recommended the adoption of this second scheme which would be advantageous to the Street and Highway Committee, involve a much smaller capital outlay, meet the wishes of the Ministry of Supply and also obviate the establishment of an objectionable industry in the town.

RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved, and that he be instructed to install a boiler for the disinfecter and to make all necessary arrangements for the disposal of meat, offal, etc. as recommended.

13—Montpellier Conveniences—The Committee further considered the application of 4th ult. from the National Union of General & Municipal Workers for the rates of wages and overtime conditions of service of the attendants at these conveniences to be placed on the Joint Industrial Council scale referred back by the Labour Sub-Committee for consideration in relation to the takings at the conveniences- The Borough Surveyor reported that the increase granted by the Council to all other Corporation departments were in the main 3s a week for men and 2s a week for women. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to grant an increase as from the 1st December last of 3s a week to the male attendants and 2s a week to the female attendants, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for a proportionate increase in the wages of the Dart time attendants

14—Damage to Spouting at Abattoir—The Town Clerk reported that a lorry belonging to the Great Western Railway Co. damaged spouting at the abattoir on the 25th ult. The cost of repairing the damage amounted to 15s. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to claim this amount from the owners of the lorry.

ARTHUR. S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th February, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Dr, Hayward and Morris (Councillor Morris in the chair).

1—Housing Manager—The Monthly Report of the Housing Manager on the collection of rents was submitted.

2—Repairs Superintendent—The Monthly Report of the Repairs Superintendent was submitted. The total number of burst pipes repaired in the Council houses during the recent frost had been 313, which was equivalent to about 21 per cent of the total number of Corporation houses.

3-20 Hudson Street—RESOLVED, That the tenant of this house be given permission to remove his 26 pigeons from his allotment to his garden

4-31 Wordsworth Avenue —RESOLVED, That the plan submitted for the erection of a tool shed at this house be approved.

5-3 Wyman's Road—Councillors Addis and Morris reported that they had inspected this house and recommended that the tenant, who was a Chimney-Sweep, be authorised to erect a shed for storing soot in the position indicated by them, subject to the shed being constructed to the satisfaction of the Housing Manager RESOLVED: That this be approved.

S. C. MORRIS,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th February, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Green, Morris, Rogers and Till (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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—Refuse Collection and Disposal—Salvage—(a) Read, circulars from the Ministry of Supply emphasising the importance of the necessity of salvaging all possible material and asking local authorities to urge upon householders the importance of bundling their waste paper and handing it to the Refuse Collectors. The Borough Surveyor reported that the return submitted to the Ministry for January showed salvage to the value of as £88 12s. 6d.

Read also, circular letter of 15th inst from the Clerk of the County Council suggesting that a careful watch should be kept by all local authorities upon refuse tips and elsewhere and that any apparent waste of food however caused should be noted and details of any instance reported to the County Council who would take further steps in appropriate cases.

The Borough Surveyor submitted draft circular he proposed to distribute to every householder in the Borough giving particulars of the materials which should be salvaged and asking that all waste food, such as table and kitchen scraps, potato and apple peelings, should be kept dry and separate from other refuse and handed to the Refuse Collectors each week.

The Borough Surveyor also reported that the Thames Board Mills Ltd., the Contractors who were taking the waste paper, were forwarding a supply of leaflets and posters for publicity purposes. RESOLVED, That the draft letter to the householders be approved as now settled by the Committee.

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(b) Read, letter of 14th inst. from the General Manager of the Gloucestershire " Echo" that several correspondents had suggested that the Corporation should insert an advertisement in the " Echo" instructing householders what to do with salvaged material. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider an advertisement necessary in view of the proposal to circularise each householder.

(c) Destructor—The Borough Surveyor reported the decision of the Public Health Committee with regard to the disposal of condemned carcasses, foul and condemned meats. With regard to fish offal, separate bins had now been provided for this and he hoped to arrange with a merchant at Dudley Port to receive the material. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree with the arrangements made by the Public Health Committee and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to re-organise the staff at the Destructor as may be necessary.

3—Private Improvement Works—Arle Road, Alstone Lane and Brooklyn Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had circularised the abutting owners in this road to ascertain if they were prepared to deposit the cost of carrying out the paving works, etc., required, but the majority of the owners were not prepared to do so. RESOLVED' That the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed with the service of the notices on the abutting owners in accordance with Minute No. 9 of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 18th December last.

4—Traffic Census—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of the Traffic Census taken in High Street near the town centre for ten hours on the 18th January, 1940. The total down traffic, including cycles, was 5,670 vehicles as against 10,475 last year and up traffic 3,553 as compared with 7,424 last year.

5—Borough Surveyor's Department—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the re-organisation of the clerical staff in his department consequent on the death of the Wages Clerk, Mr. E. Savory, the calling up of other members of the staff and the resignation of a shorthand typist. Mr. Savory, who had been a very efficient Wages Clerk for 36 years, died on the 25th ult. RESOLVED, That the proposed re-arrangement of the staff be approved and that Mr. G. H. K. Parkes, Accounts and Order Clerk, be also put in charge of the Wages Office and transferred from Grade "D" (at present £208 per annum) to Grade "E" (at £225 per annum). RESOLVED, also, That the Committee desire to record

their sympathy with Mrs. Savory and her family in the sad loss they have sustained by the death of Mr. Savory.

6--Welland Lodge and Cleevemount Roads--The Borough Surveyor reported that, as instructed, he had inspected these roads again in respect of which the Architects had made application to the Corporation to take over the same. He did not consider that the work had been carried out in such a manner as to justify the Corporation acceding to the application. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next View Meeting.

7—White Lines—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of three types of machines for painting white lines on highways, one of which had been demonstrated in Cheltenham. He recommended that a machine be purchased at a cost of £49. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

8—National Joint Industrial Council—The Committee further considered letter from the National Joint Industrial Council asking the Corporation to join the newly established Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers) for the Counties of Gloucester, Somerset and Wilts. The Town Clerk reported that, as instructed, he had endeavoured to arrange a Conference with representatives of the Bath and Gloucester City Councils and Weston-super-Mare Borough Council. Bath was unwilling to attend a Conference as they intended to adhere to their present practice of applying the Building Trades Operatives conditions but Weston-super-Mare was willing to attend to discuss the matter. With regard to Gloucester City Council, representatives of the City Council had recently attended an informal Conference of representatives of the Somerset and Gloucester County Councils and the Bristol and Bath City Councils. In view of the attitude of the representatives to this Conference, from which it appeared that they were not willing to join the Joint Industrial Council, Gloucester City Council did not consider that any useful purpose would be served by their being represented at another Conference in the near future. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to join the Joint Industrial Council for the Western area and that Councillor Grimwade be appointed the Council's representative on the Employers side.

9—Wages and Conditions of Service—Read, circular of the 1st inst. from the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives that the National Joint Council for the Building Industry had granted a further 1d. per hour rise in wages to all building trades operatives as from the 1st inst. The Borough Surveyor reported that, in accordance with the Resolution of the Committee, this increase had been given to the Corporation employees engaged in the Building Industry, including Builders' labourer's.

10—St. George's Road—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Miss Alice Gardiner offering to give up a piece of the garden of No 29 St. George's Road so as to enable the junction of this road and St George's Place to be rounded off. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

11—Projecting Sign—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Wyndham B. Lock for permission to erect a projecting sign near America Passage be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

12—Nos. 2 and 3 Winchcomb Street—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Ministry of Transport that while the Minister was not in a position to anticipate the Government's policy with regard to the raising of loans on the cessation of hostilities, there did not appear to be any objection to the Council entering into a Contract to purchase this property at the conclusion of the War, if the

Contract was made subject to the Ministry of Health consenting to the necessary loan. The Town Clerk reported that he had now asked the owners to submit provisional Contract for approval.

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13—Eldon Avenue and Beechhurst Avenue—The Town Clerk reported that notices of the intention of the Corporation to take over these roads had been duly posted on the 5th inst. RESOLVED, That the roads be taken over as from the 5th prox.

14—National Safety First Association—Read, circular from this Association asking the Council to continue to subscribe to their funds as hitherto. RESOLVED, That the annual subscription made by the Council be continued.

15—Black-out—Pillar Boxes—Read, letter from Councillor Garland with regard to the painting of white bands on Pillar Boxes. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to paint such Pillar Boxes as in his discretion he considers desirable, having regard to their position.

16--View Committee—Read, report of a Meeting of the View Committee held on Wednesday, 14th February, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Green and Morris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair), They recommended as follows :—Central Depot—That the erection of a Drill Tower for the Fire Brigade on a site in the Depot Yard near the Men's Club Room, be approved. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

17—Witcombe Place—Read, report of damage to paving by Demolition Contractors. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage, amounting to £3 7s. 1d.

18—College Road and High Street Traffic Island—Read, report of damage to a bollard at this Island by an Army Convoy Lorry RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage, amounting to £15 7s. 8d.

19-1 Suffolk Parade—Read, letter from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons offering this property for sale which they suggested should be purchased to enable the Corporation to widen the junction of Suffolk Parade and the lane at the rear of Montpellier Villas. RESOLVED, That the purchase be not entertained.

20—Rowlands Terrace, Prestbury Road—Read, letter from Mrs. Eldon complaining of the condition of the road off Prestbury Road which gave access to a footpath leading to the Cleevemount Estate. RESOLVED, That this be viewed at the next View Meeting.

21—Pittville Street Improvement—(a) Nos. 2 and 3 Pittville Street—The Town Clerk reported that these premises had been let for a temporary period of six weeks at an inclusive rent of £30 for the purpose of providing temporary accommodation for two tenants on the opposite side of the street during the time new shop fronts were being fitted to their existing shops. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) 5 Pittville Street—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter that they had a Client who was interested in this shop which was at present occupied by the Women's Voluntary Services of the Cheltenham Rural District The Town Clerk reported that Mrs. Lipson, the local Organiser of the Women's Voluntary Services, considered it was desirable, if possible, that the

Women's Voluntary Services for the Rural District should be allowed to retain this shop as the Women's Voluntary Services for the Borough, who occupied No 7 Pittville Street, were in constant communication with them. The Town Clerk also reported that the County Council were not prepared to pay rent for any Corporation properties occupied for Civil Defence purposes unless the Corporation actually lost rent by so granting the use of premises. RESOLVED, That the 'Women's Voluntary Services of the Cheltenham Rural District be not disturbed subject to the County Council agreeing to pay the rent offered for the property.

(c) 11 Pittville Street—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain offers for the sale of the Ammoniator Cold Storage Plant in the basement at these premises.

(d) 12 Pittville Street—RESOLVED, That the Corporation agree to pay the sum of £1 1s. 3d. incurred by the tenant of this shop in making good the electric wiring and electrical switches, fittings, etc.

22—Land, Brooklyn Road—The Committee further considered application from Mr. I. Maddox to be released from his Contract for the purchase of the remaining 232 feet frontage in Brooklyn Road and for the return of his deposit of £173 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to release Mr. Maddox from his Contract to purchase the land but they are not now prepared to return the deposit ; also that Mr. Maddox be informed that if and when the land is sold the Committee will consider whether they are able to return the deposit or any part thereof having regard to the price at which the land may be sold RESOLVED, also, That Minute No. 14 passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 18th December last be varied accordingly.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd February, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman E. L. Ward ; Councillors Barnett and Waite ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and J. Walker (Alderman 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.
5322	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Garage, 128 Cakebridge Road.
5323	College Council	Alterations, Cheltenham College.
5324	Holt, A.	Conservatory, 188 Whaddon Road.
5325	Buffin, Mrs.	New shop, Albion Street.
5326	Sunshine Laundry Ltd.	Rebuilding and extension of laundry, Churchill Road.
5327	Bullingham, W.	Pair semi-detached houses, Hewlett Road.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5322, 5324 and 5327 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 5323 and 5325 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 5326 be approved subject to steelwork calculations and details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5322, 5323 and 5324 be approved ; That Plan No. 5325 be approved subject to details of the shop front being approved by the Committee and the premises not being used for the business of a Fish Frier without the consent of the Town Planning and Public Health Committees ; That Plan No. 5326 be approved subject to the front elevation being rebuilt to the satisfaction of the Committee when Churchill Road is extended to Mead Road ; That Plan No. 5327 be approved subject to the buildings being set back 50 feet from the centre of Hewlett Road,

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.
1636	Pates, W. J.	Garage (Private), Up Hatherley.
1637	Saqui & Lawrence	Details of new elevations, 121 High Street, Cheltenham.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1636 and 1637 be approved.

3—Applications to Develop—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 14th inst. from Messrs. Packer & Son for permission to extend their sand pit across the site of a proposed new road off Tewkesbury Road. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to the owners agreeing to the Council using the site of the road as a refuse tip to restore it to its present level when the road is required to be constructed.

4—Reproduction of Ordnance Survey Maps—The Committee further considered letters from the Director General of the Ordnance Survey with regard to the reproduction from Ordnance Survey Maps. The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of tracings made annually and the areas of the maps traced varied considerably. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to keep a record of all tracings and reproductions made from Ordnance Plans and that the Council undertake to maintain a complete list of all tracings and reproductions to be submitted quarterly for assessment by the Ordnance Survey Office in accordance with the prescribed scale of Royalties. RESOLVED, also, That the matter be reviewed after two years with a view to the Committee considering the desirability of asking the Ordnance Survey Department to fix compounded fees.

5—Hotel Majestic—The Town Clerk reported that Miss Baylis had now given an undertaking to provide a fire escape at these premises to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor as soon as the necessary priority certificate for the material can be obtained.

6—Proposed High Tension Line—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing amended proposals by the Central Electricity Board for the 132 kw. overhead line between Salterley Grange, Seven Springs and Hilcot. He pointed out that the amended line, except for one short diversion, followed the line recommended by the Sub-Committee in March, 1939 RESOLVED, That this be approved.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd February, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Lipson and Waite; Messrs. D. V. Davies and R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair),

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Meetings of the Entertainments Sub-Committee held on the 30th ult. and 13th inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Montpellier Pavilion--That the free use of this Pavilion be granted to the Air Defence Cadet Corps for use as a Drill Hall subject to the Corps paying all out-of-pocket expenses and to the Corporation being able to resume possession at any time on seven days' notice.

(b) Town Hall—That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted to the Rotary Club on 27th February for an Entertainment which the Club were giving to the various foreign refugees at present in Cheltenham.

(c) Airmen's Dance—That the proposals of the Entertainments Manager for an Airmen's Dance on 21st February be approved and that the Air Cadet Corps be allowed 9d. on every ticket sold by them. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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

(b) Swimming Bath—RESOLVED, That the Swimming Bath be opened on 1st April. RESOLVED, also, That the equipment belonging to the Casualty Service, at present stored in the cabins at the Baths, be stored in one of the Galleries and that the members of the Casualty Service be allowed to continue to use the Lounge for practices in the evenings and on Sunday mornings when required.

3—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(a) RESOLVED, That the Pool be opened on Whit Saturday, 11th May, but that the Chairman be authorised to open this earlier if, having regard to weather conditions, he considers this desirable.

(b) Brochure—The Borough Surveyor submitted offers from the New Centurion Publicity and Publishing Co. Ltd. and Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. to print and provide 2,000 copies of the Brochure for the Pool, free of cost to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the offer of New Centurion Publishing Co. Ltd. be accepted.

4—Alstone Baths—(a) Read, letter from the Headmaster of the Practising School asking the Committee to reconsider the charge of £1 1s. 0d. for the use of Alstone Baths for the School Gala last year, in view of the fact that owing to War conditions no charge was made for admission. RESOLVED, That the charge be waived.

(b) RESOLVED, That the large Swimming Bath be opened on 15th April.

(c) Grammar School—Read, letter from Mr. K. W. Lyon asking for the granting of 81 full season tickets and 20 half-season tickets in respect of boys who obtained the Bronze Medallion and Intermediate Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society respectively. RESOLVED, That the application be granted. RESOLVED, also, That the School be allowed to book the Bath on not more than four Wednesday evenings during the season on dates to be arranged with the Superintendent at a charge of 10s 6d. plus the cost of lighting and hire of any chairs required.

(d) Y.M.C.A.—The Town Clerk reported that the Y.M.C.A were, owing to the black-out not being completed until the middle of December, not able to use the Bath for their Junior Organisation until 1st January. RESOLVED, That in these circumstances the rent be reduced to £12 10s. 0d. for the period up to 31st March.

5-Town Hall—(a) RESOLVED, That the free use of the Drawing Room at the Town Hall be granted to the Horticulture Committee for a Meeting of Allotment holders on the evening of 4th March.

(b) Conferences—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to the National Association of Trade Union Approved Societies and the Royal Liver Friendly Society on dates to be arranged for their respective Annual Conferences in the event of their deciding to hold their Conferences in Cheltenham.

6—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Read, letter of 19th inst from the Spa Bowling Club applying for the use of the Bowling Green for the year commencing 1st March next on the same terms as last year, namely, at a rent of £50. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

7—Winter Garden—Mr. Overbury attended and reported that, as instructed at the last Meeting of the Council, he had invited tenders from three firms of Steeplejacks for placing the necessary ladders and equipment in position to enable a report to be made on the roof. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. J. Larkin amounting to £49 10s. 0d., being the lowest, be accepted.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th February, 1940. Present-The Mayor; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bettridge, Grimwade, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Rogers in the chair),

1—Public Lighting—(a) War-time Lamps—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the experimental war-time street lighting had proved satisfactory and recommended that a further 121 fittings be purchased during the current financial year making a total of 184. The estimated cost of these was about £1 per lamp. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and that the lamps be erected in the positions settled by the Committee. RESOLVED, also, That the question of the further extension of war-time street lighting be reviewed at the May Committee Meeting after some experience has been gained of the effect of the lighting under varying weather conditions and in different positions.

(b) Public Lighting Charge—The charge to be made for public lighting for the 12 months ending 31st March, 1940 was considered and it was reported that the cessation of lighting since the declaration of war would reduce the charge from £6,798 estimated for the full year to £4,138. The sum of £1,500 provided for improvements and new work would also be reduced as the expenditure incurred was only £241 to which must be added £185, the estimated cost of the war-time lamps. The total charge for the current year would therefore be £4,564 against the estimate of £8,289, RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee be recommended to approve of this charge.

2—Oakley Farm Estate—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the extra high tension feed to Hales Road Sub-station should be improved by laying a new cable from Sandford Park Sub-station at an estimated cost of £633 and installing additional switchgear in the two Sub-stations at a further estimated cost of £706, making a total of £1,339. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to a loan of £1,339 to cover the cost of the work.

3—Accounting Machine—It was reported that the Burroughs Accounting Machine purchased seven years ago would shortly require a complete overhaul at the maker's works and the Borough Electrical Engineer and the Borough Treasurer recommended that a new machine providing greater facilities should be purchased at the price of £791 in order to deal with the expanding business of the undertaking and to ensure the rapid issuing of customers' accounts. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and that upon receipt of the new machine the present machine be thoroughly overhauled by the makers.

4—Land, Brooklyn Road—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That the piece of land at the back of the transformer kiosk in Brooklyn Road, in respect of which an offer to purchase made by Mr. Brown, the adjoining owner, had been refused by the Corporation in view of the fact that the land may be required at a future date, be offered at a nominal rent to Mr. Brown for cultivation subject to his entering into an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk, -

5—District Joint Industrial Council--RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be reappointed as the Council's representative on the No. 6 Joint Industrial Council for the ensuing 12 months.

6—Gas Tests—Read, reports of Gas Tests made on the 30th ult. and 5th, 7th, 19th and 21st inst., which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 468.7, 490.2, 480.6, 481.0 and 477.6 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure to be 9.2, 6.1, 9.5, 10.2 and 9.2 inches of water respectively.

STANLEY ROGERS, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th February, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Ward; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Moore and Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair)

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st January, 1940.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	312,000 gallons	298,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	854,000 "	2,006,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	50,000 "	47,000
	1,216,000	2,351,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 100,006,000 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—Extension to Mains—The Borough Engineer reported that he had agreed to provide a supply of water in the event of a fire occurring at the Rotol Airscrews Works or the Airport by means of a 6 inch connection to be made to the rising main where it crossed Gloucester Road, RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to an Undertaking being given that the water will only be taken for firefighting purposes.

5—Pipe Contract—The Borough Engineer submitted circular of 1st inst. from the Stavely Coal, Iron & Steel Co. stating that the Ministry of Supply had authorised an increase varying from 1d. to 10d. a yard in the price for straight pipes, and 3s 6d. a ton in the price of standard special castings as from the 1st inst.

6—Tewkesbury Waterworks—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to hire a Gas Heater from the Gas Co. at a rent of 11s per quarter so as to provide facilities at the works for workmen to clean themselves after boiler chipping and flue cleaning.

7—Water Supply—The Borough Engineer submitted report on the water supply generally during the recent severe weather. The only case of a frozen main occurred on the Railway Bridge at Moorend Crescent where, owing to lack of cover, the main was exposed to the air beneath the bridge decking. This had to be thawed out on one or two occasions. In all other cases the complaints of frozen pipes were a result of freezing of pipes indoors and in service pipes where these had been laid with insufficient cover.

8—Water Undertaking—A.R.P.—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Ministry of Health approving for grant at the rate of 50 per cent the estimated cost of £125 of making the two inter-connections between the 27 inch Water Board rising main and the 18 inch Cheltenham main, and the latter main and the 6 inch Gloucester main respectively. The Ministry also approved for the same grant the purchase of an 18 inch sluice valve unit estimated to cost £80. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to proceed with the work.

9—Supply to Staverton Court, etc.—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be fixed to the Agreement with Mr. R. V. Prettejohn for the taking over by the Corporation of the main laid by him in accordance with Minute No. 4 passed at the Meeting of the Committee held on 12th December last

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th February, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara Winterbotham, Margrett, Pruen and Ward Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Rogers and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Naming of Roads—The Borough Surveyor submitted application for the name of a new road constructed at right angles off Orchard Way in Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That the road be named Hawthorn Road. RESOLVED, also, That the proposed numbering of houses in the road be approved,

2—Market—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on his inspection of the Market Hall. The front part of the building was not satisfactory from a structural point of view, and his attention had now been called to roof leakages and wall settlement. The recent severe weather had still further weakened the structure, and the Borough Surveyor recommended that the defects should be made good without delay. He estimated the cost of carrying out the work at £200. RESOLVED, That this sum be included in the estimates with a view to the work being carried out in the next two or three months.

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

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the applications of J. Tarling and E. C. Martin for transfer of their licences to new cabs DG9550 and AAD121 respectively, be granted.

5—National Joint Council—(a) Read, circular of 15th inst. from the Joint Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services inviting the attendance of representatives at a Conference of Local Authorities in the Counties of Gloucester, Somerset, Wilts, Cornwall, Devon and Dorset, to be held at Bristol on 20th March for the purpose of discussing the provision of a Joint Organisation for the Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services of Local Authorities in these Counties RESOLVED, That representatives be not appointed to attend.

(b) Read, circulars of 6th and 9th inst., from the above National Joint Council that the National Council had under consideration the adjustment of salaries of Local Government Officers to meet war conditions and enclosing recommendations for adjustment of salaries by addition of a war bonus in accordance with the scale enclosed with the circular. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

6—Grammar School—RESOLVED, That Alderman Pates be reappointed a Governor of the Grammar School for a further term of three years to 5th March, 1943

7—Athletic Ground—The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed he had inspected this ground and prepared a Schedule of dilapidations so that this would be available when the question of making a claim for compensation was considered on the termination of the requisitioning of the ground by the Military.

8—Fuel and Lighting Order—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted Report on the work carried out by him as Fuel Overseer since his appointment and also a Report on the new Fuel Order. (A copy of the Borough Surveyor's Report accompanies the Minutes).

(b) The Town Clerk reported that the Mines Department had now requested claim to be submitted for the repayment of expenses for the period from 7th September, 1939 to 31st December, 1940, With regard to the salary of the Fuel Overseer, no scale of remuneration would be laid down by the Department, but the amount of remuneration must be determined by the Local Authorities.

RESOLVED, That the following remuneration be fixed as from 7th September last, namely :

Borough Surveyor (Mr. G. Gould Marsland) £100 per annum, the Chief Clerk (Mr. A. Jenkins) £50 per annum. RESOLVED, Also, with regard to the Borough Surveyor, that he be not required to pay the remuneration into the Borough funds as required by the Resolution adopted by the Council on 6th June, 1932.

9—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Rating Committee, That the services of Mr. E. D. Ricketts be extended for one year to 31st March, 1941.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th February, 1940. Present—Councillors Bush, Fisher, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Monthly Report of Acting Chief Officer—(a) The Acting Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended 21 calls to fire, as follows :—

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January 28th	2 Ewlyn Road.
28th	Billbrook House, Winchcomb Street.
28th	41 London Road.
28th	1 Belmont Cottage, Sherborne Street.
29th	New Club, Promenade.
31st	2 Bryn Villas, Charlton Kings.
31st	42 Queen's Road.
February 4th	21 Grosvenor Street.
6th	Regent Street,
6th	64 Milton Road.
11th	Bayshill Lodge, Queen's Parade.

12th	Hatherley Lane.
13th	194 High Street.
14th	Brierton House, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
15th	Cleeve Hill.
16th	Regent Street
16th	Montpellier Street.
16th	39 Lansdown Crescent.
18th	86 Swindon Road.
19th	16 Imperial Square.
22nd	45 Queen's Road.

(b) The Acting Chief Officer reported that at the request of the Northleach Rural District Council he had sent two large trailer pumps on the 4th and 5th inst. to assist the North Cotswold Brigade in the pumping of flood water from houses in Northleach. The Northleach Rural District Council had undertaken to pay the cost. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that an account for £6 14s. 4 ½ d. for the men's time and petrol used, be rendered.

(c) The Acting Chief Officer submitted application from the Cheltenham & District Gas Company for the loan or hire of the Merryweather Steamer for the purpose of filling the water seal of gas holders at Broadway. RESOLVED, That this engine be hired to the Gas Company for the purpose, at a charge of 15s per day, the Gas Company to arrange for the conveyance of the pump to and from Broadway and to pay all expenses in connection therewith.

2—Fireman—The Acting Chief Officer reported that Fireman-Driver L. Hasted had arranged to commence his duties on the 26th inst. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to purchase uniform etc. for him.

3--Hose Drying and Drill Tower—The Acting Chief Officer submitted six tenders received for the supply of a hose drying and drill tower. The Town Clerk reported that the Street and Highway Committee had consented to the tower being erected in the Depot Yard on a site near the Men's Club Room RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the Home Office being obtained, the tender of Scaffolding (Great Britain) Ltd., amounting to £91 13s. 9d. for the provision of a tower, including timbering, erection and carriage, but excluding the concrete base, to be provided by the Corporation, be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Home Office for approval of this expenditure, including the cost of providing concrete base, for the purposes of grant.

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4—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) Read, Circular No. 8 of 6th inst. from the Home Office in regard to the provision of emergency rations for personnel in cases of serious fires involving long periods of firefighting and asking the Corporation to make arrangements for the purchase of non-perishable foods suitable for this purpose. The quantity to be purchased and maintained should be estimated on the basis of two days' supply for one shift of first line personnel and the cost thereof would rank for grant under the Air Raid Precautions Act. RESOLVED, That the Acting Chief Officer be instructed to submit proposals for the purchase of emergency rations.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 11 of 16th inst enclosing Memorandum as to the handling of the 500 and 1,000 gallon dams issued by the Home Office for emergency purposes. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Acting Chief Officer.

(c) Military Service—Read, Circulars Nos. 14 and 14a from the Home Office with regard to the liability of Auxiliary Firemen for military service. Employment as a whole-time member of the Auxiliary Fire Service was a reserved occupation, the age of reservation being 30. Arrangements will be made, on the application of a Fire Authority, for temporary postponement for a limited period, of the calling up of whole-time members of the Auxiliary Fire Service who are in the 25-27 Age Groups where this is necessary to permit of the recruitment and training of older men to replace them, RESOLVED, That the Acting Chief Officer be instructed to submit particulars of the men coming within the above Age-Groups.

(d) Read, letter of 23rd inst. from the Home Office that instructions had been issued for the delivery of two branch pipe holders.

(e) Uniform—RESOLVED, That tenders be obtained for the provision of the necessary uniform and equipment required for the additional members of the Auxiliary Fire Service personnel, including provision for replacement.

5—Safe Driving Awards—Read, Circular from the National Safety First Association stating that it had been decided to promote a new National Civil Defence Safe Driving Award for whole-time drivers and asking the Corporation to enter their whole-time drivers on Civil Defence. The rate of subscription was 4d. for each driver. RESOLVED, That no action be taken

6—Instructor—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Home Office for approval of the salary of the Third Officer being recognised for the purpose of grant for another year,

7—Chief Officer—The Committee further considered the question of allowing the Chief Officer to remain in occupation of the house, at No 6 St. George's Parade, rent free, including rates, lighting and heating. RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer (Mr. J. R. Jones) be informed that the Committee cannot allow this arrangement to continue and that he be required to give up possession of the house on 30th April next. RESOLVED, also, That on vacation of the house by Mr. Jones, the Acting Chief Officer be transferred from the Flat at No. 15 Royal Crescent and that three months' notice be given to terminate the Corporation's tenancy of this Flat.

H. C. GRIMWADE, Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th February, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green and 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. A statement on all Allotments held by tenants in arrear with rent had been submitted to the Town Clerk, The following Allotments were also in a bad state of cultivation :—No.

15 Gappers Field, Nos. 28 and 195 North Ward and No. 3 Creamery Piece. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants of these Allotments.

2—Seeds for Demonstration Plots—The Gardens Superintendent reported that Mr. Stanley Yates had offered to supply, free of cost, the seeds (potatoes excepted) required for the demonstration plots in various parts of the Town. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to convey the best thanks of this Committee to Mr. Yates for his generous offer.

3—Prizes for Allotments—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the Horticulture Committee at their last Meeting, had recommended the granting of prizes for the best kept Allotments in the Borough. He stated that he had already received several offers of prizes. RESOLVED, That this Committee approve of the suggestion that prizes should be offered for the best kept Allotments and that the Horticulture Committee be asked to organise the Scheme. RESOLVED, also, That a donation of £3 3s 0d. be made to the prize fund.

4—Tree, Severn Road—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the tenant of No. 27 Cromwell Road had applied for the removal of a large Elm tree situate in the Field at Severn Road, RESOLVED, That the tree be not removed but that the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to have the same cut back.

5—Supply of Seeds to Allotment Holders—Read, letters of 13th and 20th ult. from Mr. P. C. A. Wiggall, stating that Mr. Yates, Mr. Frank Cypher and his firm (Messrs. Hopwood & Son) were willing to supply Seed Potatoes, Fertilisers and Vegetable Seeds to Allotment holders and tenants of Council houses at a discount of 3s in the off their published catalogue prices. The Vegetable Seeds would be of the highest quality and only Scotch Seed Potatoes would be used unless a shortage should occur. These would be hand-picked in their own Warehouses. They suggested that the discount be allowed to Allotment holders and Corporation tenants on production of their Rent Books or Allotment Rent Receipts The Town Clerk reported that the Horticulture Committee had accepted the offers with thanks and instructed him to circularise the Allotment holders to the effect that on the production of a receipt for the current year's rent to the firms mentioned, the discount would be allowed and that the Housing Manager be asked to circularise the Corporation tenants with regard to this offer.

6—Hatherley Road Allotments—Uncultivated Land—The Town Clerk reported that there was an area of land on the south-eastern side of the Railway line which had not been let The Gardens Superintendent reported that the land was overgrown and in poor condition and also uneven. RESOLVED, That if applications are received for the tenancy of the land for Allotments the Town Clerk be authorised to let this rent free for 12 months and thereafter at the rate of 7s 6d. per chain per annum.

7—Rebates in Rent—RESOLVED, That the Tenants of Nos. 107 Asquith Road and 85 North Ward be granted the use of these Allotments rent free to the 29th September next in view of their bad condition.

S--re Well on Allotment No. 35 North Ward—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect and report on this well and as to whether it would be possible to fix a pump for the use of the Allotment holders and the estimated cost of the same

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th February, 1940, Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Sandford Park and Promenade Fountains—The Borough Surveyor reported that these fountains had been damaged by the recent severe frost, Messrs. R. L. Boulton & Sons estimated that the cost of repairing the Promenade Fountain would amount to £15 to £20. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have both the Fountains repaired.

2—Contract for Supply of Potatoes—The Gardens Superintendent reported that several firms had asked for the date for the receipt of tenders to be extended. RESOLVED, That three weeks' extension be given.

3—Payment of Wages During Sickness—The Gardens Superintendent reported that in reference to the circular letter recently sent out to all employees in regard to non-payment of wages during illness, the Foremen, Custodians and Constables had previously been paid during sickness up to two weeks' full pay and two weeks half pay, less National Health Insurance benefit, in each year, RESOLVED, That the men be informed that it is not the intention of the Council to worsen the conditions of employment of any employee, and that the above conditions as to payment during illness may be regarded as unaltered-

4—Gardens Superintendent's Office—Owing to increased work the Gardens Superintendent asked for assistance in his office. RESOLVED, That a Youth be appointed on Grade "A" scale.

5—Sandford Park—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Town Improvement Committee, That this ground be let to Bertram Mills' Circus for three days on dates to be arranged at a rent of £40, on Messrs, Bertram Mills under-taking to leave the ground in a clean and tidy condition and paying the cost of making good any damage

6—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the following Clubs to play Cricket on the Recreation Grounds during the coming season :—

Ground:	Club.	Day of Play.
Whaddon Road	Whaddon Sports Club	Alternate Saturdays
Agg-Gardner	Bennington Hall Cricket Club	Tuesday evenings

7—Royal Crescent Garden—The Town Clerk reported that a claim for compensation had now been submitted on behalf of the owners of the Royal Crescent Garden in respect of the construction of the trenches and that the same would be referred to the District Valuer and County Council in due course, The Borough Surveyor reported that in his estimate for construction of the trenches he had provided for the seeding over of the mounds, which would be carried out in due course. RESOLVED, That this Committee are prepared, if desired, to undertake to keep in order the flower beds and the cutting of the grass on the portions of the ground not occupied by the Air Raid Shelters.

8—Pittville Pump Room—The Borough Surveyor reported that during the inspection of this building in connection with the preparation of the annual estimates, he found that the ends of the main double timber beams supporting the Dome had seriously decayed where they rested on the northerly abutments, The exterior of the lantern light was also inspected and it was found that the cill and supporting plate had perished, which, in his opinion, had been caused as a result of condensation on the inside of the lantern not being allowed to pass to the outside and he recommended that the inside of the wall should be covered with lead from which small outlet pipes could be inserted to convey condensation on to the lead work of the Dome. He had further inspected the interior of the Dome as several pieces of plaster had recently fallen and had found that the timber laths etc. had decayed in places, due to the presence of condensation, and as he considered both the above matters were urgent, he had, with the approval of the Chairman, proceeded with the corbelling for the main beams and carried out the other necessary renovations As there was a small saving on Messrs. Billings & Sons Contract for the recent renovations he proposed to charge the cost to this fund. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th February, 1940. Present—Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham, Leigh James and Capt. Trye ; Major J. G. N. Clift and Mr. C. R. Map (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for January, 1940—Visitors-2,590 (last year 2,437). Included in this figure was a party of 14 evacuees.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. 9s 9d. "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund" £5 12s. 3d. Total £6 2s. 0d.

Loans—A copy of the Ashendene Press " Don Quixote" (2 vols) had been lent by Mrs. Powell of Tarlton.

Black-out Club—A request had been received for facilities for sectional meetings. RESOLVED, That the Curator's action in granting the use of the Chinese Porcelain Room on four evenings a week for sections dealing with drama, first-aid and stamp collecting, be confirmed, on the understanding that lighting costs will be refunded.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following:—Mr. E. L. Clapp, Mr. Marcus Hazlewood, Mr. George H. Martin, Dr. M. Merores, Miss E. L. E. Mason, Mr. Wyndham Payne, Miss Pudan and Mrs. Villiers-Stuart.

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

3—Specimens—RESOLVED, That 8 Bygones be purchased from the General Account at a total cost of £1 0s. 6d.

4—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That 4 Bygones (15s), Coin scales (7s 6d), 2 examples of ceramics (£2 10s. 0d.) and a 16th century Sword by Andrea Ferara (£5 10s. 0d.) be purchased from this Fund at a total cost of £9 2s. 6d

5—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to arrange the following Exhibitions :—
(a) Prints and drawings by the Royal Society of Painter-Etchers and Engravers from March to April, 1940.

(b) Sculpture by Frank M. Taubman of Kemerton during June and July, 1940.

6—Lectures—RESOLVED, That facilities be given in the Art Gallery for a lecture by Canon Gough on " Tewkesbury Abbey " to King Edward's High School for Girls, and also for a lecture to be read by Mr. G. Gould Marsland on " Boulder Dam; "

7--Lantern Projector—The Curator reported that the arc-light apparatus by which the lantern had been operated for many years had failed and that, as a matter of urgency, he had had the lantern converted for use with a 500 watt lamp at a cost of £5 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that half the cost be paid by this Committee.

8—Easter Closing—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on Good Friday and Saturday, 22nd and 23rd March, 1940 and open on Easter Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

9—Attendants—RESOLVED, That 3s per week be added to the wage of the male Art Gallery Attendant, and 2s per week to that of the female Museum Attendant as from 1st December, 1939 in accordance with the Resolution of the Council, applicable to General Employees, of 5th February, 1940.

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, 11th April, 1940 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, 23rd February, 1940. Present—Councillors Bendall, 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 27th January to 23rd February. Number of Interments 137; Cremations 33 ; Grave Spaces sold 22 (4th Position 22); New Memorials erected 4; New Inscriptions 6.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 10133 to 10154.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2496 to 2505, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved

4—Wages—RESOLVED, That the ½ d. per hour recently granted to Corporation employees be also granted to the Gardeners, Grave Diggers and Labourers at the Cemetery as from 1st December last. RESOLVED, also, That the wages of the Crematorium Attendant (Mr. Weaver) be increased from £3 to £3 10s. 0d. per week.

5—Maintenance of Graves—Nos. 3735 Section T, 1492 Section M and 1497 Section M—The Town Clerk reported that these Graves were now being put in order by the Trustees and that they had paid to the Corporation the legacy of £150. RESOLVED, That the Cemetery Superintendent be instructed to maintain these Graves in accordance with the bequest.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th February, 1940. Present—Councillors Bush, Garland and Lipson ; Messrs, H. J. Norris, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for December, 1939 and January, 1940—Receipts £69 19s. 0d.

Number of Volumes Issued—The total issued for the two months was 75,352 vols. against 65,323 vols. for the corresponding period year ago, an increase of 10,049 issues for the two months. No less than 8 records had been established since September 1939, the highest issue being that of Saturday, 10th February, when 2,802 volumes were issued.

Replacements and Binding-180 volumes had been replaced, 415 volumes had been returned from the binder and a further 274 volumes had been dispatched.

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

1939. 18th December Dr. Van der Byl, " The Growth of the German Reich." Attendance 174.

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8th January Mr. E. E. Bloodworth, " Handel and his Oratorio ' The Messiah'." Attendance 121.

15th January Mr. W. Bellows, " Carinthia and further South." Attendance 57.

22nd January Dr. W. H. Steavenson, " Exploring the Universe." Attendance 141.

29th January The Dean of Gloucester, "The Treasures of Gloucester Cathedral." Attendance 74.

5th February Miss Picton-Turbervill, "Turkey, yesterday and to-day." Attendance 114.

Lending Library Floor-15 square yards of the most worn part of this floor had been replaced at a cost of £15 0s. 0d.

Staff—The following members had been absent owing to sickness .—Miss E. L. E. Mason 10 days, Miss S. Graham Smith 3 weeks.

Inter-availability of Tickets—Shoreditch Public Library had asked for reciprocal facilities. RESOLVED, That this. be agreed to.

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2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 248 volumes, published at £96 18s. 5d., be purchased for £61 9s. 6d.

(b) That £50 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £20 be spent on Replacements.

3—Donations—117 volumes and 15 pamphlets had been received as gifts from 20 donors.

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

4—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. J. C. Humphrys, 24 Winchcomb Street, as from 1st April, 1940, for a period of 12 months, on terms as at present.

5—Periodicals—(a) A reader had suggested that " Free Europe" (6d. fortnightly) be purchased. RESOLVED, That the request be not acceded to. (b) A petition was received, signed by 186 signatories, asking that " The Daily Worker " be placed in the News Room. The petitioners offered at the same time to supply a copy gratuitously. RESOLVED, That this newspaper be displayed, and that the offer of a free copy be accepted

6—Easter Closing—RESOLVED, That all Departments of the Library be kept open on Thursday, 21st March, until 9 p.m., and closed from Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusive, with the exception that the News Room be opened on Easter Saturday from 9.30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

7—Lantern Projector—RESOLVED, That £2 15s. 0d. being one half the cost of converting the lantern for use with a 500 watt lamp, be borne by this Committee.

8—Attendants—RESOLVED, That 3s per week be added to the wage of the Library Janitor, and 1d. per hour to the wage of the Library Charwoman, from 1st December, 1939 in accordance with the Resolution of the Council applicable to General Employees, of 5th February, 1940.

9—National Book Council—Read, letter from the National Book Council appealing to the Committee to maintain to the utmost, and to increase if possible, all the usual cultural and educational services of the Library.

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 12th April, 1940 at 5 p.m.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 8th February, 1940. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Bush and Moore (Alderman Ward in the chair)

1—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed and dealt with two defaulters.

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

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th February, 1940, Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James and Taylor Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair)

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 27th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £121,214 ; Leaving Outstanding £13,555.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1940. Amount collected £24,088 ; Leaving Outstanding £3,451

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 27th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Alderman Leigh James. 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,

5—Budget—RESOLVED, That the Annual Meeting of the Finance Committee to consider the estimates be held on the 20th March at 3 p.m., and that the Chairmen of the various Committees be invited to attend.

6—Loans--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £5,000 on loan from the Gloucester Co-operative and Industrial Society, RESOLVED, That a Mortgage be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loan. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Capital Issues Committee for consent to the raising of the loan.

(b) RESOLVED, That application be made to the Capital Issues Committee for consent to the renewal of the loan of £70,500 from the Independent Order of Oddfellows which falls due for repayment in September next.

7—Housing Bond—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting he had received £150 Housing Bond and a Certificate had been issued accordingly.

8—Municipal Offices—Office Hours—RESOLVED, That the General Purposes Committee be recommended to consider closing the offices during the lunch hour and that the Chief Officers be asked to report to the General Purposes Committee as to the advisability of closing their respective departments during the lunch hour.

9—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that E. Willmore, retired Ashman, in receipt of a Pension of £1 7s. 10d. per week, died on the 24th inst.

(b) W. A. Page—The Borough Surveyor reported on the circumstances which lead to Mr. Page's resignation and the Committee further considered his application to be allowed interest on contributions refunded to him, RESOLVED, That the interest amounting to £17 15s. 3d. be allowed to Mr. Page.

10—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 houses mentioned opposite the respective initials of the applicants :—

Mr. R. F. No. 90 Priors Road ... £750

Mr. H. H. P. .. No. 113 Brooklyn Road £675

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 $\frac{2}{3}$ per cent and 90 per cent of the value of the houses, and the rate of interest to be charged in respect of the advances not to exceed 5 per cent, subject to satisfactory reports being made by the Building Society's Surveyor and the Borough Surveyor and that the Common Seal be affixed to the formal Guarantees to be approved by the Town Clerk.

11—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported that he had received sanction to loan of £1,000 for the provision of Furniture and Fittings at Whaddon Road Senior Council School repayable in a period of 10 years.

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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 March, 1940, 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, Pates, Pruen, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham : Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett. Bendall, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, M.A., Green, Grimwade, Lipson, M.A., M.P., Morris, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Taylor; Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Fletcher, Dr. Hayward, Ben James and Moore.

1--Death of Mrs. E. W. Moore—RESOLVED, That this Council deeply regret the death of Mrs. E. W. Moore and desire to express to Councillor Moore and his family their sincere sympathy with them in their sad bereavement.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 5th February, 1940, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held February 12

Housing ... Meeting held February 15

Street and Highway Meeting held February 19

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Compton : "That the recommendation to Minute No. 8 with regard to the National Joint Industrial Council be amended to read ' That the Council hereby resolves to join either the Joint Industrial Council for the Western Area or the West Midlands Joint Industrial Council as shall be subsequently determined.'

Subject also, to an Amendment moved by Councillor Fisher and seconded by Councillor Morris "That the Council do join the Western Area Joint Industrial Council and that Councillor Grimwade be appointed the Council's representative on the Employers' side, and that Minute No 8 be varied accordingly."

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(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Lipson "That the recommendation to Minute No. 8 with regard to the National Joint Industrial Council be varied to read ' That this Council shall apply for permission to join the West Midlands Joint Industrial Council' " was lost).

RESOLVED, also, That the Council be recommended to purchase Nos. 123 and 124 High Street (Messrs. Stead & Simpson's property) at the price of £10,500, the Vendors to pay their own Solicitors' and Surveyors' costs, subject to contract and subject also to the consent of the Ministry of Health to a loan being obtained and Also to the consent of the Capital Issues Committee to the raising of a loan Also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £10,605 for the cost of the purchase of the property, including stamp duty, and that application be also made to the Capital Issues Commute for consent to the raising of the loan. Also, That the terms

arranged by the District Valuer for the letting of the premises to Messrs. Stead & Simpson on a six monthly tenancy at a rent of £50 per annum, exclusive of rates, be approved.

Town Planning Meeting held February 22

Town Improvement and Spa... Meeting held February 23

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held February 26

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland and seconded by Councillor Bush : "That Minute No. 3 with regard to the purchase of an Accounting Machine, be referred back for further consideration" was lost).

Water Meeting held February 13

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held February 20

Fire Brigade Meeting held February 26

Allotments ..Meeting held February 12

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held February 12

RESOLVED, also, That the tender of Cheltenham Agricultural Traders' Association Ltd. (being the lowest of three tenders received) for the supply of 18 tons 12 cwt. of seed potatoes at an average price of £10 19s. 4d. per ton for the planting of the land belonging to the Council, also for the Delancey Hospital, School Gardens and Cemetery Garden, be accepted.

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held February 15

Cemetery and Crematorium ... Meeting held February 23

"Except that Minute No. 4 with regard to Wages, be amended to ¾ d. per hour instead of ½ d. per hour in respect of the increase to Gardeners, Grave Diggers and Labourers at the Cemetery."

Public Library Meeting held February 16

Rating Meeting held February 8

Finance Meeting held February 27

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

4—Lord Lieutenant's Comforts Fund Sale Committee—RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Dr. W. Curling Hayward be appointed representatives of the Council on the Lord Lieutenant's Comforts Fund Sale Committee

5—Cheltenham General and Eye Hospitals—RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Councillor. D. L. Lipson be nominated as the representatives of the Council to serve on the Board of Management of the Cheltenham General and Eye Hospitals for the ensuing year.

6—Notice of Motion—The Deputy Mayor's Notice of. Motion " That this Council make application to be affiliated to the West Midland Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers)" was, with the consent of the Council, withdrawn.

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, 1st April, 1940.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th March, 1940. Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr. Curling Hayward and Morris (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 95 Prestbury Road—The Committee considered the official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house 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 Owner, to the persons having control of the house, and to the Mortgagees, if any, that the condition of the said house and any offer with respect to the carrying out of works or the future user of the house will be considered at a Meeting of this Committee to be held on the 8th April, 1940.

(b) 1 and 2 Lower Park Street and 16 Clare Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the owners of these houses had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render them fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That their Undertakings be cancelled.

(c) Bruton Cottage, Portland Street—Read, letters from two of the persons interested in these premises requesting the Committee to allow an extended time for demolition. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee cannot see their way to allow any extended time and that, if the house is not demolished within a reasonable time after the coming into operation of the Demolition Order, the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender for the demolition thereof.

2—Housing Act, 1936--Certificates as to Fitness-5 Marlborough Place, Townsend Street ; and 15 and 16 Clare Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owners of these houses had carried out to his satisfaction works which in his opinion would with reasonable care and maintenance render them fit for human habitation for a period of at least 10 years, RESOLVED, That certificates be issued to the Owners under Section 51 of the Housing Act, 1936, that the houses are fit for human

habitation and will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of at least 10 years.

3—Statutory Nuisance-30 Montpellier Spa Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the W.C. at these premises was 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 to take such steps as may be necessary for that purpose.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 qr. 7 lbs Mutton ; 1 qr. Pork ; 12 lbs. Bacon ; 2 cwt. 6 lbs, Eggs and 1 cwt. 3 qrs. Cod fillets.

5—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Roy Prewett of 62 Winchcomb Street, Cheltenham for registration as a Retail Purveyor of milk in the Borough from premises at 67 Winchcomb Street be granted subject to compliance with the provisions of the Order. 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—Immunisation Clinic—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that a cupboard be purchased for the Clinic at a cost of about 3. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Food and Drugs Act, 1938—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted Certificates of the Public Analyst in respect of 1 sample of Cod Liver Oil, 1 sample of Cream Buns, 1 of Pork Sausage, 1 of Honey and 6 samples of Milk No. 35-40.

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9—Health Department Staff—(a) The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. A. L. Jones, District Sanitary Inspector had enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps and he hoped in the meantime to be able to carry on the duties of the Department with the assistance of a member of the Rural District Council staff for meat inspection

(b) Typist—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, That the typist at present temporarily engaged in the Health Department be placed on the staff in Grade A, the appointment to be terminable by one month's notice on either side.

10—Offensive Trade, Fish Frying —Read, letter from the Ministry of Health stating that the Ministry was not prepared to agree to a new Order declaring the trade of fish frying to be an offensive trade unless it can be shown that the powers of the Council relating to Statutory nuisances under the Public Health Act, 1936, are insufficient and suggesting that the Council should defer making any proposals with regard to controlling the trade by Byelaws. The Town Clerk reported that the present Byelaws would expire on the 30th September next. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to urge the Ministry to make an Order under Section 107 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

11—Abattoir—a) Read, report of the Meeting of the Farms and Abattoir Sub-Committee held on the 11th January with regard to the taking over of the Abattoir under the Government Scheme. The Sub-Committee recommended (inter alia) that a charge of £1 1s. 0d. per quarter should be made for the

office accommodation used by the contractors. RESOLVED, That the report be approved and adopted.

(b) Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Ministry of Food with regard to the terms on which the Ministry have taken over the Abattoir. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to suggest a Meeting between representatives of the Ministry and representatives of the Corporation to discuss the matter.

(c) Trolleys—The Chief Sanitary Inspector recommended that to prevent edible offal being wasted as a result of being heaped together on the trolleys, each of the five trolleys should be fitted with hooks round the sides at a cost of £3 4s. 0d. each to enable the air to get to the meat The Town Clerk advised that as the Ministry of Food had now taken control of the Abattoir their attention should be called to this matter and to the recommendation of the Chief Sanitary Inspector but as this might involve delay and consequent waste it was RESOLVED That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be authorised to have the trolleys equipped with hooks as recommended by him.

12—Slaughter House Licences—The Farms and Abattoir Sub-Committee reported their inspection of slaughter houses in the Borough and their recommendation with regard to the granting of licences. RESOLVED, That licences be granted under Section 57 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, in respect of the following premises subject in each case to the undermentioned conditions being carried out to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(a) 3 Commercial Street. Owner : Mr. T. James—Defective roof to be repaired, yard to be repaired, and eaves, spouts and downpipes to be fixed to the building over the entrance.

(b) Rear of 5 Suffolk Parade. Owner : Mr. C. Waltham—Cover to be provided over part of yard to prevent premises being overlooked.

(c) Grosvenor Terrace, Albion Street. Owners : Exors. of H. Cuss, deceased—Defective floor of adjoining room to be repaired.

(d) Beulah Place, Prestbury Road. Owners : Messrs.. Waghorne Bros.

(e) Dunalley Street. Owners : Mr. W. A. Davis—Artificial lighting to be improved and rear window screened.

(f) Dunalley Parade. Owners Messrs. Holliday & Page Ltd.—Defective floor to be repaired and artificial lighting to be improved.

(g) Victoria Street, St. Paul's. Owner : Mr. G. F. Tarr.

13--Refuse Tip, Brooklyn Road—The Chairman read Memorial which he had received signed by 116 residents in Brooklyn Road complaining of flies and smells coming from this tip. RESOLVED, That the tip be viewed.

14—Sewer, Hatherley Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cellar of No. 180 Hatherley Road was flooded on the 8th ult. as a result of a broken pipe in the sewer which caused a manhole to be filled to ground level with sewage and that he had received an account for £2 18s. 0d. from the

builder called in to pump out the cellar. RESOLVED, That an ex-gratia payment of £2 18s. 0d. be made.

15—Sewer between Clarence Road and Wyman's Brook—The Borough Surveyor reported that as a result of a subsidence it had been necessary to carry out certain works of repair to this sewer. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

16—Windsor Street Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that the two manholes of this sewer had now been completed and the length of sewer thoroughly rodded and cleared so that no further trouble was anticipated. He proposed to examine this sewer from time to time and to carry out rodding if and when necessary. He also submitted two claims for compensation from occupiers of houses in Windsor Street who had suffered inconvenience as a result of manholes being constructed in their gardens. One claim amounted to £1 8s. 4d. and the other to £1. RESOLVED, That these be paid.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th March, 1940. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Grimwade and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—No. 2 Jersey Street and 31 Sherborne Street—The Committee considered the complaints received from the nuisance caused by children getting into these premises and throwing bricks and debris about. The Borough Surveyor recommended that the site should be cleared and that a short length of wall adjoining the premises of the Brewery Co should be re-built to prevent trespass on to their premises. He estimated the total cost of this work to be £20. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out

2—Moors Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that the footpath slabbing near the junction of Yarnold Terrace with Tewkesbury Road was not completed owing to the intended widening of the Railway Bridge, but, as this was not likely to be proceeded with, he recommended that the slabbing should be completed as originally approved. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

3—Whaddon Estate—Land in Dart Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that there was a small triangular plot of undeveloped land adjoining the last house in Dart Road. He recommended that the land should be fenced in and offered to one of the tenants on the estate as an allotment. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that the Housing Manager be instructed to offer it to one of the tenants on the estate at a rent of 2s 6d per annum.

4—Collection of Rents—The Report of the Housing Manager on the collection of rents was submitted and the Committee went through the list of tenants in arrear and gave instructions thereon. RESOLVED, That arrears amounting to £21 17 11 due from former tenants as set out in the list signed by the Chairman be written off as irrecoverable.

5—Land, Tennyson Road—The Town Clerk reported that the tenants of houses in Tennyson Road were complaining of the nuisance caused by children obtaining access to the orchard land at the rear now let out in allotments RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put a padlock on the entrance gate and supply the tenants of the allotments with keys.

6—Repairs Superintendent—The Monthly Report of the Repairs Superintendent was submitted. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the external painting of the 124 houses erected under Scheme " A " on the Whaddon Estate. RESOLVED, also, That the tenants be required to provide their own clothes-line posts-when the posts provided by the Corporation need replacing,

7-32 Brook Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this house for permission to keep fowls be not granted as the Committee consider the garden is not large enough for this purpose

8—St. Mark's Estate—RESOLVED, That the applications of 4 tenants for the replacement of Kitchen Ranges with open grates be not granted at the present time.

9—Whaddon Avenue and Pilley Estates—The Housing Manager reported that some of the tenants on these Estates had asked if the Corporation would have chain-link fencing erected between the back gardens in place of the present post and wire fence which allowed dogs to wander from one garden to another. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report on the cost of providing this, and also what the cost would have been had the work been carried out before the war.

