

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Statutory Annual Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Saturday, 9th November, 1940, at 12 noon. Present :

Alderman P. P. Taylor in the chair.

Aldermen Pates, Pruen, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, 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., Moore, Morris, Readings, Rogers and Smith.

Apologies--Apologies for absence were received from The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Leigh James and Margrett, Councillors Barnett, Bettridge and Till.

1—Election of Mayor—RESOLVED, That Councillor John Howell, F.R.C.S., C.B.E., 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 Trye, 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 28th 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.

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4--Appointment and Duties of Committees —RESOLVED, That the Members of the Council as set out in the following List. of Committees do form the Committees respectively appearing for the ensuing year to carry out the duties assigned to each Committee as set out in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 9th November, 1939 :—

Public Health Committee—Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Hayward, Moore, Morris, Rogers and Waite.

Housing Committee—Alderman Pates; Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Hayward, Lipson, Moore, Morris and Till.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—L-The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James and Winterbotham; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Hayward, Garland, Grimwade and Lipson ; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Lewis Grist, Mrs. W. L. Mellersh, Miss Ratcliffe, Miss "Pinson and Mrs. Wood.

Street and Highway Committee—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates, Ward and Winterbotham; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Morris, Readings, Rogers and Till.

Town Planning Committee—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Taylor, Ward and Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore and Waite.

Town Improvement and Spa Committee—The Mayor ; Aldermen Pates and Ward ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Readings, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Electricity and Lighting Committee—Aldermen Leigh James and Taylor ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Biggs, Grimwade, Moore, Readings, Rogers and Waite.

Water Committee—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Pates and Ward ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Hayward, Moore and Morris.

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

Fire Brigade Committee—Aldermen Pates and Ward; Councillors Bush, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Readings and Till.

Parks and Recreation Grounds Committee—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith.

Allotments Committee—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith; Messrs. A. Ball and E. M. Yeend (representing the interests of occupiers of allotments). 2 vacancies.

Rating. Committee—Aldermen Taylor and Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Biggs, Bush, Moore and Smith.

Cemetery and Crematorium Committee—Councillors Avery, Bendall, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Moore, Readings and Rogers.

Finance Committee—The Deputy Mayor Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen, Taylor and Ward ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite.

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Public Library Committee—The Mayor ; Councillors Bendall, Bush, Compton, Garland, Grimwade, Lipson and Readings ; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, H. J. Norris, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh. Art Gallery and Museum Committee—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, Trye and Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Bendall and Rogers ; Major J. G. N. Clift ; Dr. R. Davies ; and Mr. C. R. Mapp.

Emergency Committee—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Councillor Grimwade (Sub-Controller), and Alderman Winterbotham (until the Deputy Mayor is able to resume his work). Education Committee—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, Taylor and

Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Garland, Grimwade, Lipson, Moore, Morris and Readings. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. G. M. Locke be re-appointed as a Member of the Education Committee as a person suitable for and likely to be of assistance to the Committee, for a further term of three years expiring on the 4th October, 1943.

5—**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, and that the following persons be nominated to serve on the Committee :—Mrs. E. Garland, Mr. S. J. Clarke, Rev. Barbara Thomas and Major Brooke-Murray.

6—**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.

7—**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.

8—**Assessment Committee**—RESOLVED, That the following Members of the Council be appointed Members of the Cheltenham Area Assessment Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Bendall, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Green, Rogers, Till and Waite.

9—Gift of Candelabra—The Mayor presented to the town, on behalf of the Mayoress and himself, a set of Silver Candelabra. RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Council be given to the Mayor and the Mayoress (Mrs. Stewart Billings) for their generous gift to the town.

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 Tuesday, 19th November, 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, Pates, Paten, Taylor, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Morris, Readings, Smith and Waite.

Apologies-Apologies for absence were received from The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Fisher, Lipson and Till.

1—Proceedings of Committee—RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee at their Meetings held on the 5th and 7th November be approved and confirmed subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Clara Winterbotham and seconded by Councillor the Rev. de Courcy Ireland " That no child under the age of 16 be admitted to the Sunday performances

of Cinemas whether accompanied by an Adult or not and that Minute No. 3 of the Meetings of the Committee be varied accordingly."

JNO. HOWELL,

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 2nd December, 1940.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of the Public Health Committee held on Thursday, 7th November, 1940.

Present—Alderman Pruen : Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Morris (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Health Department—District Sanitary Inspector—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that seven applications had been received for the appointment of temporary District Sanitary Inspector and that four had been invited to attend for interview by the Committee.

The Committee interviewed Mr. H. Stone, at present temporary Sanitary Inspector of the Chislehurst and Sidcup Urban District Council. RESOLVED, That Mr. H. Stone be appointed temporary District Sanitary Inspector at the salary advertised, namely £275 per annum rising by two annual increments of £12 10s. 0d. to £300 per annum, subject to his passing a medical examination for the purpose of the Superannuation Scheme, the appointment to be subject to the provisions of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Order and to the approval of the Ministry of Health and to be determinable by either party at any time by one month's notice in writing. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for approval of the appointment.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th November, 1940. Present—Alderman Winterbotham Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr, Hayward, Moore, Morris. Rogers and Waite (Councillor Morris in the chair),

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

3—**Flooding Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Councillors Garland, Moore, Morris and Wait, be appointed the Flooding Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—**Farms and Abattoir Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That Alderman Leigh James and Councillors 1;at nett, Hayward. Moore and Rogers be appointed the Farms and Abattoir Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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

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6—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc,—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 qrs. 25 lbs. Mutton ; 26 lbs. Livers ; 7 lbs. Fowls ; 7 lbs. Rabbits ; 18 lbs. Brawn ; 3 qrs. 4 lbs. Eggs ; 160 tins, cartons, etc. Fruit, Vegetables, etc.

7—Camping Site—The Town Clerk submitted applications from Mr. C. C. Comely of Harthurstfield Farm, Gloucester Road and Mr. F. A. Tovey of Malvern Inn for renewal of the licences granted to them under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, in respect of the Camping Sites provided by them at their respective premises. RESOLVED, That licences be granted for the period ending the 31st October, 1941, on the same conditions as were contained in the previous licences.

8—Food and Drugs Act, 1938—(a) The Town Clerk submitted the Quarterly Report of the Public Analyst for the period ended on the 30th September last.

(b) The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted report of the Public Analyst on six samples of milk, Nod. 106-111 which were all satisfactory.

9—Pasteurised Milk—The Medical Officer of Health reported in regard to analyses of Pasteurised Milk supplied by two firms. One of these samples was not wholly satisfactory and he was taking up the matter with the firm concerned.

10—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that No. 13 Grosvenor Street, in respect of which a Demolition Order had been made, had been let by the owner to refugees from London without the consent of this Committee The owner had carried out certain repairs to render the premises reasonably fit for habitation for a temporary period RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owner informing him that he has committed an offence in letting these premises without first obtaining a Licence from the Council and to ask for an assurance that this will not occur again. RESOLVED, also, That a licence be issued authorising the re-occupation of the house for a period of five months expiring on the 11th April, 1941.

(b) The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that there were a number of basements in the town which had been closed which might in the present emergency be licensed for occupation for temporary periods. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Ministry of Health asking if the recent Circular No. 2156 authorising the re-occupation of houses in respect of which Demolition and Clearance Orders had been made, could be made applicable to parts of buildings closed under the Housing Act, but he had not yet received a reply. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned until the next Meeting of the Committee.

11—Nuisances from Drains, etc.—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to 22 Edward Street and 39 Prestbury Road and found that they were in such a condition as to be prejudicial to health or 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 up the ground.

12—Rats and Mice Destruction Act—(a) The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted report of nuisances caused by infestation by rats at Pittville Gardens, Regent Street, Oxford Passage and Folly Lane, RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to consider and report as to what steps can be taken to prevent this nuisance

(b) The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported the nuisance caused by infestation of rats at the old stables and plot of land off Commercial Street, Kingshead Gardens, and 425 and 425a High Street. RESOLVED, That Statutory Notices under the Act be served on the occupiers requiring them to take the necessary steps under the Act for the eradication of the rats.

13—Montpellier Rotunda—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted his report On the examination of the drainage at Mont6-pellier Rotunda The drainage generally was in a satisfactory working condition RESOLVED, That no action be taken, but that the report be further considered when the Corporation are able to resume possession of the building.

14—Barn Farm—Supply of Sewage—The Farms Sub-Committee reported their inspection of the land adjoining this Farm belonging to Mr. Merrett. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor he instructed to supply Mr. Merrett with sewage only when the quantity is in excess of that which is required for the Barn Farm and that no formal agreement be entered into with Mr. Merrett for the supply of sewage.

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15—Sewage Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 6th and 7th inst. a discharge of very objectionable oily and tarry material reached the sewage works, and it appeared that this originated from the Cheltenham Gas Works. A sample was at once collected and despatched to the chemist for analysis, He had approached the Gas Company and had been informed that owing to the fracture of a carrier the works became flooded with this liquid which found its way into a service drain and thence to the sewer, The Borough Surveyor regarded this as a serious matter as it might even yet result in the efficiency of the percolating filters being destroyed. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Gas Company informing them that the Council must hold them responsible for any damage which may arise and ask them what steps the Company propose to take to prevent a recurrence thereof.

NOTE-Since the Meeting of the Committee the report of the Chemist on the analysis of the sample has been received. The analysis showed that the sample was not gas liquor but was a dark oily liquid and shown to be a tar product from the distillation of coal.

16—Montpellier Conveniences—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the National Union of General & Municipal Workers for J. Tucker who voluntarily left the Council's employ to be paid standard wages and overtime rates from the 20th June, the date of the Council's affiliation to the Western J.I.C., to the 18th September when he left the Council's employ. RESOLVED, That, having regard to the fact that the present wage of 55s was not authorised by the Council until their Meeting on the 7th October, the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

17—Albion Street Sewer--The Borough Surveyor reported that a collapse of this sewer had occurred in Albion Street, near the junction with Grosvenor Place South, and he was taking the necessary steps to repair the damage.

18—Interchange of Technical Officers—Read, circular of 6th inst. from Sir Frederick Cripps, the County Controller, asking if the Council could see its way to undertake the loan of Sanitary Inspectors etc. to help any district in the County which may be temporarily heavily pressed on account of air raid damage. RESOLVED, That the County Controller be informed that owing to the shortage of staff in the Sanitary Department and the greatly increased population in the town and the extra work of meat inspection necessitated at the Abattoir, the Committee do not think there is any likelihood of the Corporation being able to lend any help.

19—Prestbury Sewerage—RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Alderman Pruen and Councillors Moore and Waite be appointed to meet representatives of the Cheltenham Rural District Council in regard to the claim made by the District Council in respect of the sewers in the areas added to the Borough and to discuss with them the proposals of the Borough Engineer in regard to taking the sewage of these areas into the Borough sewerage system

S. C. MORRIS,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th November, 1940. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Hayward 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, Hush, Compton, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Moore and Morris.

4—Arrears—The Housing Manager submitted her Monthly Report on the collection of rents.

5—Fowls—The Housing Manager reported that a number of the tenants were keeping cockerels in contravention of the condition laid down by the Committee that in keeping fowls, cockerels should not be kept. RESOLVED, That such tenants be informed that no cockerels must be kept after Christmas. RESOLVED, also, That a Sub-Committee consisting of Alderman Pates, Councillors Addis and Morris be appointed to inspect a number of fowl-houses erected by tenants which the Housing Manager reported were unsightly, delapidated and so constructed as to be likely to cause a nuisance and bring rats on to the premises.

6—Repairs Superintendent—Read, Monthly Report of the Repairs Superintendent. Roofing Tiles—The stock of tiles at the Depot was now exhausted. RESOLVED, That the stock of 700 second-hand tiles, offered by Mr- H. Cock of Hester's Way for £5 he purchased.

7—Housing Manager's Department—Read, letters from Mrs. K. Knight and Miss N. Veater resigning their appointments as Assistants in the Housing Office on the 7th and 30th November respectively. RESOLVED, That advertisements be published inviting applications for the appointments on the same salaries and terms as the present appointments, and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to consider the applications and make the appointments.

8—Land, Orchard Terrace—RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Addis and Morris be appointed to inspect this land and to consider the proposal that a portion of this should be continued to be used for lock-up garages as at present.

9—Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Selection of Tenants and Repairs Sub-Committee of their Meeting held on the 24th October and 8th November.

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, pending the appointment of a successor to Miss Veator who had resigned her appointment, Miss Watson, formerly student in the Department, be re-engaged temporarily at a salary of 25s per week.

(c) 31 Wordsworth Avenue—That the application of the tenant of this house for the erection of double gates to make an entrance for his motor-cycle and sidecar be granted.

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, 18th November, 1940. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham Councillors Addis, Green, Grimwade, Morris and Readings (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

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

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

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

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

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

6—Salvage of Waste—The Borough Surveyor reported that the following had been salvaged during the months of September and October (the amounts salvaged during the previous month are shown in brackets)

	Sept.	Oct.
	Tons.	Tons.
Paper ...	42 ½	(49 ½)
Metals	127 Salvage week	(71)
Rags, sacks, etc.	2 ½	(3 ½)
Bones ...	2	(3)
Pig Food	50	(70 ½)

7—Superannuation—The Borough Surveyor reported that J. F. Cleary, Sweeper, and R. W. Cottrell, Plumber's mate, had been certified by their Doctors as unfit to continue work. They had each worked for the Corporation for about 40 years. He also reported that A. Richards, Sweeper, would attain the age of 65 on the 21st inst., and did not wish his engagement to be extended. He had worked for the Corporation for 47 years. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to convey to these men the Committee's appreciation of their long and faithful service, and, in the case of the first two named, the Committee's regret at their ill-health.

8—Hatherley Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted complaints from Aircraft Components Ltd., of the condition of this lane. He had informed the Company that he had given instructions for the pot-holes to be repaired, but that it was not possible to carry out repairs of an extensive character at the present time.

9—Refuse Collection—(a) Brooklyn Road Tip—The Borough Surveyor recommended that he be authorised to proceed with tipping on this tip in the former position as with the present weather it was much easier to effectively cover the tip, whereas if he continued tipping in the present position all the winter, this would involve having to revert to the former position in the summer when conditions for covering up the refuse would not be so favourable. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted.

(b) Transport—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was necessary to purchase an additional refuse collecting vehicle in order to cope with the large increase in the amount of refuse to be collected. The weight of the refuse at present collected, after all salvage had been excluded, was still equivalent to the whole of the refuse collected a year ago before any salvage work was commenced. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to invite tenders for the purchase of a suitable vehicle to be paid for out of the Stores and Plant Account and that the Council be recommended to

authorise Alderman Ward, Councillors Grimwade and Readings to consider the tenders and accept the most favourable.

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported that, notwithstanding several appeals, a number of shopkeepers and others were still continuing the objectionable practice of sweeping dust, etc. from their premises into the street channels. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to these persons requiring them to discontinue this practice.

10—Wages—The Borough Surveyor reported that notification had been received of a wage increase for building trade craftsmen from 1s 8d. to 1s 8½ d. per hour and for labourers from 1s 3½ d. to 1s 4d. per hour as from the 1st December. This increase would be applied to such of the Corporation employees as come within this classification as previously decided by the Council.

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11—Seat, Leckhampton Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. R. R. Lewis for removal of a seat from Leckhampton Road opposite Piney Lane owing to the nuisance caused by persons using the same. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to remove this to another position, where the same objection is not likely to apply.

12—Pittville Street Scheme—Shed rear of 9 Pittville Street—RESOLVED, That the offer of Central Radio Company, tenants of 9 Pittville Street, to rent the shed at the rear at a rent of 2s 6d. a week, be accepted.

13—Omnibus Service—The Committee considered the suggestion that passenger queues should be provided at the more important Omnibus Stops. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to ask the local Omnibus Company to provide the usual tube rail barriers at the bus places at North Place, High Street and Clarence Street.

14—Halt Sign—junction Gloucester Road and Libertus Road—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. R. A. Phillips had asked that the Committee should re-consider placing a "Halt" sign at this junction or, in the alternative, should have the word " Slow " painted on the carriage-ways. RESOLVED, That this Committee are unable to adopt this suggestion.

15—Telegraph Lines—(a) The Town Clerk reported that the Vice-Chairman had given consent to the Post Office placing an overhead telegraph line along a portion of Gloucester Road near Arle Bridge subject to the poles being placed close up to the boundary of the highway and to the other usual conditions. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office for permission to lay a telegraph line under the footpath in the Promenade from Crescent Terrace to the Post Office be granted subject to the usual conditions and to the re-instatement of the footpath, etc., being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

16—National Safety First Association—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the National Safety First Association thanking the Committee for their promise of co-operation in connection with the special local Autumn Safety First Campaign, and giving details of the proposed programme. RESOLVED, That the Council agree to bear the cost of posting an additional five sets of the campaign posters, also for

the hire of a loud speaker van and of the cost of making cinema slides, and for an advertisement in the " Echo."

17—Prestbury Road Traffic Island—Read, report of damage on the 24th ult. to this island by a motor-car belonging to Messrs. Challis & Sheppard. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage amounting to £11 2s. 11d.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th November, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Grimwade (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

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

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th November, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Ward ; and Councillor Rendall (The Mayor in the chair).

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

JNO. HOWELL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st November, 1940. Present—Alderman E. L. Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall, Moore and Waite ; the Rev, E. C. Hanson (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.
5389	Folland Aircraft Ltd.	A.R.P. Shelter and Sanitary Wing, 14/22 Bath Road.
5390	Jackson, A.	Glass lean-to at rear 1 Cleevemount Road.
5391	Kerslake, A. G.	Garage, 233 Hatherley Road.
5392	Ann Graham	New shop front, 103/4 High Street.
5393	Cheltenham & District Gas Co., Ltd.	Gas booster house, Church Road, St. Mark's.
5394	Young, G. A.	Garage, 87 Welland Lodge Road.

5395	H.M. Office of Works	Alterations to garage, Swindon Road.
5396	Maxwell. W. J.	Garage, 9 Tanners Road
5397	Elliott Bros.	Extensions to Garage, Victoria Cricket Ground
5398	Broom, D. R. B.	Garage, Tresco, Hewlett Road,

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5389, 5390, 5391, 3592, 5394, 5393, 5396, 5397 and 5398 be approved ; That Plan No. 5393 be approved subject to the roof water being carried to a soak away fifteen feet from the building.

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

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5389, 5390, 5391, 5393, 5394, 5395, 5396, 5397 and 5398 be approved ; That Plan No. 5392 be approved subject to the lettering and base on the fascia being in bronze and the door at the side entrance being finished brush grained oak colour.

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.
1663	Thurston, Miss U.	Garage, Broseley, Alma Road.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 1663 be approved.

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4—Applications to Develop--(a) Ash Priors, Pittville Circus—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 15th inst. from the Medical Officer of Health that it had become necessary to re-register Ash Priors as a Nursing Home. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to no nuisance being caused to owners of other properties in the vicinity and to the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee being satisfied that the property is suitable for a Nursing Home.

(b) 2 Kensington Villa, St, George's Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 12th inst. from the Medical Officer of Health that Nurse Haywood had asked for 2 Kensington Villa to be registered as a Nursing Home. RESOLVED, That the application be granted, so far as this Committee is concerned, subject to no nuisance being caused to persons living in the vicinity and to the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee being satisfied that the property is suitable for a Nursing Home.

(c) Stoney Cockbury, near Winchcomb—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 18th inst. from Messrs. Reynolds, Sons & Gorst asking whether the user of the property as offices would be permissible. RESOLVED, That permission be granted to use the property as offices for the period of the War only provided it does not interfere with the use of the farm lands for agricultural purposes.

(d) Stabling behind Wyddrington, Pittville Lawn—The Town Clerk reported that Avery's Automobiles Ltd. had purchased the stabling behind Wyddrington for the storage of motor cycles and washing cars. RESOLVED, That the change of user of the premises be approved for the period of the war only, and subject to the necessary drainage being provided for the washing of cars.

5—Development, Cleeve Grange, Bishop's Cleeve—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 1st inst. from the Air Ministry confirming arrangements for roads on the housing estate to be constructed to a modified standard and maintained by them and that after the War the question of making up the through road to County standards should be considered in the light of conditions then existing, also that there was no intention of leaving the temporary buildings on the camp site after the War.

6—Landour, Hewlett Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 23rd ult. from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green that allegations had been made against their client, Mr. W. Bullingham that he had erected sheds at Landour for his business of builder and decorator. He reported that a shed had been erected for the storage of builders plant, also that Mr. Bullingham was using the premises for business purposes without the consent of the Council, despite the fact that he had previously been told that it was necessary to obtain this. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green and inform them that the shed is an erection within the meaning of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, and that the consent of the Council was therefore necessary for its erection ; also, that it is a contravention of the Town Planning Scheme to change the user of any premises without the consent of the Council.

7—Town Planning Schemes Nos. 1 and 2—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for an extension of the period for the preparation of these Schemes up to the 31st December, 1941.

8—Economy in Cement and Clay Bricks—The Town Clerk submitted memorandum from the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research on measures for securing economy in use of cement and clay bricks.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th November, 1940. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Rev. Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade and Readings (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

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

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Town Hall on Friday, 22nd November, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Capt. Avery, Barnett, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Readings and Waite ; Messrs. R. B. Seaton and D. V. Davies (Councillor Waite in the chair).

2—**Sub-Committees**—(a) **Entertainments**—RESOLVED, That the Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Bush, Green, Grimwade, Readings and Waite be appointed the Entertainments Sub-Committee for the ensuing year, and that in future Meetings be held at 11 a.m. instead of 10.30 a.m.

(b) **Baths**—RESOLVED, That the Mayor ; Alderman Ward ; Councillors Grimwade, Rogers, Smith and Waite be appointed the Baths Sub-Committee for the ensuing year, and that the Cheltenham Swimming Club be asked to nominate two members to serve on this Sub-Committee.

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

(d) **Advertising**—RESOLVED, That Councillors Bush, Green, Grimwade and Readings 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 Alderman Pates and Councillor Green.

Alstone Baths Councillors Grimwade and Smith.

4—**Entertainments Sub-Committee**—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 22nd October, 5th and 19th November.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) **Sunday Concerts**—That 250 seats be set aside to members of H.M. Forces at a charge of 3d.

(b) **Conference**—That the application of the Institute of Journalists for accommodation for their Annual Conference on the 16th and 17th November be not granted in view of the difficulty of securing hotel, etc. accommodation.

(c) **Chamber of Commerce**—That the free use of the Pillar Room be granted for the Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on the 12th November when Sir Noel Curtis Bennett would be the speaker.

(d) **Special Attractions**—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to make arrangements on sharing terms for special attractions and to report to the Sub-Committee on his proposals.

(e) **Innsworth Dance**—That a Dance be promoted by the Corporation for men at Innsworth Camp, the men to pay 1s 6d for admission and ladies 2s.

(f) **Staff**—That Mr. Cosgrove be engaged as a relief at the Town Hall on one night a week when necessary, on the same terms as last year

(g) Spotlights—That two 2,000 watt Spotlight Projectors be purchased at an approximate cost of £24.

(h) Russian Ballet—The Entertainments Manager reported that the total receipts for the Russian Ballet amounted to £566 6s. 9d., which yielded a profit to the Corporation of approximately £180.

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(i) Special Attractions—That the following special attractions be approved :—

Polish Festival Concert-28th November, the Corporation to receive 40 per cent of the nett takings.

Henry Hall's Guest Night Christmas Broadcast-23rd December, the Corporation to receive 30 per cent of the nett takings.

Drury and Raymond Dance-27th November, the Corporation to receive 60 per cent of the nett takings.

(j) Boxing—That the application for the promotion of a Boxing Tournament at the Town Hall in co-operation with Mr. Harry Lavine, Boxing Promoter, be not entertained.

(k) Municipal Dances—That the charge for Municipal Dances be increased from 3s 6d. to 4s during the Christmas and New Year period.

(l) Small Meetings—That applications for booking the Drawing Room and Pillar Room for small Meetings which interfere with 'the use of the main Hall for the entertainment of large numbers, be refused in future.

(m) Afternoon Attractions—That the proposals of the Entertainments Manager for the booking of London attractions for Matinees at the Town Hall and possibly one or two evenings, including Plays by Shaw, Ibsen, Shakespeare, etc., and London Plays by well-known artists be approved, and that the first attraction, the play " Berkeley Square," with Jean Forbes Robertson for week commencing 9th December be approved, the Corporation to receive 40 per cent of the nett takings and to guarantee the Company £200.

(n) Christmas Relief Fund—That the free use of the Town Hall be granted on an evening to be arranged for a Concert in aid of the Christmas Relief Fund.

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

5—Town Hall---(a) Fire Watchers Order—The Committee considered the question of providing a Fire Watcher for the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That the Fire Brigade be asked to provide a fireman to be on duty at the Town Hall on the occasion of all evening lettings. and that the Chairman be authorised to engage a suitable person to act as Fire Watcher at a wage of £3 per week, to patrol the building through-out the night.

(b) Christmas Day—That the large Hall be let to the Officers of the South Lancashire Regiment for a few hours on Christmas afternoon for a dinner to be given by the Officers to the men of this Regiment and that they be charged the sum of £5 for the use of the Hall and £2 for the use of the kitchen.

(c) Read, application from the Council of Federated Youth Organisations for the free use of the Town Hall on the 30th December from 6 to 10 p.m. for a Christmas Party for the boys, girls and youth of the town. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

6—Medical Baths—(a) The monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted, The receipts for October totalled £111 12s. 6d. as compared with £87 0s. 0d. in October last year.

(b) Mrs Hudson—The Committee considered application from Mrs. Hudson to be paid a salary The Superintendent reported that Mrs. Hudson's duties had increased very considerably during the last twelve months and he would not be able to continue without her assistance. RESOLVED, That Mrs. Hudson be paid a salary of £1 a week.

7—Montpellier Pavilion—The Town Clerk reported that these premises had now been requisitioned. RESOLVED, That an inclusive rent at the rate of £260 per annum be claimed in respect thereof.

8—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk reported that these premises and a portion of the grounds had now been requisitioned. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to make a claim for rent at the rate of £600 per annum including rates and loss of parking fees, subject also to the requisitioning authority taking over the Corporation's liability under the Contract for demolition.

9—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported as to the heating of Alstone Baths (large Bath). RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to undertake a scheme of heating at the present time, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to take up the matter with the military to see if they can assist. RESOLVED, also, That the Education Committee be asked to reconsider giving up the School Bath for the winter to enable this to be used as a washing bath for troops.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th November, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Bendall, Grimwade and Readings (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

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

H. C. GRIMWADE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th November, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Avery, Grimwade, Moore and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

2—District Joint Industrial Council No. 6—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a number of matters were considered by the Negotiating Committee of the National Joint Industrial Council in York on the 17th October last when the decisions affecting Cheltenham were as follows

(a) Shift Work- Transfer from Day Work—Consideration adjourned, in view of a proposal to make a general enquiry into the relationship of day and shift workers' rates as affecting all Districts.

(b) Claim for Re-Zoning Cheltenham from Zone C to Zone B—Claim not established. Cheltenham remains in Zone C.

(c) Mechanical Fitters—Claim for Increased Rate of 4d. per hour—Claim not allowed.

3—Public Lighting—Painting—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that many of the white bands painted on the lamp-posts were now dirty and defaced. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to re-paint such lamp standards as he considers necessary.

4—Electricity Charges—Restricted-hour Supplies—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that owing to the extension of summer-time throughout the Winter, it was probable that the maximum load of the Undertaking would be experienced during the morning instead of the evening as hitherto. He therefore recommended that the hours of restriction of the restricted-hour supply shall be from 7.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 4.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. G.M.T. (8.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. B.S.T.), instead of as at present from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Workmen's Hours—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that owing to the extension of summer-time, it would be necessary to change the starting and stopping hours of the workmen and, after consultation with the Borough Engineer, he had arranged that the men should work from 8 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. with one hour for dinner, except casual labourers and regular men on cable laying and jointing (where possible), who worked from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with half-an-hour for dinner. On Saturdays all men would work from 8 a.m. till 12 30 p.m.

6—District Joint Board and District Joint Committee—RESOLVED, That Councillor Waite be appointed the Council's representative on No. 6 District Joint Board and District joint Committee for the year ending 31st December.

7—Electric Kettles—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it was now impossible to purchase aluminium electric kettles and the copper electric kettles, when obtainable, were more expensive than hitherto. RESOLVED, That the free issue of a kettle with each hired electric cooker be withdrawn for the present.

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8—Water Heaters—RESOLVED, That, in view of the increased cost of purchasing water heaters, the increased cost of labour, and, latterly, the purchase tax, the quarterly charges for hire of water heaters be revised as follows

	Present Charge.	New Charge.
1 ½ gallons capacity	3s	4s 6d
5	4s	6s
12	5s	7s 6d
20	7s 6d	11s
	Pressure type.	
20	7s 6d	11s
	Cistern type.	
12	7s 6d	11s
20	10s	14s

9—Refrigerator—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase a Refrigerator and that this be hired to the A.R.P. Control Centre at a charge of 6s a month.

10—Lighting of Factories—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that an Order would shortly be issued defining the Home Office requirements respecting the standard of general and local illumination in factories under Section 5 of the Factories Act, 1937. A new organisation had therefore been set up by the makers of electric lamps, fittings and cables, Contractors' Associations, the I.M.E.A., and the Association of Electric Power Companies, to organise the National Industrial Electric Lighting Service to advise Factory Executives on the best and most economical way of complying with the Act and proposed new Regulations. The Borough Electrical Engineer had arranged with the local Electrical Contractors to assist them when they are called in to report and advise on factory lighting questions in respect of which no charge would be made. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of this proposal

11 —Damage to Lamp Standards—Read, report of damage to lamp standards as follows :—

8th November--Junction of Exmouth Street and Naunton Crescent by an Army lorry.

12th November--Lane rear of Montpellier Terrace—owner of vehicle not yet ascertained

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make claims against the persons responsible for the damage-amounting to £7 19s. 6d and £5 17s. 9d. respectively.

12—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report of the Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 30th September which showed the average calorific value to be 472.0 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Retorts—Read, Reports of gas tests made on the 21st, 28th and 30th ult. and 7th, 11th, 18th and 24th inst., which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 478.6, 482.4, 475.5, 460.1, 464.8, 467.6 and 468.9 B.Th.U. per cubic foot respectively and the pressure to be 8.5, 8.0, 5.8, 8.5, 8.9 and 8.5 inches of water respectively

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th November, 1940. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Morris (Alderman Ward in the chair).

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

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st October, 1940.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	60,000 gallons	72,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	191,000 "	363,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	11,000	16,000 "
	262,000	451,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 36,464,000 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—Supply to Gloucester—The Borough Engineer submitted report as to the quantity of water supplied to Gloucester during the quarter ended 30th September, 1940. About 44 1/3rd million gallons were pumped by the steam plant for which the charge already in force would be payable. In addition, 76,592,000 gallons were pumped to Churchdown for Gloucester by the temporary electrical pumping unit installed by the Gloucester Corporation and in respect of which it was agreed to charge a sum to cover filtration and works costs. As it was not possible to obtain the final figures in respect of this portion of the account before the end of the financial year, the Borough Engineer recommended that a provisional charge of 3d. per 1,000 gallons should be made and arrangements also made for an adjustment after the end of the financial year. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—A.R.P.—RESOLVED, That this Committee approve of the proposal of the public Undertakings in the area to form a pool of stocks which would be available by any Undertaking not holding sufficient stock in the event of damage to their mains and plant by enemy action, and also to the proposals that a pool of labour should be formed with a view to helping the Authority which is unfortunate enough to sustain such damage.

7—Tewkesbury Waterworks—The Borough Engineer reported in regard to the Pump Attendant at these Works in the employ of the Gloucester Corporation. He recommended that such men should be under his control and on the Corporation wages list which would give the Station Superintendent

the necessary authority in dealing with the men. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be adopted and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to arrange this with the City Engineer of Gloucester accordingly.

8—Supply to Tewkesbury—Under Section 73 of the Joint Water Board the Corporation were entitled to tap a rising main at Tewkesbury to supply the Borough of Tewkesbury and surrounding areas, The Borough Engineer now submitted scheme in outline which would make this possible and, when the opportunity occurred, the Borough Engineer recommended that the scheme should be carried out. This would have the advantage that the water would not be pumped to Churchdown and supplied to Hewletts and then back to Tewkesbury, thereby reducing the load on the present mains He estimated the cost of carrying out the work at £100. RESOLVED, That this he approved and adopted.

9—Land, Andoversford—Read, letter of 4th ult. from Mr. Felix L. Miles asking if the Corporation would sell about 20 acres of land near Andoversford. RESOLVED, That the Committee are not prepared to sell any of the land in the water shed.

10—Home or Lower Farm—The Town Clerk submitted copy of notice served on the tenant of this Farm requiring the ploughing up of Field 187 and part of Field 170 containing altogether about 23 acres. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask for an assurance from the tenant that the land will not be manured with privy refuse.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th November, 1940. Present The Mayor : Aldermen Leigh James, Pates, Pruen, Ward and Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Grimwade, Smith and Waite (The Mayor in the chair).

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

2—**Market Sub-Committee**—RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett and Taylor ; and Councillor Rogers 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—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications of E. C. Rye, Kaye Ray, and Mr Groship for Drivers' Licences be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the applications of "No Tips" Hire Service for two further Hackney Carriage Licences and Mr. A. N. Wilson for one more Licence be granted subject to satisfactory reports on the vehicles being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector and Superintendent Hopkins.

(c) RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of Alderman Pruen, and Councillors Green and Grimwade be appointed to consider and report as to the need for granting further Hackney Carriage Licences in view of the large influx of population.

5—Rodney Road Car Park—Read, application from "No Tips" Hire Service to rent a portion of this Car Park as a Booking Office and Stand for their private hire cars. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the above Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

6—Shops Acts---(a) Read, circular of 11th inst. from the Home Office informing the Council that a Defence Regulation had been made which required shops (except Tobacconists and Newspaper shops) to be closed at 7.30 pm. on the late day and 6 o'clock on other days from 17th November 1940 to the 2nd March, 1941. The Corporation were empowered by the Order to substitute other closing hours providing that substituted hours should not be later than 7 o'clock in the evening and 8 o'clock on not more than two days in the week. Before making an Order the Local Authority were required to take steps for ascertaining the views of occupiers of shops and shop assistants. The Regulation in regard to Barbers and Hairdressers fixed the closing hours at 8 p.m. on the late day and 7 p.m. on other days, and the Corporation had power to direct that the closing hour should be 8 p.m. on one other day in addition to the late day, there being no provision to fix earlier hours for barbers and hairdressers.

The Town Clerk reported that he had communicated with the Chamber of Commerce for their views on the Order, but at the Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on the 12th inst. no resolution was passed. He submitted letter from the Grocers' Association that the Association's present opinion was that an Order should be made authorising the Grocers' Association to open up to 7 o'clock on Friday evening and 8 o'clock on Saturday evening. He also submitted letter from the Hairdressers' Association asking the Corporation to make an order extending the closing hour on Friday evenings to 8 p.m.

Read, letter of 12th inst. from the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers that they represent a large section of shop assistants and asking if they could be given an opportunity to send a Deputation to show why the closing of shops should not be later than 6 p.m. on any evening of the week.

RESOLVED, That in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Defence Regulation an Order be made directing that the closing hours for Grocers shops in the Borough shall be 7 p.m. on Friday evenings and 8 p.m. on Saturday evenings, and also that the closing hour for Barbers and Hairdressers' shops in the Borough shall be 8 p.m. on Friday evenings. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers of the intention of the Council to make this Order at the Council Meeting on the 2nd December, and that if they have any objections or representations to make thereon, the Council will be prepared to consider the same at that Meeting.

(b) Barbers' and Hairdressers' Closing Order—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Cheltenham and District Hair-dressers' Association that they were disappointed that the Council had not made the Closing Order asked for and that it was their intention to renew their application when the Defence Regulation fixing the closing hours expired on the 2nd March.

7—Sunday Entertainments Act—Read, letter from the British Legion asking if they could be included in the list of charities to receive a share of the charity contribution from the Sunday opening of Cinemas RESOLVED, That this be considered when the annual applications for Licences are considered in January next.

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8----Local Omnibus Service—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee that it was desirable for omnibus queue barriers to be provided at the stopping places at North Street, Clarence Street, and High Street. RESOLVED, That the Cheltenham District Traction Company be asked to consider the provision of queue rails and that they be informed that if they will do this, the Corporation will be prepared to carry out the erection at the Company's expense and to assist with the lighting of the same during the black-out. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Company whether some improvement cannot be made in the services so as to maintain, as far as possible, the existing timetables.

9—Leckhampton Hill—Read, letters of 15th and 19th inst., from the Dowsett Engineering Construction Ltd., that owing to the considerable additional quantity of stone required for their Government Contract they wished to quarry a further area of approximately 20,000 square yards as shown on the plan enclosed, on the same terms as their present Agreement. RESOLVED, That this be agreed subject to the exact area to be quarried being approved by the Borough Engineer RESOLVED, also, That pending execution of the new Agreement, the Company be allowed to proceed with the stripping off of the overburden.

10—Communal Feeding—Read, letters of 7th and 15th inst., from the Ministry of Food with regard to the setting up and operation of Community Kitchens. The Ministry intimated that at an early date an Order would be made giving Local Authorities the necessary powers to set up and operate Community Kitchens. The Ministry were prepared to reimburse approved capital expenditure in connection with the equipment of a Centre which should be conducted on a fully self-supporting basis. They appreciated, however, that unforeseen circumstances might arise in an undertaking of this nature and were, therefore, prepared to reimburse any approved operating deficiency in the event of a loss being unavoidably incurred. Read, also, letters from the Women's Section of the Cheltenham Labour Party and the Cheltenham Branch of the Co-operative Women's Guild urging the Council to set up communal feeding centres. RESOLVED, That these letters be referred for the consideration of the Food Campaign Committee.

11—War Pensions Committee—Read, circular letter of 4th inst., from the Ministry of Pensions that a General Order had been made extending the period of office of existing members of War Pensions Committees up to the 31st December, 1942.

12—Airport—Read, report of the Meeting of the Joint Airport Committee held on the 12th inst.

13—Town Clerk's Department—The Town Clerk reported on the staff in his department. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to engage an additional shorthand typist.

14—Montpellier Rotunda—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with the War Department Land Agent with regard to the compensation claim for the requisitioning of the Montpellier Rotunda for the Home Guard. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to accept a rent of £120 per

annum and that Minute No. 10 (a) passed at the Meeting of the Committee held on the 24th September last be varied accordingly.

15—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.

16—Superannuation---RESOLVED, That the services of Nurse Hay who is due to retire on the 21st inst., be extended to the 2nd December, 1940, being the date on which her successor would be taking up her duties.

JOHN HOWELL,

Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th November, 1940. Present—The Mayor : Councillors Green, Grimwade and Readings (The Mayor in the chair).

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

JNO. HOWELL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th November, 1940. Present—Alderman Ward : Councillors Bush, Green, Grimwade and Readings and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

2—Monthly Report of Chief Officer—The Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended 7 calls to fire, as follows :-29th October, Brickworks, Hales Road ; 30th October, 2 St. James' Street ; 7th November, 2 Spa Place ; 8th November, 49 St, James' Street ; 10th November, Talbot Road ; 14th November, 2 Berkeley Street ; 19th November, Gotherington.

3—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be authorised to purchase 52 additional blankets for the Auxiliary Fire Brigade at a cost of about £41.

(b) Tools—The Chief Officer reported that in order to cope with the repairs and maintenance of all emergency appliances and vehicles it was necessary to purchase the tools set out in his Report at a cost of about £33. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that application be made to the Home Office for approval of this expenditure for the purposes of grant

(c) Cycles—The Chief Officer reported that the provision of one cycle for each Auxiliary Station would prove economical and useful and enable personnel to carry out duties which at present necessitated the use of a car He had ascertained that he could get secondhand cycles at about £2 each. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that application be made to the Home Office for approval of the purchase of five secondhand cycles for the purposes of grant

(d) Whole-Time Establishment—The Chief Officer reported that to bring up the whole-time establishment to the approved minimum War Establishment of 49, it was necessary to appoint two additional whole-time Auxiliary Firemen. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to appoint two whole-time Auxiliary Firemen.

(e) Part-Time--The Chief Officer reported that it was necessary to appoint an additional part-time Section-Officer for-the Leckhampton Auxiliary Station. RESOLVED, That Leading-Fireman Hyatt be appointed Part-Time Section Officer and that the Home Office be notified accordingly.

(f) Parish Church Young Men's Club—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Home Office approving for the purposes of grant an inclusive rent of £50 per annum for this Club which has been taken as a Recreation Room for the Auxiliary Fire Service. The Town Clerk reported that he had arranged with Councillor Bush, the Chairman of the Club, that the tenancy should be a quarterly one determinable by either party on any of the usual quarter days by three months' notice in writing, RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the heating and lighting charges be paid by the Corporation.

(g) The Town Clerk submitted the following circulars from the Home Office No. 137 re Honours ; No. 138 re Deferment of Military Service ; No. 139 Petrol and Oil Fires ; No. 141 Fire Services at Electrical Sub-Stations. No. 145 Return of Hose ; No. 142 Wireless Services. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Chief Officer-for consideration

4—Uniform—Read, Circular 140 of 8th inst. from the Home Office that they had decided that every whole-time Auxiliary Fireman should have two sets of uniform and that there should be .a. reserve of uniform for the part-time service, and, in addition, there should also be kept in stock a number of uniforms necessary to provide replacement of those which became unfit for service. They asked that immediate steps should be taken to place orders so as to secure that every whole-time Auxiliary Fireman is provided as soon as possible with two sets of uniform, and for building up promptly the necessary reserves. The Chief Officer reported that he had written to eight of the firms who last sent in tenders and he now submitted tenders for 100 Tunics, 100 pairs of Trousers, 49 Caps and 100 Overalls. RESOLVED, That the tenders of Manclark & Son for the Tunics, Trousers and Overalls, and-Messrs Dillingham & Edwards for Caps be accepted

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5—Fire Watchers Order—(a) The Chief Officer reported on the various inspections now being made under the Fire Watchers Order, 1940.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted a confidential circular from the Office of the Regional Commissioner in regard to the provisions of the Order.

6—Supplementary Fire Parties—(a) The Chief Officer reported that he had issued 50 Access to Premises Certificates to members of Supplementary Fire Parties, and 160 Armlets.

(b) Read, circular No. 143 (a) of 18th inst. from the Home Office that it was now possible to offer a further supply of 13 pumps to issue to Supplementary Fire Parties. RESOLVED, That the Home Office be informed that the Council are prepared to receive these and that the Chief Officer be instructed to proceed with recruiting and training 13 Supplementary Fire Parties.

7—Regular Brigade—(a) RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be authorised to purchase a suit of Fire Uniform and Boots.

(b) The Committee considered the desirability of the regular personnel having two suits of uniform. RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be instructed to obtain tenders for same, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender or tenders,

8--Chief Officer's House--The Town Clerk reported that he had now entered into the contract for the purchase of No. 6 St. George's Parade, and possession had been given. RESOLVED, That an external telephone extension from the Fire Station to the house be provided,

9—Auxiliary Fire Stations—The Town Clerk reported that a claim had now been received from the Cheltenham Original Brewery Company in respect of the accommodation requisitioned at their garages in Dunalley Street for the Auxiliary Fire Station amounting to £80 per annum plus proportion of rates. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the District Valuer.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th November, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; and Mr. Ball.

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

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

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

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

Councillors Bendall and Bush for Asquith Road and Sandford Mead.

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

3—Committee—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint Messrs. Horace Roe and R. G. Whittall as co-opted Members of this Committee in place of Messrs. E. H. Carter and H. G. Stokes.

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4—Allotments Inspection—The Gardens Superintendent reported that there was little improvement in the condition of Nos. 64, 82 and 83 North Ward and No. 1 Tennyson Road. Part of No. 8 Marle Hill was uncultivated, but the remainder was good. A large part of No. 84 Marle Hill was uncultivated, and No. 12 Marle Hill showed no improvement, and was in very bad condition and had been

reported many times before. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the tenants of Nos. 64, 82 and 83 North Ward and No. 84 Marle Hill, and had also communicated with the Unemployed Allotments Association with regard to No. 8 Marle Hill. The tenant of No. 1 Tennyson Road had given notice to terminate his tenancy on the 25th March, 1941, Although the tenant of No. 12 Marle Hill had promised to put the allotment into good order, he had apparently not done so, and there were also arrears of rent due from him amounting to 14s 4d. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of the rent due in respect of No. 12 Marle Hill and also to obtain possession of the allotment.

5—Additional Land for Allotments—(a) The Gardens Superintendent reported that the Horticultural Committee recommended that the Corporation should make provision for 250 war time plots. He suggested that the following areas of uncultivated land would be suitable for the purpose :—

Land on South East side of Brooklyn Road, sold to I. Maddox, containing about 4,235 square yards. Approximately 15 plots.

Land on South East side owned by Messrs. Goddard & Hunt, containing about 2,220 square yards. Approximately 6 plots.

Land on North West side owned by Mr. Instone, containing about 5,040 square yards. Approximately 13 plots.

Field in Hayward's Lane belonging to Messrs. Webb Bros. 30 plots.

Small portion of Agg Gardner Recreation Ground, adjoining the Fair Ground. 6 or 8 plots.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to serve notice on the owners of the land in Brooklyn Road, with a view to this land being reserved for allotments, and that the land in Agg Gardner Recreation Ground be plotted out and let.

RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council with regard to the land belonging to Messrs. Webb Bros. to ascertain if they wished to take this land, or part of it, in view of the fact that it was situate in their area, failing which, the Council be recommended to arrange with Messrs. Webb Bros for the tenancy of the land as already offered by them.

(b) RESOLVED, That the additional land taken for allotments be not ploughed up.

(c) re Fencing—RESOLVED, That in view of the recommendation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries that it was unnecessary to fence land taken for war time allotments, no fences be erected, but a notice in the form prescribed be affixed in prominent positions on the allotments.

6—Hatherley Road Allotments—(a) No. 34—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Mr. T. Whittern, the tenant of this allotment, that a portion was unfit for cultivation. The Gardens Superintendent reported that this was correct, RESOLVED, That the tenant be granted the use of the allotment at half the rent, namely 2s 8d. per annum, and that he be offered another allotment if he is able to cultivate more land.

(b) No. 12—RESOLVED, That the tenant of this allotment be allowed the use thereof for six months rent free, in view of its had condition.

7—Orchard, rear of Orchard Terrace—RESOLVED, That the occupiers of Nos. 3-10 Orchard Terrace inclusive, and No. 2 Tennyson Road, be allowed a strip of land at the rear of their premises, at a rental of 10s per annum, and that the Housing Committee be recommended to appropriate the land at the rear of Nos. 1 and 2 Orchard Terrace for Garages at rents to be fixed by them.

8-Arrears of Rent—The Borough Treasurer submitted statement showing arrears due from tenants. RESOLVED, That this he referred to the Town Clerk for collection,

9—Food Production for Allotments and Gardens, 1941—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the 14th ult. with regard to the campaign for the production of food during the coming year, which had already been considered by the Horticultural Committee, who were taking steps to draw the attention of the public to the necessity for increased food production.

10—Minutes—RESOLVED, That the Co-opted Members of this Committee be supplied with a copy of the Minutes each month.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th November, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith.

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

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

Agg Gardner Recreation Ground	Councillors Addis, Compton and Fisher.
Naunton Park Recreation Ground	Councillors Bendall and Smith.
Montpellier Gardens ...	Councillors Bush and Grimwade.
Whaddon Road Recreation Ground	Councillors 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.

3--Food Production—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the sale of produce at the Market during the month of October had realised £163 1s. 5d.

4—Gift of Plants—The Gardens Superintendent reported that Mr. G. W. Hedley of No. 2 Ashford Road had given a considerable number of Cupressus Trees and Herbaceous Plants. RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be asked to convey the thanks of this Committee to Mr. Hedley.

5--Whaddon Estate Playing Field—(a) Football Pitch—The Gardens Superintendent reported that one football pitch could be marked out on this Recreation Ground which could be allocated to any Club not yet accommodated. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this marked out.

(b) RESOLVED, That this Playing Field be named the Clyde Road Recreation Ground.

(c) Pavilion—The Gardens Superintendent reported that this was the only pavilion where no heating was provided, and as it was now in a very damp condition, it was advisable to provide an oil stove
RESOLVED, That he be instructed to purchase this at a cost of approximately £2 13s. 6d.

6 - Brooklyn Road Playing Field—The Town Clerk reported that the Military Authorities had now requisitioned this Playing Field, excluding the 11 acres reserved for allotments on the East side of the ground.

7—Football Pitches—(a) RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the undermentioned Clubs to play football on the various Recreation Grounds during the coming season :--

Ground..	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Whaddon Recreation Ground .	Whaddon Junior Sports Club	Alternate Saturdays.
Clyde Road Recreation Ground	St. Paul's Church Lads Brigade Junior Team	Alternate Saturdays.

(b) Read, application from the 2/4th Battalion South Lancashire Regiment for the use of playing fields for recreational training purposes for men of the unit. RESOLVED, That they be referred to the Military Authorities for accommodation in the Playing Field requisitioned by them,

8—Parish Church Grounds—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Rector asking if the Corporation would be willing to take over the upkeep and maintenance of the Parish Church grounds on payment by the Church Council of a sum of £50 per annum RESOLVED; That he be informed that the Committee regret that they are unable to recommend the Council to assist the Church Authorities in this matter at the present time owing to scarcity of labour etc., but that they would be willing to re-consider the matter at a more favourable time.

9—Park Superintendents and Gardener Staff of Local Authorities—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that where a Parks Superintendent and members of his staff were engaged for all practical purposes whole-time on supervisory, advisory or cultivation work in connection with food production, the Local Authority should apply to the War Agricultural Executive Committee for a Certificate for these to be included in the Schedule of Reserved Occupations. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply to the County War Agricultural Executive Committee for a Certificate in respect of W. G. James, A. Morris, H. Godwin and H. Townsend who are liable to be called up for military service at any time

W. J. GREEN.

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th November, 1940. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham: Councillor Bendall and Major J. G. N. Cliff.

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

2—Curator's Report for September and October, 1940—Visitors--7,933 (last year 5,153). Included in these figures were the following parties ---35 Girls from Charlton Park (2 parties) ; 29 Boys from Grammar School ; 11 Students from St. Paul's Training College ; 21 Children from Upper Slaughter.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £3 4s. 8d. "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account" 19s 11d. Total £4 4s. 7d.

3—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following:—Mr. Charles Bendall ; Major J. G. N. Clift ; Mrs. C. A. Emlyn : Miss E. N. Fergusson ; Miss M. Ford ; Mr. Philip Goodman ; Miss Holliday ; Miss Agnes Jones (A very fine patchwork bedspread, c. 1850-60) ; Mr. C. E. Key Miss M. Lascombe ; Mr. J. N. Taylor, Mr. G. Woof.

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

4—Gift from Mr. Arthur Mitchell—RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Arthur Mitchell for his gift of four drawings by the late F. L. M. Griggs, R.A.

5—Gift from Mr. Walter Butt—RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Walter Butt for his gift of a bookcase made by the late Peter Waals.

6—" Woman Reading a Newspaper" by Albert Reuss—RESOLVED, That this oil-painting, offered as a gift by the artist be accepted with many thanks, and that the Curator be authorised to purchase a frame at a price not exceeding £4.

7--Pictures, Miniatures, etc. from Mr. Guy Whinyates —These items, intended as a bequest from Mr. Guy Whinyates had been received in advance as a loan. RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Whinyates for his loan.

8—General Account—RESOLVED, That one oil-painting, a Grey Squirrel, two long-tailed tits and one bygone be purchased for 26s

9—Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund—RESOLVED, That a Coalport Porcelain Tray be purchased from this Fund at a total cost of £1 15s. 0d.

10—Loans—The following loans had been received :-2 water-colours by Maxwell Armfield, lent by the Artist. "Les Paveurs" by Van Gogh and "La Zingara" by Corot, lent by a Collector. 3 oils and 4 water-colours lent by Mrs. Laird.

11—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to negotiate for exhibitions by the following Societies:—

(a) The London Group ;

(b) The Royal Water Colour Society ; and further, that he be authorised to lend such examples as may be required from the Museum Collections for the War Weapons Week Exhibition.

12—Christmas Closing—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed on the 24th and 25th December, 1940

13----Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held in January, 1941.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th November, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Bendall, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Readings (The Mayor in the chair).

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

JNO. HOWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th November, 1940. Present—Councillors Bendall, Garland, Lipson and Readings ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone; Messrs. F. Vermin and C. E. Walsh.

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

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

3--Election of Sub-Committee—RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillor Grimwade and Mr. C. E. Walsh be appointed members of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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

5--Librarian's Report for September and October, 1940—Receipts £74 12s. 11d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 13,633 Lending Department 59,175 ; Junior Department 8,018 ; School Libraries, July—September 6,308, Total 87,134 (last year 67,811).

Record Issue—The Librarian reported that the record issue had been broken on five Saturdays since the last meeting, that on 26th October being 3,167 vols.

Replacements and Binding-155 volumes have been replaced, 461 volumes had been returned from the binder and a further 601 volumes had been dispatched.

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

Staff—Miss P. E. Morgan had been absent for one day owing to illness.

6—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 513 volumes, published at £175 2s. 6d., be purchased for £116 19s. 0d.

(b) That £50 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £50 be spent on Replacements.

(d) That 4 volumes be purchased from the Leslie Young Bequest Fund at a total cost of £11 8s. 0d.

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7—Donations-98 volumes, 1 newspaper and 3 pamphlets had been received as gifts from 11 donors. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors,

8—Periodicals—RESOLVED, (a) That " France," daily, offered as a gift by the Publishers, be accepted with thanks.

(b) That " Challenge," weekly, offered as a gift, be accepted with thanks.

(c) That "The Memorandum of Information on Foreign Affairs and the World Crisis," 24s per annum, suggested for purchase be not added to the list of periodicals taken.

9—Lectures—The Librarian reported that the official permit had been received for wire netting for the Art Gallery roof, on 4th November, but it would take some weeks to effect delivery. RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to organise two afternoon lectures before Christmas by Sir Henry C. Gooch and Mr Walter Barrow.

10—Library Hours—In view of the small attendance of visitors arriving after 8 p.m., it was RESOLVED, That the Reference Library and Newsroom be closed forthwith at the same time as the Lending Department, namely 8 p.m. instead of 9 p.m., until the end of February, 1941.

11—Christmas Closing—RESOLVED, That all Departments be closed on 25th and 26th December, 1940, subject to any modification which may be ordered by His Majesty's Government.

12—Date of Next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held in January, 1941.

D. L. LIPSON, Chairman

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 13th November, 1940, Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward Councillors Bettridge and Bush

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

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

P. P. TAYLOR

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th November, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Ward ; and Councillor Grimwade (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

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

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th November, 1940. Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward ; Councillors Garland and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

2—General Rate—(a) Read, Final Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £124,787 ; Allowances to Owners £914 ; Voids £3,035 ; Irrecoverables, etc, £3,767 ; Arrears £2,373.

(b) Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £28,484 ; Leaving Outstanding £105,762.

3—Water Rate —(a) Read, Final Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half year ended 30th September, 1940. Amount collected £17,930 ; Voids £166 ; Abatements £77 ; Arrears £210 ; Measured Supplies : Amount collected £7,870 ; Outstanding £774.

(h) Read. Report of the Borough Treasurer dated 26th inst. on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 31st March, 1941. Amount collected £4,899 ; Outstanding £13,593.

4—Renewal and Replacement of Mortgages—Read, circular of 4th inst. from the Treasury in regard to the renewal of mortgages, etc. during the period ending 30th June, 1941.

5—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported receipt of sanction to loan of £12,000 for provision of Air Raid Shelters in the Schools, repayable in a term of 12 years.

6—Borough Treasurer's Department—Read, letter of 28th ult. from Mr. J. G. Ayres resigning his appointment as Cost Clerk. The Borough Treasurer also reported on his staff generally and that he had advertised in "The Municipal Journal " for assistants. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to appoint such temporary staff as he considers necessary.

7-6 St. George's Terrace—The Town Clerk reported that a contract had been entered into for the purchase of this property at the price of £600, as authorised by the Council. RESOLVED, That a loan he not raised for the purchase of this property, but that it be paid for out of revenue.

8—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of Electricity charges since the last Meeting

9—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 26th inst. Present—Aldermen Taylor (in the chair), and Ward.

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

and adopted.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 2nd January, 1941.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 6th day of January, 1941, 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 RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &C.

Yours faithfully,

To each, Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 2nd December, 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, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham. M.B.E., J.P.:
Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bendall, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A.,
Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, 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,
Bettridge, Compton, Dr. W. Curling Hayward and Miller.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings— RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Statutory Annual Meeting of
the Town Council held on the 9th November, 1940, and of the Special Meeting held on the 19th
November, 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
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Public Health Meetings held November 7 & 11

Housing Meeting held November 14

Street and Highway Meeting held November 18

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Fisher and seconded by Councillor Biggs : "That the
following words be added to Minute No. 9 (b) with regard to the purchase of an additional Refuse
Collecting Vehicle 'and that tenders be also obtained for a Salvage Trailer for the lorry and that the
Salvage Sub-Committee be authorised to accept a tender'."

Town Planning Meeting held November 21

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meeting held November 22

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Garland "That the following be added to Minute No. 4 (k)
relating to Municipal Dances :—That for the war period for all Town Flail Dances and those
municipally sponsored, the licencing hours shall close at 10.30 p.m. excepting that it may be up to 11
30 p.m. on certain special dance evenings, the number to be limited and fixed by the Committee in
advance and confirmed by the Council" was not seconded).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held November 25

Water Meeting held November 12

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held November 19

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Leigh James and seconded by Councillor Addis " That an Order be made under the Defence Regulations requiring all shops (except Hairdressers and Tobacconists and Newspaper shops) to close at 7 p.m. on Saturdays and that Minute No. 6 be varied accordingly."

RESOLVED, also, That on the recommendation of Alderman Pruen and Councillor Green of the Hackney Carriage Sub-Committee, the application of "No Tips" Hire Service for two further Hackney Carriage Licences (making six in all), and Cheltax Ltd. for six further Hackney Carriage Licences (making fourteen in all) be granted, subject to satisfactory reports on the vehicles being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector and Superintendent Hopkins.

RESOLVED, also, That the necessary Drivers' Licences be granted subject to the drivers being recommended by Superintendent Hopkins.

Fire Brigade... Meeting held November 25

Allotments ... Meeting held November 11

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held November 11

Except that with regard to Minute No. 5 (b) the name be amended to Clyde Recreation Ground.

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held November 15

Public Library Meeting held November 15

Rating Meeting held November 13

Finance Meeting held November 26

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

3—Floral Fete—The Town Clerk read the following letter, of 21st November, from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce :—

" Some time ago the Floral Fete Committee of this Chamber passed a resolution that they would earmark a sum of £150 and offer it to the Cheltenham Corporation at the end of the War, as a small gesture of their appreciation of the assistance given by the Town Council at all times in connection with the Floral Fetes, and the interest shown by the Council in those Fetes. The Floral Fete

Committee particularly had in mind doing this as a tribute to the work of Councillor Green as Vice-Chairman of the Floral Fete Committee and as Chairman of your Parks Committee.

Having regard to the request to invest during War Weapons Week, it has now been decided to purchase £150 3 ½ per cent National War Bonds 1945-47 in the name of The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, and hand the Bonds to the thorough Treasurer forthwith. It is hoped that your Council will be able to accept the small gift."

RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to the Floral Fete Committee for their generous gift.

JNO. HOWELL, Mayor.

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MINUTE'S of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 6th January, 1941.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th December, 1940. Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Pruen; Councillors Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Vice-Chairman—RESOLVED, That Councillor Moore be appointed Vice-Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year 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—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs. Beef; 8 ½ lbs Mutton and Lamb ; 8 lbs Pork ; 1 qr. 22 lbs. Pork Sausages, 1 qr. 20 lbs. Beef Sausages ; 1 qr. 4 lbs. Pork Pies (72) : 10 lbs Veal and Ham Pies (12) ; 1 cwt. 26 lbs. Swiss Rolls and Slab Cake ; 9 lbs. Stilton Cheese ; 34 Christmas Puddings : 16 lbs. Fowls ; 47 tins and bottles of Fruit, Jam, Soup, Vegetables, Fish Paste, Pickles and Sauce.

4—Food and Drugs Act, 1938—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted report of the Public Analyst on six samples of Milk. Nod. 112-117 which were all satisfactory.

5—Milk—The Medical Officer of Health reported in regard to two samples of milk taken for presence of Tubercle Bacilli There was no evidence of Tubercle in either case

6—Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936—RESOLVED, That the following applications for licences be granted for one year to the 31st December, 1941, subject to the provisions of the Order:—

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

(b) Applications of Mr. G. F. Gratton of 249 Swindon Road, Cheltenham, and Gloucestershire Dairy Co. Ltd., for Licences to use the designation " Pasteurised " in relation to milk treated by them at 249 Swindon Road and The Depot, Imperial Lane, respectively.

(c) Application from Mr G. F. Gratton of 249 Swindon Road, Cheltenham, and the Gloucester Co-operative & Industrial Wholesale Society Ltd., for Dealers' Licences authorising the use of the Special Designation "Pasteurised" in relation to milk retailed by them in the Borough.

7—Barn Farm—Supply of Sewage—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Margrett had made application for a supply of sewage to a small portion of a field adjoining the field known as " Great and Little Hay." RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to supply this up to the 31st March next.

8—Public Conveniences—The Borough Engineer reported his inspection of the Women's Conveniences He had arranged for another woman to act as cleaner of the Norwood Arms Convenience and for her to visit this at least twice a day instead of once as hitherto. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 36 Marle Hill Road and 12 Hanover Parade—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that Undertakings given by the owners to carry out the necessary works at these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction. RESOLVED, That the Undertakings be cancelled RESOLVED, also, That Certificates be issued to the owners under Section 51 of the Act that the houses are fit for human habitation and will with reasonable care and maintenance remain so fit for a period of ten years.

(b) The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted applications for Licences to re-occupy premises known as 3, 4 and 5 Edward Terrace, 11 and 12 Edward Street, Sidney Cottage, and 5 Hewlett Place RESOLVED, That Licences be issued authorising the re-occupation of these premises for a period of six months expiring on the 30th June next, subject to the work required being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector and to the rents being approved by the Housing Committee.

(c) Rossley, 4 Gloucester Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted tenders for the work required at this hour' to be carried out in default of the owners under Section 9 of the Housing Act. RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. FL C. Dimmock amounting to £25 15s. 0d. (being the lowest) be accepted

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(d) 168 High Street—The Rota Sub-Committee reported their inspection of these premises, and the Chief Sanitary Inspector reported interview with the solicitors for the owners. RESOLVED, That no action be taken at the present time.

(e) 5, 6 and 7 Exmouth Street Cottages—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Mrs. W. E. King that she had now decided to re-condition these premises in accordance with the Chief Sanitary Inspector's specification.

10—Camping Site--The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the site of Providence Cottages, Railway Lane, Great Norwood Street, was being used as a caravan site although no licence had been

issued. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the owner that he is committing an offence in using the ground as a camping site without first obtaining a licence. RESOLVED, also, That a Licence be issued for a period to the 31st October, 1941, subject to the usual conditions and to not more than five people being accommodated in the caravan, and subject also to prior termination at any time on two months' notice.

11—Evacuation Scheme—Read, Circular 2204 of 16th ult. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the provision of health services for the evacuated civil population. RESOLVED, That in view of the large number of evacuees in Cheltenham, the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the County Council to provide adequate sick-bay accommodation so that this will be available if and when required.

12—Typhoid Immunisation—Read, circular of 12th ult. from the County Medical Officer of Health in regard to the immunisation of the population with the object of protecting them in the event of outbreak of typhoid. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to prepare a preliminary scheme for immunisation of the public in the event of this being required and to make arrangements for storing a reasonable quantity of vaccine.

13—Clarence Parade Cloakroom—Read, letter from the Y.M.C.A. asking if arrangements could be made for the cloakroom at Clarence Parade to be kept open all night where Service-men could leave their kit. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to this and suggest that arrangements should be made with the military in the town for providing a place at one of the many properties occupied by them where members of the Forces could leave their kit.

14—Meat Inspection—The Town Clerk submitted Circular 2218 of 3rd inst, from the Ministry of Health. The Minister is informed that it would greatly assist the Ministry of Food if officers of local authorities when making out certificates of condemnation of meat and offals, would state specifically the actual cause of condemnation. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the matters dealt with in the Circular had been carried out since the commencement of meat inspection.

15—Rats and Mice Destruction Act—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that by an Order recently issued by the Ministry of Food power had now been conferred on Food Control Committees to institute proceedings in cases where foodstuffs are affected by rats or mice

16-370-404 Swindon Road—Mr. Rowberry of Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend attended in regard to the emptying of the sewage septic tanks provided for these houses and asked that the Corporation should undertake the emptying of these tanks as and when necessary. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to furnish Messrs Steel, Lane & Yeend with an estimate of the cost of carrying out the work once a year, and, if accepted by them on behalf of the owners, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

17—Storage of Hides and Skins—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. A. H. Taylors Butchers' Hide, Skin, Fat & Wool Co. Ltd, had not signed the Agreement which the Council required them to enter into when they consented to the use of the slaughterhouse in Albion Street being used as temporary accommodation for storage of conditioned hides and skins. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform them that if the Agreement is not returned executed, the matter will be reported to the Ministry of Food.

18—Nuisance from Drains, etc.-22 Exmouth 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.

19—Alimentary Infections—The Town Clerk submitted Circular 2198 of 25th ult. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the measures that can usefully be taken to protect the public against the spread of diseases commonly conveyed by food. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to circularise the food establishments in the Borough drawing their attention to the necessity of the thorough washing of hands by mixers, bakers, cooks, and other persons engaged in the preparation and subsequent handling of food for sale on commencing work or resuming work after an interval and also after every act of defecation and urination.

A. S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 12th December, 1940. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bush, Garland, Lipson and Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair)

1—Housing Manager's Department—Assistants—The Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee reported that 7 applications were received for these Appointments. They had considered these and selected 5 for interview by the Committee.

The following attended for interview : Miss J. A. Battey, Miss M. Temple Bourne, Miss D. F. Glennie and Miss C. Watson ; Miss M. J. Mayell having withdrawn. RESOLVED, That Miss J. A. Battey and Miss M. Temple Bourne be appointed Assistants in the Housing Department at a salary of £180 rising by annual increments of £10 to £220, plus cycle allowance of £2, and plus a war bonus of 3s 6d. per week, the appointment to be subject to the Superannuation Act, and to their passing Medical Examination, and to be determinable by either party on one month's notice in writing.

2—Housing Manager—(a) The Housing Manager submitted her Monthly Report on the collection of rents.

(b) The Housing Manager submitted her Annual Report. RESOLVED, That copies be sent to all members of the Council.

(c) Student—The Housing Manager reported that Miss Lloyd, student in the Housing Department, was resigning at the end of her three months' probationary period, and that Miss Watson, the previous student, would be returning for further training until conditions in London made it possible for her to proceed to another office.

3--Selection of Tenants and View Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Selection of Tenants and View Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 22nd November and 6th December respectively.

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) Land at rear of Orchard Terrace—That, as possession of this land cannot be obtained until September, 1941, the offers of the tenants of the adjoining houses to take the land for allotments be adjourned and the tenants be informed accordingly.

(c) Glen Cottage, Folly Lane—The View Committee reported on their inspection of this property and it was recommended that the Chief Sanitary Inspector be asked to give a report on its condition with a view to its being requisitioned for the re-housing of homeless persons.

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

4—Repairs Superintendent—Read, the Monthly Report of the Repairs Superintendent.

5-29 Dart Road—RESOLVED, That an extra window be put in the brick shed to enable the tenant to carry on his business as a boot repairer and that the tenant be asked to contribute 10s towards the cost, estimated at £1 18s. 6d.

6—Rent Restrictions Act—Read, letter from D. Silver with regard to alleged exorbitant charge for partly furnished apartments. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Chairman for further investigation and report

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th December, 1940. Present—Aldermen Pates and Ward; Councillors Addis, Green, Grimwade, Readings and Rogers (Alderman Ward in the chair).

1—Road Works, etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of road works, etc., in hand,

2—Salvage of Waste—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the following had been salvaged during the month of November : (the amounts salvaged during the previous months are shown in brackets) ;—

	Tons	Tons.
Paper	57 ½	(49 ½)
Metals	20	(71)
Rags, sacks, etc.	2	(3 ½)
Bottles and Jars	1930 Nos.	—
Bones ...	4	(3)
Pig Food	71	(70 ½)

The total amounts salvaged during the past 11 months was 1245 tons, and 12,740 bottles and jars, with an estimated value of £3,630

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter of 12th inst. from the Ministry of Supply stating that his appointment as Assistant Honorary District Advisor had now been approved by the Minister

3—Montpellier Conveniences- The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 13th ult. from the National Union of Municipal and General Workers asking for the two female cleaners and attendants at the Montpellier Conveniences to be paid 9 ¼ d. per hour, plus overtime rates. At present the women worked 48 hours per week and were paid 27s 6d. for this, and they also worked alternate Sundays for six hours for which they were paid 4s. RESOLVED, That the women be paid at the rate of 9 ¼ d. per hour plus overtime rates as from the 19th inst. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to ascertain the number of persons using the conveniences between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. each evening and if he is satisfied that it is not necessary to keep the premises open until 11 p.m. he be instructed to arrange for them to be closed at an earlier hour.

4—Traffic Control Signals—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 30th ult. from Messrs. C. N. C. Ltd., together with a sample mask for traffic signals permitting full light during day-time, The disc at present being used carrying small crosses, conformed to the regulations issued by the Ministry of Transport prior to the out-break of War. RESOLVED, That the existing discs be continued for the present, and if necessary the matter be reconsidered in the Spring:

5—Death of Employees—The Borough Surveyor reported that R. W. Cottrell, who retired on the 16th ult., died on the 29th ult. He also reported that C. H. Smith, horse driver, died in Hospital on the 14th inst. following an operation. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to convey to the families the deep sympathy of the Committee with them in their bereavements

6—County Roads, Preliminary Estimate—On the request of the County Surveyor, the Borough Surveyor had submitted the following preliminary estimate for 1941-42. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

Class I	£1864
Class II ...	2155
Unclassified ...	110
Administration	<u>206</u>
	Total £4335
Contribution Roads	<u>400</u>
	£4735

7—Working Hours—The Borough Surveyor reported that in consequence of the continuation of summer time during the winter, he had arranged for the working hours of the employees to be altered to the following as from the 7th November last.

Monday to Friday inclusive 8 a.m.-12.30 p.m. and 1 30 p.m.-5 p.m.

Saturdays 8 a m.-12.30 p.m.

Total 47 hours.

It is now impossible for the men to see to work at 8 a.m. RESOLVED, That the commencing hour be amended to 8 30 a.m. and to balance this, the dinner hour be reduced to ½ hour, making the working hours as follows :—

Monday to Friday inclusive ... 8.30 a m.-1 p.m. and 1.30 p.m.-5.30 p.m.

Saturdays ..5.30 a m.-1 p.m.

Total 47 hours.

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8—Christmas Holidays—RESOLVED, That the men be allowed the usual holiday on Boxing Day or a day in lieu thereof.

9—Pittville Street Improvement Scheme—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Messrs. Young & (Tilling enquiring on what terms the Corporation would be prepared either to sell this site, or grant a lease for 99 years RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to entertain an offer of less than £65,000 for the purchase of the site, and that any such offer must be accompanied by full plans and particulars of the proposed development of the site

10—Omnibus Services—(a) Read, letters of 25th and 29th ult. from the Cheltenham District Traction Company, with regard to queue rails at North Street, Clarence Street and High Street stopping places and stating that they had no tubular rails available The Company also stated that they were endeavouring to improve the various services. The Borough Surveyor had now made an appointment with the Manager, and thought he would be able to provide the necessary queue rails, and these could be erected when the exact positions had been decided upon.

(b) Read, letter of 30th ult. from Mr. T. B. Pritchard asking for a queue rail to be erected in front of his shop, 18 Promenade RESOLVED, That this be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration.

(c) Read, letter of 29th ult, from the Welfare Officer of the Ministry of Labour and National Service with regard to the provision of queue rails. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration

11—Alder's Stores, Winchcomb Street—RESOLVED, That the letting of these premises be left in the hands of the Vice-Chairman and the Town Clerk, and that he be authorised to make reasonable contribution to a prospective tenant towards the cost of the necessary repairs to make the premises habitable.

12—Cakebridge Road and Approach Road—Footpaths—Read, letter of 9th ult. from the occupier of 9 Cakebridge Road complaining of the unfinished condition of the footpaths in Cakebridge Road.

RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to require G. A. M. Hall Ltd. to finish off the work of making the footpaths as soon as possible. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the Oakland Laundry to see if he can come to an arrangement with them for the repair of the potholes in the approach road in view of the fact that they are the principal users of this road.

13—Payment for time lost during Air Raids—Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Western District Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services stating that at a recent meeting, it was agreed to recommend Local Authorities to agree to the following

(1) Employees shall continue with their work after an air raid "alert " warning unless and until it is clear that danger is imminent.

(2) Employees shall resume work as soon as the immediate danger has passed, without awaiting the public raiders passed signal.

(3) Local Authorities shall allocate a watching post or posts, with such means of protection and signalling as are reasonably practicable, at depots or other premises in which more than 30 men are employed and at which it is feasible to adopt the spotter system. Local Authorities shall afford facilities for the training of watchers and guarantee them against loss of wages due to such training or any expenses properly incurred in connection therewith.

(4) In premises where it is not practicable to adopt the spotter system, and in the case of road work and other outside work decisions under (1) and (2) above shall be taken by the foreman or other person in charge of the work.

(5) No deduction of wages shall be made in respect of time lost due to men taking shelter when the watcher's warning is given or in the case of men on outside work when the warning has been given by the foreman or other person in charge, but no payment will be made in respect of time lost prior to such signal.

(6) In cases where it is necessary to work overtime consequent upon time lost due to taking shelter, normal single time rates shall be paid in respect of compensating time lost, after which any additional time worked shall be paid for at overtime rates.

RESOLVED, That these conditions be approved and that notice thereof be put up at the Depot.

14—Projecting Sign-142 High. Street—RESOLVED, That the application of Messrs. Franks, Opticians, for the erection of projecting sign at these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th December, 1940. Present—Alderman E. L. Ward ; Councillors Bendall and Moore ; Mr. W. S. F. Harris (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.
5399	Cheltenham Shopfitting Co. Ltd.	Alterations to Metal Shop, Synagogue Lane.
5400	Newman, W.	Garage, 7 Orchard Way.
5401	Folland Aircraft Ltd.	New Sanitary Wing, St. Margaret's Road.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos 5399 and 5400 be approved ; That Plan No. 5401 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. 5399, 5400 and 5401 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.
1664	Radburn, R. H.	Conversion of barn into cottage, Longwood Farm, Cleeve Hill,
1665	Messrs. S. Smith & Son, Ltd.	New Factory, Bishop's Cleeve.
1666	Martyn, A. W.	Conversion of shed into cottage, School Lane, Southam.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 1664 be approved subject to the cottage being occupied by agricultural or horticultural workers only and to all new work harmonising with the existing building ; That consideration of Plan No 1665 be deferred pending further information from the owners and that the Chairman be authorised to approve the plan if the information asked for is satisfactory ; That consideration of Plan No 1666 be deferred pending the decisions of the Cheltenham Rural District Council under their building byelaws.

3—Extensions to Cemetery, Winchcomb—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 11th inst. from the Clerk to the Winchcomb and Sudeley Manor joint Burial Committee asking if it would be possible to schedule the whole of the 7.234 acre field on the opposite side of the road to the existing cemetery and numbered 385 and 385a on the Ordnance Survey Map in lieu of the area now scheduled for extensions to the cemetery at Winchcomb. He reported that in his opinion the land now scheduled for extension to the cemetery, which adjoins the cemetery, is the most suited for the purpose for various reasons He also reported that if the extension to the cemetery were located on the opposite side of the road it would seriously affect the amenities of the district, endanger the lives of mourners crossing the road from the chapel to the new cemetery and traffic on the highway. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred to the next Meeting of the Committee.

4—Town Planning Schemes—No. 1—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Ministry of Health extending the period in which this Scheme shall be made by the Council to the 31st January, 1942.

No. 2—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Ministry of Health extending the period in which the Draft Scheme shall be adopted by the Council to 31st January, 1942.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th December, 1940. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Readings and Waite ; and Mr. D. V. Davies (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 3rd and 17th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Town Hall Staff—That Mr. S. Holloway be appointed additional attendant as from the 9th December at £2 16s. 0d. per week that A. G. Page be appointed Fire-Watcher and Night Watchman at £3 5s. 0d. per week, and that the Ladies' Cloakroom Staff be paid 4s 6d. instead of 4s for a Dance up to midnight.

(b) Fire—That, in view of the small fire at the side of the stage which was promptly put out by the Night Watchman at 1.15 a.m. on the 13th inst., Notices be placed in the main Hall on the occasion of Dances prohibiting smoking in the Ballroom.

(c) Air Raid Warnings—That the action taken by the Entertainments Manager of notifying the public on the sounding of sirens be approved.

(d) Cinderella Ballet—That the arrangements made with Madame Kyasht with her Russian Ballet de la Jeunesse Anglais to present the new production "Cinderella" at the Town Hall for five matinees, and three evening performances during week commencing 13th January, the Corporation to receive 40 per cent of the total proceeds after the deduction of tax, be approved.

(e) Mark Hambourg—That the Pianoforte Recital arranged with Mark Hambourg on Thursday, the 2nd January, the Corporation to receive 40 per cent of the proceeds after the deduction of tax, be approved.

(f) Christmas Day—That the free use of the Town Hall be granted to the Y.M.C.A. on Christmas Night for a Troop Concert subject to the Y.M.C.A. paying all out of pocket expenses for the arrangement of the Hall, cleaning, etc.

(g) Dance Band—That Mr. Billy Gammon's application for an increase in the tee paid to him for Saturday afternoon and evening Dances be granted, and that this be increased from 15 guineas to 16 guineas per Saturday.

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

2—Musical Guild—The Town Clerk reported that the Mayor had granted the use of the Council Chamber for a Saturday afternoon in February and one in March in view of the fact that the Musical Guild could not hold their usual fixtures at the Town Ball on these days. RESOLVED, That a charge of £1 per Saturday be made, of which 10s would be paid to the Custodian.

3—Mace Bearer—RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be asked to appoint another person to act as Mace Bearer as, owing to the shortage of staff, it was inconvenient for Mr. Jenkins, the Attendant at the Town Hall, to continue this work,

4—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported on the attendances at these Baths since the last Meeting. The total attendances for the five weeks ended the 22nd inst. were : Schools 3,508 Subscribers 19, Public 565. Washing Baths Troops 3,971 ; Public 774.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that, as instructed, he had asked if the military could assist with a scheme for the heating of the large Bath but he now submitted letter from the C.R.E., Oxford, that this was not possible.

(c) Read, also, letter of 4th inst. from the Education Secretary that the Education Committee were unable to give up the School Bath for use as a Washing Bath in view of the large number of children who are attending the School Bath for swimming instruction.

5—Medical Baths—The monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted. The number of treatments given during November was 408 and receipts £95 1s. Od. as compared with £87 14s. Od. in November last year

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd December, 1940, Present—The Mayor Councillors Addis, Bendall, Grimwade, Moore, Readings and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—(a) RESOLVED, That a "Starlight" fitting be placed on a lamp post in the footpath of Bath Parade, and also one in Bath Parade near College Road. (b) RESOLVED, That a lamp standard and "Starlight" fitting be loaned for erection at the entrance to the Offices in Gloucester Road subject to payment of cost of necessary labour and current.

2—Offices—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to make the necessary alterations to the Stores at St. George's Place to enable this to be used as Offices for the department and for payment of accounts in an emergency.

3—Maximum Load—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that there had been a further increase in the maximum load and that before next winter considerable additions would be required to the distributive system. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to prepare a scheme for the necessary extensions and additional plant.

4—Electrical Development Association--RESOLVED, That Mr. W. J. Bache be nominated the representative of the Council on the Executive Committee of this Association for the South West Area and that Mr. H. V. Williams be nominated substitute in the event of Mr. Bache being unable to attend any Meetings.

5—General Hospital—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Hospital were considering the installation of an emergency lighting installation. RESOLVED, That the Hospital be offered the free loan of the large batteries formerly used with the old electric lorry and the charging set for the duration of the war.

6—Electricity Department—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That the Council agree to pay for the cost of the telephone installed at the house of Mr. P. H. Cox (Assistant Engineer) in Oakland Avenue

7—Sanction to Loan—Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Electricity Commissioners enclosing sanction to loan of £1,366 in respect of the cost of new work included in the amount of £1,539 for ring mains switchgear etc. repayable within a period of 20 years. The balance of £173 for rebuilding current transformer chambers should not be charged to capital.

8—Damage to Overhead Line at Hayden—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported damage to this line by the cable of a barrage balloon and the Town Clerk reported that he was in communication with the R.A.F. as to repayment of the cost of making good the damage.

9—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) Read, report of damage to a lamp post in the lane rear of Montpellier Terrace. The Town Clerk reported that the Police had been unable to trace by whom the damage was caused:

(b) Read, reports of damage to lamp standards on 27th November and 16th December at junction of Lansdown Road and Glencairn Park Road and junction of Bath Road and Clare Street respectively by motor vehicles. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make claims for the cost of making good the damage amounting to £20 10s. 7d. and £21 7s. 1d. respectively.

10—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of gas tests made on the 27th ult., 2nd, 9th, 11th and 21st inst., which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 467.2, 459.3, 474.9, 469.3 and 469.2 B.Th.U. and the pressure to be 5.7, 9.1, 9.3, 8.2 and 9.0 inches of water respectively.

STANLEY ROGERS, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th December, 1940. Present—Aldermen Margrett, Pates and Ward ; Councillors Dr. Hayward and Moore (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

Hewletts Springs Dowdeswell Springs Leckhampton Springs

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 30th November, 1940.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	139,000 gallons	119,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,584,000 “	1,153,000
Leckhampton Springs	9,000 “	16,000
	1,732,000 “	1,288,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 86,357,000 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—Chlorine Containers—The Borough Engineer submitted quotation from the Chesterfield Tube Co. Ltd. for the supply of 30 steel chlorine bottles at £4 15s. 6d. each Certain fittings would have to be supplied by I.C.L. Ltd. bringing the cost to about £5 each. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to purchase 30 bottles.

5—Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) RESOLVED, That, in view of the pressing necessity for reserve of water, it be left to the Borough Engineer's discretion to allow the Dowdeswell Reservoir to be filled to a higher depth than hitherto if circumstances make this advisable.

(b) Read, report of damage to fence of this Reservoir on the 26th ult, by a lorry belonging to Shell Mex Ltd. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage amounting to £4 0s. 7d.

6—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Laboratory—RESOLVED, That this Committee are prepared to bear half the cost of the provision of refrigerator and platinum basin and crucible, the total cost of which is estimated at £150, subject to the Gloucester Corporation agreeing to bear half the cost.

7—Horne or Lower Farm—(a) Read, letter of 20th ult. from Messrs. Chandler Bros undertaking that the land to be ploughed up would not be manured with privy refuse.

(b) Field No. 268—Read, letter from C.C. Castle & Son in regard to the field formerly let to Captain Hext. This field had been in the occupation of Messrs. Chandler Bros. since the 31st December, 1938. Messrs. Chandler Bros understood from the late Mr. Castle that they would be able to have this rent free in lieu of a rebate on the rent of the farm. RESOLVED, That no rent be charged for the two years up to 31st December, 1940, but as from that date a rent of £4 per annum be charged.

8—Trunk Main—Churchdown to Hewletts—The Town Clerk reported that it was necessary to pass an amended Resolution applying for the excess expenditure on this main. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £5,303 for the excess expenditure on this main

9—Water Main—Hewletts to Harp Hill—The Town Clerk reported that it was necessary for a Resolution to be passed making formal application for sanction to a loan for the cost of constructing this main. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for consent to a loan of £4,417 for the cost of this main.

CH AS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th December, 1940. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett and Ward ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

(b) Read, circular dated 27th November from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in regard to Foot and Mouth Disease (Controlled Areas) Special Order No 1 of 1940 which applies the General Order of 1938 to the Counties of Southampton and Wilts

2—Hackney Carriage Licences--RESOLVED, That the applications of D. Joel, W. V. Elliott and F. M. Ellsom for Hackney Carriage Licences be granted subject to satisfactory reports on the vehicles being received from the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector and Superintendent Hopkins. RESOLVED, also, That the applications of D. Joel and F. M. Ellsom for Drivers' Licences be granted subject to these being recommended by Superintendent Hopkins

3—Petroleum Licence—RESOLVED, That the application of Cheltenham Factors Ltd. for a licence to store 1,000 gallons of petrol in an existing underground tank in Windsor Street be granted.

4—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, That the services of Highway employees B. Daunter, E. Cox, R. E. Richings, C. Prewer and Price be extended for one year from their respective dates of retirement.

5—Sunday Entertainments Act—Read, report of Superintendent Hopkins that on the first Sunday the Cinemas were opened two children under 16 were admitted to the Palace Cinema and one to the Ritz Cinema. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Licencees and now submitted their replies. In the case of the Palace the children were admitted by accident and in the case of the Ritz the child got in without the Manager's knowledge. Both Managers had expressed their regret and had taken steps to avoid repetition of the matter. RESOLVED, That no action be taken in this instance.

6—Salvation Army—RESOLVED, That the usual annual donation of £10 be made to the Bath Road Citadel and an increased donation of £15 to the Good Will Centre of the Salvation Army in Tewkesbury Road.

7—Montpellier Rotunda—The Town Clerk reported that he had now agreed with the War Department Land Agent to a rent of £120 per annum for the portion of the Rotunda requisitioned ; the rent to be paid as from the 30th September last and to be made quarterly.

8—Town Clerk's Department---(a) RESOLVED, That the salary of Miss E. Norman (Shorthand Typist) he increased to the maximum of Grade B, plus War Bonus, as from 1st November last.

(b) Read, letter of 10th inst. from 2nd Lieut J. Atkinson R.M., asking for his salary, less service pay, to be paid to him from the 1st September last to the date of his Commission on the 22nd November. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(c) A.R.P.—The Committee considered the desirability of engaging an experienced A.R.P Clerk to assist with the large amount of A.R.P. work carried out by the Town Clerk. RESOLVED, That advertisements be issued inviting applications for the appointment of a male clerk, well versed in A.R.P. matters, Ministry of Home Security Circulars etc., and Report and Control Centre procedure, and that applicants be asked to state salary required. RESOLVED, also, That the War Emergency Committee be authorised to appoint a suitable applicant.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd December, 1940. Present—Councillors Bush, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Readings (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Monthly Report of Chief Officer—The Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended 15 calls to fire as follows :-23rd November, 143 Hewlett Road ; 24th November, Town Hall ; 27th November, Idsall House, Prestbury ; 29th November, Blacksmith Lane, Prestbury ; 4th December, School House, School Lane, Charlton Kings ; 7th December, Withyholt Farm, Moorend Road, Charlton Kings ; 8th December, Post Office Lane ; 10th December, 15 Elmfield Road ; 12th December, Haymes Road, Cleeve Hill ; 13th December, Town Hall 13th December, 1 Pittville House, Wellington Road ; 14th December, Osborne Lodge, The Park, 14th December, 10 Tennyson Road ; 15th December, 35 Charlton Lane ; 16th December, Black Hedge Farm, Leckhampton Hill.

2—Regular and Retained Personnel—RESOLVED, That in the event of any of the regular Brigade having to report for duty on an emergency occurring during their leave time, such men be paid 5s. 0d. per day or night for such duty.

3—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) Commandant—Read, application from the Commandant for an increase in his wages. RESOLVED, That subject to the approval of the Home Office, his wages be increased to £275 per annum as from the 1st December.

(b) Section Officer—Read, application from Section Officer Beckingsale for an increase in his wages. RESOLVED, That, subject to the approval of the Home Office, he be promoted to Divisional Officer at a salary of £250 per annum as from the 1st December.

(c) Messengers—The Chief Officer recommended that, in view of the possibility of telephone lines being put out of action, the present establishment of 15 part-time messengers should be increased to 30, and also that 2 whole-time messengers should be appointed at the approved rates of pay, namely : Age 16-17 21s 6d per week, and age 17-18 26s 6d. per week RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted and that application be made to the Home Office for approval thereof. RESOLVED, also, That on receipt of approval, the Chief Officer be instructed to recruit and train the additional messengers and to obtain the necessary uniforms and equipment.

(d) Parish Church Room, St. James' Square—The Town Clerk reported that the War Emergency Committee had considered the need of additional accommodation for the Auxiliary Fire Service for part-time personnel standing by during air raid warnings and for stores, and they recommended that arrangements should be made for the use of the large room at the Parish Church Room, St. James' Square, for this purpose. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Home Office for approval to the Corporation taking these premises at an inclusive rent of £125 per annum

(e) Supplementary Fire Parties—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Home Office that instructions had now been issued for the delivery of 13 semi-rotary hand pumps in connection with the extension of the Supplementary Fire Parties Scheme.

(1) Establishment—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Home Office authorising the employment of 12 additional Auxiliary Firemen on whole-time basis. RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be instructed to recruit and train these men forthwith.

(g) Exchange of Personnel—Read, Circular 154 of the 19th inst. from the Home Office as to the arrangements made for exchange of whole-time personnel between heavily bombed areas and other districts so as to give rest to personnel who had been heavily engaged RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Chief Officer and that he be instructed to bring this to the notice of the Auxiliary Fire Service in case any of them wish to volunteer to relieve personnel in heavily bombed areas.

(h) Hose-Drying Cabinet—The Chairman reported that he had authorised the purchase of a hose-drying cabinet at a cost of approximately £90, which would rank for grant, in accordance with the circular received from the Home Office.

(i) The Town Clerk submitted the following circulars from the Home Office : No. 148 "Summoning of Personnel"; No. 155 " Discipline Rules" ; and No 156 " Wireless Services."

(j) Read, letter of 13th inst, from the Home Office that an additional large trailer pump had now been allocated for the Council's use bringing the total number of large pumps allocated to the Borough to five.

4—Telephones—The Chief Officer recommended that extension lines from Headquarters' Station should be provided to the residences of the Commandant, Divisional Officer, and Senior Section Officer. The cost would be about £5 per quarter. RESOLVED, That these extensions be approved.

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5—Hydrants—The Chief Officer reported as to the desirability of the Fire Department periodically testing and inspecting the fire hydrants in the Borough. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be asked to facilitate this work being carried out by Fire Brigade personnel

6—Emergency Water Supplies--The Town Clerk reported that the War Emergency Committee had approved of the recommendation of the Chief Officer for large pits to be dug at St. Mark's and Leckhampton to provide emergency water supplies for firefighting purposes. RESOLVED, That tenders be invited for the digging of these pits, and that the War Emergency Committee be authorised to accept a tender.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th December, 1940, Present—Alderman Ward ;—Councillors Bush, Fisher and Grimwade; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

7—Deputy Chief Officer—Read, letter of 29th inst. from Mr. R. J. Cox (Deputy Chief Officer) giving one month's notice to terminate his post on his appointment as Chief Officer of the Buxton Brigade. RESOLVED, That the Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Cox and to congratulate him on his new appointment. RESOLVED, also, That Third Officer Hasted be promoted Deputy Chief Officer at a salary of £275 plus War Bonus of £13 per annum also, that advertisements be issued inviting applications for the appointment of Third Officer at a salary of £225 per annum plus War Bonus and house, coal and light and uniform.

8—Parish Church Room—RESOLVED, That the offer of the Rector to let the ground floor of these premises for the purpose of the A.F.S. at an inclusive rent of £125 per annum on a quarterly tenancy as from the 1st January next be accepted, subject to approval of the Home Office.

9—Emergency Fire Brigade Measures—The Committee further considered the Circular of 16th inst. from the Home Office in regard to the measures to be taken to deal with any concentrated air attack. RESOLVED:

(a) That six members of the A.F.S. be trained as Turncocks to assist the Water Department in an emergency.

(b) That the Borough Surveyor be requested to facilitate as far as possible the clearing out of the mud in the lake at The Woodlands so as to render this fit for use as a Supplementary Water Supply.

(c) That the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange terms with the Owner of the Orchard at the rear of Crooks Laundry for the use of this land for digging the proposed reservoir pit approved at the last Meeting.

(d) That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise again the provisions of the Fire Watchers' Order and to appeal to the occupiers of all large premises to endeavour to provide a Fire Watcher to deal with incendiary bombs even though they are not under obligation to do so under the Order.

(e) That the Chief Officer be instructed to try and find more convenient premises for the St. Mark's Auxiliary Station at present located in Lansdown Terrace.

(f) That application be made to the Home Office for approval to a further 12 additional whole-time Auxiliary Firemen being engaged to bring up the establishment to its former approved strength of 72.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th December, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; and Messrs. Ball, Roe and Whittall (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection—The Gardens Superintendent reported that there was a general improvement in the allotments No. 12 Marle Hill was still uncultivated and Nos. 8 and 84 were only partially cultivated. Part of Nos. 37 and 44 Alma Road were also uncultivated. The Town Clerk reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their last Meeting, he had served Notice upon the tenant of No 12 Marle Hill to take possession of this allotment as "unoccupied" land. No. 8 Marle Hill was let to the Unemployed Allotments Association and Mr. Whittall reported that the present tenant had been asked to quit the allotment, and this would be let to a new tenant, The Town Clerk had also written to the tenants of the other allotments informing them that the Committee could not allow the allotments to remain in a bad state of cultivation,

2—Baglins Piece Allotments—(a) Hedge—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the large gap in the hedge had been filled in with sticks and thorn branches.

(b) RESOLVED, That in accordance with Minute 4 passed at the Meeting of this Committee held on the 10th June last, the Borough Surveyor be asked to have the drain laid as soon as possible to prevent flooding.

3—Notice Boards—The Gardens Superintendent reported that Notice Boards were now being made by the Borough Surveyor's Department and that when completed, the Notices as to trespass would be put up on the land taken for War allotments.

4—Additional Land for Allotments—(a) Field No. 138, Hayward's Road--Webb Bros.—The Town Clerk reported that possession had been taken of the land of Messrs. Webb Bros. Messrs. Webb Bros. now asked that they might be allowed to manage the land themselves and were prepared to lay out the land in 10 perch plots, and to charge a rent of 10s per plot per annum, allowing the tenants 6

months rent free. RESOLVED, That, relying upon this assurance, the Committee agree to withdraw from possession.

(b) (i) Land, Brooklyn Road—Messrs. Goddard & Hunt—Read, letters from Messrs. Goddard & Hunt that this land was the only land available for keeping their sheds, scaffolding and surplus building materials but they agreed to the Corporation making use of the land, subject to a suitable fence being placed round their building materials. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write them that in view of the cost of providing fencing and the difficulty in obtaining labour, it would be difficult to carry out the fencing required and suggesting that they should either arrange to cultivate the land available themselves or let this to occupiers of adjoining houses or persons whom they could rely upon not to interfere with the materials on the remainder of the land.

(ii) Land belonging to Messrs. Instone & Maddox—The Town Clerk reported that Notices had been served upon Mr. Instone and Mr. Maddox with a view to their land being taken for allotments. RESOLVED, That the two pieces of land be plotted out into 10 perch plots and let at the rate of 10s per 10 perch plot per annum, the tenants being allowed six months rent free to get the land into good order.

(c) Priors Road—Land between Battledown Close and Chawston—Mr. Middleton attended on behalf of his brother Mr. C. F. Middleton, and stated that he had now had this land ploughed up, and wished to cultivate half, and would be willing to let the remainder to tenants at the rate of 10s per chain per annum. RESOLVED, That, relying on this assurance, possession of the land be withdrawn.

5—Orchard, rear of Orchard Terrace—The Town Clerk reported that a Sub-Committee of the Housing Committee had inspected this land and interviewed the tenant who stated that he was not willing to give up the land until September, 1941, when his notice expired, if the land was to be let to the tenants of the adjoining houses in Orchard Terrace as he had been continually annoyed by these tenants throwing their rubbish on to the land and the children of the tenant of one house had wilfully destroyed a considerable length of fencing. He was using the land for running a considerable head of poultry. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform him that the Corporation would be glad to have the land for allotments but if given up they must be free to let it to whom they thought fit.

6—Food Production in Allotments and Gardens, 1941—Read, Memorandum of 13th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries with regard to food production in 1941. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Horticultural Committee.

7—Reservation of Gardeners—The Town Clerk reported that the Gloucestershire County War Agricultural Executive Committee had now issued certificates of reservation in respect of James Morris, Townsend and Godwin.

8—Conference at Bristol 31st October—The members who attended submitted a report on this Conference.

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9—Vacant Allotments—RESOLVED, That an advertisement be inserted in the "Echo" once in each of the months of December, January and February calling attention to the urgent need for additional

food production and inviting applications for allotments. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Cinema Proprietors to exhibit a slide at the local Cinemas with this object.

10—Mr. E. M. Yeend—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Mr. E. M. Yeend, resigning his membership of the Committee in view of ill-health RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to thank Mr. Yeend for his past services, and to convey the Committee's regret at his resignation, particularly in view of the fact that this is due to ill-health, and their best wishes for his speedy recovery RESOLVED, also, That the question of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Yeend, be adjourned to the next Meeting of this Committee.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th December, 1940. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, 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 the month of November had realised £127 2s. 2d.

2—Sale of Surplus Ducks—The Gardens Superintendent reported that 21 surplus ducks from Pittville Lakes were sold at the market by Messrs. C. C. Castle & Sons, and realised the sum of £2 11s. 6d., excluding market fees.

3—Gardeners—The Gardens Superintendent reported applications from T. Shaw and A. Morris to be included as Grade I gardeners, at the rate of 1s 3 ¼ d. per hour. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

4—Seed Potatoes—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to obtain quotations from local firms for seed potatoes required for next season.

5—Pittville Gardens—Greenhouses—The Borough Surveyor reported that on two occasions recently, glass had been broken in the greenhouses at Pittville by shrapnel. The damage had been repaired from glass in stock. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to furnish the Town Clerk with the cost of making good the damage with a view to a claim being made for compensation.

6—Burrow's Sports Ground—Read, letter of 25th ult. from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland stating that their clients were unable to accept the offer made by the Corporation for the purchase of this ground. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to negotiate with Messrs. Leishman & Copeland with a view to terms being arranged if possible, for the purchase of the land at the conclusion of hostilities.

7—Advertisement Boards—RESOLVED, That the promoters of the Twelfth Night Ball be granted the same facilities this year as on previous occasions for the exhibition of advertisements with regard to this Ball, the proceeds of which were in aid of charities.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th December, 1940. Present--Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Moore and Readings (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from 23rd September to 27th December. Number of Interments 274 ; Cremations 64 ; Grave Spaces sold : 1st Position 4, 2nd Position 3, 3rd Position 1, 4th Position 35 ; New Memorials erected 30 ; New Inscriptions 22.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces Sold—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 10257 to 10299.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2581 to 2606, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved. —

4—Civilian War Deaths Scheme—(a) Read, circulars No. 2192 and 2197 from the Ministry of Health in regard to the interment of civilians killed in air raids.

(b) The Committee considered the staffing of the emergency Mortuaries. RESOLVED, That the Cemetery Superintendent be authorised to obtain and train more staff for this work and that such staff be paid a wage of 3s per hour. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. Woolhouse be asked to try and arrange for a Deputy to take charge at one of the Mortuaries and to report thereon at an early date and as to suggested remuneration. RESOLVED, That the Cemetery Superintendent be authorised to purchase an additional 50 collapsible coffins and also to arrange with some of the Undertakers for a stock of wooden coffin sets to be stored by them and earmarked for the use of the Corporation on terms to be arranged.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 4th December, 1940. Present—Councillors Bettridge, Bush and Moore (Councillor Bettridge 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—Arrears—The Committee considered the Report of the Bailiff on the collection of arrears.

3—Read, Circular No. 2215 from the Ministry of Health in regard to rates on premises rendered uninhabitable temporarily or permanently by enemy action. With regard to premises completely demolished or so badly damaged as to render demolition necessary, as these would be incapable of beneficial occupation, rate liability would cease as from the date of destruction.

With regard to premises rendered uninhabitable by reason of structural damage, destruction of essential services or proximity of unexploded bombs, the Ministry suggested that Rating Authorities might properly take the view that premises temporarily rendered uninhabitable for any of these reasons are not for the time being in beneficial occupation, and that the presence of furniture on the premises could reasonably be regarded as immaterial Individual cases should be dealt with on their merits, but the Ministry suggested that where "by reason of temporary unfitness for habitation or restrictions on access and user, an occupier is deprived of the use of his premises for a period exceeding seven consecutive days the premises should be treated for the whole of such period (including the first seven days) as 'void' for rating purposes."

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In the case of premises slightly damaged and the occupation is only temporarily interrupted pending execution of first-aid repairs, there appeared to be no case for granting a "void" allowance or reduction of rates, unless unavoidable delay in executing the repairs results in interruption of occupation for more than seven days.

RESOLVED, That in the case of premises completely demolished, etc., no rates be charged on the property and that the Rating Officers be authorised to refund any amounts overpaid after the date of destruction. RESOLVED, also, That in regard to the other categories, the Committee agree to deal with these on their merits and that the Rating Officers be instructed to submit particulars of any such cases to the Committee.

A. J. BETTRIDGE,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 31st December, 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 the 31st inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £56,772, Leaving Outstanding £77,474

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, 1941 Amount collected £13,423 ; Outstanding £14,607

3—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported receipt of sanction to loan of £1,366 for plant, switch gear etc., repayable in a term of 20 years.

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

5—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 31st inst. Present—Aldermen Taylor (in the chair), and Ward ; and Councillor Waite.

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

6—Loans—Renewals—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of £6,000 of the Halifax Building Society loan be approved, and that the Debenture be endorsed accordingly.

7—Audit—The Town Clerk reported that the District Auditor had given notice that the Audit would commence on 13th January at 11 a.m.

8—Finance Department—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application for further deferment of the calling up of Messrs. Morrell and Axtell of the Borough Treasurer's Office.

9—Housing Act, 1936—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Messrs. Eckersall, Watterson & Moore that the mortgage guarantee given by the Corporation in respect of 143 Brooklyn Road had been redeemed and returning the deed for cancellation.

P. P. TAILOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 6th January, 1941, 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, Pates, Taylor, Ward and Clara F. Winterbotham. M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bendall, 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, Readings, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen IVIa4.-f,rett and Pruen, Councillors Avery and Bettridge.

1—Death of Councillor S. C. Morris—RESOLVED, That the Council record their deep regret at the death of Councillor S. C. Morris, who had been a member of this Council for nine years and who had taken a deep interest in the work of the Council, and desire to convey their sincere sympathy with his widow and family in their bereavement.

2--Appointment of Deputy Mayor —The Mayor signified in writing- that he had appointed Alderman Edward Lawrence Ward to be his Deputy during the remainder of this year of Office in place of Alderman Captain John Henry Trye, C.B.E., (retd.) who had resigned the office owing to ill-health. RESOLVED, That the appointment be recorded on the Minutes of the Council.

3—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 2nd December, 1940, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same he adopted and confirmed.

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4—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 9

Housing Meeting held December 12

Street and Highway Meeting held December 16

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Garland and seconded by Councillor Lipson : " That Minute No. 9 with regard to the Pittville Street Improvement Scheme be not approved."

Town Planning Meeting held December 19

Town Improvement and Spa... Meeting held December 27

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held December 23

Water Meeting held December 10

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held December 17

Fire Brigade Meetings held December 23 & 30

Allotments .. Meeting held December 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held December 9

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held December 27

Rating Meeting held December 4

Finance Meeting held December 31

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

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, 3rd February, 1941.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th January, 1941. Present—Aldermen Winterbotham and Pruen; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr. Hayward, Moore, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 7 qrs. 5 ½ lbs. Beef ; 7 qrs. 4 lbs, Pork ; 26 Rabbits ; 2 Fowls ; 53 Canned Goods ; 26 Bottled Goods.

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—Typhoid Immunisation—The Medical Officer of Health submitted Circular 2230 of 7th ult. from the Ministry of Health. The Ministry were advised that there was no cause for mass immunisation against typhoid, unless conditions arise which in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health renders it necessary. Facilities should, however, be available forthwith for individuals, the nature of whose employment, would expose them to special risk and for volunteers who desire it,

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had requisitioned a stock of vaccine and had received sufficient for 250 persons. Further supplies could be obtained from the Ministry of Health as and when required. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to bring the matter to the notice of the personnel of the Auxiliary Fire Service and A.R.P. Services.

4—Scabies—Read, Circular of 31st ult. from the Town Clerk, Chepping Wycombe, asking the Council to support the resolution of his Council asking the Ministry of Health to make regulations providing for the notification of scabies. RESOLVED, That the Council support the resolution and the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Ministry of Health accordingly.

5—Health Handbook--The Medical Officer of Health reported that Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd. were proceeding with another issue of this Handbook and would supply the Council with 1,500 copies free of charge over a period of two years RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6--Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-180 Prestbury Road—RESOLVED, That licence be issued authorising the re-occupation of these premises for a period of six months subject to the works specified by the Sanitary Inspector being carried out to his satisfaction, and to the rent being approved by the Housing Committee.

7—Food and Drugs Act, 1938- (a) The Town Clerk submitted the quarterly report of the Public Analyst for the period ended the 30th September last.

(b) The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted a report of the Public Analyst on six samples of Milk Nod. 118-124, which, with one exception, were satisfactory, He submitted letter from the Dairy concerned with the one sample not up to the prescribed standard. RESOLVED, That in the special circumstances of this case and of the precautions taken for the future, proceedings be not taken in this instance.

(c) The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. Lynn had been registered in accordance with instructions received from the Divisional Food Office to carry on a catering establishment at 7 High Street. He submitted a report on the premises and of the work required to be done to comply with

the provisions of the Foods and Drugs Act with respect to rooms where food intended for sale is prepared or stored. RESOLVED, That Notice be given under Section 13 of the Foods and Drugs Act, 1938, requiring the owner to carry out the work necessary to comply with this Section to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

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8—Montpellier Conveniences—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter from the National Union of General & Municipal Workers that they propose to appeal to the Western J.I.C. against the Committee's decision in regard to the application for back pay for J. Tuck, a former attendant at these conveniences.