10—Stop Taps--The Housing Manager reported that a number of the houses on the various Estates were not provided with inside Stop Taps. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit estimate of the cost of providing these.

11—New Houses—Read, letter of 19th ult. from the Cheltenham Branch of the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives urging the Town Council to press the Minister of Health to allow the Council to proceed with the erection of new houses. They were of opinion that there was a great need for houses at the present time, and that there will be an increased demand in the near future when some of the factories that are now being erected commence production.

The Town Clerk reminded the Committee that on the 8th September last the Ministry of Health circularised Local Authorities that the Minister would not be prepared for the time being to approve of the erection of further houses unless he was satisfied that there were exceptional circumstances which rendered the work of importance in the national interest, and that no further circular on the matter had yet been issued.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of the letter to the Ministry of Health, and to inform the Ministry that the Council are prepared to resume negotiations with the 1933 Housing Society Ltd. for the erection of houses to let by the Company with the Corporation and Building Society's Guarantee under the Housing Act if the Ministry of Health are prepared to approve of the proposals and authorise the supply of the necessary building materials.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th March, 1940, Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Morris (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—Refuse Collection and Disposal—Salvage—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Chamber of Commerce, also from Col. Biggs suggesting that a central depot should be opened to which the public could take their waste paper, etc. As requested by the Chamber he had arranged to give an Address at their Meeting to be held on the 9th April. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not think it is advisable to accumulate waste paper at one of the empty shops in Pittville Street owing to danger from fire, and that, as there is a daily collection of trade refuse in the principal shopping streets, and householders have been requested to hand all their waste paper and other salvage material to the Ashmen when they call each week, the Committee do not consider there is any need to open up a Receiving Depot in the centre of the town.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Boy Scouts had collected 38 tons of waste paper during the three months ended the 31st December. During the month of February a total of 48 tons 18 cwt. 56 lbs. of waste material had been salvaged. This included over 17 tons of waste paper and over 31 tons of scrap metal ; the total value was £132 which included £85 for obsolete asphalt plant.

(c) Refuse Vehicles—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a suitable slogan painted on the refuse freighters.

(d) Brooklyn Road Tip—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the complaints made to the Public Health Committee of the alleged nuisance from this tip. With regard to sub-soil seepage from the tip the Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged to construct a drain along the whole length of the tip with a small underground filter at an estimated cost of £70. The covering of the tip had been unavoidably delayed owing to the difficulty experienced during the recent heavy frost when it was impossible to excavate the necessary covering material. The covering of the tip was now being proceeded with all speed. The practice of depositing the abattoir waste at the tip had now been discontinued, and he did not anticipate that there would be any further cause for complaint. The first terrace of the tip would be completed in about six weeks' time and seeded down before the end of the summer. RESOLVED, That the steps taken by the Borough Surveyor be approved.

3—Transport—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 12th inst. from Mark Williams & Co. Ltd., that the charge for the hire of 1 ton lorries would be increased from 4s 6d to 5s 2d per hour, and for the 4-5 ton lorries from 6s 3d to 7s per hour.

(b) Overhaul of Vehicles—The Borough Surveyor reported that owing to the increase in price of motor repairs and the possible shortage of spare parts, it was advisable that the lorries belonging to

the Corporation should be overhauled. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to see if he could arrange for the mechanics of the Fire Brigade to undertake this work.

4—Brooklyn Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work of widening Brooklyn Road involved the removal of the hedge in front of the improvement line, but that the builders had not yet erected their fences to the new line and they now stated that there was a difficulty in obtaining the necessary timber for this work. RESOLVED, That in these circumstances the Borough Surveyor be instructed not to proceed with the widening until the builders are able to arrange for the erection of the front fences behind the hedge.

5—Central Depot—Store-keeper—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. F. C. Horlock, Chief Store-keeper, for an increase in salary be granted. RESOLVED, That he be transferred from Grade E (present salary £225) to the maximum of Grade F (£250 per annum)..

6—Borough Surveyor's Department—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from E. F. Hayling, Wages and Cost Clerk, to be transferred from Grade B to Grade C The transfer would not involve any immediate increase apart from the ordinary increment on 1st April. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

7—View Committee—Read, report of the Meeting of the View Committee held on the 13th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair) ; Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Grimwade and Morris.

They recommended as follows :—

(a) 29 St. George's Road—That the offer of Miss Gardiner to surrender a piece of land belonging to this house be not accepted at the present time as the surrender of the land would only improve the vision by a very small amount.

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(b) Rowland Terrace—That the application for the repair and taking over of this road be not granted.

(c) Cleevemount Road and Welland Lodge Road—That the application of the architects for the Corporation to take over these roads be not acceded to until the various defects pointed out to the builders' representatives have been carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and adopted.

8-115 Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Housing Manager that when this house was purchased by the Corporation, the Corporation were not informed that the electrical installation had been installed on the hire purchase system by a former tenant, The amount outstanding including arrears on the hire purchase agreement was £8 4s. 0d. payable by weekly instalments of 1s a week RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to take over the installation and pay the Electrical Facilities Ltd. the sum of £6 10s. 6d. in full settlement of the amount outstanding under the Agreement.

9—Traffic Light signals- Read, circular of 28th ult. from the Ministry of Transport that an investigation was now being made with a view to determining whether it would be possible to

approve a modified system of lighting traffic light signals, and that a further communication would be sent to Local Authorities as soon as the investigation was completed

10—Footpath, Jersey Avenue to All Saints' Church—Read, letter from the Churchwarden of All Saints' Church asking if the Council would be willing to take over the footpath constructed by the Church to give access to the Church from Jersey Avenue as the path was now used as a short cut by the public. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for view.

11—Gardner's Lane—Read, letter of 25th ult. from the Animals Welfare Association drawing attention to the bad state of the road surface of Gardner's Lane, RESOLVED, That as this road has not been taken over by the Corporation, the Committee are unable to carry out any extensive repairs and they do not feel justified at the present time in calling on the abutting owners to make up the road.

12—Pittville Street Improvement Scheme—The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Council had agreed to pay £7,500 on account of the County Council's contribution towards this Scheme. With regard to the Council's application for an increased contribution to that already promised, the County Council suggested that a decision on this application should be deferred until the end of the War. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

13—Borough Surveyor's Department--Highways Superintendent—The Chairman reported that on the occasion of the A.R.P. Exercise on 10th March, Mr. W. R. Armistead, Highways Superintendent, was not present at the Depot to take charge and that the Borough Surveyor had to rely on the Yardmen to take the telephone messages from the Report Centre and arrange for the despatch of the Road Repair Parties assembled at the Depot to deal with the various incidents. Mr. Armistead attended the Committee and stated that he was not interested in Air Raid Precautions and that, while in the event of an Air Raid he would be prepared to do his duty as Highways Superintendent, he was not prepared to undergo a course of gas training, without which he could not efficiently carry out the duties in the event of a gas attack. RESOLVED, That the Committee regret the attitude adopted by the Highways Superintendent, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ask the senior Road Foreman to undertake the necessary work in connection with the Air Raid Precautions Scheme.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st March, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Ward ; Councillors Green, Grimwade and Morris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

14—Borough Surveyor's Department—Highways Superintendent—The Chairman and Borough Surveyor reported that they had interviewed Mr. Timms, the Senior road foreman and arranged for him to undertake the necessary work under the Air Raid Precautions Scheme in connection with the Road etc. Repair Parties. Mr. Armistead attended and informed the Committee that his unwillingness to undertake A.R.P. work was on account of medical grounds, but that he was prepared to help so far as he was able. He regretted that he gave the Committee a wrong impression at the previous meeting.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st March, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen E. L. Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Bendall and Moore (Alderman 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.
5323 (Revised)	College Council	Alterations, Cheltenham College.
5328	Colwell, E.	Lavatory, Devon, Prestbury Road.
5329	Wills, A.	Garage (Private), 128 St. George's Road.
5330	Pates, W. J.	Garage (Private), 46 Painswick Road.
5331	Rogers & Davies	Detached house, Beaufort Road.
5332	Price, W. D.	Garage (Private), 78 Tennyson Road,
5333	Rotol Airscrews Ltd.	Conversion of dwelling house into offices, 3 Keynsham Bank, Upper High Street.
5334	Gregory, E. J.	Garage (Private), 23 St., Phillip's Street.
5335	Adcock, A. R.	Garage (Private), 88 Priors Road.
5336	Cooke, S. J.	Garage (Private), 92 Priors Road.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5332, 5333, 5335 and 5336 be approved ; That Plan No. 5323 be approved subject to the drains under the building being constructed in heavy cast iron ; That Plan No. 5328 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 5329 be approved subject to the building being constructed of incombustible materials ; That Plans Nos. 5330 and 5334 be approved subject to the doors opening inwards, and in the case of Plan No 5334 to the surface water being carried to a soakaway ; That Plan No. 5331 be approved subject to the surface water drainage being connected with the surface water sewers.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5323, 5328, 5329, 5331, 5332, 5334, 5335 and 5336 be approved ; That Plan No 5330 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking that the building will not be used for any other purpose than as a garage except with the consent of the Council ; That Plan No. 5333 be approved subject to premises ceasing to be used as offices on cessation of hostilities or such longer period as the Council may permit.

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

No. of Plan. Name. Description.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 1638 be approved.

3—Applications to Develop—The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 18th inst. from J. A. Pye for amendments to the lay-out of the Orchard Estate. He reported that the proposed amendments would seriously affect the good planning of that area and would have the effect of making the present development an isolated unit instead of being part of a comprehensive scheme over a large area. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

4—Allotments—Bishops Cleeve—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 20th inst. from the Clerk to the Bishops Cleeve Parish Council asking for the small cricket ground at Bishops Cleeve to be scheduled for allotments. RESOLVED, That the Parish Council be informed that the Committee is prepared to schedule the land for allotment purposes as requested, but they desire to point out that the land may be costly having regard to the proposed use and that in consequence thereof the Parish Council may desire to reconsider the matter with a view to finding a less costly piece of land.

5—Mr. J. Walker, Deceased—RESOLVED, That the Committee desire to record their deep regret at the death of Mr. J. Walker and their appreciation of the valuable work carried out by him as a member of this Committee, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to convey to the members of Mr. Walker's family the Committee's sympathy with them in their sad loss.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th March, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates, Ward ; Councillors Avery. Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Smith & Waite ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair),

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their Meetings held on the 27th February and 12th March.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) Whitsuntide Fete—That the tender of Mr. R. Edwards to pay £110 for the right to provide the Amusement Fair at the Whitsuntide Fete from the 10th to the 14th May inclusive be accepted.

(b) Town Hall—That the free use of the Refreshment Room be granted for the Annual Meeting of the Municipal Officers Guild on the 19th March, and also that the free use of the Drawing Room be granted for the A.R.P Umpires Meeting on the 12th March.

(c) Bar—That, having received notice that the Liquidators of Ian Gordon Ltd. are unable to continue providing the bar after the 30th inst , tenders be invited by advertisement for the right to provide the bar up to the 31st May, and that the Sub-Committee be authorised to accept a tender

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

2—Summer Bands--The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the provision of bands and dances for the ensuing Summer season and RESOLVED to recommend as follows :—

(a) That Mr. Arthur Cole's tender of £50 per week to provide the following be accepted:

Sundays—Band of 14 to give an Orchestral Concert at the Town Hall in the evenings.

Tuesday and Friday Evenings—Orchestra of 10 to play at the Town Hall for Cafe Entertainment and, when weather permitting, to play on the terrace outside the Drawing Room.

Thursday Evenings—Orchestra of 6 to play at Cafe Variety Entertainment .

Every Weekday Morning—The usual Quartet to play in the Drawing Room.

Acceptance of the tender to be subject to the usual Agreement being entered into, and to the right of the Committee to discontinue the Tuesday and Friday evening Cafe Entertainment after the 30th June if these do not prove successful.

(b) That the Summer Programme commence at Whitsuntide.

(c) That Dances be held at the Town Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturday evenings, and that Mr. Billy Gammon's tender to provide a Dance Band at the following rates be accepted, subject to the usual Agreement being entered into :—

Evenings (8 p.m. to midnight)	£7 7s. 0d.
Evenings (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.)	£8 0s. 0d
Evenings (9 p.m. to 2 a.m.)	£10 0s. 0d.
Afternoon (3 p.m. to 6 p.m.) and Evening (8 p.m. to 12 p.m.)	£12 0s. 0d

If during any one week three or more Dances are played for, a reduction of £1 in the total fees for the week to be made.

3—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted the following suggestions made by the Superintendent : That the charge for mixed bathing should be reduced from 6d. to 4d. and that mixed bathing should be the rule except during special reservations That the charge for children under 16 should be reduced from 3d. to 2d., and that the washing-baths should be available every weekday during the winter months instead of Saturdays as at present, and that the Baths should close at noon on Bank holidays. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the suggestion of the Superintendent that there should always be mixed bathing except during special reservations and also to keep open the slipper baths every weekday in the winter, but that his other suggestions be not adopted.

(b) RESOLVED, That members of the Blackout Club and Y.M.O A. up to and including the age of 18 be admitted to the Swimming Baths and Swimming Pool at the same rate as charged to children, namely 3d. per head, subject to production of their membership card or badge.

(c) Technical College—Read, application from the Technical College for the grant of 4 free half-season tickets and 11 free full-season tickets to students who had obtained the Intermediate Certificate and Bronze Medallion or Bar to the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(d) Cheltenham Schools' Swimming Association—Read, application from the Cheltenham Schools' Swimming Association for the grant of 121 full-season tickets and 136 half-season tickets for children who have gained the Bronze Medallion or Bar and Intermediate Certificates respectively of the Royal Life Saving Society during the Season 1939. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(e) Central School—Read, application from Mr. E. G. Winter of the Central School for the grant of 38 full-season tickets and 24 half-season tickets for scholars who had obtained the Medallion or bar, and Intermediate Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society during the 1939 Season. RESOLVED, That the application be granted. RESOLVED, also, That the request that the free tickets should also be available for the Swimming Pool be not granted.

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

(b) Swimming Bath—RESOLVED, That the application of the Girls' Grammar School for extended reservation hours be granted, and that they be allowed to reserve the Bath at the same charge as hitherto on Mondays and Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 to 6.15 p.m. RESOLVED, also, That Glyngarth School be allowed to reserve the Bath from the 3rd May to the 26th July on two mornings a week from 12.15 to 1 p.m.

5—Conferences—Read, letters from the National Union of General & Municipal Workers and the Royal Liver Friendly Society stating that after careful consideration they had decided not to hold their Annual Conference in Cheltenham in view of the fact that sufficient suitable hotel accommodation is not available.

6—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Mr. W. H. Brasher asking if the Committee would allow early morning season tickets to include admission on Sunday mornings. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to in view of the large attendances on fine Sunday mornings when the public have to pay the ordinary charges.

7—Pittville Pump Room—Read, application from the Infant Welfare Association for the free use of the Pittville Gardens and Pump Room for the Annual Tea for the mothers attending the Infant Welfare Centres. RESOLVED, That this be granted subject to the date arranged being convenient.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th March, 1940. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Addis, Grimwade and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Street Lighting--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the remaining 120 street light fittings had been delivered and erection was proceeding in the positions approved by the Committee. RESOLVED, That the question of the further extension of war time street lighting be reviewed at the next Meeting of the Committee instead of at the May Meeting and that Minute No. 1a of the last Minutes of the Committee be amended accordingly.

2—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) It was reported that a lorry belonging to Tuckers Transport, Cardiff, had damaged a lamp standard at the corner of Suffolk Road and Painswick Road, RESOLVED, That a claim be made on the owners of the lorry for £20 3s. 8d. for the cost of repairing the lamp post.

(b) It was reported that a lorry belonging to Messrs. J. B. Williams & Co., Gloucester, had damaged a lamp standard at the junction of Ashford Road and Tivoli Road, RESOLVED, That a claim be made against the owners of the lorry for £12 11s. 10d. being the estimated damage to the lamp, but the replacement of the lamp be deferred for the present.

(c) It was reported that a lamp post in Keynsham Road outside Kennedy Lodge had been damaged by an unknown person. RESOLVED, That this lamp standard be not replaced until full street lighting is again resumed as it may be desirable to rearrange the light in this position.

3—Overhead Lines--The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Transport had consented to the erection of an overhead line at Haydon.

4—Contract for Supply to Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Manager of a power consumer had informed him that their works had closed down temporarily for manufacture on 9th January and they wished to be released from their Contract or that the Contract should be temporarily suspended. RESOLVED, That the Company be required to pay the charges provided for in the Contract up to 31st March and that the Contract be then temporarily suspended and the power supply cut off and that the Company be charged for light at the ordinary rural lighting rate.

5—A.R.P. Protective Clothing etc.—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the protective clothing and other equipment which had hitherto been borrowed would no longer be available and that it was necessary that this equipment should be replaced RESOLVED, That he be authorised to purchase 10 sets of the necessary clothing etc. at a cost of about £50.

6—Cottages at Staverton—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for the supply of electricity to two cottages at Staverton. RESOLVED, That supply be given on the usual terms and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for sanction to the erection of an overhead service line.

7—War Department Depot, Barrow Farm, Boddington—The Town Clerk reported that the Agreement in respect of the supply to this building had not yet been approved by the War Office. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to write to the Headquarters of the Southern Command pressing for this Agreement to be approved and executed.

8—Cables Near Malvern Road Station--RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an undertaking entered into with the Great Western Railway Company indemnifying them against any

additional expense incurred in reconstructing or repairing their railway bridge near Malvern Road Station as a result of the laying of electric cables in the roadway over the bridge.

9—Fraudulent Abstraction of Electricity—It was reported that Mrs. G. L. Hopkins of 6 Russell Place had fraudulently abstracted electricity to the value of £2 by inserting metal discs in the prepayment meter RESOLVED, That Superintendent Hopkins be asked to take proceedings,

10—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of Gas Tests made on the 27th ult. the 4th, 10th, 14th and 19th inst. which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 479.7, 474.5, 479.8, 471.0 and 472.0 B.Th.U. per cubic foot respectively and the pressure to be 9.9, 8.7, 9.6, 9.6 and 8.9 inches of water respectively.

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th March, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Ward ; Councillors Barnett and Dr. Hayward (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 29th February, 1940	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years
Hewletts Springs	384,000 gallons	318,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,241,000 "	1,637,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	54,000 "	58,000
	2,679,000	2,013,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 101,223,000 gallons.

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

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

4—Hewletts Reservoir—(a) The Borough Engineer reported that the 18 inch outlet main had now been sterilised and washed out and was ready for use at any time.

(b) Boundary Wall—The Borough Engineer reported that about 30 yards of the boundary wall was in a dangerous condition and he had found it necessary to pull it down, and he was having this re-erected. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Extensions to Mains—(a) R.A.S.C. Depot, Ashchurch—The Borough Engineer reported further negotiations in regard to the supply of about 50,000 to 60,000 gallons per day for the new R.A.S.C. Depot at Ashchurch. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to reduce the charge for the water to be supplied to the Rural District Council for consumption at the Camp from 1s 3d to 1s per 1,000 gallons, subject to the Rural District Council undertaking to pass the whole of this reduction on to the Army Authorities.

(b) Benhall Farm—The Borough Engineer reported that he had now received instructions to proceed with the laying of the new Water Main in Gloucester Road for the supply to the temporary Government Offices in course of erection at Benhall Farm.

6—Sandford Water Works—The Borough Engineer reported that the additional electrical pumping unit had now been delivered and that when it was fixed he proposed to use this instead of the existing steam plant.

7—Home or Lower Farm—Eight Gabled House—Read, letter from Mr. F. Pope of Dowdeswell Court drawing attention to the bad state of repair of the old Eight Gabled House, and the Borough Surveyor reported on his inspection of the property. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire of Mr. Pope whether he would be prepared to make an offer for the purchase of the property in view of the fact that this adjoins his premises.

8—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Read, report of damage to the fence of this Reservoir by a motor lorry on the 26th ult. The Town Clerk reported that the cost of making good the damage had now been paid.

9—Committee—RESOLVED, That Councillor S. C. Morris be appointed a member of the Committee in place of Councillor P. T. Smith who has resigned in his favour.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th March, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pruen, Ward and Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Trye in the chair).

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

(b) The Town Clerk submitted the Warble Fly (Dressing of Cattle) Amendment Order which had been published as required by the Ministry.

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. S. C. Pritchett for the transfer of the licence formerly held by Mr. Clark in respect of Taxi GN95 and for a Driver's Licence be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. R. Wilson for the granting of an additional Hackney Carriage Licence be granted subject to a satisfactory report on the vehicle being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector and from Superintendent Hopkins.

3—Marle Hill House—Read, letter of 18th inst. from the tenants of Marle Hill House giving notice to terminate their tenancy on 29th September next.

4—Salvation Army—RESOLVED, That the sum of £20 be subscribed as last year to the Salvation Army, £10 of which to be allocated to the Slum and Goodwill Centre at Tewkesbury Road and £10 to the Bath Road Centre.

5—Ambulance Headquarters—Read, letter of 9th inst. from Mr. S. T. Davis, Honorary Secretary of the Ambulance Headquarters, that he had been instructed by his Board of Management to ask if the Corporation could assist them during the war by increasing their grant from £200 to £300 per annum. They were faced with the immediate purchase of a new ambulance at a cost of about £600. The many appeals on behalf of war charities and the Red Cross made it difficult for them to appeal to the public, Mr. S. T. Davis attended RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to make an increased grant of £75 per annum for the period of the war, subject to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council making a like contribution between them of £25.

6—House to House Collection Act—The Town Clerk submitted the following applications for licences to promote House to House Collections --

Miss Joan Estcourt ...Community House, College Green, Gloucester, in respect of Gloucester Diocesan Association for Moral Welfare Work. 32 collectors.

Miss F. M. Ramsay ... District Nursing Association, Victoria Home, St. James' Square, Cheltenham. Collection from annual subscribers, 4 collectors.

RESOLVED, That the applications be granted subject to compliance with the House to House Collection Regulations,

7—Riding Establishments Act, 1939—The Town Clerk reported that under this Act the Corporation were empowered to authorise duly registered Veterinary Surgeons to inspect any premises used as riding establishments. Read, circular from the National Veterinary Medical Association recommending that there should be a minimum of four inspections per annum, and that the minimum fee to be paid to Veterinary Surgeons should be one guinea per inspection, plus travelling expenses. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not think it is necessary to institute an inspection of riding establishments in Cheltenham at present.

8—Shops Act—Read, circular of 7th inst. from the Home Office that as from 17th March the earlier hours for the closing of shops will cease to apply, and that the general closing hours under the Shops (Hours of Closing) Act 1928 will again be in force.

9—Prices of Goods Act—Read, circular of 21st ult. from the Local Price Regulation Committee, Albion Chambers, Bristol, drawing attention to the appointment of this Committee which had been formed to carry out the provisions of this Act, and asking the Council to display notices on public

buildings drawing attention to the provisions of the Act. The Town Clerk reported that notices had been displayed accordingly.

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10—Evacuation Scheme—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health has informed him that no further school children would be evacuated to Cheltenham under the New Evacuation Scheme.

11—Municipal Offices—The Committee considered recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Offices should be closed during the lunch hour RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider this is desirable or practicable.

12—Numbering of Houses, &c.—RESOLVED, That the new road on the Orchard Estate, running parallel with Hawthorn Road, be named Tanners Road ; also that the plan of numbering of houses on the Estate be approved.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th March, 1940. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bush, Green and Grimwade : Messrs. Harris and Wiggett (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Monthly Report of Acting Chief Officer--The Acting Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended 15 calls to fire, as follows:-

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28th February	Town Hall (Malicious false alarm)
1st March	Smith's Systems.
2nd	8 Old Bath Road.
2nd	Cleeve Hill.
3rd	North Street Motors.
3rd	Cleeve Hill.
3rd	Queensholme, Pittville Circus Road.
4th	Castleton, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings.
4th	Brooklyn Road.
6th	Park House, The Park.
7th	Rodney Road Car Park.
8th	103 Albion Street.
10th	Hartley Hill, Charlton Kings.
10th	Timbercombe Lane, Charlton Kings.
11th	10 Suffolk Parade.

2—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) Exercise—The Acting Chief Officer reported that 100 personnel took part in the Exercise in Cheltenham on 10th March. 17 Trailer pumps and towing vehicles were brought into action, and 27 seventy-five foot lengths of hose were used. 1 large Trailer pump and crew also attended the combined Exercise at Bristol on the 17th inst.

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(b) Canvas Dams—The Acting Chief Officer reported that recently wilful damage had been caused to the Canvas Dam situate at the entrance to Smith's Systems' premises by cutting the canvas with pocket knives. The matter had been reported to the police who were making further enquiries. In accordance with Circular No. 20 of 6th inst. from the Home Office, he had now given instructions for all canvas dams to be dismantled, dried and stored where they would be accessible for immediate transportation to any part of the Borough when required.

(c) Steel Dam—RESOLVED, That when the 5,000 gallon steel dam is received, the Acting Chief Officer be instructed to arrange for this to be placed on the land adjoining Martyn's works.

(d) Equipment —Read, circular No. 31 of 23rd ult. enclosing copy of the Air Raid Precautions (Storage and Loan of Equipment) Regulations. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Acting Chief Officer.

(e) Military Service—The Town Clerk submitted Circulars No. 15 and 17 from the Home Office in regard to military service of Auxiliary Fire Service Personnel. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Acting Chief Officer.

(f) Food—Read, circular No. 16 of 27th ult. from the Home Office that a single meal should be provided free of charge to whole-time personnel whilst on night duty at Auxiliary Fire Stations at a cost not exceeding 1s per head. RESOLVED, That the Acting Chief Officer be instructed to see what arrangements can be made for the provision of this meal, and that the Chairman be authorised to approve of any arrangements made provided the cost does not exceed the amount authorised by the Home Office. RESOLVED, also, That it be left to the Chairman to accept a tender if he thinks it advisable for two days supply of emergency rations for personnel in case of serious fires involving long periods of fire fighting in accordance with Circular No. 8.

3—Winchcomb Fire Brigade—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking if the Council would allow the Acting Chief Officer to visit Winchcomb and give a course of instruction to the Winchcomb Fire Brigade RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to undertake this training at a charge of £2 per man, subject to the District Council arranging for the conveyance of the Officer to and from Winchcomb.

4—The late Mr. Haslam's Premises—The Committee further considered the question of the purchase of these premises which would make convenient stores for Fire Brigade equipment in view of their close proximity to the Fire Station. The Town Clerk submitted letter of 12th inst. from the District Valuer in regard to the price at which the property might be purchased. RESOLVED, That the question of the purchase of this property be not proceeded with at present.

5—Mutual Assistance Scheme—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Town Clerk, Swindon, that his Council was considering their obligations under the Fire Brigades Act which required Fire Authorities to enter into mutual assistance arrangements with other Fire Authorities, and asking whether the

Council would be prepared to enter into an arrangement for mutual support with his Council in respect of the Borough of Swindon and the Rural Districts of Highworth, Cricklade and Wootten Bassett. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Committee and that the Acting Chief Officer be instructed to submit report on the question of mutual assistance to neighbouring Fire Authorities.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th March, 1940, Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith; Messrs. A. Ball, H. G. Stokes and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—The Gardens Superintendent reported a marked improvement in the cultivation of the allotments during the last month, but the following allotments were still in an unsatisfactory state of cultivation, viz. Nos. 24 and 38 Alma Road, Nos. 3 and 20 Creamery Piece, No. 20 Baglin's Piece, Nos. 27 and 28 North Ward, Nos. 78, 92 and 96 Marle Hill and Nos. 19 to 23 Hatherley Road, The Town Clerk reported that Nos. 24 and 38 Alma Road, No. 20 Creamery Piece and No. 78 Marle Hill had just been re-let, No. 3 Creamery Piece and Nos. 19-23 Hatherley Road were vacant and Nos. 92 and 96 Marle Hill were let to the Unemployed Allotment Association. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Tenants of No. 20 Baglin's Piece, Nos. 27 and 28 North 1, Vard and also the Unemployed Allotment Association calling their attention to the necessity for the cultivation of the land.

2—Arrears of Rent —The Borough Treasurer submitted statement of the arrears outstanding. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to write off the arrears in respect of No 15 Baglin's Piece, Nos. 76, 77, 98 and 109 Asquith Road, Nos. 14 and 80 Marle Hill and No. 89 North Ward, RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to other Tenants in arrear and to take proceedings against them if necessary.

3—re Well on Allotment No. 35 North Ward—The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed he had inspected this well, which he found to be 16 ft. deep with 9 ft. 3 ins. depth of water at present: It was situate in the corner of this allotment, approximately 4 ft. to the centre of the well from the roadway. From information he obtained it appeared that the well dries up in the Summer. The Tenant of the allotment had been interviewed and stated that the well was originally covered by a stone slab at a depth of about 3 ft. and the pump was fixed adjacent to the road. The pump gave trouble continuously and was removed about six years ago and the well was not used until the Tenant opened it up about 12 months ago by removing the stone slab and fixing an old barrel on the top of the brickwork. The Tenant raised no objection to Tenants of neighbouring allotments making reasonable use of the well RESOLVED, That no action be taken at the present time.

4—Rebates in Rent—RESOLVED, That the Tenants of No. 8 Wasley's Field, Nos. 24 and 38 Alma Road, Nos. 167 and 168 North Ward, Nos. 89 and 91 Asquith Road and No 20a Creamery Piece be granted the use of these allotments rent free to 29th September next in view of their bad condition.

5—Nos. 19 and 20 Hatherley Road Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that the Tenant of these allotments had never cultivated the same although he signed the Tenancy Agreement in August 1939. He had found the allotments too far away and was under the impression that he had given verbal notice to quit. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances the arrears amounting to 8s be written off and the allotments re-let.

6—Allotment No. 7 Tennyson Road--The Town Clerk reported that he had been unable to let this allotment The Gardens Superintendent also reported that it was low-lying, frequently flooded and in a very bad condition. RESOLVED, That the allotment be let rent free if a Tenant can be found.

7—Allotment No. 124 Marle Hill Estate—RESOLVED, That this allotment be let at the reduced rent of 9s per annum in view of the existence of a well on the same which precluded an area being cultivated.

8—War-Time Food Production in Allotments and Private Gardens—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Clerk of the County Council asking for an estimate of expenditure for the period commencing 1st April, 1940 and ending 31st March, 1941 and stating that the Agricultural Education Sub-Committee considered that the establishment of five demonstration plots might be undertaken by the Parks staff as suggested by the Ministry of Agriculture and the estimated cost of £15, previously submitted, be off-set by sales of produce. RESOLVED, That the estimate of the Gardens Superintendent amounting to £50 for providing lectures, advertising, fencing of demonstration plots etc. be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee be asked to bear the cost of cultivating the five demonstration plots, taking proceeds from any sales of produce.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th March, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Bendall, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—New Recreation Ground, Whaddon Road—It was reported that this Ground was ready to be taken over from the Contractors on 1st April. RESOLVED, That the Ground be opened on Thursday, 20th March so as to be available for the Easter holidays. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. W. G. Ives be appointed Custodian at a wage of £2 13s. 2d. per week, to commence his duties on the day of opening.

2—Demonstration Allotments—(a) Cultivation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Allotments Committee, That this Committee undertake the cultivation of the five demonstration plots in various parts of the town and that no charge be made for cultivation, this Committee to take proceeds of sale of produce.

(b) Notice Boards, Labels, Fencing etc.—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the plots in Sandford Park and Winter Gardens would require fencing off and also the provision of five large Notice Boards and a considerable quantity of wood labels. He estimated the cost of this at approximately £9s 10s. RESOLVED, That this sum be included in the estimate to be submitted to the County Council for the period 1st April, 1940 to 31st March, 1941.

(c) Seed Potatoes—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the Cheltenham Agricultural Traders Ltd. had given, free of cost, the seed potatoes required for the demonstration plots. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to convey the thanks of the Committee to the Company for their gift.

3—Collection of Scrap Iron—The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the last month a considerable quantity of scrap iron was collected from the Parks and Recreation Grounds and from the store at Sandford Nursery and removed to the Depot.

4—Royal Crescent Garden—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had received an enquiry on behalf of the occupiers of the houses in Royal Crescent Garden as to when the planting of bulbs and flowers would commence. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have the Garden kept tidy, the lawns and mounds cut and, the gardens planted to the same extent as they have been in the past.

5—Ploughing of Fields—(a) The Gardens Superintendent reported that with the exception of a very small area at Whaddon the ploughing had been completed and the fields would be inspected in the course of a few days by the officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. He also reported that Mrs Rees was still grazing horses on the land in Brooklyn Road, although the notice to quit had expired. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mrs. Rees asking her to cease grazing horses on the land as otherwise damage would be caused to the ground.

(b) Field off Shelley Road—Read, letter of 22nd ult. front Mrs. Holtam asking if a small path could be left in this field so that the children could obtain access from Shelley Road to the Playing Field. The Gardens Superintendent reported that this was one of the fields inspected and passed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries as suitable for cultivation and the formation of a footpath might prejudice the grant from the Ministry, RESOLVED, That Mrs. Holtam be informed that the Committee are unable to grant her request.

6—Damage to Roundabouts—The Gardens Superintendent reported that considerable damage had been caused to the Roundabouts both by clogs and trespass.

7—Death of Mr. W. H. Hamblin—The Gardens Superintendent reported that Mr. W. H. Hamblin, who prior to his retirement had been in the service of the Corporation for about 30 years and for many years had been Custodian at Whaddon Road Recreation Ground, died on the 7th inst. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to convey to his widow and family the sympathy of this Committee with them in their bereavement.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th March, 1940. Present—Councillors Capt. 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 24th February to 15th March. Number of Interments 73; Cremations 17 ; Grave Spaces sold 19 (1st Position 2, 4th Position 17); New Memorials erected 10 ; New Inscriptions 8.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 10155 to 10173

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2506 to 2576, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Civilian War Deaths Scheme—The Town Clerk reported that, as instructed, he had enquired of the Ministry of Health as to whether provision should be made for the interment of unclaimed bodies in coffins or shrouds. He now submitted letter of 27th ult. from the Ministry that, in the event of coffins being unprocurable, burial in shrouds could not be avoided, and that some of the Local Authorities in more vulnerable areas had included a suitable number of shrouds in their mortuary equipment. The shrouds should be strong enough to carry the weight of the body and should be provided with handles.

The Ministry expected that in most areas relatives and friends would take charge of bodies and make their own arrangements for burial, but where the responsibility fell upon the Local Authority, Local Authorities should make reasonable arrangements with local undertakers for burial or themselves inter the bodies. If arrangements are made with local undertakers, they should not involve a charge for burial of more than £5 per body.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be now instructed to submit the estimates for equipping the three emergency Mortuaries as previously approved, and that provision be included in the estimates for 20 shrouds for each Mortuary.

5—Maintenance of Graves 10472 and 10473, Section Q—The Town Clerk reported that Miss E. M. Conder's relatives in South America had agreed to pay the sum of £100 to the Corporation for the maintenance of these graves in perpetuity, but that owing to the international situation, only £50 could at present be paid. Miss Conder asked that the Corporation should accept this sum on an undertaking to pay the balance as soon as the money could be transferred. RESOLVED, That, in the circumstances, this be agreed to.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th March, 1940. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Barnett and Bush (Alderman Ward in the chair).

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

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th March, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pruett and Ward ; Councillors Garland and Grimwade (Alderman Ward in the chair). The following Chairmen of Committees also attended; Alderman Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Rogers.

1—Estimate for Rate—The estimates for the rate were considered, RESOLVED, That the same as now settled be approved and submitted to the Council and that the Council be recommended to make a General Rate of 11s 4d. in the £ for the year commencing 1st April, 1940 with an abatement of 2d. in the £ in respect of the areas transferred to the Borough under the County of Gloucester Review Order, 1935.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 27th March, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James and Ward ; Councillors Garland and Grimwade (Alderman Ward in the chair).

2—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £134,769 Leaving Outstanding £10,655.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst , on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1940 Amount collected £26,498 Leaving Outstanding £1,272.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 27th inst. Present—Alderman Ward (in the chair) and Alderman Leigh James and Councillor Garland. 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. RESOLVED, That the sum of £276 18s. 0d. arrears as set out in the lists submitted by the Borough Treasurer be written off as irrecoverable.

6—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Housing Bonds amounting to £4,775 have been renewed for five years at 3 ¼ per cent.

7—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Building Society had now agreed to advance the remaining £20,000 under their Mortgage, half on the 31st inst. and the remaining half on 30th April.

8—National Health Insurance—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Exception Certificate originally granted by the Ministry in respect of members of the Administrative Staff expired under the provisions of the 1936 Act There were now only 18 members of the Administrative Staff remaining under the old Certificate. RESOLVED, That the Exception Certificate be not renewed.

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9—Borough Treasurer's Department—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported further on the illness of his Chief Assistant Mr. G. B. Pearce. Mr. Pearce was medically unfit for further service and was desirous of being superannuated. Mr. Pearce (age 59) had completed 39 years' service and his pension would amount to £197 16s. 4d. per annum, and the Borough Treasurer recommended that this should be increased to the maximum by calculating the portion of the pension in respect of non-contributory service on the basis of sixtieths instead of eightieths which would increase the pension to £239 15s 7d , the extra £41 19s. 3d. being paid out of the rates in accordance with Section 8 (2) of the Act. RESOLVED, That this he agreed to, but that the extra £41 19s. 3d. be paid up to the date Mr. Pearce attains the age of 65. RESOLVED, also, That the Committee record their appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Pearce during the past 39 years and their regret at his having to retire, and desire to express to him their best wishes for his speedy return to health.

(b) The Borough Treasurer recommended the following rearrangement of his Staff consequent on Mr. Pearce's retirement:-

Mr. S. Morris, at present General Accountancy Assistant on Grade "A" (£350) to be promoted Assistant Borough Treasurer at a salary of £425 rising by annual increments of £25 to £475.

Mr. R. M. Axtell, at present Internal Audit Clerk, Grade "E" (£225) to be promoted to Audit and Assistant Accountancy Assistant on Grade "G" at a commencing salary of £250.

Mr. W. J. Morrell, Second Accountancy Assistant, Grade "E" (£225) to be promoted to First Accountancy Assistant on Grade "H" at a commencing salary of £268.

Mr. E. Jones, Ledger Clerk, Grade "B" (£156) to be promoted to Grade "C" at a commencing salary of £169.

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted and that the Borough Treasurer be authorised to engage a Junior Clerk on Grade "A."

10—Superannuation--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that W. Roland and W. Hamlin, in receipt of pensions of 4s and 19s per week respectively, died on the 1st and 7th March respectively.

(b) F. A. Pratt—The Borough Treasurer reported that F. A. Pratt, Storeman, retired on the 21st inst. His pension based on 29 years non-contributory and 13 years contributory service amounted to £1 7s. 10d. per week RESOLVED, That this be paid.

11—County Review Order, 1935—Cheltenham Rural District Council's Claim—Read, letters from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking for a payment on account to be made in respect of the outstanding portion of their claim for the Prestbury Sewerage. RESOLVED, That a payment of £500 on account be made, without prejudice.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 1st April, 1940, 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, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, M.A., M.P., Miller, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Margrett ; Councillors Avery, Fletcher, Ben James, Moore and Till.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th March, 1940, 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—General Rate----Moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Alderman Ward 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, 1940 and terminating on the Thirty-first day of March, 1941, 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, 1940 and terminating on the Thirty-first day of March, 1941, 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, 1940 ; Also, That in pursuance of Article 89 of the County of Gloucester (Review Order), 1935, an abatement of 2d. in the £ from the aforesaid General Rate be made in respect of every hereditament situate in the areas transferred to

the Borough from the Parishes of Leckhampton, Prestbury and Up Hatherley under the said Order ; Also, That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed hereto ; Also, That notice of the said Rate be given within seven days after the making thereof by affixing notice of the same in some public or conspicuous places in the Borough."

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An Amendment was moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Grimwade "That the Motion be amended so as to provide for a General Rate of 11s 2d. instead of 11s 4d. in the £ with an abatement of 2d. in the in respect of the areas transferred to the Borough under the County of Gloucester (Review Order), 1935.

" On being put to the Meeting the Mayor declared the Amendment carried by 13 votes to 12 votes.

The following voted for the Amendment, namely :--Aldermen Leigh James and Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson and Miller.

The following voted against the Amendment, namely :—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates, Taylor, Ward and Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Compton, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

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 11

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Winterbotham and seconded by Councillor Bush : " That Minute No. 11 (a) with regard to the charge for Office Accommodation at the Abattoir be referred back for further accommodation."

Housing...	Meeting held March 14
Street and Highway	Meetings held March 18 & 21
Town Planning	Meeting held March 21
Town Improvement and Spa...	Meeting held March 15

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Smith : "That Minute No. 2 (a) with regard to Summer Orchestra etc. he amended and that the proposal to engage an Orchestra of 10 on Tuesday and Friday evening Cafe Entertainments be not approved and that the Agreement with Mr. Cole be varied accordingly" was lost),

Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held March 20
Water	Meeting held March 12
General Purposes and Watch	Meeting held March 19
Fire Brigade	Meeting held March 18
Allotments ...	Meeting held March 11
Parks and Recreation Grounds	Meeting held March 11

Cemetery and Crematorium	Meeting held March 15
Rating	Meeting held March 7
Finance	Meeting held March 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.

JNO. HOWELL, Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 2nd May, 1940.

Sir,

You are hereby Summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on the 6th, day of May, 1940, 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 Mr. Ben L. James resigning his Membership of the Town Council.
5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

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 May, 1940.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th April, 1940. Present—Aldermen Pruen and Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Moore, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 95 Prestbury Road—RESOLVED, That consideration of making a Demolition Order in respect of this house be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

(b) 34 and 34a North Place—The Committee considered the official representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house 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 Owner, to the person having control of the house, and to the Mortgagees, if any, that the condition of the said house and any offer with respect to the carrying out of works or the future user of the house will be considered at a Meeting of this Committee to be held on the 15th May, 1940.

2—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness-24 Hanover Street; and 1 and 2 Lower Park 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 at least 10 years.

3—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 cwt 1 qr. 15 lbs Beef 2 qrs. 12 ½ lbs Bacon and 5 lbs. Fowls.

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

5—Nuisances from Drains, etc.-11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 37a, 39, 55, 59 and 61 Duke Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains etc. on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be 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—Health Department Staff—Read, application from Mr. S. Woodman, temporary disinfecting Inspector for an increase in salary. He was at present receiving £3 a week and the Medical Officer of Health reported that he was satisfactory and recommended an increase. RESOLVED, That he be given an increase in salary of 3s a week

7—Land at Elmstone Hardwicke—Read, letter from the Ministry of Health pointing out that capital expenditure should be restricted within the narrowest limits and that consent to borrowing can only be given to projects of pressing necessity, either by reason of public need or of war requirements, and asking that if, in the present circumstances, the Council are desirous of proceeding with the

purchase of the land for sewage disposal purposes, evidence should be submitted of the urgency for this. RESOLVED, That the purchase be not proceeded with at the present.

8—Sewers in High Street—Read, letter from the London Midland & Scottish Railway Company agreeing to the laying of twin sewers under the railway and to the taking out of an existing sewer near the point where the railway crosses High Street, subject to the Corporation entering into an Agreement to indemnify the Company against any costs incurred as a result of the laying of the sewer. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to this Agreement.

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9—Sewage Filter Media—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter from Jeas Hartshill Granite & Brick Co. Ltd in connection with the Contract entered into with them for the supply of sewage filter media, stating that owing to the increased costs of war materials and wages the additional costs of haulage would be 1s 4d. per ton making the new price 16s 1d. per ton. As this was a moderate figure he had accepted it for further deliveries before the end of the financial year and also for the remaining quantity to be delivered during the new financial year. RESOLVED, That his action be approved and confirmed.

10—Hayden Lane Cottages—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Miss Rymer asking for the cottages occupied by herself and Mr. Iliffe to be provided with the water carriage system of drainage which would necessitate the construction of a considerable length of drain, together with a septic tank, at a cost of about £30—£40. RESOLVED That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain estimates of the cost of installing portable chemical closets.

11—Abattoir—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council of Minute No 11 (a) of the last Meeting. RESOLVED, That the Cheltenham Butchers' Buying Committee be charged 2s 6d a week, plus the cost of electricity supplied in respect of the Office accommodation used by them and that the above Minute No. 11 (a) be varied accordingly.

12—Regal Cinema—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the drainage of the water closets in the basement of the Regal Cinema and as to what steps he considers the proprietors should take to improve this.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th April, 1940. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Bush, Compton, Grimwade, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Whaddon Farm Estate—(Scheme "A")—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of the exterior painting of the 124 houses erected under Scheme "A" at £421 12s. 0d. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this painting executed.

9 — Stop Taps—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimates for fixing stop taps inside the houses which were at present without these. In the case of 33 houses in Spenser Road and Spenser Avenue,

the water fittings were upstairs and if a leakage occurred considerable damage to the property might result. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have stop taps inserted in these houses at an estimated cost of £29, and that the question of providing stop taps in various other houses on other Estates be deferred for the time being.

3—Housing Manager—The Housing Manager submitted her monthly report on the collection of rents.

4—Repairs Superintendent—The monthly Report of the Repairs Superintendent was submitted.

5—Land off Arle Road--Read, letter of 28th ult. from Mr. J. K. Troughton offering to sell to the Corporation the cottage, outbuildings, and land containing about 6 ½ acres off Arle Road. RESOLVED, That the purchase of the land be not entertained.

6—Garden Competition—RESOLVED, That the Garden Competition be held this year, that tenants be informed that the planting of vegetables in front gardens will now be permitted, and that, in awarding the prizes, regard will be had to the cultivation of vegetables. RESOLVED, also, That the sum of £23 be awarded in prizes at the discretion of the Sub-Committee as last year.

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7-13 Wordsworth Avenue—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant to erect a shed in accordance with the plan submitted be approved.

8—46 Wymans Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this house to keep fowls be granted subject to not more than eight fowls being kept, to no cockerels being kept, and to the fowl-house and run being constructed to the satisfaction of the Housing Manager.

9—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Meetings of this Sub-Committee held on 22nd February, 8th March and the 5th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) That the rents fixed and the rebates granted, as set out in the Rents Rebate Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

(b) That the application of the tenant of 11 Windrush Road for permission to keep rabbits be not granted.

(c) Rent Rebates Scale—That the increase of 1s a week in the rent of tenants in the Forces in respect of their maintenance etc. be discontinued where the allowances made to the wife are less than £2 per week. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd April, 1940. Present-The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham Councillors Addis, Fisher, Grimwade, Morris and Rogers (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Footpath, Jersey Avenue to All Saints' Church—The Committee further considered the request from Colonel Tarrant that the Corporation should take over the footpath leading from Jersey Avenue to All Saints' Church, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report thereon at the next Meeting.

2—Regal Cinema, Promenade—The Town Clerk reported on the negotiations with Mr. L. C. Norton, Architect, in regard to the balance of the account in respect of altering the pump chamber supplying the Fountain and other works to give access to the Regal Cinema amounting to £47 18s. 7d. The total cost of the work had amounted to £157 18s. 7d. towards which the Cinema had agreed to contribute £75. RESOLVED, That the outstanding balance be borne by the Corporation.

3-217 Bath Road—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland that their client, Mr. C. Dennis of 4 Tivoli Place was willing to take these premises at a rental of £30 per annum, inclusive of rates, as a repair depot for certain machines, Mr. Dennis was prepared to do all the interior decorations but asked that the Corporation should replace all broken glass, paint exterior window-frames, provide the necessary keys, repair the roof, and make good the floor in the front shop. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost at £21 7s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the Committee recommend that the premises be offered to Mr. Dennis at an inclusive rent of £25 per annum, subject to Mr. Dennis carrying out all the repairs and renovations required.

4-215 Bath Road—Read, letter of 19th inst. from Mr. H. Boreham offering this property for sale, RESOLVED, That the purchase be not entertained.

5—National Safety First Association—Read, circular from this Association inviting the attendance of delegates to a one-day Congress to be held in London on the 17th May next. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be appointed to attend.

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6-54 Promenade—The Town Clerk reported a claim made by Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend on behalf of Mrs. Cooper in respect of damage to a water main belonging to these premises alleged to have been caused by the roots of a tree in the Promenade. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Town Clerk for consideration and report.

7-11 Winchcomb Street Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Mrs. D. M. Harper offering to take these premises at a rent of £1 10s. 0d. per month plus rates. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to all the repairs decorations required being carried out by Mrs. Harper.

8—Pittville Street improvement. Scheme—(a) Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Messrs. Dudley, Samuel & Harrison that their clients were willing to consider the acquisition of the site on the basis of a 99 years' building lease subject to payment of a nominal rent until such time when arrangements could

be made for the erection of a building on the site. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to entertain this proposal at the present time.

(b) 5 Pittville Street—Chairman reported an interview he had had with Mrs. Colchester-Wemyss of the Women's Voluntary Services in regard to the renting of these premises by the Women's Voluntary Services of the Cheltenham Rural District Council. He informed Mrs Colchester-Wemyss that the Corporation were willing for the Women's Voluntary Services to continue to use these premises subject to the payment of a rent of £60 per annum, plus rates, or, in the alternative, were prepared to allow them to use other premises in the street in respect of which no offer for the tenancy had been made, rent free until such time as an offer to rent the same is received. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9--Streamers across Promenade and High Street—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Bertram Mills' Circus for permission erect a streamer across the Promenade and High Street on the occasion of the visit of the Circus to Cheltenham next month. RESOLVED, That permission be given to display the banners for two days, subject to the usual conditions.

10—Refuse Collection Disposal—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the following had been salvaged during the 1cast month :--

Paper	17 tons
Metal	25 tons
Rags	10 ½ cwts.
Bottles	774 No.
Jars ...	2.148 No.
Sacking ...	6 ½ cwts.

In view of the increased quantity of paper collected, the Borough Surveyor had obtained a second baling press from the Thames Board Mills Ltd. He was also endeavouring to obtain the Anti-Waste Film on loan again.

(b) Bones—The Chairman reported that, at the Conference held at Gloucester, Local Authorities were particularly urged by the Ministry of Supply to organise a collection of bones and he had arranged with the Education Secretary to write to the Head Teachers of the Schools to see if arrangements could be made to organise a collection of bones by the schoolchildren.

(c) Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor reported that the ashmen were still finding a considerable quantity of waste paper in some of the dust-bins. RESOLVED, That where the ashmen find that waste paper has been put in the dust-bin they be instructed to deliver to the householders concerned a further copy of the leaflet dealing with the importance of salvaging waste paper in clean condition,

(d) Salvage—Read, circular of 10th inst. from the Women's Voluntary Services that they were prepared to assist with the Anti-Waste Campaign by making house-to-house visitations and giving publicity to the scheme, RESOLVED, That the Committee consider that if the Women's Voluntary Services can arrange to canvas householders urging them to collect all waste materials it would be of great assistance.

(e) Waste Food Stuff—The Town Clerk submitted memorandum received from the Ministry of Supply in regard to the utilisation of waste food stuffs for pig and poultry feeding. The Borough Surveyor reported that the amount of waste food found amongst the refuse was not very large as quite a number of the larger premises were disposing of their waste foods to pig-keepers and others, but he had arranged for the time being for any waste food found at the tip or handed to the ashmen to be sold to one of the Corporation employees who kept pigs, at a charge of 15s per month. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(f) Fish Offal—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had now been able to arrange for a farmer at Bourton-on-the-Water to take any fish offal for a payment of 7s 6d per week. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(g) Scrap Iron and Old Metals—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit proposals for the organisation of a scrap iron and old metal Week to be held in Cheltenham with a view to stimulating interest in the importance of salvaging old metals. RESOLVED, also, That he be instructed to inspect the various privately owned tips in the Borough with a view to arranging with the owners to salvage any old metals found in these tips.

11—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.

12—Tree, Promenade—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Elm tree opposite Dale, Forty's premises, reported to be dying, removed.

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13—Tewkesbury Road Clearance Order—The Borough Surveyor submitted memorial from 11 residents in Tewkesbury Road complaining of the condition of the site of the demolished cottages near the Gas Works. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to require the owners to complete the clearance and tidying up of the site to the satisfaction of the Corporation and that, failing this, the Public Health Committee be recommended to carry out the work in default of the owners.

14—Arle Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the footpaths in this road were now being made up and the carriage-way would shortly be re-surfaced, When the work was completed it would no longer be possible to drain the surface water into the ditches and he submitted a scheme for surface water drainage at an estimated cost of £506 for which provision had been made in the estimates. RESOLVED, That this be approved and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this work carried out.

15—Orchard Avenue—The Borough Surveyor submitted memorial from 47 residents in Orchard Avenue asking if a footpath could be constructed at the end of Orchard Avenue to give access to Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED, That it be suggested to the developers, Messrs. Pye Bros., that they should approach the Grammar School Governors to see if they would permit of an entrance being provided from their footpath leading from Brooklyn Road to the Grammar School playing field so as to connect with the proposed extension of Orchard Way.

16—Land, Junction Alstone Lane and Alstone Croft—The Borough Surveyor submitted offer from Mr. W. Jardine to pay £15 for the small piece of surplus land at this junction subject to the Corporation erecting the necessary fencing. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted

17--Borough Engineer's Department—The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. Rust, Chief Architectural Assistant, had now been accepted as a Licentiate member of the Royal Institute of British Architects. RESOLVED, That Mr. Rust be granted an increment of £10 in respect of this qualification in accordance with the Grading Scheme.

18—Conference—Read, circular from the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers inviting the attendance of delegates to the Annual Conference of the Institution to be held in London on 20th and 21st June. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Engineer be appointed to attend.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 5th March, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Bush, Rev.de Courcy Ireland, Garland and Grimwade ; Miss Tinson, Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Mellersh and Mrs. Wood.

1—Chairman—RESOLVED, That Alderman Leigh James be appointed Chairman for the current year

2—Committee—With reference to the resignation of Mrs. Gurney, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to convey to Mrs. Gurney the Committee's appreciation of the valuable work carried out by her during the time she was a member of the Committee.

3—Estimate for Rate—The Committee settled the Estimate for Rate.

4—Unmarried Mothers—The Medical Officer of Health submitted particulars of two cases of unmarried expectant mothers for whom arrangements had been made for them to be sent to a Home in Bristol for their confinements at a charge of 12s 6d. per week each RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to agree to contribute half the cost, namely 6s 3d. per week for each case for a period not exceeding five months each

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd April, 1940, Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Bush, Compton, Garland, Grimwade and Lipson ; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Grist, Mrs. Mellersh and Mrs. Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair),

5—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1940.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (12 Meetings)	23.1	31.7
At Clare Street (12 Meetings) ...	27.2	30.3
At Grosvenor Street (12 Meetings)...	24.0	33.0
At St. Mark's (12 Meetings)	33.0	32.0
At Whaddon (12 Meetings)	12.4	35.5

6—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1940 :—

No. of Children on Register	3,191
Un-notified Live Births discovered ...	5
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	1,499
(b) over 1 year	1,771
First Visits paid by Health Visitors ..	213
Ante-natal cases visited (a) New ..	57
(b) Return	44
Special visits to Mothers	126
Chicken Pox cases visited ...	4
Whooping Cough cases visited...	21
Measles cases visited	145
Mumps cases visited...	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited	1
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres...	70
Cases reported to the N.S.P.C.C. Inspector	2

Grants of Milk :		Birmingham Evacuees.
Carried over from previous quarter	259	2
New Orders ...	94	1
Orders discontinued during quarter	100	1
„ continuing to coming quarter	253	2

Children Act :		Health Visitors. School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter	26	8
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ...	16	8
“ visits paid (tinder Children Act) ...	20	9

7—Midwives Acts—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 69 applications had been received from Midwives for medical help during the period from the 1st January to 31st March, 1940, and that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from the 1st April, 1939, to 31st March, 1940. was £141 19s. 0d., of which £81 7s. 2d. was chargeable to

patients. RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee be asked to meet and interview patients who are in arrear with their repayments.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following special notifications had been received from Midwives during the quarter ended 31st March, 1940: Still-births 3 ; Deaths of Infants 5 Commencement of artificial feeding 4.