9—Brooklyn Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Bucks and Middlesex Estate Ltd. had now laid the length of the storm water sewer of the increased size as required by the Committee and had applied for the payment of £75 the sum promised by the Council in accordance with Minute No. 16 (b) of the 12th June, 1939. RESOLVED: That the sum be paid.

10—Air Raid Damage—The Borough Surveyor reported damage to sewers in six streets during the recent air raid, and these sewers were quickly put into service again and the work would very shortly be completed.

11—Salvage of Food—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted a report on the action taken to salvage all food stocks from premises damaged during a recent air raid.

12—Smoke Nuisance—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported on a complaint received of the nuisance caused by the emission of smoke from Webb's Brickworks. RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to see Messrs. Webb and report thereon at the next Meeting.

13—District Sanitary Inspector—Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Ministry of Health consenting to the appointment of Mr. H. Stone as temporary Sanitary Inspector for the period of the present emergency or until Mr. Ursell resumes his duties, whichever period is the less.

14—Abattoir—Read, report of damage to the gate pier and gates at the Abattoir on 7th inst. by a timber lorry belonging to-Mr. D. Brown. The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Brown had arranged for his own builder to make good the damage.

A. S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th January, 1941. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Grimwade, Lipson and Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Dustbins—The Borough Surveyor reported the difficulty of obtaining Dustbins. During the last four years 489 dustbins had been issued as replacements and of this total 39 have been delivered to

the Whaddon Estate, 18 to Alstone, and 31 to the Moors. RESOLVED, That the Housing Manager be instructed to inform tenants that the Committee will have to require them to pay for replacing dustbins if these are not taken care of, and made to last for seven years

2—Air Raid Damage—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the occasion of the Air Raid on the 11th December last about 1,600 houses were damaged, including 157 belonging to the Corporation Of these, 1 in Kipling Road and 2 in Margrett Road had been demolished, and 7 in Kipling Road and 2 in Margrett Road would have to be demolished. He had accepted a tender from Messrs. Chambers to carry out this work and to salvage and hand over to the Corporation all useable materials.

The Town Clerk reported that the Regional Architect to the Ministry of Health had informed him that there would probably be a difficulty in obtaining the consent of the Ministry of Health to erect new houses during the War in place of the 12 houses demolished or to be demolished, but that the Ministry might be prepared to approve the replacement of some of the houses by using the salvaged materials RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of re-building such number of the houses as can be built from the salvaged materials and that the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Ministry of Health for approval to such houses being re-built.

3—Housing Manager--(a) The Housing Manager submitted her Monthly Report on the collection of rents.

(b) Clerk—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Miss V. Dartnell giving one month's notice to terminate her appointment as Clerk in Miss Hort's Office on the 8th February. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Housing Manager be authorised to appoint another Clerk on Grade B.

4—Repairs Superintendent—Read, the Monthly Report of the Repairs Superintendent.

5—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 10th 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 Housing Manager be instructed to arrange for the purchase and provision of a number of short ladders for obtaining access to the insides of roofs of houses on the various Housing Estates. and also for the purchase and distribution of about 25 Stirrup Pumps.

(c) That all tenants whose houses have been rendered uninhabitable by enemy action be excused from rent from the date of the raid.

(d) That the tenants of houses rendered uninhabitable be allowed to continue cultivation of their gardens rent free

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, 20th January, 1941. Present—Aldermen Word and Winterbotham. Councillors Addis, Green, Grimwade, Readings, Rogers and Till (Alderman Ward in the chair).

1—Salvage of Waste—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the following had been salvaged during the month of December (the amounts salvaged during the previous month are shown in brackets) :—

	Tons	Tons.
Paper	53 $\frac{1}{4}$	(57 $\frac{1}{2}$)
Metals	—	(20)
Rags, sacks, etc.	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	(2)
Bottles and Jars	2 (5140 Nos.)	($\frac{3}{4}$) (1930 No.)
Bones ...	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	(4)
Pig Food	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	(71)

The total amount salvaged during the past 12 months was 1,373 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons, and 17,880 bottles and jars, with an estimated value of £3,973.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Refuse collected and tipped during the 5 weeks to the 15th inst. was 2,009 tons.

2—Strong Room—The Borough Surveyor reported that there was an urgent need for a Strong Room for the storage of plans and records which could not be replaced in the event of these being damaged, and, as there would not be a Meeting of the Water Committee for some time, he asked the Committee to approve of the erection of a Strong Room within the Coach House at the Dowdeswell Reservoir Lodge at a cost of approximately £100. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to proceed with this.

3—North Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that as a matter of urgency he had approved of the construction of an entrance through the footpath in North Street to give access to the basement of the premises formerly occupied by North Street Motors on the understanding that this would be removed within six months of the cessation of hostilities if required by the Council. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Borough Engineer's Department—Chief Engineering Assistant—The Borough Engineer reported that his Chief Engineering Assistant, Mr. W. I. Bell, had been granted a Commission in the Royal Engineers and would be taking up duty on the 25th inst. He did not propose to fill the vacancy at the present time.

5—Pilley Bridge—The Borough Engineer reported that the Ministry of Transport had now decided that they could not authorise the construction of a temporary bridge unit to replace this bridge demolished during the recent air raid on the grounds that there was a good and efficient trunk road

via Leckhampton Road and that such bridge units as are available must be reserved for the most important traffic routes. With a view, however, to facilitating the relaying of the water mains, the Railway Company had arranged to erect at once a gantry sufficiently wide for this purpose and it was possible that this erection may be converted into a foot bridge.

6—Eastern Approach Drive, Pittville—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Alan Fenwick had fixed a sign post in Albert Road directing to his house "Fenwick Lodge" in Eastern Approach Drive. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the road name erected in the road and that Mr. Fenwick be informed that the Committee cannot allow the sign to remain after the road name has been erected.

7—Snow—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Cheltenham District Traction Company drawing attention to the importance of roads being kept clear at all times so that the road transport service may continue unimpeded. While the" appreciated that owing to the shortage of staff this might be difficult, they considered it was vital in the national interests that the roads should be maintained in useable condition from the traffic point of view. The Borough Surveyor reported that everything possible had been done to grit the roads and footpaths and on one occasion the whole of the grit applied in the morning was covered by a further snow fall in the afternoon, but, even so, difficult corners and islands were gritted again by the evening. The Borough Surveyor was doing all he possibly could under present difficult conditions.

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8—Home Grown Timber—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Messrs. Jackson, Stops & Staff, of Northampton, that they had been requested to make every possible effort to find supplies of home grown timber. Large supplies of beech, ash, poplar, elm and soft woods, oak, sycamore and Spanish chestnut were urgently required. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a report from the treemen as to any trees in the streets and parks, etc., which might, with advantage, be removed,

9—Pittville Street Improvement Scheme—(a) Read, letter of 8th inst. from Messrs, Young & Gilling asking on what terms a lease would be granted of the Pittville Street site. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee cannot state the terms until the clients for whom they are acting, submit their proposals as to the development of the site.

(b) Read, letter of 20th inst. from Mr. W. H. Horsley making an offer on behalf of Mr. J. A. Littman to rent the Pittville Street site for the duration of the war at £1,500 per annum with a Peppercorn for one year for re-building afterwards and then a rent of £2,250 on a 99 years' lease. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to entertain any offer which is not accompanied by full details of the proposed development of the site, including an estimate of the amount to be expended on buildings to be erected on the site.

(c) The Committee considered the amendment passed at the last Meeting of the Council in regard to this site RESOLVED, That the Council be informed that, while it is the present fixed intention of the Committee only to lease this site, they do not consider it is advisable to recommend the Council definitely to decide that only offers to lease the site will be entertained.

10—Damage to Sign—Read, report of the damage on the 7th inst. to a traffic bollard and " Keep Left " sign at the junction of Montpellier Terrace and Montpellier Walk by a motor lorry and trailer belonging to the R.A.F. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage estimated at £17 8s. 11d.

11—" Keep Left" for Pedestrians—Councillor Green suggested that " Keep Left " signs should be placed on footpaths in view of the congestion on the footpaths. RESOLVED, That as an experiment, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a small notice placed on lamp-standards and trees in the centre of the town asking pedestrians to keep to the left.

12—Wages—Councillor H. C. Grimwade the representative of the Council on the Western J.I.C. reported that the National J.I.C. were concerned with the anomalies which were arising because of lack of uniformity in the regulation of wages based on the increased cost of living by the twelve provincial J.I.C's. It had been decided, therefore, with the approval of the Western J.I.C. that, while variations of the basic wage rates remained the prerogative of the Provincial J.I.C. war bonus increases should be determined nationally. The National J.I.C having received a further application for increase to cover extra cost of living, had decided to advance the war wage of male manual workers by an amount which would add 8s per week to pre-war wages, including the advances already given in December, 1939 (3s per week) and June, 1940 (2s per week).

As the weekly wages of general labourers employed by the Corporation in August, 1939, were 50s 10d. per week, these men would, as from the first full pay week in February next, receive 58s 9d. per week which is equivalent to 1s 3d per hour. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to apply this increase to the men concerned

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th January, 1941. Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Winterbotham ; Councillors Bush, Garland and Grimwade ; Mrs. Grist and Miss Leigh (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th December, 1940

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (12 Meetings) ...	269	212
At Clare Street (12 Meetings) ...	564	455
At Grosvenor Street (13 Meetings)...	455	392
At St. Mark's (12 Meetings)	574	478
At Whaddon (12 Meetings)	304	306

3—Midwives Act—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 31st December, 1940, was £117 15s. 0d., of which £66 0s. 5d. was chargeable to patients.

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4—Dentistry—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 55 mothers and 15 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 83 mothers and 5 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 13 cases were treated and 44 teeth extracted.

(c) RESOLVED, That the Committee bear half the cost of 17s 6d. in the provision of dentures for a necessitous mother as now reported to the Committee

5—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health reported one case where a special Nurse had been provided at a cost of £1 14s. 6d. RESOLVED, That this account be paid.

6—Children Act—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of foster mothers who had sent in notifications, and he recommended that the maximum number of children allowed should be fixed as follows :—

Name.	Address.	Maximum No. of Children allowed.
Mrs. Waters	3 Oxford Buildings	1
Mrs. Bailey ..	3 Hanover Street (temporary) ...	1
Miss Simmons ...	The Noake, Sydenham Road South	1
Mrs. Townley ..	34 Mersey Road	1
Mrs. Badman ...	Rockville, Shurdington Road ..	1
Mrs. Hopkins	160 Whaddon Road	1

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted,

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted letter from Miss Burmester, Nursery Home, Ravenshurst, Pittville Lawn, asking for permission to take five more children. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

7—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 15 Borough patients.

8—Orthopaedic Scheme—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on the work of the Orthopaedic Clinic for the quarter ended 31st ult. The total number of children on the Register was 144, of which 84 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 19 surgeons' consultations had been held 60 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 12

surgeons' consultations had been held. He submitted accounts of the proportion of the fees payable by this Committee. RESOLVED, That these accounts be paid.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from the Cripples Aid Society for a grant towards the cost, amounting to £3 3s. 0d. of instruments, boots and repairs for children under five, RESOLVED, That a grant of 50 per cent, namely £1 11s. 6d. be made.

9—Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1937—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Nurse L. D. Hayward, S.R.N., for Registration of 2 Kensington Villas as a Nursing Home for three medical cases be granted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of re-registration of Ash Priors, Pittville Street, as a Nursing Home in the names of Kathleen Chester and Beatrice Smith be granted.

10—District Nursing Association—Read, letter of 15th inst. from the Cheltenham District Nursing Association pointing out that three Borough cases during the past quarter were nursed at a loss owing to the patients having to be transferred to the General and Delancey Hospitals, two at the end of three days and one at the end of six days. The Association pointed out that the initial expense in nursing patients represented the heaviest cost and they therefore asked that in such cases a minimum of one week's fee of 4 guineas should be paid. RESOLVED, That the Association be informed that, as the Doctor's fee of 2 guineas is included in the weekly payment made for all Borough cases, and there are many occasions on which a Doctor is not required, the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to accede to the application.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd January, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Claret F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall and Moore ; Mr. W. S. F. Harris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5402	H. H. Martyn, Ltd.	Portable canteen, office and waiting room, Sunningend Works,
5403	Folland Aircraft, Ltd.	Sanitary accommodation, 7-9 Bath Road,
5404	Clarke, Col.	Garage, Winton, Warden Hill Road.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5402 and 5404 be approved ; That Plan No. 5403 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. 5402, 5403 and 5404 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.
1666	Martyn, A. W.	Conversion of shed into cottage, School Lane, Southam.
1667	Fowler, Mrs. F.	Store shed, Colletts Hotel, Cleeve Hill.
1668	Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters	Temporary offices, Stoney Cockbury, Winchcomb.
1669	S. Smith & Sons Ltd. (Cheltenham)	Canteen and recreation building, Bishop's Cleeve.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 1668 be approved subject to the conditions attached to the approval of the use of the premises as offices dated 21st November, 1940, and to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No. 1669 be approved subject to the conditions attached to the approval of the lay-out dated 17th October, 1940; That Plans Nos. 1666 and 1667 be not approved.

3—Application to Develop—Pulteney House, Winchcomb Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that application had been made by Dr. Wallace for the erection of a garage at Pulteney House, Winchcomb Street. The garage would be in front of the residence but behind the front main walls of the adjoining shops, RESOLVED, That permission be granted for the erection of the garage as a temporary building for a period of four years and subject to (1) the garage and drive being constructed in the position shown on the plan now produced by the Borough Surveyor (2) the front fence being reduced in height to 3 ft. 6 ins, above the back edge of the pavement for a distance of 15 ft. on either side of the entrance gates to ensure adequate visibility (3) the building to harmonise with the existing building and (4) plans being submitted to and approved by the Committee under the Building Bye-laws.

4—Extensions to Cemetery, Winchcomb—The Committee further considered the application of the Clerk to the Winchcomb and Sudeley Manor Joint Burial Committee for Fields Nod. 385 and 385a on the Ordnance Survey Map to be scheduled for extensions to the existing Cemetery at Winchcomb in lieu of the area at present allocated for that purpose. Read, a further letter from the Clerk to the Burial Committee of 22nd inst. stating that the chapel is now seldom used and therefore there would be little danger to mourners crossing the road from the existing Cemetery to the new one for an interment. He further reported that the County Surveyor had suggested an amendment to the line of the by-pass from Greet Road to Footbridge which would pass along the north east side of Field Nod. 385a. RESOLVED, That subject to no objection by the Rural District Council, Fields Nod. 385 and 385a, except the, portion required for the proposed new road, be scheduled for an extension to the existing Cemetery, and that the Jan' now allocated for that purpose be released for building purposes and included in the adjoining density zone and that the Scheme and Map be amended accordingly.

5-- Proposed by-pass, Greet Road to Footbridge, Winchcomb—The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Surveyor had suggested an amendment to the line of the by-pass from Greet Road to Footbridge and a continuation of the new road to join up with the by-pass to Route A46 through Winchcomb, as indicated on the plan now submitted RESOLVED, That the amendment be approved and that the Scheme and Map be amended accordingly.

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6—Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Co. Ltd., Shurdington--Read, letter of 22nd inst. from the Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Co. Ltd., asking if the Committee are now prepared to entertain proposals for the erection of houses or bungalows on their land at Little Shurdington. The Borough Surveyor reported that the property is situated in the area scheduled for Rural purposes. In this area country dwellings with not less than 10 acres of land within its curtilage may be erected and the assumption by the Company that they would be within their rights in erecting 5 houses on 50 acres of land is incorrect as any land not included within the curtilage of the houses must be kept free from all building except those required for the enjoyment of the houses. These conditions cannot be complied with as many buildings have been erected in connection with the pits. He further reported there had been no change as regards public services in that area and that the grounds for refusal of previous applications would still apply. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to permit development in that area.

7—Ewens Farm, Charlton Kings—Read, letter dated 22nd inst. from the Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Company Ltd., that Messrs F. R. Freeman Ltd. were using the builders sheds on the Ewens Farm Estate for the manufacture of concrete slabs and asking for approval for the change of user of the property for the duration of the 'var. RESOLVED, That this be approved for the period of the war only, subject to no nuisance being caused to the residential properties in the vicinity and to no further buildings being erected on the property without first obtaining the approval of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and the Town Planning Committee.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th January, 1941. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Pates and Ward; Councillors Barnett, Bush, Green, Lipson and Readings (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 7th and 21st inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows ;—

(a) That the appointment of Miss G. Moon as Clerk in the Entertainment Manager's Office at a salary of £100 2s. 0d. per annum, be approved.

(b) Town Hall—(i) That the free use of the Town Hall be granted on a Sunday afternoon for a Silver Band Concert by the Dowty Equipment Band in aid of the Mayor's Distress Fund, subject to payment of two guineas out-of-pocket expenses.

(ii) That no charge be made for the use of the Town Hall on the 30th December for the entertainment of evacuated children.

(iii) That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for a Dance on the 10th inst. in aid of the Mayor's Distress Fund.

(iv) That the Large Hall, Pillar Room, Service Room and Kitchen be let to the County Council for a Luncheon and Social Service Meeting on the 18th January at an inclusive charge of £30, and the Dance Tea be cancelled on this afternoon.

(v) That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted on the 26th inst. to the Y.M.C.A for a Concert by Juvenile Orchestra on the understanding that free admission will be granted to all Servicemen.

(vi) That the free use of the Town Hall be granted for a Concert on the 13th February with Marie Hall and other Artists in aid of the Mayor's Distress Fund,

(vii) That the free use of the Town Hall (except out-of-pocket expenses) be granted to the War Entertainments Committee on the 24th February for a Concert to raise funds for the expenses of the Committee in providing Concerts at the War Emergency Hospital.

(c) Russian Ballet—The Entertainments Manager reported a profit of £24 on the promotion of the Lydia Kyasht "Cinderella" Ballet

(d) Shakespeare's " Twelfth Night " —That the offer for "Twelfth Night " with Irene Vanbrugh, Violet Vanbrugh and Donald Won and Company of 22 for five matinees and three evening performances at the Town Hall for one week in February, the Company to be paid 60 per cent of the net receipts with a guarantee of £250 be accepted. The Corporation's expenses were estimated at £60.

(e) Municipal Dance—That the charge for admission to the Saturday Night Municipal Dance be 3s 6d as from the 1st February. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted,

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2—Town Hall—Fire Watchers—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Entertainments Sub-Commits as to the provision of Fire Watchers for the Town Hall in addition to the Watcher engaged every night. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the War Emergency Committee.

3—Medical Baths—The monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted. The receipts for December amounted to £73 18s. 6d. as compared with £48 2s. 0d. in December last year.

4—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that a Fire Watching Party had been formed to include atone Baths, the Laundry and near-by works.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported the attendance at these Baths during the past four weeks.

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported damage to some glazing in front of the Baths during the recent air raid.

(d) Read, letter from the Grammar School asking for 44 free half-season tickets and 84 free full-season tickets to bore who had gained the Certificate and Medallion respectively of the Royal Life Saving Society. RESOLVED, That the application be granted. RESOLVED, also, That the School be allowed to book the Baths on four Wednesday evenings, on days to be arranged with the Superintendent, at a charge of 10s 6d. for lighting and hire of any chairs required

(e) Read, letter of 11th inst. from the National Union of General & Municipal Workers in regard to the days of holiday still due to four employees at these Baths, and suggesting that if it was still inconvenient for these employees to be allowed these days, they should be paid wages in lieu thereof. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Labour Sub-Committee.

5—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—The Town Clerk reported that the military had requisitioned the Car Park of the Swimming Pool. RESOLVED, That a claim at the rate of £150 per annum be made plus the cost of making good any damage.

6—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk reported that it was the intention of the military to de-requisition this building in view of the heavy cost involved in providing a roof. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to report as to the claim to be made during the time the building has been requisitioned.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th January, 1941. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Biggs, Grimwade, Moore, Readings, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Rogers in the chair)

1—Borough Electrical Engineer—RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to extend the services of the Borough Electrical Engineer for one year tip to the 26th January, 1942.

2—Extension of Mains—Cottage, Staverton—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Air Ministry had recently asked for a supply to a cottage at Staverton adjoining the Plough inn. The cottage was within a few yards of the Gloucester Area of Supply, but as they had no cable within half-a-mile of the cottage and the Corporation supply the Plough Inn he had arranged with the approval of the Gloucester Corporation to extend the overhead service line from the Plough Inn to give a supply to the cottage. RESOLVED, That this be approved

3 General Hospital—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Secretary of the Hospital that his Board had gratefully accept the loan of the large batteries and charging set offered to them for the duration of the war as an emergency installation, and conveying the Board's sincere appreciation for the Council's offer.

4—Fire Watchers' Order—RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase some ladders to give access to roofs of sub-stations where necessary. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to make arrangements for the fire watching of the large sub-stations and to consult the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade in regard thereto.

5—Air Raid Shelters Heating—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported on the experiments he was making as to the best means of heating air raid shelters. RESOLVED, That a special tariff charge of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per unit be made for the energy consumed on these experiments.

6—Maximum Load—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the maximum load which was 9,003 kilowatts in January, 1940, had increased to 11,518 kilowatts during the present month, which was nearly double that experienced four years ago ; the increase was due partly to additions to the industrial load and also to the considerable influx of residents, but in his opinion it was mainly due to the normal growth of the Undertaking. The extra load had imposed a considerable strain on the distribution system and it was essential that considerable additions to it should be made before next winter. He was not yet in a position to submit a detailed scheme and estimates, but he proposed to recommend the laying of two new 0.2 sq. in. extra-high tension trunk feeders from the Shropshire Power Co's. Hester's Way Sub-Station to Evesham House Sub-Station, together with other lengths of 0.1 sq. in. and 0.2 sq. in. E.H.T. cables in different parts of the town. The new cables would also require the provision of additional switchgear and transformers in some of the present Sub-Stations. Full details and estimates would be submitted to the Committee at their next Meeting, but he recommended that in order to avoid delay preliminary application should be made to the Electricity Commissioners for their approval of the proposals, together with the issue of the necessary steel permits to enable orders to be placed for the cables, switchgear and transformers. RESOLVED, That the Engineer's proposals be approved in principle, that he be instructed to submit a detailed scheme together with plans and estimates, and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for their provisional approval of the proposals, and their sanction to the steel certificates required.

7—Coal Prices—Read, circular of 25th inst. from the I.M.E.A in regard to the continual increases in the price of coal to Public Utilities. RESOLVED, That the Borough Member be asked to support the representations made to the Mines Department to take such steps as are necessary to prevent further increases taking place.

8—War Damage Bill—Read, circular of 25th inst. from the I.M.E.A. that a Conjoint Conference of Public Utility Under-takings had considered this Bill. Part 1 of the Bill provided for a compulsory contributory scheme of compensation for war damage to certain buildings, etc., which did not apply to public utilities, and Part 2 provided for the operation by the Board of Trade of two insurance schemes referred to as " the business scheme" and the " private chattels scheme," but the latter scheme was not applicable to public utilities The Association suggested that the Council should ask their Borough Member to support an Amendment which would be moved in the House of Commons, the effect of which would be to exclude Public Utility Undertakings from the Bill with a view to the interest of public utilities being made the subject of further legislation. RESOLVED, That the Borough Member be asked to support the Amendment.

9—Damage to Lamp Standards—(a) Read, report of damage to lamp standards on the 12th and 25th December last in Malvern Road and Tivoli Street by army lorries, The police had not received any reports of the damage and had no records of the occurrences. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be

instructed to make claims for the cost of making good the damage amounting to £5 10s. 2d. and £11 12s. 11d. respectively when he is able to trace the persons responsible for the damage.

(b) Read, report of damage to a lamp standard on the 18th inst. at the corner of Evesham Road and Wellington Road by a Black & White Motor Coach. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage estimated at £4 4s. 10d.

10—Price of Gas—The Town Clerk submitted notice of 15th inst. from the Gas Company of the increase in price of gas to 11d. per therm.

11.—Gas Tests—(a) Read, report of the Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 31st December which showed the average calorific value for the quarter to be 472 B.Th.U.

(b) Read, Reports of gas tests made on the 30th December, 6th, 13th, 15th and 21st inst., which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 449.0, 460.1, 455.9, 469.5 and 473.0 B.Th.U. and the pressure to be 8.6, 8.4, 8.4, 8.5 and 8.6 inches of water respectively.

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th January, 1941. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Dr. Hayward and Moore (Alderman Ward in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st December, 1940.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	152,000 gallons	276,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,008,000 "	1,787,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	27,000 "	42,000 "
	1,187,000 "	2,105,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 87,891,000 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—Rainfall—The Borough Engineer submitted a statement showing the rainfall at Sandford, Hewletts, Dowdeswell and Tewkesbury for the year 1940. The total rainfall was as follows : Sandford 23.62 inches ; Hewletts 25.68 inches; Dowdeswell 27.80 inches Tewkesbury 25.22 inches.

5—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Guard—The Borough Engineer submitted letter from the National Union of General and Municipal 'Workers stating that the Head Office was placing before the Ministry of Home Security the claim made by them on behalf of A. G. Bradbury for extra payment beyond that arranged with him when he was given work on guarding these works after being certified unfit for ordinary work

6—Extension of Main—Kidnappers' Lane—The Borough Engineer reported that the Emergency Committee had authorised him to proceed with the extension of 6 inch water main from the Red Bungalow, Leckhampton Lane to the new 18 inch main from Churchdown in view of the urgent necessity of providing as many alternative means of water supply as possible for firefighting. RESOLVED, That this be approved, RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to approach the Rural District Council to see if they are prepared to make a contribution towards the cost of this extension.

7—Home or Lower Farm—Field No. 268—Read, letter of 10th inst. from Messrs. C. Castle & Sons that Messrs. Chandler Bros. considered a rent of £4 for this field was too high, especially in view of the fact that the field is in the middle of other land occupied by them. They offered a rent of £3 as from the 31st December last. RESOLVED, That this over be accepted and that Minute No. 7 (b) passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

8—Supplies to Military Sites —RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement with the Secretary of State for War for the supply of water for all requirements of troops in buildings situated at various sites in the area of supply, the charge to be a minimum sum of 12s each half-year in respect of the first 8,000 gallons and 1s 6d. for each additional 1,000 gallons as recorded by a meter to be provided at the expense of the War Office plus 4s 6d. per half-year meter rent for each meter or where larger meters are installed, the usual rental in force for such meters

9—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board—RESOLVED, That Mr. W. R. E. Alder, Gloucester City Treasurer be appointed the Auditor on behalf of the Corporation to audit the accounts of the Cheltenham and Gloucester joint Water Board at the same fee as last year

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st January, 1941. Present—Aldermen Pruen, Ward and Winterbotham ; Councillors Green, Grimwade and Rogers (Alderman Ward in the chair).

1—Market--The Borough Surveyor reported the damage caused to the Market during the recent air raid. RESOLVED, That the Marketing Society be asked to obtain and submit an estimate for the cost

of making good the damage, and subject to the approval of the District Valuer, they be authorised to have the work carried out.

2—Municipal Offices—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that certain repairs were required to the black-out of the Municipal Offices and one or two rooms required a new black-out. He submitted tender from Messrs. E. L. Ward Ltd., amounting to £49 17s. 0d. for carrying out this work. RESOLVED, That this tender be accepted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Chief Officers be instructed to clear all paper and inflammable materials from their respective storerooms on the top floor of these Offices.

3--Diseases Amongst Animals-- (a) The Town Clerk submitted various Foot and Mouth Disease Orders made by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries since the last Meeting.

(b) Superintendent Hopkins reported that, with the exception of one case of Swine Fever, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals

4--Hackney Carriage Licences (a) RESOLVED, That the application of "No Tips" Hire Service Ltd. for two further Hackney Carriage Licences and the necessary Drivers' Licences be granted, subject to the vehicles being approved by Superintendent Hopkins and the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector, and the Drivers being recommended by Superintendent Hopkins.

(b) RESOLVED, That the applications of W. G. Hennell, A. M. Dyer, and H. G. Sallis for Hackney Carriage Licences be granted, subject to the vehicles being approved by Superintendent Hopkins and the Hackney Carriage Inspector.

(c) Drivers—RESOLVED, That the applications of A. M. Dyer, W. G. Hennell, H. G. Sallis, and G. R. Lively be granted, subject to these being recommended by Superintendent Hopkins.

(d) Transfer—RESOLVED, That the application S. C. Pritchett for transfer of his licence to a new vehicle purchased by him and duly approved be granted.

5—Cinematograph Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications for renewal of the Cinematograph Licences in respect of the Gaumont Palace, Coliseum, Regal Cinema, Theatre and Opera House, Daffodil Picture House, the Palace Cinema and the Ritz, be granted for the ensuing year expiring on the 5th February, 1942.

(b) Sunday Opening—The Committee considered the conditions under which the Cinemas were permitted to open on Sundays RESOLVED, That no alteration be made in the conditions now in force and that the applications of the British Legion and Cheltenham District Nursing Association to participate in the charities to whom a percentage was paid be adjourned for consideration at the April Meeting of this Committee when the audited accounts and returns for the period up to the 31st March should be available.

6 --King's National Roll —RESOLVED, That the Council agree to renew their undertaking to employ not less than 5 per cent of disabled ex-Service men for a period of two years.

7—Macebearer --The Town Clerk reported that, owing to the shortage of staff, it was found inconvenient for Mr. S. Jenkins (attendant at the Town Hall) to continue the duties of temporary

Macebearer. RESOLVED, That Mr Jenkins be paid an honorarium of two guineas for his past services and that Mr. R. E. Fry be appointed temporary Macebearer at a fee of 5s for each occasion on which he performs the duties.

8 - 5th Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment --The Committee considered the recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee that £10 be granted to this regiment for their Sports and Entertainment Fund in lieu of making a reduction in the charge for the hire of the Town Hall for their Dance on the 22nd inst. RESOLVED, That view of the fact that the 5th Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment is closely identified with Cheltenham a grant of £10 be made.

9 Superannuation—RESOLVED, That on the recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee, the services of S. W. Young (Sweeper), be extended for one year from the 23rd inst.

10 Land, Marle Hill House Estate—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son that Mr. J. R. Birt had offered to rent the grazing of the 10 acre field adjoining Marle Hill House for the 11 months ending the 31st December next at a rent of £1 10s 0d. per acre. RESOLVED, That the mowing grass and aftermath to the 31st December next be offered to Mr. Birt at a rent of £2 per acre.

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11—Athletic Ground—The Town Clerk reported that Major Begbie had made application on behalf of the Rugby Football Club for an abatement in their rent in respect of the Car Park and the portion of ground taken for the construction of shelters. RESOLVED, That an abatement of £5 per annum be made as from the 1st September last.

12—Town Clerk's Department--(a) Read, application from Miss E. Bradshaw and Miss E. Norman to be re-graded. Miss. Bradshaw was at present on the maximum of Grade E at £225, and Miss Norman was on the maximum of Grade B at £156. RESOLVED, That the applications be granted, and that Miss Bradshaw be placed on Grade F (maximum £250) on the 1st April next at £237 10. Od., and that Miss Norman be placed on Grade C (maximum £182) on the 1st April next at £169.

(b) A.R.P. Clerk—The Town Clerk reported that, as authorised, the Emergency Committee had appointed Mr. W. G. L. Burns from the A.R.P. Office, Torquay, as A.R.P. Clerk in the Town Clerk's Department at a commencing salary of £250 per annum, rising to £300 per annum in three months' time subject to satisfactory service.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th January, 1941. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Pates, Pruen, Ward and Winterbotham : Councillors Green, Lipson and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

13—Grand National—The Committee further considered the report in the press that there was a possibility of the Grand National Race Meeting being held at Cheltenham. RESOLVED, unanimously, That the Home Secretary be strongly urged to veto the holding of the Grand National for the duration of the war. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to telegraph this resolution to the Home Secretary.

14—Communal Feeding Centres—Alderman Clara Winterbotham reported that, on receipt of the circular of 5th November last from the Minister of Food, the Mayor had appointed the following Committee to organise the opening of Communal Feeding Centres for Cheltenham, namely : Alderman Clara Winterbotham, Mrs. Lipson (representing W.V.S.), Mrs. Greening (representing Women's Labour-Party)[deleted by Council], Miss Bayliss, Miss Hort, Mr. 'W. J. Bache, and Mr. F. R. Jefford, together with Miss Padfield (Honorary Secretary). The Committee had had several Meetings and had now provisionally decided to provide Communal Feeding Centres at St. Paul's Church Hall ; St. Peter's Mission Hall All Saints' Mission Room, Fairview ; the Methodist Church Hall on the Whaddon Housing Estate ; Gospel Mission Hall, Naunton Lane ; and Providence School, Naunton Parade. The Committee were also endeavouring to find suitable premises at St. Mark's, but, failing this, they were considering removing the sectional Pavilion front the Tewkesbury Road Playing Field to a site at St. Mark's. The Committee intended to appoint District Committees for each centre, and for the present the kitchens would be directed to the provision of a hot meal in the middle of the day.

They had advertised for a Supervisor Organiser and had now appointed Miss R. M. Brimacombe at a salary of £250 per annum, plus an annual car allowance of £50.

The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Food in their Circular of 15th November stated they were prepared to reimburse approved capital expenditure in connection with the equipment of centres in which case any asset credited at the expense of the Ministry would remain their property. The operation of the centres should be Conducted on a fully self-supporting basis, provision being made for necessary over-head expenses, including amortisation of capital expenditure and a small margin for contingencies. Provided these conditions were observed, the Ministry, appreciating that unforeseen circumstances might arise, would be prepared to reimburse any approved operating deficiency in the event of a loss being unavoidably incurred. Any profits shown on the operation of the centre would, of course, be at the disposal of the Ministry.

RESOLVED, (1) That the Committee approve of the before-mentioned proposals and to the appointment of Miss Brimacombe ; (2) That the above Committee be approved and that they be given power to add to their numbers, (3) That the Committee be authorised to proceed with the preparation of estimates, etc., for the equipment of the Centres, and to submit these for the approval of the Ministry ; and (4) That on obtaining approval, the Committee: be authorised to proceed with the purchase of the equipment and the opening up of the Centres.

JNO. HOWELL,

Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of the Fire Brigade Committee held on Tuesday, 21st January, 1941. Present— Councillors Bush, Grimwade and Readings; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Third Officer-74 applications were received for this appointment and the Committee interviewed the following :—J. R. Brooking, Senior Fireman, Cheltenham Fire Brigade, L. W. Hindhaugh, Fire Brigade Clerk, Sheffield. J. C. Nichol, Chief Brigade Clerk, Willesden Fire Brigade.

RESOLVED, That Mr. E. J. C. Nichol be appointed Third Officer on the terms advertised, namely ; Salary £225 per annum, together with living accommodation, fuel and light, uniform and boots ; the appointment to be subject to deduction of 5 per cent. under the Fire Brigades Pensions Acts and to be determinable by either party by one month's notice in writing and subject also to Mr. Nichol satisfactorily passing a medical examination.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th January, 1941. Present—Alderman Ward; Councillors Bush, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Readings (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

2--Monthly Report of Chief Officer—The Chief Officer reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended 25 calls to fire as follows :—December 23rd, 3 Andover Street ; December 23rd, Ablington, Lansdown Road ; December 25th, 32 Lower Park Street ; December 25th, Montpellier Spa Hotel ; December 26th, Ormond Terrace, Regent Street ; December 26th, Golden Cross Inn, Tewkesbury Road ; December 29th, 106 Tennyson Road ; 29th Folly Lane Tip ; 30th December, Crippets Hill ; January 1st, Selkirk Gardens, Whaddon Road ; 2nd January, 1a Victoria Place ; January, 6th, 2 Ledman Villas, Charlton Kings ; January 7th, 21 Gloucester Road ; January 11th, Hill Top, Brooklyn Road ; January 11th, Glendower, Oakley Road ; January 12th, 235 Swindon Road ; January 13th, 176 High Street; January 14th, Box Farm, Woodmancote ; January 16th, The Friars, Carlton Street ; January 16th, St, John's Lodge, Tivoli Circus ; January 17th, Dean Farm, Shurdington ; January 19th, 67 Leckhampton Road January 20th, The Hall, Uckington ; January 20th, 83 Montpellier Terrace ; January 22nd, Cleeve House, Lyefield Road West.

3—Hose and Uniform Drying Cabinet—The Chief Officer reported that, as instructed, he had ordered a Hose and Uniform Drying Cabinet the cost of which would rank for grant RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4 —Fire Watchers' Order —The Chief Officer reported that 106 inspections had been made by Officers of the Brigade under this Order Frequent Instructional Classes and practical Demonstrations on Fire Fighting were being held at the Brigade Headquarters

5—Tools—The Chief Officer reported that approval had not yet been received from the Home Office for the purchase of tools. It was, however, now important that spare parts should be purchased for the towing vehicles and pumps so that the work of maintaining these could be proceeded with RESOLVED, That Councillor Readings and the Chief Officer be authorised to purchase the tools previously reported as necessary together with the spare parts now reported.

6—Chief Officer —The Committee further considered the car allowance to the Chief Officer which had been discontinued since his return to duty. RESOLVED, That the former allowance of £60 per annum he paid to him as from the 1st January.

7—Mutual Assistance Scheme Agreement ---Read, letter of 14th inst. from the North Cotswold Rural District Council approving the Mutual Assistance Scheme Agreement. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement.

8—Auxiliary Fire Service---(a) A.F.S. Station, Dunalley Street—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Home Office approving for the purposes of grant a rent of £90 16s. 6d. (including fire insurance) as from the 24th October last, and an additional payment of £7 1s. 0d. in respect of the removal of materials, etc, in respect of the garages belonging to the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. used for this Station. The Home Office approved payment of rates on an apportioned rateable value of £7 per annum.

(b) Cycles—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Home Office approving for the purposes of grant the purchase of five cycles at an estimated cost of £10.

(c) Discipline Rules, 1940—The Committee further considered Circular 155 of 19th ult. from the Home Office enclosing copy of Rules made under the Defence Regulations instituting a code of offence against discipline rules of disciplinary procedure for the Auxiliary Fire Service. The Rules were adoptive and in order to bring them into effect a resolution of the Council was required. The Chief Officer recommended that the rules should be applied to the whole-time and part-time Auxiliary Fire Service for Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That the Council adopt the Rules to come into operation as from the 10th February, 1941.

(d) Section Officers—Read, letter of 21st inst. from the Home Office approving in principle the Council's proposals in regard to the increased pay for the Commandant and Deputy Commandant but asking to be informed why only one of the four whole-time Section Officers for whom approval was given in 1939 has hitherto been appointed. They were of opinion that, with the small number of part-time Officers available, this scheme was not adequately officered. RESOLVED That the Home Office be informed that at the outbreak of war the Committee considered only one Section Officer was necessary but, in view of the changed circumstances and conditions, the Chief Officer be now instructed to promote four men to be Section Officers and to fill the vacancies thus created by the appointment of four additional whole-time firemen.

(e) The Town Clerk submitted various Fire Brigade Circulars received since the last Meeting, RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Chief Officer for attention

9—Petrol Cans—Read, letter from the Southern Command offering for sale used 4 gallon Petrol Cans for the price of £6 per 1,000. RESOLVED, That 2,000 be purchased and that these be sold to the public for use as receptacles for water and sand at a charge of 2d. each.

10—Fires in Blackout—Read, Circular No. 163 of the 31st December from the Home Office as to enquiries the Minister had received as to the obligation of a Fire Authority to extinguish a fire where it may be open to doubt whether any substantial danger to life or property is to be apprehended, and the principal reason for its extinction is that if not extinguished it would continue after dark and act as a beacon to hostile aircraft. For the purposes of removing any doubt as to this, the Minister had issued directions under the Defence Regulations making it the duty of local Fire Authorities to extinguish such fires.

11—Charlton Kings Emergency Fire Brigade—The Committee considered the desirability of the Auxiliary Fire Service in Charlton Kings being under the direction of the Borough Fire Brigade in view of the fact that the peace-time fire arrangements for the district are provided by agreement by the Borough. RESOLVED That the Charlton Kings Urban District Council be recommended to apply to the Home Office for an Order under Section 4 of the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1937, directing that the functions of the District Council with regard to their Emergency Fire Brigade Scheme should be carried out by the Town Council.

H. C. GRIMWADE, Chairman

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th January, 1941. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith: and Messrs. Ball, Roe and Whittall (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Allotments Inspection --The Gardens Superintendent reported that there were no untidy or uncultivated plots to report this month.

2—Repairs to Hedges, Fences, etc.--The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the month, repairs had been carried out to hedges and fences at Baglin's Piece, North Ward, Marle Hill and Asquith Road.

3--Notice Boards—The Gardens Superintendent reported that as instructed by Minute No. 5 (c) at the Meeting of this Committee held on the 11th November last, Notices in the form prescribed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, had been affixed in prominent positions on the land taken at Brooklyn Road, Leckhampton Road, Old Bath Road, and Prior's Road, and further Notice Boards would be erected during the coming month.

4—Food Exhibition-10th to 15th February—It was reported that a Food Exhibition in connection with Food Production Week had been arranged for the week commencing 10th February and would be held in the Art Gallery. RESOLVED, That the opening be fixed for 3 p.m. on the 10th February and that the Mayor be invited to open the exhibition.

5—Land, Church Road, St. Mark's—It was reported that several residents in the neighbourhood were willing to take this land for allotments. RESOLVED, That the land be retained as a demonstration plot, and that the proposal of the Gardens Superintendent to cultivate this in accordance with the County Council scheme of rotation of crops be approved.

6—Brooklyn Road Allotments—Hedge—The Gardens Superintendent reported that in view of the nuisance caused by persons trespassing on the allotments, it would be necessary to fill in the two gaps in the hedge which had been made by the Home Guard (Martyn's Company, Sunningend Works). RESOLVED, That he be instructed to interview the Officer Commanding the Home Guard and to inform him of the Corporation's proposal to fill in the gaps.

7—Unemployed Allotments Association—Read, letters from Mr. G. M. Paterson offering to terminate the tenancy of the land let to him for the unemployed, on the 25th March next, and Mr.

Whittall confirmed this and stated that any allotments becoming vacant in the meantime would be handed over to the Allotments Committee. RESOLVED, That this he agreed to.

8—Allotment No. 7 Prior's Road—RESOLVED, That the application of a youth named D. Eardley for the tenancy of this allotment be accepted.

9--Waste Land, Creamery Piece—Read, letter of 20th ult. from Mr. W. White stating that he had decided to terminate his tenancy of this land and had not used the same since August, 1940. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

10—Land, Brooklyn Road—Messrs. Goddard & Hunt—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Goddard & Hunt had not yet let the land available for allotments, and he had suggested to Messrs. Goddard & Hunt that the Corporation should let the land to tenants approved by them. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

11—Additional Land for Allotments—(a) The Town Clerk reported that 145 plots had been provided on the additional land taken for allotments, and of these, 69 had been let.

(b) Land adjoining Emmanuel Church—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Rev Peel with a view to the land adjoining Emmanuel Church suitable for the purpose, being taken for allotments.

(c) Field adjoining Cheltenham General and Eye Hospitals—RESOLVED, That Councillor Green be asked to interview the Board with a view to obtaining this land for allotments and that he report to the next Meeting of this Committee.

12—Re Purchase of Seeds—RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to undertake the purchase of seeds in bulk and the distribution to allotment holders, but that Mr Whittall be asked to interview the Allotments and Gardens Association with a view to the Association making their own arrangements for the purchase of seeds.

13—Re Vacancy—RESOLVED, That as the Committee hear that Mr. Yeend is much better, the question of the filling of this vacancy be deferred in the hope that Mr. Yeend may see his way to withdraw his resignation.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th January, 1941, 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 during the month of December had realised £89 17s 10d.

2—Damage to Parks and Gardens—The Gardens Superintendent reported that damage had been caused to the Parks and Recreation Grounds during the recent Air Raid. RESOLVED, That this be included in the claim to be made by the Corporation.

3—Custodians—The Gardens Superintendent submitted letter of 1st inst. from the National Union of General & Municipal Workers stating that their attention had been drawn to the Custodians at the various Recreation Grounds having worked an extra hour per day since early in October owing to the alteration in the day-light saving. RESOLVED, That overtime be paid up to date, and that the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to make the best arrangements possible to avoid payment of overtime in the future.

4—Medical Certificates—The National Union of General & Municipal Workers also suggested that the production of a medical certificate on resumption of work should be waived in cases where employees had taken time off to recuperate after having been engaged all night on Civil Defence Work. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

5—Increase of Wages for L. Turner—The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from L. Turner, who is employed at Montpellier Gardens, for an increase in his wages, RESOLVED, That his wages be increased to £1 10s. 0d. per week

6—Pittville Gardens—Elm Tree—The Gardens Superintendent reported that a large elm tree in the Evesham Road boundary of Pittville Gardens, near the Aviaries, had recently died due to Dutch Elm Disease. RESOLVED, That this be removed.

7—Clarence Square Gardens—The Gardens Superintendent submitted letter of 22nd ult. from Mr. J. Togwell-Jackson complaining of the openings in the hedge on the south and east sides of these Gardens. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to have the gaps filled in.

8—Additional Land for Allotments—(a) Agg Gardner Recreation Ground—RESOLVED, That the allotments plotted out on the Fair Ground at this Recreation Ground be increased to 39.

(b) Pates' Grammar School Playing Field—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Governors of the Grammar School asking if the portion of the playing field belonging to the Girls' Grammar School, near the Agg Gardner Recreation Ground, could be used for allotments, as it would not interfere with the use of the land as a Playing Field.

9—Burrow's Sports Ground—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 16th ult from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland stating that their clients were unable to reduce the price asked for the purchase of this land RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. to ascertain if Mrs. Lloyd-Evans would be prepared to enter into negotiation for the purchase of Common Meadow in Kidnappers' Lane adjoining Burrow Sports Ground, with a view to a Contract being entered into for completion at the end of the war.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th January, 1941. Present—Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillor Bendall ; Major J. G. N. Clift; and Mr. C. R. Mapp (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

Curator's Report for November and December, 1940—Visitors-6,233 (last year 5,759). Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards, etc. £1 18s. 3d. " Friends of the Art Gallery Fund" £4 17s. 7d. Total £6 15s. 10d.

War Weapons Exhibition- —Read, letter from the South Western Regional Commissioner of the National Savings Committee thanking the Curator for his help in organising the exhibition during War Weapons Week and stating " I had an opportunity of viewing the exhibition myself and thought it was the best display of its kind that I had seen "

Lecture—Facilities had been given to the Le Play Society for a lecture in the Chinese Porcelain Room on 16th November 1940. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2--Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following:—Mr. T. Rishworth, Mrs. Hannah, Miss Mather, Miss Richards, Mrs. Fenwick.

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

3—Specimens Exchanged—The Curator reported that he had given a duplicate badge of the Cirencester Yellow School to Mr. T. H. Watts of London and had acquired in exchange a rare Cheltenham medal struck by Simeon Moreau in 1789 to commemorate the recovery of George III.

4—Donation from Councillor T. Wilfred Waite—The Curator reported the receipt of a water colour 40 ins. x 27 ins entitled " Sussex " by Robert Thorne-Waite (1842-1935) as a gift from Councillor Waite, who had also offered to bear the cost of framing. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted and that the best thanks of the Corporation be tendered to the donor.

5—Picture by F. A. W. P. Armstrong--The Curator reported the offer of an oil painting by the late F. A. W. P. Armstrong as a gift from his son Mr. R. D. Armstrong of Ross-on-Wye. RESOLVED, That the matter be deferred and that the Curator be asked to inspect the painting and report.

6—Food Production Week—RESOLVED, That the facilities of the Art Gallery be granted to the Cheltenham Horticultural Committee for an exhibition to promote interest in food production, 10th-15th February, 1941.

7—Fire-watcher and Night-watchman—The Curator reported the appointment as from 3rd January, 1941, of Charles C. Bowles at a wage of 65s per week, one half of which would be chargeable to this Committee. RESOLVED, That the appointment be confirmed on the terms stated

8—Date of next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 14th February, 1941.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman.

CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th January, 1941, Present—Councillors Bendall, Green, Moore and Readings (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from the 28th December, 1940, to the 24th January, 1941. Number of Interments 90 ; Cremations 34 ; Grave Spaces sold : 1st Position 3, 2nd Position 3, 4th Position 6 ; New Memorials erected 2 ; New Inscriptions 22.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces Sold—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 10300 to 10311.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2607 to 2617, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

4—Civilian War Deaths Scheme—The Superintendent reported the arrangements he had made for implementing the staff for the Emergency Mortuaries. Mr. Hyett had agreed to act as Superintendent at the Holy Trinity Mission Room Mortuary, Mr. Chas. Wilson at the St. Stephen's Hall Mortuary and Mr. Ivor Wilson at St. Peter's Mortuary. These three undertakers had also agreed to allow their staffs to staff the Mortuaries.

5—Crematorium—The Committee further considered the letters from the Rector in regard to the increase of the Minister's fee for Cremations of non-parishioners. RESOLVED, That where a Minister is required for the Cremation of non-parishioners, the fee be increased to one guinea.

6—Maintenance of Graves 5273 and 5275, Section Y.—Read, letter of 30th ult. from Messrs. Hughes & Co. that Miss A. H. James, deceased, had bequeathed a sum of £75 to the Corporation for the maintenance of these Graves in perpetuity. RESOLVED, That they be informed that, if it is desired that the graves shall be planted twice a year, the Corporation cannot accept less than £100, but if the Executors are prepared to agree to the graves being turfed, the Council will accept the bequest subject to the usual condition that the Corporation shall not be liable to replace the memorials on the graves in the event of these becoming perished or destroyed.

E. W. MOORE,

Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th January, 1941. Present—Councillors Bush, Grimwade and Lipson ; Messrs. P. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for November and December, 1940—Receipts £82 11 s. 9d

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 11,204, Lending Department 60,051 ; Junior Department 8,592: School Libraries, October—December 8,328. Total 88,175 (last year 76,717).

Record Issue—An previous records were again exceeded on Saturday, November 16th when 3,300 volumes were issued. Replacements and Binding-16'8 volumes had been replaced, 802 volumes had been returned from the binder and a further 436 volumes had been dispatched.

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

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9th December Sir Henry C. Gooch on " A Journey in 1924 through Central Europe." Attendance 125.

16th Mr. Walter Barrow on " Romanesque carvings in the Abbey Church of Vezeley, Burgundy."

Attendance 47

18th Mr. T. M. Rudall on "Glass in A.R.P " Attendance 57.

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6th January Mr. Guy Pocock on " Behind the scenes at Broadcasting House," Attendance 68.

Library Hours—For the present all departments are closing at 7 p.m. The peak periods are during the morning and afternoons. Little use is made of the Institution after the black-out.

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2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 313 volumes, published at £123 4s. 3d., be purchased for £88 4s. 0d.

(b) That £25 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £30 be spent on Replacements

3—Donations-40 volumes and 13 pamphlets had been received as gifts from 14 donors. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4—Periodicals—It was suggested that "The Automobile Engineer" 2s 6d. monthly and "The Autocar" 4d. weekly be-purchased. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be declined,

5--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 Messrs. J. C. Holyoake & Sons, 62 Bath Road, as from the 1st April, 1941, for a period of 12 months, on terms as at present.

6—Books Lost through Enemy Action—The Librarian reported the loss of 31 books, valued at £2 5s. 0d. through recent enemy aerial activity. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be asked to include this in the statement of claim.

7—Fire-watcher— RESOLVED, That the appointment of Charles C. Bowles as Fire-watcher and Night-watchman as from 3rd January, 1941, at a wage of 65s. per week be confirmed. Half of the wage will be borne by the Art Gallery and Museum Committee.

8—Co-operation with Gloucestershire County Library—The Librarian read letter of 22nd November, 1940, from the Secretary to the County Education Committee agreeing that no remission in the charge of 3s 6d per reader be asked for until the amount of £200 per annum is reached. RESOLVED, That the charge beyond the £200 mark be reduced to 1s 9d. per reader provided that, and only

provided that, the present system continue in force under which qualified County readers are automatically given the privileges of the Library without delay RESOLVED, further, That the Cheltenham Committee refuses to be associated in any way with the suggestion that County readers should be called upon to pay a levy of 1s 9d. each.

9—Period of Issue of Fiction—RESOLVED, That the Librarian be given discretionary powers to renew the issue of fictional books in suitable cases.

10—Date of next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 14th February, 1941.

D. L. LIPSON, Chairman

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 9th January, 1941. Present--Aldermen Ward and Taylor : and Councillor Bush (Alderman Taylor yr 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--Arrears—The Rating Officer reported on the collection of the arrears.

3—Premises Damaged by Enemy Action—(a) The Rating Officer's report on these premises was considered and settled.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted letter from Mrs Harrison asking for allowance of rates on her two houses damaged be enemy action. RESOLVED, That the Rating Officer be instructed to ascertain how long the tenants were out of the premises.

4—Rate Books—Read, circular No. 36 from the Ministry of Supply that the Ministry of Health saw no objection in general to the disposal of old Rate Books for periods prior to the 1st April, 1914. RESOLVED, That the Rating Officer be instructed to dispose of the Rate Books prior to that date.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 28th January, 1941. 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 the 28th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate Amount collected £97,931 Leaving Outstanding £36,315.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer dated 28th inst. on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 31st March, 1941. Amount collected £20,533 Outstanding £7,497.

3—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of Electricity charges since the last Meeting,

4—Accounts Rota Committee--Reported Meeting on the 28th inst. Present—Aldermen Taylor (in the chair), and Councillors Garland and Grimwade.

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

5—Finance Department--(a) "Borough Treasurer's Office"---The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. K. Selby, Electricity Accountancy Assistant was called up on the 25th inst. He had appointed Mr. F. H. Pollard to temporarily fill the post on Grade F at a salary of £250 per annum. The outdoor collector, Mr. Hallowell had resigned and he had appointed a woman to fill the vacancy. One of his temporary women clerks had also returned home to Croydon and had been replaced. RESOLVED, That these arrangements be approved.

(b) "Rates Office" The Borough Treasurer reported that, in view of the likelihood of Mr. Webb being called up very shortly, he had arranged for Miss M. J. Boite, the Machine-Operator in the Rates Office, to be trained for the duty and he proposed to appoint her to the post of Rates Cashier for the duration of the war or one year, whichever is the longer, at a salary of £3 10 0 per week. He also proposed to engage Mrs. T. Davie as Machine-Operator at a salary of £2 2 6 per week. RESOLVED, That these arrangements be approved.

6---Superannuation—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that C. Davies ex-Parks Superintendent, in receipt of a pension of £1 0s. 5d. per week, died on the 11th ult., also that Lippett, ex-pavior, in receipt of a pension of £1 7s. 8d. a week, died on the 26th inst.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that R. R. Hands, labourer, retired the 11th inst. after 40 years' service. His pension would amount to £1. 7s. 8d. per week based on 25 years' non-contributory and 15 years' contributory service. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

7—Communal Feeding—The Committee considered the keeping of the Accounts for the Communal Feeding Centres shortly to be set up. The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Food desired that the accounts should be prepared monthly and should comprise (a) Income and Expenditure Account and (b) a Balance Sheet showing amounts advanced by the Ministry and the manner in which they have been expended. Details of the number of meals served and other appropriate statistical information should also be kept. RESOLVED, That the Communal Feeding Committee be advanced £100 to meet preliminary expenses and further advances from time to time for petty cash. RESOLVED, also, That the keeping of the accounts be placed under the control of the Borough Treasurer.

8—County Review Order—Parish of Prestbury—The Town Clerk reported in regard to the outstanding portion of the Prestbury Parish Council claim in respect of the public lighting, and he submitted correspondence with Messrs. Alban & Lamb who were acting on behalf of the Parish Council. RESOLVED, That the Council agree to pay the sum of £156 17s. 4d in full settlement of the claim together with interest at 3 ½ per cent per annum from the appointed date to the date of payment,

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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War Bonus

On the motion of Mr. D. L. Lipson, seconded by Mr. W. J. Green, the Council approved by 12 votes to six an amendment to a proposal by the Finance Committee that in the case of married men on war service two-thirds only of any further war bonus be paid, and in the case of single men nothing of any further awards be paid. By the amendment, those men will receive the full amount of any bonus that is awarded.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on. Monday, 3rd February, 1941, at 3 p.m.

Present : The Mayor (Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Pates, Pruen, Taylor and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, Barnett, Bendall, Bettridge, 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, Readings, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Margrett and Trye.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 6th January, 1941, 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—Presentation of Wine Cooler by Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss—RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Council be conveyed to Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss for his generous gift of a Georgian Wine Cooler which will form a welcome addition to the collection of silver belonging to the Corporation.

3—Election of Councillor for All Saints' Ward—The Council proceeded with the election of a person to fill the vacancy in the All Saints' Ward caused by the death of Councillor S. C. Morris. The following two candidates were proposed and seconded for election, namely, Miss Emily Katherine Bayliss of Park House, The Park, Cheltenham, and Mr. Arthur Bence of Andover Lodge, Park Place, Cheltenham. On being put to the Meeting 14 Members of the Council voted for Miss Bayliss and 14 for Mr. Arthur Bence. The Mayor gave his casting vote in favour of Miss E. K. Bayliss and declared her duly elected Councillor for the Borough.

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

Public Health Meeting held January 13

Housing ... Meeting held January 16

Street and Highway Meeting held January 11

Except that, with regard to Minute No 8, Home Grown Timber, the Gardens Superintendent be consulted before any trees are removed.

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Garland "That Minute No. 9 (c) with regard to the Pittville Street Improvement Scheme be not approved and that the policy of this Council for the disposal of the Pittville site is to lease it and not to sell the freehold " was lost).

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RESOLVED, That with regard to Minute No. 12 as to wages that the following resolution be substituted for the resolution in the Minute :---" That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to pay increased wages to all Male Manual Workers accordingly and that he provide also for such an advance to all Female Manual Employees under his direction as will represent a total advance of 6s per week on the wages paid to them in August, 1939. Also, That decisions of the Western District Joint Industrial Council adopted at their Meeting on 24th January, 1941, as to the grading of Transport Workers, Horse Carters, Gangers, Charge Hands and Night Workers be referred to the Labour Sub-Committee with power to act."

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held January 20

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Garland and seconded by Councillor Grimwade : " That Minute No. 10 with regard to the fees to be paid to the District Nursing Association be referred back for further consideration."

Town Planning. Meeting held January 23

Town Improvement and Spa... Meeting held January 24

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held January 27

Water Meeting held January 14

General Purposes and. Watch Meetings held January 21 & 24

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Lipson : " That Minute No. 11 with regard to the Athletic Ground be referred back for further consideration."

Fire Brigade Meetings held January 21 & 27

Allotments . Meeting held January 13

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held January 13

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held January 17

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held January 24

Public Library Meeting held January 17

Rating Meeting held January 9

Finance Meeting held January 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.

5--Vacancies on Committees—(a) RESOLVED, That Miss E. K. Bayliss be appointed a member of the following Committees :--Public Health, Housing, and Education.

(b) RESOLVED, That Councillor Smith be appointed a member of the Water Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor S. C. Morris.

(c) RESOLVED, That Councillor Garland be appointed a member of the Street and Highway Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor S. C. Morris.

(d) RESOLVED, also, That Miss Bayliss be appointed a member of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Barnett.

6—Delancey Hospital Trustees—RESOLVED, That Miss Bayliss be appointed a member of the Delancey Hospital Trustees for a term of three years up to the 2nd February, 1944.

7—Grand National Race Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Council thank the Home Secretary for the action taken by him in vetoing the holding of the Grand National and desire to express to him their appreciation.

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, 3rd March, 1941.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th February, 1941. Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Pruen ; Councillors Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Waite (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. 4 lbs. Pork ; 8 lbs. Beef ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb, Pig Offal ; 30 tins Vegetables, Fruit and Fish ; 1 tin Chicken and Ham ; 47 jars Fish and Meat Paste ; 32 Cakes ; 1 Xmas Pudding ; 1 Jelly and 26 Rabbits.

3—Statutory Nuisance-19 St. Luke's Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the defective rainwater pipe to the upstairs w.c. defective chimney pot and defective cement cracks in wall 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.

4—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-52 and 52a St. George's Place—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that these premises had been reconditioned as a war emergency and the work completed to render the premises fit for human habitation. RESOLVED, That a licence be issued authorising the re-occupation of the premises for a period of six months subject to the rent being approved by the Housing Committee.

5—Milk--The Medical Officer of Health reported the visit on the 21st ult. of an Inspector of the Ministry of Health to the milk pasteurising plants at the Gloucestershire Dairy Company and Mr. Gretton when he expressed general satisfaction

6—Food and Drugs Act, 1938—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted Certificates of the Public Analyst in respect of six samples of Milk Nod. 118-123.

7—Sewage Tank, Arle—The Town Clerk reported that as a matter of urgency, the War Emergency Committee had let the Old Tank House at Arle to the Dowty Equipment Ltd. for one year certain, and then on a quarterly tenancy at an inclusive rent of £100 per annum, the tenant carrying out all repairs which may be required.

8—Central Council for Health Education—Read, circular asking the Council to continue their annual contribution of two guineas RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

9—Sewage Sludge—The Borough Surveyor submitted analyses of the digested sludge which showed that its qualities were equivalent to farmyard manure, and he recommended that this should be placed on sale at a price of 4s to 5s per load of a horse-drawn cart. This he estimated would be the cost of preparation and drying the sludge. RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted and that he be instructed to advertise that sludge can be obtained at the Sewage Works for garden manure, purchasers to provide their own transport.

10--Lakestone Brook—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the County Land Drainage Officer in regard to the clearing of the above brook. The County propose to clear a portion of the brook at a cost of £80. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange with the County Land Drainage Officer for the clearance of a portion of the brook and to contribute a sum not exceeding £40 towards the cost.

A. S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th February, 1941. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Goitre)) Ireland, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Hayward and Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Housing Manager—The Housing Manager submitted her Monthly Report on the collection of rents.

2—Repairs Superintendent—Read, the Monthly Report of the Repairs Superintendent. .

3—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 30th January and 6th February,

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) Clerk—The Sub-Committee had appointed Miss D. Healey of 38 Clarence Square, Clerk in the Housing Department on Grade B at a commencing salary of £117 per annum, plus war bonus.

(c) Maximum Rent—The Sub-Committee further considered the fixing of a maximum rent for each type of house for the purpose of the Differential Rent Scheme and recommended that the maximum rent in all cases should be 25 per cent above the standard rent.

RESOLVED, That the recommendations 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, 17th February, 1941. Present—Aldermen Ward and Winterbotham; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Readings, Rogers and Till (Alderman Ward in the chair).

1—Salvage of Waste—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the following had been salvaged during the month of January (the amounts salvaged during the previous month are shown in brackets) :—

	Tons	Tons.
Paper	48 $\frac{3}{4}$	(53 $\frac{1}{4}$)
Metals	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
Rags, sacks, etc.	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	(1 $\frac{1}{4}$)
Bottles and Jars	1/10 th (Nos. 245)	(2) (No. 5140)
Bones ...	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	(2 $\frac{1}{4}$)
Aluminium	$\frac{1}{4}$	—
Pig Food	66 $\frac{1}{4}$	(64 $\frac{1}{4}$)

The estimated value of the salvage collected during January was £420.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Refuse collected during the 4 weeks ended 12th February, 1941, was 1,802 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons.

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2—Road Works, etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of road works, etc., in hand.

3—Junction, Queen's and Christ Church Roads—The Committee considered letter from RotoI Airscrews Ltd. asking for halt signs to be erected in Christ Church Road at its junction with Queen's Road, The Borough Surveyor reported that the Ministry of Transport were not prepared to consider applications for approval of signs unless there were very special circumstances. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

4—Albert Road—Trees—The Committee considered application for removal of two trees outside Sandown Lawn. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to remove the trees.

5—Wages and Conditions of Service----(a) Carpenters' Tools—The Borough Surveyor submitted notification from the National Joint Council for the Building Industry that a tool allowance of 2d. a day was payable to all carpenters and joiners. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to pay this sum.

(b) Whit-Monday and August Bank Holiday—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from 105 employees for a day's holiday or double-time in respect of their work on Whit-Monday and August Bank Holiday. As instructed, the Borough Surveyor had endeavoured to arrange to give the men a day's holiday in lieu of August Bank Holiday but as this had not been possible he proposed to pay double-time for this day. With regard to Whitsuntide Bank Holiday this was cancelled by the Government at short notice in view of the then international situation and no conditions were attached as to paying double-time or granting day in lieu. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application so far as Whit-Monday is concerned.

(c) Labour Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Labour Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 6th inst. Present—Alderman Ward (in the chair), Councillors Addis and Grimwade, and Mr. G. F. Tawney.

(i) Casual Labourers—The Sub-Committee considered application from the Union for the Casual Labourers to be paid the full increase of 8s a week over pre-war rates. The Sub-Committee recommended that the application be not granted as in February last year the Council decided that Casual Labourers were to be paid the establishment rate subject to the wages of the casuals then employed not being reduced to this rate. (Mr. Tawny intimated that the Union would appeal to the J.I.C. on this decision).

(ii) Building Trade—The Borough Surveyor submitted notification from the National Joint Council of the Building Industry that as from the 1st inst. the wages of craftsmen and their labourers were increased by 1d. an hour. He had accordingly paid these rates and the Sub-Committee had approved this (iii) The Sub-Committee considered letter of 31st ult. from the Western District J.I.C. stating that (a) Drivers of mechanically propelled vehicles were now in Grade "C" of the schedule.

(b) That horse carters were in Grade " B "

(c) That Gangers and Chargehands were to be paid extra as follows :—

In charge of 3 to 10 men	6d. per day.
In charge of 11 to 20 men	11d per day.
In charge of over 30 men	1s 6d per day.

The Sub-Committee had decided as follows (a) Mechanical drivers be paid 1s 5 ½ d. per hour the nearest equivalent to £3 8s. 9d. per week which is the schedule rate plus war increases (b) That horse drivers be paid 10s 11d per day or £3 5s. 6d. the schedule rate plus 6s per week stable allowance

(c) Gangers and Chargehands were already receiving more than the new scale. (iv) Alstone Baths—The Sub-Committee considered the letter from the Union in regard to the holidays of employees at these Baths, and the Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged with the Chairman of the Town Improvement Committee to close the Baths on the 17th, 18th and 19th inst in order to give the employees a portion of the holidays due to them for 1940, and to pay them wages in lieu of the remaining days. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

6—Pillely Bridge—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Railway Company had now erected a gantry across this bridge and were prepared to convert this into a foot-bridge if the Corporation would cover the sleepers with one inch Tarmacadam and supply fencing across the road not occupied by the gantry. RESOLVED, That :the Borough Surveyor be authorised to have this work carried out.

7—Home Grown Timber—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of the Treeman showing the trees in the streets and Corporation Farms and properties which would be useful for national purposes. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Jackson & Stops be asked to send down their Agent to inspect the trees on Corporation Farms and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report thereon to the Committees concerned after this inspection.

8—Omnibus Service—Queue Rails—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Cheltenham District Traction Company were prepared to defray the cost of the queue rails if the Corporation would

undertake the maintenance and lighting of these. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that it be left to the Vice-Chairman and Councillors Green and Readings to settle the actual positions for the rails.

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9-Winchcomb Street—(a) Alders Stores—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement for the letting of these premises to Mr. C. H. Giras on a yearly tenancy at a rent of £78 per annum plus rates. The Corporation had already paid the tenant £50 towards the cost of the repairs and renovations and the Agreement provided for a further contribution not exceeding £50 to be paid to him subject to the Borough Surveyor being satisfied that at least £100 had been expended such sum of to be deducted by the tenant by four equal instalments from the first four quarters rents.

(b) 11 Winchcomb Street—Read, letter from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green that Mr. A. Constance has sold his business to Mr. I. Barget and Miss M. Barget and asking for consent to the tenancy Agreement being assigned accordingly. The Town Clerk reported that he had taken up the references furnished by the purchasers which were satisfactory. RESOLVED, That consent to the assignment be given.

10—Lansdown Place, Inner Road—Read, letter from Col. P. B. Arbuthnot complaining of the damage caused to the inner drive in front of Nos. 4—8 Lansdown Place by army vehicles. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Military Authorities calling attention to this.

11—Western J.I.C.—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to continue the contribution of £5 to the Western J.I.C. for the present financial year.

12—Traffic Control Signals—The Committee further considered the question of installing modified masks for the traffic light signals which permitted of about half light during the day time. The masks have a device on them which has to be adjusted each evening and morning so as only to permit of the small cross of light being shown during black-out hours as at present. The Town Clerk submitted letter from Superintendent Hopkins in regard to an accident at the junction of High Street and Hales Road which was no doubt due to the fact that the motorist could not see what colour light was showing at the time. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide the new type of mask for all the traffic light signals in the Borough to permit of half lighting during the day time and to arrange for a man to adjust these night and morning.

13—Pittville Street Improvement Scheme—(a) Read, letter of 12th inst, from Messrs. Young & Gilling that their clients would like to have some indication as to what rent the Corporation would expect for the Pittville Street site. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to enter into negotiations for the leasing of this site until after the war.

(b) Read, letter of 5th inst. from Wilsons Ltd. suggesting that the Council should consider a proposal to erect temporary ground-floor shops only of suitable design approved by the Council on the vacant site fronting High Street, or, in the alternative, erecting a market which they considered was needed in Cheltenham at the present time. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee are prepared to consider any proposals they would like to submit and that when received, these be referred for consideration to the Pittville Street Sub-Committee. RESOLVED, also, That Councillor Garland be appointed a member of the Sub-Committee.

(c) 122 High Street and 1 and 2 Pittville Street—Read, letter of 31st ult. from Messrs Steel, Lane & Yeend applying on behalf of Mr. E. Posner for consent to his sub-letting the shop portion of the premises and one room upstairs to Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Stealey, Photographers, whose premises on the South coast had been destroyed. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject the Sub-Tenants covenanting to pay the rent to the Corporation in the event of default being made by Mr. Posner and subject also to Mr. Posner undertaking not to store any inflammable goods in the upper storey of the premises.

14—Central Depot Siding—The Borough Surveyor reported that the G.W.R, were prepared to carry out the repairs to the Corporation siding subject to the estimated cost of £70 being deposited before commencing the work and to an indemnity in the form of the enclosed letter being given by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to the indemnity.

15—Damage to Water Trough, Signs, etc.—(a) Water Trough, Gloucester Road—Read, report of damage to this trough on the 3rd inst. by an army lorry. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage estimated at £1 10s. 0d.

(b) Warwick Place—Read, report of damage to a traffic sign at Warwick Place by a vehicle belonging to W. Ride & Co. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage amounting to £2 3s. 1d.

(c) Promenade—Read report of damage to a traffic sign and railings at the junction of Promenade and High Street by an army vehicle. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

(d) High Street—Read, report of damage to a "No parking" sign in High Street on the 27th ult. by an army vehicle. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage.

(e) Prior's Road—Read, report of damage to footpath in this road by two army vehicles. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage amounting to £12 12s. 0d.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th February, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall and Moore ; Mr. W.S.F. Harris and the Rev. B. C. Hanson (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description,
5404	Clarke, Col.	Garage, Winton, Warden Hill Road.
5405	Eager, H.	Office and store, 246 Gloucester Road.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos 5404 and 5405 be approved subject to the surface water being carried to the surface water drainage system,

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

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 5404 be approved ; That Plan No. 5405 be approved subject to the owner entering into an undertaking to remove the building behind the building line at his own cost when the building on either side of the office is set back to the building line.

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.
1670	Shurdington Tile & Sand Co. Ltd.	Proposed detached house, Little Shurdington.

RESOLVED, That consideration of Plan No. 1670 be deferred pending the views of the Rural District Council as to whether the materials and method of construction conform to the Building Byelaws in their area and to a sufficient supply of potable water being obtained by sinking a well in the area.

3—Applications to Develop—Keynsham Priors, High Street—Read, letters of 12th inst. from A. C. Fincken & Co. and 10th inst. from Messrs. Woolley, Tyler & Bury, Solicitors, asking if any objection would be raised to the use of Keynsham Priors, High Street, as offices. RESOLVED, That permission be granted for the use of the premises as offices for the period of the war only.

4—Contravention of Building Byelaws—Mostyn Villa, Hale's Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that a large pigeon loft had been erected at Mostyn Villa, Hale's Road, contrary to Byelaws 105, 129 and 132 ; that the building is in front of the building line for King's Road and seriously affected the amenities of the street. RESOLVED, That the owner be required to show cause why the building should not be pulled down and removed.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st February, 1941. Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Pates and Ward ; Councillors Barnett, Hush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Green,

Grimwade, Lipson, Readings, Rogers, Smith and Wait, : and Mr. D. V. Davies (Councillor Waite in the chair).

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

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Town Hall—That a second Fire Watcher be engaged at a wage of £3 5s. 0d. per week.

(b) Town Hall—That the wooden ventilator shafts in the false roof be removed as soon as possible and an extra exit made in the far end of the false roof.

(c) Tuesday and Thursday Municipal Attractions—That the charges for admission be increased to 6d and Service-men 3d. to these attractions.

(d) That no charge be made for the use of the Drawing Room on the 22nd January for the Canteen Workers' Tea, and that the free use of the Pillar Room be granted on a date to be arranged for a similar tea to be organised by Mrs. Trye.

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

2—Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor reported that, as instructed by the Sub-Committee, he had arranged with Messrs. E. W. & W. J. Moore to remove the timber ventilating shafts, and he recommended that the timber should be handed over to the Highways Department, and the Town Hall credited with £20 therefor. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Medical Baths—(a) The monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted. The receipts for January amounted to £103 12s. 6d. as compared with £46 5s. 0d. for January last year.

(b) Superintendent—Read, application from Mr. Hudson for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased by £52 per annum.

(c) Cashier—Read, application from Miss D. Smith for an increase in her wages. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Baths Sub-Committee with power to act.

4—Alstone Baths—(a) Technical College—Read, application from the Technical College for the exclusive use of the Bath for one hour on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and two hours on Thursdays. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Baths Sub-Committee.

(b) St. Paul's Training College—Read, letter from Mr. R. M. Riley asking if the Committee would continue the reduced charge for monthly season tickets provided not less than 40 tickets were taken. RESOLVED, That monthly season tickets be issued to students at a charge of 2s each for not less than 40.

5—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Read, application from the Spa Bowling Club for the tenancy of the Bowling Green for the ensuing season, RESOLVED, That this be granted on the same terms as last year.

6—Winter Garden—The Town Clerk submitted notice from the military surrendering the building but retaining the ground. RESOLVED, That no claim be made for the rent of the building during the time this was requisitioned except for any claim that the demolition contractors may have. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the rent of the grounds on the basis of the revenue lost to the Corporation from the Car Park.

7—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be instructed to send in requisitions to the Borough Surveyor's Office for all supplies for the Swimming Pool in the same way as is done by all other Corporation Departments.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th February, 1941. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Biggs, Grimwade, Moore, Readings and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Power Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the average price of coal had risen from 21s 10d. in 1939 to 25s 6d. in 1940. This increase is under the coal clause in the Power Supply Agreement and involved the additional payment by the Corporation for the last year of £3,732 0s. 9d. He had, however, been able to arrange with the Power Company for a credit of £1,567 in respect of new power consumers connected during the second half of the year.

2 --Direction Sign—RESOLVED, That the application of Major Begbie for permission to erect a sign on a lamp post at the corner of Grosvenor Street and High Street to the Athletic Ground be not granted.

3—Wages—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the National Joint Industrial Council had increased the War Bonus of workmen by a halfpenny per hour as from the 14th inst.

4—Power Contract—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported negotiations with Messrs. Smith & Sons in regard to the variation of the terms of their Power Supply Agreement, RESOLVED, That the modifications recommended by the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved.

5—Fire Prevention (Business Premises) Order, 1941—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the fire prevention arrangements made for the various buildings and sub-stations belonging to the Electricity Undertaking. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the arrangements made and that these be forwarded to the Electricity Commissioners for approval

6—Maximum Load—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted further report of his proposals to provide a new trunk feeder between Hester's Way Sub-Station and the town. He recommended that the new feeder should be laid along an entirely different route to the existing feeders so as to provide an alternative route in the event of the other route being damaged. This would, however, involve the provision of two cables instead of one as, in the event of the existing cables being damaged, a single cable would be inadequate to carry the whole load. It would also be necessary to

provide certain additional cables to amplify the existing distribution system. He estimated the total cost of the work at £25,776 5s. 10d., but as the last part of the expenditure would be undertaken as a safeguard in the event of hostile attack he recommended that application should be made to the Electricity Commissioners for a grant under Section 42 of the Civil Defence Act, 1939, in respect of 50 per cent of this portion of the expenditure amounting to £12,166 11s. 11d. RESOLVED, That the scheme submitted by the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to a loan for the cost of carrying out the work and also for a grant in respect of 50 per cent of the additional expense of £12,166 11s. 11d. to be incurred in making provision for the security of the Undertaking.

7—Electricity Works—Stores—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it was necessary to repair the roof of the portion of the Electricity Works being used as stores. He estimated the cost would be about L:160. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to obtain tenders for carrying out the work and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender.

8—Damage to Lamp Post—Read, report of damage to a lamp standard at the junction of Evesham Road and Wellington Road by a motor coach belonging to Black & White Motorways Ltd. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage amounting to £4 4s. 10d.

9—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of gas tests made on the 29th January, 3rd, 9th, 12th, and 17th February, which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 483.1, 483.0, 480.5, 474.6, and 474.6 B.Th.U., and the pressure to be 5.9, 8.5, 8.0, 8.3 and 8.8 inches of water respectively.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th February, 1941. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Barnett and Mr. 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 31st January, 1941.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	201,000 gallons	315,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,356,000 "	2,030,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	35,000 "	52,000 "
	1,592,000 "	2,397,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 109,222,000 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—Pilley Bridge—The Borough Engineer reported that the water mains had now been made good across Piney Bridge, the Railway Company having fixed a gantry to enable this to be done.

5—Tewkesbury Waterworks—(a) The Borough Engineer submitted further report on the action of soft water on steel mains, and as to the proposals to install a hardening plant to remedy the action of acid waters on the bitumen linings of the mains. He proposed to adapt the existing dry alumina feeder in the Filter House for the purpose of applying hydrated lime. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to carry out this alteration.

(b) Read, report of damage to railings by a car belonging to Dr. R. W. Corey. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage amounting to £9.

6—Extension of Main—Kidnappers Lane—The Borough Engineer reported that the new 4 inch main in Kidnappers Lane and the 6 inch main from the Red Bungalow to Home Orchard had now been completed. As instructed he had made application to the Rural District Council for a contribution towards the cost of the 6 inch main extension.

7—Salts Farm—Read, letter of 29th inst, from C. C. Castle & Son enclosing letter from Mr. Dunn asking for certain repair, to be carried out RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the repairs for which the Corporation are responsible under the tenancy agreement and that Mr. Dunn be required to have the repairs carried out for which he is responsible.

8—Water Main Standard —Read, letter of 8th inst. from the R.A.S.C. reporting collision with water main standard at Six Ways junction on the 4th inst. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good tin' damage.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th February, 1941, Present—The Mayor : Aldermen Margrett, Ward and Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Rogers, 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) Foot and Mouth Disease Orders—The Town Clerk submitted various Foot and Mouth Disease Orders made by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The Borough would cease to be an infected area on the 20th inst.

2 Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of "No Tips " Hire Service for another Hackney Carriage Licence be granted subject to the vehicle being approved by Superintendent Hopkins and the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector.

(b) Read, letter of 4th inst. from Mr. A. E. Stone, a London taxi driver, asking if he was to come to Cheltenham, whether he would be granted a Hackney Carriage Licence. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to grant a licence subject to the vehicle being approved by Superintendent Hopkins and the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector.

(c) Driver's Licence—RESOLVED, That a Driver's Licence be granted to Mr. H. J. Seymour.

3—Superannuation—(a) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Rating Committee, That the services of Mr. E. D. Ricketts be extended for one year to the 31st March, 1942.

(b) Town Clerk—RESOLVED, That the services of the Town Clerk be extended for one year to the 31st March, 1942. RESOLVED, also, That the organisation of the Town Clerk's Department be reviewed by the Committee in September.

4--Local Elections etc. Act, 1940—Read, circular of 27th ult. from the Home Office that this Act received the Royal Assent on the 19th December, the effect of which was to continue until 31st December, 1941, the provisions of the Local Elections etc. Act, 1939.

5—National Hunt Racing—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Cheltenham District Ratepayers Association enclosing Resolution : "That this Association supports the protest of the Borough Member against holding the Grand National Race Meeting at Cheltenham, and urges that racing under National Hunt Rules be discontinued for the duration of the War." RESOLVED, That the Committee do not recommend the Council to support the Resolution.

6—Cinematograph Act---Film Censor—The Committee considered appointing another Honorary Film Censor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Herbert Coming. RESOLVED, That an appointment be not made for the time being.

7—Leckhampton Hill Estate—The Town Clerk submitted copy of amended Notice from the Gloucestershire War Agriculture Committee requiring the tenant of the land at the top of Leckhampton Hill to plough up two fields Nos. 238 and 241 comprising altogether 26.804 acres.

8—Land, Marle Hill Estate—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. J. R. Birt had agreed to take the mowing grass and aftermath of the 10 acre field adjoining Marle Hill House up to the 31st December next at a rent of £2 per acre.

9—Gloucester Social War Service Council—Read, circulars of 29th tilt and 10th inst. from the Honorary Secretary to this Council asking what progress had been made in establishing District Committees. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider there is any need at the present time in Cheltenham for the formation of a District Committee.

10—Athletic Ground—The Committee considered reference back by the Council of the Minute in regard to the abatement of rent paid by the Rugby Club for the Athletic Ground in respect of the shelters constructed in the Car Park at the Ground. RESOLVED, That an abatement of £10 per annum

be made in the rent and that Minute No. 11 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee on the 21st January be varied accordingly.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th February, 1941. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bush Fisher, 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 7 calls to fire as follows :-25th January, 36 Ambrose Street ; 31st January, 1 Kenilworth Villas, St. Anne's Road 1st February, Northwold, Queen', Road ; 8th February, 8 Oxford Parade, High Street ; 17th February, Temporary Structure at rear of Marchmont, Parabola Road ; 18th February, 25 Wordsworth Avenue ; and 19th February, 228 Swindon Road,

2—Breathing Apparatus—The Chief Officer recommended that he be authorised to purchase two additional sets of Breathing Apparatus at an estimated cost of £40. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that application be made to the Home Office for approval of this expenditure for the purposes of grant.

3-6 St. George's Parade—The Chief Officer reported that it was necessary to replace the old gas geyser in this house, RESOLVED, That he be authorised to arrange to have a new geyser installed.

4—Lectures to the Public—The Chief Officer reported that he and the Officers of the Brigade were giving lectures to the public and members of the Fire Parties every afternoon (except Sundays,) and Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7.30 p.m., and Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. ; and since the last Meeting 2,281 persons had been trained.

5---Supplementary Water Supplies—(a) Read, letter of 11th inst. from the Home Office approving for the purposes of grant an expenditure of £610 in respect of the construction of reservoir pits at St. Mark's Housing Estate, Leckhampton Depot and Charlton Lane.

(b) The Chief Officer recommended that the basement belonging to Messrs. Lances' old premises in High Street should be repaired and made water-tight and kept filled with water. If this were done it would provide a valuable standby water supply of at least 70,000 gallons The Borough Engineer reported that he estimated the cost of carrying out the necessary work at £320. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that application be made to the Home Office for approval of this expenditure for the purposes of grant in accordance with Circular No. 7a. RESOLVED, also, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to approve of the basement being so used,

6—Central Fire Station—RESOLVED, That "No Parking" signs be erected in front of this Station.

7—Battery Charger—Councillor Readings and the Chief Officer reported on the necessity of providing a battery charging plant for charging the batteries of the vehicles belonging to the Fire Brigade. RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be authorised to purchase and install a second-hand battery charging plant offered to him at a cost of approximately £20.

8—Auxiliary Fire Station, St. Mark's—The Chief Officer reported that arrangements had now been made to transfer the St. Mark's Sub-Station from the rear of Lansdown Terrace to a site at Sunningend Works. Messrs. H. H. Martyrs & Co. were carrying out the necessary constructional work and were supplying all the services free of cost and no rent would be charged. He hoped to be able to transfer to the new Station in the next two weeks. RESOLVED, That a quarter's notice be given to terminate the Corporation's tenancy of the garage premises at the rear of Lansdown Terrace on the 24th June next.

9—Fire Prevention (Business Premises) Order, 1941—(a) The Chairman reported that this Order was applied to Cheltenham on the 7th inst Administrative work in connection with the Order would be considerable and as Sub-Controller he had appointed Mr. R. Haidon as a temporary Officer to carry out this work at a salary of £5 per week. The Town Clerk reported that he had made application to the Regional Commissioner for approval of Mr. R. Haidon's salary for the purpose of grant, and he now submitted letter of 20th inst from the Regional Commissioner approving the appointment for a period of two months in the first instance. RESOLVED, That the appointment be approved.

(b) RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Bush, Fisher and Readings be appointed to consider and deal with the Forms of Return now being made by occupiers of business premises under the Order.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that a direction had now been received from the Regional Commissioner requiring the Corporation to notify in writing by the 7th March the arrangements made for securing that a watch would be kept for the fall of incendiary bombs in the Borough elsewhere than on premises to which the Business Premises Order applies. The Chairman reported that considerable progress had been made with the formation of voluntary Street Parties and that the necessary information was now being collated to forward to the Regional Commissioner.

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10—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) Mechanic—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Home Office that they could not approve the payment of a higher wage to the Auxiliary Fireman who was working as a mechanic and suggesting that the Council should consider whether or not it was desirable that a whole-time skilled mechanic should not be engaged and application for grant made under the A.R.P. Act. The Chief Officer reported that the Auxiliary Fireman now doing the work desired to remain a Fireman. RESOLVED, That this Auxiliary Fireman (Mr. Stanley) be paid an extra 5s per week, and that application he made to the Home Office for approval of the engagement of a youth as an improver to assist the Fireman.

(b) Tools—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Home Office approving for the purposes of grant an expenditure of £32 18s. 0d. towards the purchase of tools.

(c) Telephones—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Home Office approving for the purposes of grant the provision of telephone extensions from the Headquarters to the houses of the Commandant, Deputy Commandant and Senior Section Officer.

(d) Officers—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Home Office approving the increased salary of £275 per annum for the Commandant as from 1st December last, and also to the appointment of 4 Section Officers at salaries not exceeding £4 15s. a week, and also to the appointment of 10 leading firemen, RESOLVED, That Section-Officer Beckingsale be promoted to Deputy Commandant at a salary of £4 15s. 0d. per week and that Minute No 3 (b) passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 23rd December be varied accordingly. RESOLVED, also, That the Chief Officer be authorised to appoint three Section Officers at a salary of £4 7s. 6d per week and to engage three additional whole-time firemen to make up the approved strength of 60 and that Minute No. 8 (d) passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

(e) RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to make up the civil pay of part-time Voluntary Auxiliary Fire Service men when wages are lost by them in responding to air raid warnings.

(f) The Town Clerk submitted Fire Brigade Circulars Nos. 5, 7, 7a, 8, 11, 14b, and 15a received since the last Meeting. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Chief Officer for attention.

11—Professional Fire Brigade—(a) Read, application from the six firemen asking for an increase in their wages owing to the increased cost of living. Since the outbreak of war the men had been granted an increase of 5s a week making their wages £3 15s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the men be given an increase of 3s a week as from 1st February last, which, together with the 5s previously given, would give them the same increase as the Corporation employees under the J.I.C. scale.

(b) Read, application from the newly appointed Third Officer (E. Nichols) for a contribution towards his removal expenses amounting to £10 RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to contribute £5 towards the cost.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th February, 1941. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith : and Messrs, Ball, Roe and Whittall (Councillor Smith in the chair),

1—North Ward Allotments—No. 213—The Gardens Superintendent reported that this allotment was uncultivated. There were a few brassica plants, but these had been cut and no attempt had been made to clean the land which was covered with weeds, The Town Clerk reported that he had been informed the tenant was now in the Army, and although he had twice written to him, he had received no reply and one letter had been returned through the post. RESOLVED, That the allotment be taken as unoccupied land and Notice be given accordingly.

2—Orchard, Marsh Lane—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had arranged with the tenant to remove a further 40 diseased and cankered trees which would make a great improvement in the cultivation of the Orchard.

3—Brooklyn Road Allotments—(a) Hedge—The Gardens Superintendent reported that by arrangement with the Home Guard, the gaps in the hedge had now been filled in and one gap had been made opposite a path at the end of the field. He thought this would remedy any complaint caused by trespassers.

(b) Mr. Whittall reported that a lorry, in backing up the lane at the side of the allotments, had run on to the land, and, had crops been planted, would have caused considerable damage. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Col. Fisher pointing out the necessity for Army lorries using care in turning so as to avoid damage being caused to the allotments.

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4—Allotments, County Council Land, Leckhampton Road—The Gardens Superintendent reported that a hedge had been removed from this land which was preventing the proper development of two plots.

5—Additional Land—(a) Councillor Bush reported that the Church Council of the Parish Church were willing for a piece of land in the old Churchyard to be used for allotments The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had inspected the area which would accommodate approximately seven allotments. The gates of the land were kept locked and it would be necessary for each allotment holder to be supplied with a key. RESOLVED, That this be let as allotments and that the rent to be charged be at the rate of 10s per ten perch plot per annum, the tenants being allowed six months' rent free to get the land into good order. RESOLVED, also, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Church Council.

(b) Sunningend Sports Ground, Old Bath Road—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co. enquiring if a strip of land on their Sports Ground could be utilised for allotments, and, if so, this be let to tenants on the usual terms.

(c) Pate's Grammar School Playing Field—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Bursar of the Cheltenham Grammar School stating that the Governors were willing to agree to the land, running parallel to Pittville Lake, being used as allotments provided that the dividing fence be put, and kept, in order by the Corporation and that a separate entrance be made for the allotment holders. RESOLVED, That the land be accepted on the terms offered.

(d) Field adjoining Cheltenham. General and Eye Hospitals—The Town Clerk reported that owing to the fact that this land was let for grazing it had been impossible to arrange with the Hospital Authorities for its use for War allotments.

(e) RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make enquiries with a view to endeavouring to obtain additional land for allotments in the Leckhampton Area, and that any suitable land be taken under the Cultivation of Lands (Allotments) Order, 1939.

6—Unemployed Allotments Association—Read, letters of 27th ult. and 6th inst. from Mr. Whittall and Mr. G. M. Paterson respectively with regard to the tenancy of the land at Marle Hill. Mr. Whittall reported that it was intended to give 12 months' notice on the 25th March next to terminate the tenancy of the land taken by the Association. This would give time for either a new Agreement to be made or for the whole of the land to be let by the Corporation as from March, 1942. The Association would be prepared to hand over any allotments becoming vacant in the meantime.

Nos. 3, 26, 30, 65 and 147 were now vacant. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that the Town Clerk be instructed to let these five plots. RESOLVED, also, That Minute No. 7 passed at the last Meeting of this Committee be varied accordingly.

7 Re Vacancy—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. E. M. Yeend regretted that he would be unable to re-consider with-drawing his resignation. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint Mr. C. C. Barlow as a co-opted member of this Committee in place of Mr. E. M. Yeend.

8—Marle Hill Allotments—Nos. 125, 128 and 129—Read, letter of 17th ult. from Mr. T. F. Charman, the tenant of No. 125, and also letter of 26th ult, from Mr. J. Boxall, the tenant of Nos 128 and 129, asking for rebates in their rents in view of the fact that tree stumps, bricks, etc. had been found on the allotments. The Gardens Superintendent reported that the complaints were reasonable and that there was a fair amount of rubble on the allotments. RESOLVED, That the tenants be granted one year rent free.

9—Land adjoining Emmanuel Church—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from Mr. W. C. Beal stating that six months' rent free was inadequate as much builders rubble had been scattered and buried in the ground during the erection of the Church. RESOLVED, That the tenants be granted 12 months' rent free.

10—Land, Prior's Road, between No. 106 and Prior's Lodge—RESOLVED, That the tenants of this land be allowed 12 months' rent free in view of its rough condition.

11—Clyde Recreation Ground—Read, letter of 10th ult. from Mr. F. A. Munster asking if a portion of this ground could be plotted out for allotments, RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to in view of the fact that there is a considerable area of land available for allotments in Prior's Road.

12—Youth Services Club—RESOLVED, That the Youth Services Club be granted the use of an allotment free of charge.

P. T. SMITH, Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th February, 1941. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Food Production—(a) The Gardens Superintendent reported that owing to weather conditions during part of the month, vegetables were kept in store, but the sale of produce at the market had amounted £19 11s. 9d.

(b) He submitted a report for the period from 15th March, 1939, to the 1st inst. showing that the produce sold at the Market had realised £667 12s. 7d.. and value of crops in store, fertilizers, etc. was estimated at £216 10s. 0d.

2—Seed Potatoes—RESOLVED, That the tender of Mr. Arthur W. Smith for the supply of seed potatoes be accepted.

3—Pittville Gardens—(a) Hedges—The Gardens Superintendent reported that during last month, most of the gaps in the hedges had been filled in with sticks and interwoven with branches. Hundreds of sticks and three lorry loads of branches had been used, but this must be regarded as a temporary measure.

(b) Aviaries—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had applied for a ration allowance for the birds.

4—Home Grown Timber—(a) With reference to the letter from Messrs. Jacksons, Stops, and Staff of Northampton stating that they had been requested to make every possible effort to find supplies of Home Grown Timber, the Gardens Superintendent reported that a census of trees in the Parks and at Marle Hill, which could be removed without detracting from the natural beauty of the area, was now being taken.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to insert an Advertisement in the "Echo" asking owners who have trees on their land which they are willing to have removed, to communicate with him.

5—Royal Crescent Garden—Read, letter of 23rd ult. from Messrs. Rickerby & Co. asking if the necessary repairs to the stone plinth surrounding the garden could be carried out without delay, and also the garden attended to. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to do what repairs he can to the plinth, and that the Gardens Superintendent be asked to do his best to deal with this garden as soon as he has the labour available.

6—Cricket Pitches—RESOLVED, That the application of the Whaddon Sports Club for the use of a cricket pitch on Saturday afternoons at the Whaddon Recreation Ground for their Senior and Junior teams be granted.

7—Burrow's Sports Ground—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland stating that, as their clients wished to get the matter definitely settled as soon as possible, they would be willing to enter into a Contract for the sale of this land at £2,500 instead of £2,600. The Town Clerk also reported that he had received a letter from Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. stating that their client would, no doubt, be prepared to enter into negotiations for the sale of Common Meadow, Kidnappers Lane with completion at the end of the War. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken at the present time in respect of either of these fields.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th February, 1941. Present—Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Avery and Bendall ; Major J. G. N. Clift ; and Mr. C. R. Mapp (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for January, 1941—Visitors-2,428 (last year 2,590).

Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards, etc. £1 9s. 3d. "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund" £2 9s. 6d. Total £3 18s. 9d.

Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club—Facilities had been given to this Society to hold their Annual General Meeting in the Chinese Porcelain Room on 7th February, 1941. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following —Mrs. W. E. Beck, Mrs. W. L. Mellersh, Mrs. H. O'Neil, Miss E. Tanner, Mrs. 'Wickham.

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

3—Specimens Purchased—RESOLVED, That a Leeds Pottery, 18th cent. Beer Jug be purchased from the General Account at a cost of £1.

4—Leslie Young Bequest Fund—The Curator reported an offer by Mr. J. S. Bond of £10 towards the purchase of an oil-painting entitled "The River at Kingston-on-Thames" by R. O. Dunlop, A.R. .A., priced at £30. RESOLVED, That Mr. Bond's offer be accepted with cordial thanks, and that the balance be borne by the Leslie Young Bequest Fund.

5—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, (a) That it be left in the hands of the Chairman to make enquiries as to the possibility of holding an Exhibition " Art for the people," organised by the Council for the Encouragement of Music and Art.

(b) That facilities be given for the Annual Exhibition by the Cotswold Art Club.

6—Glos. and Wilts. Incorporated Law Society—An application had been received from Mr. I. D. Yeaman for facilities to hold local examinations of the Society during the first week in March, 1941. RESOLVED, That facilities be given in the Chinese Porcelain Room.

7—Fire-Watching—Read, the scheme for submission to the Regional Commissioner, which was approved.

8—Easter Closing—RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Chairman to close the Art Gallery and Museum as last year, subject to any modifications which may be necessary nearer the time.

9—Date of next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 18th April, 1941.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th February, 1941. Present—Councillors Bush, Compton, Garland, Lipson and Readings ; Rev. Barbara Thomas ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, F. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for January, 1941—Receipts £55 4s. 10d. Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 5,366; Lending Department 30,520 ; Junior Department 4,068 ; Total 39,954 (last year 35,249). Record Issue—The highest recorded turnover in the Adult Lending Department for any one day was that of 2,532 volumes, issued on 8th February. Replacements and Binding-107 volumes had been replaced, 179 volumes had been returned from the binder, and a further 301 volumes had been dispatched.

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

20th January .. Mr. H. Feibusch on " Art, modern art and the London Group." Attendance 80.

27th January ... Mr. David Hofman on " American adventures." Attendance 79.

3rd February ... Lt.-Col. J. Atkinson on "A Gloucestershire Scrap Book," Attendance 110:

Booklist—A list of books in the Library on General Gardening and Vegetable Growing had been prepared and printed in connection with Cheltenham's Food Production Week.

2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 182 volumes, published at £69 5s. 6d., be purchased for £47 18s 8d.

(b) That £20 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £26 be spent on Replacements

3—Donations-37 vols. had been received from 7 donors ; 71 vols. from Mr. R. Owen Seacome ; and 7 vols. and 21 pamphlets from the collection of the late Mr. William Lock Mellersh had been given by his widow. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4—Periodicals —Read, letter from Messrs. J. C. Holyoake and Sons asking for the cancellation of discount on certain periodicals for the duration of the war. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

5—Fire-Watching—Read, the scheme for submission to the Regional Commissioner, which was approved.

6—Library Hours—RESOLVED, That after 28th inst., all Departments of the Library remain open until the black-out, until that time reaches 8 p.m., at which hour all Departments of the Library will close until further notice

7—Easter Closing—RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Chairman to close all Departments of the Library as last year, subject to any modifications which may be necessary nearer the time.

8—Defacement of Library Books—Councillor Garland called attention to the letter which appeared in the " Gloucestershire Echo" on 12th February, protesting against the defacement of library books

by the insertion of comments by certain readers. RESOLVED, That the "Echo" be asked to insert a letter from the Committee earnestly appealing to readers to desist from this objectionable practice.

9—Date of next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 18th April, 1941.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 6th February, 1941. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Rush and Moore (Alderman Taylor 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—Rates on Bombed Premises—The apportionment of rates on bombed premises was considered and settled by the Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th February, 1941. Present—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 the 25th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £123,181 ; Leaving Outstanding £11,065.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer dated 25th inst. on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 31st March, 1941. Amount collected £24,777 ; Outstanding £3,253.

3—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of Electricity charges since the last Meeting

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 25th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair), and Alderman Ward.

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

5—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported receipt of sanction to loan of £9,720, being the Corporation's share of the excess expenditure in connection with the works being carried out by the Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board at Tewkesbury, repayable in a term of 40 years.

6—Employees on War Service—War Bonus—The Borough Treasurer asked for instructions in regard to the payment of war bonus to officers and employees with H.M. Forces. RESOLVED, That in the case of married men and single men with dependents, two-thirds only of the war bonus be paid, and that in the case of single men no payment in respect of war bonus be made.

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7—Finance Department—(a) Borough Treasurer's Office—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Ministry of Health had notified the Corporation that Messrs. Axtell and Morrell in his Department had had their calling up deferred until the 31st March, With the exception of the Deputy Treasurer (Mr. Morris) these were the only two trained male staff in the Department and the Borough Treasurer recommended that further efforts should be made to secure a longer deferment. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application for the further deferment of these two members of the staff.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. K. Selby, Electricity Accountancy Assistant, joined the Air Force on the 25th ult. Mr. Selby asked that he should be promoted to Grade H. He was at present in Grade G and on the 1st April next would have been receiving £266 10s. 0d. RESOLVED, That Mr. Selby be placed in Grade H at the same salary as at present.

(c) Rates Office—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Rating Committee, That the salary of Mr. E. D. Ricketts be increased to £600 per annum.

8—Office Hours—The Borough Treasurer recommended that it was desirable to close the various cash receiving offices earlier on Saturday mornings so as to permit the cashiers and staff to leave the offices nearer 1 p.m. At present it was seldom possible for the staff to leave before 1.30 p.m. RESOLVED, That as from the 1st April next all the offices in the building be closed to the public on Saturday mornings at 12.30 p.m., except the cashiers' offices and that these be open to the public between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon.

9—Office Records—The Borough Treasurer reported on the duplication of office records and he submitted quotation from Messrs. Kerney, of Worcester, who were prepared to copy records by Micro-photography at the rate of 2d. per opening of 30 ins. x 20 ins. The Borough Treasurer recommended that the Superannuation Records, Loans and Stock Registers, Rent Roll and Sundry Debtors balances should be recorded in this way. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted and that the Chief Officers be instructed to have all essential and irreplaceable records copied in this way.

10—Superannuation—The Borough Treasurer reported that G. Allen (ex Pittville Gardener) in receipt of an allowance of 10s 6d a week died on the 8th inst.

11—Administrative Staff War Bonus—The Committee considered circular from the South Western Provincial Council for Administrative Etc. and Clerical Services recommending that as from the 1st January, 1941, the war bonus should be increased to 10 per cent to officers whose salary does not exceed £300 with corresponding increases in the scale previously recommended for officers whose salary exceeded £300. The Town Clerk reported that the General Purposes and Watch Committee recommended that this scale of war bonus should be adopted. The war bonus at present paid was 5s per week to all officers whose salaries did not exceed £300 a year except to those who are

unmarried and have no dependents to whom a bonus of 3s 6d. was paid. RESOLVED, That the war bonus for married officers and unmarried officers with dependents be increased by 2s 6d. per week, but that no increase in the bonus be granted to unmarried officers with no dependents.

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 March, 1941, 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 Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. J. H. Trye, C.B.E., J.P., R.N. (Retd.) and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bayliss, Bendall, Bettridge, 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, Readings, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apology—An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Avery.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting--RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 3rd February, 1941, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, he 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 he approved and confirmed :----

Public Health Meeting held February 10

Housing Meeting held February 13

Except that Minute No. 3 (c) with regard to maximum rent for the purpose of the Differential Rent Scheme be referred back for further consideration

Street and Highway Meeting held February 17

Except that Minute No. 5 c (i) in regard to Casual Labourers be referred back for consideration by the Labour Sub-Committee with power to act.

RESOLVED, also, That the Council authorise the Salvage Committee to purchase two additional trailers for use in connection with salvage.

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Town Planning Meeting held February 20

Town Improvement and Spa... Meeting held February 21

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held February 24

Water Meeting held February 11

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held February 18

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Alderman Pruen : "That the Resolution to Minute No. 5 with regard to the Resolution of the Cheltenham and District Ratepayers Association as to the Grand National Race Meeting and racing under National Hunt Rules be amended to read as follows : That the Committee approve of the first part of the Resolution, but are unable to support the second part of the Resolution.' "

Subject also to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Alderman Taylor: "That Minute No. 9 as to establishing District Committees under the Gloucestershire Social War Service Council be amended by adding to the Resolution because the work they would do is covered by present services.' "

RESOLVED, also, That the application of Mrs. E. Pugh for a licence to store 500 gallons of petroleum at 21 London Road, in an underground tank connected to a petrol pump, be granted on the recommendation of the Petroleum Inspector, subject to a notice being affixed to the pump that the spirit is not for sale.

Fire Brigade... Meeting held February 24

Allotments Meeting held February 10

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Fisher : " That Minute No. 7 (c) with regard to Pate's Grammar School Playing Field be not approved " was lost).

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held February 10

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held February 14

Public Library Meeting held February 14

Rating Meeting held February 6

Finance Meeting held February 25

Except that the Resolution to Minute No. 6 with regard to War Bonus granted to employees on War Service be amended to read as follows : " RESOLVED, That in the case of married men and single men with dependents, two-thirds only of the further war bonus be paid, and that in the case of single men no payment in respect of increased war bonus under Minute No. 11 be made."

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Green : "That Minute No. 6 as amended above be not approved and that the war bonus be paid in full to men on War Service."

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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At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Tuesday, 25th March, 1941, at 4 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., J.P.) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen, and Taylor, Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, E. K. Bayliss, Bendall, Lt.-Col. Biggs, O.B.E., Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Garland, Green, Moore, Readings, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Winterbotham and Councillors Avery, Grimwade and Till.

1—General Rate—RESOLVED, That the General Rate Fund being insufficient for the purposes to which it is applicable by law, and the Town Council having made an estimate of the amount required for those purposes (including the amount required for the purposes of the Public Libraries Acts) during the period commencing on the First day of April, 1941, and terminating on the Thirty-first day of March, 1942, 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 2d. 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, 1941, and terminating on the Thirty-first day of March, 1942, and that the said Rate be payable by two instalments, namely, one moiety thereof on the First day of April, 1941, and the other moiety thereof to be payable on the First day of October, 1941 ; Also, That in pursuance of Article 89 of the County of Gloucester Review Order, 1935, an abatement of One Penny 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.

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen, seconded by Councillor Barnett " That the General Rate be 11s in the £ with an abatement of 1d. in the £ in respect of the areas transferred to the Borough under the County of Gloucester Review Order, 1935," was lost).

JNO. HOWELL, Mayor.

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MINUTES of Mr Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting- of the Council to be held on Monday, 7th April, 1941.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th March, 1941. Present—Alderman Clara Winterbotham; Councillors Bayliss, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr, Hayward, Moore, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Moore 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 2 cwt. 16 lbs. Pork and Pork Bones ; 1 qr. 1 lb. Forequarter Beef ; 9 ½ lbs. Beasts Liver ; 2 qrs. Cod ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. Smoked Haddock ; ¾ lb. Bacon ; 42 tins Carrots ; 26 tins Peas ; 19 tins Milk ; 23 jars Fish Paste ; 12 tins Beans, Soup, Fruit, Pickles, etc

3—Food and Drugs Act, 1938—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted Certificates of the Public Analyst in respect of six samples of Milk Nod. 130-135.