8—Dentistry—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 30 mothers and 21 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 58 mothers and 7 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 four sessions had been held at the Children's Hospital when 17 cases were treated and 86 teeth extracted. The Anaesthetist's fees amounted to 4 guineas and the Hospital fees to £4 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That these be paid.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Committee bear half the cost of £2 in the provision of dentures for a necessitous mother as now reported to the Committee.

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9—Children Act—The Medical Officer of Health submitted name of a foster mother who had sent in notification, and he recommended that the maximum number of children allowed should be fixed as follows:-

Name.	Address.	Maximum No of Children allowed
Mrs. Bray ...	22 Severn Road ..	1

10—Gynaecological Clinic—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 6 Clinics had been held to date and the total number of attendances was 21, including 14 Borough patients.

11—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 111, of which 66 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 22 surgeons' consultations had been held ; 45 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 9 surgeons' consultations had been held.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from the Cripples Aid Society for a grant towards the cost amounting to £2 19s. 0d. of instruments, boots and repairs for children under five. RESOLVED, That a grant of 50 per cent, namely £1 9s. 6d. be made.

12—Puerperal Pyrexia--The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been two cases where special Nurses had been provided at a cost of £2 3s. 6d. The Victoria Home now charged 1s 6d. per visit instead of 1s as hitherto. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

13—Home Helps—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Home Helps had been provided in four cases during the past quarter at a cost of £6 2s. 6d. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That it be suggested to the District Nursing Association that they should consider the desirability of effecting a policy insurance to cover the Home Helps.

14—Milk Supply—The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had approached the Milk Distributors in the Borough to ascertain whether they were prepared to take part in the new Milk Scheme to enable the Scheme to be put into operation at an early date. He had received replies that they were not prepared to undertake the distribution of milk under the Scheme in view of the fact that retailers would not be compensated sufficiently by the allowance granted to them under the Scheme to cover the cost. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Scheme involved considerable clerical work and the compilation of written records at each daily delivery and that the amount allowed to the retailer was only 1d. per pint, which included the provision of bottles. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Ministry of Health that the Milk Distributors in the Borough are not prepared to take part in the Scheme and that, therefore, the Council are unable to put the Scheme into operation and, further, that the Committee are of opinion that the reasons given by the Milk Distributors are reasonable and that, in the opinion of the Committee, a modified and simpler distribution is desirable if the Ministry's Scheme for the supply of milk is to be put into operation.

15—Midwives Acts—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the County Council had decided that, where a patient from outside the Borough came into a Nursing Home in the Borough for confinement and required a Doctor under the Act, the fees for such Doctor should be paid by the Borough and that the County did not regard themselves responsible for the payment of such fees.

16—Health Visitor—RESOLVED, That Nurse Powell be authorised to attend the week-end course for Health Visitors to be held by the Women Public Officers Association at the College of Nursing, London, in June.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 25th April, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen E. L. Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham: Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore and Waite ; and Mr. A. Wiggett (Alderman F. 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.
5337	Kersey, W. R.	Garage (Private), 24 Cleevemount Road.
5338	Hacking, H.	Garage (Private), 79 Welland Lodge Road.
5339	Bubb, J	Garage (Private), 49 Painswick Road.

5340	H. H. Martyn Ltd,	New Dope Room, Sunningend Works,
5341	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	New Public House, Orchard Way.
5342	Col. J. H. Collett	Alterations, 8 Pittville Crescent.
5343	Lewis, H. J.	Garage (Private), Melmerby, Tivoli Road.
5344	Smith, E. H. M.	Garage (Private), 133 Orchard Way.
5345	Huband, H. J.	Conservatory, 29 Arle Avenue
5346	Selwyn Oxley, M.A.	Additions, Southlands, Queen's Road.
5347	Cheltenham Gas Co. Ltd.	Alterations, Old Mill, Arle Avenue.
5348	Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society Ltd. .	Alterations, Clarence Street
5349	Keene, A. J.	Garage (Private), 26 Cleevemount Road,
5350	Messrs. Drakes	Alterations, 85 Winchcomb Street.
5351	J. D. Bendall & Sons	Pair semi-detached houses, Pilford Avenue.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5337, 5339, 5341, 5343, 5344, 5345, 5347 and 5350 be approved ; That Plans Nos, 5338, 5342 and 5349 be approved subject to the surface water being carried to surface water sewers ; That Plans Nos. 5340 and 5348 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and in the case of Plan No 5340 also to the steelwork details being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 5346 be approved subject to the roof timbers being built in to the existing building ; That Plan No. 5351 be approved subject to the levels and gradients of the sewer and road extensions being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5338, 5339, 5340, 5341, 5342, 5343, 5344, 5345, 5347, 5348, 5349 and 5350 be approved ; That Plan No. 5337 be approved subject to the building being set back behind the building line ; That Plan No. 5346 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No, 5351 be approved subject to all external walls being finished off in the same manner.

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.
1639	Minett, C.	Additions, Greygarth, Cleeve Hill.
1640	Bowd, W. H.	Garage (Private), (to New House), New Road, Southam.
1641	Griffiths, G. W.	Detached house, Ullenwood.
1642	Walton, L. A.	Detached house, Sandy Lane, Charlton Kings.
1643	Electricity Committee	Low Tension Overhead Line, Nr. Staverton Farm, Staverton.
1644	Lewis, F. H.	Additions, Copse Green Farm, Elmstone Hardwicke

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1639, 1640, 1642, 1643 and 1644 be approved. That Plan No. 1641 be not approved.

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3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had had an enquiry from the Birmingham Waste Co. Ltd. as to whether the "Cotswold Works" in Francis Street could be used as a depot for receiving, baling and despatching waste paper for the period of the war, RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to the proposal.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letters of 2nd and 4th inst. from the Cheltenham Estates Ltd. asking if permission would be granted for the erection of a house near Little Shurdington for the manager of their sand and gravel pits at Shurdington. He reported that the Company proposed to obtain water for household purposes by sinking a well as an adequate supply off the mains was not obtainable. Further, they had given an assurance that no further houses would be built until a mains supply was available RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred pending receipt of any observations the Rural District Council may wish to make on the proposal.

4—Committee--Read, letter of 17th inst from the Clerk to the County Council that the County Council had re-appointed their existing members on the Committee to serve another year.

5—Plan No. T.P. 1624, Cottage, Little Witcombe—The Town Clerk submitted letters of 22nd inst. from Mr. L. W. Nott, and of 23rd inst. from Messrs. Scott and Fowler asking the Committee to approve the plans of a cottage at Little Witcombe which had been disapproved in November last. He pointed out that Mr. Nott had erected the cottage contrary to the Committee's decision and that he had written to him on 7th February last pointing out the cottage was liable to be removed at owner's cost and without compensation if found to contravene the Scheme as ultimately approved. RESOLVED, That the decision not to approve the plans be adhered to

6—Zoning Proposals and Southern By-Pass—The Borough Surveyor submitted suggestions for amendments to the zoning proposals along the route of the Southern By-Pass. In the light of modern traffic conditions it was essential that development should not be permitted on both sides of important roads wherever it could be avoided. He recommended that the small areas on the south side of the By-Pass now zoned for development should be zoned as rural areas, and form part of the Green Belt around the town. RESOLVED, That the suggested amendments be approved and adopted in the Final Scheme

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th April, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Ward ; Councillors Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Rogers, Smith and Waite ; Messrs. Davies and Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 18th and 27th March, and the 9th and 23rd April.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) That Billy Gammon and his Band be granted the free use of the Town Hall on the evening of the 4th May for their annual Benefit Dance.

(b) That the terms arranged for the appearance of Lydia Kyasht and her ballet at the Town Hall for two days in May, the Corporation to receive 15 per cent of the gross receipts in lieu of hire charges, be approved.

(c) Summer Programme—That the revised summer programme of Concerts submitted by the Entertainments Manager be approved, and that in place of an Orchestra of 10 players on Tuesday evenings, an Orchestra of 6 be engaged which will reduce Mr. Arthur Cole's tender from £50 a week to £46 4s. 0d. per week.

(d) Conference—That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the Conference of the Institute of British Foundrymen on 7th and 8th June,

(e) Whitsuntide Fete—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to engage the Aircraft Components Band to give two performances at Marle Hill Annexe on Whit Monday at a charge of about £10 and that admission to the Concerts be free

(f) Musical Festival—That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for the Musical Festival Concert to be held on 13th June subject to the payment of £2 10s. 0d. to cover out-of-pocket expenses.

(g) That the free use of the Pavilion in Montpellier Gardens be granted to the Blackout Club for use in connection with their activities when the use of this is not otherwise required, subject to the payment of lighting and cleaning and any out-of-pocket expenses and to the right of the Corporation to terminate the arrangement at any time on short notice.

(h) That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted for a Meeting of the Western Centre of the Sanitary Inspectors Association on 6th April.

(i) Bar Refreshments—(a) That hirers of the Town Hall be required to submit the names of the proposed Licensee for the bar refreshments to the Entertainments Manager for approval.

(b) That next Winter season hirers of the Hall be required to charge not less than 2s 6d. admission for Whist Drives and/or Dances when a bar is provided.

(c) That Mrs. Stephens' tender for the right to provide bar refreshments at the Town Hall be accepted for the remainder of the Summer season on the same terms as accepted up to the end of May.

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

2-Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Meeting of the Baths Sub-Committee held on the 18th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(a) Staff—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to engage and provide the minimum staff necessary for conveniently running the Pool this season, and that on busy occasions arrangements be made to transfer one of the male and female attendants at the Town Hall to assist in the tray stores (except on Saturdays, Bank Holidays and other special occasions when other arrangements will have to be made), the proportion of their wages being charged to the Pool.

(b) Catering—That the Superintendent, Mr. R. T. Cosgrove, be appointed to be responsible for the catering this season and that he be paid an extra wage of 10f- per week for the season, also that Miss M. Ballinger, Waitress at the Pool in past seasons, be appointed Head Waitress at an extra wage of 10s per week.

(c) That the Pool be opened on Whit Saturday unless the Chairman considers it desirable to open this earlier.

(d) H.M. Forces—That members of His Majesty's Forces be admitted to the Pool at a reduced charge of 4d. or a charge of 6d. to include hire of costume and towel.

(e) Montpellier Baths—That members of H.M. Forces be admitted to these Baths at a reduced charge of 4d. or a charge of 6d. to include hire of costume and towel.

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

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3—Marle Hill Annexe—Boating Rights—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the application of Mr. Higgins for consent to sub-let his lease of the boating rights for the remainder of his term up to March application 1942. Mr. C. Maisey of St. Margaret's Parade, Bennington Street, and they recommended that consent be given. Mr. Maisey attended the Committee with Mr. H. T. Blake of Messrs. Eckersall & Watterson and informed the Committee that they had arranged terms with the representatives of the late Mr. Griffiths, the previous Sub-tenant, for the purchase of the boats and goodwill. RESOLVED, That the Committee consent to Mr. Higgins sub-letting his lease to Mr. Maisey.

4—Town Hall Catering—The Entertainments Manager reported that he had attended the sale of Messrs. Georges' catering plant and equipment, and in consultation with the Chairman had purchased equipment etc for the Swimming Pool and Town Hall at a cost of £46 17s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Town Hall—(a) Summer Programme—RESOLVED, That in view of the contracts entered into with Mr. Arthur Cole and Mr. Billy Gammon for the provision of their Orchestra and Dance Bands for the Summer season, persons wishing to book the Town Hall for Dances during the Summer season be only allowed to book the Hall on Monday and Wednesday evenings and that it be made a condition of the letting that they engage Billy Gammon's Dance Band on the terms arranged by the Corporation.

(b) The Entertainments Manager submitted application from the Y.M.C.A. asking if they could book the Town Hall every Saturday evening during the Summer season for their weekly Dance. RESOLVED,

That the Committee are unable to entertain this as they have themselves arranged to provide a Popular Dance on Saturday evenings, as last year, and have accepted Mr. Billy Gammon's tender for the Dance Band accordingly.

6—Sandford Park Swimming Pool and Alstone Baths—Read, applications from the Cheltenham Girl Guides and Cheltenham Boy Scouts Association asking for their members up to and including the age of 18 to be admitted to these Baths at the same rate as charged to children, namely 3d. per head, as granted to the members of the Y.M.C.A. and Blackout Club. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the Girl Guides producing their Tenderfoot Badge and the Boy Scouts producing their Fleur-de-Lys Badge.

7—Montpellier Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

8—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Y.M.C.A.—Read, application of 19th inst. from the Y.M.C.A. for the free use of the Band Stand at these Gardens on say one Sunday evening a month for a short evening Concert concluding with prayers RESOLVED, That they be granted the free use of the Band Stand on one Sunday evening during the months of May, June, July, August and September, subject to the payment of any lighting and out-of-pocket expenses and to the Concerts not commencing until after Church hours.

(b) Amateur Exhibition Tennis—RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to make arrangements for amateur Exhibition Tennis Matches at these Gardens on Saturday, 29th June when Matches will be played by well-known players, the proceeds after payment of expenses (estimated at £40) to be devoted as to 25 per cent to the Local Red Cross Society and the remainder to the "Daily Sketch " War Relief Tennis Fund and the Lord Mayor's Red Cross and "St John Fund.

9—Alstone Baths—(a) Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Y.M.C.A. asking for the use of Alstone Baths on Monday evenings from 8 to 9.30 p.m. at a charge of 15s per night as last season. The Superintendent reported that the numbers attending last year did not justify this reservation and staff overtime as only an average of 14 attended. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the Superintendent being satisfied that sufficient numbers will be attending, but if not it be suggested to the Y.M.C.A. that they should combine with another organisation such as the Church Lads Brigade to justify the Bath being kept open:

(b) Read, application from Pate's Grammar School for Girls for the grant of 23 full season tickets for scholars who have obtained the Instructor's Certificate, Bronze Medallion and 24 half-season tickets for scholars who have obtained the Intermediate Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

(c) Read, letter of 23rd inst. from Mr. F. G. Moss, Swimming Instructor of the Education Committee, that as the Intermediate Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society could only be awarded to children who had reached the age of 12, it prevented the children in the Junior Department from gaining the award of a free season ticket to the Baths. During the 1939 season over 100 of the juniors gained an Elementary Life Saving Certificate and he asked that the Corporation should grant three free half-season tickets to each of the 25 Junior Departments. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to give one free half-season ticket to each of the 25 Junior Departments to be awarded at the

discretion of the Swimming Instructor to one child in each Department who has gained the Elementary Life Saving Certificate.

10—Borough Meteorologist—The Report of the Borough Meteorologist for the year 1939 was submitted RESOLVED, That this be printed as last year.

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11—Montpellier Gardens—RESOLVED, That the free use of Hard Tennis Courts at Montpellier Gardens be granted to Alderman Pates for his annual General Hospital Tennis Tournament on 15th June, subject to the number of Courts to be used and times of play being arranged with the Entertainments Manager.

12—Winter Garden—Mr. T. Overbury attended and submitted report on his examination of the Winter Garden roof together with estimate from Messrs. Helliwell & Co. Ltd., for carrying out the necessary repairs (a copy of Mr. Overbury's report and estimate accompanies the Minutes). Mr. Overbury estimated that to put the structure into sufficiently good state of repair to last four or five years would cost approximately £1,625, made up as follows :—

Messrs. Helliwell & Co.'s approximate estimate for repairs to the roof, glazing bars and replacement of broken glass ...	£1,445 0 0
Repairs to eaves gutters and rainwater pipes, and the slating of the tower roof	100 0 0
Contingencies ...	<u>80 0 0</u>
	£1,625 0 0

Mr. Overbury considered that if the walls and foundations were preserved by carrying out the repairs to the roof, or providing a new roof to the building, the value of the walls and foundations in connection with the new scheme previously approved by the Council would be about £15,000. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision that they are unable to recommend the Council to spend any money on repairing the existing roof which would only last a few years, but that, as it is of pressing importance to preserve the building from ruin, they recommend that the revised tender of Messrs. Broads of Malvern of £11,256 for providing the new roof, raising the walls and provision of clerestory windows and other contingent items be accepted, subject to consent to borrowing and raising of loan being obtained, and to contract and bond, prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £11,256 for the cost of the work and to consent to the raising of a loan.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th April, 1940. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Grin-made, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Supply to Y.M.C.A. Premises in Promenade—The Committee received a deputation consisting of Messrs. Dye, Reddings and Naylor requesting that, in view of the large amount of electricity being consumed as a result of the all-night service being provided at these premises, they be supplied at a lower rate for the duration of the war. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration.

2— Public Lighting—The Committee further considered the extension of wartime street lighting. The cost of installing each lamp would be about and the cost of cleaning and maintenance would also be about £1. RESOLVED, That the present number of wartime lamps erected, namely 185, be increased by 867 to 1052 and that these be erected in the positions now settled by the Committee.

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3—Electricity Department Demonstrator—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Lady Demonstrator had joined the W.A.T.S. at the outbreak of war and her absence had caused considerable inconvenience He therefore proposed that a temporary demonstrator be appointed for the duration of the war. He also pointed out that Electricity Undertakings throughout the country had been asked by the Minister of Food to co-operate in the National Food Economy Campaign by giving demonstrations on the preparation of war-time foods, This Committee could assist the national effort by arranging such demonstrations not only in their own demonstration room but also in schools and halls throughout their area of supply, RESOLVED, That the proposal to engage a temporary demonstrator be approved.

4—Loan for Switchgear—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that, in view of the increase in consumption it had become desirable to replace a number of switches and current transformers before heavier loads are reached. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for their consent to the installation of 4 new switches at Rowanfield Road Sub-station and the replacement of 39 current transformers on existing switchgear in 13 other Sub-stations at a total cost of £1539 and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for a loan for this amount.

5—Sub-Station Inspector—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. S. B. Frostad, Sub-Station Inspector had applied for an increase in salary owing to the increased amount of responsibility as a result of the heavier loads of electricity passing through the sub-stations. He was receiving £213 4s. 0d. per annum and was not in the Grading Scheme. RESOLVED, That he be put into the National Joint Board Schedule, Class E, Grade 9 at a commencing salary of £244 per annum.

.6—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 31st ult. which showed the average calorific value to be 472.1 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Received, reports of gas tests made on the 26th and 30th ult. and the 3rd, 8th, 15th, 17th and 24th inst. which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 471.6, 450.6, 479.4, 462.5, 462.0, 477.0 and 472.6 B.Th.U. per cubic foot respectively and the pressure to be 9.0, 10.3, 9.0, 8.2, 8.2, 8.5 and 8.0 inches of water respectively.

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 1st April, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Ward and Councillor Barnett (The Deputy Mayor in the chair)

1—Lower Hewletts Farm—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Jones of Lower Hewletts Farm had given notice to terminate his tenancy on 25th March, 1941. Mr. R. W. Castle attended and reported an interview he had had with Mr. Jones. RESOLVED, That a sum of £56 be accepted on account of the half year's rent of due on 25th March last, and that Mr. Jones be informed that if he maintains the Farm in a satisfactory condition, the Committee will be prepared to waive payment of the balance of £10.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th April, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett and Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Moore and Morris (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS

	For month ended 31st March, 1940	Average for corresponding period during the Past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	312,000 gallons	245,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,615,000 "	1,128,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	62,000 "	52,000 "
	1,989,000	1,425,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 103,799,000 gallons.

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

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

5—Water Charges—The Committee further considered the application of H.M. Office of Works for a reduction in the water charges for the unoccupied premises requisitioned by the Government at the outbreak of war, and the Borough Engineer reported that, as authorised at the last Meeting, he had agreed that the charge should be at the reduced rate of 80 per cent of the normal sum and that with regard to the unoccupied College Boarding Houses where meters were not installed, the rate should be 50 per cent of the standard charge based on estimate but excluding charge for pupils. RESOLVED, That these arrangements be approved.

6—Water Fittings—The Borough Engineer submitted circular from the British Waterworks Association stating that, in view of the need for economy in the use of non-ferrous metals, the Association suggested that in order to make a contribution towards the prosecution of the war, "Country" type of fittings should be accepted as a war-time measure.

The Borough Engineer reported that these fittings were tested for pressure at 300 lbs. per square inch which left a good margin of safety in most parts of the area of supply, and each fitting was stamped with the makers' identification number so that a faulty fitting could be traced to the responsible manufacturer. He recommended that the suggestion of the Association should be adopted. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the recommendation to approve of the "Country" type of fitting being provided for the duration of the war.

7—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Coal Supply—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to accumulate a stock of coal at these Works up to about 600 tons.

8—Supply to Gloucester—The Borough Engineer reported that at the last Meeting of the Joint Water Board, the Gloucester representatives asked for permission to erect temporarily one of the new electrical pumping units so as to give them a supply of 2,000,000 gallons per day from Churchdown Reservoirs. The necessary pipe laying and the erection of the pumping unit and the supply of electricity for pumping would be provided by the Gloucester Corporation, The Borough Engineer was of the opinion that 2,000,000 gallons per day would place too great a strain on the filtration plant, and he recommended that the application be acceded to, subject to the quantity of water being limited to approximately 1,000,000 gallons per day. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted and that the question of the charge to be made to Gloucester Corporation for the supply be adjourned until the supply is in operation to enable the Borough Engineer to obtain experience of the working conditions with a view to arriving at the working costs.

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9—Joint Industrial Council—The Borough Engineer submitted letter of 10th inst. from the Local Secretary of the National Union of General & Municipal Workers asking the Corporation to become members of the South Western National Joint Industrial Council for Waterworks Undertakings. The Borough Engineer reported that it had always been the practice to pay the same rate of wages to the employees of the Water Undertaking as for the Highways Department with the appropriate adjustments for fitters and other craftsmen, RESOLVED, That consideration of the application be adjourned for the present.

10—Home or Lower Farm—Eight Gabled House—Read, letter of 14th ult. from Mr. F. J. Pope that he was not interested in the purchase of this property,

11—Shooting Rights—The Town Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Clutterbuck enquiring if he wished to renew his Agreement to take the shooting rights for next Season, but had not yet received a reply. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the June Meeting of the Committee,

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd April, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Ward and Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Grimwade and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Naming of Road—Read, letter from Western Estates Ltd. asking for the new road off Brooklyn Road to be named Brooklyn Gardens. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

2— Renumbering of Houses—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for the revision of the numbering of the houses in Elmfield Park Avenue, Hawthorn Road, Orchard Avenue and St. George's Drive. RESOLVED, That these be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the houses renumbered accordingly.

3—Leckhampton Hill (Waggon Quarry)—The Committee considered an application from Mr. F. T. Coke for stone from this quarry. The Street and Highway Committee had considered the application and recommended that this be granted, the Corporation to employ a workman to remove the stone from the quarry face and to drop it on the bed of the quarry, Mr. Coke to remove the stone and clear the rubbish and to pay for all material removed at approximately 1s 6d. per ton or such higher price as the Borough Surveyor considers reasonable. RESOLVED, That this be approved, subject to the right of the Council to determine the arrangement at any time on one month's notice.

4—National Service—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That the Committee consent to L. Harmer (Pavior), aged 30, enlisting in H.M. Forces.

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

6—Domestic Agencies—Superintendent Hopkins reported that all the Agencies in the Borough had been visited and the books examined and found to be in order for the Quarter ended 25th March last.

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7—Police Force—Read, letter of 19th inst. from the Chief Constable that as a result of the war there were now 56 vacancies in the Force in the County and that with the approval of the Standing Joint Committee several youths had been engaged as Junior Clerks and one of them is employed in Superintendent Hopkins Office. The salary paid was the County Council scale commencing at £50 per annum with annual increments of £12 10s. 0d. ; the youths would probably join the force as Constables when they were old enough to do so in about two years' time, The employment of these clerks avoided the necessity of bringing a constable into the Office from street duty to take the place of a man absent on rest day etc., and resulted in an extra constable being available for patrol. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the employment of the junior clerk for the duration of the war and for such additional period as may be necessary to recruit and train enough men to fill the vacancies then existing

8—Local Government Staff (War Service) Act, 1939—Read, Circular 1994 of 17th inst. that the Ministry of Health was prepared to recognise as War Service for the purposes of this Act, the

employment on armament production, including the building and repair of ships, of employees of Local Authorities who undertake such employment with the consent of their authority with a view to preserving the superannuation rights of such employees, Such recognition would normally be subject to the following conditions.

(1) The men are surplus to the essential requirements of the local authority.

(2) Arrangements for their transfer are made with the concurrence of the local branch of the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

The Minister called the attention of the local authorities to the urgent need in the national interest to secure that the skilled labour available in the country shall be used to the best advantage, and asked if local authorities would consider this matter particularly in relation to those of their employees who are skilled workers in engineering or shipbuilding industries. RESOLVED, That the Circular be considered if and when any applications are received from employees for consent to transfer to armament production works but that the Committee do not consider that the Council should be called upon to continue superannuation payments and promise re-instatement for such employees who wish to transfer to the armament industry on account of the higher rates of wages payable in these industries.

9—Rooks—Read, letter of 22nd inst. from the District Executive Officer of the Gloucestershire War Agriculture Committee calling attention to the desirability of destroying rooks in order to prevent damage to the corn crops. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to destroy any nests built in the trees on the shopping side of the Promenade as hitherto

10—Shops Act, 1934—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Education Secretary that during the past few months 401 visits have been made to the shops in the Borough when it was found that the majority of the employers were carrying out the provisions of the Act. In 29 cases the required records were not being kept and in 3 cases juveniles were being employed for excessive hours. The employers concerned had been warned and satisfactory replies had been received and the Education Secretary did not recommend that legal action should be taken as each employer had given an undertaking that the regulations under the Act will be strictly complied with in the future.

11—Provincial Council for Administrative Staffs etc.—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the National Joint Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services asking the Council to become a constituent member of the Provincial Council to be established for the South Western Area. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to join.

12—House to House Collections Act—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. B. J. Brown for a licence to permit house to house collections in aid of the Gloucester Diocesan Association for the Welfare of the Deaf and Dumb be granted for one year from 1st May, 1940 subject to compliance with the House to House Collections regulations.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT

FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th April, 1940. Present—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 the Brigade had attended 7 calls to fire, as follows :—

1940 March 20th	Parabola Road.
March 25th	Hewletts Farm.
March 27th	Pyatts Hotel.
April 7th	21-23 Prestbury Road.
April 13th	Brooklyn Road.
April 20th	20 Hales Road.
April 24th	16 Severn Road.

2—Mutual Assistance Scheme—The Acting Chief Officer submitted draft Mutual Assistance Scheme which the Council were required to make under the Fire Brigades Act, 1938. He recommended that reciprocal mutual assistance schemes should be entered into with the Fire Brigade Authorities of Gloucester City, Tewkesbury Borough, Stroud and Cirencester Urban Districts, and the Cheltenham and North Cotswold Rural Districts with a scheme of payment in accordance with the scale laid down by the Home Office in their Circular dated 28th July last. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Acting Chief Officer be adopted and that the Town Clerk be instructed to approach the above-mentioned local authorities asking them to join in the scheme.

3—Leyland Fire Engine—The Acting Chief Officer reported that the old Leyland Fire Engine had now been sent to the Leyland works for complete overhaul. The Manufacturers estimated the cost of the work at £176 13s. 5d. as compared with the sum of £290 0s. 0d. provided for this in the Committee's Estimates. He recommended that the opportunity should be taken of having the machine repainted at an estimated cost of £60 0s. 0d. RESOLVED, That consideration of having the machine painted be deferred until it is received back from the works.

4—Auxiliary Fire Service--(a) RESOLVED, That the Acting Chief Officer be authorised to purchase four double-headed ball hydrant standpipes and keys, the cost of which would rank for grant.

(b) Exercises—The Acting Chief Officer reported that three trailer pumps and crews took part in an exercise at Gloucester on the 14th April and four trailer pumps and crews attended an exercise at Stroud on the 21st April. A large pump and crew also attended the Regional Exercise at Swindon on the 28th inst.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted the following Circulars from the Home Office. No. 37, Steel Control. No. 36, Timber Control. No. 26, Anti-Gas protective clothing. No. 29, Instructions to Air Raid Warnings for reporting fires. No 34, Travelling Expenses for unpaid volunteers. No. 31, re Auxiliary Fire Stations. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Acting Chief Officer for attention.

(d) Foam Compound—Read, circular No. 33a of 13th inst. from the Home Office setting out the arrangements made for obtaining cheaper foam by central purchase. RESOLVED, That 40 gallons be purchased at a cost of 9s 10d, per gallon, the cost of which will rank for grant.

(e) Supplementary Fire Parties—Read, Circular of 19th inst. from the Home Office enclosing Memorandum of a Scheme for the issue of stirrup hand-pumps to fire parties for the use of informal fire parties and asking if the Council were prepared to co-operate in this scheme. The number of pumps which will be allocated to the Borough is 25. The primary condition of supply is that fire authorities should undertake to organise and train fire parties consisting of at least three persons per pump. The pump should be stored at premises, preferably those occupied throughout the 24 hours, but not at premises for which firefighting precautions are required to be provided by the Civil Defence Act, In the selection of fire parties care should be taken to choose reliable persons who will command the confidence of their neighbours. RESOLVED, That the Council are prepared to co-operate in the scheme and that the Acting Chief Officer be instructed to report as to the recruitment of personnel and the districts where hand-pumps should be allocated.

(f) Military Service—Read, Circular No. 35 of 25th inst. from the Home Office in regard to the deferment of the calling up of men in the 26 and 27 age groups who were engaged on whole time Auxiliary Fire Service. The Acting Chief Officer reported that application had already been made for the deferment of the calling up of two men in the 26 age group and he recommended that application be made for the deferment of the calling up of two men in the 27 age group. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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(g) Read, letter of 19th inst. from the Home Office that instructions had been given to issue 1,500 feet of 3 ½ in. unlined delivery hose as soon as supplies become available.

(h) Stores—The Acting Chief Officer reported that it was imperative that further accommodation should be provided for storing the large amount of clothing and equipment etc. being delivered from time to time for the Auxiliary Fire Service, RESOLVED, That the Acting Chief Officer be instructed to inspect the vacant premises in Pittville Street and Albion Street and that, if one of these premises appear suitable, the Street and Highway Committee be recommended to approve of it being used for the purpose of stores and that application be made to the Home Office for approval to the rent of the premises ranking for grant.

(i) Auxiliary Fire Stations—Read, letters of 23rd inst. from the Home Office that they were prepared to recognise for grant a rent of £16 0s. 0d. for the use of Mr. Horsman's garage from the 1st September, 1939 to the 11th January, 1940 a rent of £30 0s. 0d. per annum as from the 11th January in respect of the garage at the rear of 10 Lansdown Terrace ; and £40 0s. 0d. per annum in respect of the premises belonging to Newmek Ltd. from the 2nd September, 1939.

(j) The Acting Chief Officer reported that, if another room could be found for a recreation room for the Auxiliary Fire Service, the room in the Fire Station at present used by them could be used for storage purposes. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to see what terms can be arranged for renting the Parish Church Young Men's Club Room at the rear of the Parish Hall.

(k) The Acting Chief Officer reported that Volunteers were urgently needed for the Auxiliary Fire Service to bring this-up to the full strength of 250, and that the resignations received from time to time exceeded the number of new volunteers. RESOLVED, That a selection of appliances be displayed on the broad pavement in front of the Post Office on the 4th May and also that a

demonstration of firefighting appliances be given at Marle Hill Annexe on Whit Monday with a view to attracting Volunteers to the Service.

5—Professional Firemen—Read, application from four of the regular firemen and the Acting Third Officer who had completed 12 months service for an increase in wages owing to the increase in the cost of living Their wages were at present £3 10s. 0d. a week plus uniform. The Acting Chief Officer recommended that the application be granted. Most Corporations of the size of Cheltenham had adopted the Middlebrook Scale of pay which was £3 10s. 0d. a week rising by annual increments of 2s to £4 10s. 0d. a week in addition to which each man was provided with free living accommodation or equivalent rent allowance. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted

6—Acting Deputy Chief Officer—Read, application from the Acting Deputy Chief Officer for an increase in his salary RESOLVED, That, in view of the extra work carried out by this Officer owing to the absence of the Chief Officer, his salary be increased by £25 to £250 per annum.

7—Acting Chief Officer—Read, application from the Acting Chief Officer for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That, in view of the increased duties carried out by him in the absence of the Chief Officer and the work in connection with the Auxiliary Fire Service, his salary be increased by £50 to £300 per annum rising to £325 per annum in one year's time.

8—Chief Officer—The Chairman reported an interview he had had with the Chief Officer who had not yet been able to-obtain other accommodation. RESOLVED, That, in the circumstances he be allowed to remain in possession of the house at 6 St. George's Parade until the 24th June when the Corporation's tenancy of the flat occupied by the Acting Chief Officer expires.

9—The Fire Brigades Regional Order—The Town Clerk submitted this Order which came into force on the 18th inst and revoked the former Order dated 1st September last. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Acting Chief Officer.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th April, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Green and Grimwade ; Messrs. A. Ball and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection —(a) Cultivation—The Gardens Superintendent reported that most of the allotments were being cultivated, but the following were still in an unsatisfactory state of cultivation, viz. No. 38 Alma Road, No. 35 Creamery Piece, Nos. 105 and 177 North Ward and Nos. 87, 89 and 92 Marle Hill. The Town Clerk reported that the Marle Hill Allotments were in the occupation of the Unemployed Allotment Association, RESOLVED, That he be instructed to write to the tenants of the allotments and also to the Unemployed Allotment Association informing them that if steps are not taken at once to put the allotments into a proper state of cultivation, the matter will be reported to

the next Meeting of this Committee with a view to steps being taken to obtain possession of the allotments.

(b) Nos 87 and 88 Asquith Road—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the tenants of these allotments had encroached and dug up part of the footpath RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write calling their attention to this.

2—Rebates in Rent—RESOLVED, That the tenants of Nos. 57 and 87b Asquith Road and Nos. 16 and 40 Alma Road be granted the use of these allotments rent free for six months in view of their bad condition, but that the applications of the tenants of Nos. 86 North Ward and 1 Gappers Field be not granted

3—Orchard, Marsh Lane— It was reported that this orchard was in a bad condition, especially the portion adjoining the Railway, and complaints were being received of the seeding of the weeds on to land adjoining. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant calling his attention to this and requiring him to properly cultivate the same in accordance with the terms of his Agreement,

4—Allotment No. 62, North Ward—RESOLVED, That the application of the Y.M.C.A. for the use of this allotment rent free be not granted.

5—Enamelled Notices—Read, letter of 6th ult. from the National Enamels Ltd. offering to supply notices for Allotment Gardens at the price of 4s each. RESOLVED, That this offer be not entertained but that the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to have the existing Notices at the various allotments repainted.

W. J. GREEN.

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th April, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Bendall, Compton, Fisher, Green and Grimwade (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Gardens Superintendent's Report—(a) Food Production—The Gardens Superintendent reported that a small amount of vegetable and salad produce was being sent to the Market weekly.

(b) Promenade Gardens—Naming of Flowers—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had made arrangements for the erection of a notice board in each half of the Promenade Gardens A plan of the flower beds would be posted up and as the plants and bulbs come into flower the names will be shown on the plan, and he proposed to fix large labels on the flower beds at Pittville Gardens, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Wages of R. Hale—The Gardens Superintendent submitted an application from R. Hale for an increase in wages. RESOLVED, That his wages be increased to £2 per week.

2—Hatherley Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that the pump supplying the water for the Lake, which was now situate in a well, was not satisfactory owing to the fact that water percolated through the cover and condensation was also caused in the well from the heat of the pump which was likely to damage the pump. He suggested that the pump should be housed in a cedar wood building in the position shown on the plan submitted, the cost of which he estimated at £15. RESOLVED, That this be approve.

3—Sandford Park Fountain—The Borough Surveyor reported that since the damage to this fountain by frost reported to the February Meeting further damage had been caused by the severe frosts. Messrs. R. L. Boulton & Sons proposed to cut out the damaged stone work and to replace this with new stone which they estimated would cost £20-£25. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Royal Crescent Garden—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor and Gardens Superintendent be asked to inspect and report to the next Meeting of this Committee upon the question of seeding and maintenance of this Garden.

5—Sandford Park—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Bertram Mills had now arranged for their Circus to visit Cheltenham on the 20th, 21st and 22nd May and they asked for permission to place a small van on the ground for one week previous to the arrival of the Circus for the purpose of installing the telephone. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That two pitches be allocated to the Black-out Club at the St. Mark's Recreation Ground and one pitch at St. Mark's Recreation Ground and one pitch at Agg Gardner Recreation Ground to the Y.M.C.A. for the coming season, and also one pitch at Naunton Park Ground on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons to the Tivoli Greyhounds Club.

7—Tewkesbury Road Playing Field—(a) RESOLVED, That the tenant of the grazing rights be given notice to terminate his tenancy for grazing with a view to increasing his rent to £1 10s. 0d. per acre, subject to the condition that no horses or cattle he allowed to graze on the land.

(b) Custodian—RESOLVED, That the Custodian of this Ground be given one week's notice to terminate his employment and that the Gardens Superintendent be asked to report on the matter at the next Meeting of this Committee.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th April, 1940. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Dr. R. Davies and Major J G. N. Clift (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for February and March, 1940—Visitors-6,152 (last year 4,795). Included in these figures were the following parties :-10 children from Upper Thomas Street School, 10 children from Handsworth Grammar School, 188 girls from King Edward's High School and Pate's Grammar

School for lecture by Rev. Canon Gough. The Curator gave two talks to parties of 69 and 54 girls from the Ladies' College.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. 19s 2d. "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund" £13 4s. 3d. Total £14 3s. 5d.

Annual Attendance—The total attendance for the year ended 31st March, 1940 was 34,129 (last year 33,050). A Printed Report will be issued in due course.

South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries—The Curator attended the Ninth Annual Meeting of this Society at Taunton on 8th March, as the Committee's representative.

Staff—The following members of the staff had been absent owing to sickness :— Mr. C. L. Jackson (13 days), Mr. G. A. Lewis (4 days).

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—The late Mr. Kington Baker, Mrs. W. Cory, Mr. T. L. Crow, Mrs. E. E. Handy, Mr. J. P. Holborow, the late Miss J. Lyon, Mr. W. Payne, Miss M. Phillips, Miss Pudan, Mr. Spreutels, Mr. R. J. Stacpoole, Mrs. Steele and Mr. E' Thompson, RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors,

3—General Account—RESOLVED, That 5 Bygones (19s), 11 coins (3s), Worcester Coffee Cup (7s 6d), 2 Worcester Plates (£6), and Teapot, ? Castleford (4) be purchased at a total cost of £11 9s. 6d.

4—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That Worcester Teapot (£4 10s. 0d.) and Print of Admiral Rous and Mr. Payne (£1 15s. 0d). [£1 15s. 0d. had been given anonymously for the purchase of this item through the " Friends Fund "] be purchased from the Fund at a total cost of £6 5s. 0d.

5--Black-Out Club—The Curator reported that he had placed 28 prints and paintings on the walls of the Black-Out Club, as a loan from this Committee. Read, letter of thanks from the Hon. Secretary of the Black-Out Club.

6—The late Miss Janet C. Fisher—The Curator reported as to a gift from the Rev. F. C. Fisher of 8 oil paintings, 3 water-colours and 19 colour prints by the late Janet Caroline Fisher of Kemerton. RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be sent to the donor.

7—Portraits of Thomas Hughes and his wife, dated 1774—The Curator reported as to the recent sale of these two Cheltenham portraits. RESOLVED, That the Curator be instructed to enquire the price at which these portraits might be purchased for the town.

8—Exhibitions—(a) The Curator reported on correspondence which he had had with regard to the loan of certain national art properties to the Art Gallery. RESOLVED, That the Curator be instructed to give every facility for the proposed loan.

(b) Read, letter from the Ministry of Information asking if facilities could be given for a propaganda exhibition. RESOLVED, That for the present the Committee regret that they cannot provide facilities, but that facilities be given at the earliest possible moment.

9—Whit Monday—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum remain open on Whit Monday (13th May) until 6 p.m.

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 14th June, 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, 26th April, 1940. Present—Councillors Betteridge, 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 16th March to 26th April. Number of Interments 79; Cremations 27 ; Grave Spaces sold 21 (1st Position 2, 2nd Position 2, 4th Position 17); New Memorials erected 11; New Inscriptions 16.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces Sold—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 10174 to 10194

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2517 to 2541, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved

4—Maintenance of Grave "689,K"---Miss A Pope, Deceased—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Messrs Ivens, Thompson, & Green that this lady had bequeathed a sum of £100 free of duty to the Corporation for the maintenance and upkeep of this Grave, RESOLVED, That this legacy be accepted and that the sum of £100 be invested and the income thereof be applied in keeping the grave and grave-stone thereon in good order and repair and the lettering thereon legible, subject to the usual condition that the Corporation should not be required to replace the headstone in the event of this becoming perished or destroyed.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th April, 1940. Present—Councillors Bush, Compton, Garland, Grimwade and Lipson; Rev. Canon Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies ; Messrs. S. J Clarke and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Lipson in the chair)

1—Librarian's Report for February and March, 1940—Receipts £53 19s. 4d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 10,529; Lending Department 51,935 ; Junior Department 8,220 ; School Libraries (January to March) 7,468. Total 78,152 (last year 72,456).

Annual Issue—The total issue for the year ended 31st March, 1940 was 415,085 (last year 379,633) [This constitutes a further record A Printed Report will be issued in due course.

Replacements and Binding-157 volumes had been replaced, 274 volumes had been returned from the binder and a further 266 volumes dispatched.

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

1940.

19th February Mr. W. H. Brasher on " To Venice by motor-car." Attendance 98.
26th " Rev. E. C. Hanson on "The origin and growth of parliamentary government in England." Attendance 65.
4th March Mr. H. Browning Button on " Delights of Devon-Dartmoor country." Attendance 143.
6th " Mr. H. J. Timperley on " British Foreign Policy in the Far East." Attendance 137
11th " Mr. H. H. Albino on " Thoughts and talks on Italy." Attendance 126.
18th " Mr. J. T. J. Gooding on " H.M. Customs and Excise." Attendance 44.

The total attendance at the 17 winter lectures had been 2,031, an average of 119 per lecture. The collections had produced the sum of £20 6s. 10d. towards "The Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "

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

Staff—The following members had been absent owing to sickness :—

Miss S. Graham-Smith a further 18 days, Miss P. E. Morgan 4 weeks, F. D. W. Smith, 9 days, Miss A. Harris 2 days.

Cellars—Following the installation of a Strong-Room, reorganisation of reserve books was being carried out, and certain basement accommodation was being lime-washed.

2—Donations--63 volumes and 2 pamphlets had been received as gifts from 20 donors. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

3—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 508 volumes, published at £185 5s. 3d., be purchased for £118 3s. 11d.

(b) That £100 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £60 be spent on Replacements.

d) That 4 volumes, published at £14 8s. 0d. be purchased for £5 8s. 2d from the Leslie Young Benefaction Account.

4—Book-cases from Mrs. V. P. Irving—RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mrs. V. P. Irving for her gift of two book-cases.

5—National Central Library—RESOLVED, That a special direct subscription of £2 2s. 0d. be made for the year ending 31st March, 1941.

6—Electrical Repairs—Following the fall of a holophane shade in the Reference Department, the Librarian had had all the electric flexibles overhauled and replaced where necessary at a cost of £4 19s. 9d. RESOLVED, That the Librarian's action be approved.

7—Books for the Troops and Cheltenham Black-Out Club—The appeal issued in " The Echo " had met with a good response, and 780 volumes and 71 magazines had been collected and allocated as follows :-54 volumes to Black-Out Club, 204 volumes and 71 magazines to troops stationed locally, and 522 volumes to the Lord Mayor of London's appeal

8—Co-operation with the County Library -Read, letter of 27th March, 1940 from the Gloucestershire County Education Secretary, stating that the Gloucestershire County Library Committee proposed making a payment of £100 per annum to the Cheltenham Public Library Committee for books lent to County Library readers. RESOLVED, That the Committee reiterate their decision of 15th December last that they cannot see their way to accept this proposal. [27,486 volumes had been issued to County readers during the year ended 30th March, 1940, the payment due from the County being £141 15s. 0d.]

9—Whit Monday—RESOLVED, That all Departments of the Library be closed on Whit Monday, 13th May, 1940.

10—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 14th June, 1940.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th April, 1940. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors-Barnett, Bettridge, Bush and Moore (Alderman Ward in the chair).

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

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th April, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen. Pruen, Taylor and Ward; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate --Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 27th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected 1770 Leaving Outstanding £129,655

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, 1940. Amount collected £103.

3—Accounts Rota Committee--Reported Meeting on the 30th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Alderman Ward ; and Councillor Leigh James. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that the Building Society had now advanced the remaining £20,000 under the mortgage of £150,000.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to arrange terms for the renewal of the loan of £6,000 from the Preston Shelley Assurance Society as now approved by the Committee.

5—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting Housing Bonds amounting to £2,825 had been renewed on the terms now reported.

6—Joint Airport—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Gloucester City Treasurer had suggested that the Tithe Rent of £34 16s. 8d. per annum should be redeemed. The redemption on 25 years' purchase would cost approximately £895 16s. 8d. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to agree to the redemption if the Gloucester City Council are also willing.

7—Midwives' Acts—The Borough Treasurer submitted letter from the District Nursing Association asking if the Corporation would make their own arrangements for collecting the Doctors' fees under this Act. RESOLVED, That the Association be asked to continue to collect the fees as originally agreed by them as the Committee consider this can best be done by the Association who are in constant contact with their patients.

8--Insurances—(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit a list of the Fire Insurances at the next Meeting with a view to the Committee considering the desirability of increasing insurance values in view of the increased cost of building materials and labour. (b) Pittville Street—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to insure the plate-glass windows of the various Pittville Street, Albion Street and Winchcomb Street shops belonging to the Corporation.

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9—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that P. Kelley died on active service on the 27th inst. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to refund his contributions amounting to £85 5s. 11d. plus Compound Interest at 3 per cent amounting to £20 19s. 7d. to his legal representatives.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that J. Jones (ex-labourer) died on the 30th inst. RESOLVED, That his contributions amounting to £67 8s. 7d. plus interest £14 1s. 1d. less pensions paid £41 11s. 3d., leaving £39 18s. 5d. be paid to his legal representatives.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that J. M. Bellamy (Meter Clerk) resigned on the 30th inst. RESOLVED, That his contributions amounting to £10 2s. 9d. be refunded to him.

10—Administrative Staff—RESOLVED, That it be an instruction to the Borough Treasurer that in future no overtime shall be paid to the members of the Administrative Staff without the consent of this Committee or, in case of urgency, the consent of the Chairman,

11—Finance Department—Read, report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the salaries of the staff in the Borough Treasurer's Department. They recommended that the following increases in salary as from 1st April, 1940 be given, namely :—

	Present	Salary.	Grade.	
R. S. Paynter ... Cash Posting etc. ...	£56	B	To be promoted to Grade C.	£169
P. C. Hall ... Control Meter Readers	£156	B	“	“ C. £169
C. Ling ... Despatch of Bills etc. ...	£156	B	“	“ C. £169
J. Moore Billing Machine	£156	B	“	“ C. £169
W. E. Roddis ... New Consumers' Enquiries	£156	B	“	“ C. £169
A. M. Smith Ledger Clerk and Relief Cashier	£182	C	“	“ D. £195
J. G. Ayres Costing .	£182	C	“	“ D. £195
S. A. Harris Allotments, Housing Rentals etc.	£156	B	“	“ C. £169

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

12—Montpellier Rotunda—RESOLVED, That facilities by way of loan up to a principal sum of £2183, at any one time outstanding be arranged with the Corporation Bankers, Lloyds Bank Ltd., and the Corporation hereby acknowledge liability to the said loan and undertake to make repayments spread over a period of 10 years at the rate of £218 6s. 0d. per annum, exclusive of interest. RESOLVED, also, That an Equitable Mortgage over the Corporation's premises known as Hayden Sewage Farm, near Cheltenham, be created in favour of the Bank to secure repayment to the Bank of all moneys and liabilities at any time due owing or incurred by the Corporation to the Bank, and that the Borough Treasurer (Mr. E. W. Deacon) be authorised to make the necessary arrangements with the Bank, and that the Town Clerk (Mr. R. Owen Seacome) be authorised to sign on behalf of the Corporation such charge form as the Bank may require.

13-Water Undertaking—The Town Clerk submitted report of Messrs. Gerald Eve & Co. on their negotiations with Messrs. Milne & Bourne on the re-assessment of the Water Undertaking. The total rateable value of the Undertaking had now been agreed at £14,539 as compared with the rateable value originally reported by Messrs. Milne & Bourne at £15,140 showing a reduction of £601.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 30th May, 1940.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY the 3rd day of June, 1940, 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 a member of the Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Ben L. James.
3. Communications by the Mayor.
4. 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 FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
5. The Deputy Mayor to Move in accordance with notice duly given :—" That it be an instruction to all Committees that no enemy alien is to be employed, whether paid or assisting in a voluntary capacity, under the Corporation and that the services of any at present so employed or assisting are to be dispensed with forthwith."
6. To appoint a member of the Education Committee to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Mr. P. R. Clauss.
7. To nominate A.R.P. Sub-Controller for the Borough and Charlton Kings.
8. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 6th May, 1940, 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., Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Capt. Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Lipson, M.A., M.P., Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fletcher and Grimwade.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 1st April, 1940, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health .. Meeting held April 8

Housing Meeting held April 18

Street and Highway Meeting held April 22

Maternity and Child Welfare Meetings held March 5 & April 22

Town Planning Meeting held April 25

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meeting held April 26

Subject to the following Amendments—(1) Moved by Councillor Bush and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No 5 (a) with regard to the letting of the Town Hall for Dances during the Summer Season be referred back for further consideration." (2) Moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Alderman Leigh James " That Minute No. 12 with regard to the Winter Garden, be not approved."

(An Amendment was moved by Councillor Garland and seconded by Councillor Morris "That Minute No. 12 with regard to the Winter Garden be not approved and that the building be demolished."

On being put to the Meeting the Mayor declared the Amendment lost by 15 votes to 10 votes.

The following voted for the Amendment, namely :—Aldermen Leigh James and Pates ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Garland, Green, Hayward, Miller, Morris and Till.

The following voted against the Amendment, namely :—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Ward and Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Lipson, Moore, Rogers, Smith and Waite).

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Electricity and Lighting Meeting held April 29

Water Meetings held April 1 & 16

RESOLVED, Also, That Mr. F. May, of Fairford, rabbit catcher, and two assistants be engaged to kill the rabbits in Dowdeswell Wood for a fortnight at a wage of 10s per man per day, the Corporation to retain the rabbits.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Compton : "That Minute No. 9 with regard to joining a Joint Industrial Council be not approved and that the Council do join the South Midland National Joint Industrial Council for Waterworks Undertakings" was lost).

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held April 23

RESOLVED, Also, That consent be given to the Cheltenham District Traction Company to extend their Omnibus Service along Gloucester Road from Tennyson Road to Arle Court.

Fire Brigade Meeting held April 29

Allotments Meeting held April 8

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held April 8

RESOLVED, Also, That permission be given to the Musical Festival to display posters advertising the Festival Concert at Montpellier Gardens, Sandford Park and Pittville Gardens.

Art Gallery and Museum ... Meeting held April 11

Subject to an Amendment moved by The Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor Barnett : "That the following words be added to Minute 8 (b) but facilities will be given at the earliest possible moment.' "

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held April 26

Public Library Meeting held April 12

Rating Meeting held April 4

Finance ... Meeting held April 30

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

3—Resignation of Councillor Ben L. James—Read, letter of 24th ult. from Mr. Ben L. James resigning his Membership of the Town Council as owing to his appointment under the Ministry of Food he was unable to attend Meetings. RESOLVED, That this Council regret the resignation by Councillor Ben L. James of his Membership of the Town Council and desire to record their appreciation of the services rendered by him to the Town during his six years membership ; Also, That the election of a person to fill the vacancy be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Council.

4—Mr. Monro Briggs—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Monro Briggs expressing the Council's high appreciation of his work during the last 25 years as Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham National Savings Committee.

5—Tank and Winter Garden Railings—After a motion to suspend Standing Order No. 3 had been duly carried it was RESOLVED, That the General Purposes Committee be authorised to remove and sell the Tank and the Winter Garden Railings at such prices as they think fit.

JNO. HOWELL, Mayor.

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 June, 1940.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th May, 1940. Present—Aldermen Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr. Hayward, Morris and Rogers(Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 95 Prestbury Road—Mr. Osborne, representing the Owner of this house, attended and reported that the Owner was prepared to enter into an Undertaking to render the house fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month to enable the Owner to give this Undertaking.

(b) 34 and 34a North Place—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 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.

(c) 30 and 32 Marle Hill Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of these houses had not carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render them fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Undertakings be cancelled.

(d) Bruton Cottage, Portland Street—It was reported that this house had not been demolished in accordance with the Demolition Order and the Chairman had accordingly accepted the tender of Mr. W. M. Wiggett for the demolition of this house for the sum of £15 0s. 0d. less £2 10s. 0d. allowance for the value of the materials.

2—Housing Act, 1936—Certificates as to Fitness—(a) 30 and 32 Marle Hill Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner 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 Owner 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 at least 10 years.

(b) 4 Victoria 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 lists 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 these works or of these works and any other 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 10 years. RESOLVED That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to submit to the Owner a list of any additional works which he considers should be carried out before a certificate could be given.

3—Notices not complied with—(a) 3 Moorend Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Notice served under Section 9 (1) of the Housing Act, 1936 in respect of this house had not been complied with. RESOLVED, That tenders be obtained for carrying out the repairs necessary and that the expenses be recovered from the Owner under Section 10 of the Housing Act, 1936. (b) 11, 13, 15, 17, 24, 27, 28 Duke Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Notices served under Section 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936 on the Owners of these houses had not been complied with. RESOLVED, That tenders be obtained for carrying out the work and that the expenses incurred be recovered from the Owners under Section 390 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 20 lbs Beef ; 2 qrs. 10 lbs. Pork ; 1 qr. 14 lbs. Fish and 1 qr. 24 lbs. Poultry.

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5—Slaughter House Licences—It was reported that the number of licences renewed by slaughter house men for 1940 was 43 and 9 new licences were issued. 13 licences in operation for 1939 were not renewed. All the slaughter house men at the public abattoir had taken out the necessary licences.

6—Food and Drugs Act, 1938—(a) The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted Certificates of the Public Analyst in respect of 12 samples of milk Nod. 45-50, 54, 56-59 and 62 ; 1 sample of baking powder 3 samples of raspberry jam ; 1 sample of coffee extract ; 1 sample of malt extract and cod liver oil ; 4 samples of lard and 4 samples of sausage. Two samples of raspberry jam guaranteed by the makers to comply with the Lower Fruit Standard of the Food Manufacturers' Federation were found deficient in raspberries by 25 and 45 per cent respectively. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to report this to the Town Clerk, Birmingham, where the makers' factory was situate.