4 —Sewage Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the usual routine works had been carried out during the month. The local farmers were taking sludge in fair quantities and instructions had been given for additional quantities of digested sludge to be dried. On the 18th February it was reported that excessive quantities of strong gas liquor mixed with tar were arriving at the works. He had communicated with the Gas Company's Manager who admitted the presence of tar and other matter from the Gas Works. He thought the probable cause was the failure of a main or tank and he undertook to have this matter remedied at once and carry out such further works as would prevent a recurrence of the discharge,

5—Register of Slaughter Houses---(a) Read, letters of 3rd and 6th inst. from Ivens, Thompson & Green asking if their client, Mr. G. F. Tarr was prepared to surrender his licence in respect of the Slaughter House at St. Paul's, whether the Corporation would be prepared to pay compensation which they suggested should be £350. RESOLVED, That the Committee are not prepared to entertain the payment of compensation at the present time.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Sanitary Inspector be instructed to report as to the renewal of the Licences under Section 57 of the Food & Drugs Act in respect of the various slaughter houses which expire on the 31st inst.

6—Delancey Hospital—The Medical Officer of Health reported as to the steps he was taking in regard to providing alternative accommodation for infectious diseases in the event of it becoming necessary to evacuate Delancey Hospital owing to enemy action, RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to proceed with the arrangements now reported.

7—Disinfectant—The Medical Officer of Health asked for instructions in regard to the charge of fumigation of blankets, etc., sent in from A.R.P. and Home Guard Posts. RESOLVED, That provided the senders arrange for delivery and collection, no charge for fumigation be made.

8--Re-Occupation of Condemned Houses—Read, circular of 21st ult. from the Ministry of Health, Regional Office pointing out that the consent of the Ministry must be obtained before the issue of Licences authorising the re-occupation of houses on which Demolition Orders and Clearance Orders have become operative.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th March, 1941, Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Bayliss, Bush, Compton, Green and Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair).

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

(b) RESOLVED, That Miss Jan Lloyd be appointed student in the Housing Office to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Watson.

(c) Arrears—RESOLVED, That the sum of £13 1s. 0d. arrears of rent due from a former tenant, as set out in the Arrears Book, signed by the Chairman, be written off as irrecoverable.

2—Repairs Superintendent—Read, the Monthly Report of the Repairs Superintendent.

3—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 27th ult. 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.

RESOLVED, also, That Councillor Katherine Bayliss be appointed a member of the Sub-Committee.

4—Youth Service Corps—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Cheltenham Youth Committee asking whether the Committee would welcome help which could be rendered by one or more groups of young people belonging to the Youth Service Groups in the Cheltenham Area. RESOLVED, That the Committee would gladly welcome the service of some members of the Corps to help dig the gardens of tenants who have joined the Army.

5—Garden Prize Scheme—RESOLVED, That the Garden Prize Scheme be held as last year, and that the usual sum of money be allocated for prizes at the discretion of the Sub-Committee. RESOLVED, also, That in making the awards, the Sub-Committee have special regard to the cultivation of vegetables.

6—Meetings—RESOLVED, That in future the Housing Committee meet every other month unless there is urgent business to transact necessitating a monthly Meeting.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th March, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor: Aldermen Pates and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Readings 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 February : (the amounts salvaged during the previous month are shown in brackets) :—

	Tons.	Tons
Paper	48 7/10ths	(48 ¾)
Metals ...	14 1/5th	(5 ½)
Rags, sacks, etc.	1 7/20ths	(1 ¼)
Bottles and Jars	1/5th (Nos. 489)	(— 10/th)(Nos. 245)
Bones ...	1 13/20ths	(2 ¼)
Aluminium	3/20ths	(¼)
Pig Food	63 19/20ths	(66 ¼)

The estimated value of the salvage collected during February was £379.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Refuse collected during the 4 weeks ended 12th March, 1941, was 1,818 ½ tons.

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2—Road Works, etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of road works, etc., in hand.

3-42 Albion Street—The Town Clerk submitted application from Mrs. Peters to rent No. 42 Albion Street, at about 10s per week. RESOLVED, That this offer be not accepted, and that the premises be handed over to the Chief Reception and Billeting Officer, to provide accommodation for evacuees.

4—Labour Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Labour Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 4th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillors Green and Grimwade. They recommended that, having considered the reference back by Council of Minute No. 5 (c) (i) of the last Meeting of the Street and Highway Committee in regard to the wages for casual labourers in the employ of the Corporation on the 25th January, 1940, the Council be recommended to accede to the application of the Union for casual labourers to be paid the full war bonus of 8s per week over pre-war rates, and that Minute No. 5 (c) (i) of the last Meeting of the Street and Highway Committee be rescinded and that Minute No. 1 (h) passed at the Meeting of the Labour Sub-Committee held on the 25th January, 1940: be varied accordingly. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

5—Naunton Way—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Cheltenham Estates Ltd. that, owing to the war they were unable to make up this road for taking over by the Corporation and asking if, in the

circumstances, the Corporation would take this over subject to their depositing a sufficient sum of money to enable the Council to carry out the work when circumstances render this possible.

RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report thereon at the next Meeting of the Committee.

6—Trunk Road—High Street—The Borough Engineer reported an interview with the Divisional Road Engineer in regard to the repair of this road. The Ministry were anxious that the traffic road should be maintained in good condition having agreed that the unsatisfactory lengths of the Strand and from the Plough Hotel to the Midland Bank should be repaired by taking out the unsatisfactory areas of wood blocks and remake with bituminous macadam.

7—Traffic Control Signals—The Borough Surveyor reported further on the proposal to instal a modified mask for the Traffic Light Signals. He submitted sample of an alternative type of mask.

RESOLVED, That an experiment be made with fitting this type of mask at the London Road—Hales Road crossing at an estimated cost of £50 and that Minute No. 12 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

8—Brooklyn Gardens—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Western Estates Ltd. for the first portion of Brooklyn Gardens to be taken over. As the layout was only partly completed he recommended that only the straight length commencing from Arle Road and running in a north-easterly direction for 86 ½ yards be adopted. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted and that notice to take over the above portion of the road be put up.

9—Mechanical Transport—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had now arranged for one of his men to devote full time to the repair of the Department's transport and he asked for authority to purchase such equipment and tools as were necessary. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Borough Surveyor's Department—The Borough Surveyor submitted several applications from members of his staff for increases in salary. RESOLVED, as follows:—

(a) Chief Assistant (Mr. L. F. Bretherton)—That he be not placed in the next higher Grade but given a temporary increase of £15 per annum.

(b) Chief Architectural Assistant—(Mr. W. Rust)—That he be not placed in the next Grade but given a temporary increase of £15.

(c) Town Planning Draughtsman (Mr. J. S. Burgess)—That he be promoted to Grade E at a salary of £200. plus war bonus.

(d) Depot Clerk (Mr. R. T. Preston)—That he be granted the maximum of Grade E, namely £225 per annum, plus war bonus.

(e) Assistant Storekeeper (A. B. Parker)—That he be promoted to Grade C at £169 per annum, plus war bonus.

(f) Shorthand Typist (Miss Bunclark)—That she be promoted to Grade B at £117 per annum, plus war bonus.

(g) Junior Shorthand Typist (Miss Sharpe)—That her salary on Grade A be increased to 30s per week, plus war bonus.

(h) Junior Wages Clerk (A. Bartholomew)—That his salary be increased to £1 1.5s. 0d. per week, plus war bonus.

11—Wires across Highways—County Court Lane—RESOLVED, That the application of the Office of Work,; to fix an electric cable across County Court Lane be approved subject to the usual conditions.

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12-7 Albion Street—RESOLVED, That the arrears of rent due from the late tenants of these premises be written off as irrecoverable.

13—Junction, Wellington and Evesham Roads—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Chamber of Commerce calling attention of the Council to the fact that long vehicles are unable to get round the traffic island. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

14—8 Winchcomb Street—Read, letter from Mr. A. V. Gregory on behalf of the administrators of C. Davis, deceased, asking that they might be released from the tenancy of No. 8 Winchcomb Street. RESOLVED, That the Committee are not prepared to release them earlier than the 24th June,

15—Damage to Signs, etc.—Norwood Arms—Read, reports of damage to signs, etc., as follows :-

26th February to " Keep Left " Bollard, Norwood Arms, by a motor vehicle owned by A. H. Marsh
Damage £9 18s 0d.

27th February to " Look Left " and " No Entry" Sign, junction Clarence Street and High Street, by an Army lorry. Damage £2 3s. 5d.

26th February to " No Entry " Sign, North Street, by a vehicle owned by Cheltenham Original Brewery Co Damage £1 6s. 4d.

21st February to "Halt" Sign, Clarence Road, by car owned by H. G. Phipps. Damage £1 0s. 4d.

20th February to Guard Rails, College Road Traffic Island, by an Army vehicle of the 35th Motor Coach Company. Damage £1 0s. 7d.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make claims for the cost of making good the damage in each case.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 4th March, 1941. Present—Alderman Leigh James; Councillors Bayliss, Rev, de Courcy Ireland, Garland and Dr. Hayward ; Mesdames Boob', Mellersh and Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—District Nursing Association—(a) The Committee considered reference back by the Council of the Minute in regard to the application of the Nursing Association to be paid a minimum of one week's fee of 4 ½ guineas in respect of patients taken into the Home and removed before the end of the first week. RESOLVED, That the application be acceded to and that Minute No. 10 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly RESOLVED, also, That the Home be paid 13s 6d. for each period of 24 hours, or part thereof, in respect of patients who go into the Home for observation, etc., prior to confinement.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported in regard to the list of articles, etc. which patients were required by the Association to take into the Home. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to enable Mrs. Wood to take this matter up with the Association and report to the next Meeting of the Committee.

2—Nursing Homes Act—RESOLVED, That the application for the registration of Barrington, Evesham Road, as a Nursing Home be approved.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th March, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Bendall Moore and Waite; Mr. W. S. F. Harris and the Rev. C. Hanson (The Deputy Mayor in llii 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.
5406	Bondolfi, A. L.	Garage, 49 The Grove.
5407	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. Ltd.	Alterations, The Union Inn, Union Street.
5408	Council of the Y.M.C.A.	Alterations and additions, Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club, Baker Street.
5409	Bullingham, W.	Garage, Landour, Hewlett Road.
5410	Withers, A. B.	Alterations, 4 Merriville Road.
5411	Walking, R. J.	New WC, 2 Oakfield Street.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5406, 5407, 5408, 5409 and 5410 be approved ; That Plan No. 5411 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.- 5406, 5407, 5408, 5410 and 5411 be approved ; That Plan No. 5409 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.
1670	Shurdington Tile & Sand Co. Ltd.	Proposed house, Little Shurdington.
1671	S. Smith & Sons (Cheltenham) Ltd.	Canteen extension and new Fire Station, Bishop's Cleeve.
1672	Marytn, A. W.	Conversion of barn into cottage, Southam.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 1671 be approved That Plan No. 1672 be approved subject to setting back to the building line in accordance with the Undertaking given on the 29th May, 1937, That Plan No. 1670 be not approved,

3—Applications to Develop - (a) Barrington, Evesham Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 5th inst. from the Medical Officer of Health stating he had been instructed to register "Barrington," Evesham Road, as a Nursing Home and asking for the approval of the Committee to the change of user. RESOLVED, That approval to the change of user be granted subject to no nuisance being caused to persons living in the vicinity.

(b) Treaford, Lansdown Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter dated 10th February, 1941, from Thomas Bugbird & Son, Ltd. asking for permission to use Treaford, Lansdown Road as offices for the duration of the war and for approximately six months afterwards. RESOLVED, That this be approved subject to the premises ceasing to be used as offices within six months of the cessation of hostilities.

4--Gravel Pits, Shurdington—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Shurdington Tile & Sand Co. Ltd. were erecting a new shed at the Gravel Pits, Shurdington, without previously submitting plans to the Authorities concerned for approval. Further it appeared that other sheds had also been erected without approval of plans. RESOLVED, That a survey of the area be made with a view to determining how many buildings had been erected without consent.

5—Contravention of Building Byelaws—Mostyn Villa, Hale's Road Read, letters of 4th and 13th inst. from Mr. H. Wilkes and of 12th inst. from the Secretary to the National Pigeon Service with regard to the erection of the pigeon loft at Mostyn Villa, Hales Road, contrary to Byelaws 105, 129 and 132. RESOLVED, That as the birds are under Government Service and the owner is required to have a number of birds ready for National Service, permission be granted for the pigeon loft to remain in its present position for the duration of the war.

6—Common Meadow, Leckhampton—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Councillor Garland suggesting that Common Meadow, Leckhampton, be scheduled in the Scheme as an open space. RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred to the next Meeting of the Committee and that the Chairman interview the owner's agents to ascertain their views on the proposal

7 —Post-War Re-planning and Re-building—Read, letter of 24th ult. from the President to the Gloucestershire Architectural Association stating they would be pleased to co-operate with the Corporation in the event of any re-building or re-planning in Cheltenham arising out of War damage. RESOLVED, That a letter be sent to the Association thanking them for their offer of assistance.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st March, 1941. Present--The Mayor: Tire Deputy Mayor;- Councillors Bush, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Readings and Waite (Councillor Waite in tire chair),

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 4th and 18th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) Gas Lecture—That no charge be made for the use of the Town Hall for the public Gas Lecture held on the 3rd March.

(b) Merry Wives of Windsor—The Entertainments Manager reported that the total receipts for this play were £554, and that the Corporation made a profit of about fill. They recommended that a booking fee of £10 be paid to Mr. Donald Arthur.

(c) That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to make arrangements with Mr. Donald Wolfit for the presentation of another Shakespearian Play for one week in May, Mr. Wolfit to receive 60 per cent of the net takings.

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

2—Alstone Baths---(a) The Town Clerk submitted list of names of scholars in the Elementary Schools who had obtained Instructors' Certificates, Bronze Medallions and Intermediate Certificates of the Royal Life Saving Society. 102 had gained the Bronze Medallion, 23 Bar to the Medallion, 75 Intermediate Certificates and 1 Second-Class Instructor's Certificate. RESOLVED, That free season tickets be given to those who have obtained the Medallion, Bar and Instructor's Certificate, and free half-season tickets to those who have obtained the Intermediate Certificate. RESOLVED, also, 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.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported the attendances at the Baths during the past month.

3—Winter Garden----(a) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the remainder of the railings stored at the Winter Garden.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted draft Claim for rent at the rate of £100 per annum for the requisitioning of the grounds. RESOLVED, That this be approved and forwarded to the War Department Land Agent.

4—Sandford Park Swimming Pool -The Town Clerk submitted draft Claim in respect of the requisitioning of the Car Park of the Swimming Pool. RESOLVED, That a claim at the rate of £20 per month until the Pool is open and £50 per month when the Pool is opened be made and that Minute No 5 passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 24th January last be varied accordingly.

5—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 6th inst.

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

(a) Medical Baths—That the Cashier of the Medical Baths be granted an increase of 10s per week.

(b) Swimming Pool—Catering—That, in view of the difficulties in obtaining supplies and female labour, the catering for the ensuing season be restricted mainly to hot and cold drinks, biscuits, and other light refreshments, and that the hours of service be from 12 noon to 7 p.m.

(c) Opening Hours—That the Pool be opened on the 10th May, and, in view of the difficulty in obtaining staff and the very few who took advantage of the early morning bathing last season, the Pool be opened from Mondays to Fridays at 10 a.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays at 8 a.m., and the closing hour be fixed at dusk or 10 p.m., whichever is the earlier. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted except that with regard to the opening hours the Pool be opened on Mondays to Saturdays for early morning bathing from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and then closed until 10 a.m. RESOLVED, also, That the early morning Season Tickets be issued as last year,

6—Medical Baths—(a) The monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted. The receipts for February amounted to £80 4s. 0d. as compared with £46 3s. 6d. last year.

(b) The Committee considered the salaries of Mrs. Woodward and Miss Parry, Sister in Charge and Masseuse at the Baths. RESOLVED, That the salary of Mrs. Woodward be increased from £195 to £230 per annum and that Miss Parry's salary be increased from £169 to £195 per annum, plus war bonus in each case.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th March, 1941. Present—The Mayor: Alderman Leigh James, Councillors Addis. Avery, Biggs, Grimwade, Readings and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Air Raid Damage—The Committee considered the question of making an abatement to occupiers of houses, etc., who were on the two-part tariff and who were compelled to leave their houses

temporarily owing to air raid damage. RESOLVED, That an abatement in the fixed charge be made in proportion to the time the premises are unoccupied. Also, That a similar allowance be made in respect of appliances on hire. RESOLVED, also, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Addis, Grimwade and Readings be appointed to consider whether any allowance and, if so, what allowance can be made to occupiers who have to keep the light on all day owing to the fact that their windows damaged in air raids have been blacked out pending the replacement of the glass.

2—Power Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Power Company had now ascertained that the average price of coal for the year 1940 was 26s 5d per ton and not 25s 6d. per ton as previously reported, only a preliminary assessment. This would involve a payment by the Corporation for 1940 instead of £4,447 15s. 10d. instead of £3,732 6s. 9d. as reported at the last Meeting. A part of this charge would be recoverable from the large power consumers in the area whose contracts provided for a variation in respect of the price of coal.

3--Borough Electrical Engineer's Department--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted application from Miss Newman for an increase in her salary. RESOLVED, That she be placed on the maximum of Grade E at £225 per annum.

4—Damage to Lamp Standards—Read, report of damage to a lamp standard in Ambrose Street on the 28th ult. by a van belonging to Stanley Smith & Co. Read also, report of damage to a lamp post in London Road on the 7th inst. by a lorry owned by Pannell Ltd. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make claims for the cost of making good the damage amounting to £17 0s. 3d. and £7 15s. 0d. respectively.

5—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of gas tests made on the 25th and 27th ult. and the 5th, 10th, 13th, 18th and 24th inst., which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 466.6, 464.3, 479.1, 481.0, 464.1, 450.5 and 462.2 B.Th.U., and the pressure to be 8.5, 5.5, 8.7, 8.6, 5.6, 8.8 and 8.7 inches of water respectively.

STANLEY ROGERS, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th March, 1941. Present-The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Margrett ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 28th February, 1941.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	432,000 gallons	410,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,058,000 “	2,061,000
Leckhampton Springs	39,000	58,000
	2,529,000	2,529,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 110,869,000 gallons.

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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—Tewkesbury Water Works—(a) The Borough Engineer submitted application from the National Union of General and Municipal Workers for the employees at Tewkesbury who had not yet received their full holidays for 1940 to have these as soon as possible. RESOLVED, The Borough Engineer be instructed to grant such holidays as he is able (excluding Whit-Monday which was not recognised as a Bank Holiday) and where this is not possible, to pay wages in lieu thereof.

(b) Settling Tank—The Borough Engineer reported that the Settling Tank was now being altered by providing baffle walls in order to increase the flow to the tank.

(c) Steam Pumps—The Borough Engineer reported that he was taking advantage of the improvement of the upland supplies to get the boilers and Hathorn Davey Engine stripped down, overhauled and cleaned. The Hathorn Davey Engine had worked during ten months' continuous pumping, 24 hours a day, during which time it had pumped approximately 600,000,000 gallons which he considered was a very satisfactory performance.

5—Casual Labourers---RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to pay casual labourers one penny an hour over the establishment rate as is done in the Highways Department.

6—Washing of Cars—RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to issue an advertisement permitting the washing of cars, etc. from the mains for the time-being.

7—Trunk Main—Churchdown to Hewletts—The Borough Engineer reported that this trunk main was re-opened, following the repair of the Tilley Bridge crossing, on the 6th inst. The main was first washed and thoroughly sterilised.

8—Supply to Swindon—The Borough Engineer submitted application for a water supply for the proposed new works in Swindon Lane near the Cross Hands Inn. To enable a supply to be given, it would be necessary to lay a short length of new 6in. main connecting with the two 'mains in Tewkesbury Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to have this work done subject to the applicants agreeing to pay the cost of the work.

9—Castle Barn Farm—Read letter from the tenant of this Farm calling attention to the condition of the boundary and cover fences which under the tenancy agreement the Corporation were under obligation to repair. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have these repaired as soon as possible.

10—Shurdington House—Read letter of the 6th inst. from Cheltenham Estates, Ltd. asking whether the Council would be prepared to afford a water supply to these premises, and if so, the estimated cost of the work. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to entertain providing a supply at the present time

11—Extension of Main, Kidnappers Lane—Read letters of the 27th ult. and 7th inst. from the Rural District Council in regard to the Council's application for contribution towards the cost of the 6in main laid by the Council west of the Red Bungalow in Church Road. If the Council would extend the main a little further so as to supply the 5 bungalows towards Shurdington, the Rural District Council were prepared to contribute an amount equivalent to half the cost of laying a 4in. main for the whole distance of the new extension. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, and the Borough Engineer be instructed to carry out the further small extension asked for by the Rural District Council.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th March, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett, Pruen and Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

(b) The Town Clerk submitted various Foot and Mouth Disease Orders made by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries since the last Meeting.

2—General Hospital—RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Councillor Lipson be re-appointed the representatives of the Council on the Hospital Board of Management for the ensuing year

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—RESOLVED, That the application of Regent Motors (G. Readings) Ltd. for two Hackney Carriage Licences be granted subject to the vehicles being passed by the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector and Superintendent Hopkins, and also to the two applicants for Drivers' Licences being recommended by Superintendent Hopkins.

4—House to House Collections Act —(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Miss F. M. Ramsay of the District Nursing Association, Victoria Home, St. James' Square, Cheltenham, for renewal of the licence to permit House to House Collections be granted for twelve months from the 1st April, 1941, subject to compliance with the House to House Collection Regulations.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the Standing Joint Committee issuing a new Licence to Miss Estcourt of the Gloucester Diocesan Association for Moral Welfare Work, and to their issuing the appropriate Certificates for H.M, Stationery Office and also to their investigating the accounts of the collection.

5—Shops Acts—The Town Clerk submitted circular from the Home Office pointing out that the Defence Regulation in regard to the Shop Closing Hours ceased to have effect as from the 1st March. Accordingly after that date the former closing hours fixed by the 1928 Act will apply.

6-Pigeons—RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of Mr. C. H. Scoble being given permission to trap and seize pigeons in the public streets, Montpellier and Winter Gardens provided that no carrier pigeons or any pigeons ringed to indicate that they have an owner are taken, the authority to be cancelled at any time.

7—Athletic Ground—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Major Begbie asking the Committee to reconsider the decision to allow a rebate of £10 in their rent. Major Begbie attended the Meeting. RESOLVED, That the Club be allowed a rebate of £17 10s. 0d. for last season and £20 for the current season and that Minute No. 10 passed at the last Meeting of the Committee be varied accordingly.

8—Strickland Homes—Read, letters from the Charity Commission in regard to the above Charity. The late Mr. Horsley was sole trustee of the Charity. Mr. Horsley had power during his trusteeship to appoint any number of new trustees not exceeding six but this power was not exercised by him. The will of the late Miss Eliza Standish, the founder of the Charity, provided that on the death of Mr. Horsley the power to appoint new trustees should be vested in the General Purposes and Watch Committee of the Corporation and that upon any appointment of new trustees the number might be increased or diminished so that the number should not be more than seven nor less than five.

The Commission asked whether the Committee were prepared to appoint seven trustees and, if so, they suggested that the appointment should be effected by deed so as to vest the Almshouses in the new trustees. There was an Endowment Fund comprising investments held in the name of Official Trustees of Charitable Funds, the annual income from which was approximately £170.

Read, also, letter of 21st ult. from Messrs. Eckersall, Watterson & Moore that, under the will of the late Mr. Horsley an immediate legacy of £500 was bequeathed to the Homes, whilst following the death of Mr. Horsley's daughter, the Homes were entitled to participate to the extent of one-tenth of a third share in the ultimate residue of his Estate They suggested that in addition to say four members of the Corporation, one Church of England incumbent and one Non-Conformist Minister (preferably the Congregational Minister if he is willing to act) and one person with local experience of social service should also be appointed.

RESOLVED, That the Mayor for the time being, and the four senior Aldermen for the time being, together with the Rector of Cheltenham for the time being, and the Minister of Highbury Church for the time being, be appointed the Trustees of the Strickland Homes. RESOLVED, also, That the newly appointed Trustees be recommended to appoint Mr. Lawrence (of Mr. Horsley's office) as Secretary.

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9—Community Feeding Centres—(a) St. Peter's Mission Hall and Naunton Lane Mission Hall—Read, letters from the Rev. S. J. Richards and Mr. E. S. Henson in regard to the use of these premises for Community Feeding Centres. They both intimated that they were prepared to let the premises for the purpose required at a rent of £1 per month for the duration of the war or such longer period thereafter as may mutually be agreed ; the Community Feeding Committee to carry out all the

alterations required and to pay all the expenses in connection with the use of the premises for Feeding Centres. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

(b) Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Rev. W. R. Bellerby in regard to the terms on which the St. Paul's Church Council were willing to grant the use of the St. Paul's Parish Hall for a Community Feeding Centre. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned and that meanwhile the Community Feeding Committee be recommended to see if arrangements can be made for the joint use of the old Pate's Grammar School as a Rest Centre and Community Feeding Centre.

(c) Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Divisional Food Officer of the Ministry of Food approving the equipping of the Community Feeding Centre at St. Peter's Mission Hall and St. Paul's Church Hall at an estimated cost of £1,729 1s. 6d., subject to the conditions set out in their circular of the 15th November last. The period for the amortisation of capital expenditure should not exceed five years for expenditure on heavy equipment and two years for other capital expenditure.

10—Military Service—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Town Clerk, Bexleyheath, asking the Council to support the Resolution passed by his Council that, in view of the additional duties placed on Local Authorities since the outbreak of war, the Minister of Health and Minister of Labour be informed that the Council are of opinion that Local Authorities should be permitted to retain the services of essential key men. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Association of Municipal Corporations asking them to support the Resolution.

11--Billeting of Civil Servants—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Town Clerk of Harrogate that a good deal of dissatisfaction had been expressed by Harrogate ratepayers regarding the payment of a guinea a week in respect of the billeting of Civil Servants which they considered was inadequate under present conditions, and that representations might be made to the Treasury by towns similarly affected. RESOLVED, That in view of the fact that a large proportion of Civil Servants had had a further increase in their cost of living bonus, the Committee consider that the billeting allowance should be proportionately increased and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Association of Municipal Corporations requesting them to take up the matter with the Treasury,

2—Leckhampton Hill—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Dowsett Engineering Construction Company had removed their plant from the Hill and had not complied with the terms of their Agreement in regard to levelling up and covering the sites excavated by them. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Company asking for an assurance that the removal from the premises is only temporary and that they intend to return at an early date to carry out their obligations under their contracts.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th March, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates - Councillors Bush, Fisher, 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 21 calls to fire as follows :—

22nd February	39 Hewlett Road..
23rd “	Brewery Yard, Dunalley Street.
24th “	Telephone Exchange.
25th “	30 Leckhampton Road.
3rd March	Gloucestershire Dairy, Imperial Lane.
5th “	38 Fairview Street.
9th “	Beech House, St. James' Square,
10th “	Central Spa Nursing Home.
11th “	Forest Dene, Sandhurst Road, Charlton Kings.
12th “	166 Bath Road.
12th “	Cat and Fiddle, Whaddon Road.
13th “	Taylor & Sons, Church Street.
14th “	Dunalley Parade.
15th “	15 and 17 Leckhampton Road.
16th “	Seven Springs.
18th “	205 Bath Road.
18th “	Refuse Tip, Folly Lane.
19th “	Cleeve Hill.
19th “	Dunalley Parade.
19th “	13 Christ Church Terrace.
20th “	171 Arle Road.

2—Auxiliary Fire Station, St, Mark's—The Chief Officer reported that he took over the new Auxiliary Fire Station at Sunningend Works on the 20th inst.

3—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) Blankets—RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be authorised to purchase an additional 63 blankets for the additional whole-time Auxiliary Firemen.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted Circulars Nos. 15b and 18a from the Home Office in regard to the Emergency Fire Brigade measures in case of concentrated air attack. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Chief Officer and that he be instructed to take the necessary action on the measures therein recommended. RESOLVED, also, That the Chief Officer be authorised to purchase 50 more two-gallon petrol cans.

(c) Control Room—The Town Clerk submitted Circular 16 (a) from the Home Office on the organisation of a Control Room. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Chief Officer.

(d) Protection of A.F.S. Stations—The Town Clerk reported that the Emergency Committee had accepted the following tenders for the protection of A.F.S. Stations in accordance with Circular No. 5/1941, namely :—

Messrs. Collins & Godfrey	Headquarters	£251 0 0
“ “	Leckhampton ...	84 0 0
Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons	Newmek, Prestbury	149 0 0
Messrs. A. C. Billings Ltd.	Original Brewery Garage, Dunalley Street 187	0 0

The Town Clerk reported that application had been made to the Home Office for approval of this expenditure for the purposes of grant.

4—Fire Prevention (Business Premises) Order, 1941—(a) The Chief Officer reported that 12 visits for the purpose of inspection under this Order had been carried out since the last Meeting. The number of persons who had attended Lectures and Demonstrations during the month was 1,416, making the total number of persons trained 4,916.

(b) The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee had had 4 Meetings for the purpose of considering the reports made by the occupiers of the arrangements made by them under the Order. Of the 1,020 forms sent to business-premises, 929 had been returned and of these 211 had so far been approved by the Sub-Committee.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th March, 1941. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith : and Messrs. Ball and Barlow (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1-Cultivation—The Gardens Superintendent reported that Nos. 8, 12 and 24 Marle Hill had not improved. No 20 Gappers. Field was uncultivated and Nos. 54, 177 and 179 North Ward and 57 Asquith Road were in bad condition. The Town Clerk reported that Nos. 8 and 24 Marle Hill were in the occupation of the Unemployed Allotments Association and he had written to Mr. Whittall suggesting that these should be given up. No. 12 Marle Hill had recently been re-let. The tenants of No. 54, 177 and 179 North Ward had promised to proceed with the cultivation of their allotments at once, and the tenant of No. 57 Asquith Road had given notice to quit.

2- Additional Land—(a) Charlton Park Gate—The Town Clerk reported that the land owned by Mr. Reeves in Charlton Park Gate had been requisitioned and 42 allotments plotted out, the majority of which had been let.

(b) Victoria Cricket Ground—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Chairman of the Cheltenham Cricket Club stating that they had arranged for about 1 ½ acres of land to be cultivated on the Victoria Ground and regretting that they were not in a position to provide further land for allotments.

(c) Land adjoining Hatherley Park---The Town Clerk also reported that notice had been served upon Messrs. Rogers & Davies requisitioning 4 ¾ acres of land on the Hatherley Court Estate. Messrs,

Rogers & Davies were quite willing for this land to be used for the purpose and the land had been plotted out and some allotments let.

(d) Sunningend Sports Ground—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co. Ltd. stating that they had decided to convert a portion of this ground into allotments but that it was probable all the land would be taken by employees of their Company, but if there were any allotments available after their own requirements had been met they would inform the Corporation,

(e) Land, Orchard Way—The Town Clerk reported that notice of requisition had been served on Mr. J. A. Pye for this land containing approximately 1 acre which would be plotted out for allotments as there was still a demand for allotments in this area.

RESOLVED, That the arrangements made for the acquisition of additional land be approved.

3 -North Ward Allotments—(a) No. 205—Read, letter of 5th ult. from Mr. H. G. Frost asking for the rent of this allotment to be reduced from £1 2s. 8d. per annum to 17s per annum in view of the fact that all the fruit trees have now been cut down owing to Silver Blight in accordance with the instructions of the Gardens Superintendent. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) No. 209—The Town Clerk reported that this allotment had been let to Mr. S. G. Perry at 17s 8d. per annum, but the allotment was subject to serious flooding and the Gardens Superintendent reported that it was only possible to cultivate about a quarter of the land. RESOLVED, That the rent be reduced to 4s 5d. per annum.

4-Marle Hill Allotments—(a) No. 126—Read, letter of 19th ult. from Mr. W. Symonds asking for a rebate in the rent of this allotment in view of the fact that there was a quantity of rubbish thereon and a road foundation ran across the allotment, RESOLVED, That he be granted one year rent free.

(b) No. 122—Read, application of 20th ult. from Miss F. Bowles on behalf of the St. Paul's Company of Girl Guides for the use of this allotment rent free. It was proposed that the crops or the proceeds of sale thereof should be given to local charities. RESOLVED, That the application be not agreed to.

5-Cultivation of the Land in Occupation of the Military—Read, circular letter of 17th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that the War Office had set up an agricultural organisation to deal with the cultivation of land in the occupation of the Military and in the case of gardens and requisitioned properties which were not being cultivated arrangements would be made to ensure cultivation by the tenant or by the Military RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Ministry of Works and Buildings enquiring whether all the gardens in their occupation were being cultivated and if not to inform them that the Corporation would be willing to assist in finding suitable tenants.

6-Food Production in Allotments and Gardens—Scheme for the Award of Certificates of Merit, 1941—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture asking the Corporation to co-operate in the Scheme arranged for the award of certificates to allotment holders who, in the opinion of judges merited such award. The Ministry enclosed conditions relating to the Scheme for the information of entrant entry forms, score card, etc RESOLVED, That these be forwarded to the Allotments and Gardens Association and the Association be requested to undertake the arrangements for a similar competition to be held as last year.

7-Allotment No. 4 Cam Road—The Gardens Superintendent reported that Mrs. Robertson to whom the allotment had been let free had only dug a small portion RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take possession 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, 10th March, 1941. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Food Production—The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the month of February the sale of produce at the Market amounted to £67 4s. 9d.

2—Pittville Gardens—(a) Aviaries—The Gardens Superintendent reported that a ration allowance equivalent to one quarter of peace-time consumption had now been granted by the Ministry of Agriculture for the birds in the aviaries Numerous enquiries had been received from owners asking if their birds could be put in the aviaries but owing to shortage of food they had been informed that the stocks could not be increased.

(b) Pittville Greenhouses—The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from G. Trotman, employed in the greenhouses at Pittville, for an increase in his wages. RESOLVED, That his wages be increased to £1 7s. 6d. per week.

3—Land adjoining Tip, Brooklyn Road—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Mr. A. C. Swinton making application for the use of the small field adjoining the tip for grazing RESOLVED, That the application be not entertained as owing to lack of fencing, etc., the land is not suitable for the purpose.

4—Common Meadow, Kidnappers Lane—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 11th ult. from Messrs. Bruton Knowles Co. stating that their client would be prepared to accept £2,000 for this land. RESOLVED, That the offer be not entertained at the present time.

5—Re Boat House, etc., Pittville -- The Chairman submitted letter of 6th inst. from Mr. C. Maisey, the tenant of the boating rights, stating that the boat house roof and landing stage, etc. required repair, also asking if the weed killer could be used for the lake at an early date. RESOLVED, That the letter be referred to the Town Clerk, and also that the tenant be informed that the weed killer cannot be used until the foliage has grown as otherwise it would have no effect.

6---Tewkesbury Road Playing Field, Shed--RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the shed previously used as a Pavilion at this Playing Field being utilised as a Communal Feeding Centre for the Tivoli or other district of the town, subject to the removal expenses being borne by the Community Feeding Committee and to the shed being returned in good order.

7—Re Railings for Scrap Metal—RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Gardens Superintendent be instructed to make a further inspection of the railings at the various Parks and Recreation Grounds to see if any of these can be utilised for scrap metal.

W. J. GREEN.

Chairman.

CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st March, 1941. Present—Councillors Bendall, Green, Moore and Readings (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from the 25th January to 21st March. Number of Interments 162 ; Cremations 47 Grave Spaces sold : 1st Position 8, 3rd Position 1, 4th Position 35. New Memorials erected 18 ; New Inscriptions 25.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces Sold—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 10300 to 10343.

3—Designs —RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2618 to 2632, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman be approved.

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4—Maintenance of Graves—(a) 5273 and 5275, Section Y—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. J. D. Hughes & Co have informed him that the Executor of the Will of the late Miss A. S. James was prepared to agree to these graves being turfed and agreed to the condition that the Corporation should not be liable to replace the memorials on the graves in the event of these becoming perished or destroyed and was accordingly paying over the legacy of £75 to the Corporation.

(b) 4888 X—Read, letter of 15th ult. from Ferrell & Son that the late Miss Frances E. Wood had bequeathed to the Corporation the sum of £50 for the upkeep of the grave of her mother Sarah Frances Wood and enclosing cheque for £50 in payment of the legacy. RESOLVED, That this be accepted.

5—War Memorials—Read, letter of 13th ult. from Mr. Edward White (who designed Sandford Park) that he considered it was not too early to contemplate a method of remembrance to civil and military victims of the war. His proposal was to plant and dedicate a special tree in remembrance of every local individual whose life was lost in the war. He put forward the idea now in the hope that it might be considered in due course and he thought that if it were approved now in principle, the knowledge that a memorial grove of this kind was to be established would be greatly appreciated by the relatives of those who had lost their lives. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to thank Mr. White for his letter which the Committee will bear in mind and that he be informed that the Committee think it is too early to consider his proposal.

E. W. MOORE,

Chairman.

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 26th February, 1941, Present--Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Bush 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.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 5th March, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Bettridge, Bush and Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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 Rating and Valuation Officer reported as to collection of these and the Committee gave him instructions thereon.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th March, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor, Councillors Garland, and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 25th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £125,136 ; Leaving £9,110.

2—Water Rate—Read. Report of the Borough Treasurer dated 25th inst on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 31st March, 1941. Amount collected £29,704 ; Outstanding £1,471,

3—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of Electricity charges since the last Meeting.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 25th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) Councillor Waite.

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

5—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last meeting £1,000 had been received on loan for 5 years at 3 ½ per cent. RESOLVED, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loan.

6—Renewals—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of mortgages amounting to £13,000 be approved and the Mortgages endorsed accordingly.

7—Housing Bonds—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting Housing Bonds amounting to been renewed on the terms now reported.

8—Superannuation--(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that W. R. Bridgman (Recreation Ground Attendant) died on the 14th inst. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to refund his contributions amounting to £93 3s. 6d. plus interest £25 2s. 4d. to his legal representatives.

(b) The Borough Treasurer reported that Arthur Higgs (Labourer) died on the 19th inst. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to refund his contributions amounting to £6 19s. 5d., plus interest 4s to his legal representatives.

(c) W. A. Hooper—The Borough Treasurer reported that W. Hooper (Labourer), retired on the 8th March 1941. His pension based on 36 years' non-contributory service amounted to 15s 1d per week. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

(d) A. Smith—The Borough Treasurer reported that A. Smith (Water Dept.) retired on the 23rd March, 1941. His pension based on 27 years' non-contributory and 16 years contributory service amounted to £1 9s. 9d. per week. RESOLVED, That this be paid.

9—Tyndale, Clarence Square—The Borough Treasurer reported in regard to the arrears of rent and rates in respect of those premises. The Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to terminate Mrs. Howitt's tenancy at Midsummer neat. He submitted letter from Ticehurst, Wyatt & Co. asking if the tenancy could be transferred from Mrs. Howitt to Mrs. Gittoes who was actually occupying the premises. RESOLVED, That subject to all the arrears being paid and to Mrs. Howitt consenting, the Committee agree to the tenancy being transferred to Mrs. Gittoes.

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 April, 1941, 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 Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Margrett, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. J. H. Trye, C.B.E., J.P., R.N. (Retd.) and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, Barnett, Bayliss, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Moore, Readings, Rogers, Smith and Till.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Leigh James, Councillors Bettridge, Lipson and Waite.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings--RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 3rd March, 1941, and of the Special Meeting held on the 25th March, 1941, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health ... Meeting held March 10

Housing ... Meeting held March 13

Street and Highway Meeting held March 17

RESOLVED, also, That with regard to Minute No. 10 relating to the increases in salary of the staff of the Borough Surveyor's Department, the second Junior Shorthand Typist (Miss Hiron) also be given an increase of salary to £1 10s. 0d. per week, plus war bonus, as decided by the Committee.

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Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held March 4

Town Planning Meeting held March 20

Town Improvement and Spa... Meeting held March 21

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held March 24

Water Meeting held March 10

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held March 18

Fire Brigade Meeting held March 24

RESOLVED, also, That the Council agree to take over the functions of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council under Section 1 (6) of the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1937, in regard to the Emergency Fire Brigade Scheme for their District, subject to the cost being borne by the Charlton Kings Urban District Council.

Allotments ... Meeting held March 10

RESOLVED, also, That the Council approve of an Agricultural Produce Show being held in the Town Hall in the Autumn if the Horticultural Committee are able to arrange with the-Town Improvement Committee for the use of the Hall.

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held March 10

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held March 21

Rating Meetings held February 26 and March 5

Finance Meeting held March 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.

3—Municipal Offices--RESOLVED, That the Municipal Offices be closed on Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Monday, the 11th, 12th and 14th April, subject to the Chief Officers of the various Departments arranging for an adequate proportion of their Staff to be on call if required.

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, 5th May, 1941.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 16th April, 1941. Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Pruen; Councillors Barnett, Bayliss, Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr. Hayward and Moore (Alderman Preen 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 8 lbs. Pork ; 6 lbs. Mutton ; 4 lbs. Beef ; 31 lbs. Cod Fillets ; 9 ¼ lb. Bacon, 54 lbs, Savoury Roll ; 60 lb. Brawn ; 56 lbs. Black Puddings ; 6 jars Jam ; 46 tins Fruit, Milk, etc. ; 10 lbs. Tea and 45 Cakes.

.3—Diphtheria Immunisation-- Quarterly Report—The Medical Officer of Health submitted the following report of treatment given during the Quarter ended the 31st ult. :--

No. of new cases (immunisation. commenced)	168
No. of injections given	494
No. of cases in which treatment was completed during the quarter	211
No of cases partially completed when attendance ceased ...	2
No. of cases Schick Tested after immunisation (negative)	7
No. of non-immunised cases Schick Tested	—

Two Clinics were held at Naunton Park School and two at Gloucester Road during the quarter.

4—Rats and Mice Destruction Act, 1919—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted report of nuisances caused by infestation by rats at Stables in the lane at the rear of the Coliseum belonging to Messrs. Bloodworth & Son of 7 and 8 Albion Street, due to neglect and failure to take steps to destroy the rats, and consequently other premises adjoining are also being infested. RESOLVED, That the

Statutory Notice under the Act be served on the occupiers requiring them to take the necessary steps under the Act for the eradication of the rats.

5—Slaughter House Licences—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted report on the licenced Slaughter-houses. RESOLVED, That licences be granted under Section 57 of the Foods and Drugs Act, 1938, for the year ending 31st March, 1942, in respect of the under-mentioned premises, subject in the case of Mr. C. Waltham's premises to a screen being provided in due course as recommended by the Chief Sanitary Inspector :-

3 Commercial Street	T. James.
5 Suffolk Parade ...	C. Waltham.
Dunalley Street	W. A. Davis.
Dunalley Parade	Holliday & Page Ltd.
Victoria Street, St. Paul's ...	G. F. Tarr.
Beulah Place, Prestbury Road	Waghorne Bros.

6—Insanitary Property-19 St. Luke's Road—Read, letters from Mr. J. A. Parker and Winterbotham, Gurney & Co. in regard to the repairs which they considered the Corporation should require the landlord to have carried out at the above premises under the provisions of the Housing Act. RESOLVED, That Councillor Moore, together with the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to inspect the premises and report thereon.

7—Food and Drugs Act—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted Certificates of the Public Analyst in regard to six samples of Milk Three of the samples were genuine but the other three were deficient in non-fatty solids and samples had therefore been taken from the cow. These "appeal to the cow " samples showed that the cows are producing naturally poor milk and therefore proceedings under the Act could not be taken.

8—Re-Occupation of Condemned Houses—RESOLVED, That Licences be issued for the re-occupation of Nos. 3 and 4 York Street for a period of 6 months subject to the rents being approved by the Housing Committee.

9—District Sanitary Inspectors—Read, letter of 25th ult. from the Ministry of Health approving for the purposes of grant the war bonus paid to the District Sanitary Inspectors.

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10—Abattoir—The Committee considered application from the Wholesale Meat Supply Association for permission to place a small office in the Abattoir Yard. RESOLVED, That this be granted subject to the payment of a nominal rent of £1 annum, the tenancy to be determinable by either party at any time on two months' notice.

11—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Superintendent Hopkins enclosing report in regard to a milk roundsman re-filling dirty milk bottles in the street and delivering them to consumers premises contrary to provisions of this Order. RESOLVED, That proceedings be instituted against the offenders.

12—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-18 Queen Street—The Committee considered application from the owner of this house for the withdrawal of the notice requiring certain alterations to be carried out to the premises. RESOLVED, That the Rota Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the premises and report thereon.

13—Delancey Hospital—The Medical Officer of Health reported that, as instructed, he had been able to make reciprocal arrangements with the Ladies' College for the Delancey Hospital and the College to take each other's cases in the event of either the Delancey Hospital or the Ladies' College Sanatorium, Leckhampton Road, being damaged. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

14—Barn Farm—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Capt. Burton, the occupier of the wooden bungalow at Barn Farm, for permission to remove a partition so as to convert two small bedrooms into one large one. RESOLVED, That Mr. G. P. Rymer, the tenant, be given permission to remove the partition on the understanding that this is restored to its former position and any damage caused by the removal made good at the end of his tenancy.

15—Lakestone Brook—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the County Land Drainage Officer offering to reduce the estimated cost of clearing this brook from £80 to £70 and asking if the Corporation would now agree to pay this sum. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision to contribute £40 towards the cost of the work.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st April, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates, Trye, and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Readings 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 March : (the amounts salvaged during the previous month are shown in brackets)

	Tons.		Tons.
Paper	52	18/20ths	(48.14/20ths)
Metals ...	13	1/20th	(14. 4/20ths)
Rags, sacks, etc.	2	4/20ths	(1. 7/20ths)
Bottles and Jars			(4/20ths) (489)
Bones ...	2.	9/20ths	(1 13/20ths)
Aluminium			(3/20ths)
Pig Food	75	18/20ths	(65 19/20ths)

The estimated value of the salvage collected during March was £403.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Refuse collected during the 3 weeks ended 16th inst. was 864 tons 4 cwt.

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported that a visit had been paid to Cheltenham by the Research Chemist of the Ministry of Supply in view of the fact that Cheltenham was one of the pioneers as regards the method they adopted of dealing with cooked pig food, and there was some anxiety throughout the Country as to Foot and Mouthy Disease possibly being due to pig food not having been properly cooked, The Chemist was very satisfied and thought the way oi boilers had been utilised was unique and that other Authorities would probably be advised to follow this course.

2—Road Works, etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of road works, etc., in hand.

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3-County Road Estimates—The Borough Surveyor reported that the County had approved the following estimates for the ensuing year : Class 1 Roads £2,315 Class 2 Roads £2,760 ; Unclassified Roads £280 ; plus 5 per cent for administration. He also understood that the County were allowing an additional sum for carrying out the re-surfacing of the portion of High Street similar to that approved by the Ministry of Transport for the Trunk Road portion of the street.

4--Trunk Road Estimates—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had submitted to the Ministry of Transport estimates totalling £7,026 for expenditure on trunk roads in the ensuing year.

5—Annual Tenders—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders from makers of road materials for supplies for the year ending 31st March, 1942, which he recommended should be accepted for such quantities as may be required. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to purchase other materials and stores required from firms selected in 1938 at amended prices as was done last year.

6—Local Omnibus Service-- (a) Queue Rails -- The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 20th ult. from the Cheltenham District Traction Company agreeing to bear the cost of supplying and fixing the queue rails and the installation of switches for lighting purposes subject to the Corporation undertaking the maintenance and repairs and accepted liability for any injury to the public. It was proposed to have a double set of rails in North Street, and the rails had been ordered and would be erected as soon as delivered.

(b) Stopping Places—The Borough Surveyor submitted proposals from the Company in regard to the alteration of Stopping Places. The Company proposed that the stopping place for No. 3, Leckhampton Service, should be in Clarence Street nearly opposite the Clarence Lamp instead of outside Messrs. Engall, Cox & Company's premises. It was expected that this alteration would obviate the necessity of the bus stopping again at the High Street bus stop. RESOLVED, That this alteration be approved RESOLVED, also, That the proposals for alteration of stopping places for other Services be referred to the Traffic Sub-Committee.

7—Naunton Way—The Borough Surveyor reported on the application of Cheltenham Estates Ltd. for the taking over of this road RESOLVED, That he be instructed to submit an estimate next month of the amount required for completing the making up of the road which the Company had offered to deposit if the Corporation would take over the road.

8—Hatherley Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that at the request of the Ministry of Transport he was submitting an estimate for the repair of this road as Dowty Equipment Ltd. had made

application for omnibuses to proceed along the lane to their Works Entrance and he would report further on the matter in due course.

9—Pittville Street Improvement Scheme—Vacant Site—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the County Council for permission to erect two Nissen huts on the vacant site to provide a public A.R.P. Cleansing Station RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to the huts being removed at the end of the war.

10—Highways Superintendent—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Highways Superintendent, Mr. W. R. Armistead, had been discharged from the Army on medical grounds and had asked for an interview with the Chairman in regard to the resumption of his civil duties. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be asked to interview Mr. Armistead.

11—Wages and Conditions of Service—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Western J.I.C. informing the Council of the Grading Scale adopted for youths under 21 years of age. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to pay any youths coming within the scale accordingly.

12—Damage to Roads, etc., by Enemy Action—Read, circular of 24th ult. from the Office of the Regional Commissioner that it had been now agreed that in cases of damage caused by enemy action to public utility services' in roads, no part of the cost of the road reinstatement would fall on the public utility undertakers. The Highway Authority would normally do all the road repairs, the cost of which would be accepted as expenditure due to war damage on the highway.

13—Alstone Lane—Read, letter of 18th ult. from Mr. John Brain asking for a payment of £1 in respect of damage to his cycle owing to the bad state of this road. RESOLVED, That Mr. Brain be informed that, as Alstone Lane is a road not repairable by the Corporation and has not been taken over, the Committee are unable to make him any payment.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st April, 1941. Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Bush, Garland, Grimwade and Dr. Hayward ; Mesdames Booy, Grist, Mellersh and Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1941.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (13 Meetings)	286	199
At Clare Street (13 Meetings)	501	346
At Grosvenor Street (12 Meetings)...	383	282
At St. Mark's (13 Meetings)	520	405
At Whaddon (13 Meetings)	303	242

(b) The Association have been able to secure the services of Dr. Dorothy Collett as Medical Officer for the St. Mark's. Centre.

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 31st March, 1941 :—

No. of Children on Register	3,661
Un-notified Live Births discovered ...	8
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	1,877
" (b) over 1 year	2,134
First Visits paid by Health Visitors	284
Ante-natal cases visited (a) New	73
(b) Return ...	35
Special visits to Mothers ...	144
Chicken Pox cases visited by Health Visitors ...	19
Measles cases visited by Health Visitors	19
Whooping Cough cases visited by Health Visitors	58
Scarlet Fever cases visited by Health Visitors —	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited by Health Visitors	—
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres ...	76
Cases reported to the N.S.P.C.C. Inspector ...	1

	Children Act :	Health Visitors.	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter ...	42	6	
" Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ...	22	6	
" visits paid (under Children Act) ...	31	6	

3—Midwives Act—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 31st March, 1941, was £147 0s. 0d., of which £86 16s. 3d. was chargeable to patients.

4—Dentistry--(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 46 mothers and 12 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 88 mothers and 2 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 five sessions had been held at the Children's Hospital when 12 cases were treated and 41 teeth extracted.

5—Consultant Fees—The Medical Officer of Health submitted one account for Consultant's fees amounting to £3 3s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the account be passed for payment.

6- Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted an account for treatment in the General Hospital of three cases of Puerperal Fever, amounting to £10 0s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be passed for payment,

7-Children Act—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of three foster mothers who had sent in notifications, and he recommended that the maximum number of children allowed should be fixed as follows :—

Name.	Address.	Maximum No. of Children allowed.
Mrs. Finch	148 Whaddon Road	1
Mrs. Burke ...	5 Wyman's Road	1
Mrs. Beadnell ...	Rockville, Shurdington Road	1

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

8-Gynaecological Clinic —The Medical Officer of Health reported that 6 Clinics had been held to date and the total number of attendances was 23, including 17 Borough patients.

9-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 111, of which 75 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 40 Surgeons' consultations had been held, 36 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 14 Surgeons' consultations had been held. He submitted accounts of the proportion of the fees payable by this Committee. RESOLVED, That these accounts be paid.

10-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 of 10s per week for a period not exceeding six months.

11-Glasses for Infants—The Medical Officer of Health reported that cases had arisen recently where children under five not attending School have required glasses. Messrs. Dolland & Aitchison would probably accept such children under the same scheme as is operated by the Cheltenham Education Committee by means of which glasses are provided for 3s or 4s. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to provide glasses in special cases where parents cannot afford to do so.

12-National Baby Welfare Council—The Town Clerk submitted circular from National Baby Welfare Council re Annual General Meeting. RESOLVED, That no action be taken.

13-Supply of Dried Milk—Read, circular 2342 from the Ministry of Health of the 9th inst. that the Ministry of Food have decided to arrange for the supply of a " half cream " as well as a " full cream " dried milk under the National Milk Scheme in order that no mothers should be debarred from the benefits of the Scheme in view of the full cream standard being unsuitable for many babies during the first few months.

14-District Nursing Association—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Matron of the Victoria Nursing Home had pointed out that cases of hardship had occurred owing to war conditions where maternity patients' incomes are over the limit of £4 5s. 0d.

RESOLVED, That the following be added to the scale of income to provide for such cases :—

" For those whose income after making the allowances is over £4 5s. 0d. but does not exceed £4 15s. 0d. the fee payable will be £6 6s. 0d. "

" For those whose income after making the allowances is over £4 15s. 0d. but does not exceed £5 5s. 0d. the fee payable will be £7 1s. 9d."

13-Infant Welfare Association—Day Nursery—The Infant Welfare Association reported that they had under consideration the question of starting a Creche for children of mothers wishing to go out to work, but at the present time they were satisfied that there was not sufficient demand to justify the opening of a Creche. The Association would, however, keep the matter under observation and submit proposals for the opening of a Day Nursery if and when this appeared desirable.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th April, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Capt. J. H. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Moore and Waite ; Mr. W. S. F. Harris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5412	James, F.	Garage, 16 Chatsworth Drive.
5413	Gloucestershire County Council	Garage, Ambulance Headquarters, 86 Gloucester Road.
5414	Council of the Ladies' College	Temporary Classroom, Bayshill Court.
5415	Cirencester Brewery Co. Ltd.	New bathroom and lavatory accommodation, Royal Foresters Arms, Townsend Street.
5416	Thomas Bugbird & Son, Ltd.	Alterations, Treaford, Lansdown Road.
5417	The Secretary, Ambulance Headquarters. T	Two Garages, Ambulance Headquarters, 86 Gloucester Road.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5412, 5413, 5414 and 5417 be approved ; That Plan No. 5416 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector That Plan No. 5415 be not approved.

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

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5412 and 5415 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 5413, 5414 and 5417 be approved subject to removal by the respective owners within three months of the cessation of hostilities ; That Plan No. 5416 be approved subject to the premises ceasing to be used as offices within six months of the cessation of hostilities and the use of the outbuildings for living accommodation being reviewed at the end of the war.

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.
1673	Tanner, J. H.	Garage, Malvern View, Stoke Orchard.
1674	Winchcomb Flour Mills, Ltd.	Office, Town Flour Mills, Winchcomb.
1675	Gade, Mrs. E. E.	Proposed store (for ultimate conversion into lock-up garages), Ryeworth Road, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 1674 be approved That Plan No. 1673 be approved subject to consent of the County Council under the Restriction of Ribbon Development Act, 1935 ; That Plan No 1675 be not approved.

3—Application to Develop—Painswick Road, Shurdington—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 24th inst from A. V. Gregory, Solicitor, asking if consent would be granted for the erection of buildings on land fronting the main road for assembling agricultural machinery. He reported that (1) the site is in the area scheduled for rural purposes, (2) owing to the shallowness of the site the erection of buildings would seriously affect the amenities of the road and (3) neither water supply nor sewers were near the site. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

4—Planning Conference—Read, letter of 10th inst. from the Clerk to the County Council inviting representatives to a Conference at the Shire Hall on the 2nd May, 1941, to discuss various problems in connection with future planning and reconstruction. RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor, Alderman J. H. Trye and Mr. W. S. F. Harris be asked to attend.

5—Committee—Read, letter of 23rd inst. from the Clerk to the County Council that his Council had appointed Lt.-Col. J. Godman and Capt. H. P. Leschallas as their representatives on this Committee for the ensuing year.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th April, 1941. Present—Alderman Pates; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Readings, Rogers, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 8th and 22nd inst

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Entertainments Manager's Office—That Miss B. Jones be appointed Clerk in this Office at a commencing salary of £1 5s. 0d. per week, plus war bonus, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Moon.

(b) That a Bechstein Horizontal Grand Piano be purchased from Dale, Forty & Co. at a cost of £95.

(c) Amplifier—That the tender of Mr. E. J. Fear for the supply of two aluminium directional speakers at a cost of £27 be accepted.

(d) Town Hall—(i) That no charge be made for the use of the Pillar Room for the A.T.S. Recruiting Meeting on the 22nd March.

(ii) That no charge be made for the use of the Drawing Room for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Church on the 8th April in view of the fact that the Corporation are in possession of the Parish Church Room.

(iii) That the application of the Cheltenham Home Guard for the use of the Town Hall for a Boxing show be not granted.

(iv) That the usual charge of £10 be made for the hire of the Town Hall for the Concert by the Birmingham Orchestra on the 29th May but that no charge be made for the afternoon rehearsal.

(e) Exhibition Tennis Matches—That the Corporation agree to make the necessary arrangements and to grant the use of a Hard Court at Montpellier Gardens for Tennis Exhibition Matches on the 28th June in aid of the Red Cross and St John Fund, the Red Cross Fund to bear all costs and expenses, 75 per cent of the net proceeds to be devoted to the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross Fund and the balance of 25 per cent to the Local Red Cross Society.

(f) Winter Garden—That in view of the increasing danger of falling glass and the fact that the ground has been requisitioned by the military, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fix notices at the main entrances prohibiting admission by the public.

(g) Brooklyn Road Tennis Courts—That the two hard courts at the St. Mark's Recreation Ground be let to the War Office Social Club from the 28th April to the 30th September at an inclusive rental of £50.

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

2—Town Hall—Vegetable and Produce Show—The Entertainments Sub-Committee considered the application of the Horticultural Committee for the use of the Town Hall in the Autumn for a Vegetable and Produce Show. Mr. Leuchars, Honorary Secretary of the Committee, attended and explained the Committee's proposals. The Sub-Committee regretted that owing to the great demand on the accommodation at the Town Hall they could not accede to the application.

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

3—Sunday Tennis—The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported they had considered applications from the War Office Social Club, the R.A.F. at Innsworth and Rotal Airscrews Ltd. for permission to use the Tennis Courts in the Montpellier Gardens and Brooklyn Road on Sundays as, owing to the fact that many of the employees have to work all the week and can only play on Sundays. The Sub-Committee therefore recommended that as from Sunday, the 11th May the playing of tennis be permitted in the Montpellier Gardens and St. Mark's Recreation Ground from 2 p.m. until the closing of the gardens on the understanding that no increase in the charge is made to hirers of the Municipal Tennis Courts, and subject to the Parks Superintendent being able to make satisfactory arrangements for a relief for the groundsmen.

RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted on the understanding that this is only for the duration of the war and shall not be taken as in any way approving of tennis being played on Sundays after the war.

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4—Alstone Baths—(a) Read, application of 9th inst: from the War Office Sports and Social Club for the exclusive use of the large Bath at Alstone for one hour on one evening a week. They asked that, if it were not possible to exclude the public during the ordinary hours the Bath was open, they should be allowed to use the Bath for one hour after the usual closing time. Mr. F. E. Lane, the Superintendent, attended and stated that, owing to the big demand on the Baths, the staff were already working very long hours and for this reason he could not recommend the Committee to grant the Club the use of the Baths after closing time, and it was not possible to obtain additional staff. RESOLVED, That the Committee regret that they are unable to accede to the application and that the Club be informed that they must either use the Bath during the ordinary hours with the public, or, in the alternative, use the Sandford Park Open Air Swimming Pool.

(b) Read, application of 2nd inst. from the Y.M.C.A. for the exclusive use of Alstone Baths on Monday evenings from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. as last year. RESOLVED, That the Committee regret that, for the above reasons, they are unable to accede to the application this year.

(c) Read, application from the Central School for grant of 41 half-season tickets and 29 full-season tickets to boys and girls who had obtained the Intermediate Certificate and Medallion or Bar to Medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society. RESOLVED, That these be granted as in previous years.

(d) Read, letter of 21st ult. from the Honorary Secretary of the School Swimming Association asking the Council if any-thing can be done to remedy the draught in the School Bath. RESOLVED, That the Association be informed that the Borough Surveyor will endeavour to make such alterations as will remedy the complaint before the Autumn.

5—Medical Baths—The monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted. The receipts for the month of March. amounted to £125 19s. 6d. as compared with £80 12s. 0d. last year. The receipts for the year ended 31st March amounted to £1,119 3s. 6d. as compared with £775 9s. 0d. for the year ended 31st March, 1940.

6—Montpellier Gardens—RESOLVED, That the free use of the Tennis Courts at Montpellier Gardens on Saturday, the 14th June be granted to Alderman Pates for his annual Tennis Tournament in aid of the General Hospital.

7—St. George's Square Bowling Green—Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Spa Bowling Club asking that the roof of the Tea Room should be repaired in order to keep out the rain. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

8—Winter Garden—(a) Read, letter from the War Department Land Agent in regard to the claim made by the Corporation. in respect of the requisitioning of the grounds. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to claim a rent equivalent to the average takings from the Car Park for the last four years after deducting the wages of the Attendant.

(b) Read, letter of 5th ult. from the Reading Demolition Company that they intended to return to complete the demolition of the Winter Garden as soon as they had completed the work they were engaged on at Southampton. They only wished to claim a nominal sum of in respect of the suspension of the work caused by the requisitioning of the building. RESOLVED, That this sum be claimed from the Military.

9—Montpellier Gardens—Read, application of 6th inst. from the Warden of the Blackout Club asking if the Committee would grant the hire of two Courts at Montpellier Gardens at the charge of one. RESOLVED, That the two Courts be let to the Club at the ordinary charges and that they be informed that the Committee are unable to grant the reduced charges owing to the fact that the ordinary charges are very low and the costs of maintenance and labour have considerably increased.

10—Central Spa—The Entertainments Manager reported that on an average only one or two glasses of Water were sold at the Central Spa during the afternoons and if this was closed in the afternoons it would release the attendant for more important work. RESOLVED, That the Central Spa be closed in the afternoons for the present. RESOLVED, also, That the Chairman be authorised to adjust the salary of the Nurse-Attendant as he considers desirable.

11—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—RESOLVED, That it be left to the Chairman to arrange as to the appointment of a Head Waitress for the Swimming Pool at such salary as he considers desirable.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 28th April, 1941. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Addis, Avery, Grimwade, Moore, Readings and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1-Sanction to Loan—Loan, £25,776—Read letter of the 16th inst. from the Electricity Commissioners enclosing sanction to loan of £25,776 for the new trunk feeder mains, ring main cables and Sub-Station Equipment. The Commissioners were not prepared to approve any portion of the expenditure for the purposes of grant.

2-Hire Purchase Scheme—The Borough Electrical Engineer asked for instructions in regard to the Purchase Tax on Hire Purchase Apparatus. RESOLVED, That the Purchase Tax be added to the charge for the Hire Purchase Appliances and spread over the period of re-payment.

3-Supply to Messrs. Smith & Sons—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported negotiations for the terms of the supply of Messrs. S. Smith & Sons' premises at Bishop's Cleeve. RESOLVED, That these be approved as now settled by the Committee.

4-Annual Accounts —The Town Clerk submitted letter of the 4th inst, from the Ministry of Transport enclosing direction made under the Defence Regulations prohibiting the publication of the accounts of the Undertaking or any report or other document relating to the operation of the Undertaking which discloses information contained in the accounts. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to give effect to this direction and that copies of the accounts be supplied to members of the Committee and that the other members of the Council be allowed to inspect a copy if desired.

5—Showroom—RESOLVED, That the Ministry of Food be allowed to provide a Food Information Bureau in the Show-room without charge.

6-Alstone Lane Sub-Station—RESOLVED, That the small piece of land in front of the new Sub-Station be let as an allotment at a rent of 10s per annum.

7—Damage to Kiosk, Haymes Road, Winchcombe—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported negotiations with the Military Director of Claims in regard to the amount due to the Corporation in respect of the Kiosk destroyed by an army lorry last December. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to accept a sum of £300 in settlement of the claim.

8—Schedule of Reserved Occupations—Protected Work—Read circular from the Electricity Commission pointing out the changes recently made by the Ministry of Labour and National Service. In certain occupations lower ages have been fixed for men engaged on work which is "protected" because of its importance to the war effort and for this purpose a Register of Protected Establishments has been compiled by the Ministry. RESOLVED, That application be made for admission to this Register in respect of the Cheltenham Electricity Undertaking.

9—Fire Prevention (Business Premises) Order, 1941—Read letter of the 3rd inst from the Electricity Commissioners approving of the fire prevention arrangements made in respect of the old Electricity Works RESOLVED, That the Labour Sub-Committee be asked to consider the question of allowance of refreshments for the employees engaged on fire-watching the Corporation premises.

10—I.M.E.A.—Read circular of the 22nd inst. stating that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at York on the 12th of June. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to attend.

11—Gas Tests—(a) Quarterly Report—Read, Report of the Gas Examiner for the quarter ended 31st March which showed the average calorific value to be 471.7 B.Th.U.

(b) Periodical Report Read, Reports of gas tests made on the 29th, ult. 1st. 7th. 15th. and 21st. inst., which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 496.4, 466.6, 465.3, 481.9, and 473.3 B.Th.U., per cubic foot respectively and the pressure to be 9.3, 8.1, 8.4, 9.0, and 9.1, inches of water respectively.

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th April, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Margrett ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Dr. Hayward and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st March, 1941.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	425,000 gallons	340,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,758,000 "	1,553,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	62,000 "	58,000
	2,245,000 "	1,951,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 113,198,000 gallons.

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

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

4—Pipes--The Borough Engineer submitted correspondence with the Ministry of Health in regard to increase in the stock of pipes to meet possible damage by enemy action. A grant of 5 per cent was obtainable towards the cost of spares so long as they were within the standard requirements. He recommended, however, the purchase of a slightly increased quantity of 6 inch pipes and 400 yards of 3 inch pipes, the latter not ranking for grant but were necessary in view of the large number of mains of this size in the town. RESOLVED, That the tender of Stanley Ironworks amounting to £670 1s. 10d. for the pipes be accepted.

5—Parish of Swindon—The Borough Engineer submitted letter from the Swindon Parish Council complaining of the poor water supply, The Borough Engineer reported that the supply could not be improved except by laying a new main in place of the present small 3 inch main, RESOLVED, That the Parish Council be informed that the Committee are unable to do anything in the matter at the present time.

6—Lower Hewletts Farm—The Town Clerk reported that with reference to the proposed sale of timber on this farm, Messrs. C. R. Claridge & Sons had with the Treeman marked and numbered 48 trees on this farm and had asked what price the Corporation were prepared to accept for the same. As instructed the Town Clerk had asked Messrs. Bruton, Knowles & Co. to value the timber on behalf of the Corporation.

7—Wages—The Borough Engineer submitted circular from the South Midlands District J.I.C. for Waterworks Undertaking' notifying an increase to all employees of 11d. per week as from the commencement of the first full week in April. RESOLVED, That this increase be paid to the employees concerned.

8—Extension of Main, Swindon Lane—The Borough Engineer submitted application for a water supply to new works now being erected in Swindon Lane. The Borough Engineer reported that it would be necessary to lay a 6 inch main for the purpose as the present 3 inch main was inadequate. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to lay the main subject to the cost thereof being paid for by the applicants.

9—Trunk Main—Churchdown to Hewletts—The Borough Engineer reported that the final accounts for Messrs. Bugbird & Sons, Ltd. for the laying of this main and for the amount from the Hewletts to Harp Hill, had now been seen and agreed at £17,699 13s. 9d. as compared with the tender of £21,000.

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10-Rossley Manor—The Town Clerk reported correspondence with Messrs. Griffiths & Lewis in regard to a stoppage in the drains at Rossley Manor. When the property was purchased from the Corporation in 1884, a right was reserved to the Corporation to enter on the land to repair the drains and sewers but there was no covenant requiring either the Corporation or the owners of Rossley Manor to repair the drains and sewers. The repairs at present required were very small and would probably cost £2 or £3. Mr. Colwell Rogers was unwilling to incur any expenses in clearing the drains, RESOLVED, That in the circumstances the Borough Engineer be instructed to have the work carried out on the understanding that the Corporation do not accept any liability for the future maintenance of the drains.

11-Air Raid Shelters--Read, circular 2336 of 4th inst. from the Ministry of Health pointing out that under an Order made by the Ministry of Home Security it was an obligation of the Corporation to provide an air raid shelter for persons employed on premises in the Borough belonging to the Water Undertaking. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to take the necessary steps to provide a shelter for the employees at Sandford Waterworks.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd April, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Smith (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of L. G. Williams for a Driver's Licence be granted.

(b) Annual Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Annual Meeting of the Committee for the consideration of applications for renewal of Hackney Carriage Licences be held at the Central Depot on the 13th May, at 10 a.m.

(c) Alleged Excessive Hire Charge—Read, report from Superintendent Hopkins of alleged excessive charge made for the hire of a taxi. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask for the observations of the Proprietors and that the matter be considered further at the next Meeting of the Committee

3—Petroleum Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of T. Wall & Sons to store 48 gallons of petroleum spirit at their premises in the Plough Yard, in a can store, be granted.

(b) Read, application from the Vale Engineering Company for a licence to store 250 gallons of Petroleum in an under-ground tank at their premises at 83 Prestbury Road. The Borough Surveyor reported that the tank had already been installed and that this had been done without the Corporation having an opportunity of testing the tank, and the tank had not been embedded in concrete in accordance with the usual requirements. RESOLVED, That the applicant be informed that the licence cannot be granted until the tank has been tested and installed in the required manner.

4 —Superannuation —RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Public Health Committee, That the services of Mr. C. W. Clifford, District Sanitary Inspector, be extended for one year from the 25th March last.

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5—National Service Armed Forces Act, 1939—Read, circular 2338 from the Ministry of Health that the Government had found it necessary to raise the ages of reservation for Local Government Officers which at present stand 25 and 30, according to the class, to 30 and 35. The Government recognise to how great extent Local Authorities are now engaged on work of civil defence, and subject to the exigencies of the war, it was intended to give every possible facility to Local Authorities to re-arrange their staffs in such a way as to prevent interference with essential work. In order to ease the situation, the Government had decided that the new reserved ages shall not take until the 1st day of October, 1941, and even after this date may grant further deferment for substantial periods to men who are essential to the performance of the civil defence functions.

6—Leckhampton Hill--Read, letters of 15th and 18th inst. from Mr W. S. Jenner claiming compensation in respect of the land taken from him for quarrying by the Dowsett Engineering Co. Mr. Jenner asked for a reduction in rent of £5 per annum as from the 28th September, 1940, a payment of two years' rent on about 10 acres of land rendered useless, namely £5, and a payment of £10 in respect of loss of time, inconvenience and annoyance caused by sheep straying through gates being left open whilst quarrying was in progress. RESOLVED, That the rent for the year commencing Michaelmas, 1940, be reduced by £5 and that consideration of continuing this reduction after next Michaelmas be deferred until a later Meeting. RESOLVED, also, That Mr. Jenner be paid £15 in settlement of his claim and that the Town Clerk be instructed to recover such proportion of this sum from the Dowsett Engineering Company as is payable by them under their contracts.

7—Home Guard, Municipal Section—The Town Clerk reported that the Marketing Society had agreed to the Home Guard, Municipal Section, having the use of the former Inquest Hall let to the

Society at £15 per annum on the understanding that the Society had the option of taking this again at the end of the war. It had therefore been arranged for the Home Guard to have this building and to pay the Corporation a rent of £26 per annum, including heating, lighting and cleaning. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

8—Athletic Ground—Read, letter of 11th inst. from Mills & Rockleys Ltd. asking for the consent of the assignment of the Agreement for the advertising hoarding in Fairview Road between the Cheltenham Billposting Company and the Corporation to them. RESOLVED, That consent be given.

9—House to House Collection Act, 1939—RESOLVED, That the application of Miss Joan Estcourt for renewal of her licence to make house to house collections in the Borough for the year commencing 1st April, 1941, in aid of the Gloucester Diocesan Association for Moral Welfare Work be granted.

10—Community Feeding Centres--(a) Read, circular of 1st inst. from the Ministry of Food setting out the requisitioning powers conferred on Local Authorities in respect of premises required in connection with the setting up of Communal Feeding Centres.

(b) 11 Rotunda Terrace—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Food had authorised the requisitioning of these premises for use as a store in connection with Community Feeding Centres and the premises had been requisitioned on the 8th inst.

(c) Whaddon Estate—Alderman Clara Winterbotham reported the difficulty of obtaining suitable premises on the Whaddon Estate for a Community Feeding Centre. The only premises which were available were the new Methodist Church but the building was not suitable for this purpose as it was now being used for religious services and other Church work. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Food for approval to the erection of a temporary Feeding Centre on the vacant shop site in Whaddon Road, and that, if approved, the Housing Committee be asked to grant the free use of this site for the purpose.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 28th April, 1941. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Bush, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Readings ; and Mr. W. S. P. 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 17 calls to fire as follows :—

21st March.	14 St. Paul's Road.
22nd	“ 22 Alstone Lane
25 th	“ 205 High Street.
22nd	“ 1 Osborne Terrace, Market Street.
25th	“ Sunningend Works.

28th	“	46 Bath Parade.
6th April		Great Western Road.
7th	“	Hewletts Farm, Harp Hill.
8th	“	4 Eldorado Crescent
9th	“	19 St, George's Road.
9th	“	135 Hewlett Road.
10th	“	303 Old Bath Road.
11th	“	163 Bath Road.
19th	“	18 College Road.
22nd	“	Withy Farm, Bishop's Cleeve.
22nd	“	12 Pittville Street.
23rd	“	54 Welland Lodge Road.

2—Annual Report—The Chief Officer submitted his report on the work of the Brigade for the year ended 31st March, 1941. RESOLVED, That this report be sent to members of the Council.

3—Auxiliary Fire Service— The Town Clerk submitted Circulars Nos. 18, 20, 20a, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30 and 31 received from the Home Office RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Chief Officer for attention.

4—Standpipes—Read, Circular F.B. No 21 from the Home Office pointing out that additional Standpipes should be purchased so as to provide an ample supply at every Reinforcement Post. The Town Clerk reported that as a matter of urgency the Emergency Committee had authorised the purchase of 15 single headed ball valve standpipes and 15 hydrant bars and keys at a cost of approximately £77, the cost of which would rank for grant, RESOLVED, That this be approved,

5—Static Water Supplies—(a) Read, circular F.B. No. 29 that the Ministry was anxious that all possible steps should be taken to ensure that emergency water storage installations are put in hand without avoidable delay. The Town Clerk reported that the Regional Works Adviser had visited Cheltenham and urged the provision of still further static water supplies in addition to the three pits now being dug and the conversion of the basement at Lance's old site into a storage reservoir He stated that the Home Office would be prepared to make -a grant of 85 per cent for further approved storage tanks. The Sub-Controller reported that as a matter of urgency he had instructed the Borough Surveyor to order six steel tanks of a capacity of 20,000 gallons each. The Borough Surveyor anticipated that, after allowing for the grant, the nett cost to the Corporation of these tanks would be about £300. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Chief Officer be instructed to submit a list of sites to the Emergency Committee for the erection of the tanks. RESOLVED, also. That an advertisement be inserted in the " Echo" inviting persons who have natural or artificial static water supplies to send particulars to the Corporation.

(b) Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Home Office approving for the purposes of grant, an expenditure of £320 for converting the basement under Lance's vacant site for water storage purposes.

6—Charlton Kings Auxiliary Fire Service —The Chief Officer recommended that the personnel of the Charlton Kings Section of the Auxiliary Fire Service should be increased to the former approved establishment of 7 Auxiliary Firemen and 1 Leading Fireman. At present there were only 4 Auxiliary

Firemen attached to the Station. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Home Office for approval of the appointment of 3 additional Firemen and 1 Leading Fireman,

7--Supplementary Fire Parties—The Chief Officer reported that 13 semi-Rotary Pumps had been received for issue on loan to Supplementary Fire Parties. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to recruit and train additional Supplementary Fire Parties and to issue the pumps accordingly.

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8—Fire Prevention (Business Premises)- Order, 1941-(a) The Chief Officer reported that 14 visits of inspection under this Order had been carried out since the last Meeting. The number of persons who had attended Lectures and Demonstrations during the month was 470, making the total number of persons trained 5,386.

(b) The Chairman reported that since the last Meeting the Fire Prevention Sub-Committee had had five Meetings the purpose of considering the schemes made by occupiers of business premises under this Order.

(c) Read, circular of 10th inst. from the Office of the Regional Commissioner that Major E. Cadbury had recently been appointed as Officer and Representative of the Fire Prevention Executive for this Region. The Sub-Committee has asked Major Cadbury to attend one of their Meetings to advise on various matters which had arisen in connection with the enforcement of the Order.

(d) Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Office of the Regional Commissioner approving the appointment of Miss Enstone as Shorthand-typist for a period of two months and the extension of the appointment of Mr. Haidon for a further two months from the 20th April for the purposes of grant.

9—Protection of Auxiliary Fire Stations—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Home Office in regard to the plans and estimates submitted for the protection and strengthening of Auxiliary Fire Stations. The Home Office required the scheme to be revised as set out in their letter and to be re-submitted with fresh estimates. RESOLVED, That Mr. Overbury be instructed to prepare revised plans and obtain further estimates accordingly.

10—Fires on Commons—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Clerk of the Cheltenham Rural District Council that his Council were concerned at the charges which the Council was liable to pay for the extinguishing of common and heath fires which in normal times would make the attendance of the Brigade unnecessary and his Council felt that it was rather unfair that they should be called upon to pay for the services of the Brigade for extinguishing fires to safeguard the locality generally, including the Borough. They asked that future calls to fires of this nature should be dealt with by using the Auxiliary Fire Service without charge to the Council. RESOLVED, That the District Council be informed that the Council have no power to use the Auxiliary Fire Service for ordinary fires outside the Borough, and that it be suggested to the District Council that they should submit their own Scheme to the Home Office for an Emergency Fire Brigade Organisation which, if approved, would enable the District Council to have their own Auxiliary Fire Service.

11—Northleach Auxiliary Fire Service—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Northleach Rural District Council asking for the services of Officers of the Fire Brigade to give courses of instruction to members of Fire Parties in the Northleach Rural District on fire fighting and use of stirrup pumps. As

a matter of urgency, the Emergency and travelling expenses on the A.R.P. Lectures Scale, the Officers carrying out the Lectures to retain the fees. Committee had authorised the Chief Officer to arrange for Officers of the Brigade to do this work and to charge fees

12—Auxiliary Fire Services Personnel—(a) Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Home Office approving the appointment of 12 additional whole-time Auxiliary Firemen and 2 youths as messengers on a whole-time basis.

(b) Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Home Office approving for the purposes of grant the wages of a youth as Mechanic 1 Improver at the recognised rate of pay for such work.

13—Petrol Supply—The Town Clerk reported that the Deputy Regional Commissioner had urged the desirability of having emergency supplies of petrol available on the outskirts of the town in the event of the supply in the centre of the town being damaged. RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be instructed to arrange to take over, on a rental basis, a petrol pump in Charlton Kings and at one other place on the outskirts of the Borough with a view to the tanks being kept filled with petrol so as to be available if and when required. RESOLVED, also, That application be made to the Home Office for approval of the rentals for the purposes of grant.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 16th April, 1941. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Fisher, Grimwade and Smith ; and Mr. Barlow (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Cultivation—The Gardens Superintendent reported that cultivation had not been commenced on Allotments Nos. 87 Marle Hill and 2 Creamery Piece : No. 20 Gappers Field showed no improvement and No. 86 (b) Asquith Road was uncultivated. The Town Clerk reported that allotment No. 87 Marle Hill was in the occupation of the Unemployed Allotments Association and Mr. Whittall was endeavouring to get in touch with the tenant. The Town Clerk also reported that he had communicated with the tenants of the other allotments. No. 2 Creamery Piece had only recently been re-let, and the tenant of No. 86 (b) Asquith Road had been ill during the winter but had promised to get the allotment cultivated. RESOLVED, That as the tenant of No. 20 Gappers Field has made no effort to cultivate this allotment although previously informed that the Committee could not allow it to remain in its present condition, Notice be given of the intention of the Corporation to take possession of the allotment with a view to re-letting it to another applicant.

The Gardens Superintendent also reported that there was a general all round improvement in the cultivation of the allotments since the last Meeting.

2—Charlton Park Gate—(a) Complaint re Rabbits—The Gardens Superintendent reported that a complaint had been received with regard to damage to crops by rabbits and a suggestion had been made that wire netting should be fixed around the boundary of Charlton Park Gate. RESOLVED, That

the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee with a view to the destruction of the rabbits on this land.

(b) Water Supply—An application had been received from the tenants for the erection of a stop-tap in order that a supply of water could be obtained during the summer months. The tenants were willing to provide the materials and carry out the work themselves, and if it was necessary to restrict the use of water at any time they would be willing for the Borough Surveyor to put a lock on the stop tap, and they were also prepared to pay 1s per annum in respect of each allotment for the use of water. RESOLVED, That the Water Committee be recommended to agree to the application.

3—Additional Land—(a) Evesham Road—The Town Clerk reported that the land owned by Mrs Nugee, being Field No. 479 B on the Ordnance Map. and lying between " The Bungalow " and "Mount Sorrel" had been requisitioned for allotments and 14 allotments had been plotted out.

(b) Brooklyn Road—The Town Clerk also reported that a piece of land in Brooklyn Road belonging to the Trustees of C. H. Reason, deceased, and lying between Nos. 21 and 45 Brooklyn Road had been requisitioned, and 13 allotments plotted out, all of which had been let.

(c) Hewlett Road—The Town Clerk also reported that a small plot of land lying between Nos. 202 and 208 Hewlett Road had been requisitioned from the Cheltenham Shopfitting Co. Ltd., and 2 allotments had been plotted out which had been let.

(d) The Town Clerk also reported that building plot No. 11 in Charlton Park Gate belonging to Dr. Ainscow had been requisitioned and plotted into 10 allotments which had been let, but Dr. Ainscow had asked for permission to retain, a 10 perch plot and this had been agreed to.

4—Land, junction of Priors Road and Whaddon Road—Read, letter of 8th inst. from Mr. E. G. Coates complaining of the nuisance and damage caused by children and cattle, and asking if a single wire fencing could be erected to prevent damage, RESOLVED, That Mr. Coates be informed that the Corporation are unable to provide this in view of the difficulty in obtaining the necessary materials and labour.

5—Land, junction of Fairmount Road and Church Road—Miss Watson—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a letter of 5th inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that the Ministry had received from the Gloucestershire War Agriculture Executive Committee an application for consent to take possession of this land so that it might be available for war time allotments. The Ministry stated that as the land lay within the area of jurisdiction of the Corporation, they would prefer to make a special Order under Defence Regulation 51 authorising the Corporation to take possession of the land. The Town Clerk reported that as requested he had supplied the Ministry with a plan of the land, and had informed them that if an Order was made in respect of the whole of the land the Corporation proposed to offer Miss Watson one of the allotments.

6—Nuisance caused by Dogs, etc.—Read, letter of 17th inst. from Mr. R. W. Pizzey, tenant of plot No. 23 Hatherley Park, and also from Mr. J. F. Lewsley, tenant of Plot No. 11 in Leckhampton Road, complaining of the nuisance caused by dogs and children trespassing on to the allotments. A complaint had also been received of the damage caused by children and dogs at the Agg Gardner Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to have Notices printed and fixed on the various allotments stating that dogs are not allowed thereon except on a leash or under

proper control. RESOLVED, also, That the tenants be informed that in view of the difficulty in obtaining labour they might assist by undertaking the necessary repairs to any existing fencing and also if they had any materials available there would be no objection to their erecting a fence themselves. RESOLVED, also, That Councillors Addis and Fisher, the Borough Surveyor and the Gardens Superintendent be asked to inspect the allotments at the Agg Gardner Recreation Ground with a view to ascertaining if some fencing could be obtained to protect these allotments from being damaged by children using the Recreation Ground, and that they be given power to act.

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7—Marle Hill Allotments—(a) Unemployed Allotments Association—Nos, 67 and 91—The Town Clerk reported the Association had handed over these allotments as from the 25th ult.

(b) Read, letters from Mr. C. H. Taunt with regard to trespass by dogs on the allotments, and also suggesting that the use of the pond in the grounds of Marle Hill House might be granted to allotment holders in order that they could obtain a supply of water during the summer months. RESOLVED, That he be informed that instruction's had already been given for the erection of Notices on the allotments prohibiting dogs being allowed thereon except under 'e proper control, and, with regard to the pond, the Corporation cannot grant permission for the use of this as it is included in the lease of Marle Hill House.

8—Sandford Mead Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that he had received an application from the tenant of No for the reduction of his rent to 614d. per lug. As instructed by Minute No. 2 passed by this Committee in October, 1939, a portion of the land which had been cleaned and dug by the Gardens Superintendent had been re-let at the rate of 9s 6d. per lug, per annum, and the remaining portion at 6s 4d. per lug. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notice to the tenants increasing the rents of all the allotments to the rate of 9s 6d. per lug, per annum.

9—Clarence Square and Wellington Square Gardens—Read, letter of 8th ult. from Mr. C. Clements suggesting that these Gardens should be turned into allotments RESOLVED, That in view of the fact that there are allotments available in the Evesham Road, Mr. Clements be informed that his suggestion cannot be entertained.

10—Cultivation of Derelict or Uncultivated Land by Local Authorities—Read, circular letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of the 8th inst. stating that after consultation with the Minister of Health, Defence Regulations 62 A of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, had been amended to empower local authorities to undertake the cultivation of privately owned land in their area for the purposes of growing more food. The Ministry stated that there was no compulsion on Local Authorities to exercise the powers under these Regulations, but where the Local Authorities had staff available, the Minister hoped that having regard to the vital importance of increased food production careful consideration would be given to the possibility of exercising these powers. The Gardens Superintendent reported that in view of the land already under cultivation and the difficulty in obtaining staff he did not recommend that additional cultivation by the Corporation should be undertaken at the present time.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 16th April, 1941. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Food Production—The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the month of March the sale of produce at the Market amounted to £17 2s. 11d.

2—St. Peter's Recreation Ground—Custodian—The Gardens Superintendent reported that W. Bridgeman, Custodian at this Ground, died on the 14th March and that G. Smith, gardener from Sandford Park, had been transferred to this Recreation Ground. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Staff—The Gardens Superintendent reported that in addition to the loss of Bridgeman, G. Trotman had left the department. L. Roberts, who was called up at the outbreak of war, had been discharged from the Army on account of deafness due to war service and had been reinstated to his former position. Efforts were being made to increase still further the vegetable production, but difficulty was being experienced owing to the loss of men, which would become more acute in the near future. The Manager of the Employment Exchange had been interviewed, but he reported that there was a scarcity of suitable men and women.

4—Production of Onions—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the Ministry of Agriculture had issued an order for a large increase in the acreage for the production of onions. He had informed the County Horticultural Officer that approximately one acre would be devoted to the growing of onions this season.

5—Recreation Grounds—Closing Hours—RESOLVED, That the Recreation Grounds be open on weekdays during the months of May to September from 7 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. as in previous years.

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6—Recreation Grounds Custodians—Sunday Opening—The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from the Custodians for an increase in the 2s 6d. paid to them in respect of the opening of the Grounds on Sunday mornings. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

7—Cricket Pitches—(a) RESOLVED, That permission be given to the following Clubs to play cricket on the various Recreation Grounds during the coming season

Ground.	Club.	Day of Play.
Naunton Park Recreation Ground	Tivoli Greyhounds	Monday evenings and alternate Saturday afternoons.
Hatherley Park Recreation Ground	Y.M.C.A. Baker Street Section.	Two evenings and Saturday afternoons.
Agg Gardner Recreation Ground	.Cheltenham Blackout Club ...	Two evenings and Saturday afternoons.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Spiral Manufacturing Co. Social Club for the use of a cricket pitch be not granted, but that the Town Clerk be instructed to suggest that they should

communicate with one of the Sports Clubs in the town with a view to obtaining the joint use of a ground.

8—Athletic Ground- - (a) Read, application of 2nd inst. from the General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. for the use of this ground on two evenings a week for athletics. RESOLVED, That this be granted.

(b) Read, application of 3rd inst. from Vice-Admiral Edwards for the use of this ground by the Cotswold Sea Cadets on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7-9 p.m. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

9--Tewkesbury Road Playing Field- --(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Sargent of " Myewaye," Hayden Road, Uckington, had enquired whether the Corporation would consider the sale of the piece of land being part of the Playing Field and adjoining his house so that this might be cultivated for food production. Alternatively, if the Corporation were unwilling to sell the land he had enquired whether they would grant him a lease of the same. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the sale of this land but that Mr. Sargeant be informed that the Committee will raise no objection to the tenant of the field (Mr. Gilbert) subletting him a portion of the field subject to Mr. Sargent undertaking the necessary fencing.

(b) Mr. Gilbert attended and asked for permission to put this land down for mowing during the summer months owing to the shortage of feeding stuffs. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask for the views of the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee on the application.

10—Re Railings for Scrap Metal—The Chairman reported that as instructed at the last Meeting of this Committee, he and the Gardens Superintendent in company with Councillor Bush, had inspected the railings at the various Parks and Recreation Grounds to ascertain if any of these could be utilised for scrap metal, and he submitted a report thereon.

RESOLVED, (a) St. Mark's Recreation Ground—That the Railings at the back of the Tennis Courts, abutting on the gardens of houses in Brooklyn Road, be not removed in view of the fact that they form the boundary of the gardens of houses in Brooklyn Road.

(b) Marle Hill—That the Railings at Marle Hill Annexe from Evesham Road to the Coppice be removed.

(c) Pittville---That the Railings on the Evesham Road boundary of the Long Gardens and also in front of the Depot at Evesham Road, including the pair of double gates, be not removed and that the Committee adhere to their previous resolution only to remove such railings where there is a good and sufficient hedge to form a satisfactory enclosure.

(d) Clyde Recreation Ground—That the Railings at this Ground be not removed in view of the fact that they also form the rear fences of all the houses abutting on the ground.

(e) Hatherley Park—That the Railings at this Park be not removed in view of the fact that the railings form the rear fences of the houses backing on to the ground and were erected in pursuance of a covenant entered into with the Vendors of the land.

(f) Whaddon Recreation Ground—That the Railings at this Ground, adjoining Whaddon Road, be not removed in view of the danger to children running out into the road which is now a busy thoroughfare.

(g) Montpellier Gardens—That the Railings at these Gardens be not removed as the Committee consider it is desirable for the Council to retain one ground which can be closed to the public when necessary.

(h) St Peter's and Alstone Croft Recreation Grounds—That the Railings at these Recreation Grounds be not removed in view of the fact that in each case the railings divide the grounds from the railway and form the boundary fences of houses backing on to the grounds.

(i) Promenade Long Garden—That the Ornamental Railings round the Long Garden be not removed as the Committee consider these are necessary for the protection of the ornamental gardens.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th April, 1941. Present---:Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillor Bendall ; and Major J. G. N. Clift ; (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for February and March, 1941—Visitors-7,947 (last year 6,152). Annual Attendance—The total attendance for the year ended 31st March, 1941, was 37,997 (last year 34,129). A brief printed report will be issued in due course.

Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards, etc. £1 10s. 4d. "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Account" £8 7s. 9d. Leslie Young Benefaction Account, £10 donation from Mr. J. S. Bond, Total £19 18s. 1d.

Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club—Facilities had been given to this Society to hold meetings in the Chinese Porcelain Room on 27th February and 28th March. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, further, That facilities also be given for a meeting on the 25th April.

Records—As authorised by the Finance Committee, the Stock Records had been micro-photographed by Mr. Kerney, of Worcester.

Fire-Watching—The Curator reported arrangements for the continuation of fire-watching, including Sundays, which were approved.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Anonymous, Mrs. James Arkell, Mr. E. W. Beckingsale, Mr. T. Bainbrigg Fletcher, Mr. L. W. Brown, Mr. Cobb, Mrs. E. Newman, Mr. A Wyndham Payne, Miss Smith, Mrs. Tawney. Miss Ida Wilson, The W.V.S. Rural District, and Mr. Tom Whiting.

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

3—Specimens Purchased—RESOLVED, That a Brass Tea Caddy, two Etchings by F. L. M. Griggs and an engraving by Emery Walker after E. H. New, be purchased from the General Account at a total cost of £11 10s. 0d.

4—" Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund "—RESOLVED, That a Dome-topped Oak Coffin and a Bobbin-turned Arm-chair in yew, both made by Ernest W. Gimson, of Sapperton, and a Sampler by E. Burton, 1796, be purchased from this Fund at a total cost of £17 10s. 0d.

5—Pottery Tiles and Cream Jug by William de Morgan, offered as a Gift by Mr. H. C. Mossop—RESOLVED, That the best thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor for this collection.

6—Oil-painting of "Porlock" by F. A. W. T. Armstrong—RESOLVED, That this picture, offered as a gift by the artist's son, Mr. R. D. Armstrong, be accepted with thanks

7—Water-colours by F. A. W. T. Armstrong—RESOLVED, That water-colours by F. A. W. T. Armstrong, submitted for purchase by Mr. R. D. Armstrong, be not bought.

8—Loan—A portrait bust of Adam Lindsay Gordon, by Lady Kennet, had been lent by the sculptress. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Lady Kennett.

9—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That facilities be given for the following displays to be held in the Art Gallery:-

" Books and Freedom " (22nd April-5th May, 1941).

Works by John Farleigh.

Works by J. T. Y. Gilroy.

Works by members of H.M. Forces.

10—South-Western Group of Museums and Art Galleries—RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to attend the Annual Meeting of this Group at Bath on the 17th May, 1941.

11—Library Association Examinations—RESOLVED, That the use of the Chinese Porcelain Room be granted for the Library Association Examinations for the week 19th-24th May, 1941.

12-Whit-Monday-RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Chairman to open the Art Gallery and Museum, as last year, subject to any modifications which may be necessary nearer the time

13—Art Gallery Attendant—The Curator reported that the Art Gallery Attendant, Mr. C. L. Jackson, was called up on the 29th March, and after three days with the colours, returned to duty to await his final notice to join the R.A.F. RESOLVED, That authority be given to the Chairman and Curator to make temporary arrangements to carry on his work when the emergency rises.

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14—Staff—Owing to the resignation of Miss P. M. Short on the Library staff, Miss. D. Paley, temporary assistant in the Museum, had been transferred to the Library pay-sheet, and her place

had been taken by Miss R. Gurrey as temporary assistant in the Museum, at salaries according to scale. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

15—Cotswold Craftsmanship—The sketchbooks, drawings and photographs of architecture and furniture of the late Ernest W. Gimson (1864-1919) of Sapperton, destined for the Leicester Museum were in the process of being arranged by the Curator and Major J. G. N. Clift. It was now the wish of the administratrix of the late Mrs. Gimson's estate as well as the desire of the Leicester Museum Authorities that this collection should be shared with Cheltenham Museum. RESOLVED, That the Curator be authorised to express cordial thanks to the administratrix and to the Leicester Museum Authorities for this much appreciated generosity.

16—Date of next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 13th June, 1941.

17—Offer of Paintings and Photographs by the Town Clerk—The Chairman read letter which she had received from the Town Clerk offering certain paintings and photographs as a gift. RESOLVED, That the matter be left in the hands of the Curator.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th April, 1941, Present—Councillors Bush, Compton, Grimwade and Lipson ; Rev. Canon Johnstone ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, F. Vermin and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for February and March, 1941—Receipts £89 13s. 10d. Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 11,717; Lending Department 64,782 ; Junior Department 9,023 ; School Libraries (January—March) 8,284, Total 93,806 (last year 77,746).

Record Issue—The highest recorded issue for any one day was that of 3,320 volumes, recorded on 1st March 1941.

Annual Issue—The total issue for the year ending 31st March, 1941, was 497,629 (last year 415,085) (This constitutes a further record). A Printed Report will be issued in due course.

Replacements and Binding-157 volumes had been replaced, 439 volumes had been returned from the binder, and a further 893 volumes had been dispatched.

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

17th February, 1941 ... Rev. P. J. Andrews on " The Dominions as Britain's salvation " Attendance 131

24th February, 1941 ... Mr. L. Morgan on " A Paper Fortress." Attendance 67.

10th March, 1941 ... Alderman J. P. Pates on "Cheltenham's romantic rise to fame." Attendance 154.

17th March, 1941 ... Mrs. P. Friedenhein on "The Psychology of handwriting." Attendance 146.

The total attendance at the 11 winter lectures had been 1,064, an average of 97 per lecture The collections had produced £13 1s. 10d. towards the " Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund."

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

Staff—The following members of the staff had been successful in passing the examinations of the Library Association held last May :—

Miss F. Benney. Final Part 2 (with Merit). Miss S. Graham-Smith. Final Part 2.

RESOLVED, That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Miss Benney and Miss Graham-Smith.

Records—As authorised by the Finance Committee the Records of Stock had been micro-photographed by Mr. Kerney, of Worcester. Fire-Watching—The Librarian reported arrangements for the continuation of fire-watching, including Sundays, which were approved.

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2—Books—RESOLVED, (a) That 511 volumes, published at £182 4s. 6d., be purchased for £133 14s. 3d.

(b) That £50 be spent on Binding.

(c) That be spent on Replacements.

(d) The one volume published at 50s be purchased from the Leslie Young Benefaction.

3—Donations-164 vols., 4 pamphlets and 5 maps had been received from 27 donors ; and a collection of local material had been given by Mr. C. A. Probert. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4—Whit-Monday—RESOLVED, That the question of closing all departments of the Library on Whit-Monday be left to the Chairman to decide nearer the time.

5—Staff Owing to the resignation of Miss P. M. Short, Miss D. Paley, temporary assistant in the Art Gallery, and Museum, had been transferred to the Library pay-sheet, and her place had been taken by Miss R. Gurrey as temporary assistant in the Museum, at salaries according to scale. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Co-operation with Glos. County Library—RESOLVED, That the offer of a block grant of £200 for the year commencing 1st April, 1941, be accepted in lieu of a charge of 3s 6d. per reader per annum. This arrangement to remain in force until further notice.

7--Art Gallery and Museum Attendant—The Librarian reported that the Art Gallery Attendant (C. L. Jackson) expected to receive his final call for the R.A.F. at an early date. RESOLVED, That the suggestion of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee that the Curator be authorised to offer two semi-basement rooms as accommodation for a relief attendant, be approved.

8—Date of next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 13th June, 1941.

D. L. LIPSON, Chairman

RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 9th April, 1941. Present—Councillors Bettridge, Bush and Moore (Councillor Bettridge 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—Assessment of War Damage—H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd.—The Rating Officer reported on this claim and the Panel Valuers' figures were adopted.

A. J. BETTRIDGE,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th April, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Taylor, Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair),

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £129,892 ; Leaving Outstanding £5,100.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer dated 29th inst. on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended 31st March, 1941. Amount collected £17,703 ; Outstanding £648

3—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of Electricity charges since the last Meeting.

4—Accounts Rota Committee---Reported Meeting on the 29th 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.

5—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £300 had been received on loan for 3 years at 3 1/8 per cent. RESOLVED, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loan.

6—War Damage Act, 1941, Part II—The Borough Treasurer submitted report on Part II of this Act under which the Council must insure moveable plant and machinery, business equipment, office furniture, etc. The Council required cover amounting to approximately £0,000 (excluding Electricity plant, etc), the premium for which would be £1 10s. 0d. per cent for the period up to the 30th

September next. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to effect the necessary insurance.

7—Hayden Sewage Works—The Town Clerk reported that the Rural District Council had lodged a proposal for increasing the assessment of the Hayden Sewage Works from £1,040 to £1,540 in view of the expenditure on the works since the date of the last Assessment. The Town Clerk advised that the proposal was not unreasonable, RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the objection lodged being withdrawn.

8—Barn Sewage Farm—The Town Clerk reported that the Rural District Council had lodged a proposal for the assessment of this Farm at a rateable value of £240. He had lodged objection to the proposal on the ground that it was a farm and therefore not rateable, and at the Meeting of the Assessment Committee held on the 25th inst., the proposal to assess the farm was disallowed.

9—Finance Department—Read, letter of 9th inst. from the Ministry of Health that the Minister had decided to recommend a further deferment of the calling-up of Mr. W. J. Morrell for a few weeks, but he could not make any recommendation in the case of Mr. R. M. Axtell.

10—Mobile Hospital—It was reported that the Mayor had accepted, on behalf of the town, from the Silver Thimble Fund the gift of a Mobile Hospital for Cheltenham, and had handed it over to the Ambulance Headquarters to look after and maintain on the understanding that the Ambulance Headquarters would be entitled to use the vehicle at any time at their discretion and the Corporation would repay to them the cost of running expenses, repairs and insurance including Insurance under the War Damage Act, RESOLVED, That these arrangements be approved and also that the Council be recommended to contribute £20 towards the cost of the garage estimated at £40.

11—Sanction to Loan—The Town Clerk reported that he had received loan sanction dated the 16th inst. for £21,192 for Mains and Plant (Sub-Station Equipment) repayable within a period of 25 years, and £4,584 for Plant (Sub-Station Equipment) repayable within a period of 20 years.

12—National Service Act, 1941—Read, circular No. 2351 from the Ministry of Health in regard to this Act. In so far as service for which men may be called up under the Act is not "war service" within the meaning of the Local Government Staffs, etc. Act, 1939, the Minister recognises any such service as "war service" for the purpose of that Act. The Minister also recognises as "war service" any employment to which an employee may be transferred with the concurrence of the Corporation through the medium of the Central Register of the Ministry of Labour.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

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[PLEASE NOTE DATE OF MEETING.]

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 31st May, 1941.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of June, 1941, 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 LABOUR SUB-COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE and to grant the use of the Large Hall and Pillar Room at the Town Hall for a Produce Show for the 24th and 25th September next with 23rd September for getting in and half day on the 26th September for getting out.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a 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 May, 1941, 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 Edward Lawrence Ward). Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. J. H. Trye, C.B.E., J.P., R.N. (Retd.) and Clara F. Winterbotham. M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, Barnett, Bayliss, Bendall, Bettridge, 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, Readings, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lt.-Col. Biggs, Miller and Till.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting— RESO LV ED, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 7th April, 1941, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

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Public Health Meeting held April 16

Street and Highway Meeting held April 21

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held April 21

Town Planning Meeting held April 24

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Town Improvement and Spa... Meeting held April 25

Subject to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Compton : "That Minute No. 2 with regard to the Vegetable and Produce Show to be held in the Autumn, be referred back for further consideration."

Subject also to an Amendment moved by Alderman Pates and seconded by Councillor Addis : "That with regard to Minute No. 3 as to Sunday Tennis, the time of commencement of play be fixed at 2.30 p.m."

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Winterbotham and seconded by Councillor Bettridge : " That Minute No. 3 with regard to Sunday Tennis be not approved " was lost).

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held April 28

Water Meeting held April 17

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held April 22

Fire Brigade Meeting held April 28

Allotments ... Meeting held April 16

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held April 16

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Barnett : " That Minute No. 6 with regard to the wages paid to Custodians of Recreation Grounds for Sunday Opening be referred to the Labour Sub-Committee." (An Amendment moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Waite : " That Minute No. 10 with regard to Railings for Scrap Metal, be not approved " was lost),

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held April 18

Public Library Meeting held April 18

Rating Meeting held April 9

Finance Meeting held April 29

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—Guardians Committee—RESOLVED, That Councillor E. K. Bayliss be nominated a Member of the Town Council to serve on the Guardians Committee for the remainder of the ensuing year in place of Councillor Garland, resigned.

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 Wednesday, 4th June, 1941.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th May, 1941. Present—Aldermen Pruen and Winterbotham; Councillors Barnett, Bayliss, Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Dr. Hayward, .Moore and Rogers (Alderman Pruen in the chair).

1-370-404 Swindon Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been endeavouring to see if it was possible to comply with the request of Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend to undertake the emptying of the sewage septic tanks at the rear of these houses, but that, owing to the difficulty in obtaining labour and transport, he was unable to undertake this work. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend be informed that the Committee regret they are unable to undertake this work for the owners and that the Committee must therefore ask the owners to have the work carried out without delay.

2—Barn Outfall Sewer—The Borough Surveyor reported that a factory was being erected in Swindon Lane, near the Cross Hands. The Corporation were not consulted before the site was selected and the work commenced. The Town Clerk reported that he had submitted draft Agreement to the firm concerned for connecting the drainage of the Works to the Barn Outfall Sewer on payment of £150 per annum. RESOLVED, That these terms be approved.

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—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 cwt. 12 lbs. Pork ; 1 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs. Sheep's Livers ; 1 cwt. 13 lbs. Sausages ; 1 qr. 27 lb Butter ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs. Desiccated Cocoanut 129 tins tinned Vegetables, Fruit, Fish, etc. ; and 3 Fowls, 16 lbs.

5—Diphtheria Immunisation—The Medical Officer of Health recommended that, with a view to encouraging the immunisation of young children, a letter should be sent to the parents of all children born in Cheltenham on the first anniversary of their birth and offering to immunise the children. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

6—Prestbury Sewerage—The Sub-Committee reported that on the 28th ult. they met representatives of the Rural District Council and discussed with them terms put forward by the Sub-Committee in regard to connecting the Prestbury sewers to the Corporation system. At this Meeting

the Sub-Committee informed the Rural District Council that they were prepared to recommend the following terms for acceptance by the Council :—

- (1) To pay £2,004 15s. 7d. claimed under the Financial Adjustment in respect of sewerage loans together with interest at 3 ½ per cent as from the 1st April, 1935, in respect of all sums paid on the Financial Adjustment up to the date of payment.
- (2) To withdraw the previous proposal to charge the Rural District Council with half the cost of making the connection to the sewers agreed to be connected to the Borough Sewerage.
- (3) To reduce from 1s to 10d. in the charged on the rateable value of all houses in the Rural District connected to the Corporation sewerage system as from the date or dates of connection with the Corporation system, this rate of payment to continue for five years and then to be at the same rate as levied in the Borough for sewage disposal
- (4) The Corporation to pay a similar charge in respect of Borough premises connected with the Rural District sewers for the five years and then to be at the same rate as levied in the Prestbury Parish.
- (5) Until the three sewers are connected with the Borough system the Corporation to pay one-third in respect of the cost of maintenance and other operational work of the Prestbury Outfall sewer and the Prestbury works.