(b) The Quarterly Report of the Public Analyst was submitted for the Quarter ended on the 31st March last.

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—Public Abattoir—(a) Read, application from T. W. Agg, Superintendent of the Abattoir for an increase in his wages in view of the increased amount of work involved as a result of the Abattoir being taken over under the Government Scheme for centralised slaughtering which involved his working an extra 10 hours a week. His present wages were £3 10s. 0d. a week. RESOLVED, That he be granted an increase of 10s a week while he is working these extra hours.

(b) Weighing Machine—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received from Messrs. W. & T. Avery Ltd. a quotation for the maintenance of the two weighing machines supplied by them at the Abattoir at £2 0s. 0d. per quarter which included the replacement of various parts which might prove defective or wear out. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to enter into an Agreement with the makers on these terms

9—Brook, Alma Road—Read, letters from Miss L. Cook and S. J. Evans complaining of the nuisance arising from the brook in Alma Road. Read also, letter from the County Land Agent dated 1st inst. offering, on behalf of the County Council, to contribute 10s per annum towards the cost of cleaning out the brook's course from Alma Road up to the bungalow occupied by Miss Cook. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the tenant of Green Farm was willing to undertake this work for per annum. RESOLVED, That the Council contribute 10s per annum towards this.

10—Houses, Tewkesbury Road—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee that the houses near the Gas Works which had been partially demolished by the Owners under Demolition Orders should be completely demolished by the Corporation in default of the Owners carrying out the work The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Owners requiring them to complete the demolition. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned for one month.

11—Fee for Reinstating Road in Duke Street—Read, letter from Mr. H. P. Cannock requesting the Corporation to forego the fee of 25s for reinstating the road outside his house in Duke Street which had been opened by the Corporation for sewerage purposes, It was reported that several other Owners had already paid this fee in respect of their properties. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to his request.

12—Hayden Lane Cottages—Chemical Closets—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had two Elsan Chemical Closets in stock which could be utilised for these two cottages. The cost of the closets would be £12 12s. 0d. and the annual estimated cost for liquid chemical would be £2 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That these closets be not installed and that no further action be taken in the matter.

13—Regal Cinema—The Borough Surveyor made a report on the flooding at this Cinema and submitted alternative proposals for remedying this. RESOLVED, That the proposals be submitted for consideration of the Owners.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th May, 1940. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Morris and Lipson (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1--Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee--Read, reports of the Meetings of this Sub-Committee held on 25th April and 10th May They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—That the rents fixed and the rebates granted, as set out in the Rents Rebate Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2—Housing Manager—The Housing Manager submitted her monthly report on the collection of rents.

3—Land, junction of Kipling Road and Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk reported that a small piece of land lying at the junction of these roads had been let to P. C. Hicks as an allotment at a rent of 10s per annum, the first 12 months rent free.

4—Repairs Superintendent—The monthly Report of the Repairs Superintendent was submitted. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to provide a new grate in the living room at 2 Orchard Terrace, subject to the Tenant paying £2 towards the cost.

5—Fowls—RESOLVED, That the applications of the Tenants of 6 Folly Lane and 26 Wordsworth Avenue for permission to keep fowls be granted subject to no cockerels being kept and to the fowl-houses and runs being constructed to the satisfaction of the Housing Manager.

6—New Houses—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Ministry of Health that the Council's application for permission to proceed with new houses, having been referred to the Housing (War Requirements) Committee, the Minister was not satisfied that there is at the present time such an urgent necessity for the provision of the proposed houses as to justify him in securing the release of the necessary building materials and that in the circumstances he was not prepared to approve the Council's proposals. RESOLVED, That the Cheltenham Branch of the National Federation of Building Trades' Operatives be informed of the Minister's decision,

7—Whaddon Estate—The Housing Manager reported that it was anticipated that a large number of workers would shortly be transferred to the building works being carried out by the Government on land in Prior's Road in which case the Tenants on the Whaddon Estate would most likely be approached to take in lodgers. RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be authorised in her discretion to allow tenants on the Whaddon Estate to take in lodgers.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th May, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham, Pates and Ward ; 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—Salvage of Waste—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the following had been salvaged during the month of April : (the amount salvaged during the previous month is shown in brackets) :—

Paper	25 tons	4 cwt.	(16 tons 18 cwt.)
Destructor Scrap	17 "	19 ¾ "	(8 " 14 ½ ")
Other Scrap ..	10 "	10 "	(16 " 2 ½ ")
Brass ...	--	2 ½ "	nil.

Rags ...		14 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	(10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ")
Bottles	nil.		(774)
Jars	nil.		(2148)
Sacking	1 ton	15 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	(6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.)

The total amount of waste salvaged during the past four months was 179 tons 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt., 5022 bottles and jars, with a total value of £508

(b) Film—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged for the Anti-Waste Film to be exhibited at the Daffodil Picture House on the 22nd July next.

(c) Tips—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected the tip at the old Brickfield in Folly Lane where there was a considerable quantity of tins and other scrap metal. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to salvage these.

(d) Scrap Metal Week—The Borough Surveyor submitted his proposals in regard to the Scrap Metal Week and the sites which could be used for the deposit of scrap metal RESOLVED, That a Committee consisting of the Chairman and Councillors Fisher and Grimwade together with Lt.-Col. Biggs, Mr. G. Readings and a representative of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council be appointed to organise the Week, and that they be given power to arrange the necessary advertisements and publicity and also power to appoint other persons on the Committee.

(e) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to dispose of the old slab-making plant for scrap

3—Wages and Conditions of Service-- (a) RESOLVED, That the Sewer Foreman (C. Cox) be granted an increase of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. per hour in view of the responsible work carried out by him.

(b) Montpellier Gardens—The Committee considered the application made by the Union for an increase of 5s a week to be paid to the youth (L. Turner) employed at these Gardens. His present wages were 22s 6d. per week. RESOLVED, That his wages be increased to 25s.

4—Annual Contracts—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received letters from various Stores Contractors in regard to the increase in prices in consequence of the statutory increase of railway charges and wages charges. Cement had also been increased by 3s 6d a ton, and coal by several shillings a ton.

(b) Fuel—The Borough Surveyor reported that the present fuel contracts expired on the 30th June, RESOLVED, That he be authorised to arrange with the contractors for the extension of their contracts for a further twelve months or for the duration of the war, subject to the increases authorised from time to time by the Mines Department,

5—Uniforms and Overalls—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was usual to order the employees' uniforms and overalls about this time. RESOLVED, That she be instructed to order these but that they be not issued to employees until November and that the employees be informed that the present uniforms and overalls must be worn six months' longer.

6—King Edward's Statue—The Borough Surveyor reported that the taps on the above fountain were worn out and needed replacing, but as this was situated in the centre of an important road it was likely to be dangerous for children to cross the road in order to drink. RESOLVED, That the taps be removed and not replaced.

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7—Footpath, Jersey Avenue to All Saints' Church—The Borough Surveyor reported that, as instructed, he had inspected this footpath. RESOLVED, That the application made by Colonel Tarrant for the Corporation to take this over be not granted.

8—St. Paul's Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter from the County Architect in regard to the land belonging to the County Council required for the widening of St. Paul's Road. RESOLVED, That the widening be postponed until after the war.

9-19 Bennington Street—Coal Chute—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Griffiths & Son for permission to fix a new coal chute in the footpath outside 19 Bennington Street. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

10—Telephone Line—RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telegraphs for consent to place an underground telegraph line in Bath Road and Hewlett Road be granted subject to the exact route being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to the reinstatement of the footpath being carried out by the Corporation at the cost of the Post Office.

11—Emergency Hospital—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Public Assistance Officer asking if a few street signs could be erected in Cheltenham to indicate the Cheltenham Emergency Hospital at the Public Assistance Institution. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to erect the signs if these are paid for by the County Council.

12—Road Fund Grants—Read, circular No. 546 of 23rd ult. from the Ministry of Transport that the Ministry were prepared to accept as part of the cost of works or services approved for grant the proportion of the Superannuation Fund Contribution paid by local Authorities in respect of pensionable employees engaged thereon which is known as " equivalent contribution."

13—Western J.I.C.—(a) Councillor Grimwade reported that he attended the first Meeting of the Western J.I.C. held at Bristol on the 2nd May, when the grading of districts and the scale of rates of pay for each district was approved. RESOLVED, That when the scale is received this be referred for consideration of the Labour Sub-Committee.

(b) Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Honorary Treasurer of the J.I.C. asking the Council to pay an initial contribution of 5 for carrying on the work of the Council. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred until the next Meeting.

14—Streamers---(a) Read, applications from the Cheltenham Cricket Club and the Cheltenham Swimming & Water Polo Club for permission to exhibit streamers on the days of their principal home matches and galas respectively. RESOLVED, That the applications be granted subject to the usual conditions.

(b) RESOLVED, That permission be given to the National Savings Committee to display a streamer across the Colonnade during the week commencing the 9th June—National Savings Week.

15—Land, Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Mr. W. J. Forbes asking if the Council would extend the time of the completion by Mr. Maddox of his purchase of the land in Brooklyn Road. RESOLVED; That the time for completion be extended until the 31st December next.

16—Damage to Pipes—Read, report of Borough Surveyor of damage by a motor vehicle driven by Mr. J Taylor, to a stack of 9 inch pipes in Arle Road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of replacing the damaged pipes amounting to 11s 6d.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd May, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman E. L. Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall and Waite ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and the Rev. E. C. Hanson (Alderman 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.
5352	Burrows, F.	Cycle and tool shed, 4 Brooklyn Gardens.
5353	Gloucestershire County Council	Garage, Holland House, Lansdown Road.
5354	Messrs. Rogers and Davies	Detached house, Beaufort Road.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5352, 5353 and 5354 be approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5352, 5353 and 5354 be 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.
1645	Dr. J. S. Kellett-Smith	One roomed hut, Wood Farm, Whittington.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 1645 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Committee further considered the application of the Cheltenham Estates Ltd. for permission to erect a house near Little Shurdington for the Manager of

their sand and gravel pits at Shurdington. The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 2nd inst. from the Chief Sanitary Inspector of the Rural District Council pointing out that some difficulty exists regarding the well from which the Company propose to obtain water and that he had advised them to sink a new well. Further, any plans submitted to the District Council that were not accompanied by satisfactory evidence as to water supply and drainage would not be approved. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted as there is no evidence that an adequate supply of potable water can be obtained and no drainage proposals have been submitted.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 8th inst. from Cheltenham Estates Ltd., together with plans for the development of land fronting Hayward's Lane and re-development of Trenance, London Road. He reported that (1) the proposed widths of Hayward's Lane and the private road off London Road did not comply with the requirements of the Scheme, (2) the proposed drainage is unsatisfactory, (3) the elevations of the houses were far from satisfactory, and (4) the houses on the Trenance site were badly sited and in one case was shown in a stream.

RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

4—Plan No. T. P. 1624—Cottage, Little Witcombe—Read, letters from Messrs. Bubb & Co., on behalf of Mr. L. W. Nott asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to approve the plans of the cottage erected by Mr. Nott, without consent, at Little Witcombe. Read also, letters from Mr. Nott and Mr. F. Coleman. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances arising out of the War and the need of housing accommodation that the plan be now approved, subject to Mr. Coleman giving an Undertaking that the land part of Field Nod. 703 on which the cottage is built and the adjoining land Field Nod. 700 containing 1.988 acres shall be kept as one holding and used for agricultural or horticultural purposes only, also that the approach road, 10 feet wide, used in common with the Owner of the adjoining land part of Field Nod. 703 shall only be used for the purposes of access to the cottage and holding.

5—Committee—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Clerk to the Northleach Rural District Council that his Council had appointed the Rev. E. C. Hanson as their representative on the Committee for the ensuing year.

6—Sunday Work—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed at the last Council Meeting he had written to the Palace Builders (Coventry) Ltd. regarding the continuance of work on Sundays on the houses now being erected by them in Priors Road, and that he had now been informed by the Company that instructions had been given for Sunday work to cease.

7—Allotments, Bishop's Cleeve—Read, letter of 25th ult. from the Clerk to the Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council that the observations of the Committee regarding the difficulties in respect of expense etc. had been fully considered by the Parish Council and that they adhered to their request for the land to be scheduled for allotments. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

8—Conversion of Garage into Shop--Back Montpellier Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that a. garage in Back Montpellier Terrace had been converted into a shop by Mr. T. Giddings. The premises, which were designed for and approved as a garage, had been converted without the special consent of the Committee and did not comply with the provisions of the Scheme or the

Building Byelaws. RESOLVED, That cons.mn to time conversion be not granted and that the Food Control Committee be asked not to licence the premises.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th May, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Ward ; Councillors Bush, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Smith and Waite; and Mr. D. V. Davies (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of Meetings of the Entertainments Sub-Committee held on the 7th and 21st May.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Youth Committee—That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted for the Meetings of the Youth Committee to be held on an average twice a month.

(b) B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra—That the Town Hall be let for a Concert by the B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra on Sunday evening, 23rd June at a charge of 15 guineas.

(c) Tennis Exhibition Matches—That a Sub-Committee be appointed as on previous occasions to make the necessary arrangements for these matches to be played at the Montpellier Gardens on the 25th June.

(d) That no charge be made for the use of the Drawing Room for a Mobile Canteen Meeting held on the 16th inst.

(e) That the Montpellier Pavilion be let to Mr. Morris of Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, for the summer season for his Concert Party, on a weekly tenancy at a rent of £10 per week, including lighting and cleaning, subject to the usual agreement being entered into. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2—Montpellier Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

3—Alstone Baths—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for permission to have the use of the Baths on the usual club nights and for galas be granted on the same terms as previous years.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Headmaster of the Grammar School for use of the Alstone Baths on the morning of the 22nd July and the afternoon of the 25th July for the purpose of school swimming heats and School Gala respectively be granted, subject to the Superintendent being able to fit these in.

(c) Read, application from the No. 6 Air Observer School, Staverton, for the use of the Baths for one hour per week for a class of instruction for about an average of 40 pupils. RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be authorised to arrange a convenient time for this class, and that they be admitted at the reduced charge of 3d. per head.

(d) RESOLVED, That the application of the Technical College for the use of the Baths for their annual Swimming Sports on the evening of the 15th July be granted.

9—Pittville Gardens—RESOLVED, That the free use of these Gardens be granted to the Cheltenham Girl Guides Association for their annual competition on the 29th June.

5—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall, except for payment of two guineas out-of-pocket expenses, be granted for a Public Meeting to be organised by the Ministry of Information on the 28th June when Professor John Hilton will be the speaker.

6—Summer Concerts—RESOLVED, That the application of the Gloucestershire Diocesan Association for the Blind for issue of free passes for the concerts during the summer season to the blind persons set out in the letter and their companions be granted as in previous years.

7—Winter Garden—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the General Purposes Committee had instructed him to dispose of the railings round the Winter Garden except for the portion of the railings on the east side of the ground adjoining the drawing-room terrace lawn. He recommended that the railings round the band-stand should also be sold for scrap. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to dispose of the railings round the band-stand.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to offer the Winter Garden building to the Government for any purpose that the Government may desire to use it, and that pending a reply from the Government, the Borough Surveyor's recommendation that the heating boilers and pipes in the building should be disposed of for scrap be deferred.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th May, 1940. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Leigh James; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Grimwade, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Electricity Works—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an application from a firm for the use of the old Electricity Works building for storage of machinery. The Company required a lease for 5 or 7 years. The Borough Electrical Engineer pointed out that the overhead cranes in the engine room were extremely useful for lifting the heavy electrical equipment at present stored there and there would be difficulty in securing alternative storage accommodation. RESOLVED, That if these premises were urgently required in view of the present emergency the Committee are prepared to

consider granting a lease on terms to be arranged if the Borough Electrical Engineer can obtain alternative storage accommodation.

2—Cable Contracts—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Hackbridge Cable Co. Ltd. were willing to extend their contract for the supply of cables for another year up to 30th June, 1941 at prices approximately 4 per cent above their current prices. He also submitted an offer from Aberdare Cables to extend their contract for one year on revised terms. RESOLVED, That the offer of the Hackbridge Cable Co. Ltd. be accepted and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange terms with Aberdare Cables.

3—Overhead Lines—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Transport had consented to the erection of an overhead line at Staverton.

4—Power Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted an application from a power consumer for a considerable increase in his supply, and he reported on the extensions which would be necessary. RESOLVED, That the supply be given on his entering into an agreement to take the supply on the same terms as other large consumers and subject to payment of the cost of the extensions to the cable etc.

5—Gas Tests—Read, reports of gas tests made on the 2nd, 5th, 8th, 13th, 22nd and 27th inst. which showed the calorific value on these dates to be 478.3, 477.8, 470.5, 474.7, 467.4 and 475.6 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure to be 8.6, 9.1, 5.9, 6.8, 8.8 and 8.6 inches of water respectively.

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th May, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates and Ward; Councillors Dr. Hayward and Morris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 30th April, 1940.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	269,000 gallons	226,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	831,000 "	809,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	54,000	45,000
	1,154,000	1,080,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 81,471,000 gallons.

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

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

4—Inspectors Uniforms and Overalls—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to order the usual number of uniforms and overalls, but that the employees be informed that uniforms must in future be worn a further six months before renewal.

5—Extension to Mains—R.A.S.C. Depot, Ashchurch—The Borough Engineer reported that the Rural District Council had sent him a copy of a letter from the Royal Engineers' Office at Oxford stating that authority had now been received for the laying of the new mains to this Depot and that he had accordingly put the work in hand on the 4th inst. and made application to the Army Authorities for payment of £1,000 on account RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Army Authorities that the work is being carried out on the understanding that the whole of the cost, including any additional costs not included in the estimate for increased cost of materials and wages, will be paid for by the War Office and to ask for confirmation of this.

6—Conferences—Read, circulars from the Freshwater Biological Association and the British Waterworks Association inviting the attendance of delegates to their respective annual meetings to be held in London and Sheffield RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed.

7—Sandford Waterworks—The Borough Engineer reported that the new electric pumping unit was now working satisfactorily. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to have the pump room redecorated and electric lighting installed.

8—Woodlands Farm—The Borough Engineer reported that he had inspected this farm with Mr. R. V. Castle, when the farm house was found to be in a bad condition, mainly due to there being no damp course in the walls. He recommended that only the absolutely essential work should now be done to make the house habitable at an estimated cost of £43 plus £5 for repairs to the main walls of the Bungalow. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

9—Shooting Rights—Read, letter from Mr. H. M. Clutterbuck that he did not wish to take the shooting rights next season; his last season's bag was 1 pheasant. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to offer the shooting rights to Mr. Clutterbuck at a nominal rent

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st May, 1940. Present—Me Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Pates, Pruen, Ward and Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, report of the Annual Licensing Meeting of the Committee held at the Central Depot on the 8th inst. Present—Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Pates ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Green. The Committee had inspected all the Motor Hackney Carriages (with the exception of 4) and 1 Pony Carriage and recommended that all the applications for the renewal of licences for the ensuing year be granted, subject to the 4 Taxis not produced for inspection being passed by Supt. Hopkins, and also that all the applications for Drivers' Licences be granted. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

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3—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, W. Dean and H. Reynolds for renewal of their licences to deal in game be granted for one year, up to 1st July, 1941.

4—Petroleum Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Pool Petroleum Board to open existing tanks at the Tewkesbury Road Depot of Shell Mex and B.P., be granted and that a Licence be granted to store 20,000 gallons of petroleum.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Kirk & Kirk for a Licence to store 500 gallons of petroleum in a temporary underground installation on the site of new building works at Priors Road for use during building operations be granted.

5—Factories Act, 1937—Mr. G. G. C. King, the Inspector under Section 34 of the Factories Act 1937 reported that in company with the Factory Inspector he had inspected the premises of Spirax Manufacturing Co in St. George's Road and the U.C.A.L. works in Keynshambury Road and found that adequate means of escape in case of fire had been provided and these means of escape are kept free from obstruction. He recommended that a Certificate under Section 34 of the Factories Act 1937 be issued. RESOLVED, That Certificates be issued under Section 34 of the Act.

6—Winter Garden Railings and Tank—The Committee considered the resolution of the Council authorising them to dispose of the Winter Garden railings and tank at Montpellier Gardens. The Borough Surveyor reported that the total length was approximately 423 yards including the gates and he estimated the weight of the metal at about 30 tons. Each upright was securely leaded into a heavy stone plinth. One method of taking them out was to cut out each vertical and make good the stone plinth at an estimated cost of 7s 2d. per yard, or a total cost of £171 11s. 6d. including making good the damage to footpaths and gardens. The railings would probably fetch a sum of £82 10s. 0d. being £2 15s 0d. per ton. Messrs. John Such & Sons had suggested they could burn through all the uprights at a cost of 1s 4d. a yard in which case it would be necessary to cover the short cut-off ends with a covering of concrete and he estimated the cost of this method at 4s 6d. a yard, namely £112 3s. 6d. Mr. Such also suggested that he might be able to draw out the railings from the stone plinth at considerably less cost.

Before deciding to dispose of the railings, the Borough Surveyor suggested that the Committee should consider the desirability of keeping these for erection along the Dowdeswell Reservoir in place of the timber fence which was now nearing the end of its life and would shortly have to be replaced. RESOLVED, That the Committee decide to dispose of the railings forthwith (except the

portion of the railings along the east side adjoining the Drawing Room Terrace), and that an experiment be made with drawing them out as suggested by Mr. Such, but if this is not satisfactory Messrs John Such & Sons Ltd. be instructed to burn through the railings at a cost of 1s 4d. per yard, and that the short cut-off ends be covered with concrete and the plinth and footpaths made good.

RESOLVED, also, That a temporary wire fence be placed along the south side of the gardens to prevent persons falling over the embankment. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the demolition and removal of the tank.

7—Marle Hill House Estate—(a) Read, letter from Col. Whitmore Jones asking if in view of the present situation and the difficulty of obtaining other accommodation, he might be allowed to withdraw his notice to terminate his tenancy.

RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) Read, letter from Mr. W. H. Horsley asking if the Corporation would consider selling the house with about 5 acres of ground for the purpose of a first-class Club. RESOLVED, That the Committee are not prepared to entertain the sale of the property,

(c) Fields—RESOLVED, That the grazing on the field fronting Evesham Road containing about 6 acres be let to J. P. Pates & Co. for grazing their horses at weekends at a rent of 16s 8d per month, subject to the Corporation also retaining the right to graze their own horses on the field as at present.

RESOLVED, also, That Messrs. C. C. Castle & Sons be instructed to obtain offers for the mowing grass in the adjoining field containing about 10 acres

8—Leckhampton Hill Estate—(a) Custodian's Cottage—The Borough Surveyor reported that the lean-to structure adjoining the Custodian's cottage in Daisybank Road had settled and resulted in a fracture of the stonework. It was also found that the drainage to the house was not adequate. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the lean-to structure repaired and also provide an adequate drainage system for the cottage.

(b) Read, letter of 24th ult. from Ivens, Thompson & Green asking for consent to Mr. A. E. Gardner underletting the land formerly let to Mr. Murray Linder by agreements dated 15th October, 1934 and 31st May, 1937 to a new company known as the Bresson Aircraft Ltd. of 17 Bennett's Hill, Birmingham. The present under-tenant (Mr. A. Gardner) would remain responsible for the rent. RESOLVED, That consent be given to the further under-letting.

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9—Rodney Road Car Park—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Commanding Officer of the Cheltenham Division of the Cotswold Sea Cadet Corps asking for permission to drill the cadets in this car park during the summer months RESOLVED, That the application be granted so far as this does not interfere with the use of the ground as a car park.

10—Paper Economy—RESOLVED, That as a measure of economy the sending of Agenda of the various Committee Meetings be discontinued for a trial period of one month and that members of the Council be asked to regard the monthly fixture card as the summons for the Meetings,

11—Guardians Committee--RESOLVED, That Major H. Brooke-Murray be nominated a representative of the Council on the Guardians Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. R. Parnell.

12—Girls' Grammar School—Read, letter of 18th inst. from the Board of Education enclosing notice of proposed sale by the Government of No. 1 St. Margaret's Terrace and asking if the Corporation have any objection or representation to make thereto. RESOLVED, That the Corporation have no observations to offer.

13—Municipal Offices—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the National Savings Committee to erect a suitable indicator on the front of the Municipal Offices to indicate the growth of National Savings from week to week.

14—National Service—(a) RESOLVED, That consent be given to Mr. G. M. Smith (Fitter) transferring to a war industry and that he be assured of reinstatement on the termination of the war, subject however to his reserving his own superannuation rights by contributing both his own and the Corporation's payments during the time that he is not employed by the Corporation.

(b) RESOLVED, That consent be given to the Highways Superintendent, Mr. W. R. Armisted, enlisting. Also, That Mr. Armisted be informed that if he is accepted for military service the Council will require him to give up possession of the house so as to enable the person appointed to take charge of the Central Depot to occupy the same, in which case for the purpose of making up his salary the value of the house, etc. be taken at the value fixed for superannuation purposes.

15—Superannuation--RESOLVED, That, on the recommendation of the Water Committee, the services of H. Sellick (Meter Inspector and Storekeeper at Sandford) be extended for one year from 17th June.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th. May, 1940. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bush, Green and Grimwade; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Monthly Report of Acting Chief Officer—The Acting Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended 4 calls to fire, as follows :—May 1st, Bottomley Farm, Woodmancote (Cheltenham R.D.C.) ; May 10th, 2 St. Margaret's Terrace ; May 19th, Cranley Lodge, Wellington Square ; and May 22nd, 254 High Street.

2—Leyland Fire Engine—The Acting Chief Officer reported that this fire engine had now been received back from its overhaul by the makers. RESOLVED, That the Acting Chief Officer be authorised to have this repainted by members of the Fire Brigade Staff at an approximate cost of £15 for materials etc.

3—Auxiliary Fire Service-7(a) Uniforms-17 tenders were received for the supply of the uniforms, overalls and caps required for the Auxiliary Fire Service. RESOLVED, That the following tenders (being the lowest in each case) be accepted :—

Messrs. Huggins, Son & Co. Ltd., Bristol 128 Firemen's tunics with badges at 29s 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. each ; 15 Messengers' tunics with badges at 21s 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. each ; 2 Officers tunics with badges at 49s 6d. each ; 155 Firemen's trousers at 10s 9d. each; and 2 Officers' trousers at 22s 10d. each.

Messrs. Manclark & Son, Edinburgh : 78 Overalls at 7s 5d. each.

Messrs. Dillingham & Edwards, Luton : 95 Firemens' caps at 3s 11d. each.

Rego Clothiers, London : 4 Officers' caps at 6s 5d. each ; 1 Officer's cap at 17s 5d. ; and 1 Officer's cap at 14s 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

(b) Supplementary Fire Parties—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Home Office that instructions had been given for the issue of 6 stirrup hand pumps for the training of supplementary fire parties, The Acting Chief Officer reported that he had been in touch with some of the Senior Wardens in the Borough who had kindly offered to recruit the personnel to man these pumps and that the training of the personnel (about 4 hours) would be done by members of the Auxiliary Fire Service. He suggested that the 25 stirrup pumps earmarked for the Borough should be allocated as follows :—St. Mark's Estate, 6 pumps ; Folley Lane Estate, 4 pumps ; Selkirk Street district, 1 pump ; The Moors Estate and Lower High street, 7 pumps ; Whaddon Estate, 5 pumps ; Tivoli, 1 pump ; and Piney Crescent, 1 pump. Most of the Head Wardens were of opinion that more stirrup hand pumps were necessary and that if these were supplied they would probably be able to obtain the additional personnel to act as fire parties. RESOLVED, That the proposals of the Acting Chief Officer be approved and that the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Home Office for a further allocation of stirrup hand pumps for use by supplementary fire parties. RESOLVED, also, That the attention of the public be drawn to the fact that those members of the public who can afford to do so should purchase stirrup hand pumps and that the Acting Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade will be glad to train members of the public in the use of these.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Acting Chief Officer be authorised to purchase a supply of new sparking plugs and new tyres when necessary for the towing vehicles.

(d) Action Station—The Acting Chief Officer reported that he had arranged with Messrs. Walker, Crossweller & Co. Ltd, to form an Action Station at their works on the Whaddon Estate where two trailer pumps would be stationed. Messrs. Walker, Crossweller & Co. Ltd. had agreed to provide accommodation for the pumps and towing vehicles and 15 of their workmen had already enrolled so that the Station would be manned day and night. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(e) The Town Clerk submitted the following circulars from the Home Office Nos. 38, Issue of Anti-Gas Ointment ; 39, Pressure Calculator ; 41 and 51, Enrolment of unemployed men formerly in reserved occupations ; 42, Timber Control ; 43, Operational Control at Air Raid Incidents; 44, Deferment of Military Service of personnel ; 47, Repairs and Replacement of fire appliances; 48, Rubber Boots; 49, Development of Emergency Arrangements; 50, Insurance of Part-Time Vehicles ; 96, Batteries and Bulbs ; 54, Aeroplane Crash Fires ; and 101, Replacement of Equipment damaged during Air Attack. RESOLVED, That these be referred for the attention of Acting Chief Officer.

(f) Food for Personnel—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Home Office that they were not prepared to approve of the payment of 1s per day to the personnel in lieu of the provision of food. The Acting Chief Officer reported that arrangements had now been made to instal cooking stoves at the Auxiliary Fire Stations, the Corporation to provide the food in accordance with the requirements of the Home Office.

(g) Section Officer—The Acting Chief Officer recommended that one of the whole-time Auxiliary Firemen should be promoted to Section Officer to arrange for the purchase of the food for the personnel and superintend the messing arrangements, and the Town Clerk reported that the Home Office had approved of the proposal to appoint a Section Officer at a wage of £3 10s. 0d. per week. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(h) Leading Firemen—Read, Circular No. 40 of 1st inst. from the Home Office that as from 1st May the pay of Auxiliary Fire Service Personnel holding the rank of Leading Fireman may be increased to £3 5s. 0d. per week and the expenditure of the Fire Authorities will be reimbursed accordingly, provided that the number of Leading Firemen does not exceed the approved number of first line units, which in Cheltenham were 7. The Acting Chief Officer reported that the pay of 7 Leading Firemen had been increased accordingly.

(i) Aliens—Read, Circular No. 55 of 24th inst. that having regard to the conditions existing at the present time it is considered desirable that fire authorities should review the position of any aliens who may have enrolled as Members of the Auxiliary Fire Service. In particular, steps should be taken that no alien, whether of enemy nationality or otherwise, is employed in a key position. The Acting Chief Officer reported that there were no aliens in the Auxiliary Fire Service occupying key positions.

(j) Auxiliary Fire Service Recreation Room—Councillor Bush reported that the Parish Church Young Men's Club were willing to let their premises, including the Billiard Tables and equipment, to the Auxiliary Fire Service for the use of the Social Club, at a rent of £50 per annum, including rates RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and that application be made to the Home Office for the approval of this rental for the purposes of grant.

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4—Fire Brigades Act, 1938—Read, Circular No 46 of 14th inst. from the Home Office pointing out that the provision of Emergency Fire Brigade appliances and equipment by the Government and the arrangements for Fire Brigade reinforcements under Regional Schemes did not relieve Fire Authorities of their statutory obligations under this Act to provide efficient local fire services and to enter into Mutual Assistance Schemes with neighbouring authorities, and also pointing out that it is no longer lawful for any Fire Authority to require any owners or occupiers of properties on which fires have occurred to make any payment in respect of local fire services other than through the general Rates.

5—Third Officer—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Home Office extending for a further six months up to 30th September, 1940, the approval to the salary of the Third Officer ranking for exchequer grant The Acting Chief Officer reported that it would considerably facilitate training if the Third Officer was sent to the Anti-Gas School at Falfield for training as an Anti-Gas Instructor, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Home Office for a vacancy to be

allotted to the Third Officer and that, if granted, the Third Officer be appointed to attend the course and that his expenses be borne by the Corporation.

6—Hose Drying and Drill Tower—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Home Office that the Ministry were prepared to take into account for grant under the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1937, the sum of £80, representing 75 per cent of the estimated cost of this tower. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enter into a Contract for the erection of the tower.

7—Mutual Assistance Scheme—Read, letters from the Town Clerk, Tewkesbury, and the Clerk to the Cirencester Urban District Council that their respective Councils were prepared to enter into Mutual Assistance Schemes as requested by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare the necessary Agreements and the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th May, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith, Messrs, A Ball and E. M. Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the following allotments were in an unsatisfactory state of cultivation : Nos. 86 Asquith Road, 43 Creamery Piece, 19, 20 and 21 North Ward, 12, 17, 22, 87, 94 and 126 Marle Hill, 1 Tennyson Road and No. 17 of the War Allotments in Tennyson Road RESOLVED, That as regards such of these allotments as are totally uncultivated, the Town Clerk be authorised to apply to the Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries for his consent to take possession of these under the Cultivation of Lands (Allotments) Order, 1939 and that as regards the allotments which are being partially cultivated the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Tenants asking them to put the same in full cultivation

2—Rebates in Rent—RESOLVED, That the Tenant of No. 130 Marle Hill be offered this allotment rent free for 12 months on condition that he removes the stone underneath a portion of the allotment, that the Tenant of No 209 North Ward be granted the use of this allotment rent free for 6 months in view of the bad state thereof, but that the request of the Tenant of No. 16 Baglin's Piece that the arrears amounting to 8s 6d. up to 25th March last be written off be not granted.

3—Orchard, Marsh Lane—With regard to the complaint about the bad condition of this Orchard which was considered at the last Meeting of the Committee, the Town Clerk reported that the Tenant had informed him that this land was very damp and difficult to cultivate in wet weather, but that he was now making every effort to cultivate it in accordance with his Agreement.

4—Ditch at Baglin's Piece—Councillor Addis reported that the ditch adjoining the allotments of Baglin's Piece was causing a nuisance by flooding. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to investigate this and to report at the next Meeting of the Committee.

P. T. SMITH, Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th May, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair)

1—Gardens Superintendent's Report—(a) Request for Surplus Plants for "Soldiers'" Gardens—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had received a letter requesting that any surplus plants might be sent to a Central Depot at the Shire Hall, Gloucester for distribution to the "Soldiers' " gardens which are being started in the County He reported that there may in due course be a surplus from the seed beds in the demonstration plots. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to send any such surplus plants to Gloucester as requested.

(b) The Gardens Superintendent submitted an application from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for an increase of 5s a week in the wages of L. Turner, one of the gardeners. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Labour Sub-Committee.

2—Alstone Croft Playing Field—Store at Pavilion—The Borough Surveyor reported that proper use of the Pavilion at this playing field could not be made as the Custodian's equipment was at present stored therein. He reported that he was making a temporary erection out of secondhand corrugated iron to use as a tool store until the new store already authorised is constructed. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Whaddon Estate Recreation Ground—Pavilion—The Borough Surveyor suggested that, as a Custodian had now been appointed at this Recreation Ground, the tiled roof of the pavilion and the woodwork and glazing which had been severely damaged by children some time ago, should now be repaired. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to have this done.

4—Royal Crescent Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that the shelter trenches in the gardens were being strengthened by throwing more soil on them and that he had obtained grass seed, as instructed by the Emergency Committee, which would shortly be sown. The Town Clerk reported that he had not yet heard that the terms recommended by the District Valuer had been approved by the Regional Officer. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the grass seed being sown.

5—Petrol Supply for Motor Mowers etc.—Read, circular letter of 22nd ult. from the Mines Department stating that only 50 per cent of the amount of petrol used for motor mowers etc. during the corresponding period of 1939 will be allowed to be drawn this year. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to use his discretion as to the mowing of the various recreation grounds etc.

6—Sandford Park—(a) Read, application from the Cheltenham Blackout Club Committee for the use of Sandford Park on 4th and 5th June for a Sports Meeting. The Gardens Superintendent reported that in the event of bad weather the park might not be in very good condition on these dates after the visit of Bertram Mills' Circus a few days previously RESOLVED, That the application be granted for the two days applied for or any two subsequent dates which the Club Committee may select.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted recommendation from the Entertainments Sub-Committee that the application made by the Rev. Bolton on behalf of the Free Church Ministers for permission to hold open-air meetings from 8 to 9 p.m. on one Sunday evening in June, July and August be granted subject to their arranging a Sunday so as not to clash with the monthly Services to be held at the Montpellier Gardens by the Y.M.C.A. RESOLVED, That this application be granted.

7--Cricket Pitches-RESOLVED, That the application of the Knights of being Columba for a cricket pitch on the St. Mark's Playing Field be granted for one afternoon a week subject to their being acme to arrange fixtures to fit in with the fixtures of other clubs to whom pitches have been granted ; and that the application of Messrs. Walker, Crosweller & Co. Ltd. for permission to play at St. Mark's Playing Field be granted at a charge of £3 3s.Od. for the season subject to their arranging their fixtures with other clubs who have been granted permission to play on the ground.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th May, 1940. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Councillor Bush.

1—Unpaid Rates—A Statement of unpaid Rates for the half year ended 30th ult. was submitted and signed by the Committee.

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

3—Arrears—The Committee interviewed and dealt with two Rate defaulters.

4-105 High Street—Read, application from Rotol Airscrews Ltd. asking to be assessed for Rates on the offices only until the whole of the premises are occupied. RESOLVED, That they be charged on £150 gross and £122 rateable for the time being.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th May, 1940. Present--Aldermen Pruen, Taylor and Ward ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—(a) Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 25th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £19,071; Leaving Outstanding £115,206.

(b) Read, final Report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended the 31st March last Total amount collected £121,745 ; Allowances to owners £921 ; Voids £3,236 ; Excusals £217 ; Otherwise irrecoverable £5,901 ; Arrears £2,908 Less rate received on requisitioned property £6,073.

2—Water Rate—(a) Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1940. Amount collected £2,855 ; Leaving Outstanding £15,076.

(b) The Borough Treasurer submitted his final Report on the collection of water charges for the half year ended the 31st March last : Amount collected £17,325 ; Abatements £113 ; Voids £196 ; Defaulters £20 ; Arrears £418.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 28th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Councillor Waite, The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted,

4—Electricity Charges—Read, report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity charges since the last Meeting.

5—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting £400 had been received on loan for 10 years at 3 ½ per cent. RESOLVED, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loan

6—Superannuation—The Borough Treasurer reported that G. Harm (ex-Sweeper) died on the 27th inst. He was in receipt of a pension of 10s per week.

7—Housing Act—Guarantees—Read, letter from the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society that two borrowers were in arrear with their payments. RESOLVED, That the Building Society be authorised to take steps to realise their security if they consider this is necessary.

8—Expenditure—RESOLVED, That the various Committees be requested to exercise the greatest economy and to carefully scrutinise all expenditure, including expenditure provided for in the estimates for the current year.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 3rd June, 1940, 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., Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green. Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Lipson, M.A., M.P., Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Avery, Bettridge and Fletcher.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 6th May, 1940, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held May 15

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Garland and seconded by Councillor Bush : "That the words That the Ministry of Health be fully informed of the circumstances be added to Minute No. 6 (a) with regard to the sample of Raspberry jam " was lost.

Housing ...Meeting held May 16

Street and Highway Meeting held May 20

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Fisher and seconded by Councillor Grimwade : " That Minute No. 2 (d) with regard to Scrap Metal Week be amended by adding the words ' which shall continue the salvage of waste generally,'

Town Planning Meeting held May 23

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Town Improvement and Spa.... Meeting held May 24

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Waite : "That the following words be added to Minute No. 7 (b) with regard to the offer of the Winter Garden to the Government ' but that if the Government do not want the building, the Heating Apparatus and pipes be dismantled immediately ' " Subject, Also to an Amendment moved by the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councillor Morris: " That the Council do give free passes to wounded members of His Majesty's Forces for admission to Parks, Baths, Swimming Pool and Concerts, such passes to be issued through the Hospital or Institutions where such persons are housed or on application to the Borough Treasurer."

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held May 27

Water Meeting held May 16

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held May 21

Except that Minute No. 4 (a) be amended and that the Licence applied for by the Pool Petroleum Board be increased to 50,000 gallons RESOLVED, also, That Councillor H. C. Grimwade be nominated for the appointment of Sub-Controller for the Borough and Charlton Kings and Cheltenham Rural District. (An Amendment moved by the Deputy Mayor : " That Minute No. 6 be not approved and that the railings be retained for other purposes" was moved out of order. An Amendment was then moved by the Deputy Mayor : "To suspend the Standing Orders" but this was lost).

Fire Brigade Meeting held May 27

Allotments ... Meeting held May 15

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held May 15

Rating Meeting held May 9

Finance Meeting held May 28

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

3—Enemy Aliens—The Deputy Mayor moved in accordance with Notice of Motion " That it be an instruction to all Committees that no enemy alien is to be employed whether paid or assisting in a voluntary capacity, under the Corporation, and that the services of any at present so employed or assisting are to be dispensed with forthwith." The motion was seconded by Alderman Pruen and on being put to the Meeting was declared to be carried unanimously.

4 Education Committee—RESOLVED, That Mr. P. R. Clauss be re-elected a Member of the Education Committee for a further term of three years from the 5th June, 1940.

5—Winter Garden Railings—With reference to Minute No. 6 of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, it was RESOLVED, That the Emergency Committee be authorised to dispose of the Winter Garden railings so as to ensure their being used for the best purpose in connection with the War effort.

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, 1st July, 1940.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th June, 1940. Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Moore, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 5, 6 and 7 Exmouth Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the work of reconditioning these houses had disclosed that the internal walls and brick work were in a very defective state and that it would be necessary for extensive work to be carried out in addition to the work expressly provided for in the original specification, and he strongly advised that no further work should be carried out as the property was not worth reconditioning. Mrs. King, one of the joint Owners, attended and asked for time to enable her to consult with the other joint Owner who was in India. RESOLVED, That further consideration be adjourned to enable her to do this and that she be asked to have the property boarded up in the meantime.

(b) 95 Prestbury Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had now decided that it would be impracticable to recondition it. 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.

(c) 40 Queen Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Owner of this house had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render it fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That the Undertaking be cancelled.

2—Housing Act, 1936—Certificate as to Fitness-40 Queen 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 at least 10 years.

3—Notices not complied with-3 Moorend Road and 24 and 28 Duke Street—RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to accept tenders for the carrying out of works at these premises and that the expenses be recovered from the Owners in accordance with Minute No 3 of the last Meeting of the Committee.

4—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt 11 lbs. Beef ; 18 lbs. Bacon ; 1 qr. 5 lbs. Kidneys ; 1 Fowl and 1 cwt. Mackerel.

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—Smoke Nuisance, Sunshine Laundry—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had received a complaint of a nuisance caused by smoke from this laundry. He had ascertained that the Owners were experiencing great difficulty in obtaining proper fuel at the present time. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken at present.

7—Rat Destruction—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported the serious situation arising out of the number of rats which were coming out of the sewers in various parts of the town. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor and the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to take such steps as they may deem necessary to reduce these RESOLVED, also, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be authorised to permit two men now employed in rat destruction to work overtime when necessary, and that the public be asked to co-operate in securing the destruction of the rats

8—Better Health Magazine—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the annual grant of £6 which is made towards the cost of producing this magazine was now due. RESOLVED, That this grant be discontinued.

9—Treatment and Disposal of Foodstuffs Contaminated by Gas—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council stating that his Council were experiencing difficulty in finding a suitable person for their area to carry out the necessary treatment and disposal of foodstuffs contaminated by gas, and asking that this work might be undertaken by a member of the Corporation's staff. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be authorised to undertake this work subject to the Urban District Council paying to the Corporation a contribution to be arranged towards the cost.

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10—Common Lodging Houses—RESOLVED, That Mr. A. A. V. Meulbrouck and Mr. A. F. Evans be registered as Common Lodging House Keepers until the 31st December, 1940, in respect of Cumberland Villa, Grove Street and The Shamrock, High Street, respectively.

11—Houses, Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter from Mr. W. H. Littley stating that he was putting the work of demolishing the houses belonging to him in hand. The Town Clerk reported that he had not received any reply from Messrs. H. Packer (1928) Ltd. RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for the demolition of Messrs. Packer's property and that if Mr. Littley's property is not demolished before the 15th July, tenders be obtained for the demolition of these houses and that the Chairman be authorised to accept suitable tenders.

12—Sewage Works—Filter Media—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a letter dated the 28th ult. from Messrs. Jee's Hartshill Granite & Brick Co, Ltd. stating that they would be unable to deliver the filter media to the works by road owing to petrol rationing, and that the cost of conveying it by rail would be 16s 4d per ton instead of 16s 1d per ton by road. He had, therefore, accepted a quotation from Messrs. Mark Williams & Co Ltd. to haul the material from the Railway Station to the works at 4s per ton. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Jee's Hartshill Granite & Brick Co. Ltd. be requested to bear half the additional cost involved.

13—Water Service Pipe—The Borough Surveyor reported that the service pipe to Barn Farm House had been found to be burst in several places. This length had been cut and a new piece inserted but further leakages occurred in other parts of the service pipe. He recommended that a new pipe be laid at an estimated cost of £7. RESOLVED, That Mr. Rymer be asked to pay half the cost.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th June, 1940. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Housing Manager—The Housing Manager submitted her monthly report on the collection of rents.

2—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on the 7th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

That the rents fixed and the rebates granted, as set out in the Rents Rebate Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

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

3—Repairs Superintendent—Read, Report of the Repairs Superintendent—(a) RESOLVED, That the various Decorators and Repairs Contractors be granted an increase of 1 ¼ per cent on all work and that the retention money be reduced from 20 per cent to 10 per cent.

(b) 113 St. Paul's Road—He estimated the cost of making good the damage by fire to this house at £45, in respect of which a claim had been made on the Insurance Company.

4—One Bedroom Flats—The Housing Manager pointed out that the majority of one bedroom flats were occupied by old-age pensioners and in view of the new Pension Act enabling them to obtain supplementary pensions, it was desirable that the flats should be let at a proper rent. RESOLVED, That the rent of the flats be fixed at 5s per week.

5—Land at St. Mark's—RESOLVED, ED, That the application of the tenant of 26 Wordsworth Avenue to rent a small piece of the adjoining field which was not being used for any purpose be granted at a rent of 7s 6d per annum.

6—Higgs' Cottages—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the District Valuer enclosing his report on the agreed compensation to be paid to the 22 various owners of the site of these cottages. The total amount payable amongst all the owners was £140 5s. 10d., the Corporation to pay for the cost of clearing the site, to pay the Surveyor's fee of £9 16s. 0d., and the proper legal costs of the vendors. RESOLVED, That these terms be accepted and the purchase of the property be proceeded with and paid out of revenue. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be authorised to agree the Vendors' Solicitors' costs with Messrs. Midwinter & Co.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th June, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham , Pates and Ward ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Morris and Roger--; (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Salvage of Waste—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the following had been salvaged during the month of May (the amounts salvaged during the previous month are shown in brackets)

	Tons.	Cwts.	No.	Tons.	Cwts.
Paper ...	32	6		(25	4 ½)
Destructor Scrap	10	7		(17	19 ¾)
Other Scrap	1	13 ¼		(10	10)
Brass				(2 ¼)
Rags	1	½		(14 ¾)
Bottles			656		
Jars			1172		
Sacking	1	9		(1	15 ½)
Bones			12		

The total amount of waste salvaged during the past five months was 226 tons 19 cwt., 6850 bottles and jars, with a total value of £702

(b) Baling Press—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase a Baling Press at a cost of £27 0s. 0d.

2—Wages and Conditions of Service—(a) Councillor Grimwade reported a further Meeting of the Western Joint Industrial Council and submitted the grading scale and rates of pay adopted.

RESOLVED, That the new rates of wages under the scale be granted to all Corporation employees coming under the scale as from the 20th June, and that it be left to the Labour Sub-Committee to

apply the scale to the various employees, and that they be authorised to report direct to the Council

(b) RESOLVED, That the initial contribution of £5 be now paid to the Western District Joint Industrial Council.

3—Charlton Lane—RESOLVED, That the application of the Gas Company to erect a Kiosk in Charlton Lane in a position to be approved by the Borough Surveyor, be granted.

4—Private improvement Works—Larput Place and Victoria Street—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to defer proceeding with the above work until after the War.

5—Coal Contracts --The Borough Surveyor reported that the various Contractors had agreed to the extension of their coal contracts to the 30th June, 1941, at the present contract prices plus authorised increases.

6—Deputy Borough Surveyor RESOLVED, That the salary of the Deputy Borough Surveyor (Mr. W. E. C. Bird) at present £475, be increased to £550 per annum, rising by two annual increments of £50 to £650 per annum.

7—Pittville Street Improvement Scheme—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had now sanctioned the loan for the purchase of Messrs. Stead & Simpson's property and the Capital Issues Committee of the Treasury had issued consent to the raising of the necessary loan He was now proceeding with the conveyance of the property and with the tenancy agreement for the letting of the premises, after completion of the purchase, to Messrs. Stead & Simpson Ltd.

(b) 6 Pittville Street—The Chairman reported that he had granted the free temporary use of the ground floor of 6 Pittville Street to the Cheltenham Cricket Club for use as an office in connection with the appeal they were making for volunteers for agricultural work. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that the Y.M.C.A. National Council had offered to rent the Criterion Hotel at a rent of £104 per annum exclusive and Nos. 13 and 14 Pittville Street at a rent of £104 per annum exclusive, on a quarterly tenancy. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

(d) 3 and 4 Pittville Street—The Town Clerk reported that these premises had been let to Mr. and Mrs. Harris on a quarterly tenancy at £110 per annum. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(e) 5 Pittville Street—Read, letter from the Clerk to the County Council asking if the Corporation would reduce the rent asked for these premises occupied by the W.V.S. for the Rural District to £40, or grant the use of one of the other empty shops at a rent of £30 per annum. RESOLVED, That in view of the offer received for No. 5 Pittville Street, the Committee are unable to let this property at less than £60 per annum, but that the W.V.S. be offered the use of No. 7 Albion Street at a rent of £40 per annum, plus rates.

8—Junction Francis Street and Exmouth Street—The Borough surveyor reported that the Owner had now cleared this site RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform him that the Corporation are prepared to purchase the cleared site for £50.

9—Y.M.C.A.—RESOLVED, That the Committee have no objection to the Y.M.C.A. hanging a canvas sheet across the Promenade Gardens in front of their building for one week in connection with their War Fund Collection.

10—Omnibus Stopping Places—RESOLVED, That the General Purposes Committee be asked to consider the desirability of marking queueing spaces on the footpath at Local Omnibus stopping places.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th June, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen E. L. Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore and Waite ; Messrs. W. S. F. Harris and the Rev. E. C. Hanson (Alderman 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.
5355	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Garage (Private), 46 Cakebridge Road.
5356	Bucks & Middlesex Estates, Ltd.	6 lock-up garages, Orchard Avenue.
5357	Gloucestershire County Council	New Technical College, The Woodlands, The Park.
5358	Moss, F. E.	Conversion of house into two flats, 19 Queen's Road.
5359	Smiths Systems, Ltd.	Extension to canteen, Tennyson Road,
5360	Messrs. A. H. Taylor & Co.	Garage, Albion Street.
5361	Bullingham, W.	Alterations and additions, 150a Hewlett Road.
5362	Messrs. Pye Bros. & J. A. Pye	Lay-out of roads, sewers, and 266 houses.
5363	G. A. M. Hall, Ltd.	Garage (Private), 12 Cakebridge Road.
5364	Copeland, R. V.	New wash house and lavatory, 4 Victoria Street.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos, 5355, 5359, 5360, 5361 and 5363 be approved : That Plan No. 5356 be approved subject to drainage passing through a 3 way interceptor and discharging into the soil sewer and to this being kept under constant observation and cleaned out when necessary, and to the roof water being discharged into the surface water sewer by a separate drain ; That Plan No 5357 be approved subject to the surface water being discharged into the stream by a separate drain ; That Plans Nos. 5358 and 5364 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 5362 be approved subject to the surface water sewers in Roads "X--K" and " R—G " being increased to 9 ins. in diameter, and to the roads and sewers being constructed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5355, 5357, 5358, 5359, 5362, 5363 and 5364 be approved ; That Plan No. 5356 be approved subject to the Owners entering into an Undertaking that the garages will not be let to any person not occupying a maisonette on the Estate without the consent of the Council ; That Plan No. 5360 be approved subject to the front fence being set back to the improvement line laid down for the widening of Albion Street in accordance with the Undertaking given on the 9th August, 1938 That Plan No. 5361 be approved subject to the new work harmonizing with the existing building and to the covered way being left unobstructed to provide a secondary means of access to the house.

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.
1646	Smith, F.	Garage (Private), Greenbank, Undercliffe Terrace, Leckhampton.

1647	Newsham, H.	Additions and alterations, Bamfurlong Lane, nr. Cheltenham.
1648	Gardener, A. E.	Alterations, The Woodbines, Old Gloucester Road, Swindon.
1649	S. Smith & Sons (Cheltenham) Ltd.	Conversion of service block into canteens, Bishop's Cleeve.
1650	Francis, Mrs. E. Ltd.	Conversion of barn into bungalow, Bentham.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos, 1647, 1648 and 1649 be approved : That Plan No. 1646 be approved subject to the siting, materials and elevation of the garage being to the satisfaction of the Committee and to the garage being sunk into the ground to the level of the road ; That Plan No. 1650 be approved subject to the water supply being to the satisfaction of the Rural District Council and to the Owners entering into an Undertaking that on commencement of the work they will set back the hedge at the entrance to the property a distance of 18 feet from the centre of the existing road and construct a draw in for standing vehicles to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor,

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st June, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson and Waite ; and Mr. D. V. Davies (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—B.E.F.—The Chairman reported that he had been approached by the Welfare Officer of troops who had returned from Dunkirk asking if they could have free admission to the Swimming Pool and Alstone Baths, and he had given permission for 30 men to go the Pool every morning. RESOLVED, That this be approved and allowed to continue for the next fortnight. RESOLVED, also, That during the next fortnight parties of the B.E.F. be also admitted free to the Alstone Baths.

2—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Union for increased wages and overtime rates for some of the employees at these Baths. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Labour Sub-Committee.

(b) Y.M.C.A.—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Y.M.C.A. for a reduction to be made in the Account of £12 16s. 10d. rendered to them for the lighting of the Baths during the past winter. RESOLVED, That the account be reduced to 10 guineas.

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported the arrangements made for troops to attend at the Washing Baths during the past month, and that the Baths had been opened on Sunday afternoons for this purpose. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) Read, application from the Superintendent for an increase in his salary at present £130 per annum, plus house, coal, and light. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £173 per annum, plus house, coal, and light.

(e) Read, application from St. Paul's Church Lads Brigade for reduced charges for admission to these Baths. RESOLVED, That members of the Brigade up to and including the age of 18 be admitted at a charge of 3d. per head, being the same charge as made to members of the Y.M.C.A. and Blackout Club.

3—Entertainments Sub-Committee--Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their Meetings held on the 4th and 18th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) That the tender of Messrs. Shirers & Lances of £15 for re-covering the arms of 200 plush chairs be accepted.

(b) That the free use of the Montpellier Pavilion on the 10th June and the Pillar Room on the 12th June be granted for A.R.P. Public Meetings.