The Town Clerk now submitted letter of 9th inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that his Council had carefully considered these terms which they were prepared to accept with the exception of those Nos 3 and 4. His Council were unable to accept these terms but were willing to agree to a payment of 6d. per £ of rateable value for the first five years and thereafter at the same sewerage rate as in the Borough instead of 10d. as No. 3 above, and also to agree to a similar payment by the Council.

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He pointed out that as the sewerage rate in the Borough was at present 5d. in the £ their offer of 6d. for the first five years allowed a margin of 20 per cent above the Borough Rate. His Council hoped that the Corporation would see their way to agree to the amended terms now suggested, and that if they could not see their way to accept this suggestion, they would agree to the whole matter being submitted to the Ministry of Health for arbitration or to some Arbitrator suggested by the Ministry.

RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to agree to the District Council's proposals, but adopt the proposals recommended by the Sub-Committee.

7—Schedule of Reserved Occupations—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for admission of the Sewage Works to the Register of Protected Establishments under the Revised Schedule of Reserved Occupations.

8—Slaughter Houses—Read, letter of 9th inst. from Mr. W. H. Horsley that Mr. James' slaughter-house in Commercial Street had been let on a temporary basis to the Birmingham Waste Company. The tenancy was not a permanent one and it was presumed that it would not affect Mr. James' right to re-use the premises as a slaughter-house when he so wishes. RESOLVED, That Mr. Horsley be

informed that the licence for the ensuing year has already been granted and that the matter will be considered when application for renewal of the licence is made next year.

9—Insanitary Property-19 St. Luke's Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner had now agreed to carry out the repairs required to these premises.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN.

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th May, 1941. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bayliss, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Green, Dr. Curling Hayward and Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1—Neglected Gardens—The Housing Manager reported that five tenants were not cultivating their back gardens. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants and inform them that unless the gardens are cultivated the Council will take possession of these with a view to getting them cultivated by someone else.

2-17 Kipling Road—RESOLVED, That the tenant of No. 42 Kipling Road be allowed to cultivate the garden of No. 17 Kipling Road, which has to be demolished at a result of enemy action, and that he be charged a rent of 5s a year.

3—Whaddon Farm Estate—Custodians—RESOLVED, That Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls be given a war bonus of 8s per week.

4—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 9th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:—

(a) That the fixed and the rebates granted, as set out in the Rents Rebate Book, signed by the Chairman, be approved.

(b) 49 Folly Lane—That the brick copper in this house be removed and the tenant to replace this with a gas copper subject to his undertaking to leave this in the house at the expiration of his tenancy.

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

(ii) The Sub-Committee reported that Mr. Overbury of the basement of 8 Priory Street had made application for the tenancy of a house on the grounds that the basement was damp and unhealthy for his children. RESOLVED, That the Medical Officer of Health be asked to examine the children, and the Chief Sanitary Inspector be asked to report on the basement, and that the Sub-Committee be authorised to grant the applicant the tenancy of a house in preference to Cheltenham families who

have been rendered homeless if, on consideration of these reports, they consider the circumstances justify such preference being shown.

5—Housing Manager—(a) Read, letter of 12th inst. from Miss I. E. Hort giving one month's notice to terminate her appointment as Housing Manager as she had accepted the appointment of Housing Estate Manager to the Wokingham Rural District Council. RESOLVED, That the Committee receive Miss Hort's resignation with regret and desire to place on record their appreciation of her services during the past 11 ½ years and the efficient manner in which she has carried out her duties.

(b) The Committee considered the filling of Miss Hort's appointment. RESOLVED, That Miss B. Dudin (at present Deputy Housing Manager) be appointed Housing Manager at a salary of £275 per annum rising by two annual increments of £12 10s. 0d. to £300 per annum, plus war bonus, and car allowance of £32 per annum. Also, That advertisements be issued inviting applications for the appointment of a First Assistant at a commencing salary of £220 per annum, plus war bonus, rising by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £250 per annum, and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to make the appointment.

6—Repair of War Damaged Houses—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the Ministry of Health consenting to the service of Notices under Section 1 of the Housing (Emergency Powers) Act on the persons having control of the houses, of the intention of the Corporation to carry out the major repairs to houses in respect of which First Aid repairs have been carried out, and the Town Clerk reported that he was serving the Notices accordingly.

7—Extortionate Rents—Read, circular 2345 of 11th April from the Ministry of Health urging local authorities to exercise the utmost vigilance and to institute legal proceedings without hesitation in every case of extortionate rents being charged for furnished lettings where they consider that the circumstances warrant it and asking to be informed of the results.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th May, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates, Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Readings, Rogers and Till (Alderman Trye in the chair).

1—Salvage of Waste—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the following had been salvaged during the month of April : (the amounts salvaged during the previous month are shown in brackets) :—

	Tons.	Tons.
Paper	41. 1/20ths	(52.18/20ths)
Metals ...	42. 6/20ths	(13. 1/20th)
Rags, sacks, etc.	2. 5/20ths	(2. 4/20ths)
Bottles and Jars	3/20ths	(367) —
Bones ...	2. 1/20ths	(2. 9/20ths)

Pig Food	70.18/20ths	(75.18/20ths)
Motor Tyres ...	7. 4/20ths	—

The estimated value of the salvage collected was £454.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Refuse collected during the 4 weeks ended 14th inst. was 1,838 tons

2—Road Works, etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of road works, etc., in hand.

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3—High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that he was commencing to remove the wood blocks from High Street and he had arranged to sell the blocks to local Coal Merchants at 15s per ton. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Hatherley Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that at the request of the Ministry of Transport he had submitted estimate amounting to £1,040 for strengthening Hatherley Lane between Gloucester Road and the entrance to Dowty Equipment works.

5—General Hospital—The Borough Surveyor reported that at the request of the Hospital Board he had carried out small repairs to potholes in the entrance drive and he now submitted letter from the Secretary thanking the Council for carrying out this work.

6—National Service--The Borough Surveyor reported that seven of his workmen had received instructions to report at the Labour Exchange with a view to being transferred to work of National Importance, and two of his sweepers have been instructed to report, one to Rotol Works and one to Brockworth to undertake police or patrol work. In view of the fact that the limited number of employees now remaining in the Department were engaged on essential or public health services, he had written a strong protest to the Manager of the Employment Exchange against the men being taken. RESOLVED, That the Ministry of Labour be informed that whilst it is the Committee's wish to release every man possible for national service, they consider that it is vital that the public services should be maintained.

7—Wages and Conditions of Service—(a) Annual Holidays RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to allow the men to have their usual annual holiday this year on such days as he is able to arrange.

(b) The Committee considered letter of the 24th ult. from the Area Secretary of the National Union of General & Municipal Workers dealing with the wages of various Corporation employees including Labourers and Sweepers, Refuse Collectors, Alstone Baths Staff, Female Attendants at Montpellier Conveniences, Park Constables and Gardeners, and Horse Drivers. The Borough Surveyor also submitted his reply which was approved by the Committee.

(c) Good Friday--The Union asked that the Sweepers engaged on Good Friday should be paid double time, The Borough Surveyor reported that the Sweepers who worked on Good Friday received the usual Sunday allowance of 3s 6d. which was the sum paid to men for certain work which within limits was carried out at a time convenient to each employee. This was in addition to the ordinary

day's pay for Good Friday which was observed as a general holiday. RESOLVED, That the Union be informed that the Committee cannot admit the claim for double time.

8—Borough Surveyor's Department.--Chief Architectural Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that under the Revised Schedule of Reserved Occupations his Chief Architectural Assistant (Mr. W. Rust) was liable to be called for military service on the 1st October next. Mr. Rust was anxious to join the Royal Engineers but in view of the work on which he was now engaged, including the new works at Tewkesbury, Community Feeding Centres, War damage repairs and Air Raid Shelters the Borough Surveyor would like to retain his services until May of next year. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application in due course for the deferment of the calling up of Mr. Rust until May next year.

9—Naunton Way—The Committee further considered the application from Cheltenham Estates Ltd. for taking over this road on payment by them of such sum as the Council estimate is required to put the road in good order, and the Borough Surveyor submitted report thereon. RESOLVED, That the Company be informed that the Committee are prepared to take over the road on payment of a sum of £250 subject to the Company agreeing to pay any amount in excess of this sum, if when the work is carried out, this proves to be insufficient, and also on the understanding that if the work costs less the Corporation will likewise refund any excess amount paid.

10—Orchard Way and Hawthorn Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Bucks & Middlesex Estates Ltd. asking the Corporation to undertake the work which the Committee require to be carried out before these roads were taken over. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to furnish the Company with an estimate of the cost of carrying out the work required and to inform the Company that if they will pay such sum the Corporation will be prepared to take over the roads.

11—Highways Superintendent—The Borough Surveyor reported an interview which the Chairman and he had with Mr. Armistead on the 25th ult. At this interview it was arranged that Mr. Armistead should consider the matters raised and report to the Borough Surveyor at the end of the month but so far Mr. Armistead had not reported back for duty-

12--Traffic Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Traffic Sub-Committee of their Meeting held on the 16th inst. Present—Alderman Capt. Trye (in the chair), Councillors Green and Rogers together with Superintendent Hopkins and two representatives of the Cheltenham District Traction Company. The Borough Surveyor submitted the Sub-Committee's recommendations for the alteration of stopping places of the Local Omnibus Service, as set out in the Report accompanying the Minutes. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

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13—Pittville Street Improvement Scheme—No. 9 Pittville Street—The Town Clerk reported that a small fire occurred in the basement of No. 9 Pittville Street and that the damage of £3 sustained by the Corporation had been paid by the Insurance Company.

14-8 Winchcomb Street—The Town Clerk reported that these premises had been let to Mr. G. Herbert (who carried on a furniture business), as from the 24th June at the same rent as let to the former tenant, namely per annum. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

15—Road Fund—Read, circular No. 553/1 of 7th inst. from the Ministry of Transport that the Minister was prepared to recognise for grant war bonus paid by Highway Authorities to Surveyors and Engineers within the scales and limits appropriate to civil servants from time to time.

16—Gloucester Road—Read, letter of 1st inst. from C. C. Castle & Son complaining of the damage being caused to the grass on the old tramway track in Gloucester Road by the parking of cars. The Borough Surveyor reported that he was now erecting a kerb along this road which would prevent the cars being parked on the land.

17—Tyndale, Clarence Square—RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to these premises being let to Mrs. Gittoes on the termination of Mrs. Howitt's tenancy at Michaelmas next.

18—Damage to Bollard—Read, report of the Borough Surveyor of damage to a bollard at the junction of High Street and Promenade by a lorry belonging to Max Hauliers Ltd. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage amounting to £2 17s. 7d.

19—Damage to Sign, Warwick Place—With reference to the damage to the sign in Warwick Place by a vehicle belonging to W. Ride & Co., RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to accept 12s 6d. in settlement of this claim.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

LABOUR SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of the Labour Sub-Committee held on Friday, 23rd May, 1941. Present—Alderman Trye (in the chair); Councillors Addis, Green and Grimwade.

1—The Sub-Committee considered application from the Union for an allowance to Corporation employees engaged on Fire Watching the Corporation premises under the Fire Prevention (Business Premises) Order, 1941. The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Home Security had expressed the view that all employers should do what they can for the comfort of their employees while fire-watching and should provide meals, or, if this is not possible, an allowance in lieu thereof. The Minister stated in the House of Commons on the 22nd inst. that the arrangements for the provision of meals for part-time volunteers (including members of Local Authorities Fire Prevention Organisation) was under review and that, in due course, he proposed to suggest to Local Authorities that, where they cannot adopt the preferable course of supplying meals as at present authorised, they should, as an experiment, make payments in lieu of meals to unpaid volunteers who cannot take their meals at home, on the basis of 2s for spells of duty lasting 8 hours, and 3s for 12-hour spells.

RESOLVED, That, where meals cannot be provided, the Council be recommended as an experiment to pay to Corporation employees who are carrying out unpaid fire watching duties under the Order an allowance of 1s 3d. for spells of duty of not less than 5 hours, plus 3d. an hour for each hour beyond 5 hours.

J. H. TRYE, Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 7th May, 1941. Present—Aldermen Leigh James and Winterbotham; Councillors Bettridge, Bush, Garland and Grimwade; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Mellersh, Miss Tinson and Mrs. Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Evacuation Scheme—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Ministry of Health that the Ministry propose to utilise Thirlestaine Court, Thirlestaine Road, for housing a small residential nursery party to be transferred from Lucknam Park, Colerne, Wiltshire, and also for a short-stay nursery for young children of evacuee expectant mothers during the time the mothers are in the Sunnyside Maternity Home for their confinement, The Ministry asked that the Council would assume financial and administrative responsibility for the premises charging the expenditure to the Council's Evacuation Account. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to assume responsibility for the premises and that a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillor Garland, Mrs. Mellersh, Mrs. Wood and Miss Tinson be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the furnishing and equipping of the premises and appointment of staff and supervising the home.

2—Female Labour—Read, Resolution from the Infant Welfare Association urging the Committee to bring to the notice of local Munition and Aircraft Factories the recommendation of the Ministry of Labour that consideration should be given to the possibility of arranging part-time employment for married women on the two-shift system. The adoption of this system would enable married women to do a certain amount of war work and at the same time keep their homes going. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to local factories, etc., drawing their attention to the Ministry of Labour's suggestions in this respect.

3—Day Nursery—Read, Resolution from the Infant Welfare Association that they were of the opinion that the time had now come for the opening of a Day Nursery in Cheltenham for the children of munition workers. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Health informing them that the Committee are prepared to start a Day Nursery and enquiring if any grant is available towards the cost of equipping and staffing a Nursery and also whether the Ministry of Works and Buildings could be given instructions to requisition on behalf of the Corporation suitable premises for this purpose.

LEIGH JAMES, Chairman

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 22nd May, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Capt. J. H. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham; Councillors Barnett, Bendall and Waite; Mr. W. S. F. Harris and the Rev. F. C. Hanson (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description,
5418	Stroud Brewery Co. Ltd.	Re-erection of out-offices, The Kings Arms Inn, Bath Road.
5419	Cheltenham Shopfitting Co. Ltd.	Ladies' lavatory, Synagogue Lane.
5420	Martin, F. W.	Garage, 80 Tennyson Road.
5421	Mitchell & Butlers, Ltd.	Re-erection of workshops, Church Street.
5422	Bryan, Mrs.	Conversion of dwelling house into two flats, Harborne, Sydenham Road South.
5423	Rev. E. S. de Courcy Ireland	Conversion of dwelling house into two flats, Sandown Lawn, Albert Road.
5424	Lewis, H. J.	Alterations to garage, 235 High Street.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5420 and 5421 be approved. That Plans Nos. 5418, 5419 and 5422 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 5424 be approved subject to the roof water being carried into the surface water sewers ; That consideration of Plan No. 5423 be deferred for further information.

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

RESOLVED That Plans Nos. 5418, 5419 and 5420 be approved ; That Plan No. 5422 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building ; That Plan No. 5424 be approved subject to the owners entering into an undertaking to set back the building fronting Granville Street to the new building line when the houses on either side are set back ; That consideration of Plan No. 5423 be deferred for further information ; That Plan No. 5421 be not approved.

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
1676	Hanman, F.	Bungalow, New Road, Southam.
1677	S. Smith & Sons (Cheltenham) Ltd.	Oil storage tanks, Bishops Cleeve.
1678	Gade, Mrs. E.	Conversion of barn into garages and furniture store, Ryeworth Road, Charlton Kings.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 1678 be approved subject to the elevations being amended in accordance with the Panel of Architects recommendations ; That consideration of Plan No. 1677 be deferred for consultation with the County Surveyor That Plan No. 1676 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop----(a) Oddfellows' Hall, Grosvenor Terrace—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter dated 28th March, 1941, from F. Durrant, Architect, London, E.C.2., seeking permission to use the premises for light manufacturing purposes, i.e., the manufacture of clothing for the Government. RESOLVED, That the application be granted for the period of the war and subject to all vehicles using Grosvenor Terrace for the purposes of loading and unloading.

(b) Thruxton, St. Stephen's Road—Read, letters of 9th and 17th inst. from the Secretary, Board of Control, that Miss Foster of 267 Hatherley Road, had applied to the Board under Section 50 of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, for their approval of Thruxton, St. Stephen's Road, for the reception of trainable mental defectives, and asking whether, in the view of the Council, any objection would arise if the premises were so used. All the cases are privately maintained. The intention was that the premises should be used permanently as an approved home or at any rate so long as approval was desired, and the Board were willing to grant it. The Board knew of no reason why the use of the premises should occasion annoyance or detriment to the occupiers of adjoining premises. The children to be received would not be of the lowest mental grade.

The Town Clerk reported that he had written to adjoining owners and occupiers and now submitted letters from Major W. Scott, Mr. H. A. D. Phillips, Mrs. M. F. Caddell, and Mr. A. V. Gregory objecting to the proposal.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the proposal would contravene the provisions of the Town Planning Scheme.

RESOLVED, That the use of the premises as a Home for mental defectives be not approved.

(c) Firs Court, Tivoli Road --Read, letter of 13th inst. from The Premiere Polish Co. Ltd. that they had purchased Firs Court for use as a supplementary store, mainly for empty tins and containers, drums, soap and powders, and wax and similar goods, and that they now desired permission to use the premises for this purpose. The Borough Surveyor reported that the proposal was contrary to the provisions of the Scheme. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted,

4—Contravention of Building Byelaws-438 High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that a new bathroom had been erected and the kitchen and outbuildings had been pulled down and re-erected without submission of plans, and that he had asked the owner for an explanation for proceeding with the work without approval. RESOLVED, That the owner be required to show cause why the building should not be pulled down and removed.

5—Planning Conference —The Town Clerk reported that the Deputy Mayor, Alderman J. H. Trye, Mr. W.S.F. Harris, the Borough Surveyor and himself had, on the invitation of the County Council, met representatives of that Council on the 2nd inst. to discuss problems in connection with future planning and reconstruction. He further reported that the County Council desired the Corporation to transfer to them their town planning powers over the outside areas for the purpose of preparing and administering the Scheme. The County Council based their proposals on the recommendations of the Royal Commission appointed to report on the Distribution of the Industrial Population of Great Britain which recommended, inter alia, the building of satellite towns. The County Council contended they could not deal fully with this. matter without planning powers over the whole of the County. It was pointed out to the County Council that the Corporation had always been and would continue to be ready to co-operate with them in all town planning matters and there was no reason why the County Council should not work in close collaboration with the Corporation. Moreover, if the Corporation agreed to the County's proposals they would lose control over their water gathering grounds and the class of buildings on the outskirts of the town. The Town Clerk reminded the County Council of their previous proposals to form a Joint Planning Board and that the proposals were approved by the Corporation in July, 1938, but no formal agreement had yet been submitted by the

County Council. The Conference was adjourned for the Chairman of the County Council to write to the Ministry of Health for further information.

6—Committee—Read, letter of 2nd inst. from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that Messrs. W. Clegg, A. Hall, A. Wiggett and A. Yiend had been re-appointed as their representatives on this Committee for the ensuing year.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd May, 1941, Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Readings, Rogers and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 16th inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Fol-de-Rols—That Mr. Greatrex Newman's Concert Party " Fol-de-Rols" be booked for the Town Hall for four weeks commencing 21st July on sharing terms with no guarantee, the Corporation to receive 35 per cent. of the nett proceeds and to provide Hall, advertising and staff, etc.

(b) That a small part of Agg Gardner's Recreation Ground be let to Mr. Edwards for a Whitsuntide Fun Fair on the 31st May, and 2nd and 3rd June at a rent of £50.

(c) Town Hall—That no charge be made for the use of the Town Hall for the Ministry of Information Public Meeting on the 5th May ; Also, That no charge be made for the use of the Pillar Room for Army Blood Transfusion Service on days to be arranged in May and June.

(d) Theatrical Attractions—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to make arrangements for the appearance of Donald Wolfit's Shakespearian Company for one week in October, subject to the dates arranged not clashing with any comparable attraction at the Opera House.

(e) Polish Ballet—That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to see if terms can be arranged for the appearance of the Polish Ballet at the Town Hall for one week in the Autumn.

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

2—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(a) Superintendent—The Baths Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 3rd inst.—Present : Councillor Waite (in the chair) ; Councillor Grimwade and Mr. R. F. Fowles—to consider the arrangements for superintending the Pool consequent on the call up of the Superintendent, Mr. R. T. Cosgrove, who had joined the Navy on the 9th May. The Sub-Committee had made the following arrangements :—

Mr. F. E. Lane (Superintendent of Alstone Baths) also to superintend the Swimming Pool and to be paid additional remuneration of £2 per week during the time the Pool is opened ; Mr. Hooper (First Assistant at Alstone Baths) to be paid an additional remuneration of 7s 6d. per week for the additional responsibilities to be undertaken by him at Alstone Baths.

The Borough Surveyor to obtain a suitable person to act as "First Attendant" at the Sandford Park Swimming Pool. Mr. Wilkinson was asked to superintend the Cafe and the staff thereof. The Sub-Committee intend to re-consider the matter after a few weeks.

RESOLVED, That the arrangements made by the Sub-Committee be approved.

(b) The Borough Surveyor and the Borough Treasurer submitted report in regard to matters arising out of the management of the Pool by Mr. Cosgrove. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk communicate with Mr. Cosgrove as now instructed by the Committee, and at a Special Meeting of the Committee be held when a reply has been received.

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had not yet been able to obtain a suitable person to act as "First Attendant" at the Pool. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to advertise for a Deputy Superintendent with engineering experience, and that, if a suitable person is not obtainable, he be instructed to ascertain whether any of the local Hot Water Engineers are willing to undertake the maintenance of the filter plant, etc. at the Pool.

(d) Cafe—The Entertainments Manager reported that, owing to the difficulty of obtaining supplies, it was only possible to provide liquid refreshments and as the return from this would be small, he anticipated that the Cafe might show a loss. RESOLVED, That the Entertainments Manager be instructed to continue supplying these refreshments but to report on the position at the end of June.

(e) Chairs—RESOLVED, That 100 chairs from the Town Hall be transferred to the Pool at a charge of £35.

(f) Monthly Tickets—RESOLVED, That the application of the College of St. Mark & St. John and St. Paul's Training College for a reduced rate for monthly tickets be granted, and that they be allowed to purchase monthly tickets at 5s each provided that each College takes not less than 20 at one time and the students provide their own costumes -and towels.

(g) R.A.F.—pilot Officer T. Thornton Bassett attended the Committee and asked if he could take out 40 season ticket at the reduced price of 15s, such tickets to be transferable amongst the trainees at the R.A.F. Station at Staverton and Cheltenham RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the trainees providing their own towels and costumes.

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(h) Hertfordshire Regiment—RESOLVED, That the application of the 1st Battalion of the Hertfordshire Regt. for concessions for troops attending the Pool be granted and that members of H.M. Forces in uniform be allowed admission to the Pool at a reduced charge of 4d. excluding costume and towel, as last year.

(i) The Borough Surveyor submitted application from St. Mary's Training College for facilities for students at the College to use the Swimming Pool owing to it not being possible to grant them the

exclusive use of the Alstone Baths as in previous years. RESOLVED, That the Committee are prepared to admit the students to the Pool at a charge of £10 to cover one admission per student per week.

3—Alstone Baths—(a) Y.M.C.A letter of 5th inst. from the Y.M.C.A. asking if their members could be issued with monthly tickets at a reduced charge. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to monthly tickets being issued at the reduced rate of 21- subject to not less than 20 tickets being taken at one time.

(b) RESOLVED, That permission be granted to a local Detachment of the R.A.S.C, to use the Swimming Bath on Sundays between 8.15 and 8.45 a.m.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of the Grammar School to book the Bath for their School Gala and heats for two hours on the 28th and 29th July be granted on the usual terms.

(d) RESOLVED, That the application of the Girls' Grammar School for the granting of 35 full-season tickets to pupils who had obtained the Medallion and First Class Instructors' Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society and 26 half-season tickets to girls who had obtained the Intermediate Certificate be granted.

(e) RESOLVED, That the application of the Cheltenham Schools Swimming Association for the free use of the Bath on the 20th June and 16th July for Galas be granted as in previous years.

4—Youth Sports Rally—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Youth Rally Organisation Committee that it was proposed to hold a Youth Rally and Sports Meeting in August and asking for the use of Sandford Park Recreation Ground on the evenings of the 31st July and 1st and 2nd August, and all day on the 4th August, and also asking for the use of the Pool on the 5th August for aquatic events. RESOLVED, That they be informed that there is no objection to their using the Recreation Ground for the Rally subject to the public not being excluded, and to the arrangements being approved by the Gardens Superintendent. RESOLVED, also, in regard to the Swimming Pool, That they be informed that the Committee cannot, during August week-end, grant them the exclusive use of the Pool but suggest that they should arrange for an Instructor to attend at the Pool on the 5th August to give demonstrations in stroke swimming and diving, etc. to any who may be interested as was done in the case of the Sports Rally held in 1939.

5—Medical Baths—(a) The monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted. The receipts for the month of April amounted to £90 6s. 0d. as compared with £69 19s. 0d. in April last year.

(b) Fire Watchers--The Superintendent reported that, as it had not been found possible to purchase supplies of food, etc., for meals for the Fire Watchers, he had arranged for each member of the party to be paid 1s a night for refreshments when on duty all night. At the present time this would cost 11s per week. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

6—Montpellier Gardens—Read, letter of 7th just, from the Ministry of Aircraft Production that they are prepared to settle the claim for compensation for the use of the Pavilion at £100 per annum, plus rates. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

7—Town Hall—(a) Railings Exhibition—Councillor Fisher reported that the Salvage Committee were endeavouring to arrange an Exhibition in connection with the salvage of railings and asked for

permission to display photographs during the Exhibition in the vestibule of the Town Hall.
RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(b) Horticultural Exhibition—RESOLVED, That consideration of the application for use of the Town Hall for this proposed Exhibition be adjourned until the next Meeting, when the proposals of the Joint Committee appointed to consider the promotion of the Exhibition will be available.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th May, 1941. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bendall, Grimwade, Reddings Rogers and Waite (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1----Tenders for cables-The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the contracts for cables with the Hackbridge Cable Co. Ltd. And Aberdare Cables would expire on the 30th June and he asked for instructions about the renewal contracts. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange terms with the Hackbridge Cable Co. Ltd. for the supply of extra high tension cables and with Aberdare Cables Ltd. for the supply of low tension during the twelve months ending 30th June, 1942.

2—Stores—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an enquiry for the use of a portion of the old Electricity Works for use as a Store. The exact amount of space had not yet been decided. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange suitable terms.

3—Electricity Works Roof—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that owing to a mistake on the part of the contractors repairs had been carried out to a portion of the Electricity Works roof which was not included in the specification: the mistake had arisen during the illness of the Principal, and the Contractors asked for an additional payment of £25, which was below the actual cost of carrying out the work. RESOLVED, That an additional payment of £25 be made.

4—Fire Watching—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that on the recommendation of the Electricity Commissioners he was making certain alterations in the Engine Room at the Electricity Works to protect the materials stored there and he also recommended the installation of a motor driven pump to deal with fires. Most of the material required for this work was in stock but it might be necessary to provide a 1 h.p. motor at an estimated cost of £10. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer's recommendations be approved.

5—Fire Watchers—Refreshments—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that at a meeting of the Labour Sub-Committee of the Street and Highway Committee to whom the matter had been referred by this Committee, it had been decided to allow experimentally a sum of 3d. per hour for refreshments to Corporation employees acting as unpaid fire watchers who were on duty for a minimum period of 5 hours, the arrangements to be subject to revision if any further regulations are issued by the Government.

6--Maximum Load—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a further increase had occurred in the load and submitted figures showing the increase from January to April compared with the similar period last year. The new feeder cables and distributing cables recently ordered would be in use in time for next winter's load, but he recommended that provision should be made for additional transformers and switchgear. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain four 500 kVA transformers and suitable switchgear at an estimated cost of £3,324, and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to a loan for the cost of carrying out the work, or alternatively, for approval to defray the cost from the Revenue Reserves of the Undertaking.

7—Damage to Lamp Standard—Read, report of damage to lamp standard in Montpellier Walk by a lorry belonging to Messrs. Warshams. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage, amounting to £17 14s. 2d.

8—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of gas tests made on the 29th ult., 7th, 12th, 18th and 22nd inst., which showed the Calorific value on dates to be 463.5, 472.7, 476.4, 461.8 and 472.8 B.Th.U., per cubic foot respectively and the pressure to be. 9.4, 9.4, 9.3, 8.9 and 8.9 inches of water respectively.

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STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th May, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Margrett and Pates ; Councillors Avery, Dr. Hayward, Moore and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair)

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 30th April, 1941.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	294,000 gallons	286,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,143,000 "	1,086,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	62,000	58,000
	1,499,000	1,430,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 103,009,000 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—Charlton Park Gate Allotments—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Allotments Committee that the application of the allotment holders for a standpipe to be fixed to provide a water supply for the allotments should be acceded to. The allotment holders were willing to arrange to do the work themselves and had offered to pay 1s per annum for the use of the water and were willing for the stop-tap to be disconnected if, owing to drought conditions, this was necessary during the summer months. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to ascertain whether the owner of the stream which runs through the adjoining land will permit the allotment holders to go across the field and take water from the stream but that if he cannot arrange this, he be authorised to have a stop-tap provided on the terms offered by the allotment holders.

5—Tredington and Elmstone Hardwicke Supply—The Borough Engineer submitted correspondence with the Rural District Council in regard to the Bye-pass valve on this main. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to supply a larger meter and improved type of pressure reducing valve.

6—Water Office—The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. A. G. Bailey, Second Clerk in his Office, had resigned. RESOLVED, That Mr A. J. Pilgrim (Third Clerk) be promoted to Mr. Bailey's position on Grade E at a commencing salary of £200 per annum. rising by two annual increments to a maximum of £25. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to engage a temporary female Clerk to fill the vacancy in the Office.

7—Extension of Main—Leckhampton Lane—The Borough Engineer reported that the 6 inch main had now been laid and connected to the existing mains in Kidnappers and Church Lanes ; and a further extension of 90 yards from this main had been laid to supply the temporary bungalows.

8—Tewkesbury Borough—The Borough Engineer reported that he had ordered a pressure reducing valve for the Tewkesbury Works so that the supply to the Tewkesbury Borough and district could be given through the rising main under Section 73 of the Joint Water Board Act.

9—Supply to Glenfall—The Borough Engineer reported that owing to lack of head of water, the meter for this supply could not be made to work satisfactorily. To overcome this difficulty, he proposed to ask Mr. Mitchell to agree to the house being charged on rateable value basis, but on meter rate to the various Farms. Mr. Mitchell would be credited with the cost of 48,000 gallons of water per annum at 1s 6d. per 1,000 which he was entitled to be supplied with free of charge. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

10—Wages—The Borough Engineer submitted notification from the J.I.C. for the Waterworks Industry that the total advance over pre-war wages was 9s 10d. and he accordingly was paying this advance to the men concerned. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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11—Damage to Fence at Dowdeswell—Read, report of damage to fence at Dowdeswell Reservoir by an R.A.F. vehicle on the 18th ult. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage amounting to £7 15s. 6d.

12. -Woodlands Farm—Read, letter from C. C. Castle & Sons recommending the Council to agree to ii, Mr. Hobbs tenancy of this Farm to Mr. A. R. Tally as from the 25th March last. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

13—Supply to R.A.S.C. Depot, Ashchurch—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application for the final payment of £969 due to the Corporation in respect of the laying of the 6 inch main to supply this Depot which was completed in June last year.

14—Schedule of Reserved Occupations—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Labour for the Waterworks Undertaking to be admitted to the Register of Protected Establishments.

15—Lower Hewletts Farm—The Town Clerk submitted report received from Messrs. Bruton Knowles & Co. of their valuation of 21 ash trees, 14 oaks, 12 elms and 1 poplar which Messrs. Claridge & Sons of Chipping Norton wished to purchase. RESOLVED, That Messrs. Claridge & Sons be asked to submit an offer for the trees.

16—Chlorine Containers—Read, letter of 24th ult. from the Ministry of Health that the Ministry was not prepared to issue the necessary Licence for the purchase of 30 steel Chlorine Bottles. If the Corporation was in difficulties in obtaining supplies caused by transport delays, the Minister asked to be informed.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th May, 1941. Present— Aldermen Margrett, Tree, and Winterbotham ; Councillors de Courcy Ireland, Grimwade and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

2—Licences to deal in Game—RESOLVED, That the applications of D. Bartlett, MacFisheries, Ltd., H. F. Barnett, N. C. Olive, Gloucestershire Marketing Society Ltd., C. Barnett, W. Dean, Iddles & Son, and H. Reynolds for renewal of their licences to deal in game be granted for one year, up to the 1st July, 1942.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Read, report of the Annual Licensing Meeting of the Committee held at the Central Depot on the 13th inst. Present : Alderman Winterbotham, Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland and Green. The Committee inspected the Hackney Carriages and recommended that 53 applications for renewal of licences for the ensuing year be granted. 3 Taxis were not produced for inspection, but the Committee recommended that, subject to these being passed by Supt. Hopkins, applications for renewal of licences for the ensuing year be granted. With regard to the 9 Licences held by No Tips Hire Service, 1 car only was passed by Mr. F. Miles and Supt. Hopkins. and the Committee recommended that the application for renewal of this licence be granted, and that renewals of the other 8 licences be granted subject to a satisfactory report on each car being

received from Mr. Mites and Supt. Hopkins. RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of No Tips Hire Service for two further Hackney Carriage licences be granted the vehicles having been approved by Supt. Hopkins and the Motor Hackney Carriage inspector. also that the necessary drivers' licences be granted subject to these being recommended by Supt. Hopkins.

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4—National Service—RESOLVED, That consent be given to E. L. Webb (Clerk in the Borough Treasurer's Department, formerly in the Parks Department) enlisting in H.M. Forces.

5—House to House Collection Act, 1939—RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Walter B. G. Brown for renewal of his licence to make house to house collections in the Borough for the year commencing 1st May, 1941, in aid of the Gloucester Diocesan Association for the Welfare of the Deaf and Dumb; be granted subject to compliance with the House to House Collections Regulations,

6—Town Clerk's Department—(a) The Town Clerk reported that he had appointed E. A. Holloway, age 16, as junior clerk in his department on Grade "A" at a commencing salary of £45 per annum, plus war bonus of 3s 6d. per week.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that he had appointed Miss W. Narramore as temporary Shorthand Typist in his office at a salary of £3 per week.

(c) RESOLVED, That the salary of Miss P. Hyett (Junior Shorthand Typist) be increased to 30s per week, plus war bonus of 3s 6d per week as from the 1st May, 1941.

7—Marle Hill House—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Military had made arrangements for re-erecting the wrought iron fence separating the drive of Marle Hill House from the field, and as a portion of this fence had been destroyed he had agreed that a certain length should be made good temporarily with post and wire. RESOLVED, That the Committee consider it necessary that this fence should be replaced as otherwise there is nothing to prevent cattle straying into Marge Hill House grounds and they therefore approve of a temporary repair being carried out as recommended by the Borough Surveyor.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th May, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates; 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 8 calls to fire as follows:—

26th April	23, The Promenade
29th “	Rear of Hogg's Garage, Cirencester Road.
3rd May	Central Radio, 9 Pittville Street.
5th “	Swindon Lane, Evesham Road.
5th	Railway Embankment, Folly Lane.
14th	1 Ormond Terrace, Regent Street.
18th	80 Kipling Road.
22nd	Cleeve House, Bishop's Cleeve.

2—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) The Town Clerk submitted Circulars Nos. 32, 35, 36, 38 and 44 received from the Home Office. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Chief Officer for attention.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 41 of the 17th instant that the Home Office had decided to enrol in the Auxiliary Fire Service for whole-time duty those part-time members whose calling up for military service had been deferred by reason of being part-time men.

(c) Breathing Apparatus--Read, letter of the 5th instant from the Home Office approving the purchase of one set of Breathing Apparatus at a cost of £12 10 0 for the purposes of grant.

3 —Charlton Kings Auxiliary Fire Service—The Chief Officer recommended that the personnel of Charlton Kings Auxiliary Fire Service should be increased to 10 Firemen and 2 leading Firemen instead of 8 Firemen as recommended at the last meeting. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Home Office for approval of a strength of 12 men and that pending receipt of approval, the Chief Officer be instructed to increase the strength to 8 men.

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4-Fire Prevention (Business Premises) Order, 1.941—(a) The Chief Officer reported that 53 visits of inspection under this order had been carried out since the last Meeting, and a further 290 persons had been trained in elementary firefighting.

(b) The Chairman reported that since the last meeting the Sub-Committee had had 7 meetings for the purpose of considering the reports made by occupiers of the arrangements made by them under the Order.

5—Petrol Supply—The Chief Officer reported that, as instructed, he had made arrangements for renting a 500 gallon petrol tank and pump for the Fire Service at Pike House Garage, Tewkesbury Road, at a rental of 6s 6d a week payable quarterly. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that application be made to the Home Office for approval of this expenditure for the purposes of grant.

6—Uniform—The Chief Officer reported that in order to provide personnel with waterproof coats, it was necessary to purchase a further 100 of these garments. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that these coats be ordered from the Post Office Stores Department.

7—Civil Defence Duties (Compulsory Enrolment) Order, 1941—Read letter of the 20th instant from the Office of the Regional Commissioner that the general experience had been that voluntary effort was insufficient to provide an adequate supply of man power for fire prevention and it had been

decided to apply the above Order to many towns in the South Western Region. The Regional Office had not yet received accurate figures of the men enrolled as a result of the application of the Order to these towns but it was believed that the number will not usually be sufficient to provide for fire prevention up to the standard suggested by the Fire Prevention Executive. Nevertheless, they thought it advisable to proceed with compulsory enrolment and so give all premises the maximum protection of which the locality is capable. They asked the Council to consider whether they would make application for the Compulsory Order to be applied to Cheltenham. To enable the Council to have an idea of the work required in the administration of the Order, they enclosed copies of draft model forms and notes on the administration of the Order. In submitting application for the Order, the Regional Commissioner would require to be informed of (1) the detailed arrangements for the issue and reception of registration and exemption forms ; (2) Arrangements for checking that all persons liable to register have done so ; (3) Method of examination of claims for exemption ; (4) Procedure to be followed in regard to enrolment including instructions to be given to enrolled persons and method for reporting of failure of persons enrolled to perform duties, and (5) The staff available or required to administer registration and enrolment. He would also wish to know that the Council were satisfied that they were in a position to meet the not inconsiderable difficulties which may arise.

The Town Clerk reported that the replies were now being received to the Circular issued to Street Fire Parties inviting their members to sign undertakings to give not exceeding 48 hours' duty every month, and that by the next meeting he would be in a position to report as to the number of persons who had signed the Undertaking. RESOLVED, That the matter be referred for consideration by the Fire Prevention Sub-Committee.

8—Emergency Static Water Supplies—Read letter of the 14th inst. from the Regional Works Adviser that the Home Office had approved proposals for augmenting emergency supplies of static water in the Borough. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Regional Commissioner for a grant of 85 per cent of the expenditure in providing additional static water supplies.

9—Reorganisation of Fire Services—Read, Circular No. 39 of the 13th inst. from the Home Office in regard to the proposal of the Government to take over the whole of the Regular and Auxiliary Fire Service Brigades.

10—Auxiliary Fire Stations—Sunningend Works—Read letter of the 7th inst. from the Home Office setting out their comments on the proposed protection of this Auxiliary Fire Station. Read also letter of the 13th inst from Messrs. Healing & Overbury that the extra cost of the alterations suggested by the Home Office would be £15 5s 0d. making a total cost of £144 5s. 0d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Home Office for approval of the revised tender of £144 5s. 0d.

11—Emergency Headquarters Fire Station—The Chairman reported that it was necessary to provide premises which could be used in an Emergency for Headquarters Fire Station. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the proposals to install telephones, etc. in a portion of the buildings at the Sandford Park Swimming Pool and to erect a temporary garage in the Car Park for the engines and appliances, and that the Town Improvement Committee be asked to acquiesce in this proposal. RESOLVED, also, That the scheme be submitted to the Home Office for approval.

H. C. GRIMWADE, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th May, 1941. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Ball, Barlow, Roe and Whittall (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Cultivation—The Gardens Superintendent reported that Allotments Nos. 10, 23 and 87 Marle Hill should have notice to clear the weeds. No 18 Gappers Field was uncultivated ; No. 83 North Ward was partly uncultivated, and Nos. 36 and 51 Hatherley Road were uncultivated. The Town Clerk reported that Nos. 10, 23 and 87 Marle Hill were in the occupation of the Unemployed Allotments Association. No. 18 Gappers Field was re-let in January last, and Nos. 36 and 51 Hatherley Road were vacant. A letter had been sent to the tenants informing them that the allotments must be cultivated to their fullest extent.

2—Fencing—(a) Agg Gardner Recreation Ground—The Gardens Superintendent reported that as instructed at the last Meeting of this Committee, in company with Councillors Addis and Fisher, Agg Gardner Recreation Ground had been inspected and some fencing obtained and erected around the allotments.

(b) Evesham Road—The Gardens Superintendent also reported that as arranged with Mr. Stephens, fencing had been provided to divide this land from the field in the occupation of Mr. Stephens. upon which cattle would be grazed in the future, and the department had now completely exhausted their supply of fencing material.

3—Unemployed Allotments Association-87 Marle Hill—Read, letter of 9th inst. from Mr. Whittall stating that the Association were willing for the Corporation to re-let this plot and to charge them with the rent up to the 6th inst. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Additional Land—The Town Clerk reported that the piece of land belonging to the Trustees of C. H. Reason, deceased, and lying between Nos. 47 and 49 Brooklyn Road had been requisitioned, and two allotments plotted out but were not yet let.

5—Damage to Allotments by Trespass—(a) Land junction of Mersey Road and Hewlett Road—Read, letters of 29th oh. and 1st inst. from Mr. E. F. Pullen, the tenant of allotment No. 4, asking if it would be possible to fence this corner as the allotments were being trampled upon, and stating that the allotment holders were willing to provide all the necessary labour free of charge. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to endeavour to obtain posts and single strand wire for fencing this junction, and that the tenants be asked to carry out the work, failing which, the work be placed in the hands of a contractor.

(b) Land junction of Whaddon Road and Priors Road—Read, letter of 27th ult from Mr. E. G. Coates with regard to damage caused to the allotments by persons using the site as a short cut, and offering to erect a fence if the materials could be provided by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to make the same arrangements for fencing this site as in the case of Mersey Road and Hewlett Road junction, and that he be instructed to communicate with Mr. Coates with a view to getting the work carried out.

(c) Orchard Estate—The Town Clerk reported that a complaint had been received of the damage caused to these allotments by cattle belonging to Mr. J. R. Brown being allowed to stray, and that he had written to Mr. Brown with regard to the matter.

(d) Charlton Park Gate—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a complaint of damage by fowls belonging to Mr T. C. Currie, and he submitted a letter from Mr. Currie of 4th inst. suggesting that wire netting should be placed along the fence as this would avoid damage by fowls and also by rabbits. The Gardens Superintendent this land. RESOLVED, That no action be taken, reported that the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee were taking steps to destroy the rabbits on

(e) RESOLVED, That the Chairman be asked to interview the Education Secretary with a view to the children in the Schools being instructed to respect open gardens and land under cultivation for food production purposes.

6—Girls Grammar School Playing Field—No. 21—Read, letter from Mr. C. T. Judge stating that only a portion of this allotment was suitable for cultivation in view of tree roots, stones, etc. and asking for a rebate in rent. RESOLVED, That his rent be reduced to 5s per annum.

7—Field adjoining Pittville Pump Room—The Town Clerk reported that he had had an interview with the Military who had asked whether this field could be utilised for allotments if the Military decided to de-requisition the same. The Town Clerk had informed them that the Gardens Superintendent advised it was now too late to break up the field for allotments, and in any case, it would be impossible to obtain a plough for this purpose at the present time, but he had suggested that the Corporation would probably be glad to have the land during the Autumn if the Military were still prepared to de-requisition this. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8--Hatherley Road Allotments—No. 53—The Town Clerk submitted application from the tenant of this allotment for permission to remove a few of the outer limbs of an ash tree which he stated rendered a large portion of this allotment useless. RESOLVED, That he be allowed to cut the two lower branches.

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9—Charlton Park Gate—Allotment No. 33—Read, letter of 5th inst. from the tenant of this allotment asking for permission to continue digging a few paces towards the old oak tree. The Town Clerk reported that this portion of the land had not been plotted for allotments as it was considered unsuitable for the purpose. RESOLVED, That the tenant be given permission to cultivate the additional portion required.

10—Marle Hill Allotments--(a) No. 130—Read, application of 2nd inst. from the tenant for a rebate in rent in view of the fact that the allotment was covered with grass, and also that there was a roadway running across the land which necessitated clearing a quantity of stones. RESOLVED, That he be granted twelve months' rent free on condition that he removes the stones.

(b) No. 87—Read, application of 7th inst. from the tenant for a rebate in rent in view of the dirty condition of this allotment. RESOLVED, That he be granted six months' rent free.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th May, 1941. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair),

1—Food Production—The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the month of April the sale of produce at the Market amounted to £19 14s. 5d.

2—Loss of Flowers and Plants—The Gardens Superintendent reported that since the last Meeting a considerable number of plants and flowers had been stolen from Pittville Circus, Berkeley Place, Sandford Park and the Promenade Gardens. The Police had been notified but had not been able to trace the offenders.

3—Increase in Wages—W. G. H. James—The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from W. G. H. James for an increase in wages. He reported that James was paid on a weekly basis and had not received the full increase granted to Corporation employees, paid on an hourly basis, to meet the increased cost of living. RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be authorised to place James in Grade "C" on an hourly basis or grant him an increase of 8s per week, whichever is the higher and that this be in addition to the per week paid to him for his work as Deputy Borough Meteorologist.

4—Tewkesbury Road Playing Field--The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had met an officer of the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee and had viewed this Field. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make representations, if necessary, to the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee for the field to be kept for grazing purposes in view of the expenditure which would have to be incurred at the end of the war to get the land to its former condition, if it was laid down for mowing.

5—Sunday Tennis—The Gardens Superintendent reported as to the extra labour necessary in view of the fact that Tennis and Putting were permitted at the Montpellier Gardens on Sundays and he also gave information with regard to the receipts. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to submit a statement at the next Meeting of this Committee showing the cost of the extra labour necessary and also the receipts.

6—Montpellier Gardens—Custodian—The Gardens Superintendent submitted letter of 8th inst. from the National Union of General & Municipal Workers stating that Mr. O'Brien had not been paid for the extra hour per day worked from November to January due to the alteration in the daylight saving, although this payment had been made to the other Custodians. RESOLVED, That he be paid overtime up to January, 1941, as had been done in the case of other Custodians.

7—Sunday Duties—Custodians—The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from the National Union of General & Municipal Workers for overtime rates to be paid to employees who work over 48 hours per week according to the J.I.C. Agreement, and stating that if Sundays were part

of the 47 hour week, the men should be paid time and a half. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Labour Sub-Committee.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 7th May, 1941. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors-Bettridge, Bush and Moore (Alderman Taylor 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—Unpaid Rates Statement—The Statement of unpaid Rates for the last half year were submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officer and signed by members of the Committee.

3—Statement of Arrears—The Statement of Arrears for the last half year was submitted by the Rating and Valuation Officer and signed by members of the Committee.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th May, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pruen and Taylor ; Councillors Garland and Grimwade (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £25,925 ; Leaving Outstanding £107,842.

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, 1941. Amount collected £5,450 Outstanding £26,262.

3—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of Electricity charges since the last Meeting.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 27th inst. Present—Aldermen Taylor (in the chair), Pruen and Trye. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment, RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Renewals—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of mortgage amounting to £500 be approved, and the Mortgage endorsed accordingly.

6—Borough Treasurer's Department—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. R. M. Axtell was called up last month and that Mr. W. J. Morrell (First Accountancy Assistant) was due for calling up at the end of the month. He recommended that Mr. A. M. Smith be transferred from Sundry Debtors' Ledgers to the accountancy work carried out by Mr. Axtell and that he should be promoted

from Grade D " to Grade " E" at the maximum salary of £225 per annum. He had appointed Mr. Bernard Tate as temporary Sundry Debtors' Clerk at a salary of £208 per annum. RESOLVED, That the arrangements be approved.

(b) The Borough Treasurer submitted application from Mr. W. J. Morrell to be promoted from Grade "H" to Grade "I." This would not involve an immediate increase in salary but in due course Mr. Morrell would rise to a maximum of £345 instead of £320 as on his present grade. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) General Clerk—The Borough Treasurer recommended that Mr. S. Harris be promoted from Grade "C" to Grade " D" at a salary of £195 per annum rising to the maximum of £208 per annum on the 1st April next. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Abattoir Fees—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Ministry of Food and Livestock Control had contended that the stunning charge of 1d. per animal should be paid by the Contractors and not by the Ministry. The amount due under this heading up to the end of April was £215 13s. 3d. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Contractors for payment of stunning charges.

8—War Bonus—The Town Clerk submitted Circular 101 of 7th inst. from the Ministry of Home Security that the Ministry were prepared to recognise for grant under the Civil Defence Acts expenditure on the revised cost of living bonus as set out in this circular subject to the Corporation paying not less by way of cost of living bonus to members of its staff generally. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to adopt the War Bonus Scale of the Ministry which is more favourable and in excess of the scale now paid by the Corporation.

9—Cheltenham Unemployed Services Club—RESOLVED, That this year the Club be paid half the usual donation namely £25, and that the Club be informed that they must regard this as a final payment.

10—Superannuation Scheme—The Borough Treasurer reported that W. Adams (late Pittville Gardener) who was receiving a pension of 9s a week died on the 8th inst., and C. Deacon (ex-Labourer) who was receiving a pension of 6s 8d. per week died on the 15th inst.

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 Wednesday, 4th June, 1941, 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 Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. J. H. Trye, C.B.E., J.P., R.N. (Recd.) and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, Barnett, Bayliss, Bendall, Lt.-Col. C. W. Biggs, 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., Readings, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bettridge and Moore.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 5th May, 1941, 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 12

Housing Meeting held May 15

Street and Highway Meeting held May 19

Labour Sub-Committee Meeting held May 23

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held May 7

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Town Planning Meeting held May 22

RESOLVED, also, That Plan No. 5423 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, the walls up to the second landing being 13 ½ ins. in thickness and to the new work harmonising with the existing building,

Town Improvement and Spa. Meeting held May 23

RESOLVED, also, That the use of the Large Hall and Pillar Room and Refreshment Room at the Town Hall be granted for a Produce Show to be held on the 24th and 25th September next with the 23rd September for getting in and half day on the 26th September for getting out.

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held May 26

Water Meeting held May 13

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held May 20

Fire Brigade Meeting held May 26

Allotments Meeting held May 12

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held May 12

Rating Meeting held May 7

Finance Meeting held May 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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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 July, 1941.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th June, 1941. Present—Alderman Clara Winterbotham; Councillors Barnett, Bayliss, Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Winterbotham 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. 3 qrs. 11 lbs. Fish ; 5 lbs. Beef ; 8 ½ lbs. Bacon ; 1 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs. Pigs, Plucks, etc. ; 1 cwt. 11 lbs. Bread ; 4 lbs. Biscuits ; 3 qrs. 2 lbs Brawn ; 265 tins Vegetables, Meat Roll, Fish, etc.

3—Food and Drugs Act, 1938—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted report of the Public Analyst on six samples of Milk Nod, 157- --162, which were all satisfactory.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc.-- (a) 52 Queen's Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to these premises and found that they were in such a condition as to be prejudicial to health or 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 up the ground.

(b) 52 Queen's Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector also reported that he had examined the drains etc. on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specification of the work required to be done. RESOLVED, That the same be approved, and that notice be given under Section 39 of the Public Health Act, 1936 to the Owner requiring him to do the specified work within 28 days.

5—Statutory Nuisance-12 Lansdown Crescent—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the waste pipe from flats at these premises was blocked and was 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, on the Owner and Occupier of the said premises requiring her to abate the nuisance and to execute such works and to take such steps as may be necessary for that purpose.

6—Rats and Mice Destruction Act—(a) 92 High Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported the nuisance caused by infestation of rats at these premises. RESOLVED, That Statutory Notice under the

Act be served on the occupier requiring him to take the necessary steps under the Act for the eradication of the rats.

(b) 252 and 253 High Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported the accumulation of refuse giving cover to rats, etc at these premises RESOLVED, That Statutory Notice under the Act be served on the occupiers requiring them to take the necessary steps under the Act for the removal of the refuse.

(c) The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported on the growing nuisance of damage being caused by rats. He recommended that whole-time Rat Catchers should be appointed. RESOLVED, That, in view of the difficulty of obtaining labour, as an experiment the Council be recommended to pay 2d. per tail for rats caught and destroyed in the Borough, and that the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to report on the number of tails paid for each month.

7—Barn Farm—supply of Sewage—The Borough Engineer submitted application from Mr. A. E. Margrett for a supply of sewage for irrigation purposes. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to supply Mr. Margrett with sewage when the quantity is in excess of that which is required for the Barn Farm and subject to the condition that this is only supplied when conditions are such that no nuisance is likely to be caused.