(c) That the offer of the Aircraft Components Silver Band to give a Concert in aid of the Red Cross be accepted and that they be granted the free use of the Bandstand at Montpellier Gardens on a Sunday afternoon to be arranged. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted

4—Montpellier Baths—The Monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th June, 1940, Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Leigh James Councillors Addis, Bendall, Grimwade, Moore, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Scrap Metal Week—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a considerable quantity of scrap metal and paper had been sold.

2—Superannuation—RESOLVED, That the General Purposes Committee be recommended to extend the services of J. Pates, Mains Foreman, for a further period of 12 months to the 28th June, 1941.

3—Sub-Station Kiosk, Charlton Lane—It was reported that the Owner of the adjoining land was anxious to cultivate the small piece of land round this kiosk. RESOLVED, That he be granted the tenancy of this land at a nominal rent of 1s a year, subject to his entering into a tenancy agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

4—Lamp Post Corner of Gloucester Road and Millbrook Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that this lamp post was knocked down some months ago and had not been replaced owing to the war, but that a war time fitting was desirable at this corner and he proposed to erect one of

the small lamp posts now in stock as a temporary measure at a cost of about £2 15s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Lamp Post at junction of Gloucester Road and Tennyson Road—It was reported that the lamp post at this junction was damaged by a van belonging to the Sunshine Laundry and that the cost of replacement would be £12 15s. 0d. less an allowance of 3s 9d for the scrap iron recovered. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply to the Owners of the van for the payment of the sum of £12 11s. 3d.

6—Transfer of Hire Purchase Agreements--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the I.M.E.A. were preparing a scheme regarding the transfer of Hire Purchase Agreements in respect of a hirer moving from the area of on supply Undertaking to another. A register was being compiled of these Undertakings willing to participate on reciprocal basis in the Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Association be informed that this Undertaking is willing to be placed on the register.

7—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of gas tests made on the 4th, 10th, 12th, 18th and 20th inst. which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 458.1, 461.8, 472.9, 473.1 and 474.8 B.Th.U. per cubic foot respectively and the pressure to be 8.4, 8.6, 8.5, 8.5 and 6.7 inches of water respectively.

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th June, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Pates and Ward; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st May, 1940	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	160,000 gallons	159,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	518,000	568,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	39,000	38,000 “
	717,000	765,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 68,794,000 gallons.

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

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

4—Water Supply—The Borough Engineer submitted report in regard to the water supply. RESOLVED, That advertisements be issued instructing consumers that the watering of gardens and washing of motor-cars, pavements and areas must be discontinued forthwith until further notice, and generally asking consumers to exercise the strictest economy in the consumption of water.

5—Dowdeswell Reservoir—RESOLVED, That an Electric Cooker be installed at the Dowdeswell Lodge subject to the Custodian paying the hire charge.

6—Daisybank House—The Borough Engineer submitted application from Mr. H. St. John Wilding for a water supply to this house, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide him with a temporary supply of not exceeding 200 gallons per day to a tank adjoining the Leckhampton Spring head where Mr. Wilding would pump it up to the house, subject to Mr. Wilding undertaking not to supply water to any other persons or premises from the tank.

7—Tewkesbury Water Works—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the S.W. and S. Power Co., for permission to lay an underground cable at The Mythe, be granted.

(b) The Borough Engineer reported that certain sections of the sand-bagging at these works had collapsed and he recommended that, instead of replacing the sandbags, a 14 inch brick wall should be provided at a cost of £210. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Shooting Rights—Read, letter from Mr. F. Connor offering £5 for the shooting rights at Dowdeswell. RESOLVED, That the shooting rights on Castle Barn Farm and Home or Lower Farm be let to him for the season ending the 31st March next.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th June, 1940, Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Pates and Trye : Councillors Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

9—Wages, Water Works Employees—The Borough Engineer reported on the position in regard to the wages of the employees of the Water Works Undertaking, and particularly in regard to the shift workers at Tewkesbury Pumping Station. RESOLVED, That the Council agree to join the South Midland Joint Industrial Council for Waterworks Undertakings and that the Joint Industrial Council rates of wages for waterworks employees be paid as from the 1st June, RESOLVED, also, That the salary of the Pumping Station Superintendent be increased to £240 per annum as from the 1st June.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th June, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett Pruen and Ward ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, 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—Leckhampton Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Assistant and Relief Custodian had resigned. RESOLVED, That the post be not filled at present.

3—Transfer of Skilled Labour to War Industry—The Committee further considered circular of the 30th May from the Ministry of Health appealing to Local Authorities to take the initiative in reviewing their staffs and appealing individually to such skilled workers who could be released to transfer to essential war industries. The Borough Surveyor reported that six employees had already volunteered to be transferred. While he was finding it difficult to obtain sufficient unskilled labour, there were, -however, three or four skilled men who might be released. RESOLVED, That all employees who transfer, or have transferred to essential war industries with the consent of the Council, be promised reinstatement on their return, and that the Corporation agree to continue to pay the employers' portion of the Superannuation contributions provided the employee also pays his contribution so as to preserve his superannuation rights, and that Minute No. 8 passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 23rd April be varied accordingly. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to approach such skilled men as he is able to release with a view to appealing to them to register at the Labour Exchange to transfer to essential war industries

4—Corporation Buildings—The Committee considered the desirability of protecting the windows of the various Corporation buildings from damage by blast by covering the windows with cellophane paper. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider this is necessary in view of the fact that the majority of the buildings will be vacated during an air-raid.

5—Holidays- -RESOLVED, That the regular holidays be cancelled this year, but that the Chief Officers be authorised to arrange, where possible, for staffs and employees to have short periods of holiday whenever circumstances permit.

6—Montpellier Rotunda—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Ministry of Health that, after careful consideration, the Minister did not appear justified, in the present circumstances, in sanctioning the loan for the purchase of these premises. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed with the purchase by way of advance from the Bank as previously authorised by the Finance Committee.

7—Bye Laws—Read, letter of 28th ult. from the Education Secretary asking the Council to make application to the Secretary of State for approval of the following Byelaw :—

" Any person other than a teacher, child, manager or other duly authorised person, being in or on the buildings, playgrounds or other premises of any public elementary school who, being requested to depart therefrom by the Head Teacher or the Teacher acting as Head Teacher of such school, refuses to depart therefrom and makes use of any violent abusive, profane, indecent or obscene

language or otherwise behaves in a disorderly manner, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

This Byelaw shall extend to all public elementary schools in the Borough of Cheltenham."

8—Marle Hill House Estate—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Parks Committee, That the mowing grass and grazing on the large field adjoining Marle Hill House be let to Mr. J. R. Birt up to the 25th December next at a rent of £1 10s. 0d. per acre.

9—Committee Meetings—RESOLVED, That the sending of Agenda of the regular monthly Meetings of the Committee be discontinued for the duration of the War.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th June, 1940. Present:—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Bush, Green and Grimwade; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Monthly Report of Acting Chief Officer—The Acting Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended 5 calls to fire, as follows :-2nd June, Regent Garages, Swindon Road ; 9th June, 113 St. Paul's Road ; 12th June, Twelve Bells Inn, Witcombe ; 13th June, Market Street ; 15th June, Sharpe & Fisher, Pittville Street.

2—Auxiliary Fire Service---(a) The Town Clerk submitted circulars from the Home Office Nos. 53a, 56, 58, 60 to 63, 65, 67, 73 to 81, and 128 relating to various matters in connection with the Auxiliary Fire Service. RESOLVED, That these be referred for the attention of the Acting Chief Officer

(b) Cars—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Home Office approving for the purpose of grant expenditure of £320 including adaptation and purchase of 8 cars already purchased by the Corporation.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to insure the 6 part-time cars to be used in connection with the Auxiliary Fire Service under the Emergency Fire Brigade Scheme.

(d) Auxiliary Fire Station--Lansdown Terrace—RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to take over the Garage adjoining the Auxiliary Fire Service Station at the rear of 10 Lansdown Terrace at a rent of £10 per annum, subject to confirmation by District Valuer, and that the rent for the current month paid by the present tenant be refunded to him as compensation for disturbance.

3—Mutual Assistance Scheme—Read, letters from the Town Clerk, Gloucester, and Clerks to the Cheltenham Rural District Council and North Cotswold Rural District Council, that their Councils were willing to enter into Mutual Assistance Schemes as requested by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare the necessary Agreements and the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

H. C. GRIMWADE, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th June, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Smith in the chair)

1—Allotments Inspection—The Gardens Superintendent reported that No 8 Marle Hill and No. 41 Creamery Piece were partly overrun by weeds, and the former was also poorly cultivated No. 19 North Ward was uncultivated and Nos. 83 and 169 North Ward were half cultivated ; and No. 48 Asquith Road was uncultivated. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Unemployed Allotment Association with regard to No. 8 Marle Hill and also to all the other tenants. The wife of the tenant of No. 169 North Ward stated that her husband was in the B.E.F. and she was cultivating the allotment herself with some other assistance, but would get this planted. The tenant of No. 83 North Ward had transferred his allotment to a new tenant, but nothing had been heard from the other tenants. The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of No 19 North Ward also owed four years' rent. RESOLVED, That possession be taken of this allotment and that the same be re-let.

2—Cultivation of Vacant Land—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries had forwarded grant, amounting to £39, in respect of the ploughing of the grass land.

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3—Arrears of Rent—The Borough Treasurer submitted statement showing arrears due from tenants. RESOLVED, That these be left in the hands of the Town Clerk for collection.

4—Ditch at Baglin's Piece—The Borough Surveyor reported that, as instructed, he had had this ditch inspected and it had been cleaned out by the Gardens Superintendent. The invert of the ditch was now about 15 inches below the 4 inch outlet drain. There also appeared to be an old brick drain about invert level of the ditch through which apparently the water soaks away, as the ditch was quite dry at the time of inspection, The Borough Surveyor considered there was very little likelihood of any flooding taking place during the summer and when he had the labour available he would thoroughly investigate the matter with a view to laying a drain at the level of the invert of the ditch if a suitable outlet was found.

5—Awards of Merit to Allotment Holders—The Town Clerk reported letter of 17th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries with regard to Awards of Merit for Allotment Holders and others. The Gardens Superintendent reported that he was in communication with Plant Protection Ltd. (who would undertake to organise the Scheme) and also with the Allotment Holders Association. RESOLVED, That this matter be referred to the Horticulture Committee and that the Gardens Superintendent report on the arrangements made.

6—Scrap Iron—RESOLVED, That notices be erected at the entrances to the various allotments asking allotment holders to place scrap iron at the entrances and that the Corporation would arrange to collect the same.

7—Allotment No. 208, North Ward—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had requested the tenant of this. allotment to have all the trees cut down as they were affected by Silver Leaf

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th June, 1940. Present Councillors Addis, Bush, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Food Production—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the sale of produce at the Market up to the end of May had realised £21 0s. 3d.

2-Marle Hill Lake—(a) Weeds—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the Tenant of the Boating rights had complained of the weeds in the lake, but he had informed him that it was not possible to destroy the weeds until the lake was cleaned out, but he was applying Copper Sulphate to check the growth. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Cotswold Sea Cadet Corps—The Town Clerk reported that he had received an application from this Corps for permission to use the Upper Lake for a cutter for training purposes but in view of the fact that there was no landing stage at this lake he had suggested that the Marle Hill Lake would be more suitable, but he had heard nothing further with regard to the matter. RESOLVED, That the Corps be granted the use of either of the Lakes.

3—Theft of Flowers—The Town Clerk submitted a report from the Park Constable with regard to the theft of Gilder Roses from Marle Hill Annexe by two youths. RESOLVED, That Superintendent Hopkins be asked to prosecute for theft.

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4-Scrap Iron-(a) The Gardens Superintendent reported that a large load of scrap iron had been collected and sent to the Depot during the month of March.

(b) The Chairman and Gardens Superintendent on inspection of the iron railings in the various Parks and Recreation Grounds.

RESOLVED-

(i) Sandford Park—That the fencing adjoining the path to the Children's amusement park be removed.

(ii) Naunton Park- That the question of the removal of the fence separating the Recreation Ground from the Park be adjourned to the next Meeting of this Committee and that in the meantime the members be asked to view same.

(iii) Montpellier Gardens-That the dwarf fencing in the interior of the Gardens and the railings round the Bandstand be removed.

(iv) Gardens on Pittville Estate—That the railings around the various Gardens on the Pittville Estate be not removed..

(v) Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—That the railings around the Swings and those separating the Recreation Ground from the ornamental area be not removed,

5 —Athletic Ground—The Gardens Superintendent reported that complaints had been made of the long grass in this ground and the Education Secretary had asked for this to be cut so that the ground might be used for organised games. He had had the grass cut once with the reaper but owing to the scarcity of petrol it was not possible to cut the grass at the Recreation Grounds as frequently as had been done in the past. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to do what he can to keep the grass reasonably short at the various Recreation Grounds.

6--Sandford Park—Y.M.C.A. Fete—Mr. Naylor, the General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. attended and asked for the free use of Sandford Park on the 19th, 20th and 21st July for a Fete which was being organised to raise funds for the provision of Mobile Canteens for the Forces. It was pointed out to Mr. Naylor that it would be impossible to grant the exclusive use of the Ground as this was used by the public to obtain admission to the Swimming Pool, RESOLVED, That the Y.M.C.A. be offered the use of Sandford Park for three days or, alternatively, the exclusive use of the Pittville Gardens, if they considered that the latter would be suitable for the purpose, subject to rights of the residents on the Pittville Estate.

7-Fields adjoining Marle Hill House—RESOLVED, That the General Purposes Committee be recommended to accept the offer of Mr. J. R. Birt of £1 10s. 0d. per acre for the right to mow and rick the 10 acres of land adjoining Marle Hill House and to graze the land to the 25th December, 1940.

8-Naunton Park Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the use of this Ground be granted to the Education Committee for Naunton Park School Sports to be held on the 3rd July, as in previous years.

9—St. Peter's Recreation Ground—Custodian—The Custodian at this Ground had given notice terminating his employment on the 3rd July. RESOLVED, That the appointment of a new Custodian be left in the hands of the Chairman and Gardens Superintendent

10—Imperial War Graves Commission—The Town Clerk reported letter of 28th ult. from the Imperial War Graves Commission asking whether employment could be found for men employed by the Commission who had had to be withdrawn from the Battlefield Cemeteries. The Gardens Superintendent reported that two could be employed later provided they were suitable for the work required.

11—Pittville Pump Room—The Town Clerk submitted notice of 8th inst. from the No. 6 Area S.A.Q.C. to take possession of the Pittville Pump ROOM (excluding the Caretaker's quarters) under the Emergency Powers Defence Act, 1939. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and keep a record of its conditions.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st June, 1940. Present—Councillors 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 27th April to 21st June. Number of Interments 111; Cremations 33 ; Grave Spaces sold 30 (1st Position 3, 2nd Position 2, 4th Position 25)' New Memorials erected 36 ; New Inscriptions 28.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces Sold—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 10195 to 10224.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2542 to 2599, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Meetings—RESOLVED, That in future, Meetings of the Committee be held quarterly unless there is anything requiring early attention, when the Town Clerk be instructed to summon the Committee

5—Civilian War Deaths Scheme—The Town Clerk reported that authority had been received from the Government to purchase equipment required in connection with this Scheme. The three Mortuary Superintendents and Mortuary Attendants had been appointed and the necessary arrangements made for operating the Scheme in the event of air-raids.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th June, 1940. Present—Councillors Bush, Garland, Grimwade and Lipson ; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke and F. Vernall (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for April and May, 1940--Receipts £67 15s 2d. Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 11,577; Lending Department 51,192 ; Junior Department 7,120; Total 69,889 (last year 59,113).

Replacements and Binding-418 volumes had been replaced, 131 volumes had been returned from the binder and a further 647 volumes dispatched.

Staff—The following members had been absent owing to sickness :—Miss H. C. Wise, 2 days Miss J. Burford, 1 day.

South-Western Regional Library Bureau—The Librarian had attended the Annual Meeting at Bristol on 3rd May, Cheltenham borrowed through this system 152 volumes and lent 138 volumes during the year ended 31st March, 1940.

Books for the Troops, etc.-2,468 volumes and 367 magazines had been collected and distributed to the troops and other war-time activities.

2—Books— RESOLVED, (a) That 693 volumes, published at £264 2s. 9d., be purchased for £153 2s. 5d.

(b) That £75 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £60 be spent on Replacements.

(d) That 4 volumes be purchased from the Leslie Young Benefaction Account at a cost of £5 13s. 0d.

3—Donations-136 volumes and 30 pamphlets had been received as gifts from 17 donors.

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

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4—Fuel—RESOLVED, That the quotation of 49s 10d per ton, plus 1s 2d per ton being the increase in railway carriage of 10 per cent, and also subject to any rise in colliery prices etc for Anthracite, submitted by Mr. W. S. Smith, be accepted.

5—Betting News—RESOLVED, That the Librarian's action in ceasing to obliterate the betting news be confirmed, and that this be continued for the period of the war as a measure for paper economy.

6—Boiler Repairs—RESOLVED, That repairs to the boiler be carried out at a cost of £10 4s. 9d.

7—Facade—On the night of the 6th-7th June a fall of moulding from the facade of the building took place. The matter had been reported to Messrs. Szerelmey, Ltd. by the Borough Surveyor.

RESOLVED, That Messrs Szerelmey Ltd. be asked for their report on this subject.

8—James Elroy Flecker--Read, letter from Mr. Kenneth Hare suggesting that a permanent memorial should be secured for Cheltenham, after the war, to James Elroy Flecker. Mr. Hare sent cheque for 1 guinea to start the Fund. RESOLVED, That Mr. Hare be thanked for his donation, and that he be informed that the Committee view the proposal with sympathy, and that meanwhile his subscription be put into a suspense account by the Borough Treasurer.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 6th June, 1940. Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Bush and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Defaulter--The Committee interviewed and dealt with one defaulter.

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

3—Arrears—The Committee considered the Report of the Bailiff on the collection of arrears.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 19th June, 1940. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bush and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

4—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed and dealt with 11 defaulters.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th June, 1940. Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 22nd inst , on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £35,314 ; Leaving Outstanding £98,963.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 22nd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1940. Amount collected £8,013 ; Leaving Outstanding £18,562.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 25th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) and Councillor Garland.

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

4—Electricity Charges—Read, report of the Borough Treasurer on the collection of the Electricity charges since the last Meeting.

5—Housing Bond—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £375 Housing Bond at 3 ¼ per cent for five years. RESOLVED, That a Certificate be issued accordingly.

6—Electricity Reserve Fund—The Borough Treasurer reported that there was a sum of £5,900 in this fund which was uninvested. RESOLVED, That £3,000 thereof be invested in 3 per cent Defence Bonds and £3 per cent War Loan.

7—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported that he had received loan sanction dated 12th June, 1940, for £34,528 for the purchase of property in Pittville Street, etc., repayable within a period of 60 years.

8—Insurances—The Borough Treasurer submitted a list of the insurance values of the various buildings of the Corporation amounting to approximately £411,000 RESOLVED, That he be instructed to increase the insurance values of certain properties by 25 per cent.

9—Montpellier Rotunda--In reference to the recommendation contained in the General Purposes Minutes, with regard to the purchase of the Montpellier Rotunda, the Town Clerk now submitted letter of 21st inst. which he had received from the Capital Issues Committee in regard to the

proposal of the Corporation to purchase the Montpellier Rotunda by way of Mortgage of the Sewage Farms. The Committee enquired whether it was not possible to come to some agreement with the Owners to postpone the purchase until after the War, in view of the pressing necessity to conserve the financial resources of the country for the successful prosecution of the War. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree with the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee to proceed with the purchase.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 1st July, 1940, 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., Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Lipson, M.A., M.P., Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Avery, Compton and Fletcher.

1-Election of Councillor—The Town Clerk laid before the Council the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor Lt.-Col. Charles William Biggs, O.B.E.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting— RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 3rd June, 1940, 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, with the addition of the following Minute omitted therefrom: "RESOLVED, unanimously, That Lt.-Col. Charles William Biggs be appointed a Member of the town Council for the Park Ward to fill the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Ben James."

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

Public Health Meeting held June 10

Housing Meeting held June 13

Street and Highway Meeting held June 17

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Lipson : "That a Committee of three be appointed and that they be authorised to remove and sell any Corporation

railings they think fit." RESOLVED, also, That Alderman Taylor, Councillors Fisher and Waite he appointed the Committee.

RESOLVED, also, That the Report of the Labour Sub-Committee of their meeting held on the 25th June be approved and adopted.

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Town Planning Meeting held June 20

Town Improvement and Spa. Meeting held June 21

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held June 24

Water Meetings held June 11 & 17

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held June 18

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Winterbotham and seconded by Councillor Barnett "That Minute No. 9 with regard to the sending of Agenda of the regular monthly Meetings of Committees be not approved and that Agenda be sent as formerly."

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Barnett : "That this Council having heard the letters front the Ministry of Health and Capital Issues Committee recommending the postponement until after the War of the completion of the purchase of the Montpellier Rotunda considers it its patriotic duty to accept that view unreservedly and in every way to co-operate with the Government in conserving the financial resources of the country for the successful prosecution of the War, and believing further that it is also the duty of this Council to set an example to private citizens in this matter, does not approve of Minute No. 6 and agrees that further consideration of the purchase of Montpellier Rotunda be deferred until after the War," was lost).

The following Members voted for the Amendment :—Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Fisher, Garland, Lipson and Till ; and the following Members voted against the Amendment :—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, Pates, Taylor, Ward and Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Lt-Col. Biggs, Bush, Green, Grimwade, Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

RESOLVED, also, That the following words be added to Minute No. 7 with regard to the Byelaw relating to Elementary Schools :--" RESOLVED, That application be made for approval of the Byelaw and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto."

Fire Brigade Meeting held June 24

Allotments . Meeting held June 10

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held June 10

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Fisher : "That Minute No. 4 (b) with regard to the disposal of railings at the various Parks and Recreation Grounds for scrap iron be referred to the newly appointed Railings Committee"

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held June 21

Public Library Meeting held June 14

Rating Meetings held June 6 & 19

Finance Meeting held June 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.

4—Appointment of Committees—RESOLVED, That Councillor Lt.-Col. C. W. Biggs be appointed a member of the Public Health, Rating and Electricity Committees and that Councillor Barnett be appointed a member of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for the ensuing year.

5—Delancey Hospital Trustees— RESOLVED, That Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham be re-appointed a representative Trustee of the Delancey Hospital for a further period of three years expiring on the 5th July, 1943.

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, 29th July, 1940.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th July, 1940. Present—Aldermen Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Grimwade, Dr Hayward, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 5, 6 and 7 Exmouth Street—Read, letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co., on behalf of the Owner, asking that enforcement of the Demolition Order in respect of these premises might be postponed for the duration of the War. RESOLVED, That the Owner be allowed a further six months to carry out her Undertaking to recondition the premises, provided she makes the premises safe to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

(b) 34 and 34a North Place--The Town Clerk reported that all efforts to persuade the Owner— Occupier of this house to leave it had been unavailing. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to obtain possession of the house.

(c) Bruton Cottage, Portland Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that this cottage had now been demolished by the Corporation, but that as a result of this, a bricked-up doorway had been exposed in the wall of the adjoining house which was now in a dangerous condition. RESOLVED, That the Owner of the adjoining house be offered £5 as the cost of effectively making good this wall.

(d) 9aHewlett Place ---The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that this house, in respect of which a Demolition Order was made on 4th June, 1934 was now vacant. RESOLVED, That the Owner be not required to carry out the demolition of the house at present, subject to his carrying out the necessary boarding up of the entrance to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector

2 --Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt, 2 qrs. 20 lbs Beef ; cwt 7 lbs Mutton , 18 lbs. tinned Ham ; 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lbs. Potatoes ; 2 cwt. Sugar ; and 5 ½ lbs. Poultry.

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

4--Diphtheria Immunisation—The Medical Officer of Health reported that during the last quarter 218 cases had been treated.

5—Health Department Staff—Temporary Clerk—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the services of the temporary Clerk had been dispensed with and that she was now employed in the Food Control Office.

6—Public Health Services Handbook—Read, letter from Messrs. Ed. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd, offering to publish a new and revised edition of this Handbook free of cost to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That their offer be accepted with thanks.

7—Brooklyn Road Tip—Read, further letters complaining of the plague of flies coming from this tip. The Chairman reported that he had inspected the tip in the company of the Medical Officer of Health and that he was quite satisfied that controlled tipping was being efficiently carried out and that there were no grounds for complaint.

8—Notices Not Complied With—(a) 24 and 28 Duke Street—Read, letter from Mr. A. C. Long, the Owner of No 24 Duke Street that he was obtaining estimates for the work required to be carried out RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to interview the Owners of these houses with a view to expediting the carrying out of the work by them and that, if the work is not completed within four weeks, tenders be invited for carrying out the work.

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(b) 4 Gloucester Place—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house are satisfied that this 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. The Chief Sanitary Inspector read a letter from the Owner of the house requesting the Corporation to carry out the work required to be done and offering to pay in instalments. The estimated cost of the work was £10 16s. 6d. RESOLVED, That in pursuance of Sub-Section 1 of Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936, Notice be given to the Owner of the house requiring the execution of the works to be specified in the Notice which will, in the opinion of the Committee, render the house fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, also, That, subject to her agreeing to deposit the deeds of the house with the Corporation, the Corporation agree to carry out the work and to her paying off the cost incurred in instalments of 5s per week.

9—Byelaws re Offensive Trades—Read, letter of 20th ult. from the Ministry of Health suggesting that the making of Byelaws should be postponed for the present. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

10—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936—RESOLVED, That the following applications for licences be granted to the 31st December, 1940, subject to the provisions of the Order : Mr. G. F. Gratton of 249 Swindon Road, Cheltenham, for Licences to use the designation "Pasteurised" in relation to milk treated by him at 249 Swindon Road and in relation to milk retailed by him in the Borough.

11—Public Abattoir--Air Raid Protection—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had inspected these premises and recommended that steps should be taken to protect the glazing above the covered roadway so that there would be no risk of splintered glass falling on the carcasses of sheep and cows stored beneath. He recommended that the glazing be removed and stored and replaced by asbestos sheets at an estimated cost of £40. This would also obviate the necessity of painting the glass in winter as a black-out precaution. The Town Clerk reported that he had drawn the attention of the Ministry of Food to this and asked for their instructions but had not yet received a reply. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary alterations and that application he made to the Ministry of Food for the cost of the same.

12—Hayden Sewage Works—Filter Media—The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed at the last Meeting of the Committee, he had requested Messrs. Jeas Hartshill Granite & Brick Co. Ltd. to bear half the increased cost of delivering the granite to the sewage works, namely 4s 3d per ton. The Contractors replied that they were not permitted to supply direct transport to the site from their works owing to the shortage of petrol and that they had offered to deliver it by rail at current railway rates. The Town Clerk reported that in the circumstances he had agreed to pay the additional cost of haulage to the sewage works. The Contractors were endeavouring to deliver the 100 tons urgently required at the sewage works, but, as a result of urgent Government demands consuming the whole of their output, they were doubtful whether they would be able to do so. RESOLVED, That the action of the Town Clerk be approved and that in view of the shortage of supply from this source the Borough Surveyor be authorised to obtain suitable filter media from another firm, if the Contractors are unable to deliver the supply required.

13—Slaughterhouse Licences—(a) Grosvenor Terrace—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the repairs required to be done at this slaughterhouse had been carried out to his satisfaction. RESOLVED, That a licence be granted under Section 57 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

(b) Dunalley Parade—RESOLVED, That a licence be granted under Section 57 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, in respect of the slaughterhouse owned by Messrs. Holliday & Page Ltd., subject to the Owners entering into an Undertaking not to use the premises until satisfactory artificial lighting is installed,

14—Convenience Attendants— Wages—The Committee considered the wages of the attendants at Ambrose Street Convenience referred to them by the Labour Sub-Committee. RESOLVED, That the services of these attendants be continued and that the wages of the permanent attendant be increased by 3s per week to 50s, and the wages of the Sunday relief be increased by 1s - a week to 12s, to bring them into line with other attendants

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th, July, 1940. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bush, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1-113 St. Paul's Road—RESOLVED, That the tenant of this house which was damaged by fire be allowed an abatement of four weeks' rent during the time the repairs were being carried out.

2--Field View Cottages Clearance Order—bean, letter of 24th uh. from Messrs. Griffiths & Lewis claiming the sum of £39 being 1 ½ times the rateable value of Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Field View Cottages, compensation due to the Owners under the Clearance Order, RESOLVED, That this sum be paid.

3—Keeping of Pigs and Poultry—Read, memorandum of 27th ult. from the Ministry of Health drawing attention to the Order in Council made, the effect of which was to suspend the restrictions against the keeping of poultry, pigs and rabbits contained in tenancy agreements etc., and to make it lawful for structures and buildings to be provided for this purpose, subject to the pigs, poultry or rabbits being kept in such a place or in such a manner as not to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance. The Ministry asked Local Authorities to inform tenants of this Order. RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be instructed to inform tenants accordingly.

4—Repairs Superintendent—The Monthly Report of the Repairs Superintendent was submitted.

5—Garden Prize Scheme—RESOLVED, That Alderman Pates, Councillors Bush and Garland be appointed the Sub-Committee to judge the Gardens entered under this Scheme and to make the Awards.

6—Housing Manager—The Housing Manager submitted her monthly report on the collection of rents.

7—Kingsley Gardens—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Salvage Committee, That the iron railings around the shrubbery of Kingsley Gardens be removed and sold for scrap.

8—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on the 28th June.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

That the rents fixed and the rebates granted, as set out in the Rents Rebate Book, signed by the Chairman, he approved.

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

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th July, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates, Ward and Clara P. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Morris and Rogers (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Salvage of Waste--(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the following had been salvaged during the month of

June : (the amounts salvaged during the previous month are shown in brackets) 1:3—i)

	Tons. Cwts.	No.	Tons. Cwts.	No.
Paper	30 18		(32 5)	
Destructor Scrap ...	17 6 ¾		(10 7)	
Other Scrap	(3 guns)		(1 13 ¼)	
Rags	1 4 ¼		(1 ½)	
Bottles				(656)
Cullet ..	4 16			
Jars ...				(1172)
Sacking ...	19		(1 9)	
Cement Bags	1 3 ¾			
Bones	8		(12)	

The total amount of waste salvaged during the past six months was 283 tons 14 ¾ cwt., 6850 bottles and jars, with a total estimated value of £881.

In addition to the above, several hundred tons of metal collected during Salvage Week will be disposed of during July.

(b) Slab-making Plant—RESOLVED, That the offer of A. Pearce & Sons to pay 51s per ton for the old Slab-making Plant material be accepted. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to advertise for sale the scrap bundling press, intensifier and valves, etc., from the hydraulic press.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase 50 additional bins for pig food and also that he be instructed to provide as far as possible waste-paper baskets to be fixed near the bins so that the public may place the paper wrappings of waste food in these baskets.

2—Motor Vehicle Drivers—The Borough Surveyor submitted list of 10 drivers who would probably have to register for military service. In view of the requirements of the essential Public Services such as scavenging, refuse collection, etc., the Borough Surveyor recommended that applications for deferment of calling up should be made for such drivers who are not covered by the Schedule of Reserved Occupations. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that applications be made accordingly.

3—Trunk Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Ministry of Transport had approved the estimate of £3,514 including administrative expenses for Trunk Road Expenditure during the present year.

4—County Roads—Snow Clearing—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 1st inst. from the County Surveyor that, as from the 1st April last, the classification grant for snow clearing will be limited to the cost of cutting a passage through the snow to enable vehicles to pass, so that in future the cost of clearing the snow off footpaths, where undertaken by the Corporation, would have to be charged to the rates.

5—Traffic Control Light Signals—Read, Circular No. 552 of 28th ult. from the Ministry of Transport in regard to the result of the investigations made as to a modified system of the lighting of Traffic Light Signals so as to increase the visibility of these signals during the hours of daylight. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

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6—Pittville Street Improvement Scheme—(a) 7 Albion Street—RESOLVED That the Committee approve of the W.V.S. having the temporary use of No. 7 Albion Street for the collection of aluminium.

(b) 5 Pittville Street—The Town Clerk reported that the W.V.S. for the Cheltenham Rural District had now vacated these premises and that the premises had been let to Mr. S. A. Bowhill on a quarterly tenancy at a rent of £19 1s. 6d RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That a claim for one quarter's rent be made against the County Council in view of the fact that the delay in giving up the premises prevented the Corporation letting the premises earlier.

(c) 6 Pittville Street—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to let these premises at a rent of £65 per annum, plus rates.

7—River Chelt—Read, letter from Mr. J. W. Harrison in regard to the defective state of the fence between the footpath and the river Chelt between Keynsham Road and Old Bath Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this repaired where necessary to prevent persons falling into the Chelt.

8—Rodney Road Car Park—RESOLVED, That the military be allowed to park vehicles in this Car Park for a few hours in the evenings free of charge.

9—Street Litter Baskets--RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to purchase some more Street Litter Baskets

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10—St. James's Street—Read, letter from Mrs. Peacey of 21 St. James's Street, complaining of the condition of the footpath and stating that she had recently had two accidents and asking if the Council would make an ex gratia payment towards her Doctor's bills. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report thereon.

11—Street Scavenging—The Borough Surveyor reported that certain streets in the Borough were scavenged on Sunday mornings and the men had hitherto been paid 2s 6d a Sunday. Under the Scale

of the J.I.C. for the Western Area the payment would now amount to 4s 9d per Sunday per man. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to discontinue Sunday scavenging for one month and to report thereon at the next Meeting of the Committee.

12—Seats—The Borough Surveyor reported that as he now had some spare seats removed from footpaths owing to the black-out, he had, on request, placed three in St. Peter's Churchyard. RESOLVED, That this be approved RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to place one or two seats inside the Hospital entrance, provided the Hospital Board of Management consent to this.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

RAILINGS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th July, 1940. Present—Alderman Taylor; Councillors Fisher and Waite (Councillor Fisher in the chair).

1—The Committee report that they have had two Meetings and had inspected all the various railings belonging to the Corporation. RESOLVED, To recommend that the following railings be removed and sold for scrap :—

(a) Montpellier Gardens—External boundary railings and gates, and all interior railings.

(b) Sandford Park—The railings around the Children's Paddling Pool and the short length of railings along the footpath leading to the Paddling Pool.

(c) Whaddon Recreation Ground—All the interior railings.

(d) Naunton Park Recreation Ground—The railings dividing the playing field from the ornamental portion of the ground.

(e) Town Hall—Remainder of the Winter Garden railings on the east side of Imperial Square, including the railings on the top of the walls on either side of the front entrance to the Town Hall.

(f) Berkeley Place Garden—The boundary railings.

(g) Alstone Baths—The railings on top of the wall in front of the Baths.

(h) Pittville Estate—All the boundary railings round the Long Garden, Pittville Gardens, Clarence Square, Wellington Square, and Pittville Crescent (excluding gates in each case) to be removed where there is a good hedge and the railings are not necessary to maintain a satisfactory enclosure

2—RESOLVED, That the Education Committee be recommended to remove the railings on top of the brick wall in front of the Gloucester Road Schools, also the railings on top of the walls in front of Naunton Park Schools.

3—RESOLVED, That the Cheltenham College Council be recommended to remove the railings in front of the College in Bath Road.

4—RESOLVED, That the Rector he asked to consider the removal (if the railings at the old St. Mary's Cemetery and also those around St. Matthew's Church.

5—RESOLVED, That the Governors of the Grammar School be recommended to remove the railings in front of the Boys' Grammar School in High Street.

6--RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders from local firms for the removal of the above-mentioned railings except those which can easily be removed by voluntary labour, and that the Town Clerk he instructed to ask the Ministry of Supply to put the Corporation in touch with a smelting firm which would purchase the railings direct instead of selling these through a Scrap Metal Dealer.

K. J. FISHER,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 15th July, 1940. Present—The Mayor: Aldermen Leigh Jan and Clara F. Winterbotham Councillors Bettridge, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Grimwade and Lipson,; Mrs. Grist, Mrs Mellersh, Miss Tinson and Mrs. Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1940

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (12 Meetings) ...	32.0	44.4
At Grosvenor Street (12 Meetings)...	26.0	33.3
At St. Mark's (12 Meetings)	40.0	43.2
At Whaddon (12 Meetings)	14.6	39.0
At Emmanuel (12 Meetings)	42.1	42.0

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1940 :—

No. of Children on Register	3,129
Un-notified Live Births discovered ...	6
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	1,653
“ “ “ (b) over 1 year	1,971
First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	215
Ante-natal cases visited (a) New .	53
(b) Return ..	50
Special visits to Mothers ,.,	118

Chicken Pox cases visited ...	5
Measles cases visited ...	5
German Measles cases visited —	7
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	72
Cases reported to the N.S.P.C.C. inspector	1

Grants of Milk :		Birmingham Evacuees.
Carried over from previous quarter	253	2
New Orders	31	
Orders discontinued during quarter	119	
“ continuing to coming quarter	165	2

Children Act	Health Visitors. School Nurses.	
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter ...	34	4
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter	16	4
“ visits paid (under Children Act)	32	4

3—Midwives Act—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from the 1st April, 1940, to 30th June, 1940. was £7 0s. 6d., of which £3 17s. 6d. was chargeable to patients.

(b) Doctors Fees—Read, circular 1999 of 1st May from the ministry of Health enclosing revised regulations fixing the scale of fees to be paid by Local Authorities to medical practitioners called in by midwives and the Medical Officer of Health reported that he had brought the regulations to the notice of the Doctors in the Borough.

(c) Central Midwives Board—Read, circular of 18th ult. from the Central Midwives Board in regard to an amendment of the rules. The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had notified the midwives practising in the Borough of the alterations made.

4—Dentistry—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 33 mothers and 21 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 67 mothers and 8 infants on Wednesday evenings during the quarter in accordance with the arrangements made with the Education Committee. The number of Wednesday evening sessions held during the quarter was 12.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that five sessions had been held at the Children's Hospital when 22 cases were treated and 73 teeth extracted. The Anaesthetist's fees amounted to £4 19s 0d. and the Hospital fees to £5 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That these be paid.

(c) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the cost of the Dental Services for the year ended 31st March last was £91 10s. 4d.

5—Children Act—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted names of 3 foster mothers who had sent in notification, and he recommended that the maximum number of children allowed should be fixed as follows:-

Name.	Address.	Maximum No. of Children allowed.
Mrs. Hollingworth	31 St. Peter's Square.	1
Mrs. Andrews	1 Whitehart Street.	1
Mrs. Walters	65 Upper Norwood Street	1

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Miss Middleton of 13 St. Paul's Road, to be allowed to take a foster-child be not acceded to.

6—Gynaecological Clinic—The medical Officer of Health reported that 6 Clinics had been held to date and the total number of attendances was 22, including 16 Borough patients.

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 124, of which 72 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 27 surgeons' consultations had been held ; 32 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 11 surgeons' consultations had been held.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from the Cripples Aid Society for a grant towards the cost amounting to £1 3s. 0d. of instruments, boots and repairs for children under five. RESOLVED, That a grant of 50 per cent, namely 11s 6d. be made.

8—New Milk Scheme—Read, circular No. 2053 of 19th ult. from the Ministry of Health drawing attention to the new Milk Scheme which came into operation on the 1st inst. Under the Scheme one pint of liquid milk (or in special circumstances for children under one year of age an equivalent amount of dried milk) would be supplied daily to all expectant and nursing mothers and children under five years of age at 2d. a pint A free supply would, however, be made if the joint income of the parents falls below £2 a week, together with 6s for each non-earning dependant. The Ministry anticipate that the Council would not think it necessary to continue other arrangements made by them for the supply of milk to mothers and children, but that it was still open for the Council to supplement the provision made under the new Scheme in cases where such a course appeared desirable on medical grounds The Ministry asked that Local Authorities should co-operate with Milk Officers in bringing this Scheme to the notice of the public. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Application Forms were provided at all the Welfare Centres. RESOLVED, That the sum of £2 12s. 6d. be spent in advertising this Scheme and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to take such steps as he is able to bring the Scheme to the notice of the public.

9—Victoria Nursing Home—The Committee considered letter of the 5th April last from the Cheltenham District Nursing Association in regard to the further remuneration of the medical staff, mainly in respect of attention before birth as follows (a) For any ante-natal manipulation or operation where an anaesthetic is required, e.g. external version, £1 1s. 0d., with £1 1s. 0d. anaesthetic fee.

(b) For attendance at ante-natal emergencies, e.g. toxæmia or ante-partum hæmorrhage when no operative interference is required, fees should be 5s per visit by day, or 10s by night, with a maximum of £2 2s. 0d.

(c) For attendance at anti-partum hæmorrhage when operative interference is required, a fee of £2 2s. 0d., irrespective of whether the doctor is present at birth or not.

(d) A fee of £1 1s. 0d. should be payable to the doctor attending the ante-natal clinic. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Mellersh be appointed to meet the Victoria Home Doctors to discuss the matter and to report thereon to the Committee

10—Health Department—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss Ellis, Chief Assistant Clerk in his Department had now reached the maximum of Grade B, and he recommended that she be placed in Grade C as from the 1st April, 1941. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

11--unmarried Mother—The Medical Officer of Health submitted particulars of a case of an unmarried expectant mother for whom St. Catherine's Home were endeavouring to make arrangements to send to a Home for her confinement RESOLVED, That if this can be arranged the Council be recommended to agree to contribute a sum not exceeding 10s a week for a period not exceeding six months.

LEIGH JAMES. Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th July, 1940. Present; Aldermen E. L. Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham : Councillors Barnett and Moore and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Alderman L.

Ward in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.		Description.
5365	E. T. Stinchcombe & Son	Detached house, Brooklyn Road.
5366	Bissett, Mrs.	New Bathroom, 2 Suffolk Square.
5367	Thomas, J. S. G.	Garage, 9 Beaufort Road.
5368	Messrs. Rogers & Davies	Two detached houses, Beaufort Road.
5369	Messrs. Walker, Cressweller & Co.	Extensions to factory, Clyde Crescent.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5367 and 5368 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 5366 and 5369 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and in the case of Plan No. 5369 to the steelwork details and calculations being to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 5365 be deferred for further consideration.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5367, 5368 and 5369 be approved ; That Plan No. 5366 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No, 5365 be deferred for further consideration.

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.
1651	Organ, E.	Lean-to shed and porch, Bungalow at Seven Springs.
1652	Messrs. S. Smith & Son	Lay-out of roads and 52 houses.

That Plan No. 1651 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building That Plan No. 1652 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 25th ult. from Bovis Ltd., of London, asking for permission to use the property known as Hillcrest, Birchley Road, Charlton Kings, as offices for the duration of the war. RESOLVED, That this be approved for the duration of the war only.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 20th ult. from Mr. W. C. Green, Principal of the Alexander House School asking for permission to erect a temporary building as an additional classroom at Battledown Court, Charlton Kings RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to plans being submitted to and approved by the Committee and the Urban District Council.

(c) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of the 21st ult. from the Bottling Trades Chemical Co. Ltd., of Hounslow, Middlesex, for permission to establish their business of manufacturing cleansing materials, detergents and sterilising media for use of the Milk industry at the premises of the Gloucester Caravan Works, Copt Elm Road Charlton Kings He reported that the Company claimed that the process is odourless, fumeless, non-poisonous and non-inflammable and that there is no waste. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to no injury being caused to the amenities of the district by reason of emission of smoke or fumes or to dust, noise or smell, also to no chemicals or chemical washings being allowed to pass into the sewers which is likely to have a deleterious effect) thereon or affect the process of sewage disposal or into the River Chelt.

(d) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 3rd inst. from Mr. C. H. Denley, asking if permission would be grantee for the erection of the church at Uckington in corrugated iron in lieu of the permanent building previously approved owing to the building restrictions. RESOLVED, That permission be given for the erection of the building as temporary building for a period of three years and to the building being painted a rural green.

(e) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 12th inst from Messrs. T. P. Bennett & Son stating that arrangements have been made for forming a camp at Bishop's Cleeve. He reported that the camp is to provide temporary accommodation if required, during the war only RESOLVED, That no objection be made to the proposal.

(f) The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 6th inst. from Mr. Shakspear Shenton for permission to use the tea rooms at the Red Apple Garage, Gloucester Road, as temporary living

accommodation. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the owner entering into an undertaking not to allow the premises to be used as living accommodation after cessation of hostilities and to plans conforming to the requirements of the Building Byelaws being submitted to and approved by the Council.

(g) The Town Clerk submitted letter of 10th inst. from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green asking for formal approval to the conversion of 25 Leckhampton Road into three self contained flats.

RESOLVED, That the same be approved subject to the work necessary to comply with the Building Byelaws being carried out to the satisfaction of the Council.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th July, 1940, Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates and Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1--Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their Meetings held on the 2nd and 16th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) That no charge be made to the Chamber of Commerce for the National Savings Meeting held in the Pillar Room on the 25th ult.

(b) That the offer of Aircraft Components Silver Band to play in the Promenade on one evening in the week in aid of the Red Cross Fund be approved, and that, in the event of wet weather, and the Town Hall being free on the date arranged, they be granted the free use of accommodation at the Town Hall.

(c) That, owing to the cancellation of the Monday Dances, as from the 3rd July Billy Gammon and his Band be paid £8 0s. 0d. for a Dance from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight and £12 10s. 0d. for the Saturday Tea Dance and Evening Dance from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight, being a total increase of £1 3s. 0d.

(d) That the use of the Town Hall be granted to the Y.M.C.A. on one evening, free of charge, for the promotion of a Concert in aid of their War Fund.

(e) That the Drawing Room be let to the Cheltenham Council of Federated Youth Organisations free of charge for their Monthly Meetings on the first Thursday in each month.

(f) That a flat rate of 7s 6d per week be charged for electricity used in connection with the A.R.P. Post in the Town Hall basement.

(g) That the application of Messrs. Orton, Grey and Morris for the free use of Montpellier Pavilion for four weeks commencing on the 8th July (£20 having been paid for the first two weeks' rent) be granted, the Corporation also to pay the electricity charges for these four weeks.

(h) The Sub-Committee reported that the Tennis Exhibition Matches held on the 29th ult. would show a profit of approximately £80 for the Red Cross, 25 per cent of which will be handed to the Ambulance and Hospital Fund of Cheltenham and District Combined Sports Association.

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

2---Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(a) RESOLVED, That members of H.M. Forces in uniform be admitted to the Swimming Pool at a reduced charge of 3d. with 1d for towel and 1d. for hire of costume, and that Minute No 2 (d) passed at the Meeting of the Committee held on the 26th April, 1940, be varied accordingly.

(b) Read, letter from Mr. W. H. Brasher suggesting that the loggias on each side of the Cafe should be curtained off and used as open-air dressing rooms until 2 p.m., and that access should be made to the flat roofs of the loggias so that these may be used for sun-bathing. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider that there is any need for either of these proposals.

3—Alstone and Montpellier Washing Baths—The Committee considered as to what arrangements could be made for providing further washing-bath accommodation for the troops. RESOLVED, (a) That the Superintendent of the Montpellier Baths be instructed to use these Baths during the time they are open except on two afternoons a week when it is necessary to carry out Vichy Bath Treatment for Medical Bath patients. Also, That the Superintendent be instructed to engage such additional labour as he considers necessary.

(b) That the Education Committee be requested to close forthwith the School bath at Alstone to enable this to be used as a washing bath for troops and that, until the end of term, classes of school children attending these Baths be admitted to Sandford Park Swimming Pool free of charge.

(c) That the Military Authorities be recommended to make application to the Colleges for the use of their washing baths out of term time

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

(b) The Superintendent reported that when the Swimming Bath was open Mrs. Hudson was paid an honorarium of £1, but as the Bath had now been closed to provide accommodation for an A.R.P First Aid Post the Superintendent asked that the honorarium to Mrs. Hudson should continue in view of the work she carried out in supervising the cleaning and laundry work. RESOLVED, That Mrs. Hudson be paid a reduced honorarium of 10s a week as from the date the Swimming Bath was closed up to the 30th September next.

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5—Sunday Concerts—RESOLVED, That members of H.M. Forces be admitted to Sunday Concerts at a reduced charge of 3d. each and that the other arrangements made by the Chairman for catering for the troops in Cheltenham of Sundays be approved.

6—Winter Garden—Read, letter of 25th ult. from the Ministry of Health conveying the Ministry's gratitude to tip Corporation for offering these premises to the Government but that it did not appear that there was any purpose for which the building could advantageously be used.

7—Alstone Baths—RESOLVED, That no charge be made to the Swimming Club for the use of Alstone Baths on the 5th July in connection with the Gala held in aid of the Sportsmen's War Charity Effort.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd July, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Leigh James; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Grimwade, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Scrap Lamp Posts—It was reported that the Chairman of the Salvage Committee had suggested that the old cast iron lamp posts in High Street should be scrapped as they will eventually have to be replaced by steel lamp posts when the new scheme of lighting is installed after the war. All these posts are now carrying war time lighting fittings and if they are scrapped, either the war time lighting must be discontinued or new steel posts at present in stock must be erected in their place which would involve an expenditure of £236, while the value of the scrap recovered would only be £63 10s.0d. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not agree to the suggestion.

2—Rating and Valuation Acts, Cheltenham Electricity Undertaking—The Town Clerk reported that a total rateable value of £11,550 had been agreed between the respective Valuers for the County Council and the Corporation for the whole Undertaking, compared with the existing total rateable value of £12,053.

3—Sanctions to Loans—The Town Clerk reported the receipt from the Electricity Commissioners of sanction to the borrowing of £2,614 for Sub-Stations, mains and plant.

4....Agreements for Supply—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Agreements for supply to —The Gas Company, H.M. Office of Works, Aircraft Components, Ltd., V.P. Airscrews, Ltd., and Rotol Airscrews Ltd.

5—Land, Gloucester Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Gas Company were anxious to acquire a small portion of the land owned by the Electricity Undertaking at the junction of Gloucester Road and Church Road, St. Mark's for the erection of a Booster Station. RESOLVED, That the District Valuer be asked to value this land and that the Chairman and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to accept a suitable offer.

6—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report of the Gas Examiner for the Quarter ended 30th ult. which showed the average calorific value to be 470.6 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Reports—Read. Reports of gas tests made on the 26th ult., and the 3rd, 10th, 14th and 18th inst. which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 462.5, 470.5, 475.4, 467.7 and 458.6 B.Th. U. per cubic foot respectively and the pressure to be 8.4, 8.3, 8.8, 8.5 and 8.5 inches of water respectively.

STANLEY ROGERS

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th July, 1940. Present—Aldermen Margrett and Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Dr Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 30th June, 1940.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	112,000 gallons	115,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	324,000	323,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	29,000	29,000 "
	465,000	467,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 48,720,000 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—Conservation of Supplies—The Borough Engineer reported a rapid fall in the level of Dowdeswell, the inflow was negligible, the consumption in the town was still high and there was a tendency for waste to continue. The Town Clerk read a circular letter from the Ministry of Health requesting Local Authorities to restrict undue consumption of water before the position becomes acute and stating that there should be no hesitation in putting restrictions on supply into operation somewhat sooner than would be done in normal conditions. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to issue a further appeal to consumers to reduce consumption and warn them that if a reduction is not effected in the near future, it will be necessary to reduce the pressure during certain hours.

5—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Electric Cables—The Borough Engineer submitted notice from the Shropshire, Worcester-shire and Staffordshire Electric Power Company that they intended to lay a cable under the north west arch of King John's Bridge and also an overhead line over land belonging to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That permission be given to lay the cable over Corporation land subject to the requirements of the Borough Engineer being fulfilled.

6— Dowdeswell Reservoir—Damage to Wall—Read, report of damage to the wall at this Reservoir on the 12th June by a car driven by Sergeant Pilot E. L. Wood. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage estimated at £3 10s. 0d.

7—Lower Hewletts Farm—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son requesting the Corporation to release Mr. Jones, the Tenant of this farm, from his tenancy on the 29th September next as the state of his wife's health would not allow her to remain at the farm any longer. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Castle & Son be authorised to advertise the farm and to submit the name of a Tenant to the Committee, and that, subject to a Tenant being found before the 29th September, Mr. Jones be released from his tenancy on that date.

8—Joint Industrial Council—Read, letter of 21st June from the South Midlands District Council approving the Corporation's application for membership. RESOLVED, That the annual subscription of £1 10s. 0d. be paid and that Councillor Moore be appointed the representative of the Corporation to attend the Quarterly Meetings of the District Council.

9—Wages, Water Works Employees—The Borough Engineer submitted proposals with regard to the wages of certain waterworks employees not covered by the South Midlands Joint industrial Council's scale. RESOLVED, That the wages of the following be increased as follows as from the 1st June last :—

Assistant Chief Inspector	Increase of 7s 6d a week to £3 17s. 6d
Hewletts Reservoir Keeper	Increase of 3s a week to £3 6s. 0d.
Engine Attendant and Fitter ...	Increase from 1s 5 ¼d to 1s 6d an hour.
Dowdeswell Reservoir Keeper ...	Increase of 3s a week to £3 19s 0d.
Mechanic and Fitter	Increase from 1s 4 ½d to 1s 6d an hour.
Filter Attendant ...	Increase from 1s 2½d to 1s 3 ½d , an hour.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th July, 1940. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Pruen, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Smith and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

(b) Brucellosis Melitensis Order of 1940—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order which empowered the Ministry to cause to be slaughtered any cattle, sheep, goats, or swine affected with this disease which in humans was commonly known as Malta Fever.

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. F. Tysac for the transfer of the Licence formerly held by Mr. J Tarling in respect of Car BDF 226, and for a Driver's Licence be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. R. Wheatcroft for the transfer of his Licence to Taxi VC 9794 be granted

3—Petroleum Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. T. W. Smith & Sons for renewal of Licence (temporarily lapsed) to store 500 gallons of petroleum in an existing underground installation, be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. H. Dare & Sons for a Licence to store 100 gallons of petroleum in a can store on the site of new building works at Gloucester Road be granted.

4—Town Clerk's Department—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. J. Atkinson, Legal Assistant, would shortly be called up and that Miss Trye was resigning to join the W.R.N.S. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to engage such staff as he considers desirable to enable him to carry on the work of the Department.

5-77 Promenade—(a) The Town Clerk reported that an Agreement had now been entered into with the Office of Works for the payment of a rent of £4 per week as from the 27th November last including rates and cleaning, but excluding heating and lighting, in respect of the occupation of these premises by the Food Office and National Registration Office.

(b) RESOLVED, That Debenham Longman & Co, be allowed to park six bicycles at the rear of the above premises at a charge of 5s per cycle per annum, the arrangement to be terminated at any time by one week's notice.

6—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Electricity Committee, That the services of Pates, Mains Foreman, be extended for one year to the 28th June, 1941.

7—Administrative Staff—War Bonus—Read, Circular of 4th inst. from the Ministry of Home Security that the Minister was prepared to recognise for grant under the Civil Defence Acts additions by way of cost of living bonus to the salaries or wages of members of the staffs of Local Authorities who are engaged in work connected with Air Raid Precautions provided that the Local Authority is paying the same cost of living bonus to members of its staff generally, and not merely to the members engaged on A.R.P. work.

Read, also, Circular of 10th inst. from the National Association of Local Government Officers asking if the Council had yet adopted the war bonus recommended by the National Joint Whitley Council of 6 per cent to officers whose salary does not exceed £300 per annum, plus 3 per cent of salary in excess of £300. or 3 per cent of £200, whichever is the less.

It was reported that the Gloucester County Council adopted, as from the 1st April last, a war bonus for their Officers.

RESOLVED, That, as from the 1st April, 1940, the Council do pay a war bonus, similar to that paid by the County Council, namely 6 per cent to all their Officers whose salaries do not exceed £300 a year (including those on war service as defined in the Local Government Staffs (War Service) Act 1939)

except those who are unmarried and have no dependents to whom a bonus of 4 per cent be paid. Also that Officers receiving by virtue of their grade a salary exceeding £300 and not exceeding £312 or £318 as the case may be, be paid such war bonus as will bring their salary with bonus up to £312 and £318 as the case may be.

8—National Service—RESOLVED, That the Committee consent to R. Tortonese, Student Gardener, enlisting in H.M. Forces.

9—Telephones—RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of internal extensions being provided to the private telephones of the Town Clerk, the Borough Electrical Engineer, and the Assistant Town Clerk.

10—Shops Acts—Read, memorial signed by 90 per cent of the Proprietors and Managers of Hairdressers and Barbers Shops requesting the Council to make an Order requiring such shops to be closed at 7 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays or Saturdays. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and the Town Clerk be instructed to suggest to the memorialists that in view of the war and the large increase in population of Cheltenham, that it is desirable to postpone the making of an Order for the present.

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11—Air Raid Shelters in Specified Areas—The Sub-Controller, Councillor Grimwade, reported that the Emergency Committee had considered Circular of the Ministry of Home Security No. 163 of 6th inst. in regard to the provision of domestic shelters in places where there are aggregations of population in unspecified urban areas or in the neighbourhood of factories or other likely objectives of enemy attack.

The Circular pointed out that Local Authorities should do everything possible to assist persons eligible for the provision of free shelters, namely, persons whose occupations are compulsorily insurable under the National Health Insurance Act, and persons not so compulsorily insured who mainly depend on earnings not exceeding £250 which may be increased by £50 for each child not over school age in excess of two. The cost of materials would be reimbursed by the Exchequer, and other costs involved should be included in claims for grant. The Circular further recommended that Local Authorities should in the case of denser aggregations of population, endeavour to provide a certain number of communal shelters. These communal shelters would assist to meet the case of houses where any sort of adaptation presented difficulties. The proposals to erect such shelters should be reported to the Regional Technical Adviser, and the cost of the materials used would, subject to certain limits, be reimbursed and the balance of the cost rank for grant.

Councillor Grimwade reported that the County Council had decided that this work should be carried out and the cost met by District Councils. RESOLVED, That the Emergency Committee be authorised to proceed with the erection of communal shelters for 3,000 persons in the congested areas in the Borough, the Emergency Committee to select the sites for these shelters

12—Waste Paper—Read, Circular No. 2073 from the Ministry of Health asking Local Authorities to take urgent steps to release as many papers and books as possible. The Town Clerk reported that he had sent copies to all Heads of Departments who had, previous to the Circular, handed over a large quantity of waste paper and books

13—Holidays--The Committee further considered the question of holidays for the administrative staff and for employees. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to the resolution passed at the last meeting that regular holidays be cancelled this year but that all Chief Officers be authorised to arrange where possible for staffs and employees to have short periods of holiday as and when circumstances permit

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd July, 1940. Present—Alderman Pates and Ward ; Councillors Bush, Fisher, Green and Grimwade; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Monthly Report of Acting Chief Officer—The Acting Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended 7 calls to fire, as follows :-26th June, Diamond Laundry, Newcourt Road ; 29th June, Greenways, Cleeve Hill 1st July, Hatherley Road ; 3rd July, Burrow's Playing Field, Leckhampton ; 7th July, Priors Road. 13th July, New Barn Farm, London Road, Northleach ; 14 July, Worcester House, Pittville Circus Road.

2-6 St. George's Parade --The Acting Chief Officer reported that Mr. Jones vacated these premises on the 24th June and that he vacated his flat at 14 Royal Crescent and took up residence at 6 St. George's Parade on the 8th July.

3—Professional Firemen—(a) The Acting Chief Officer submitted application from Acting Third Officer Brooking and also application from the five professional firemen on the permanent staff for re-consideration of the applications made in April for increase in their wages. RESOLVED, That their wages be increased by 5s per week as from the 1st inst.

(b) Uniform—The Acting Chief Officer reported that some of die professional Brigade's Uniform would shortly require replacement. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to obtain tenders for purchase of 8 Station suits, 8 jerseys, 5 pairs of overalls, 8 caps, 2 smocks, 8 pairs of boots, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender.

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4—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) The Acting Chief Officer reported that he had made arrangements for about 70 part-time volunteers to do 12 hours stand-by duty each week. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to supply these men with light refreshments at a cost not exceeding 6d. per head, in accordance with the terms of Circular No 161. RESOLVED, also, That an appeal be made for beds and bedding and, failing satisfactory response, the Acting Chief Officer be authorised to purchase the necessary beds, bedding and blankets required.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted the following Circulars from the Home Office :—

86, Enrolment of Whole-time Personnel ; 89, Requisitioning of Premises ; 91, Emergency Arrangements ; 92, Reimbursement for Repairs of Appliances 93, Staff and Transport ; 94, Medical

Treatment of Volunteers 96, Leave with Pay for Volunteers in case of Sickness or Injury ; 101, Lighting Restrictions ; 102, Uniform and Equipment ; 103. French Nationals in Civil Defence Service 105, Insurance of Appliances and Vehicles.

RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Acting Chief Officer for attention RESOLVED, also, That in regard to Circular No, 93 the Committee do not consider it necessary to make an allowance of 2s 6d a month to the boy Messengers in respect of the use of their cycles. RESOLVED, also, That with regard to Circular No. 105, the Borough Treasurer be instructed to effect the necessary insurances on behalf of the Corporation in accordance with the terms of the Circular.

(c) Read, letter from the Home Office that instructions have been issued for delivery of 4 Type-B Towing Attachments, 8 Hose Ramps, and one 50 ft. length 2 inch Delivery Hose.

(d) Recreation Room—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Home Office that they were unable to approve for the purpose of grant the expenditure of £20 subscription made to the Auxiliary Fire Service Club in August last. With regard to the renting of the Parish Church Young Men's Club Room, the Home Office stated that the proposed rent could not be approved and asked if the Council had considered the availability of the Lecture Room at the Central Depot. RESOLVED, That the Home Office be informed that this room is not suitable for recreational facilities and that the Home Office be asked to re-consider the proposal to rent the above premises.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 4th July, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Ball and Yeend (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—The Gardens Superintendent reported that Nos. 12 and 78 Marle Hill were partly overgrown with weeds and the former poorly cultivated, and No. 41 Creamery Piece and 83 North Ward were also overgrown with weeds. Apart from these allotments there was a general improvement in those reported last month The Town Clerk stated that he had already written to the tenants. The tenants of Nos. 78 Marle Hill and 83 North Ward had promised to put the allotments into good condition. No. 41 Creamery Piece had been reported last month and although two letters had been written to the tenant no reply had been received. RESOLVED, That possession be taken of this allotment and that the same be re-let.

2—Asquith Road Allotments—Damage to Crops, etc.—The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the night or early morning of the 21st - 22nd June, considerable damage was done to a number of allotments and shed at the Asquith Road Allotments, including the Demonstration plot A shed was broken open and much produce wilfully destroyed, including the pulling up of bean sticks and the notice boards on the demonstration plot. The Police had been informed and were investigating the matter.

3—Allotment No. 217, North Ward—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the tenant of this allotment had made application for the fruit trees to be removed, and he stated that the trees were of no value, RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

4—Food Production—(a) Read, letter of 1st inst. from the National Allotments Society Ltd stressing the vital necessity for the production of more food from allotments and gardens and suggesting various methods to be adopted for the marketing of surplus crops, and also suggesting that those who have a surplus of green crops which they are unable to dispose of or use should be encouraged not to waste it but to make it available in the form of gifts to such bodies as Infirmaries, Hospitals, School Feeding Centres, etc.

(b) Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries urging that the number of Allotments should be substantially increased and that every piece of suitable land should be brought into cultivation. The Town Clerk reported that there were at present no applicants for allotments and there were still a number of allotments to let. RESOLVED, That the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee and that an advertisement be published inviting applications for allotments so that, if necessary, the Committee can consider the acquisition of additional land.

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5—Land of Miss Butt, deceased—Read, Memorial of 4th inst. from allotment holders in Alstone Lane asking the Corporation to consider the purchase for allotments of this land which was shortly to be offered for sale by auction. RESOLVED, That the proposal be not entertained as this is. building land.

6—North Ward Allotments—(a) Hedge—Councillor Addis reported that the Hedge on the main road through the North Ward allotments was considerably overgrown and encroached on the road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant concerned asking him to have the hedge cut.

(b) No 19—Rebate in Rent—RESOLVED, That the tenant of this allotment be granted the use of the same rent free to the 25th December next, in view of its had condition.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th July, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Food Production—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the sale of produce at the Market for the month of June had realised £27 13s. 5d. He also reported that at the request of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries all produce from the demonstration plot in Sandford Park was being counted or weighed and the Inspector had asked for a special report to be submitted in due course. During the month, wilful damage had been done to demonstration plots at Sandford Park and the Winter Garden and produce stolen. RESOLVED, That if the offenders can be found, the Police be asked to take proceedings.

2—Attendant, Montpellier Lodge—RESOLVED, That the wages of Mrs. O'Brien, the attendant at this Lodge, be increased to 10s per week as from the 11th inst.

3—Clarence Square Garden—The Gardens Superintendent reported that on the 3rd inst considerable damage had been done to the tennis rods at this Garden The Park Constable had obtained the names of the two boys concerned. RESOLVED, That Superintendent Hopkins he asked to take proceedings against them for the damage incurred.

4 - Surplus Plants for Troops—The Gardens Superintendent that during the month of June 1,500 Brassica Plants in five varieties had been supplied to the troops through the Agency of the W.V.S., and a letter of thanks had been received from the Commanding Officer.

5 -Scrap Metal—The Gardens Superintendent reported that another collection of scrap metal had been made from the various grounds and a motor load delivered to the Destructor.

6--Foremen—RESOLVED, That H. Stanton and L. Hyett be appointed Foremen to take charge of the Grounds in the North and South Sections of the town respectively with a view to facilitating instructions being given direct for work to be carried out.

7--Local Defence Volunteers—RESOLVED, That the Parks Superintendent be asked to arrange, if possible, for the Park Constables at Hatherley Park and St Mark's Recreation Ground to be released two or three mornings per week for guard duty, subject to their not being required for agricultural work and to their being willing to join the L.D V.

8—Football Pitch—RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the St Gregory's A F.C. to play football on the Agg Gardner Recreation Ground on Saturdays during the coming season, subject to their arranging their fixtures to fit in with the fixtures of any other Club to whom permission may also be granted.

9—Whaddon Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Capt. G. H. Linnell Brown complaining of nuisance and damage caused to the grounds of Westbourne Cottage, Pittville Circus, by boys climbing the gate. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent he asked to instruct the Custodian to do his best to remedy this complaint

10—St. Mark's Playing Field--Read, letter of 12th ult. from Mr. J. F. Fisher complaining of nuisance caused by model planes flown by boys in this flaying; Field falling into his garden, etc RESOLVED, That the Custodian be instructed to do what he can to remedy the complaint.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th July, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham: Councillor Bendall and Major J. G. N. Clift (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1 --Curator's Report for April, May and June, 1940—Visitors-6,443 (last year 7,746). Included in these figures were the following parties:-24 boys from Practising School ; 25 boys from Gloucester Road School ; 40 children from :Taunton Park School The Curator gave talks in the Museum to the following parties:-40 children from Taunton Park School 16 members of Black-out Club, Ramblers section ; and 26 members of the Historical Association

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £4 1s. 9d. Subscriptions to the "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund" £64 6s. 8d., Total £68 8s. 5d.

Loans to the Museum—An exhibit illustrating Rubber as an Empire Product had been lent by the British Rubber Publicity Association. A circulating Loan Exhibit "Cotswold Domestic Architecture," arranged by the Sth Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries had been on view during June. An oil painting of " Notre Dame, Paris " by Jules Lessore had been received on loan from Mrs. Richard Sickert.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Mr. H. H. Albino, Miss Allies, Mr. Leslie W. 13ayley, Mr. J. Munro Briggs, Miss E. L. Brookes, Miss E. Maude Bubb, Mr. R. Buck, The Trustees of the late Miss A. M. Butt, The Chief Constable, Mr. E. L. Clapp, Mr. T. Leonard Crow, Mrs Davies, Miss Emeris, Mrs. V. M. Foord, Mr. B. R. Gibbins, Mr. W. J. Gomm, Miss V. Goss, Mr .J G. Flowerdew Lowson, Mrs Manners, Mr. W. R. Martin, Mr. E. J Morris, Mr. A. Padley, Mr. Hugh G. Riviere, The Executors of the late Rev. Lacy H. Rumsey, Capt. R. Tudor-Owen, Mr. J K. Troughton, Alderman Capt. j. H. Trye, Mr. George Warren, Dr Oliver H. Wild. Mr. Tom Whiting.

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

3—" The Chateau Gaillard, Les Audeleys, Nr. Rouen " by Fred Milner, R.B.A.—RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mrs. Milner for her gift of this oil painting.

4—General Account—RESOLVED, That 9 specimens from the Rogerson Collection (£13 2s. 6d.) 2 Leeds plates ; Old English Dough Skeel ; 22 miscellaneous moulds from Messrs. Georges ; Staffordshire Mug ; and a large collection of Bygones (£12 11s. 0d.) be purchased from the General Account at a total cost of £25 13s. 6d.

5---" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account "—RESOLVED, That Pair of Crown Derby Vases (£6 10s. 0d.) Pair of Whieldon Plates and Early Slipware Cup (£2 2s 6d.) be purchased from the Fund at a total cost of £8 12s. 6d.

6—Portraits of Thomas Hughes, Esq., of Cheltenham, and his wife, 1774—The Curator reported that these two portraits had been secured through the "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund " for £42 10s. 0d. and that the cost of restoration amounted to £20 8s. 0d. The National Art-Collections Fund had generously sent a grant of £28 10s. 0d. and the remaining £34 8s. 0d. had been obtained by special subscriptions to the "Friends Fund." RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the National Art-Collections Fund and the other subscribers.

7—Scrap Metal Week—RESOLVED, That as agreed with the Salvage Committee, 20 specimens be salvaged for Museum and that the sum of £5 19s. 6d. be paid to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for these. RESOLVED, further, That scrap metal from the Museum be surrendered in exchange.

8—War Trophies, 1914-18—RESOLVED, That Trophies of the Great War given by the War Office, and others deposited by individuals, be surrendered to the Government.

9—Exhibitions—(a) RESOLVED, That facilities be granted to Professor Albert Reuss now living at St Ives, Cornwall, for an Exhibition of his paintings and sculptures.

(b) RESOLVED, That facilities be given for a Ministry of Information Exhibition when re-organised.

(c) That the Art and Entertainment Emergency Council be informed that should the Entertainment and Dramatic activities be undertaken by other agencies, the Art Gallery Committee would consider participating in the art side of any local effort that might be contemplated.

(d) The Curator reported that the Exhibition of National Art Properties had been deferred.

(e) RESOLVED, That commission on sales during the recent Cotswold Art Club Exhibition be waived in respect of items sold for the Red Cross.

10—Gloucester Guildhall Exhibition—The Curator reported that this Exhibition in which the Art Gallery had been invited to participate had been postponed.

11—Staff—The Curator reported that George A. Lewis, the Museum Assistant, had volunteered for military service on obtaining 18 years of age, RESOLVED, That Doreen Paley be appointed temporary assistant in his place.

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12—Evacuation of Art Properties—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to place further outstanding art exhibits in private houses or cellars in county areas.

13—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 13th September, 1940, at 11 a.m.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th July, 1940, Present—Councillors Bendall, Bush, Grimwade and Lipson ; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke and F. Vernall (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for June, 1940—Receipts £38 3s. 2d. Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 5,428; Lending Department 24,866 ; Junior Department 3,444 ; School Libraries (April—June) 8,419. Total 42,157 (last year 36,819).

Replacements and Binding--8 volumes had been replaced, 414 volumes had been returned from the binder.

Staff—Miss Freda M. Benney had been elected an Associate of the Library Association.

Inter-availability of Tickets—Margate Public Library had been added to the list of libraries co-operating in this matter.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 319 volumes, published at £101 0s. 7d., be purchased for £69 0s. 9d.

(b) That £75 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £50 be spent on Replacements.

3—Donations—61 volumes had been received from 7 donors.

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

4—Facade—Read, extracts from Messrs. Szerelmey's report together with the Borough Surveyor's comments thereon. RESOLVED, That lead, as recommended by the Borough Surveyor as a temporary measure, be fixed at a cost of £8 10s. 0d.

5—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 13th September, 1940, at 5 p.m.

D. L. LIPSON, Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 4th July, 1940. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Bush and Moore (Alderman Ward in the chair).

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

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd July, 1940. Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 20th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £84,572 ; Leaving Outstanding £49,705.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 20th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending 30th September, 1940. Amount collected £16,865 ; Leaving Outstanding £9,710

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 23rd inst. Present—Aldermen Taylor (in the chair), Ward and Councillor Grimwade.

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

4—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported that he had received loan sanction dated the 24th June, 1940, for £500 for Sub-Station building and site repayable within a period of 30 years, £672 for Mains and £1,442 for Plant (Sub-Station equipment) repayable within a period of 25 years.

5—Loans--The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting £1,500 had been received on loan. RESOLVED, That Mortgages be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

6—Excess Expenditure—(a) RESOLVED, That the following small over-expenditures be charged to General Rate Account :—Old Bath Road Sewer £9 Park Place Sewer 12s 9d. ; Bath Road Relief Sewer £1 1s. 8d. ; Hayden Knoll Cottages 10s 8d. ; High Street Roundabout £34 19s. 1d. ; Fireman's House 13s 6d. ; and Cemetery Extension 14s.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported the following over-expenditures :—Chelt Main Sewer £1,496 2s. 2d. ; Rodney Road Car Park £179 15s 10d. ; St. Mark's Playing Field £126 17s. 5d. ; Hatherley Recreation Ground £956 6s. 6d., Tewkesbury Road Playing Field £138 19s. 10d. ; and Winter Gardens (on account of Architects' fees, etc) £2,848 11s. 6d. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to submit details of the over-expenditure to enable the Committee to consider applying for consents to loans for the same.

7—Capital Surplus—The Borough Treasurer reported the following surplus capital receipts from sales of land, etc., which could be applied to other capital purposes :—Brooklyn Road (Sales of Land) £7,661 16s. 9d. ; Albert Road Allotments (Proceeds of Sale) £105 3s. 0d. Leckhampton Hill (Proceeds of Sale) £36 0s. 0d. ; Tractors and Trailers (Proceeds of Sale) £116 16s. 0d. ; and Martin's Bank (Proceeds of Sale) £1,250 0s. 0d.

8—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that ex-Nurse Hodgson, in receipt of a pension of £75 per annum, and C. P. Cook, ex-Horsedriver, in receipt of a pension of 15s 4d. per week, died on the 28th and 29th ult. respectively

(b) The Borough Treasurer submitted statement on the Superannuation Fund Accounts up to the 31st March last, the surplus for the year had, owing to the operating of the 1937 Act, increased to £8,645 16s. 5d., as compared with the surplus last year of £6,328 15s. 2d. The total surplus was now £85,278 4s. 0d., the greater part of which was utilised for the Council's own capital works.

9—Education Account—The Borough Treasurer submitted letter from the Education Secretary that, consequent on the Burnham Committee's decision that a war bonus of 6 per cent should be paid to certain teachers as from the 1st April last, the precept for the Education Committee would be increased during the current year by £500. RESOLVED, That this additional sum be paid to the Education Committee.

10—Auditor's Report—Read, Report of the District Auditor on the audited accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1939 (A copy of the Report accompanies the Minutes). RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to have a Terrier of Land and Property compiled when circumstances and staff permit.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th August, 1940.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of September, 1940, 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. Election of Councillor for the St. Peter's Ward to fill vacancy caused by death of Councillor F. S. Fletcher.
3. Communications by the Mayor.
4. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—

THE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

WATER COMMITTEE

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and to consider tenders received for demolition of Winter Garden.

RATING COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

5. To confirm Resolution appointing Food Control Committee for the Borough for a period of 12 months ending 1st September, 1941.
6. NOTICE OF MOTION—Councillor Lipson to move " That the rents of flats to old age pensioners who have received supplementary pensions, recently increased to 5s a week, be reduced to 4s 1d. a week."
7. CINEMAS—To Report Certificate received from a competent Military Authority that it is expedient to open Cinemas on Sundays and to consider making draft Order for submission to Secretary of State.
8. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 29th July, 1940, 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, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., Lipson, M.A., M.P., Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Margrett : Councillors Avery and Compton.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 1st July, 1940, 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—Death of Councillor F. S. Fletcher—RESOLVED, That the Council record their deep regret at the untimely death of Councillor F. S. Fletcher, through an accident, while serving in the Royal Air Force and desire to convey their deepest sympathy with his widow and family in their bereavement.

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

Public Health Meeting held July 8

Housing .. Meeting held July 11

202Street and Highway Meeting held July 15

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Fisher and seconded by Alderman Pruen " That on the unanimous recommendation of the Salvage Committee, with a view to ensuring salvage material being kept separate on collection, that four or five Trailers divided into separate compartments for bones, paper, tins, bottles, rags and pig food, be purchased at an approximate cost of £40 each, and that the Salvage Committee be authorised to purchase the trailers."

RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be authorised to let No. 7 Albion Street to Mrs. E. Maidment and Mrs. V. Wilks, jointly, at a rental of £1 per week inclusive.

Railings Meeting held July 12

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 1 (a) with regard to the removal of the external boundary railings and gates at Montpellier Gardens, be not approved and that only the interior railings be removed."

Subject, also, to an Amendment moved by The Deputy Mayor and seconded by The Mayor " That Minute No. 1 (e) with regard to the remainder of the railings on the east side of Imperial Square, be not approved,"

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Green 7 " That Minute No. 1 (b) with regard to the boundary railings on the Pittville Estate be amended," was withdrawn),

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held July 15

Town Planning Meeting held July 18

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held July 19

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held July 22

Water Meeting held July 9

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held July 16

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Alderman Ward " That as from the 1st April, 1940, the Council do pay a War Bonus of 5s per week to all their officers whose salaries do not exceed £300 a year (including those on War Service as defined in the Local Government Staffs (War Service) Act, 1939), except to those who are unmarried and have no dependents to whom a bonus of 3s 6d per week be paid ; Also, That Officers receiving a salary exceeding £300 per annum and not exceeding £309 2s. 0d. and £313 per annum as the case may be, be paid such war bonus as will bring their salary with bonus up to £309 2s. 0d. and £313 per annum as the case may be.

RESOLVED, also, That a Licence be granted to Messrs. Gee, Walker & Slatter for storage of 100 gallons of petroleum in cans in a brick building to be erected at the new Technical College, The Woodlands, The Park.

RESOLVED, also, That the offer of £2 made by Mr. G. A. Price for the right to catch rabbits on Leckhampton Hill for the period ending 29th July, 1941, be accepted.

Fire Brigade Meeting held July 22

Allotments Meeting held July 8

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held July 8

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held July 12

Public Library Meeting held July 12

Rating Meeting held July 4

Finance Meeting held July 23

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

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4—Food Control Committee—RESOLVED, That the under-mentioned be appointed members of the Food Control Committee for the year commencing 1st September next :—

Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., F.R.C.S. Alderman Capt. J. H. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. Alderman A. S. F. Pruen. Councillor G. B. Compton, Councillor J. B. Till. Lieut.-Col. J. F. Tarrant (Representing the Ladies' College). Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham. Miss E. Matthews. Mrs. K. Greening (Representing Working Class Women). Mr. J. R. Habgood (Representing Cheltenham & District Trades Council). Mr. D. E. Wolley (Representing Butchers). Mr. W. J. Roberts (Representing Grocers). Mr. N. C. Olive (Representing Fishmongers). Mr. P. E. Gardner (Representing Bakers). Mr. H. T. Howker (Representing Gloucester Co-operative Society Ltd.).

5—Notice of Motion--The Notice of Motion given by Councillor Grimwade " That no war bonus or wages increase attributed to the increased cost of living be paid to any employee of the Corporation or Education Committee, who is an avowed Conscientious Objector," was withdrawn.

6—Rabbit Infestation at Dowdeswell Wood---RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to make arrangements for the trapping of rabbits in this wood, as requested by the County Rabbit Officer.

7—Bye Laws—RESOLVED, That under or by virtue of Section 249 of the Local Government Act, 1933, the following Byelaw be made and the Common Seal affixed thereto :—

" Any person other than a teacher, child, manager or other duly authorised person, being in or on the buildings, playgrounds or other premises of any public elementary school who, being requested to depart therefrom by the Head Teacher or the Teacher acting as Head Teacher of such school, refuses to depart therefrom and makes use of any violent, abusive, profane, indecent or obscene language or other-wise behaves in a disorderly manner, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £5. This Byelaw shall extend to all public elementary schools in the Borough of Cheltenham."

RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Under Secretary of State for confirmation of the Byelaw.

JNO. HOWELL, Mayor.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd August, pm. Present—Aldermen E. L. Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham Councillors Barnett and Bendall Godman, Mr. W. S. F. Harris and the Rev. H. C. Hanson (Alderman K. 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.
5365	E. T. Stinchcombe & Son	Detached house, Brooklyn Road.
5370	C Wilson. C. A.	Garage, Church Road.
5371	Messrs. Marks & Spencer	Air raid shelter, 117-119 High Street
5372	Peacock, Mrs.	Garage, Pilford Avenue
5373	Ward, V. M.	Garage, 94 Priors Road.
5374	Hamlin, G. R.	Garden tool shed, 98 Priors Road.
5375	Cull, C.	Garage, 99 Brooklyn Road.

Decisions under Byelaws—RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5370, 5371, 5372, 5373, 5374 and 5375 be approved ; That Plan No 5365 be deferred for further consideration.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933—RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5370, 5372, 5373, 5374 and 5375 be approved ; That Plan No. 5371 be approved for the duration of the war only : That Plan No 5365 be deferred for further consideration.

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.
1653	Williams. H. J.	Mess room, Sheldon Nurseries. Boddington
1654	Bradshaw, R. P.	Garage, Elm Cottage, Gotherington

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 1653 be approved , That Plan No. 1654 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 8th inst. from Messrs. Ticehurst Wyatt & Co. for permission to use Homesdale, Lansdown Road as a Guest House. RESOLVED, That this be granted.

(b) Read, letters of 3rd and 7th inst. from C. Wedberg & Son for permission to connect the upper storeys of No 4 Montpellier Avenue to No. 5 to enable extensions to be made for the carrying out of Government Contracts. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to a fireproof iron door being constructed between the two premises and a secondary means of access from the first floor of No. 4 to the ground floor of No. 4 through the portion of the premises occupied by the Gloucestershire Dairy Co. and also to Messrs. C. Wedberg & Son entering into an Under-taking that at the termination of the war the fireproof iron door shall be removed and the party wall reinstated to its former condition to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

(c) Read, letter of 9th inst. from F. C. Jells asking for permission to erect a house or bungalow at Elmstone Hardwicke. The Town Clerk reported he had asked Mr. Jelfs to indicate on a plan the position of the house but had not received any reply. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred for further information.

4-14-22 Bath Road—The Town Clerk submitted application from Messrs Midwinter & Co on behalf of a client for permission to erect an air raid shelter and other buildings on land at the rear of these premises and encroaching slightly on the portion of land belonging to the Corporation. RESOLVED, That consent be given subject to their entering into an Undertaking to pay an annual acknowledgment of 1s per annum and to make good any damage which may be caused by or in consequence of the erection of the said buildings on the land and to remove the said buildings when required by the Corporation provided that such notice shall not be given so long as the air raid shelter is required for use during the present war

5—North Tip, Gloucester Tile and Sand Co.—Read, letter from the Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Company applying for consent to the excavating of sand and gravel from the land belonging to them on the north-west side of the Shurdington Road in the Parish of Badgeworth and numbered 360 on the Ordnance Map No. XXXIV.2., and to manufacture reinforced concrete units in conjunction with Frank I. Freeman Ltd., Builders, of 25 Russell Square, London, W.C.1., required for the construction of a War Hospital at Worcester. RESOLVED, That consent be given subject to the access to the road being approved by the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, and also subject to an Undertaking being given that the works shall be dismantled on the completion of the Hospital contract. RESOLVED, also, That no objection be raised to their bringing sand and gravel from South Cerney until they are ready to supply sand and gravel from their own property for a period of not exceeding three months.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 9th August, 1940. Present ----Alderman Margrett, Councillors Moore and Morris (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Lower Hewletts Farm—Mr. R. NV. Castle attended and submitted three offers received for the tenancy of this Farm, RESOLVED, That the farm be let to Mrs. Weston of Brockletop Farm, Staverton, on a yearly tenancy on the same terms as let to Mr. Jones as from the 29th September next. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work of decorations and alterations to provide a Dairy at an estimated cost of £18 towards which the tenant has contributed £2.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th August, 1940. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham, Leigh James, Margrett, Patent, Taylor and Ward: Councillors Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Winter Garden—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Emergency Committee that it was desirable to take steps to salvage the glass, iron and timber, etc., of the Winter Garden as they were advised that there was likely to be a shortage of glass. RESOLVED, That Mr. T. Overbury be instructed to obtain alternative tenders for (1) Demolition of the whole building, except that a low wall be left round the basement in the northern transept to protect this, the Corporation retaining the timber ; (2) Demolition of the whole building as in No. 1, the Corporation retaining the glass and timber (3) Removal of the roof only, the Corporation retaining the timber and glass, and also for certain work as specified by the Architect to be carried out to protect the walls from deterioration.

RESOLVED, also, At a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on the morning of the 2nd September to consider the tenders received.

2—Montpellier Rotunda—The Town Clerk submitted contract for the purchase of the Rotunda. The seating and electrical fittings and some other furniture was not included in the sale. The Town Clerk reported that these had been inspected by the Borough Electrical Engineer and the Entertainments Manager who recommended that the seating and other furniture, old grand piano, and electrical fittings (excluding the large central electrolier and bracket lamps of similar design) be purchased for the sum of £10. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Water Supply—The Borough Engineer reported as to the water supply and of the steps taken to conserve supplies. He also reported as to the supply being afforded to Gloucester. The pumping from Tewkesbury was now done via Churchdown and since this commenced an average of two million gallons a day had been delivered and to amplify the supply to Gloucester a temporary pumping unit had been installed at the expense of the Gloucester Corporation. This greater demand had exceeded the capacity of the filters in their present condition, and he had therefore arranged for the filtering media to be dug out and replaced by new material at the cost of the Gloucester Corporation by which means it was anticipated that it would be possible to deal with an increased quantity through the filters. RESOLVED, That the steps taken by the Borough Engineer he approved. Also, that he be instructed to circularise the Garages that car washing must be discontinued. RESOLVED, also, That a statement be inserted in the press giving suggestions to householders as to how water can be saved, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to prosecute all persons found misusing or wasting water.

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4—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for a Public Meeting organised by the Ministry of Information to be held on an evening to be arranged subject to payment of two guineas out-of-pocket expenses.

5—Police Force—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Chief Constable that he had found it necessary to engage a second youth as Junior Clerk in the Chief Superintendent's Office on the same salary as paid to the previous one appointed, namely £50 per annum with annual increments of £12 10s. 0d.

RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the employment of the second Junior Clerk for the duration of the war and for such additional period as may be necessary to recruit and train individual men to fill vacancies then existing,

6—Athletic Ground—The Town Clerk reported that this ground had now been de-requisitioned with the exception of the Dressing Rooms and Baths and it was necessary to apportion the rent to be claimed in respect of this part of the property. RESOLVED, That a rent at the rate of £50 per annum be claimed.

7—Rodney Road Car Park—Read, letter of 16th inst. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking if members of the District Council's office staff at 14 Imperial Square could be granted season tickets at a reduced price of £16 per annum instead of 15s. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted

8—Hackney Carriage Licence—RESOLVED That the application of W. West for Driver's Licence be granted

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 1st August, 1940. Present—Alderman Councillors-Bush, Col. Biggs and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair)

1—Excusals----The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for excusal from payment of rates.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th August, 1940. Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (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 £122,091 ; Leaving Outstanding £12,186.

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, 1940, Amount collected £23,519 ; Leaving Outstanding £3,056.

3--Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 27th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair), and Councillor Waite.

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

4—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of Electricity charges since the last Meeting.

5—Housing Bond—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting he had received £800 Housing Bond at 3 ¼ per cent for seven years, RESOLVED, That a Certificate he issued accordingly.

6—Electricity Reserve Fund—The Borough Treasurer reported that, as instructed, he had invested £3,000 of the Reserve Fund—£1,000 in 3 per cent Defence Bonds and the balance in 3 ½ per cent Inscribed War Stock at 99 ¾ per cent. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to the transfer of the War Stock.

7—Housing Revenue Account—The Borough Treasurer reported that the balance at credit of the Revenue Account on the 1st April, 1939, was £1,619 8s. 2d., which was carried forward. During the year ended 31st March last a further surplus of £1,541 12s. 10d. was made, bringing the total credit to £3,161 1s. 0d. This was the first quinquennium under the Housing Act, 1936. The Ministry had, however, waived their right of appropriating a share of the surplus. RESOLVED, That the total surplus be carried forward.

8—Auditor's Report—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Ministry of Health asking for the Council's observations on the Auditor's Report for the year ended 31st March, 1939, in respect of the portions of the Report dealing with the provision of adequate surplus in the General Rate Fund and as to the preparation of a Terrier of land and property. RESOLVED, That the Ministry be informed that the Council have for the current year budgetted for an increased surplus of £4,000 and that, with regard to the Terrier, the Town Clerk has already been instructed to prepare this when circumstances and staffing arrangements permit,

9—School Trenches—Read, letters of 1st and 3rd inst. from the Education Secretary that the total cost of the School trenches was £7,143 8s. 5d., and the cost of steel fitments £4,121 0s. 9d. The Education Committee had now decided to provide shelter trenches with steel liners for the new Whaddon Senior School and also for treating the glass in the Schools with anti-shatter lacquer and finisher, and the Education Committee asked that the Council should make application to the Ministry of Health for consent to loan of £12,000 instead of £10,000 as previously authorised. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to the loan of £12,000.

10—Superannuation—Read, memorial from 14 employees asking the Council to re-consider their superannuation allowances. They pointed out that they had given 40 years' service and were retired at the age of 65 on a small pension which with the Old Age Pensions, was not, in view of the increased cost of living, sufficient to keep body and soul alive, They pointed out that their allowances were only based on 120ths whereas recent retirements were calculated on the basis of 80ths, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Ministry of Health and ask for their approval to the Corporation increasing the pensions by calculating these on the basis of 80ths for each year of non-contributory service instead of 120ths.

11—County of Gloucester Review Order—The Borough Treasurer submitted report on his negotiations with the County Accountant on the claim made by the County Council in respect of the areas transferred to the Borough under this Order. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to proceed with his negotiations on the terms now approved by the Committee.

12—Electricity Accounts—RESOLVED, That the sum of £450 Bad Debts be written off as irrecoverable in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1940.

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 September, 1940, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., J.P.) in the chair.

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.: Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Lipson, M.A., M.P., Miller, Moore, Morris, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Avery.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 29th July, 1940, 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--Election of Councillor for St. Peter's Ward—The following were nominated to fill the vacancy for the St. Peter's Ward caused by the death of Councillor F. S. Fletcher :—Miss Emily Katherine Bayliss, Mr. George Readings and Mr. Frank Keveren. RESOLVED, That Mr. George Readings be elected a Councillor for this Ward.

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

Town Planning Meeting held August 22

Water Meeting held August 9

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General Purposes and Watch Meetings held August 19 and September 2

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Morris and seconded by Councillor Moore " That consideration of the Minute with regard to the demolition of the Winter Garden be adjourned to the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on the 19th September" was lost).

Rating Meeting held August 1

Finance Meeting held August 27

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

4—Food Control Committee—RESOLVED, That the Resolution passed at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on the 29th July, 1940, appointing a Food Control Committee for the Borough for a period of 12 months ending 1st September, 1941, be confirmed.

5—Notice of Motion—Councillor Lipson moved in accordance with intention duly given " That the rents of flats to Old Age Pensioners who have received supplementary pensions, recently increased to 5s a week, be reduced to 4s 1d. a week." The Motion was seconded by Councillor Barnett.

An 'Amendment was moved by Councillor' Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Bush " That the 'Housing Committee be asked to reconsider the rents charged to Old Age Pensioners " was carried and on being put to the Meeting as the substantive motion was again carried.

6-40 Upper Park Street--RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector having reported that he had examined the drains, etc., at or belonging to No. 40 Upper Park Street and found the same to be defective and to require amendment or alteration and having submitted specification of the work required to be done, the same he approved and that notice be given under Section 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring the owner to do the specified work within 14 days. RESOLVED, also, That in default of the owner carrying out the work, the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to obtain tenders and that the Chairman of the Public Health Committee be authorised to accept a tender.

7—Refuse Tip, Brooklyn Road—RESOLVED, That tipping on this tip in the present position be discontinued forthwith and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to commence- tipping on the further side of the land.

JNO. HOWELL, Mayor.

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At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Thursday, 19th September, 1940, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., J.P.) in the chair.

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, J.P., Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Clara F. Winterbotham, J.P. ;
Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Bush, Compton, Fisher,
Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Moore, Morris, Readings and Rogers.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Lipson.

1—Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932—The Town Clerk reported that the notices required to be given of the decision of the Council to submit to the Secretary of State for approval of both Houses of Parliament, the draft Order extending Section 1 of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, to the Borough of Cheltenham had been given and he submitted the representations received in respect of this. He had received the following Resolution passed by the Free Church Council :— " That the Free Church Council are not opposed to any step for the welfare of the soldiers and for that reason do not raise objection at this stage to the desire of the Military Authorities and the Town Council to open some of the Cinemas on Sundays. At the same time they suggest that such conditions be attached to the Licences as to make it quite clear that this step is in the interests of the soldiers and not merely for the financial gain of the Cinema proprietors, and that the position to be reviewed six months hence in the light of experience gained during the winter months." He had also received a Memorial from the Church Association signed by 124 persons ; a Memorial from the Cambray Baptist Church signed by 125 persons and Memorials from other residents and religious bodies signed by 569 persons against the opening of the Picture Houses on Sundays and Memorials signed by 707 persons in favour of the proposal.

After consideration of these representations it was RESOLVED, That the Council confirm the decision to submit the said draft Order to the Secretary of State for approval of both Houses of Parliament. It was also RESOLVED, That this Council declares that approval of the draft Order shall not be taken as in any way approving of Cinemas being opened on Sundays after the War. (An Amendment moved by Councillor Garland that the permitted hours of opening Cinemas be fixed at 3.30 p.m.-8.30 p.m. was ruled out of Order).

2—Storage of Hides and Skins—Application was made by Messrs. A. H. Taylors Butchers' Hide, Skin, Fat and Wool Co. Ltd. who were acting as Agents for the Government for consent to the Registered Slaughterhouse of Messrs. Williams Co., situate in Albion Street, being used as temporary accommodation for the storage of hides and skins. Messrs. Taylor's representative explained that this was only required for storage of hides and skins which had been cleaned and conditioned. RESOLVED, That consent be given subject to their giving an Undertaking that the premises shall only be used for storage of conditioned hides and skins and that every endeavour will be made to prevent any nuisance or smell from the premises and that if a nuisance is caused this consent may be withdrawn by one month's notice and that consent is only given as a temporary emergency measure and shall not be taken to be consent to the establishment of an offensive trade on the premises.

JNO. HOWELL, Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 7th October, 1940.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th September, 1940. Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Garland, Dr. Hayward, Rev. De Courcy Ireland, Moore, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 6 cwt, 2 lbs Beef ; 1 qr. 26 lbs. Mutton ; 14 lbs. Veal ; 2 qrs. 14 lbs. Tinned Ham ; 4 cwt. Pig Livers ; 2 qrs. 24 lbs. Sausages ; 3 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. Fish 23 Fowls 4 Ducks 2 Rabbits ; 84 Tins Fruit, Fish, etc. ; 106 Cakes, etc. ; 4 ¼ lbs. Biscuits ; 14 lbs. Vegetables ; 2 cwt. Sugar.

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

3—Water Course, Knightsbridge to Deans Ford—The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Land Drainage Officer had asked the Corporation to co-operate in a scheme for cleaning out this length of water course ; the amount payable by the Corporation would not exceed £4 and as the County Council desired to do the work at once, he had agreed to this being done RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Arle Outfall Sewer—The Borough Surveyor recommended that a new cast iron pen stock with step irons should be provided at this outfall at an estimated cost of £7 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Barn Farm—Supply of Sewage—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. Merrett who had recently purchased land adjoining the farm for sewage to be discharged on two of his fields- Mr. Merrett was prepared to open up an old carrier for this purpose. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply the sewage on the understanding that this is taken under the control of the Corporation's watermen so as to avoid any nuisance, and subject to payment of a charge of one guinea per half year, the arrangement to be terminable at any time by the Corporation on one month's notice or any time if a nuisance is caused.

6—Disinfector—The Borough Surveyor reported that the new boiler had now been installed and was in operation.

7—Typhoid Fever—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report on the recent circular from the Ministry of Health in regard to the immunisation of population against Typhoid Fever. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

8—Medical Officer of Health's Telephone—RE-SOLVED, That this Committee agree to bear one-third of the cost of the telephone at Dr. Morley's residence estimated at £10 per annum, and that the Delancey Hospital Trustees be recommended to pay one-third, the remaining one-third being borne by Dr. Morley.

9—Statutory Nuisance-12 Grosvenor Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises were in such a state as to be prejudicial to health and a nuisance. RESOLVED, That notice

be served under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936, to 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.

10—Nuisance from Drains-40 Upper Park Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted estimates for carrying out the necessary drainage work at this house in default of the owner. He reported that there was a probability that the owner would now be in a position to make arrangements to carry out the work. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting.

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11—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-22 Queen Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that this house had now been rendered fit for human habitation and he submitted application for Certificate under Section 51 of the Housing Act, 1936. RESOLVED, That the Demolition Order made in respect of the premises be rescinded. RESOLVED, also, That a Certificate be issued to the owner under Section 51 of the Act that the house is fit for human habitation, and will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of ten years.

12—Food and Drugs Act, 1938:-(a) The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted Certificates of the Public Analyst in respect of 12 samples of Milk, numbered 77-82 and 94-99 3 samples of Cheese, numbered 100-102 ; 3 samples of Vinegar, numbered 103-105 ; 1 sample of Grape juice ; 1 sample of Olive Oil ; 1 sample of Boracic Acid ; 1 sample of Calomel Ointment 1 sample of Sweet Spirits of Nitre ; and 1 sample of Saccharin.

(b) The Quarterly Report of the Public Analyst was submitted for the quarter ended on the 30th June

(c) RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to prepare a list of essential foods in respect of which informal samples should be taken.

13—Health Department—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted application from Mr. Gershom C. Buck asking Mr. Jefford to take his son, G. J. C. Buck as pupil in his office. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to

14—Public Abattoir Ha) The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted report in regard to the utilisation of waste products from the Abattoir. RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of Councillors Garland, Moore, Rogers and Waite be appointed to consider and report thereon.

(b) Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Ministry of Food approving of the proposal to replace the glass in the hanging chamber with asbestos sheets and authorising the work to be carried out at the cost of the Ministry The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the work had accordingly been carried out.

(c) The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted application from the Manager of the Slaughterhouse asking for a screen to be erected at the end of the abattoir to black-out this for night working, and also for a small repair in the blackout of the lairages. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be authorised to have this done subject to the Ministry of Food agreeing to repay the cost.

15—Cottage, rear of 76 Portland Street—Read. letter of 18th July from Messrs. Cornelius & Boulter that the owner had incurred the sum of £15 6s. 6d. in carrying out repairs to this cottage partly

rendered necessary through the demolition of the adjoining premises by the Corporation, and asking the Committee to re-consider their offer of £5. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to pay £7 18s. 6d.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th September, 1940. Present—Alderman Pates: Councillors Addis, Bush, Fisher, Grimwade, Hayward, Morris and Lipson (Alderman Pates in the chair)

1—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 2nd August, the 6th and 19th September.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) That the rents fixed and the rebates granted, as set out in the Rents Rebate book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

(b) Old Age Pensioners—That the rents of flats occupied by single old age pensioners be reduced to 4s 1d as from the date these were increased to 5s and that, with regard to the nine cases where two persons are living together, the rent be left at 5s and that the tenants be advised to apply to the Assistance Board for the additional Ltd., also that the rents of individual tenants receiving supplementary pensions be fixed according to the scale of income.

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(c) That with a view to fixing a maximum rent for each type of house, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare statements showing what economic rent for each type of house should be.

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, also that the old age pensioners living together be informed that the Committee will be prepared to re-consider reducing their rents if their applications for additional allowances are not granted. RESOLVED, also, That having regard to the increase in the cost of living, the Sub-Committee be asked to review the rents of all tenants having four or more dependent children.

2—Arrears—The Housing Manager submitted her monthly statement on the collection of rents.

3—Housing Manager's Department—Trainee—RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of Miss Joan Lloyd, age 24, being employed as Pupil Trainee in the Department at a salary of 10s a week plus cycle allowance.

4 —Land , rear of Spencer Road—RESOLVED, That this Committee approve of the small triangular piece of land lying at the rear of houses in Spencer Road being let for allotments, and it be left to the Allotments Committee to fix the rent and let the land.

5—Land, rear of Orchard Terrace—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of this Orchard land was willing to give it up at Christmas. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the land being let as

allotments subject to preference being given to the tenants of houses backing on to the land, and it be left to the Allotments Committee to fix the rents.

6—Shop Site, Whaddon Road—RESOLVED, That this vacant shop site in Whaddon Road be offered to the Allotments Committee to let as an allotment.

7-4 Brooklyn Road—RESOLVED, That the application of the tenant of this house for permission to convert the coal-house into a shelter and make an entrance thereto from the hall, be granted, subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Chairman and Councillor Morris.

8---Repairs Superintendent—The Monthly Report of the Repairs Superintendent was submitted. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the external painting of the 64 houses erected on the Whaddon Farm Estate under Scheme B.

9-11 Tennyson Road—Read, letter from the tenant of this house offering to purchase the same at the price of £425. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to sell any houses during the war.

10—Land, Prior's Road—Read, application from Mr. G. T. Cluer to rent the piece of undeveloped land fronting Prior's. Road at a rent of £3 per annum, for grazing. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted, subject to the Borough Surveyor being able to provide the necessary fencing to the land at a reasonable cost.

11—Housing of Agricultural Workers—Read, Circular No. 2090 of 12th July from the Ministry of Health drawing attention to the new Defence Regulation which empowered the Council, after consultation with County War Agricultural Committees on being satisfied that the influx of agricultural workers necessitated additional housing accommodation, to licence the occupation of unoccupied houses condemned under the Housing Acts, subject to certain conditions.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd September, 1940. Present—Aldermen Winterbotham and Ward Councillors Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Morris (Alderman Ward in the chair).

1—Road Works, etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of road works, etc., carried out during the last two months. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Salvage of Waste—The Borough Surveyor reported that the following had been salvaged during the previous two months :--

	July	August	Total for 8 months	
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Nos.
Paper	44	65	242	
Metals	82 ½	151 ¼	366	
Rags, sacks, etc.	3	3	18	
Bottles and Jars	2,340 Nos.	1,620 Nos.		10,810
Bones	14 cwt.	22 cwt.	3	
Cullet ...	—	—	5	
Aluminium	½	½	1	
Pig Food	20	15	35	

Total tonnage salvaged during the past eight months, 670 tons and 10,810 bottles and jars, with a total estimated value of £2,104.

3—Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the ten weeks ended the 18th inst. 2,695 tons had been tipped and 128 tons incinerated. The Destructor closed down on the 14th August.

4—Highways Superintendent—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Highways Superintendent finished his duties on the 24th ult. prior to taking up Army Service, and after consultation with the Chairman he had arranged for Mr. Timms, the General Foreman, to act as Highways Superintendent in his absence, and that he be paid an allowance of 25s per week from the time the Highways Superintendent left.

5—Sunday Scavenging—The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed no Sunday scavenging had been carried out since the last Meeting of the Committee. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to resume this work as soon as possible.

6—Seats—(a) General Hospital—The Borough Surveyor reported that as instructed he had asked the General Hospital if they would allow one or two seats to be placed inside their grounds in view of the seats having been removed from Sandford Road, but the Board were not willing for this to be done.

(b) "Ravenscote"—RESOLVED, That in view of the complaint received of the nuisance caused by the seat near this house, the seat be removed.

7—Salvage Trailers—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the five Salvage Trailers had been received but required lengthening of the bars between the tractors and the trailers which Messrs. Siddalls estimated at £2 per trailer. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to have this work carried out.

(b) RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Salvage Sub-Committee to purchase two additional trailers be approved.

8—Orchard Estate—The Borough Surveyor submitted an application of the 30th July from Mr. J. A. Pye for the adoption of half the width of the road when completed and as this was a concrete carriage way the whole width of one foot-path could be taken over. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted until the road and footpaths have been completed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

9—St. James's Street—Defective Paving—As instructed at the last Meeting of this Committee the Borough Surveyor submitted report on the condition of the footpath. RESOLVED, That in view of her circumstances, Mrs. Peacey be granted an ex-gratia payment of

10—Trees—(a) Wellington Square—The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 27th ult. from Mrs. Langworthy for the removal of a tree opposite " Dalesford," RESOLVED, That this application be not acceded to. (b) Gloucester Road—Read, application of 15th July from Mrs. Juliff for removal of a tree outside No, 242, the roots of which she stated were causing trouble with the drainage of two houses. RESOLVED, That this be viewed.

1—School Signs—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 26th July from the Education Secretary asking the Committee to re-consider the suggestions put forward by the Education Committee in July, 1936. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply the necessary signs for the Gloucester Road Schools but that the purchase of other signs be deferred for the present.

12—Public Fountains—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had had the Fountains in the Promenade closed down in view of the possible misconception caused by the use of water for these fountains in the present shortage.

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13—County Roads Maintenance—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 15th. inst. from the County Surveyor asking that, notwithstanding preoccupation with Defence Works, that serious deterioration in the condition of the County Roads might be prevented. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary work for the maintenance of County Roads.

14—A. Fletcher—Sweeper—The Borough Surveyor reported that A. Fletcher retired on the 13th inst. after completing over 40 years' service with the Corporation.

15—Scrap Bundling Press—The Borough Surveyor reported that in view of the instructions given him to prepare a scheme for a new slab making plant it would be desirable to retain this press and also in the meantime it might be utilised for baling tins if a small motor were obtained, RESOLVED, That he be instructed to purchase a motor if a suitable one is obtainable.

16—Junction Alstone Lane and Alstone Croft—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 16th July from four ratepayers calling attention to this corner which they considered dangerous. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

17—" Contractors Record "—Subscription—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Publishers of this publication, which had hitherto been supplied without charge, had asked in view of War Conditions if the Corporation would pay a nominal subscription of 19s 6d per annum. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to.

18—Wages and Conditions of Service—The Borough Surveyor submitted various applications from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Labour Sub-Committee, and that the-Meeting of the Sub-Committee be held on the 2nd October, and that they be authorised to report direct to the Council,

19—Railings—Salvage—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. A. J. Thompson of the Oxy-Acetylene Welding and Smithing Works had applied for permission to buy straight bars from railings which had been surrendered for salvage which he stated were required for Government Building Contracts. RESOLVED, That he be allowed to purchase these at the current price for reinforcement bars.

20—Destructor and Central Depot Weighbridges—The Borough Surveyor submitted application of 20th inst. from Messrs. Ashworth, Ross & Co Ltd. for a total increased charge of 6s per quarter in respect of the two weighbridges, which amount would be charged for the current quarter. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting.

21—Snow Clearance—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Divisional Road Engineer stated that the Ministry of Transport would be prepared to accept at 100 per cent the whole cost of such snow clearance on Trunk Roads only as far as is necessary in the interests of traffic safety, subject to a small deduction representing the average cost normally borne by the Corporation for street clearance for the same period. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed, if this becomes necessary, to cut a two-way clearance for traffic on Trunk Roads and a pathway three or four feet wide on the footpaths of the Trunk Roads and principal streets in the Borough.

22—Railings—(a) Bath Road—The Town Clerk reported that he had received consent from a number of owners of houses in Bath Road, to the removal of the railings in front of their premises for scrap metal, but some of the owners had asked that the holes in the plinths should be properly filled in, and any damage to the plinths made good. RESOLVED, That the owners be informed that the Corporation will fill in the holes where the railings have been pulled out and repair any damage to the plinth with cement when this is obtainable.

(b) Imperial House—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Messrs. Edward J. Burrow & Co. Ltd, stating that they were willing for their railings to be removed subject to retention of the lower portion of the railings as they feared the removal of these would result in damaging the plinth beyond repair. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Company asking them to reconsider their decision as the Committee think it would be dangerous to leave the lower portion of the railings, and that if the Company are unable to consent to the railings being entirely removed, the removal be not proceeded with.

23—Collection of Pig Food—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Salvage Committee, That fifty more bins be-purchased for the collection of Pig Food.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Corporation employees handling Salvage for an increase in wages be referred to the Labour Sub-Committee.

24—Pittville Street Properties—(a) Number 6—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. and Mrs. James, the tenants of Number 12 had transferred to Number 6, at the increased rental of £75 per annum, and the premises had been taken by Mr. Byerley.

(b) Number 12—Mr. Byerley had now asked to be released from his Tenancy. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to Mr. Bloodworth taking the premises.

(c) Flats over Numbers 8 and 9—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the windows repaired and the premises cleaned up and put in a habitable condition.

(d) Poppy Day—Read, application of 19th inst. from Mr. S. Robson for the use of a shop in Pittville Street for Poppy Day. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to allow the Poppy Day Committee to have the use of a shop in Pittville Street, if one is available at the time required.

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25—Junction of Andover Road and Park Place—Read, letter of 12th inst. from Chamber of Commerce drawing attention to this road junction: RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to paint "Slow " signs on the road at the corner of Park Place,

26—Great Norwood Street and Andover Road etc. Junction—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Councillor Barnett suggesting that " Keep Left " signs should be fixed on the Lamp at the junctions of these roads. RESOLVED, That the same be viewed.

27—No. 11 Winchcomb Street—The Town Clerk reported that these premises had now been let to Mr. A. Constance at a rent of £39 per annum, the Corporation allowing to the tenant the sum of £30 on his completing the necessary repairs and renovations to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor. Mr. Constance now stated that the total cost would amount to £36 10s. ad. and asked the Committee to agree to pay this amount, RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot agree to this additional sum.

28—High Street--College Road Island—Read, report of damage to the bollard at this island by an army lorry. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for £9 15s. 2d. for making good the damage.

29—Damage to Tree, Junction of Fairfield Walk and Naunton Lane—Read, report of damage to tree at this junction by a motor vehicle belonging to Mr. Williams of Tivoli Bakery, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim of 19s 1d. for the cost of replacing the tree.

30--Alarm Bell, Fire Services Club—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Cheltenham Fire Services Club, asking for permission to fix an alarm bell from the Fire Station to the Club premises, the same to be installed and maintained by the Fire Services Staff. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

31—Litter Baskets—Read, letter of 4th inst. from Miss Mulford asking if litter baskets could be provided at the Norwood Arms. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor and that he be asked to place litter baskets in various positions in the town, if the baskets are obtainable.

32—Cakebridge Road—Read, memorial of 29th ult. from residents with regard to the bad condition of the footpath, The Town Clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Contractors, Messrs. G. A. M. Hall, Ltd., and they had promised to give the matter attention as early as possible.

33—Y.M.C.A. Signs--Read, letters from the General Secretary asking for permission to erect illuminated direction signs on lamp standards in the town. RESOLVED, That permission be granted for two signs to be erected in positions approved by the Borough Electrical Engineer and Borough Surveyor, subject to the usual conditions and to no lighting during the lighting restrictions.

34—Western District Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services—Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Employers' Secretary with regard to holidays and stating that it was the view of the Council that arrangements should be made to allow restricted resumption of holidays, if this did not interfere with urgent war requirements. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had acted upon this advice and was obtaining a ruling from the J.I.C. with regard to double time for Bank Holidays for which application had been made on behalf of some of the employees.

35—Number 6 Montpellier Avenue—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Mr. P. Francis, asking for a reduction in the rent of this shop RESOLVED, That a rebate of £5 per annum be granted.

36—Tree Opposite 40 St. Luke's Road—Read, letter from Mrs. Whiteley asking for the removal of this tree. RESOLVED, That this be viewed.

37—Omnibus Stopping Place, Outside Messrs. Engall Cox & Co.—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Cheltenham District Traction Co, Ltd., asking if they can suggest an alternative route and stopping place for their omnibuses in view of the inconvenience caused to Messrs. Engall Cox & Co, by the " No Parking " notice fixed outside their premises.

38—Aids to Movement of Traffic—Read, circular letter of 20th ult. from the Ministry of Home Security with regard to the determination of the expenditure of the standard year for the purpose of the Exchequer grant, RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor and Borough Treasurer for attention.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 26th September, 1940. Present—Alderman H. L. ward; Councillors Barnett, Bendall and Moore ; Mr. W. S. F. Harris and the Rev. E. C. Hanson (Alderman 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.
5357	Gloucestershire County Council	Part revision of drainage, North Cotswold Technical College.
5376	Hall, W.	Additions, 24 Gloucester Place.
5377	Lewis-Hall, Mrs.	Extensions to Dining Hall and 8 lock-up garages, Thirlestaine Hall Hotel.
5378	Firkins, A. R.	Two bay windows, Douro Court, Douro Road.
5379	Smiths Systems, Ltd.	Additional offices and cloak rooms to factory, St, Mark's.
5380	Lewis-Hall, Mrs.	Bedrooms for male staff, Thirlestaine Hall Hotel.
5381	Bullingham, F. W.	Bay window, 136 Hewlett Road.
5382	Savory, Mrs. E. M.	Garage, Exeleigh, Western Road.
5383	W. H. Cole & Co, Ltd.	Canteen, Zona Works.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5376, 5378, 5380 and 5382 be approved ; That Plan No. 5357 be approved for the purposes of a combined drainage scheme for that portion of the building now proposed to be carried out subject to the surface water from the remainder of the building and any new buildings erected on the site being discharged into the stream by a separate water drain ; That Plan No, 5377 be approved subject to the drainage passing through a three way petrol intercepting trap of approved design ; That Plans Nos 5379 and 5383 be approved subject to the Sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 5381 be not approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5357, 5376, 5378, 5379, 5380, 5382 and 5383 be approved ; That Plan No. 5377 be approved subject to the garages being used only by residents at the hotel and not let as lock-up garages or for business purposes ; That Plan No. 5381 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.
1655	Cheltenham Electricity Committee	Low tension overhead line, Hayden.
1656	Smith & Sons (Cheltenham) Ltd.	Garage, 5 Station Road, Bishop's Cleeve.
1657	Bradshaw, R. P.	Garage, Elm Cottage, Gotherington
1658	Denley, C. H.	Chapel, Uckington.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1653 and 1657 be approved ; That Plan No, 1656 be approved subject to the owners entering into an Undertaking to move the building behind the building line for the new road at their own cost and without compensation when a sufficient length of the new road has been made which would permit an access being made to the new road ; That Plan No. 1658 be approved as a temporary building for a period of three years and to-the building being painted a rural green.

3—Development—Cleeve Grange, Bishop's Cleeve—The Borough Surveyor reported he had received a Memorandum from Messrs. T. P. Bennett & Sons of a Meeting at which representatives of S. Smith & Sons, Ltd., the Air Ministry and the Local Authorities concerned discussed the housing development at Cleeve Grange. He further reported that the Air Ministry were anxious to obtain a variation of the original proposals and specifications owing to shortage of labour and certain materials, RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred pending the decisions of the County Council.

4—Presbytery, Chandos Street, Winchcomb—The Borough Surveyor reported that the local branch of the C.P.R.E. has asked the County Council to make an Order under Section 17 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, to preserve the Presbytery at Winchcomb which it was proposed to demolish to permit the erection of a new church and presbytery. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

5—Burrow's Sports Ground—The Town Clerk reported that this ground had been offered for sale to the Corporation and that the Parks Committee had instructed the District Valuer to submit his valuation. RESOLVED, That the land be scheduled as a Public Open Space instead of a Private Open Space as at present

6—Building Inspector—Read, application from Mr. G. G. C. King for an increase in salary. He was at present in Grade at £375. RESOLVED, That he be placed on the maximum of Grade K, namely £400.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th September, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bush, Rev. de Convey Ireland, Green, Grimwade and Waite ; and Mr. D. V. Davies (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the total of admissions to the Baths since the commencement of the summer season had been 90,597, including the Washing Baths. Since the 21st July 6,937 troops had attended for washing baths and 2,266 of the general public. RESOLVED, That the large swimming bath be kept open during the winter season and for the present this be closed at black-out time. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide a temporary electrical hot-air installation for heating the bath.

2—St. Peter's Recreation Ground Swimming Pool—The Borough Surveyor reported that the attendance at this pool up to the 25th inst. was 5,141 girls and 5,219 boys.

3—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their Meetings held on the 30th July, 27th August, 10th and 24th September.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) That the Concert Party at Montpellier Pavilion be granted the free use of the Pavilion for a further week up to the 10th August and that as from this date the weekly rental be fixed at £2 10s. 0d.

(b) (i) Town Hall—That the Town Hall be let for Ministry of Information Meetings on the 30th August and 10th September at a charge of two guineas for each Meeting.

(ii) That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted on 5 days in September and 2 days in October for blood trans-fusions arranged by the Army Blood Transfusion Service.

(iii) That during the winter the Town Hall be only let for dances on the understanding that there will be no admission after 10 p.m., and that when a bar is provided the minimum charge for admission shall not be less than 2s 6d.

(c) Winter Season—That the following programme for the Winter Season commencing on 1st October be approved :—

Sundays Variety Concert with Arthur Cole and the Spa Orchestra at a cost of £15 6s. 0d., the charges for admission to be 1s 6d., 1s and 6d. and Servicemen 3d.

Tuesdays ... Discoveries Night with Arthur Cole's Sextet at a cost of £5 14s. 0d. Admission 3d.

Wednesdays Dance with Billy Gammon and his Band 8 p.m. to Midnight : with Bar 2s 6d., without Bar 2s (reduced charge of 1s to Servicemen only when there is no Bar).

Thursdays ... Cafe Variety with Arthur Cole's Sextet at a cost of £5 14s. 0d. Admission 3d.

Fridays ... Dance with Billy Gammon and his Band 5 p.m. to Midnight. Admission 2s ; Servicemen 1s (no Bar).

Saturdays ... Tea Dance with Billy Gammon and his Band 3 to 6 p.m. Admission 1s 6d. (Servicemen 1s) ; Admission with Tea 2s 6d. Municipal Dance with Billy Gammon and his Band 8 p.m. to Midnight with Bar. Dress Optional. Admission 3s 6d. Servicemen 216d.

Every Weekday Morning 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Arthur Coles Spa Quartet at a cost of £10 0s. 0d. per week. Admission Free.

(d) Food Week—That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted to the Local Food Week Committee for a Luncheon on the 30th September.

(e) Central Spa—That the opening of the Central Spa be altered to 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 5 p.m.

(f) Dance Band—That the tender of Billy Gammon to provide his band of 9 players to play at Saturday afternoon Tea Dances and Saturday evening Dances during the period the 5th October to Easter, 1941, at the same charge as last winter, namely 15 guineas per Saturday be accepted, the Corporation reserving the right to cancel any Dance on giving not less than two weeks' notice.

(g) Hurricane Fund—That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted for a Bring-and-Buy Party on the 11th September in aid of this Fund.

(h) Conference—That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted for a Salvation Army Conference to be held on a date to be arranged in October. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

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4—Medical Baths—The Reports of the Superintendent for the months of July and August were submitted. The receipts for July amounted to £97 17s. 6d. as compared with £68 17s 6d. last year ; and for August £107 16s. 0d. as compared with £84 16s 0d.

5—Boating—Marle Hill Annexe—The Borough Surveyor reported that 3 of the 20 foot skiffs had been condemned as these were found to be worn out and beyond repair.

6—Town Hall—RESOLVED, That for the present, attendances at all Concerts and Dances, Meetings and other entertainments, etc. at the Town Hall be limited to not exceeding 1,100.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th September, 1940. Present—The Mayor : Councillors Addis, Bendall, Grimwade, Moore, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—War Supplies—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that since the last Meeting he had had to deal with a number of applications for special supplies for purposes connected with the war, upon which immediate action was necessary. RESOLVED, That the terms he had arranged be approved.

2—Direction Signs—RESOLVED, That the application of the Y.M.C.A. for permission to erect 12 Direction Signs in various parts of the town indicating the route to the Y.M.C.A, in the Promenade, Baker Street Institute and the Canteen at St. Andrew's Church, be not granted.

3—Cooker Wiring—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Contractors had asked for a revision in the allowance-of wiring which was at present 10s plus 6d. per foot for a maximum of 30 feet. After considerable discussion the-Contractors had agreed to a revised charge of 8s plus 9d. per foot with a maximum allowance of 24 feet free. RESOLVED, That these revised terms be approved.

4—Land, Gloucester Road—The Town Clerk reported that terms had now been arranged with the Gas Company for the-purchase by them of a small portion of the land at the junction of Gloucester Road and Church Road for the erection of a gas Booster Station, at the price of £30. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Common Seal be-affixed to the Conveyance.

5--Public Lighting Assistant—RESOLVED, That Mr. Ball, the Public Lighting Assistant, be allowed a car allowance of £30 per annum.

6—Public Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he was still awaiting delivery of the remaining 112 war-time lighting fittings which were ordered in May last. These were required for important positions and he-recommended that an order should be placed with another firm who would be able to deliver in a few days. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to order 112 fittings from another firm but not to cancel the other order.

7—Damage to Lamp Standards—Read, reports of damage to lamp standards, on the 15th August to a lamp post at the junction of Park Place and Andover Road ; on the 4th September to a lamp post at the junction of Andover Road and Casino Place, and on the same date to a lamp standard in High Street, opposite Pittville Street, and on the 18th inst. to a switch pillar at the junction of St. Stephen's Road and Andover Road. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make claims for the cost of making good the damage.

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8—Alstone Lane Sub-Station—Read, letter of 10th ult. from the Electricity Commission that the Commissioners had further considered the application of the Corporation for the cost of providing an alternative electric sub-station at Alstone Lane to rank for A.R.P. grant, but they regretted they

were unable to agree to the cost being regarded as an approved expense under the Civil Defence Act.

9—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of gas tests made on the 22nd and 31st July, 5th 12th, 20th, 26th, 28th August, and 4th 9th, 14th, 18th, 25th and 30th September, which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 474.2, 474.5, 478.6, 457.7, 472.8, 477.5, 471.3, 473.3, 465.5, 454.2, 476.3, 487.9 and 488.1 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure to be 8.3, 8.4, 8.1, 5.8, 7.7, 6.5, 8.1, 8.1, 8.3, 9.2, 8.3, 8.3 and 8.1 inches of water respectively

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th September, 1940. Present—Aldermen Margrett, Pates and Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st July, 1940.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	93,000 gallons	95,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	281,000	307,000
Leckhampton Springs	17,000	23,000
	391,000 “	425,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 39,928,000 gallons.

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st August, 1940.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	76,000 gallons	84,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	195,000	303,000
Leckhampton Springs	15,000	21,000
		408,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 27,985,000 gallons

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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—Water Supply—The Borough Engineer submitted report in regard to the Water Supply and to the measures taken to conserve supplies as far as possible. He recommended that, in view of the continuance of the drought, the Committee should consider whether it is possible to provide additional sources of supply. He thought that it might be possible to sink a well in the River Chelt gravels. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to instruct a firm specialising in well sinking to investigate the possibilities of sinking such a well and to submit an estimate of the cost. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Engineer be authorised in his discretion to reduce the pressures and turn off the water supply if and when he considers this is necessary

5—Maintenance of Pipes--(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to purchase from Messrs. Bugbird & Sons a Kut-out machine for use on steel pipes at a cost of £36 10s. 0d.

(b) The Borough Engineer recommended that he be authorised to purchase a small pump for pumping out chamber: and excavations when repairing burst mains at an estimated cost of £63 19s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved

6—Tewkesbury Water Works—The Borough Engineer submitted report on the steps taken for the protection of these Works. He had arranged to erect an additional building for the Home Guard and to provide sleeping bunks. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain the approval of the C.R.E. before carrying out the recommendations of the Commander of the Municipal Section of the Home Guard in regard to further protective measures.

7—Extension to Main, Leckhampton Lane—Read, letters of 23rd and 30th ult. and 2nd inst. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking the Corporation to extend the mains to supply 10 houses at the Western end of Church Road, including Leckhampton Farm and the Red Bungalow as the present water supply to these houses had been condemned as unfit for consumption. The Borough Engineer reported that as a matter of urgency he had arranged to carry out his original proposal to supply these properties by extending the main from the lower part of Kidnappers Lane The Borough Engineer reported that to supply the houses it was necessary to supply a 4 inch main but he recommended that a 6 inch main be laid with a view to further distribution when required. RESOLVED, That these proposals be agreed to subject to the District Council agreeing to re-pay the estimated cost of laying a 4 inch main along Church Road as far as the Red Bungalow and then as to the extension of main in Kidnappers Lane as far as Leckhampton Farm, the cost to be re-payable to the District Council as and when the water charges on the extension show a return of 10 per cent.

8—Woodlands Farm—Read, letter of 13th ult. from Mr. S. J. Hobbs complaining of the damage caused to his crops by rabbits in the Dowdeswell Wood. RESOLVED, That he be allowed the sum of £5.

9—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Read, report of the Borough Engineer as to damage of fence on the 17th ult. by a motor car belonging to Mr. W. H. Johnstone. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage and that he be authorised to settle this on such terms as he considers reasonable.

10—Lower Hewletts Farm—The Town Clerk reported that Mrs. Weston had now signed the Agreement for the tenancy of Lower Hewletts Farm as from the 29th inst. Mrs. Weston asked that she be allowed to pay the rent half-yearly. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the rent being paid promptly,

11—Meeting—RESOLVED, At a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on the 17th inst. to inspect the Tewkesbury and other Waterworks of the Corporation.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held at the Winter Garden on Monday, 2nd September, 1940. Present—Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham, Margrett Pates and Ward ; Councillors Green, Grimwade, Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Rogers (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Montpellier Walk Parking Place—The Town Clerk reported that the police had received complaints of the nuisance caused by the parking of cars belonging to the Picket of the L. D. V. at the Montpellier Rotunda, in the road of Montpellier Walk after 11 p.m., contrary to the Parking Byelaws, and he submitted letter from Major Stanley Clarke suggesting that the Pickets should be allowed to park their cars just inside the gates of Montpellier Gardens. RESOLVED, That, for the time being, the L.D.V., be allowed a key of the gates of Montpellier Gardens and that they be given permission to park their cars there after 11 p.m., subject to the condition that they see that the gates are kept locked.

2—Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932—The Town Clerk submitted Certificate dated the 21st August, 1940, from Brigadier C. G. Woolner, Commander of the 8th Infantry Brigade, being a competent military authority authorised in that behalf by the Army Council, that he was of the opinion that having regard to the large numbers of His Majesty's Forces quartered in, or in the neighbourhood of Cheltenham it is expedient that places licensed under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, should be opened on Sundays for the purpose of cinematograph entertainments in the said area

RESOLVED, (a) That the following Draft Order be submitted to the Secretary of State :—

" In accordance with the provisions of the Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932, I, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State hereby order that as from the date on which this Order has been approved by resolutions passed by both Houses of Parliament, Section One of the said Act shall extend to the Borough of Cheltenham."

(b) That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the required Public Notices of the draft Order and of the intention of the Council to submit the same to the Secretary of State.

(c) That on receipt of approval of the Order the Cinemas be allowed to open on Sundays between the hours of 2 p.m. and 10 p.m., subject to the following conditions :—

(1) To compliance with the Conditions of the Cinematograph Licence granted by the Council.

(2) That no person shall be employed by any employer on any Sunday in connection with a cinematograph entertainment or any other entertainment or exhibition given therewith who has been employed on each of the six previous days either by that employer in any occupation or by any other employer in connection with similar entertainments or exhibitions, provided that it shall not be deemed to have been a contravention of this condition if any person is employed on any Sunday contrary to the condition if either—

(a) it is proved—

(i) that the employment was solely due to an emergency caused by a mechanical breakdown, or to the unavoidable absence of a skilled worker due to attend on that Sunday for whom no substitute could readily have been obtained and

(ii) that the emergency was notified, within twenty-four hours after it occurred, to the Council ; and

(iii) that the person employed on that Sunday contrary to the said conditions received a day's rest in lieu of that Sunday ; or

(b) it is proved—

(i) that the person was employed contrary to the said conditions only by reason of his having been employed on each of the six days previous to that Sunday in connection with similar entertainments or exhibitions by an employer other than the employer who employed him on that Sunday ; and

(ii) that the last-mentioned employer had, after making due enquiry, reasonable ground for believing that he had not been so employed as aforesaid.

(3) That for each Sunday on which the Cinema is opened, the Licensee shall contribute to the undermentioned charities a sum calculated at the rate of one halfpenny per seat on the total seating capacity of the Cinema, up to a maximum of £2 10s, 0d. per Sunday, subject to a deduction of 5 per cent of that sum for transmission to the Cinematograph Fund as referred to in the next condition :—

First Sunday	The Cheltenham General Hospital.
Second Sunday	The Cheltenham Children's Hospital.
Third Sunday	The Local Branch of the British Red Cross Society.
Fourth Sunday	The St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Cheltenham.
Fifth Sunday	The Local Y.M.C.A. Canteen Fund.
Sixth Sunday	The Cheltenham Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association.

The said contribution for subsequent Sundays to be paid to the above charities in the above-mentioned order ; Also That, the Licensee shall send or deliver to the Town Clerk, Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, a statement at the end of each month showing the amount paid to each charity during the month, together with the respective charities' official receipts therefor.

(4) That a percentage of 5 per cent of the above-mentioned sum as prescribed by the Cinematograph Fund Regulations, 1933, shall be paid to the Corporation for transmission by them to the Cinematograph Fund Privy Council Office such sum to be paid to the Borough Treasurer at the end of each month.

(5) That audited accounts relating to the Sunday opening shall be furnished to the Corporation at the end of each quarter.

(6) The right of the Corporation to cancel or vary these conditions from time to time as they think fit upon giving reasonable notice to the Licensees, but in any case the conditions shall be reviewed when the annual application for renewal of Cinematograph Licences are considered in January of each year.

(7) The grant of permission to open on Sundays is liable to be withdrawn in the event of any contravention of the above conditions, RESOLVED, also, At a Special Meeting of the Council be held on Thursday, the 19th September, at 3 p.m. to consider representations that may be made in respect of the Order and to consider confirming the Order.

3—Winter Garden—Mr. T. Overbury attend and reported that, as instructed, he had invited alternative tenders for the demolition of the Winter Garden as follows:—

ESTIMATE No. 1—To demolish whole building including towers except :—

(a) The north-eastern wall adjoining Town Hall.

(b) The lower storey of the northern tower about 26 feet high to the top of the coping.

(c) The north-western and south-eastern walls.

(d) The front and back walls of the north transept which are to remain standing to a height of 6 feet to form protection to basement.

All timber and joinery to be removed and stacked on site and to remain the property of the Corporation.

The windows to become property of demolisher.

All whole bricks to be neatly stacked on site, and broken bricks to be left in heaps and to remain the property of Corporation.

All other materials to be the property of the Contractor who must clear the same off the site, and the whole of the site to be left in a clean and tidy state.

Fill in 4 windows in front wall and 4 windows in back with 9 inch brickwork about 6 feet high from the ground with some of the existing bricks.

Build across southern end of north transept a 9 inch wall on existing basement wall with 4 piers to a height of 6 feet.

Block up one opening in the basement at the southern end and 7 openings in the basement at the northern end with 18 inch brickwork.

Provide 9 inch circular gulley with 4 inch outlet and iron grating, and insert new junction in existing drain, and lay about 15 feet of 4 inch stone ware drain pipes to new gulley and provide new drain to drain off surface water to prevent this accumulating in the basement.

The Contractor to include the sum of £20 as provisional sum for re-roofing the room at the north-east corner of the basement.

Cut off and seal up water, gas and electric services to the satisfaction of the Corporation.

ESTIMATE No. 2—All the above work with the exception that the Corporation would retain the glass in the roof in addition to the timber and joinery. At the commencement of the work, whole sheets to be counted and the Contractors to hand over at least 75 per cent of such whole sheets in good condition. All glass to be stacked on site and taken over by the Corporation in instalments.

ESTIMATE No 3—All the work set out in Estimate No. 1 with the exception that all the walls to be left standing.

New wall across the southern end of north transept not to be built, nor windows bricked in.

The buttresses to remain to support the walls.

The Corporation to retain timber and glass as in Estimates Nos. 1 and 2.

Seven tenders were received and opened. RESOLVED, That the tender of The Reading Demolition Company, Victoria Works, Orts Road, Reading, for estimate No, 2 amounting to the sum of £397 be accepted, subject to Contract and Bond prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into. RESOLVED, also, That the question of treating the wall of the Town Hall which will be exposed when the demolition is completed, be deferred until the contract is complete.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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[CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL. 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1940.]

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th. September, 1940. Present —Aldermen Margrett Pruen, Ward and Winterbotham ; Councillors Green and Lipson (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—Petrol Licences—(a) That the applications for renewal of licences to store petroleum and carbide, as set out in the Petroleum Inspector's Report Book, be granted for one year from the 5th prox.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. A. H. Kearsley for a licence to store 600 gallons of petrol in an under-ground tank at 100 Prestbury Road, be granted.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. H. H. Martyn (Aircraft) Ltd., for a licence to store 5,000 gallons of Cellulose in a fireproof building at Sunningend Works be granted.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Read, application from the No Tips Hire Service Ltd., for the granting of four Hackney Carriage Licences and four Drivers Licences for women drivers. RESOLVED, That two Hackney Carriage. Licences be granted and two Drivers' Licences subject to satisfactory reports on the vehicles being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector and Superintendent Hopkins and, in the case of Drivers, these to be recommended by Superintendent Hopkins.

(b) RESOLVED, That the applications of W. V. West and H. R. Payne for Drivers' Licences be granted.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of S. Alsbury for transfer of his Licence to a new car, Registered No. AMR.457 be granted.

4—Mace Bearer—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Lt. J. E. Richards temporarily resigning his appointment as Mace Bearer as he had now been called up RESOLVED, That his salary be paid up to the 31st August, and that the question of temporarily filling the vacancy be adjourned for the present.

5—Shops Acts--Read, letter of 20th inst. from the President of the Cheltenham District Hairdressers Association asking the Committee to re-consider complying with the memorial sent in by proprietors and managers of Hairdressers and Barbers' Shops in Cheltenham requesting the Council to make an Order requiring such shops to be closed at 7 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 1 p.m. on Wednesdays or Saturdays RESOLVED, That the Association be informed that the Committee while being in sympathy with this application, do not consider it is expedient to make the Order at the present time especially in view of the fact of the large influx of population into Cheltenham, and the fact that many men engaged on war industries are unable to get their hair cut until the evenings. Also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to point out to the memorialists that it is contemplated that the Government will make an Order fixing earlier closing for shops during the winter months as was done last year.

6—Factory Act, 1937—Read, application of 21st ult. from V. P. Airscrews, Ltd., for a Certificate under Section 34 of this Act that there was adequate means of escape in case of fire. RESOLVED, That the Building Inspector be-instructed to inspect and report thereon.

7—Winter Garden--Read, letter of 13th inst. from Messrs. Haddock & Pruen pointing out that their clients, Messrs. S. C. Morris & Sons, Ltd., had obtained judgment against Mr. & Mrs. Cox and Miss Kent for the sum of £228 6s. 4d in respect of work carried out by them in adapting the Winter Garden for a Repertory Theatre and stating that their clients had asked whether the Corporation would allow them to remove some of the materials erected by them. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to this request.

8—Re-Numbering of Houses—The Committee considered the suggestion of Councillor Fisher that Market Street should be re-numbered. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to have this work carried out at the present time.

9—Administrative and Clerical Services—Read, circulars of 19th July and 18th September from the South-Western Provincial Council of Local Authorities' Professional Technical Administrative and Clerical Services asking the-Council to re-consider becoming Constituent Members of the Council, and also asking the Council to adopt the cost of living salary adjustments as recommended by the National Council, namely 6 per cent on the first £300 or less of any salary, with a further 3 per cent on the next £200 or less of any salary RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

10—Montpellier Rotunda—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the purchase of this property would be completed at the end of the month. The portion of the premises not let had been requisitioned by the War Department for use by the Home Guard as a Quarter-Master's Store. RESOLVED, That on completion of the purchase, a rent of £130 per annum be claimed in respect of the portion of the building requisitioned by the War Department.

(b) Read, letter of 23rd inst. from Messrs. W. J. Bendall & Sons the tenants of No 10 Montpellier Street, asking if repairs to the roof could be carried out at once, RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th September, 1940. Present—Aldermen Pates and Ward; Councillors Bush, Grimwade; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Monthly Report of Acting Chief Officer—The Acting Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended 11 calls to fire, as follows —25th July, Thirlestaine Villa, Bath Road ; 7th August, Technical College, Lansdown Road ; 10th August, Castle Barn Farm, Dowdeswell ; 11th August, Prestbury ; 24th August Tewkesbury Road ; 27th August, Gloucester Road ; 30th August, Hudson Street ; 30th August, Milsom Street ; 2nd September, 196 Bath Road ; 11th September, Pittville Circus ; 18th September, Gambles Lane, Woodmancote,

2—Fire Tender—The Acting Chief Officer reported that the box body on the old Chevrolet Tender purchased in 1931 had proved to be unsuitable for Fire Brigade work and that a second-hand van body had been given to the Brigade by Messrs. Challis and Shepherd of Arle, which the members of the Brigade were now fitting to the tender and painting. He proposed to equip the vehicle with foam producing apparatus and use the same as an emergency and crash tender. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Auxiliary Fire Stations—The Acting-Chief Officer reported that additional accommodation had now been provided by the Cheltenham Original Brewery Company at their premises in Dunalley Street, and at the Leckhampton Depot, Moorend Road, and an additional room had also been taken at Mrs. Lucy's house, 100 Prestbury Road. RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the Home

Office, a rent of £28 per annum be paid to the Cheltenham Original Brewery Company for the use of their premises as an Auxiliary Fire Station, and an additional rent of per annum be paid to Mrs. Lucy in respect of the additional room taken.

4—Mobile Water Supplies—Read, circular of 4th inst. from the Home Office asking the Council to give serious consideration to the question whether the transport arrangements for carrying the canvas dams are adequate. The Acting-Chief Officer reported that he had made enquiries as to the purchase price of second-hand lorries for transporting the dams, but had been informed that it was impossible to purchase these at a price which the Home Office would allow to rank for grant. He had accordingly made arrangements with Messrs. Bendall & Sons, Elliott Bros., and W. D. Farrar Ltd., to place certain of their lorries at his disposal should the emergency arise, and to pay for the hire of the lorries when used in accordance with Circular 116. He had obtained the approval of the Ministry of Transport to the use of these vehicles and for them to be earmarked for this purpose. RESOLVED, That these arrangements be approved and that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to effect the necessary insurance of the vehicles under Circular 276.

5—Auxiliary Fire Service—The Town Clerk submitted the following circulars from the Home Office :—

Nos. 104 and 114	Recruitment of whole-time A.F.S.
Nos. 108 and 121	Annual leave for personnel.
No. 109	Requisitioning or taking possession of garages.
No. 118	Use of Supplementary Water Supplies.
No. 122	Honours for personnel.
No. 125	Repair and replacement of fire appliances.
No. 126	Canteen Vans for personnel.
No. 127	Police and Firemen Employment Order.

RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Acting-Chief Officer for attention.

6—Cheltenham Rural District Council—Read, letters of 6th and 12th inst. from the Clerk of the Cheltenham Rural District Council asking the Committee to instruct the Chief Officer not to attend fires in the Council's district on receiving a call from the police or any other person unless the Chief Officer is satisfied that there is a risk of damage to life or property, and that in any case where it is found upon arrival at a fire that there is no risk of damage to life or property, that the Brigade should return to the Fire Station and not spend time in extinguishing such fires at the expense of the Rural District ratepayers. Outbreaks of fire on open land such as Cleeve Hill had occurred during the summer and were attended by the Brigade at considerable cost to the ratepayers of the District concerned. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to give the Chief Officer the instructions suggested by the Rural District Council and that they be informed that while the Council must leave this matter to the discretion of the Chief Officer, they are of the opinion that all calls to fires should be responded to at once by the Brigade, especially having regard to the necessity of extinguishing any fires during blackout hours.

7—Mutual Assistance Scheme—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council approving the draft Agreement for the Mutual Assistance Scheme. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement between the two Councils.

8—Stirrup Pumps—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Home Office that the Office of Works had been requested to dispatch as soon as possible the remaining 38 pumps allocated to the Council for supplementary fire parties under Circular No. 62. The Town Clerk reported that no advice had yet been received from the Home Office as to the proposed issue of stirrup pumps for sale by the Corporation.

9—Chief Officer—The Town Clerk submitted letters from the Home Office in regard to the Chief Officer, Mr. J. R. Jones. Mr. Jones had asked leave to resign his appointment as Fire Brigade Inspector, and his resignation had been accepted and took effect on the 30th inst. Mr. Jones would therefore resume his duties as Chief Officer of the Corporation Fire Brigade on the 1st October. The Committee considered the question of living accommodation for the Chief Officer in view of the fact that his former residence was now occupied by the Acting-Chief Officer. RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be instructed to endeavour to find suitable accommodation and to report thereon to the Committee.

10—Fire Watchers Order, 1940--The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order which required all occupiers of premises in which more than 30 persons worked and also any building which was used as a warehouse of a greater capacity than 50,000 cubic feet and any saw mill or timber yard containing more than 50,000 cubic feet of timber, to provide a fire watcher to be present on the premises at all times and during the period a hostile attack was in progress or an air-raid warning in operation to be in readiness to check outbreaks of fire and to summon assistance and to use such firefighting appliances as may be available.

Under Article 4 of the Order its enforcement devolved on the Council who were empowered to authorise any of their Officers or Servants to enter and inspect any of the premises to which the Order applies for the purpose of seeing whether the Order is being complied with. The Town Clerk reported that he had advertised the Order and sent copies to all premises in the Borough to which it was thought that the Order might apply RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer, Officers and members of the personnel of the regular and Auxiliary Fire Service be empowered to enter and inspect any premises to which the Order applies, and that the Chief Officer be instructed to report any case where the Order is not being complied with.

11—Fire Extinguishers—Read. circular from the South Western Regional Commissioner's Office that the Council should refuse to comply with any request to participate in demonstrations of the application of special extinguishers for incendiary bombs or allow official premises to be used for such demonstrations as it was most undesirable for any official encouragement to be given to the sale of special extinguishers for use on incendiary bombs. The proper course for any firm which considers that it has an extinguisher of special value for this purpose, is to communicate with the Research and Experiment Department of the Ministry of Home Security. The official view was that no liquid extinguisher so far examined was more effective than water and that powder extinguishers were no better than sand, and further that some chemical extinguishers are actually dangerous since they are liable to give off poisonous gases.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th September, 1940. Present—Councillors Bendall, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith: and Mr. Ball (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—The Gardens Superintendent reported that Nos. 12 Hatherley Road, 12 Marle Hill and 48 Asquith Road were still in a bad state of cultivation; Nos. 68, 70 and 155 North Ward, 63 and 78 Marle Hill and 23 Creamery Piece were overgrown with weeds and Nos. 8 and 147 Marle Hill were overgrown with small weeds all of which would require cutting. The hedge at No. 18 North Ward had not been cut back and the gate post at Baglin's Piece had not yet been replaced, The Town Clerk reported that No. 12 Hatherley Road was vacant and that he had written to all the other tenants with regard to the bad state of cultivation of their allotments. RESOLVED, That in view of the fact that no reply had been received from the Secretary of the Unemployed Allotments Association with regard to Nos. 8, 63 and 147 Marle Hill, the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Paterson, the Chairman of the Association, informing him that the Committee cannot allow the allotments to remain in this condition and suggesting that the Association should give up the tenancy of these allotments.

2—Additional Land for Allotments—The Gardens Superintendent recommended that the following additional land should be taken for allotments:-

Strip of St. Mark's temporary Playing Field, about 11 acres. Approximately 20 allotments of 10 perches each.

Land rear of Shelley Road adjoining Benhall Gardens. 2 Plots of 10 perches each.

Two uncultivated strips of frontage to Old Bath Road. 5 Plots of 10 perches each.

Three Plots of land in Prior's Road, one owned by Cheltenham Shopfitting Co. Ltd., and two by Prior's Estate (Cheltenham) Ltd. Approximately 20 allotments of 10 perches each.

RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Owners of the land and to take the necessary steps for obtaining possession of the same.

3—Land, Prior's Road—The Town Clerk reported offer received from Mr. G. T. Cluer for the tenancy of a small piece of land for grazing adjoining Palace Builders site. RESOLVED, That the Housing Committee be recommended to let the land to him for £3 per annum subject to his entering into an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

4—Injurious Weeds—Read, letter of 3rd ult. from the Clerk of the County Council drawing attention to the great importance attached by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries to the destruction of injurious weeds which are likely to be prejudicial to the vital task of food production and asking the Corporation to inform him of owners of land with injurious weeds growing thereon. RESOLVED, That

the Town Clerk be instructed to draw the attention of the County Council to complaints which had been received in respect of the garden at Blenheim Villa, land rear of Orchard Terrace, St Mark's, and to the allotments reported by the Gardens Superintendent.

5—Land at Leckhampton—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the County Council had asked if he could arrange to clean the piece of land purchased for the proposed By-pass Road and also stating that they were quite willing that the portion of the land suitable for allotments should be let by the Corporation rent free for the first year if the Corporation thought this desirable. RESOLVED, That the offer of the County Council be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to mark out the portion of the land suitable for allotments, and that these be let rent free for 12 months and then at the rate of 7s 6d per chain.

6—Allotments Nos. 128 and 129 Marle Hill—The Town Clerk reported that he had had difficulty in letting these allotments owing to the trees overhanging the same but that he had now let the two allotments to a tenant at half rent, namely 10s 9d. per annum for the two. RESOLVED, That this be approved

7—Reservation of Gardeners in Private Employment—Read, letter of 12th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries asking the Council to co-operate, through their Horticultural Committee, or Allotments Committee, in connection with the reservation of Gardeners in private employment which was being entrusted to the County War Agriculture Executive Committee. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the County War Agricultural Executive Committee stating that the Corporation would be pleased to assist in investigating individual cases arising within their area. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8—Allotment No. 19 Gappers Field—RESOLVED, That Mr. F. Pinchin who had cultivated this allotment in error, be allowed to rent the same to the 25th December next, subject to payment of rent forthwith.

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9—Allotment No. 70 North Ward—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of this allotment, which was badly cultivated, - had now given notice to terminate his tenancy on the 29th inst., but he had asked £6 for the pig sties thereon. The Gardens Superintendent had inspected the same and reported that they were in bad condition. RESOLVED, That the tenant be asked to remove the pig sties and to make good the proem] before the end of the tenancy and that the allotment be divided into two and re-let.

10—Allotment No. 41 Creamery Piece—Rebate Rent—RESOLVED, That the tenant of this allotment be granted the use of the same rent free to the 25th December next in view of its bad condition.

11—Orchard, Marsh Lane—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had viewed the trees in this Orchard and agrees with the tenant that a number should be removed as many of them were cankered and others affected with Silver Leaf.

12—Elmfield Park Estate—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Cheltenham Allotment and Gardens Association stating that this land was uncultivated. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to

the Agents but they informed him that the land on the Estate not built on had been let for the duration of the War for fruit and garden purposes.

13—Horticulture Committee—The Chairman intimated that owing to pressure of work he would like to be relieved of his Chairmanship of the Horticulture Committee. RESOLVED, That he be asked to continue in office and that the Horticulture Committee be recommended to appoint a Vice-Chairman to act in the absence of the Chairman.

14—War Time Food Production in Allotments and Private Gardens—Read, letter of 8th July from the Clerk of the County Council stating that the Agricultural Education Sub-Committee had agreed to the payment of a grant of £40 for the period April, 1940 to March, 1941, in respect of the work of the Horticulture Committee.

15—Arrears of Rent—RESOLVED, That the arrears of rent of F. H. Jones for 19 North Ward and J Brushneen for 150 North Ward be written off.

16—Mr. E. M. Yeend—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to convey the sympathy of this Committee with Mr. E. M. Yeend in his serious illness and their best wishes for his speedy recovery.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th September, 1940. Present—Councillors Bendall, Bush, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Food Production—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the sale of produce at the Market during July and August had realised £160 2s. 11d. From 11 cucumber seeds, 1,406 cucumbers had been raised during the period 14th May to 31st August and sold at an average price of 5.7d. per cucumber, realising a total of £33 5s 3d.

2--Pittville Pump Room and Gardens—The Town Clerk reported that the Military Authorities had now requisitioned the Caretaker's quarters at the Pump Room and 100 ft. depth of parkland (approximately three quarters of an acre) in front of the Pump Room. It had been necessary to provide accommodation for the Caretaker at the Whaddon Estate at a rent of 10s per week inclusive. RESOLVED, That the wages of the Caretaker (Stanton) be increased to £3 12s. 6d. per week to cover rent, coal and light, and that he be asked to submit an account of additional expenditure in connection with his removal in order that this may be included in the claim for compensation to be made against the Military Authorities. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to submit a claim at the rate of £500 per annum for compensation for the requisitioning of the Pump Room, Gardens and field opposite.

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3—Gift of Water Troughs for Aviaries--The Gardens Superintendent reported that Mr. Lucas, of Lake House, Pittville had given 9 water troughs for use in the Aviaries at Pittville Gardens. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be Instructed to convey the best thanks of the Committee to Mr. Lucas for his gift.

4—Wages of L. Turner—The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from L. Turner, employed at Montpellier Gardens, for an increase in his wages. RESOLVED, That his wages be increased to £1 7s. 6d. per week.

5--Whaddon New Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent's proposal to plant the ground each side of this entrance to this Recreation Ground with potatoes for next year, he approved.

6 Spring Bedding—RESOLVED, That no additional bulbs or flowering plants be purchased and that the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to use as many of the beds as are suitable for the purpose for vegetable production.

7-- Burrow's Sports Ground, Moorend Grove Road—Read, letter of 14th ult. from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland offering this property for sale at the price of £2,600. RESOLVED, That the Town Planning Committee be asked to schedule this in the Town Planning Scheme for recreation ground and also that the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain the valuation of the District Valuer with a view to considering entering into a contract for the purchase of the ground for completion after the war.

8—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	Cheltenham Black-out Football Club	.. Saturdays.
Alstone Croft	Y.M.C.A. (Baker Street Section)	Alternate Saturdays.
Whaddon Road	Whaddon Sports Club... ..	Alternate Saturdays.
Hatherley Road	Y.M.C.A.	Alternate Saturdays.
St. Mark's ...	St. Gregory's Ladies' Hockey Club...	Alternate Wednesdays and Saturdays.
Naunton Park	Traffic Control Company's F.C,	Saturdays.

9—St. Mark's Playing Field—A representative of the Duke of York's School attended and made application for the use of this Playing Field for the School during its stay in Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That the use of the Playing Field be offered at the rate of £100 per annum, the school to provide goal posts and marking of pitches, the Corporation to keep the grass mown, the school providing the necessary petrol for the motor mower, it being understood that the public will not be excluded from entering the ground so far as it does not interfere with the use thereof by the school, the Corporation reserving the right to withdraw or modify this arrangement if at any time it is found necessary. The strip required for allotments to be reserved out of the letting.

10—Land. Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 13th July from the Home Guard (Martyn's Company, Sunningend Works) that in connection with certain defence works it had been necessary to cut two gaps in the hedge between Brooklyn Road and the Corporation's Field at St. Mark's and also to carry out other defence works.

W. J. GREEN,

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th September, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillor Rendall : and Mr. C. R. Mapp (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for July and August, 1940— Visitors-7,013 (last year 6,729). Included in these figures were the following parties :-172 girls from Ladies' College (2 parties) ; 49 children from Whaddon School ; 29 evacuees from Southend 92 boys from the Grammar School (3 parties) ; 20 boys from All Saints' School ; 30 boys from Duke of York's School ; 15 girls from Central School. The Curator gave a talk to a group of Australian Nurses

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. 13s 7d. "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund" £3 17s. 10d. Total £4 11s. 5d.

Loans---3 water-colours by w. Eyre walker, R.W.S. had been lent by Mr. L. A. Carlisle. A printed Silk Shawl had been lent by Mrs. V. Percival.

Staff—Mrs. G. Cummings had been absent on sick leave from 27th August. Miss D. Paley, temporary assistant, appointed at 17s 6d per week (plus 3s 6d per week war bonus) had passed the Oxford School Certificate with exemption from London Matriculation.

Voluntary Helpers—The Curator gratefully acknowledged the help rendered by Mr. C. R. Mapp and Major J. G. N. Clift.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Miss Axtens, Mr. T. E. Baines, Mr. J. Monro Briggs, Dr. A. Foljambe Forster, Mr. C. I. Gardiner, Miss Griffith-Jones, Mr. W. S. F. Harris, Mr. W. Hatswell, Miss Henley, Miss Lascombe, Mr. C. R. Mapp, Mr. W. R. Martin, Miss M. M. Rowntree, Mr. W. A. Taylor, Dr. Oliver H. Wild,

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

3—Donation from Mr. T. Rishworth—RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. T. Rishworth for his gift of 15 fine examples of Leeds Pottery, given in memory of the late Mrs. Rishworth

4—Donation from Mrs. De la Hay—RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mrs. De la. Hay for her gift of a large collection of Tudor Pottery, etc.

5—Donation from Mr. E. W. Lovegrove, F.S.A.—RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Lovegrove for his gift of reproductions of Seals.

6—General Account—RESOLVED, That a Needlework Sampler, " Ann Mills, Cheltenham, 1838," be purchased at a cost of 5s

7—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That a 19th century Plan of Mr. B. Jones's property in Cambray be purchased at a cost of and that the cost of restoring the portrait of

the Duke of Wellington by W. A. Smith (Given by Miss M. Lascombe) £2 2s. 0d. be borne out of the Fund.

8—Letter from Mr. Guy Whinyates—The Curator reported on a collection of pictures and furniture inspected by him at Tunbridge Wells in November, 1937, the property of Mr. Guy Whinyates. Mr Whinyates intended the collection to be a bequest, but now enquired as to whether the Committee would care to have the pictures at once. RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to offer storage accommodation, and to arrange such transport as may be necessary.

9—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to give facilities for an Exhibition by the Cheltenham Group of Artists.

10—W.E.A. Class—RESOLVED, That facilities be given for the W.E.A. to hold a fortnightly class in the Chinese Porcelain Room throughout the coming winter.

11—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 15th November, 1940, at 11 a.m.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Quarterly Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th September, 1940. 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 22nd June to 22nd September, 1940. Number of Interments 132 ; Cremations 64 ; Grave Spaces sold 32 (1st Position 6, 2nd Position 1, 3rd Position 2, 4th Position 23) ; New Memorials erected 25 ; New Inscriptions 37.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces Sold—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos, 10225 to 10256

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2560 to 2580, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Maintenance of Grave—J. E. C. Thomson, Deceased—Read, letter of 6th ult. from Ticehurst, Wyatt & Co., that the-late Mr. Thomson had bequeathed the sum of £100 free of duty upon trust that the Corporation shall invest the same and apply the income thereof in keeping the graves Nos. 3392, 3393, 3394, 3395 and 3396, Section R, and the grave stones thereon in good order and repair. RESOLVED, That the legacy be accepted.

5—War Graves—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Imperial War Graves Commission expressing their satisfaction with the-arrangements made to set aside in the Cemetery a special plot to be used exclusively for Service burials. The Commission were now making arrangements for the erection of

temporary wooden crosses on new war graves which will be replaced by permanent headstones after the war. In order that there may be equality of treatment, the Commission asked that when relatives apply to erect private memorials, they should be informed of the Commission's proposal and that the headstones to be erected by them will be provided free of cost, RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be instructed to inform relatives accordingly, and that for the present no headstones other than the standard pattern headstone to be provided by the Commission be allowed to be erected on the plot set aside for Service burials.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th September, 1940. Present—Councillors Bush, Garland and-Lipson; Messrs, S. J. Clarke, F. Vernall and C. B. Walsh (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for July and August, 1940—Receipts £64 11s. 2d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 12,793: Lending Department 55,787 ; Junior Department 7,934 ; Total 76,514 (last year 61,224).

Record Issue—The highest recorded issue for any one day in the adult Lending Library took place on 27th July, when 2,175 volumes were issued for home reading. Binding and Replacements-378 volumes have been replaced, 668 volumes have been returned from the binder and a further 530 volumes have been dispatched.

Staff—The following members of the staff were successful in examinations of the Library Association held last May :—

Miss F. M. Benny Final Part I. Miss M. R. Gardner Elementary.

RESOLVED, That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Miss Bennet and Miss Gardner.

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

Books for the Troops-6,843 volumes and 1,010 magazines had been collected and dispatched to the various Services.

Letter from Miss Barrie—Read, letter of thanks from Miss L. K. Barrie, Headmistress of King Edward's High School, Birmingham, for facilities granted to students from the school.

Ministry of information Exhibit—By arrangement with the South Western Region of the Ministry of Information, a screen had been supplied for the display of recent war photographs.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 491 volumes, published at £174 16s. 9d., be purchased for £114 0s. 9d.

(b) That £75 be spent on Binding.

(c) That 150 be spent on Replacements.

3—Donations—82 volumes and 25 pamphlets had been received as gifts from 27 donors. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors

4—Periodicals—RESOLVED, That the following periodicals suggested for purchase be not taken :—" London Gazette," " Scrutiny," and " France."

5—Board of Education and the Public Library Service—Read, letter which stated that " The Board of Education desire to call the special attention of all Authorities concerned to the importance of maintaining and, where necessary, extending the Public Library service as part of the measures which the Minister of Labour is anxious to secure for the welfare of industrial workers." RESOLVED, That the Committee's cordial agreement with this official expression of the Government's opinion be recorded.

6—Lectures----The Committee considered the recommendation of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee that if lectures are to be held in the Art Gallery, precautions should be taken against the fall of glass from the double-glass roof. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to supply an estimate for the fixing of wire netting under the glass roof, and that this be referred to the Chairman of the Public Library Committee, and the Chairman of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for decision.

7—Air Raid Warnings--RESOLVED, That the practice inaugurated by the Librarian be continued, and that he or his Deputy be authorised to close all doors after allowing a reasonable time for persons who may be in the building or vicinity to resort to a public air-raid shelter or to retire to cellar apartments on the premises.

8—Co-operation with County Library—Read, letter from the County Education Secretary asking for the acceptance of an arrangement whereby the County Education Committee would pay at the rate of 3s 6d per head up to the sum of £100 per annum and 1s 9d per head beyond that figure, in respect of County Library Readers using the Cheltenham Library. Alternatively, they suggest a payment of 3s 6d per reader, half this sum to be contributed by the reader. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot see their way to adopt either suggestion, but would be prepared to consider some reduction in charge for each reader after the annual sum payable by the County has reached £200.

9—Margate Public Library--Local Collection—Read, letter of thanks from the Margate Emergency Committee for facilities given for the storage of Margate treasures for the duration of the war.

10—Hours of Opening and Closing—RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, in consultation with the Librarian, to order any curtailment or revision of hours of opening and closing which circumstances may dictate from time to time.

1—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 15th November, 1940.

D. L. LIPSON, Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 5th September, 1940. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bush, Moore and Barnett (Alderman Ward in the chair).

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

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st October, 1940. Present—Aldermen Pruen, Taylor and Ward, and Councillor Garland (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th ult., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £124,744 ; Leaving Outstanding £9,533,

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 28th ult., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended 30th September, 1940. Amount collected £25,706 ; Leaving Outstanding ,869.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 1st inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair), and Councillor Garland.

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

4—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of Electricity charges since the last Meeting.

5—Housing Bonds--RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of Housing- Bonds, etc., amounting to £10,090 be approved.

6—Loans—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of the Debenture with the Independent Order of Oddfellows amounting to £70,000 for 10 years be approved, and that the Debenture be endorsed accordingly.

7—Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that G. T. Fletcher (Sweeper) retired on the 14th ult. RESOLVED, That he be paid a pension of £1 6s 11d. per week in respect of 41 years' service.

(b) Child Guidance Clinic—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Cheltenham & County Child Guidance Clinic in making a new appointment of Psychiatrist had met with a difficulty in that the person proposed to be appointed was an officer from another Local Authority and would not accept

the post without the continuance of her superannuation rights. The Committee therefore asked that the Corporation should enter into an Agreement with the Clinic for the admission of the following employees to the Superannuation Scheme of the Corporation :—

Psychiatrist	Miss Lilwall	Salary £300
Social Worker	Miss Sim ...	Salary £300
Clerk	Miss Geater	Salary £78

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It would be necessary to obtain an actuarial valuation but the fee for this would be quite small. The Borough Treasurer estimated that the annual deficiency cost would be about £65 per annum for 40 years, plus the contribution of 5 per cent of the salaries paid.

RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to recommend the Council (subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health) to enter into an Agreement and to pay their proportion of the cost subject to the County Council and the Gloucester City Council also agreeing to pay their respective proportion of the cost.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that as instructed he had communicated with the Ministry of Health asking for their approval to the Corporation increasing the pensions of the 14 old employees who had asked for their superannuation allowance to be re-considered, by calculating these on the basis of 80ths for each year of non-contributory service instead of 120ths. He now submitted letter of 7th ult. from the Ministry of Health that the Minister was advised that the Council's discretion under the Act is exercisable only in relation to a particular case and only at the time when the person becomes entitled to a superannuation allowance. RESOLVED, That the employees be informed that the Committee regret they have no power now to increase the superannuation allowance

8—County of Gloucester (Review Order)—The Borough Treasurer submitted further report on his negotiations with the County Accountant on the claim of £30,057 made by the County in respect of the areas transferred to the Borough, under this Order RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to settle the claim by a lump sum payment to the County Council of £19,000. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £19,000 re-payable in a period of 10 years and that moneys in the Stock Redemption Fund be applied to the loan.

9—Finance Department—Rates Office—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Rating Committee, That the salary of Mr. A. Ricketts who was employed in the Department as temporary officer be increased to £260 per annum.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 7th October, 1940, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., J.P.) in the chair.

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, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Lipson, M.A., M.P., Moore, Morris, Readings, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Avery.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Town Council held on the 2nd and 19th September, 1940, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held September 9

Housing Meeting held September 20

Street and Highway Meeting held September 23

Labour Sub-Committee Meeting held October 2

Town Planning Meeting held September 26

Also, That the application of the Cheltenham Cricket Club to let the Pavilion at the Victoria Ground as a dwelling house as a War Emergency be referred to the Town Planning Committee with power to act.

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Town Improvement and Spa.. Meeting held September 27

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held September 30

Water Meetings held September 10 and October 5

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held September 24

Fire Brigade Meeting held September 30

Also, That the Committee be authorised to purchase No. 6 St. George's Terrace for a residence for the Chief Officer at a price of not exceeding £600 plus Vendor's Solicitors and Surveyors costs, subject to Contract, and that it be left to the Finance Committee to arrange as to the raising of the

purchase money. Also, That the Chief Officer be allowed the sum of £1 5s. 0d. per week as a contribution towards his present rental until he is able to move into the above house.

Allotments ... Meeting held September 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held September 9

Also, That the use of a Football Pitch on alternate Saturdays at Naunton Park be granted to the 3rd A.A. Brigade, R.A.S.C.

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held September 13

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held September 27

Public Library Meeting held September 13

Rating Meeting held September 9 and October 3

Finance Meeting held October 1

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

3—Vacancies on Committees-(a) RESOLVED, That Councillor Readings be appointed a Member of the following Committees :—Street and Highway, Town Improvement and Spa, Cemetery and Crematorium, Public Library, Art Gallery and Education.

(b) RESOLVED, That consideration of filling the vacancy on the Education Committee caused by expiration of term of office of Mr. G. M. Locke be adjourned to the next Meeting.

(c) RESOLVED, That consideration of filling vacancy on Housing Committee in place of Councillor Bettridge, resigned, be adjourned to the 9th November Meeting.

4—Salvage--Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Ministry of Supply that, with a view to extending salvage operations, it was proposed to appoint for each district a number of Assistant Honorary District Officers who would be asked to keep in close touch with a comparatively small number of Local Authorities and report on their activities at monthly Meetings, and asking Mr. Marsland if he would be prepared to accept one of these appointments. RESOLVED, That the Council concur in Mr. Marsland accepting the appointment.

JNO. HOWELL,

Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 24th October, 1940.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Cowbell, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 28th day of October, 1940, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, 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 FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. To appoint as a Member of the Education Committee a person suitable for and likely to be of assistance to the Committee to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Mr. G. M. Locke.
5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

At the conclusion of the Council Meeting a Meeting of the Council in Committee will be held for the purpose of striking Committees for the year 1940-41.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town, Clerk.

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, 28th October, 1940.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th October, 1940. Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland. Dr Hayward, Moore, Morris and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

- 1—Analyses of Water—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his report of analyses of water taken since the last Meeting of the Committee.
- 2—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs. Beef ; 1 cwt. 21 lbs. Fish ; 1 qr. 2 lbs. Ham ; 5 Fowls (21 lbs) ; 1 qr. 2 lbs. Ducks ; 1 qr. 12

lbs. Cheese ; 1 ¼ lbs. Tea ; 10 lbs. Biscuits and Cake ; 120 Fish Cakes ; 17 tins, jars, etc. of Pickles, Vegetables, Cheese, Brawn, Fish, etc.

3—Milk and Dairies Order—Abbotts Stores, Norwood Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Willis of these premises was registered as a retail purveyor of milk provided this was sold in bottles. He now submitted application from Mr. Willis to sell milk out of cans as he had difficulty in obtaining bottles. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted as the premises are not suitable for registration as a Dairy.

4—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-75 Prestbury Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner of this house, in respect of which a Demolition Order had been made, had asked for permission to allow the premises to remain occupied for the present in view of the shortage of housing accommodation RESOLVED, That no steps be taken at present to enforce the vacation of the premises in compliance with the Demolition Order subject to the owner agreeing to demolish a chimney stack and to keep the roof in repair ; and that the matter be reviewed in six months.

5—Housing Act, 1936—Certificate as to Fitness-35 Queen 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 at least 10 years.

6—Rats and Mice Destruction Act—(a) Councillor Grimwade attended in reference to the supply of poison to ratepayers for killing rats and as to the assistance given by the Health Department in the destruction of rats. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to take steps to ensure that all poison supplied by him is supplied in sealed containers and labelled " Poison."

(b) The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported on the desirability of keeping before the public the importance of the destruction of rats, RESOLVED, That he be authorised to spend the sum of £7 10s. 0d. in advertising, etc

7—Health Department—(a) District Sanitary Inspector—The Committee further considered the question of obtaining an additional Sanitary Inspector to take the place of two who had joined H.M. Forces, especially in view of the large amount of meat inspection now required to be carried out at the Abattoir, RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to appoint a temporary District Sanitary Inspector at a salary of £275 per annum, rising to £300 by two annual increments, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to issue advertisements inviting applications for the appointment, also that application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of this temporary appointment.

(b) Clerk—The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from Miss Richards to be placed in the next Grade She was at present in the maximum of Grade C, at £182 per annum. RESOLVED, That Miss Richards be placed in Grade D at £195 per annum, rising to £208 per annum on the 1st April next.

8—Condemned Houses—The Committee considered the Minute of the Housing Committee in regard to Circular 2156 from the Ministry of Health as to the licensing of condemned houses for re-occupation. RESOLVED, That this Committee approve of the recommendation of the Housing Committee to circularise owners of condemned houses as therein mentioned.

9—Annual Statistics—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his Annual Report together with a Report from the Chief Sanitary Inspector for the year 1939. The following statistics were based on the Registrar General's estimate for 1939:—

Population Normal estimate for mid-1939 was 53,170.
Average population during 1939 which made allowance for the temporary war-time residents in the last quarter of the year was 54,130.

Birth Rate 802 live births ; a rate of 15.08 per 1,000. The highest total since 1921 and the highest rate since 1923, In addition to this figure, 25 births were ascribed to temporary war residents during the last quarter of the year.

Death Rate 831—a rate of 15.34 per 1,000 which when corrected for the regularities of distribution as regards age and sex so as to be comparable with other districts in the country was reduced to 11.36 as compared with 12.1 for the whole country.

Death Rate of Children

Under 1 Year ... 41.1 per 1,000 births, compared with 50 for the whole country.

10—Typhoid Fever—The Medical Officer of Health reported further on the recent circular from the Ministry of Health in regard to the immunisation of population against Typhoid Fever. RESOLVED, That the question of organising a scheme of immunisation for the public be not undertaken at the present time,

11—Purity of Water Undertaking—The Medical Officer of Health reported on Circular 2172 of 8th inst. from the Ministry of Health drawing attention to the need for taking all possible precautions during repairs to damaged water mains against the risk of pollution of the supply. If the damage was so intensive and the interruption of supply so serious that consumers are likely to resort to casual water from rivers, streams, ponds, etc., the consumers in the particular localities affected should be warned as to safeguards to be taken against bacterial pollution. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed in conjunction with the Town Clerk and Borough Engineer to prepare a supply of leaflets setting out the steps to be taken by the public for purifying the water and so that these may be available for distribution if, and when, necessary.

12—Pig Food—Read, letters from Mr. W. J. Rogers and Mr. G. F. Hawling complaining of the nuisance caused by the boiling of pig food on the Brooklyn Road tip, and the Borough Surveyor and Medical Officer of Health reported thereon. The Medical Officer of Health was of opinion that no nuisance was being caused by the boiling plant. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the boiling plant to be moved further away from the backs of the houses.

13—Barn Farm-Supply of Sewage—The Committee considered the complaint of Mr. Rymer as to the proposed supply of sewage to land adjoining the Farm belonging to Mr. Merrett, RESOLVED, That the Farms Sub-Committee, with the addition of Councillor Dr. W. Curling Hayward, be asked to inspect the land, and, meanwhile, the Town Clerk be instructed not to enter into an Agreement with Mr. Merrett for the supply of sewage.

14—Montpellier Conveniences—The Borough Surveyor reported that recently both male attendants had given notice and had left the employ of the Corporation. He had now engaged another attendant on the J.I.C. scale of 55s per week of 47 hours, to be on duty at the Conveniences on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and engaged the former Sunday attendant to be on duty on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. He had arranged for the Montpellier Gardens Custodian to lock up the Conveniences at 11 p.m. on weekdays and 10 p.m. on Sundays. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th October, 1940. Present—Alderman Pates Councillors Addis, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Grimwade, Moore and Morris (Alderman Pates in the chair):

1—Arrears—The Housing Manager reported on the collection of rents since the last Meeting. RESOLVED, That the sum of £23 13s. 1d. due from former tenants, as set out in the book signed by the Chairman, be written off as irrecoverable

2—Housing Manager's Department—RESOLVED, That the car allowance of the Deputy Housing Manager (Miss Dudin) be increased from £5 to £7 10s. 0d. per annum.

3—Condemned Houses—Read, Circular 2156 of 24th ult. from the Ministry of Health that where the Council were satisfied that there are or likely to be within their area a number of persons who have been rendered homeless by enemy action and that the ordinary accommodation by way of voluntary lodgings or of billets or of requisitioning property was not reasonably practicable, the Council could issue a licence authorising the re-occupation of condemned premises which could be put into such condition of cleanliness and repair as to be reasonably capable of being used as a temporary war-time measure of housing purposes without detriment to health. The Licences could specify conditions under which re-occupation could be allowed, including conditions as to rent to be charged, and was not to be operative for more than six months.

The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported on the houses which had not yet been demolished under Clearance Orders or Demolition Orders. With the exception of some property in Edward Street and Edward Terrace, most of the houses were in too bad a condition to permit of them being occupied without considerable expenditure. RESOLVED, That the Public Health Committee be recommended to circularise the owners of such houses as they consider can be made reasonably fit for habitation,

and that, in the case of the Edward Street properties, the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to inform the owners that, if desired, the Committee are prepared to consider an offer from the owners to allow the Corporation to take over the properties for the duration of the war in which case the Committee would be prepared to carry out the necessary cleansing work and let the premises to homeless families. RESOLVED, also, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to report to the Tenants Sub-Committee as to the possibility of letting 143 Tewkesbury Road belonging to the Corporation.

4—Rent Restriction Acts—Read, Circular 2164 of 30th ult. from the Ministry of Health that representations had been made to the Minister that exorbitant charges are sometimes being demanded by way of rent with a result that persons whose own homes have been destroyed or rendered unusable by enemy action have difficulty in obtaining accommodation. The Ministry hope that Local Authorities would keep a close watch for anything of this kind in their district and take such action as the circumstances indicate to prevent advantage being taken of the exceptional demand for accommodation in certain areas. The Acts did not, in general, apply to furnished lettings but contained provisions empowering Courts to order that rents for such lettings so far as they yield more than normal profit shall be irrecoverable and that any payments of rent which may have been made in excess thereof shall be repaid to the lessee. Landlords charging extortionate rents for furnished lettings are liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £100, Local Authorities are empowered to institute proceedings for any offence under the Acts and the Minister hoped that they would not hesitate to make use of their powers when circumstances warrant, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to issue a notice in the " Echo " drawing attention to these provisions and that the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to take appropriate action if any contraventions of the Act are reported to the Council.

5—Repairs Superintendent —The Monthly Report of the Repairs Superintendent was submitted.

6—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 4th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

That the rents fixed and the rebates granted, as set out in the Rents Rebate Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

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, 21st October, 1940. Present Aldermen Pates, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham : Councillors Addis, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Morris and Readings (Alderman Ward in the chair).

1—Destructor and Central Depot Weighbridges--The Borough Surveyor submitted two quotations for the maintenance of the two weighbridges. RESOLVED, That the tender of Messrs. Ashworth, Ross, amounting to £3 0s. 0d. per quarter, be accepted.

2—Time Recorder—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 7th inst. from the International Time Recorder Co. Ltd., increasing the annual charge for the maintenance of the time recorder at the Depot from £3 3s. 0d. to £3 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Salvage of Waste—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the following had been salvaged during the month of September : (the amounts salvaged during the previous month are shown in brackets) :—

	Tons.	Cwts.	No.	Tons.	Cwts.	No.
Paper	42 ½	—		(65	—)	
Metals	127	—		(151 ¼	---	
Rags, sacks, etc.	1 ½	—		(3	—)	
Bottles and Jars	—	—	—			(1,620)
Bones	2	—		(—	22)	
Aluminium	—	—		(½	—)	
Pig Food	50	—		(15	—)	

The total amount of waste salvaged during the past nine months was 893 tons and 10,810 bottles and jars, with an estimated value of 2,736.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Salvage Sub-Committee had ordered two additional trailers from Siddall's Caravans Ltd. at a cost of £60 each. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Lorry--The Salvage Committee recommended the purchase of a lorry to be used for the collection of salvage, including pig food. The lorry would enable pig food to be collected in the day time and avoid the work being done during the black-out which would not be satisfactory. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for offers of a second-hand lorry and the Salvage Committee be authorised to purchase a suitable second-hand vehicle.

4—Central Depot Siding—The Borough Surveyor reported that the G.W.R. had drawn attention to the condition of the siding into the Central Depot. RESOLVED, That they be instructed to have the work carried out as soon as possible at the cost of the Corporation.

5—Cleevemount Road, Overbrook Drive and Welland Lodge Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 1st inst. from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers stating that their clients had now carried out the repairs required for these roads, and renewing their former application for the Corporation to take over these roads The Borough Surveyor submitted details of various defects which still needed to be remedied before he could recommend the Committee to adopt the roads. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to take over the roads until all the defects have been remedied in accordance with the Borough Surveyor's recommendation.

6— Halt Sign, Libertus Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. R. A. Phillips asking that a " Halt " Sign should be placed in this road near its junction with Gloucester Road. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to.

7—Borough Surveyor's Department—The Borough Surveyor recommended that Mr. J Verney who was put on the staff on the 1st August, 1939, for a temporary period at a salary of £104 per annum, should be retained on the staff as a temporary Clerk at a salary of £156 per annum. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

8—Pittville Street Scheme—(a) 7 Albion Street and 6 Pittville Street—The Town Clerk reported that these properties had been let to Messrs. Greenhouse & Co. (Bedding Specialists) at a rent of £40 and £75 per annum respectively, plus rates. The letting was conditional on Messrs. Greenhouse & Co. arranging with the tenant of 6 Pittville Street (Mrs. James) to transfer to other premises.

(b) 12 Pittville Street—The Town Clerk reported that these premises had been let to Mrs. Bloodworth for a Cafe, etc. at a rent of £45 per annum, plus rates.

(c) 10 Pittville Street—The Town Clerk reported that these premises had been let to Mr. Brewster for use as a Hair-dressers' business at a rent of £52 per annum, plus rates. RESOLVED, That this be approved, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to spend the sum of £12 on repairs and decorations as now reported to the Committee.

(d) 9 Pittville Street and Flats over 8 and 9 Pittville Street---The Town Clerk reported that these premises had been let to the Central Radio Company of Eastbourne at a rent of a8 per annum, plus rates. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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(e) Vacant Site—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Wilsons Ltd., of Bristol, asking whether the Corporation were prepared to grant a building lease for the vacant site in High Street. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to entertain this at the present time.

(f) Read, letter of 14th ult. from the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. in regard to the repairs carried out to the roof, windows and drainpipes and provision of doors to replace those removed at the premises rented by them at the Criterion Hotel and Nos. 13 and 14 Pittville Street. They now submitted account amounting to £10 17s. 6d. for this work. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

9—Omnibus Stopping Place outside Engall, Cox & Co.—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Cheltenham Traction Company that, after fully investigating the matter, they were of the opinion that the most convenient place for the Bus Stop was the present position in Clarence Street, and that the suggestion to divert the buses along an alternative route into Clarence Parade was not desirable as it would necessitate the buses having to cross incoming lines of traffic RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the "No Parking " sign outside Engall, Cox's premises and that the Cheltenham Traction Company be asked to paint the words " Bus Stop" on the carriage-way so as to avoid the space required for two buses, being used for the parking of motor-cars.

10—Parish Churchyard—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Rector asking, now that the railings had been removed, whether the Committee could see their way to having the plinths painted white. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to paint the plinths as proposed by him,

11—Projecting Sign—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. R. G. Badham for permission to erect a U.C.A.L. sign outside his chemist's shop at 102 Whaddon Road be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

12-52 Albion Street—Read, letter of 9th inst. from Messrs. Haines & Strange offering to rent these premises (formerly No. 20) for an office on a half-yearly tenancy at a rent of £15, plus rates, and stating that they would be prepared to carry out the necessary repairs to make the place habitable. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted

13—Refuse Collection—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with Miss M. D. Watson of 17 Lansdown Parade claiming 30s for a basket in which she placed the refuse but which was taken by the Refuse Collectors to the tip. The Town Clerk reported that the basket was in a dilapidated condition and that the ashman thought this was intended to be taken with the rubbish. The basket had since been recovered by Miss Watson from the tip. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to repudiate the claim

14—Norwood Arms Traffic Island—Read, report of the Borough Surveyor of damage to a bollard at this island by a motor-coach belonging to the Western National Co. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage amounting to £9 8s. 2d.

15—Westal Green Traffic Island—Read, report of the Borough Surveyor of damage to a bollard on this island by a motor-car belonging to Mr. A. W. Rouse. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage amounting to 17s 6d.

16—Winchcomb Street Improvement—Alders' Stores, Nos. 2 and 3 Winchcomb Street—The Town Clerk submitted Contract for the purchase of these premises for £1,800, the Contract, which would be subject to consent to a loan from the Ministry of Health being obtained, provided for the purchase to be completed within three months of the termination by armistice of the present hostilities, and, upon signing the Contract, the Corporation to be entitled to have possession of the property and take any rents and to be responsible for its maintenance and all outgoings.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enter into a provisional Contract on the understanding that if, at the termination of the war, sanction to loan is not forthcoming, the Corporation will refund any rent which may be received less any amount which may have been expended by the Corporation in maintaining and repairing the property.

17—National Safety First Association—The Deputy Secretary and local representative of the National Safety First Association attended and asked for the Corporation's co-operation in regard to their Autumn Safety First Campaign, and the representatives were informed that the Committee would be prepared to do all they could to assist with any Campaign organised by them.

18-116 Tewkesbury Road—The Housing Manager submitted report on this property and she submitted tenders for carrying out the necessary works. RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be

authorised to have the repairs and decorations required at No. 116 Tewkesbury Road carried out at a cost of about £43

19-143 Tewkesbury Road—The Committee considered report 01 the Housing Manager and Chief Sanitary Inspector on this property which was purchased by the Corporation and was now beyond repair. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have these premises demolished and to salvage the materials

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st October, 1940. Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Grimwade and Lipson; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Grist, Mrs. Mellersh, Miss Tinson and Mrs. Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1940.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants	Toddlers
At Baker Street (10 Meetings)	18.5	21.1
At Grosvenor Street (9 Meetings)	44.0	33.0
At St. Mark's (10 Meetings)	46.0	41.2
At Whaddon (10 Meetings)	14.7	34.6
At Emmanuel (10 Meetings)	46.2	34.0

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1940

No. of Children on Register	3,226
Un-notified Live Births discovered ...	6
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	1,586
“ “ “ “ (b) over 1 year	1,905
First Visits paid by Health Visitors	204
Ante-natal cases visited (a) New	70
“ “ “ “ (b) Return	41
Special visits to Mothers	111
Chicken Pox cases visited	2
Whooping Cough cases visited	2
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres	57
Cases reported to the N.S.P.C.C. Inspector	—

Children Act:

	Health Visitors.	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter	36	5
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter	22	5
“ visits paid (under Children Act)	31	8

3—Midwives Act—(a) Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from the 1st April, 1940, to 30th September, 1940, was £59 10s. 6d., of which £35 17s. 6d. was chargeable to patients.

(b) Doctors' Fees—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the revised regulations fixing the scale of fees paid to Doctors called in by midwives provided that if the Doctor intended to claim an inclusive fee, his account must be submitted on the conclusion of his attendances on the patient and the Medical Officer of Health asked the Committee to decide what period should be allowed from the date of the last attendance before the submission of the account. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to inform Doctors that, where an inclusive fee is claimed, the account must be rendered within seven days after the conclusion of attendances on patients.

(c) The Committee further considered the letter of 5th April last from the District Nursing Association in regard to the payment of Doctors' fees for patients in the Home. The Town Clerk reported that, as instructed, he had enquired of the County Council what fees were paid by the Doctors to Nursing Homes in the County, and he now submitted letter of 24th July from the County Council that no Doctors' fees were paid by the County Council to any Nursing Homes in the County. RESOLVED, That, in these circumstances, the Committee are unable to pay a Doctor's fee in addition to the fees paid to the Home, but that the Association be informed that the Committee are prepared to pay one guinea to the Doctor for each ante-natal session held at the Victoria Home.

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4—Dentistry—(a) Tin, Medical Officer of Health reported that 34 mothers and 17 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 86 mothers and 6 infants on Thursday evenings during the quarter in accordance with the arrangements made with the Education Committee. The number of Thursday evening sessions held during the quarter was 12.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that three sessions had been held at the Children's Hospital when 15 cases were treated and 46 teeth extracted.

5—Children Act—The Medical Officer of Health submitted names of 5 foster mothers who had sent in notification, and he recommended that the maximum number of children allowed should be fixed as follows :—

Name.	Address.	Maximum No. of Children allowed.
Mrs. Bray	22 Severn Road	1
Mrs. Pollard	4 Chelt Road	1
Miss Lamb	Cranford, Painswick Road..	1
Miss Taylor	54 Keynsham Road ...	1
Mrs. Hayward	42 Tennyson Road	1

6—Gynaecological Clinic —The Medical Officer of Health reported that 5 Clinics had been held to date and the total number of attendances was 20, including 13 Borough patients.

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 134, of which 80 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 20 surgeons' consultations had been held ; 54 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 17 surgeons' consultations had been held. He submitted accounts of the proportion of the fees payable by this Committee. RESOLVED, That these be paid.

(b) Hospital Charges—The Medical Officer of Health submitted account for treatment of out-patients, amounting to £1 3s 6d., which included 23 attendances at 6d. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

8—Puerperal Pyrexia—The Medical Officer of Health reported one case where a special Nurse had been provided at a cost of 16s. RESOLVED, That this account be paid.

9—Supply of Dried Milk—Read, circular of 5th August from the Ministry of Health that war time conditions of supply have made it necessary to provide, for the purposes of the National Milk Scheme, a single type of milk powder known as National Dried Milk, The milk was a full cream powder with fat content of about 26 per cent. It was supplied in packets containing a week's supply, namely 20 ounces, the cost to the family being 1s 2d. a packet, or free, according to income. The Ministry asked that the National Dried Milk should be available at Welfare Centres to supply on payment of 1s 2d., or free, in accordance with a quarterly permit which would be issued by the Milk Officer. Mrs. Mellersh reported that there was no demand at the Centres for the standard composition as all infants on dried milk attending the Centres were put on this form of feeding, because they required a half-cream milk whereas the National Dried Milk was a full cream powder. This penalised the mother as she had to buy another make of dried milk. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to issue dried milk at less than cost, or free, according to the income of the family, and, that for the purpose of calculating the income, the scale adopted by the Government for the National Milk Scheme be adopted. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Food suggesting that, where the National Dried Milk was not suitable for the infant, arrangements should be made to issue vouchers up to 1s 2d. per week, according to income, to be applied towards the purchase of a suitable milk powder.

10—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927—RESOLVED, That the certificate of exemption from registration as Nursing Homes of the General and Eye Hospitals be renewed for a period of twelve months expiring on the 31st October, 1941.

LEIGH JAMES, Chairman

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th October, 1940. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bendall, Moore and Waite (Alderman Ward in the chair).

1—Cricket Pavilion, Victoria Ground—The Committee considered the application from the Chairman of the Ground Committee of the Cheltenham Cricket Club for consent to the Pavilion and Dressing Rooms at Victoria Ground being used for human habitation for the winter months up to the end of March, 1941, as a war-time emergency. The Chief Sanitary Inspector and the Building Inspector reported on their inspection of the premises. RESOLVED, That consent be given to the building being used for this purpose as a war-time emergency up to the 31st March, 1941, subject to the Club entering into an Undertaking :—

- (1) To terminate the use of the premises as a dwelling-house on the 31st March, 1941.
- (2) To the necessary sanitary arrangements being carried out to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.
- (3) To a partition being erected to divide the bathroom from the room proposed to be used as a bedroom and to a window being inserted in the new room thus formed.
- (4) To a pane of glass in the small Pavilion proposed to be used as a sleeping room for women being taken out and substituted with perforated zinc so as to provide ventilation for this room.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th October, 1940. Present—Aldermen E. L. Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett and Bendall ; Mr. W. S. F. Harris and the Rev. E. C. Hanson (Alderman E. L. 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.
5381	Bullingham, W.	Bay windows, 136 Hewlett Road.
5384	Greenhalf, R. W.	Garden shed, Sudeley, Harp Hill.
5385	Knight, M. B.	Garage, 16 Orchard Avenue.
5386	Holborow, J. P.	Alterations, Imperial Lane.
5387	Stroud Brewery Co. Ltd.	Alterations, The Bakers Arms, High Street.
5388	Russell, F. S.	Garage, Stanbrooke House, Pittville Circus.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5381, 5384, 5385, 5386, 5387 and 5388 be approved.

Decisions under Town and Country Planning (General Interim Development) Order, 1933—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos, 5381, 5384, 5385, 5386, 5387 and 5388 be 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
1659	S. Smith & Sons (Cheltenham) Ltd.	Revised lay-out of roads and sewers, Gay Lane, Bishop's Cleeve.
1660	5, Smith & Sons (Cheltenham) Ltd.	Lay-out of camp site, Bishop's Cleeve.
1661	McKenna, F.	Garage, Brown Gables, The Avenue, Charlton Kings.
1662	Vernall, F.	Preliminary plan for two bay windows, Rodney Hotel, Rodney Road.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 1661 be approved That Plan No. 1659 be approved subject to Gay Lane and the main development road through the estate being improved and brought up to Town Planning standards within 12 months of cessation of hostilities ; That Plan No. 1660 be approved for the duration of the war only and that adequate visibility be provided at the entrances to the camp, also that the hedge at the sharp bend in the road be lowered to improve visibility ; That Plan No. 1662 be approved subject to plans being submitted in accordance with the Building Bye-laws.

4—Control of Civil Building and Constructional Operations—The Town Clerk reported receipt of memorandum from the First Commissioner of Works explaining the way in which it is proposed to administer Defence (General) Regulation No 56a which establishes a system of licensing building and constructional operations.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th October, 1940. Present—Alderman Pates and Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Readings and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee of their Meeting held on the 8th October.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) That having considered the Entertainments Manager's recommendation to discontinue making a reduced charge to members of the Forces to Municipal Dances when a bar is provided, the Committee be recommended to continue the reduced prices for the present.

(b) Town Hall, Hire Charge—That the charge for the hire of the whole building for Dances and Whist Drives be increased to £25 up to 12 midnight and £2 per hour afterwards.

(c) That on the recommendation of Superintendent Hopkins, the attendances for all Concerts, Dances and Meetings, etc. at the Town Hall be limited to 1,000, and that Minute No 6 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

(d) Russian Ballet—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange for the Russian Ballet (with Lydia Kyasht) to be produced at the Town Hall in 5 matinees and 3 evenings during the week commencing the 11th November on sharing terms, the Corporation to receive 40 per cent of the nett receipts and to provide the Hall, staff and press advertising (estimated at £15).

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee (except (a)) be approved and adopted, and that with regard to (a) that the reduced charge for admission of members of the Forces to dances, when there is a bar, be discontinued.

2—Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor reported on the proposal to fix panic bolts on two of the main entrance swing doors at the Town Hall which he estimated would cost £10. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out,

3-- Medical Baths—(a) The monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted. The receipts during the month of September amounted to £105 12s. 6d. in respect of 417 treatments as compared with £47 18s. 0d. in September, 1939.

(b) Masseuse—RESOLVED, That a temporary Masseuse be engaged at a salary of £3 8s. 3d. per week during the temporary absence of Miss Parry who would shortly be undergoing an operation to her finger which would keep her away from duty for about three weeks.

4—Alstone Baths—Read, application from the St. Paul's Training College asking if the Committee would make a reduced charge for monthly season tickets if a minimum number promised to take tickets. RESOLVED, That monthly season tickets be issued to Students at a charge of 2s each provided that not less than 70 tickets are taken.

5—Entertainments Sub-Committee—RESOLVED, That Councillor Readings be appointed a member of this Sub-Committee.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 16th October, 1940. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Addis, Grimwade and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair),

1—Sub-Meters—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that hitherto it had not been the practice to allow consumers to have Sub-Meters when they let off part of their premises to temporary residents, but, in view of the large number of evacuees and refugees now in the town, he recommended that he should be allowed to install Sub-Meters in approved cases, and also that in such cases the meter rent should be increased to 1s 6d. a quarter for meters up to 5 amperes and to

2s a quarter for meters over 5 amperes, and that also a connection charge of 5s should be made for each sub-tenant. RESOLVED, That: this be approved and adopted.

2—Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1940—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a report on the Accounts of the Undertaking for the year ended 31st March, 1940. The nett surplus for the year was £8,774 from which had to be deducted £2,984 for apparatus on hire, etc., and £1,000 contribution to General Rate Fund. The surplus was therefore £4,790 which added to the balance of £1,652 brought forward from last year, gave a total balance to carry forward of £6,442. RESOLVED, That this surplus be retained in the Nett Revenue Appropriation Account for the present. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Treasurer be asked to report on the Accounts at the next Meeting of the Committee and, in particular, in regard to the Public Lighting Account.

3—Damage to Lamp Post, Lansdown Road and Switch Pillar at Junction of St. Stephen's and Andover Roads—Read, report of damage on the 30th September last to a lamp post in Lansdown Road by a lorry belonging to the Globe Haulage Company of Brentford High Street, London. and to a Switch Pillar at junction of St. Stephen's and Andover Roads by Messrs. Hutchly & Collumbell. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make claims for the net cost of making good the damage amounting to £31 19s. 3d. and £12 12s 3d. respectively

4—Land, Church Road, St. Mark's—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent under Section 165 of the Local Government Act, 1933 for the Sale of the portion of the land in Church Road, St. Mark's to the Cheltenham & District Gas Company for the erection of a Booster Station.

5—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of gas tests made on the 5th, 10th and 14th October, which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 497.9, 501.2 and 471.9 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure to be 8.6, 8.3 and 8.3 inches of water respectively

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, 5th October, 1940. Present—Aldermen Margrett, Pates and Ward Councillors Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Water Supply—The Borough Engineer reported that owing to the prolonged drought and the great increase of population in the Area of supply, the Water Undertaking was now scarcely holding its own and reserves had been seriously depleted unless relief could be found either by a substantial reduction in the consumption of water, or an emergency supply, the position would become serious. No greater quantity could be obtained from Tewkesbury as already two million gallons a day were being pumped to Cheltenham, and a further million gallons were being pumped to Gloucester by means of the pumping plant put in by Gloucester Corporation at their own expense. The yield from

the springs was still declining and after a break in the drought several weeks would lapse before the yield could be expected to increase.

With reference to Minute No 4 passed at the last Meeting, the Borough Engineer reported that he had been in negotiation with Messrs. Le Grande, Sutcliffe & Bell, Ltd., well sinkers and hydraulic engineers, and had had an interview with their representative. They had visited land adjoining Copt Elm Road belonging to Colonel Eagar to consider the proposition of obtaining water from the River Chelt gravels, and he now submitted letter from the firm with alternative estimates. Any work carried out must, in the first instance, be of an exploratory nature and could best be done by sinking a 6 inch diameter Bore and driving three Abyssinian Tubes. These Tubes which consist of a perforated tube of about 2 inches in diameter were suitable for use in clean gravels and had the advantage of being rapidly placed in position and quickly brought into use. Any subsequent procedure would be governed by the result of the test after regard had been given to the quality of the water obtained. The estimates were only approximate as there had not been sufficient time to submit firm prices.

PROPOSAL 1.

Exploratory work including carting boring plant to site and subsequent removal, sinking of Tubes and carrying out Yield Test	£. s. d. 183 12 6
If the result proved to be satisfactory the cost of sinking nine additional Tubes would be ...	159 15 0
Connecting up additional Tubes to common suction main and continuing a further Yield Test	<u>268 0 0</u>
Total cost of Tube Wells alone	£611 7 6

To this sum must be added the following items :-

6 inch Rising Main from site to Greenway Lane..	£400 0 0
Temporary Pumphouse	200 0 0
Pumping Set	300 0 0
Electric Cable, say .	150 0 0
Chlorination Equipment	<u>450 0 0</u>
	2111 7 6
Contingencies	0 <u>138 12 6</u>
Total	£2250 0 0

PROPOSAL 2.

An alternative to the Tube Well Scheme is a Dug Well with a shaft 8 feet 0 ins. diameter and depth 25 feet 0 ins. Such a well would be partly lined with Perforated Cast Iron Cylinders and the upper portion with Brick Rings. The Yield of such a Well would doubtless be increased by the drilling of four Boreholes horizontally from the periphery of the Well. These bores would be 6 inches in diameter, 30 feet 0 ins. in length and lined with Perforated Steel Tubes.

The cost given for such a scheme is ...	1580 0 0
To this sum must be added the last four items in the previous estimate	1050 0 0
Chlorination Equipment ...	<u>450 0 0</u>
	£3080 0 0
Contingencies	<u>170 0 0</u>
Total cost	£3250 0 0

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The Borough Engineer reported that if either scheme was proceeded with, it would probably be possible to obtain a supply in two months provided the necessary materials could be obtained on priority.

The Town Clerk suggested with a view to affecting an immediate reduction in consumption, that the Railway Companies (who were the largest consumers in the area), might be approached to see if it was possible for them to obtain a portion of their supply at other Railway Stations not in the area of supply ; also that other large consumers. who use water for industrial purposes might be asked to consider whether they could not obtain water from wells or adjacent stream courses,

RESOLVED, That in view of the uncertainty of obtaining sufficient supply from the River Chelt gravels to justify incurring the large expense and the time which would be taken to obtain this supply, the proposal to extract water from the Chelt gravels be deferred for the present.

RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to approach the Railway Companies and ask them if, as a temporary measure, they could arrange to obtain a portion of their supplies from other areas through which their trains pass, and also that the Borough Engineer be instructed to consider whether there are any other large industrial consumers who might be asked to consider the possibility of obtaining a supply from wells or stream courses.

2—Supply to Gloucester—The Borough Engineer submitted letter from the City Engineer at Gloucester for permission to take steps to pump a further million gallons per day from the Tewkesbury Waterworks. The Borough Engineer reported that he considered the suggestions made by Gloucester to enable this increased output to be produced were not practicable, as the present filtering capacity of the works was not sufficient to deal effectively with any larger quantity than at present being treated. The proposal would also involve using the standby boiler and also the standby engine which it is always desirable to maintain in view of the possibility of breakdown.

He reported that if it had been possible to increase the output from Tewkesbury without risk to the whole supply, he would have recommended this as an alternative to endeavouring to obtain an emergency supply from wells and, while he appreciated the serious position of the Gloucester supply, he regretted that he could not advise the Committee to agree to the proposals of the Gloucester City Engineer.

RESOLVED, That the Committee regret they are unable to entertain the Gloucester proposals.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

[CONFIRMED BY TOWN COUNCIL 7TH OCTOBER, 1940]

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th October, 1940. Present—Alderman Margrett ; Councillors Avery, Moore and Morris (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The Monthly Report of the Borough Engineer was read:-

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 30th September, 1940.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	69,000 gallons	75,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	150,000 “	204,000
Leckhampton Springs	13,000 “	18,000
	232,000	297,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 26,641,000 gallons.

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2—Inspections—(a) The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of September.

(b) It was reported that the following members of the Committee met on the 17th September, namely, The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Pates and Ward ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris, and inspected the Water Works at Churchdown, Tewkesbury, Hewletts and Dowdeswell.

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

4—Hewletts Reservoir--RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to proceed with negotiations with the Office of Works for a wayleave for the drainage of the Custodian's house through land, part of Oakley Farm, belonging to the Office of Works.

5—Stoke Orchard—The Borough Engineer submitted letter of 26th ult. from the Cheltenham Rural District Council with plan showing the proposed route of a new water main to be laid by the District Council for supply to new premises at Stoke Orchard, about 400 yards of the main being in the Cheltenham Area of supply. RESOLVED, That no objection be raised to the laying of this length of main.

6—Water Supply--The Borough Engineer reported that, as instructed he had interviewed the representatives of Great Western and L.M.S. Railway Companies at Worcester and Birmingham respectively. As a result of the interviews both Companies had agreed as a temporary measure, to arrange, where possible, for engines to draw their supplies from other stations outside the Cheltenham Area of supply with a view to assisting the Corporation to conserve supplies as much as possible during the present shortage. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the two Companies for their assistance.

7—South Midlands J.I.C.—(a) The Borough Engineer submitted letter from the South Midlands District Council J.I.C. in regard to the payment for August Bank Holiday. While they agreed it was a matter for local practice, at a recent Meeting of the J.I.C. it was decided to recommend that national holidays should be paid for at time and a half rate plus a day in lieu of national holidays making 2 ½ days pay for a day's work. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to the decision of the Labour Sub-Committee to pay one day's pay plus a day's holiday on full pay.

(b) The Borough Engineer reported that the South Midland J.I.C. had decided that as from the 3rd inst. an additional 11d. a week should be paid on account of cost of living increase to waterworks employees and that he was accordingly giving effect to this decision.

(c) Sick Pay—The Borough Engineer reported that one of the employees had made an application for sick pay. The working conditions of the South Midland J.I.C. contained a recommendation to District Councils to adopt a sick pay scheme providing for payment of half wages during the first five weeks of sickness and for quarter wages during the next five weeks' sickness, such payments to be irrespective of benefits under the National Health Insurance Acts. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to adopt a sick-pay scheme for their employees at the present time.

8—Castle Barn Farm—Read, letter of 18th ult. from the tenant of this farm drawing attention to the repairs required to boundary fences, roof and spouting of farm buildings, and spouting round the new farm house, etc. RESOLVED, That Mr. Castle and the Borough Engineer be instructed to report thereon

9—Lower Hewletts Farm—RESOLVED, That Mrs. Weston be provided with some second-hand boarding for the repair of the mangers of the cowsheds and some distemper for painting the walls of the bathroom, living room, hall and staircase. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to have the damaged spouting made good

10—Shooting, Dowdeswell Wood and Woodlands Farm—The Committee considered offers for the shooting at Dowdeswell Wood and Woodlands Farm. RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. H. M. Avery of £5 for the current season be accepted.

11—Field 268—Read, letter of 17th ult. from Messrs. Castle & Son that this field which was formerly let to Captain Hext at £4 per annum and given up by him in December, 1938, had been occupied since that date by Messrs. Chandler Bros., by an arrangement with the late Mr. Castle. The Town Clerk reported that this was not reported to the Committee at the time and that no rent had been paid for this extra field. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Chandler Brothers be required to pay the extra rent.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th October, 1940. Present—Aldermen Margrett, Pates, Ward and Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Smith (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) Foot and Mouth. Disease (Boiling of Animal Foodstuffs) (Amendment) Order, 1940—The Town Clerk submitted copy of this Order amending the Foot and Mouth Disease (Boiling of Animals Foodstuffs) Order, 1932, which required any person having possession of any pig swill to boil this before being fed to animals, by adding a proviso that the Article should not apply to swill obtained from premises in respect of which the occupier holds an effective Certificate from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries or the Local Authority certifying that all swill supplied therefrom is subject on such premises to a process of boiling within the meaning of the Order. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for a certificate under the Order in respect of the swill collected by the Corporation and boiled on their premises so as to render it unnecessary for such swill to be boiled. again before it is fed to animals.

2—Domestic Agencies—Read, report of 15th inst. from Superintendent Hopkins of the quarterly inspection of the Agencies. All the books were examined and found to be in order.

3—Petroleum Licences—The Petroleum Inspector submitted a list of persons who had not renewed their petrol licences. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform them that, if they continued to store petrol without a licence, proceedings will be taken against them without further warning.

4—Pawnbroker's Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Harry Higgins for renewal of his certificate under the Pawnbrokers' Act be granted for one year up to the 9th November, 1941.

5—Health Education Film—The Birth of a Baby—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from Health Education Films asking for permission to show this film in the Borough Permission had already been granted for the exhibition of the film in other important towns. The film would only be shown subject to the conditions which accompanied their letter. RESOLVED, That permission be granted for the exhibition of the film, subject to compliance with the conditions laid down by the Joint Council and also to compliance with the conditions of the Cinematograph Licence and to no child under the age of 16 years being admitted.

6—Athletic Ground—Hoarding—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Cheltenham District Billposting Co, Ltd., asking for a reduction in the rental of this hoarding on the ground that the Paper Control Order prohibited the printing or exhibition of large posters. RESOLVED, That a reduction of 25 per cent be made in the rent for one year.

7—Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Cheltenham District Nursing Association asking that they might be included in the list of Local Charities to whom a contribution would be made by the Cinemas in respect of Sunday opening. RESOLVED, That the Association be

informed that the Committee will give their application consideration when settling list of charities for next year.

8—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Cemetery and Crematorium Committee, That the services of Mr. T. H. K. Woolhouse be extended for one year from the 31st March, 1941.

9—Rent Restrictions Act—The Town Clerk reported Circular 2164 of 30th ult. from the Ministry of Health stating that representations had been made to the Minister that exorbitant charges are sometimes being demanded by way of rent with a result that persons whose homes have been destroyed or rendered unusable by enemy action have difficulty in obtaining accommodation, and that this circular had been considered by the Housing Committee and referred to this Committee for consideration. RESOLVED, That the Housing Committee be asked to undertake this work and to take the necessary appropriate action if any contraventions of the Act are reported.

10—Council Meeting, 9th November—RESOLVED, That the Council Meeting on the 9th November be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices.

it—Car Allowances for Officials—RESOLVED, That Councillors Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Readings and Rogers be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the car allowances made to the various officials of the Corporation, and that a Meeting be held on the 23rd inst. at 3 p.m.

12—Appointment of Committees for 1940-41—RESOLVED, That a Meeting of the Council in Committee be held at the conclusion of the Council Meeting on the 28th October to strike the Committees for the ensuing year.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th October, 1940. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Pates and Ward; Councillors Bush, Green, Grimwade and Readings; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor Grimwade in the chair),

1—Monthly Report of Chief Officer—The Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended 10 calls to fire, as follows :-----28th September, Refuse Tip, Hudson Street; 29th September, 109 Promenade; 30th September, 28 Bennington Street, and Whithorn Quarry, Charlton Kings; 3rd October, Rose and Crown Passage; 6th October, Greenway Lane, Charlton Kings; 7th October, 5 Lansdown Place; 8th October, 26 Imperial Square; 13th October, 124 Bath Road and "Strathmore," Sandford Mill Road.

2—Secondment of Chief Officer--The Chief Officer reported that on resuming his duties, he had found the efficiency of the Fire Brigade and Auxiliary Fire Service had reached a very high standard which was largely due to the efforts of the Second Officer (Mr. R. J. Cox), who had been ably assisted by the Third Officer (Mr. J. W. Hasted) and the A.F.S. Commandant (Mr. Cassini). He expressed his

appreciation to these officers for the valuable assistance given during his absence. RESOLVED, That the Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the efficient manner in which the Second Officer (Mr. R. J. Cox) carried out the duties of the Chief Officer during the time that the Chief Officer was seconded for work as Regional Fire Inspector.

3—Officers' Salaries—(a) The Committee considered the re-adjustment of the Officers' salaries consequent on the return of the Chief Officer. Prior to Mr. Jones being seconded for work at Bristol, the salaries were as follows :—

Chief Officer ...	£300.
Second Officer (Mr. R. J. Cox)...	£225.
Third Officer (Mr. J. W. Hasted)	£208.

On Mr. Jones' departure, the salaries were increased as follows :—

Second Officer (as Acting Chief Officer) £250, subsequently increased to 4300 with a further increment of £25 payable on the 1st May, 1941.

Third Officer (Acting Second Officer) increased to £225, and subsequently increased to £250.

RESOLVED, That the salaries of these Officers (excluding their emoluments) be fixed as from the 1st November as follows :--

Chief Officer	£350.	Second Officer	£275.	Third Officer	£225.
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RESOLVED, also, That the salary of the Senior Fireman, who had acted as Third Officer, remain as at present, namely £3 15s. 0d. a week plus 5s war bonus.

(b) Car Allowance—RESOLVED, That the payment of £60 per annum, car allowance, made to the Chief Officer be discontinued, but that, in future, he be paid a car allowance on a mileage basis to be determined by the Sub-Committee appointed at the last Meeting of the General Purposes Committee.

4—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be authorised to purchase 30 gallons of anti-freeze mixture for the A.F.S. pumps and vehicles in accordance with F.B. Circular 275/9/1.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted Circular No.133 re Waterproof Coats, and No. 131 re Deferment of Calling-up of Personnel. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Chief Officer for attention.

(c) Auxiliary Fire Service Station—Read, letter of 12th inst from the Home Office approving, for the purposes of grant, a rent of £10 2s. 3d. (including 2s 3d fire insurance premium) in respect of the garage at rear of 8 Lansdown Terrace, and £13 per annum in respect of the additional room at 98 Prestbury Road.

5-6 St. George's Terrace—The Town Clerk submitted contract for the purchase of this house for the Chief Officer's residence as authorised at the last Meeting of the Council. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to sign this on behalf of the Corporation subject to completion being fixed not later than the 1st November and vacant possession being given on completion.

RESOLVED, also, That on completion of the purchase, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the provision of a bathroom and repairs to roof, etc., at a cost of £24, also that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to supply the Chief Officer with painting materials for other approved decorations to be carried out by members of the Brigade.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th October, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; and Mr. Ball (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—(a) The Gardens Superintendent reported that Nos. 64 North Ward and 48 Asquith Road were uncultivated Nos. 54 North Ward and 12 Marle Hill were overgrown with weeds and No. 1 Tennyson Road was in bad condition, but there was a general improvement in the allotments, particularly in regard to the North Ward. The Town Clerk reported that the tenants of No. 64 North Ward and No. 12 Marle Hill had promised to put their allotments into good order. Nos. 54 North Ward and 48 Asquith Road had recently been re-let and the tenant of No. 1 Tennyson Road was giving up in March.

(b) The Gardens Superintendent also reported that during the month the uncultivated areas of land in Leckhampton Road, Old Bath Road and Prior's Road had been cleared of scrap, seeding weeds and rubbish

2—Orchard, rear of Orchard Terrace—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of this Orchard (Mr. F. Price) was willing to terminate his tenancy on the 25th December next. RESOLVED, That the land be plotted into 10 allotments and that the same be let to the tenants of the houses in Orchard Terrace, if required by them. RESOLVED, also, That the question of rent to be charged be adjourned to the next Meeting of this Committee.

3—Horticulture Committee—RESOLVED, That Councillor Bush be appointed an additional member of the Horticulture Committee

4—Baglin's Piece Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a complaint with regard to the hedge, but that this appeared to be the liability of the Lessor. RESOLVED, That the Lessor be asked to carry out the necessary repairs. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to carry out the work to the ditch on the westerly side in accordance with his report contained in Minute No 4 of this Committee on the 10th June last.

5—Additional Land—RESOLVED, That the undermentioned land be appropriated for allotments and let at the following rents

Situation	Area Square Yards	No. of Plots	Rent per 10 perch plot
1 ¼ acres Brooklyn Playing Field	6050	20	10s per annum
Land Junction of Whaddon Road and Prior's Road	2916	9	6 months rent free 10s per annum
Land Junction of Hewlett Road and Mersey Road	2500	8	do. do.
Land fronting Prior's Road between houses known as Battledown Close and Chawston	2200	7	do. do.
County Council land at Leckhampton	2000 approx.	6	12 months rent free 7s 6d per chain per annum
Two pieces of land on the Rainbow Estate	1910	5	6 months rent free 10s per annum
Land rear of Spencer Road	950	2	do. do.
Shop Site, Whaddon Road	340	1	do. do.
Land in Prior's Road	8300	22	do. do.
Land rear of Higgs Cottages	860	2	do. do.
Land rear of Orchard Terrace	2640	8	adjourned:.

RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be authorised to insert advertisements inviting applications for allotments.

6—Allotments Nos. 48 Asquith Road and 22 Marle Hill—RESOLVED, That the tenants of these allotments be allowed the use thereof for six months rent free in view of their bad condition.

7—Hedge, Gardeners Lane—It was reported that the hedge in Gardeners Lane adjoining the North Ward Allotments, required cutting back. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Elmfield Estate asking them to have this carried out, in view of the possible danger to traffic.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th October, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Food Production—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the sale of produce at the Market during September had realised £57 0s. 4d

2-Pittville Gardens---(a) Foreman's Removal Expenses—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the Corporation Lorry had removed the caretaker's furniture from the Pump Room to the Whaddon

Estate and the sum of 9s 2d had also been spent for the purchase of electric bulbs, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk include these items in the claim for compensation.

(b) Long Garden—Read, application of 1st inst. from Mrs. Warbury, of Wyddrington House, for permission to use a Kum-Bak tennis trainer in this garden during the winter months. RESOLVED, That the application be not acceded to, in view of the damage likely to be caused to the turf.

3—Gift of Iris Plants—The Gardens Superintendent reported that Maj.-Gen. C. H. Bowle-Evans had given a quantity of Iris plants for use in the Parks which had now been planted-in Hatherley Park. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Maj.-Gen. Bowie-Evans.

4—Whaddon Estate Playing Field—The Borough Surveyor reported that considerable difficulty was experienced in distinguishing between this Playing Field and the Whaddon Road Recreation Ground and suggested that the former might be named Clyde Playing Field. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting of this Committee.

5—Ornamental Railings at Entrance to Pittville Estate—The Borough Surveyor raised the question of the removal of railings for scrap at Pittville Gates which included the portion of ornamental cast iron work at the main entrance from Prestbury Road. The gates from each side had already been removed to give access to vehicular traffic, The centre is partly covered by a drinking trough and he considered that if the remainder of the railings were removed there would be a risk of vehicles colliding with the trough. He suggested three alternative methods of dealing with the trough, namely, complete removal ; or taking down and re-erecting near the kerb so as to be still available for horses on the road ; or painting the trough white. The removal would require the consent of the Donor and would involve a good deal of labour and the second suggestion would require more labour than could be supplied to do the work promptly if at all during war time and the third suggestion would be merely a palliative and no real safeguard. RESOLVED, That in the circumstances the railings and iron work at the main entrance be retained for the present,

6—Football and Hockey Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the undermentioned Clubs to play football or hockey on the various Recreation Grounds during the coming season :—

Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Hatherley Road	St. Stephen's Fellowship and Club	Alternate Saturdays.
St. Mark's ...	St. Stephen's Ladies' Hockey Club ...	Alternate Saturdays,
Naunton Park	3rd A.A. Brigade R.A.S.C. Rugby Club ...	Occasional Saturdays

RESOLVED, also, That the use of the Rugby pitch at Naunton Park be granted to any of the local Rugby Clubs who wish to play an occasional match during the coming season.

7—Car Allowance—The Committee considered application from the Gardens Superintendent for an increase in the Car allowance granted to him. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee, and that they be asked to appoint a Sub-Committee to review the car allowances made to the various officials, and that if the Sub-Committee agree to increase the allowance to the Gardens Superintendent this be made retrospective to the date of application.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 3rd October, 1940. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bush and Moore (Alderman Ward in the chair).

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

2—Condemned Houses—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had now issued a Circular authorising the Council to issue licences allowing the owners of houses in respect of which Demolition and Closing Orders had been made, to re-let the premises subject to these being made reasonably fit for habitation and to the rents not exceeding those authorised by the Rent Restrictions Act and being approved by the Council. The Circular would be considered by the Housing Committee at their next Meeting. RESOLVED, That, with a view to encouraging owners to spend the necessary money on carrying out the minimum repairs required, no rates be charged for the first six months, and that, if the licences are extended after the first six months, the owners be informed that the rates will be payable on the proper rateable value calculated on the rent charged. RESOLVED, also, That, where owners are not willing to apply for licences, the Housing Committee be recommended to suggest that the owners of any suitable houses should agree to these being taken over by the Corporation for repair and letting to homeless refugees for the duration of the war.

E. L. WARD, Chairman

[CONFIRMED BY TOWN COUNCIL 7TH OCTOBER, 1940].

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd October, 1940. Present—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 19th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £124,851 ; Leaving Outstanding £9,426.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 19th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended 30th September, 1940. Amount collected £25,734 ; Leaving Outstanding £841.

3—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 22nd inst. Present—Aldermen Taylor (in the chair), Pruen and Ward The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Superannuation—The Borough Treasurer reported that F. H. Ince, Water Inspector, died on the 14th instant. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to refund his contributions amounting to £107 9s. 0d., plus compound interest at 3 per cent amounting to £26 15s. 2d., to his legal representatives.

5—County of Gloucester Review Order—The Borough Treasurer reported that the County Finance Committee had agreed to recommend the County Council to accept the sum of £19,000 in settlement of the County Council's claim.

6—War Weapons Week—RESOLVED, That, in connection with the War Weapons Week, the Borough Treasurer be instructed to invest the sum of £5,000 of the Redemption Fund in War Stock,

7—Finance Department—(a) Rates Office—Read, application from Mr. H. V. Webb, Rate Collector, for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That he be placed on Grade H at a commencing salary of £268 per annum.

(b) RESOLVED, That the wages of Miss Eldon and Miss Boite, Billing-Machine Operators, be increased to £2 5s. 0d. per week.

8—Guarantee—The Town Clerk submitted application from Mr. B. T. B. 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 74 Cleevemount Road at £530. He submitted a report upon the financial and other circumstances of the applicant, and a Report by the Borough Surveyor upon the construction of the house RESOLVED, That the Council undertake to guarantee in pursuance of Section 91 of the Housing Act, 1936, the repayment of the proposed advance to the above applicant, such guarantee to be limited to the amounts between 66 per cent and 90 per cent of the value of the house, and the rate of interest to be charged in respect of the advance not to exceed 4 ½ per cent, subject to a satisfactory report being made by the Building Society's Surveyor, and subject also to the purchaser obtaining an undertaking from an approved person to see that the monthly payments are maintained in the event of the purchaser being called up ; and that the Common Seal be affixed to the formal Guarantee to be approved by the Town Clerk.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham,

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 4th November, 1940.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Annual Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, on SATURDAY the 9th day of November, 1940, 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 a Member of the Education Committee to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Mr. G. M. Locke.
8. To appoint eight Members of the Assessment Committee.
9. Communications by the Mayor.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

N.B.—Robes will be worn.

NOTE.—At the conclusion of the Council Meeting the Council will meet as the Local Pension Committee for the Borough. BUSINESS.

1. To read the Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. To appoint Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

To each Member of the Council.

PLEASE NOTE TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 28th October, 1940, at 3 p.m.

Present :

The Mayor (Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., J.P.) in the chair.

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, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Lipson, M.A., M.P., Moore, Morris, Readings, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies-Apologies for absence were received from The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Avery and Compton.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 7th October, 1940, 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 October 14

Housing ... Meeting held October 10

Street and Highway Meeting held October 21

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held October 21

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Town Planning Meetings held October 10 & 17

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held October 18

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held October 16

RESOLVED, also, That the Common Seal be affixed to Agreement with L.M.S. Railway Co. for laying cable across Railway at Bishop's Cleeve, south of Railway near Bishop's Cleeve Station.

Water.. Meeting held October 15

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held October 15

RESOLVED, also, on the recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, That the Council consent to W. Garside (Gardener) enlisting in H.M. Forces.

Fire Brigade Meeting held October 17

Allotments . Meeting held October 14

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held October 14

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Fisher "That Minute No. 9 be amended to read ' That the gates be removed and a metal bar with reflector in it be substituted therefor ' " was lost).

Finance Meeting held October 3

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

3—Vacancies on Committees—RESOLVED, That consideration of filling the vacancy on the Education Committee caused by expiration of term of office of Mr. G. M. Locke be adjourned to the next Meeting.

JNO. HOWELL, Mayor.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 30th, November, 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 December, 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 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 and to authorise applications for Consents to Loans in respect of (a) the purchase of properties under the Pittville Street Compulsory Purchase Order ;

(b) excess expenditure on laying of main from Churchdown to Hewletts ; and

(c) excess expenditure on construction of School trenches.

4. EDUCATION COMMITTEE—To appoint a person acquainted with the needs of the various kinds of Schools to fill vacancy formerly held by the late Mr. A. C. White and to appoint a representative of the Grammar School to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Mrs. I. James.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council. [PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING.]

Town Clerk.

Sir,

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st February, 1940.

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 5th day of February, 1940, 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 Labour Sub-Committee. MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE and to consider recommendation in regard to the staffing of the Entertainments Manager's Office. 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 RATING COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. STANSBY'S CHARITY-To appoint a representative Trustee of the Stansby's Charity to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham.

5. The Deputy Mayor to Move in accordance with notice duly given :—"That this Council make application to be affiliated to the West Midland Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers)."

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council. [PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING.]

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 29th February, 1940.

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 March, 1940, 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 approve terms for purchase of Messrs. Stead & Simpson's property.

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. The Deputy Mayor to Move in accordance with notice duly given :— " That this Council make application to be affiliated to the West Midland Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers)."

5. To appoint two representatives on the Lord Lieutenant's Comforts Fund Sale Committee.

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 28th March, 1940.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 1st day of April, 1940, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To make a General Rate for the ensuing year.
4. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :--

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY 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 CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town, Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

Sir,

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 27th June, 1940.

You, are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 1st day of July, 1940, 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 FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. To fill vacancies on the following Committees :—Public Health, Town Improvement and Spa, Electricity and Lighting and Rating.
5. To appoint a representative Trustee of Delancey Hospital to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham.
6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town, Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 25th July, 1940.

Sir,

You, are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 29th day of July, 1940, 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 „ RAILINGS COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH

COMMITTEE and to consider offer of G. A. Price to catch rabbits, Leckhampton Hill. FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE • ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE • PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE • RATING COMMITTEE • FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. To appoint Food Control Committee for the Borough for a further period of 12 months.
5. To make Byelaws re Good Rule and Government in connection with Schools.
6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.
7. NOTICE OF MOTION—Councillor Grimwade to move "That no war bonus or wages increase attributed to the increase cost of living be paid to any employee of the Corporation or Education Committee who is an avowed Conscientious Objector."
8. CINEMAS—To consider making Order permitting opening of Cinemas on Sundays if Certificate is received from a Competent Military Authority that it is expedient to do so.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd October, 1940.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 7th day of October, 1940, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Meetings.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE LABOUR SUB-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 as a Member of the Education Committee a person suitable for and likely to be of assistance to the Committee to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Mr. G. M. Locke.

5. To fill vacancies on following Committees caused by death of Councillor Fletcher :—Street and Highway : Town Improvement and Spa ; Cemetery and Crematorium ; Public Library ; Art Gallery ; Education.

6. To fill vacancy on Housing Committee caused by resignation of Councillor Bettridge.

7. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.