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8—Re-occupation of Condemned Houses—(a) Read, letter of 30th ult. from the Ministry of Health, Regional Offices, consenting to the issue of licences by the Council for the re-occupation of condemned houses.

(b) 3, 4 and 5 Edward Terrace—Read, application from Messrs. Leishman & Copeland for the renewal of the licence for the re-occupation of the above premises. RESOLVED, That the licence be granted for a further period of six months subject to the Chief Sanitary Inspector being satisfied that the premises have been maintained in a reasonable state of habitation.

(c) 1 Bubb's Cottages (5 York Street)—RESOLVED, That a licence be issued for the re-occupation of these premises for a period of six months subject to the rent being approved by the Housing Committee.

9—Slaughter Houses—(a) Read, letter of 28th ult. from the Ministry of Health that the Minister saw no objection to licensed Slaughter Houses being used for other purposes, but suggesting that the Council should point out to owners that using the premises for other purposes may affect the suitability of the premises for the purpose for which the premises were licensed.

(b) 1 Victoria Street—Read, application from Messrs. Ivens, Thompson & Green asking for consent on behalf of Mr. G. F. Tarr to let this Slaughter House for other purposes for the duration of the war. RESOLVED, That no objection be made to this, subject to the purpose for which the premises are to be used being approved by the Committee.

10--Sanitary Inspectors—Read, Circular 2376 from the Ministry of Health in regard to the position arising from the serious shortage of Sanitary Inspectors. The Ministry suggested that Authorities should seek the assistance of neighbouring Authorities with a view to sharing the services of

qualified Inspectors. The Ministry deprecated the transference of Sanitary Inspectors to Civil Defence Duties which do not require an Inspector's special qualifications. He recognised, however, that the training and experience of a Sanitary Inspector are indispensable for such work as the repair of war damaged houses, decontamination of food stuffs and the hygiene of public air raid shelters. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that he and his staff would be glad to assist the Borough Engineer in the inspection of public shelters and work in connection with the repair of war damaged houses.

11—Tewkesbury Road Clearance Order-131 Tewkesbury Road—The Committee further considered letters from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend in regard to the demolition of this property. They stated that Messrs. Packer had demolished the premises including the wall adjoining their client's premises No. 5 Victoria Cottages, which left the wall of these premises exposed to the penetration of damp and without adequate support, and they asked that the Corporation should require Messrs. Packer to make good the exposed wall of their client's premises. The Town Clerk reported that the Council required Messrs. Packer to remove the wall as, in April, 1940, complaints were received by the Street and Highway Committee that the wall was in a dangerous condition and liable to collapse. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not admit any liability for making good the exposed wall at No. 5 Victoria Cottages

12—Charges for Disinfection—The Medical Officer of Health asked the Committee to consider the charges for disinfection of goods delivered at the Disinfector for disinfection. RESOLVED, That the charges be increased from 5s to 7s for the Borough and from 5s to 10s for goods from outside the Borough.

CLABA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 6th June, 1941. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Addis, Bayliss, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Grimwade, Dr. Hayward and Moore (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1--Housing Manager—First Assistant--The Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the applications received for this appointment and had selected two applicants for interview by the Committee. Miss G. J. Chubb (Second Assistant, Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme) and Miss J. I. Maltby, at present First Assistant at Chester City Council, attended RESOLVED, That Miss J. I. Maltby be appointed Deputy Housing Manager on the terms advertised, the appointment to be subject to Miss Maltby passing a medical examination and to be terminable by either party by one month's notice in writing at any time.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd June, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates, Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Garland, Green and Readings (Alderman Trye 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	Tons.
Paper ..	48. 13/20ths	(41. 1/20th)
Metals ...	79. 5/20ths	(42. 6/20ths)
Rags, sacks, etc.	2.13/20ths	(2. 5/20ths)
Bottles and Jars	1. 5/20ths (3060)	(3/20ths) (367)
Bones ...	3. 2/20ths	(2. 1/20th)
Aluminium	5/20ths	—
Pig Food	67. 1/20th	(70. 18/20ths)
Motor Tyres ...	1.17/20ths	(7. 4/20ths)

The estimated value of the salvage collected during May was £528.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Refuse collected during the 4 weeks ended 18th inst. was 1,811 tons.

2—Works and Buildings Programme—Read, Circular No. 559 of 14th inst. from the Ministry of War Transport that " in order to ensure the most effective use of available manpower and materials for essential civil engineering and building works, the Government had introduced arrangements whereby a limited quota, measured by value of work, may be undertaken each month, is allocated to each Department in respect of the various works with which it is concerned "

The allocation to the Ministry of War Transport would cover all road and bridge improvement and maintenance works on public highways to be carried out by contract or with the assistance of labour through labour exchange but did not apply to maintenance and improvement work carried out by permanent staff of highway authorities. It is therefore necessary to limit approval for road and bridge works to those which are essential to urgent war requirements and work must not therefore be started until consent to do so has been issued. RESOLVED, That the Circular be referred to the Borough Surveyor for attention.

3—Brooklyn Gardens—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Messrs. Pattinson & Brewer in regard to the taking over of the remaining portion of this road. The Borough Surveyor reported that the developers intended to carry out the few remaining works required and he would report thereon at the next Meeting.

4—Salvage Department—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Ministry of Supply that Mr. G. Gould Marsland, Borough Engineer, had now been appointed Assistant Honorary District Adviser for an area which included the Borough.

5—Sunday Working—Read, Circular No. 2413 of 19th inst. from the Ministry of Health enclosing conditions in which Sunday working would ordinarily be carried on in Building and Civil Engineering work. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

6—Essential Work, etc. Order —Read, Circular No. 558 of 11th inst., from the Ministry of War Transport asking whether in the event of it being decided to bring highway functions within the field of this Order, the Council would desire their Highway Department to be included, RESOLVED, That the Ministry be informed that the Council desire the Highways Department to be included.

7—Streamer across Promenade—(a) RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Swimming Club to hang a streamer across the Colonnade on the days of their Galas subject to the usual conditions and also to a condition that if the streamer has a white background the same must be taken down during blackout hours.

(b) RESOLVED, That permission be given for the erection of a streamer across the Colonnade in connection with the Railings Exhibition subject to the same conditions as above.

8—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—The Borough Surveyor reported that at a Special Meeting of the Baths Sub-Committee held this morning, owing to the acute shortage of staff he was asked to give assistance with the cleaning of the Pool and he proposed to detail two sweepers in that area to go to the Pool each morning for a short time to assist. This would, however, inevitably result in the roads in that district not receiving the same attention. RESOLVED, That this be approved for the present.

9—High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Council had approved the addition of £1,552 to the current year's estimates for the re-surfacing of High Street between St. George's Street and a point near Henrietta Street.

10—Refuse Vehicles (a) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received notification from the Assistant Controller of Salvage authorising him to collect one ex-War Department lorry from Cardiff, and he had now taken delivery of the vehicle.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Haines & Strange Ltd. offering a new Bedford 5 ton hydraulic tipping lorry for £475 subject to the Ministry's licence being obtained. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted subject to the Borough Surveyor being able to obtain the necessary licence,

11—The Grove—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence between the Chairman and Mr. A. E. Errington in regard to the weeding of The Grove, The Borough Surveyor reported that he had to explain to residents in various parts of the town that shortage of labour prevented this work being maintained as formerly. RESOLVED, That the Committee do not consider that it is imperative that grass verges should be maintained when more essential work is required to be done and that, in their opinion, there are many cases where the abutting occupiers could themselves cut the grass verge in front of their houses and thereby assist the Corporation during the present difficult period of labour shortage.

12—Promenade—RESOLVED, That the Committee raise no objection to the placing of a wooden tank model on the foot-path in front of 23 Promenade for the first fortnight of the Railings Exhibition subject to Superintendent Hopkins raising no objection.

13—Junction Naunton Lane and Naunton Park Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. R. A. West asking for the junction of these two roads to be rendered safe by removing the wall on one side and the hedge on the other. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to write to the owner of the land enclosed by the brick wall to ascertain if he is prepared to lower this.

14—" Keep Left "—The Borough Surveyor reported that 12 " Keep Left " Signs had now been fixed in High Street and Promenade. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the words " Keep Left " painted on the pavements near where the signs have been erected.

15—Gas Main—Gas Works to St. Mark's—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 12th inst. from the Gas Company stating that in laying the new gas main from the Works to Gloucester Road, St. Mark's, they were trying to arrange to bye-pass the Chelt Bridge in Six Chimney Lane via Mr. Prude's land, and, in order to prevent opening in Alston Croft, they would like to lay the main through the Playing Field and either along the backs of the new houses or direct across the field to the Alstone Lane entrance. RESOLVED, That the Committee recommend the Education Committee to agree to this proposal and that, with regard to the laying of the main in Rowanfield Road, it be suggested to the Gas Company that they should try and arrange with the owners of the houses to lay the main through the portions of their front gardens reserved for the widening of the road, in view of the future widening ° the road.

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16—Wages and Conditions of Service—Read, letter of 11th inst. from the National Union of General & Municipal Workers dealing with the wages of various Corporation employees :—

Alstone Baths—The Union contended that 2s war bonus was still due to S. Hooper as from December, 1940. The Borough Surveyor reported that the Wages Book showed that he was granted a 1s war bonus on the 1st December, 1939, and 5s on the 6th February, 1941. RESOLVED, That Hooper be paid arrears, viz:-, 2s bonus from 20th June, 1940, to 6th February, 1941.

The Union asked that Miss Hopkins, cleaner, should be paid 10 ¼ d. an hour as she was doing the same work as an adult.

Montpellier Conveniences—The Union asked that the Female Attendants should be paid 10 ¼ d. an hour, failing which they proposed to appeal to the J.I.C.

Horse Drivers—The Union proposed to appeal to the J.I.C. in regard to the wages paid to the Horse Drivers whom they contend were entitled to 62s 6d. per full time week plus overtime rates.

Road Sweepers—The Union were unable to recognise the Agreement between the Corporation and the men in regard to the payment to men who volunteered to do the short period of street sweeping on Sundays. They therefore propose to appeal to the J.I.C. on the matter. RESOLVED, That the Committee are not prepared to make any further alteration in the wages of these employees.

17—Central Depot--The Borough Surveyor reported that the Union had called attention to the non-provision of proper washing facilities for employees at the Central Depot and that he was arranging to provide this. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

18—Local Omnibus Service---(a) Queue Rails—The Borough Surveyor reported that the queue rails were now being erected. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the working of these at the next Meeting.

(b) No. 2 Service—St. Mark's to the Centre—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Traction Company asking for a modification of the route of this service as, owing to the removal of the stopping place outside Lances, they feel that the public would make a point of using the Bennington Street stop in High Street as the main stopping place which was undesirable as this was in a narrow part of High Street. They suggested that the buses from St. Mark's, instead of coming along Ambrose Street and High Street, should follow the same route as the out-going buses, namely, along Manchester Street and Clarence Street to the new stopping-place opposite the Clarence Lamp. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

19—Cleevemount Estate —Read, further application of 5th inst. from Messrs. Rainger & Rogers for the roads on this Estate to be taken over. The Borough Surveyor reported that there was still an appreciable amount of work required to be carried out before he could recommend the Committee to take over the roads and he had arranged to meet the Architects to show them the work still to be done.

20—Highways Superintendent--The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. Armistead resumed his duties on the 3rd inst. He recommended that the duties of refuse collection, disposal, and scavenging be separated from those of the Highways Superintendent and that Mr. Tims who, during Mr. Armistead's absence, had acted as Highways Superintendent, be appointed Cleansing Inspector and take charge of refuse collection and disposal at the Depot and Destructor, and Salvage, and that at the end of the war when salvage work comes to an end, he shall also take over the duties of street cleansing. This would leave Mr. Armistead responsible to the Borough Engineer until the end of the war for maintenance of roads and street cleansing, and would then be responsible for the maintenance and repair of roads and construction of new roads, etc. RESOLVED, That the recommendations as to the division of duties be adopted and that Mr Tims be appointed Cleansing Inspector to take charge of refuse collection and disposal at the Depot and Destructor, and Salvage, at his present rate of salary, namely £5 12s. 6d. per week which includes the increase of 25s per week allowed to him for carrying out these and other duties during Mr. Armistead's absence. RESOLVED, also, That on the 1st September next the salaries be adjusted as follows : Highways Superintendent (Mr. Armistead) to be reduced from £400 plus house, rates, coal, light and gas to £350 per annum plus the same emoluments ; Cleansing Inspector (Mr. Tims) £285 per annum, rising after one year's service to £300 per annum.

21—Borough Surveyor's Department—Wages Office—The Borough Surveyor submitted application trout Mr. G. H. Parkes for his salary to be re-graded. He was at present on the maximum of Grade E at £225 per annum. RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor, That he be placed in Grade 1, at a commencing salary of £237 10s. 0d. rising to a maximum of £250 in April next.

22—St. George's Drive—RESOLVED, That permission be given to the Ambulance Headquarters for a crossing over the grass verge in St. George's Drive to give access to a garage proposed to be erected on their land.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 26th June, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham : Councillors Barnett, Bendall and Waite ; and Rev. E. C. Hanson (The Deputy Mayor chair) 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.	Plan:	Description.
5425	Glos'ter Aircraft Co. Ltd.	Two cycle sheds, 22-26 Carlton Street..
5426	Mann, W.	Additions to dwelling house and garden tool shed, Henleaze, College Road.
5427	Whittaker, —	New scullery and w.c., 14 St. Anne's Terrace.
5428	Gale, D.	New bathroom, 439 High Street.
5429	Cheltenham Rural District Council.	Additions to Food Office, 14 Imperial Square.
5430	Glos'ter Aircraft Co. Ltd.	Canteen, Thirlestaine House, Bath Road.
5431	Davis, S. T.	Garage, Ambulance Headquarters, Gloucester Road.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5425, 5426, 5429, 5430 and 5431 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 5427 and 5428 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. 5426, 5427 and 5431 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 5425, 5429 and 5430 be approved subject to the owners removing the buildings within three months of cessation of hostilities ; That Plan No. 5428 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building.

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

No. of Plan.	Maine.	Description.
1677	S. Smith & Sons (Cheltenham)Ltd.	Oil storage tanks, Bishops Cleeve.
1679	Titchmarsh & Hunt, Ltd.	Corn store, Town Flour Mills, Winchcomb.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 1679 be approved subject to the exterior finish of the building being a Cotswold Grey; That Plan No. 1677 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop-444 High Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 4th inst. front Messrs. Stratton Davis & Yates, Architects, Gloucester, asking for consent to the use of No. 444 High Street as a Social Club by the Glos'ter Aircraft Sports and Recreation Club, RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to no nuisance being caused to occupants of adjoining houses and that the Club Management ensures that members do not park their cars in the main road,

4—Contravention of Building Byelaws-439 High Street—Read, letter of 24th inst. from Mr. D. Gale that the delay in submission of plans had been due to enemy action and a new set of plans had now been prepared. RESOLVED, That no further action be taken.

E. L. WARD, Chairman

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th June, 1941. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Rogers, Smith and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(a) Read, application from the Headmaster, Cheltenham Grammar School, for permission for the boys taking the Life-saving Course to use the Pool every afternoon except Saturdays, at a reduced charge of 1d. each. RESOLVED, That permission be granted for about 20 boys to use the Pool each afternoon, except Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, at a reduced charge of 1d. each.

(b) Superintendent—The Committee further considered the reports of the Borough Treasurer and Borough Engineer in regard to the management of the Pool by Mr. R. T. Cosgrove. Mr. R. T. Cosgrove attended. RESOLVED, That, in view of the facts disclosed by these reports, the Council be recommended not to reinstate Mr. Cosgrove in his position as Pool Superintendent on his return to civil employment, and that in the meantime, the resolutions of the Council as to making up service pay be not applied to him.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th June, 1941. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Readings and Waite ; and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair),

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

They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) That the Entertainments Manager be authorised to arrange with the Council for Encouragement of Music and Art for a Concert by Dr. Jacques String Orchestra on the 10th July on sharing terms, the Corporation to receive 40 per cent of the total receipts.

(b) That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted for the Annual Meeting of the Royal Life Saving Society on the 28th June.

(c) Town Hall—Sunday Canteen—Owing to the decrease in attendances on Sundays and to the fact that the St. Andrew's Church Canteen was not working to capacity, the Sunday Canteen at the Town Hall be suspended for the present. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Baths Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Baths Sub-Committee of their Meeting held on the 23rd inst. The Superintendent had reported the extreme difficulties of carrying on the Pool all day with the present inadequate staff which for the men's section only consisted of two men and two boys. There were also no relief-Cashiers. Opening the Pool at 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. necessitated two shifts and the present staff was not sufficient for one shift. He therefore recommended that the Pool should not be opened until 1 p.m.

The Sub-Committee recommended as follows :—(a) That for the present, the Pool be not opened until 1 p.m.

(b) That the offer of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade to provide some of their members to be on duty at the Pool on busy days to deal with any accidents be accepted with thanks, and that the Superintendent be authorised to requisition the necessary medical equipment and supplies, as suggested by Mr. Stanley Davis.

(c) That the Borough Surveyor's suggestion to detail two of the sweepers in the district to go to the Pool each morning for about two hours to assist with cleaning up the grounds, be adopted.

(d) That the Corporation workmen volunteering to do overtime at the Pool during the weekends be paid 21- an hour.

(e) That the regular men employees at the Pool be paid at the rate of 1s 6d. per hour.

(f) That the students of St. Paul's Training College who are carrying out deck-watching duties during busy times be also paid.

(g) That the deposit required on the hire of costumes be raised from 2s to 10s

(h) That the Notices placed in conspicuous places at the Pool warning persons that the Corporation do not accept any liability for clothes, articles, etc., which are not deposited in a basket in the Tray Stores be renewed where required.

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

4—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—(a) Read, Letter from Mr. W. H. Brasher suggesting that now the Pool was not open until 1 p.m. the whole of the early morning season ticket holders should be permitted to their tickets after 6 p.m. in the evening or have the option of a ticket by paying the difference, or have their money refunded. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to give the ticketholders the option of purchasing a full-season ticket by paying the difference, or, if 'pride' red, to refund a fair proportion of the money paid.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted a number of claims in respect of loss of clothing, money and other articles at the Pool. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk is instructed to refer such claims as are covered by insurance to the Insurance Company and to deal with any other claims not so covered as he considers advisable.

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received no replies to the advertisement issued for a Deputy Superintendent, RESOLVED, That he be instructed to advertise either for whole-time or part-time staff.

(d) The Superintendent reported a number of accidents at the Pool which were mainly caused by people bringing bottles to the Pool and throwing these about, and he had found a broken bottle in the basin of the aerator. RESOLVED, That a Notice be put up at the Pool warning persons of the danger of leaving bottles and crockery about.

(e) Troops—RESOLVED, That one side of the terrace adjoining the Cafe be screened off and used as dressing accommodation for troops.

(f) Attendance's—The Borough Surveyor reported that the attendance at the Pool during the three weeks ended the 21st June totalled 20,191.

5—Medical Baths—The monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted. The receipts for May amounted to £95 14s. 6d. as compared with £78 15s. 6d. last year, and £57 11s. 0d. in May, 1939.

6—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the attendances at the Baths during the five weeks ended the 22nd June totalled 21,384 which included 2,472 washing baths for troops.

(b) Galas—The Borough Surveyor submitted a list of Galas arranged by the Superintendent.

(c) Miss Hopkins—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had increased the wages of Miss Hopkins (aged 20) to 90 per cent of the full rate under the J.I.C. scale. On obtaining 21 she would be entitled to a further increase. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(d) Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club asking if the Committee would waive the usual charge for the use of the Baths for the Gala on the 27th inst. in aid of the Ambulance Association. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

(e) Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Technical College applying for the use of the Bath on the 14th July for two hours in the evening on the occasion of the Technical College Gala. RESOLVED, That this be granted on the usual terms.

7—Concerts, etc.—Read, application of 19th inst. from the County Association for the Blind applying for the usual free passes for concerts and deck chairs for 29 blind persons RESOLVED, That these be granted as in past years.

8—Town Hall, Read, letter of 17th inst. to the Mayor from the Honorary Secretary of Dowty Equipment Ltd. Sports Club applying on behalf of employees of Rotol Airscrews Ltd., Glos'ter Aircraft Ltd., H. H. Marten Ltd., Dowty Equipment Ltd., Smith & Sons, Ltd., and V. P. Airscrews Ltd., to hold dances at the Town Hall in aid of charity. The Entertainments Sub-Committee reported on the great demand made on the accommodation at the Town Hall. RESOLVED, That, in view of the present prevailing conditions, and the great demand on the accommodation at the Town Hall, for the present the Town Hall be not let for Dances except in exceptional circumstances to be approved by this Committee or the Entertainments Sub-Committee.

9—Tennis Courts—(a) The Committee considered the recommendation of the Parks Committee that the charge for the hire of tennis courts should be increased next year in view of the increased cost of equipment and maintenance. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Entertainments Sub-Committee.

(b) Pittville—Read, letter of 19th inst. from Capt. K. Rushworth asking if the hours for tennis in Pittville could be extended to 10 p.m. instead of being closed at 9.30 p.m. as at present. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to up to the end of double summer time.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th June, 1941. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Leigh James; Councillors Addis, Avery, Bettridge, Biggs, Grimwade, Moore, Readings and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Cables—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported on the replies received from the Hackbridge Cable Company and the Aberdare Company in regard to the continuance of their present Contracts for the supply of cables for the twelve months ending the 30th June, 1942. RESOLVED, That the offer of the Hackbridge Cable Company for the supply of all cables required for the ensuing twelve months, including the cables required for the new ring main, be accepted.

2—Extension to Main, L.M.S. Station Yard—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be fixed to an Agreement with the L.M.S. Railway Company for wayleave for low tension cable to the Y.M.C.A. Hut in the Station Yard.

3—Essential Work (General Provisions) Order—The Town Clerk reported that the Minister of Labour had agreed to bring the electricity supply industry within the field of this Order. This would prevent employees leaving the Corporation's employ without the consent of the Corporation.

4—Schedule of Reserved Occupations—The Town Clerk reported that the Electricity Undertaking had been scheduled as a protected establishment under the revised schedule of reserved occupations.

5—Electricity Charges—Read, circular of 9th inst. from the Electricity Commission that no increase in electricity charges should be made without the Undertakers first submitting their proposals to the Commissioners.

6—Extension to Main— Parish of Staverton—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported details of an application for a supply to new premises to be erected in the Parish of Staverton. The site was outside but immediately adjoining the Corporation's area of supply and the Corporation could give the required supply at a lower cost than the Gloucester Corporation. The Gloucester City Engineer thought that his Corporation would be glad for the Cheltenham Corporation to give the necessary supply and application had therefore been made to the Commissioners suggesting that in order to avoid delay and as the supply would be only of a temporary character, consent should be issued without requiring the application for a formal Fringe Order. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make the necessary application for a Fringe Order in the event of the Commissioners requiring formal application to be made.

7—Plans and Records—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it was desirable to have duplicate copies of the Department's mains maps and records prepared and he recommended that a Rectophot should be purchased at a cost of about £185. This machine could be used for photographing almost any type of record and he submitted samples of the work clone on the machine. The machine would be very useful in the Borough Surveyor's Office, Water Department and Town Planning Department, and could also be used for copying deeds and documents, etc. required by the Town Clerk. RESOLVED, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase the machine and that application be made to the other Departments to whom the machine would be of use for a contribution towards the cost.

8—Damage to Lamp Standard--Read, report of damage to a lamp standard at the junction of Albion Street and St. James' Street by a lorry belonging to Niblett & Co. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the net cost of making good the damage estimated at £7 12s. 3d.

9—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of gas tests made on the 27th ult., 3rd, 7th, 11th, 16th, 19th, 24th and 30th inst., which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 478.3, 477.8, 503.4, 498.7, 487.8, 494.6, 460.0 and 486.0 B.Th.U., per cubic foot respectively and the pressure to be 8.6, 8.8, 9.5, 8.5, 8.3, 5.7, 6.8 and 6.8 inches of water respectively.

T. WILFRED WAITE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 10th June, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Margrett ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Dr. Hayward and Moore (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st May, 1941	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	180,000 gallons	159,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	596,000 "	588,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	54,000 "	38,000 "
	830,000 "	785,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 95,335,000 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—Charlton Park Gate Allotments—The Borough Engineer reported that the Cheltenham College had given permission to the allotment holders to cross their land to obtain water from the Lileybrook subject to a notice warning against damage and trespass being erected. RESOLVED, That the College be thanked for the facilities offered and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect the notice required by the College and to inform the allotment holders accordingly.

5—Chlorine Containers—The Borough Engineer reported that he had now been able to secure the necessary steel permit for the purchase of 30 chlorine bottles and he hoped to receive these in due course.

6—Tewkesbury Waterworks—That Borough Engineer reported that the alteration to the second half of the settling tank was now in progress. The Chemist informed him that the results of the alterations carried out to the first half of the tank already showed a marked improvement in the effluent of the tanks.

7—British Waterworks Association—Read, Circular from this Association inviting attendances of delegates at their Annual Meeting to be held at London on the 26th June. RESOLVED, That delegates be not appointed this year.

8—Woodlands Farm—(a) The Town Clerk reported that an Assignment of the lease of Woodlands Farm to Mr. A. R. Tuffly as from the 25th March last had now been executed by Mr. Tuffly. RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

(b) Destruction of Rabbits—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Tuffly had complained again of the damage caused by rabbits. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to take such steps as may be necessary for the destruction or trapping of the rabbits.

(c) Read, letter of 20th ult. from Messrs. C. C. Castle & Son that the sub-tenant of The Bungalow at this farm was willing to install the necessary new grate, paint the outside woodwork and repair floor in one room for £8 4s 8d. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Shooting Rights —RESOLVED, That the land at Dowdeswell be let to Councillor Avery for the season ending 31st March for the sum of £10.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, 28th June, 1941. Present—Alderman Margrett, Trye and Ward ; Councillors Curling Hayward and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

10—Water Supply —(a) Supply to Gloucester—The Borough Engineer reported that at a Meeting of the Joint Water Board held on the 26th inst. the representatives of the Gloucester Corporation asked if the Council could further assist Gloucester by increasing the water at present supplied to them from Churchdown by bringing into operation the standby steam pump which was capable of supplying an additional 7,000 gallons per hour in excess of the temporary electrical unit. The Borough Engineer reported that the consumption in Cheltenham was now averaging close on 3,000,000 gallons per day and that by using the second pump there would be no standby available in the event of one of the pumps breaking down, RESOLVED, That, in view of the difficulties with which the Gloucester Corporation are faced the Borough Engineer be authorised to start up the standby steam pump subject to the Gloucester Corporation bearing the extra cost of labour and coal in addition to the normal pumping charges, and on the understanding that in view of the urgent requirements of Cheltenham, the Corporation must take their full 2,000,000 gallons per day from Churchdown.

(b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to insert an advertisement in the " Echo" prohibiting the use of water for watering gardens, washing cars and pavements, etc., and appealing to all consumers to exercise the greatest economy ; also that he be further instructed to circularise the hotels and other large consumers.

it—Wages—Read, letter dated 27th inst. from the Joint Secretary of the J.I.C. stating that as from the beginning of the first full week in July war wage advances would total 10s- per week for this area. The Borough Engineer reported that he was giving effect to this. The letter also stated that at a Special Meeting on the 17th July next, the J.I.C. would consider a scale of wages for youths.

12—Water Supply—RESOLVED, That the Committee raise no objection to the Rural District Council supplying certain premises in the Parish of Prestbury which is just inside the Corporation's area of supply.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th June, 1941. Present—Aldermen Margrett, Pates, Pruen, Trye, Ward and Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green and Grimwade (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

2—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of W. T. Baggs for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted subject to the vehicle being passed by the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector and Superintendent Hopkins, and also to the application for a Driver's Licence being recommended by Superintendent Hopkins.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of H. G. Sallis for transfer of his licence to another vehicle purchased by him be granted.

3—Superannuation—RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Water Committee that the services of H. Sala (Storekeeper, Sandford Waterworks) be extended for one year from the 17th inst.

4—Shops Acts—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Education Secretary that the annual visits to the shops had been made. 563 visits were made to shops in the Borough when it was found that the provisions of the Acts were being carried out satisfactorily by the majority of employers. In 48 cases proper records were not being kept but on their attention being drawn to this, the employers had since complied with the regulations. These 48 employers had been re-visited when it was found that in all cases the records were being kept.

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5—Council Meeting—RESOLVED, That the second Meeting of the Council usually held at the end of July be held this year on Friday, the 1st August and that Standing Order No. 1 be suspended for this year so far as it relates to the second Meeting in July.

6—Holidays for Officers and Staff--The Committee considered the question of holidays for the officers and staff this year. RESOLVED, That 14 days' holiday be allowed this year on the understanding that if the holiday is spent away from Cheltenham the staff would be able to return quickly if required in an emergency ; and that it be left to the Chief Officers to arrange the holidays to suit the requirements of their various Departments.

7—Rodney Road Car Park—RESOLVED, That a Notice be put up at the Car Park requiring motorists not to snitch on their head-lamps until they have left the Car Park.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th June, 1941. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bush, Fisher, 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 8 calls to fire as follows :-

3rd June	3 Moorend Road
5th "	25 Grosvenor Street
6th "	Nelson Lodge, Trafalgar Street
15th "	Gloucester Road, Staverton
15th "	Harp Hill
21st "	Railway Embankment, Swindon Village
26th "	Folly Lane Refuse Tip
27th "	19 Clarence Square

2—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) The Town Clerk submitted Circulars Nos. 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 55 & 56. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Chief Officer for attention.

(b) The Chief Officer reported that the A.F.S. Commandant, Mr. Cassini, had been appointed Fire Prevention Inspector for Ministry of Aircraft Production. RESOLVED, That the Chief Officer be authorised to promote the Deputy Commandant, Mr. Beckingsale, to Commandant at the same salary as paid to Mr. Cassini, and that it be left to the Chief Officer to arrange for the filling of Mr. Beckingsale's post if he considers this is desirable.

3—Fire Prevention (Business Premises) Order, 1941—The Chief Officer reported that 57 visits of inspection under this Order had been carried out since the last Meeting, and a further 295 persons had been trained in elementary firefighting, bringing the total of trained persons to 5971. The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee had held 5 Meetings during the month for considering schemes submitted by occupiers of business premises.

4 —Civil Defence Duties (Compulsory Enrolment) Order, 1941—The Chairman reported that, in company with the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk, he had visited the Bristol City A.R.P. Department and the Regional Fire Prevention. Office in regard to the suggested application of this Order to Cheltenham. The Fire Prevention Sub-Committee had also considered the matter. Since the last meeting of the Committee the Ministry of Home Security had issued a new Circular in regard to the registration and enrolment of voluntary Fire Street Parties. The information in this Circular had last week been sent out to over 6,000 members of Street Fire Parties asking them to enrol or register in accordance with the circular. 5,000 helmets had also been requisitioned for the members of the Street Parties who enrol or register. The Chairman also drew the Committee's attention to the reported application of the Trade Unions for a new fire watching Order in place of the present compulsory Orders. RESOLVED, That consideration of making a recommendation as to the application of this Order to Cheltenham be deferred to the next Meeting when the result of the new circular issued to Street Parties would be available.

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5—Fire Service Reorganisation—(a) Read circular of the 23rd inst. from the Home Office enclosing Memorandum giving particulars of the steps taken for the re-organisation of the Fire Services. The

country had been divided into 32 Fire Force Areas, Cheltenham being included in Area No. 17 which includes the counties of Gloucester and Wilts, and portions of the county of Somerset.

(b) Final Arrangements—Read circular No. 57 of the 28th inst. that the Exchequer would assume official responsibility for the cost of the regular and auxiliary fire service as from the 1st July. The contribution by the local authority would be 75 per cent. of the nett cost on the basis of the standard year, being the year ended 31st March, 1940, but that where the service provided in that year was inadequate the Exchequer would have power to require the local authority to contribute up to the produce of a 2d. rate, The Government had not yet fixed the day for assuming the responsibility for the maintenance of the Fire Service and, in the meantime, the obligation of fire authorities for the maintenance of the fire service and emergency measures remained in full force and effect.

6—Resuscitating Apparatus—Resolved, That the Chief Officer be authorised to purchase a Resuscitating Apparatus for the Fire Brigade at a cost of £24.

7—Supplementary Water Supplies—The Chief Officer reported that the General Hospital were willing for a static water supply tank to be placed on their ground at the Hospital and had asked that one might be placed there. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to order an additional tank for this purpose and that application be made to the Home Office for this to be included for the 85 per cent. grant as promised in respect of the 9 tanks already ordered.

8—Deputy Chief Officer—The Chief Officer reported that Deputy Chief Officer J. W. Hasted had again obtained first place for Great Britain in the examinations of the Institute of Fire Engineers held in London. RESOLVED, That the Committee desire to congratulate Mr. Hasted on his great achievement and success and that the Mayor be asked to present the Diploma to Mr. Hasted at a Council Meeting.

9—Charlton Kings Auxiliary Fire Service—Read letter of the 30th ult. from the Home Office that the question of appointing additional personnel for the Charlton Kings Auxiliary Fire Service had been referred for consideration in connection with the re-organisation of the Fire Services.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th June, 1941. Present—Councillors Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Ball, Barlow, Roe and Whittall (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Cultivation—The Gardens Superintendent reported that No 84 Marle Hill was only partly cultivated and no planting done ; No. 16 Alma Road was not fully cultivated and no planting done ; No. 29 Hatherley Road was not properly cultivated, No 35 was only partly cultivated, and No. 36 uncultivated ; No. 177 North Ward was only partly cultivated and was covered with weeds, No. 208 was uncultivated ; and No 36 Creamery Piece was partly uncultivated The Town Clerk reported that a

letter had been sent to all the tenants informing them that the allotments must be cultivated to their fullest extent. The tenant of No. 35 Hatherley Road had promised to put this in good condition No 36 Hatherley Road was vacant. RESOLVED, That as previous reports have been received with regard to the bad state of cultivation of No. 84 Marle Hill, the Town Clerk be instructed to take possession of this allotment and let the same to another applicant.

2—Gappers Field—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the gate to these allotments required repair and a new post provided. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to have this work carried out.

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3—Hatherley Road Allotments—(a) No. 53—At the last Meeting of this Committee, permission was given to the tenant of this allotment to remove a few of the outer limbs of an ash tree overhanging his ground, but the Gardens Superintendent reported that the ash tree had been mutilated. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenant, pointing out that the Committee had only given permission for a few outer limbs to be removed and that he had no right to mutilate the tree.

(b) Removal of Tree Trunk—The Gardens Superintendent reported that a fairly large tree trunk was lying on this site and recently part of it had been removed by unauthorised persons. RESOLVED, That the offer of Mr. G. Ilott of 96 Granley Road, of 15s for the remainder of the trunk, be accepted subject to his undertaking the removal.

4—Charlton Park Gate Allotments Nos. 28 and 29—The Town Clerk reported that these allotments, which had been let to the Youth Services Club, rent free, had not been cultivated. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to take possession of the same and relet them.

5—Damage to Allotments by Dogs and Enemy Action—The Town Clerk submitted a memorandum from the Ministry of Agriculture forwarding a regulation which imposed a fine of not exceeding £5 on the owner of a dog, or the person in charge of a dog allowed to stray on to the allotments. The memorandum also stated that allotments were covered by the term "Agricultural land" in the War Damage Act, 1941, and compensation would be payable for damage of £2 or more in value but claims for less than this amount on several occasions could not be combined, and damage to produce owned by a number of holders could not be aggregated. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to have notices erected at each of the allotments as to dogs.

6—Unemployed Allotments Association--Mr. Whittall reported that his Association were willing to terminate the present Agreement for the tenancy of the allotments at Marle Hill on the 29th September next, and would be willing to pay an increased rent at the rate of 9s per annum for a 10-perch plot as from that date. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare a Tenancy Agreement containing these terms.

7—Land, Evesham Road— The Town Clerk submitted letter of 28th ult. from Mrs. Jackson asking for permission to keep . fowls on the piece of land adjoining Mount Sorrel, containing 10 perches, which had not been plotted for allotments as this was considered unsuitable for the purpose. RESOLVED, That permission be granted subject to Mrs. Jackson entering into an Agreement to pay a rent of 10s

per annum and to use the land only for poultry, and to the same being fenced in to the satisfaction of the Gardens Superintendent to avoid nuisance and damage to the adjoining allotments.

8—Demolished Houses, Margrett Road—RESOLVED, That the Housing Committee be recommended to allow this Committee to let the gardens at the rear of the demolished houses in Margrett Road at the rate of 5s per annum for a 10-perch plot, the tenants to be allowed six months' rent free to get the land into a good state of cultivation.

9—Land, Prior's Road—(a) Trespass —The Town Clerk reported that he was about to take proceedings against three persons for trespass on the land at the junction of Prior's Road and Whaddon Road. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Fencing—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the fencing at the junction of Mersey Road—Hewlett Road and Prior's Road—Whaddon Road had now been erected by the tenants.

10—North Ward Allotments—(a) Trespass by Dogs from Animals' Shelter—Read, letter of 5th inst. from Mr. A. Ball, complaining of the trespass and damage by dogs from the Animals' Shelter. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Chairman of the Association and also to the Caretaker of the Shelter. The Chairman repudiated the allegation that dogs from the Shelter, or the dog owned by the Caretaker, had trespassed and caused damage to the allotments. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Association informing them that the dog belonging to the Caretaker, and also a black-and-white spotted dog from the Shelter, had frequently been found trespassing upon the allotments and that the Caretaker be requested to keep these dogs under control.

(b) Tree on No. 171—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the tenant of this allotment had applied for a large elm tree to be lopped: the tree did not shade his plot and the lowest branch was about 30 feet from ground level, and in view of the fact that damage would be caused to growing crops on the adjoining allotments, he did not recommend that the lopping be carried out. RESOLVED, That the tenant be informed that the Corporation cannot accede to his request

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman.

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th June, 1941. Present—Councillors Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Food Production--The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the month of May the sale of produce at the Market amounted to £52 13s. 9d.

2—Increase in Wages—L. Turner--The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from L. Turner, the youth employed at the Montpellier Gardens, for an increase in his wages. RESOLVED, That he be paid a wage in accordance with the Scale.

3—Sunday Tennis and Putting—As instructed at the last Meeting of this Committee, the Gardens Superintendent reported that the receipts for tennis and putting at Montpellier Gardens during the first four Sundays during which Sunday play had been allowed, were as follows : Putting £8 19s. 9d. Tennis £8 14s. 0d., making a total of £17 13s. 9d. Expenditure on relief work and extra wages amounted to £7 0s. 0d.

4—St. Mark's Recreation Ground—Sunday Duties of Custodian—The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from the Custodian of this ground for an increased Sunday allowance owing to the fact that extra work was required for preparing two hard tennis courts for Sunday play. RESOLVED, That he be granted an increase of 5s per Sunday.

5—Tewkesbury Road Playing Field—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the County War Agricultural Executive Committee had viewed this field and had given notice for it to be mown during the summer season. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to Mr. Gilbert to terminate his tenancy of the land with a view to an increased rent being obtained for the same.

6—Rationing of Clothing, Cloth, Footwear, etc. Order, 1941—RESOLVED, That in view of this Order, no further uniforms be issued to Custodians, etc., but that they be instructed to Bear the Corporation badge when the present issue of uniform wears out.

7—Cricket Pitch—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from Messrs. C. Taylor & Sons, asking for the use of a cricket pitch on the St. Mark's Recreation Ground for one afternoon per week, and stating that they were quite prepared to make a reasonable payment. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

8—Hatherley Park--Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Cheltenham Rotary Club asking for the use of this Park on Saturday, 21st inst. for a Treat for the children of the various Institutions in the town It was reported that they would require the exclusive use of the ground from 4.30 to 7.30 p.m. RESOLVED, That the Rotary Club be informed that the Committee are willing to allow them to use the Park for the Treat, but regret that they are unable to grant them the exclusive use.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th June, 1941, Present—Aldermen Clara F. Winterbotham and Capt. Trye ; Councillors Avery and Bendall ; and Major J. G. N. Clift (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report for April and May, 1941—Visitors-7,029 year 4,621). Included in this figure were the following parties 33 boys from Swindon Road School ; 59 children from St. Gregory's School (two parties) ; and 18 students from St. Mary's Training College.

Receipts—Catalogues, Postcards, etc. £1 10s. 2d. "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund" £11 11s. 7d. Total £13 1s. 9d.

Staff—The Art Gallery and Museum Attendant (C. L. Jackson) had been called up for military duty on 7th May, 1941, and Mr. W. J. Thompson had been appointed Temporary Attendant in his place at a weekly wage of £3 together with rooms, lighting and fuel, including cooking stove.

2—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Mr. Ray Bennett, Hon. Railings Officer of Cheltenham Salvage Committee ; Mr. R. Owen Seacome (2 pictures for display at the Town Hall) Mr. H. Beresford Stevens ; Mrs. G. Strickland (4 pencil sketches of members of the Dutton family) Mrs. Westerling ; Mr. James Ritchings and Mr. H. R. Page.

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

3—Oil Painting by C. T. Burt—RESOLVED, That an oil painting by C. T. Burt, offered as a gift by Mr. Henry G. Rimell, be accepted with thanks.

4—" Italian Peasant," by James Young Gilroy—The Curator reported that this picture had been purchased in the recent exhibition and presented to the Art Gallery by Mrs. Jennings Campbell, RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mrs. Jennings Campbell for her gift.

5—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That facilities be given for a Salvage Exhibition of photographs and railings, etc, 2nd-19th July, 1941.

6—Law Society—RESOLVED, That facilities be given for this Society to hold examinations in the Chinese Porcelain Room from 16th-20th June, 1941.

7—War Damage Insurance Act—The Curator reported his re-valuation of (a) Glass showcases, and (b) Art and other properties belonging to this Committee. RESOLVED, That the action of the Borough Treasurer in having these insured under the War Damage Act, 1941, be confirmed.

8—Date of next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting take place in August, on a date to be fixed by the Chairman.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman.

CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th June, 1941. Present —Councillors Avery, Bettridge, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Moore and Readings (Councillor Rev. de Courcy Ireland in the chair).

1—Superintendent's Report--Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from the 22nd March to 27th June. Number of Interments 197 Cremations 79 ; Grave Spaces sold : 1st Position 2, 2nd Position 6, 3rd Position 3, 4th Position 51 ; New Memorials erected 37: New Inscriptions 34.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces Sold—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 10344 to 10403.

3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2633 to 2676, as at out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman. be approved.

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4-Maintenance of Grave 1519, D 1—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 7th April from Messrs. Waterhouse & Co. asking on what terms the Corporation would be prepared to maintain this Grave. RESOLVED, That the Corporation are prepared to undertake the maintenance of this grave in perpetuity on payment of the sum of £50.

5-Disposal of Mowing Grass—RESOLVED, That advertisements be issued in the local press offering the mowing grass free to persons who will clear and fetch same.

6—Civilian War Deaths Scheme—(a) St. Peter's Mortuary—The Town Clerk submitted estimate from Amos Wilson & Sons amounting to £39 17s. 9d. for blacking out this Mortuary. RESOLVED, That this estimate be accepted, and the cost charged to the Civilian War Deaths Scheme.

(b) Read, Circular No. 2411 of 23rd inst. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the method of dealing with gas contaminated bodies. RESOLVED, That copies of the circular be sent to the Superintendents of the three Mortuaries

7—Supply of Water at Cemetery—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 26th ult. from Mr. C. H. Taylor regarding the inadequate arrangements for obtaining water at the Cemetery. RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be instructed to arrange for the two water basins to be filled during the week-ends.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 13th June, 1941. Present—Councillors Bendall, Garland, Grimwade, Lipson and Readings ; Rev. Canon Johnstone ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke and F. Vernall (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report for April and May, 1941—Receipts £97 0s. 10d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 11,235; Lending Department 65,358 ; Junior Department 8,992 ; Total 85,585 (last year 69,889).

Replacements and Binding-333 volumes had been replaced, 688 volumes had been returned from the binder, and a further 1,070 volumes had been dispatched.

2—Books—RESOLVF1), (a) That 866 volumes, published at £277 3s. 3d., be purchased for £184 0s. 10d.

(b) That £75 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £60 be spent on Replacements.

3—Donations-56 volumes had been received as gifts from 19 donors.

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

4—War Damage Insurance Act—The Librarian reported his re-valuation of (a) Book stock, and (b) Furniture belonging to this Committee. RESOLVED, That the action of the Borough Treasurer in having these insured under the War Damage Act, 1941, be confirmed.

5—Co-operation with Glos. County Library—With reference to an account for £64 8s. 0d. in respect of County Library Readers for the half-year ended 31st March, 1941, the County Library Authorities had written stating that in their view the payment of half this sum was a reasonable figure, and asking the Cheltenham Public Library Committee if they would accept settlement on these lines. RESOLVED, That this Committee adhere to the arrangement by which readers from the County area were admitted at a charge of 3s 6d. per head per annum, and that the full amount of £64 8s. 0d. be asked for under this agreement which remained in force up to 31st March, 1941.

6—Date of next Meeting--RESOLVED, That the next Meeting take place in August, on a date to be fixed by the Chairman.

D. L. LIPSON,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 11th June, 1941. Present—Aldermen Taylor and Ward ; Councillors Bettridge, Bush, Moore and Smith (Alderman Taylor 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—War Damage—Read, letter from Cornelius & Boulter re war damage at Lansdown Hotel. RESOLVED, That an abatement be allowed on £40 rateable value.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 1st July, 1941. Present—Aldermen Pruen, Taylor and Tyre; Councillors Garland and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair)

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 28th ult., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £49,956 ; Leaving Outstanding £83,811.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer dated 28th tilt on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 30th September, 1941. Amount collected £12,349 ; Outstanding £19,363.

3—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of Electricity charges since the last Meeting.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 1st inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Housing Bond—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting, Housing Bonds amounting to £300 had been renewed on the terms now reported.

6—Tithe Act—Barn Farm—The Borough Treasurer reported that there was a small tithe of 1s per annum due in respect of land at Elmstone Hardwicke numbered 640 on the Tithe Map and Field numbered 299 on the Ordnance Survey. The Tithe Redemption Commission were prepared to extinguish the tithe for the sum of £1 5s. 2d. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps for the redemption of the tithe on the terms offered.

7—Defence Regulations—Read, circular of 26th May from the Treasury extending until the 30th June, 1942, general consent given for the renewal of mortgages, etc.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 28th, July, 1941.

Sir,

You, are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Committee to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on FRIDAY, the 1st day of August, 1941, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting.

2. Communications by the Mayor.

3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE HOUSING COMMITTEE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE WATER COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and application from No Tips Hire Service Ltd., for two new Hackney Carriage Licences and also for a transfer of existing Licence.

FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held-at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 7th July, 1941, 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 Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen, Capt. J. H. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. (Retd.) and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P.; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bettridge, Katherine Bayliss, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Lipson, M.A., M.P., Moore, Readings, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apology—An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Addis.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 4th June, 1941, 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—Cheltenham College Centenary—At the invitation of the Cheltenham College, the Mayor and Corporation had attended in state at the Centenary Celebrations held on Saturday, 5th July, 1941, and IT WAS RESOLVED, That the Mayor be requested to write to the Headmaster informing him that the Council wish to place on record their appreciation of the invitation of the College Authorities to attend on this unique occasion and that they endorsed the sentiments expressed by the Headmaster in his Speech with regard to strengthening the relationship between the Corporation and the College.

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 9

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Compton "That Minute No 6 (c) with reference to the payment for rats tails be referred back and that the Committee be given power to act in appointing a Rat Catcher or Trapper."

Housing Meeting held June 6

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Street and Highway Meeting held June 23

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor P. T. Smith : "That Minute No. 20 with reference to the Highways Superintendent (Mr. Armistead) be not approved so far as it relates to the reduction in salary which shall continue at its present rate" —after first being considered in Committee—was lost).

Town Planning Meeting held June 26

RESOLVED, also, That the application of Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd., for permission to erect a large building in the grounds of Westbourne House, Pittville Circus Road for storage and dispatch of medicinal supplies by the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co. Ltd., be granted subject to :—

(i) The conditions attached to the approval of the change of user of Westbourne House on the 5th October, 1939.

(ii) The buildings being removed within three months of cessation of hostilities or such longer period as the Council may permit.

(iii) The building to be painted green, and (iv) To provision being made for storing at least 2,000 gallons of rain water.

Town Improvement and Spa..Meetings held June 9 & 27

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Lipson and seconded by Councillor Readings " That Minute No 1 (b) with regard to the Superintendent (Mr. R. T. Cosgrove) be referred back for further consideration "—after being first considered in Committee--was lost).

(While in Committee An Amendment was moved by Alderman Pruen and seconded by Councillor Lipson : "That the Resolution to Minute No. 1 (b) with regard to the Superintendent be not approved and that the following Resolution be substituted therefor : RESOLVED, That in view of the facts disclosed by these Reports, the Resolutions of the Council as to making up of service pay be not applied to Mr. Cosgrove, ' and the Amendment was lost ").

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held June 30

Water Meetings held June 10 & 28

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held June 24

Fire Brigade Meeting held June 30

Allotments Meeting held June 9

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held June 9

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held June 13

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held June 27

Public Library Meeting held June 13

Rating Meeting held June 11

Finance Meeting held July 1

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

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

4-Stansby's Charity---RESOLVED, That the Deputy Mayor (Alderman E. L. Ward) be re-appointed a Trustee of this Charity for a further period of four years expiring on the 29th July, 1945.

5--Grammar School Governors—RESOLVED, That Alderman Leigh James be re-appointed a Governor of the Grammar School for a further term of three years expiring on the 29th July, 1944.

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 Friday, 1st August, 1941

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 8th July, 1941. Present—Alderman Clara Winterbotham; Councillors Bayliss, Biggs, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Curling Hayward, Rogers and Waite (Alderman Winterbotham 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 330 lbs Fish ; 9 boxes Kippers ; 740 lbs. Pork Pies ; 8 lbs. Savory Roll ; 26 lbs. Beef ; 4 ½ lbs Fowl ; 56 lbs. Rabbits ; 23 tins Pears; 4 tins Carrots ; 1 tin Vegetables ; 5 tins Harricot Beans ; 5 Jellies ; 4 Loaves ; 6 ½ lbs. Cake ; 36 doz. Fish Cakes; 14 bottles Tomato Juice ; 20 tins Steak and Stewed Beef ; 24 tins Mixed Fruit ; 6 lbs. Chocolate Nougat; 2 tins Pilchards.

3—Nuisances from Drains-135 and 137 Alstone Lane ; 23 Suffolk Road ; 46, 48 and 50 Queen's Road ; Bleasby and The Priory, Lansdown Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises were in such a condition as to be prejudicial to health and a nuisance. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to examine the drains and apply any test other than a test by water under pressure, and, if necessary, to open the ground.

4—Diphtheria Immunisation---Quarterly Report—The Medical Officer of Health submitted the following report of treatment given during the Quarter to the 30th ult. :—

No. of new cases (immunisation commenced)	339
No. of injections given	624
No. of cases in which treatment was completed during the quarter	223
No. of cases partially completed when attendance ceased	.. 4
No. of cases Schick Tested after immunisation	20
(19 negative : 1 positive)	
No. of non-immunised cases Schick Tested (positive	2

One Clinic was held at Gloucester Road School and two at Swindon Road Infants' School.

5—Health Department—Temporary Clerk—The Medical Officer of Health reported that, with the approval of the Chairman, he had appointed Miss C. Franklin on the 30th June as a temporary clerk in his office at a salary of £2 10s. 0d. per week, during the illness of Miss Richards. RESOLVED, That this be approved,

6—Hayden Sewage Works—Mowing Grass—The Borough Surveyor submitted offer of £8 10s. 0d. for the mowing grass at the sewage works. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

7—Lakestone Brook—The Town Clerk submitted Notice dated the 1st inst. from the War Agricultural Executive Committee directing the Corporation to carry out the shredding and mudding to its full width and depth, the length of Lakestone Brook through Barn Farm and also a considerable distance beyond the Farm up to Knights Bridge and the Borough Surveyor submitted further report on the matter. He estimated the cost of cleaning out the portion of the Brook running through the Farm at not more than £40, but that at the present time it was impossible for him to have the work done owing to having no suitable labour. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the War Agricultural Executive Committee that the Corporation have no labour to do the work, and to ask them to this carried out, but the Committee consider that the cost should be apportioned amongst the owners according to frontage.

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8-Rats and Mice Destruction Act—The Committee considered reference back by the Council of the Resolution of the Committee to pay 2d. per tail for rats destroyed in the Borough. The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported correspondence with regard to the employment of an expert Rat Trapper. RESOLVED, That Mr. Jefford be instructed to interview this man and that, if satisfactory terms can be arranged, the Chairman be authorised to engage him for a temporary experimental period, and that, meanwhile, the proposal to pay for rat tails be adjourned for the present.

9-Re-occupation of Condemned Houses—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications for the renewal of the licences for the re-occupation of Nos. 13 Grosvenor Street, 52 and 52a St. George's Street and 146 Prestbury Road be granted for a further period of six months subject to the Chief Sanitary Inspector being satisfied that the premises have been maintained in a reasonable state of habitation.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application for a licence to re-occupy 13 Witcombe Place be granted for a period of six months subject to the work required being carried out to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector and to the rent being approved by the Housing Committee.

10—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-7 Exmouth Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the Under-taking given by the Owner of this property to carry out the necessary works at these premises had been carried out to his satisfaction. RESOLVED, That the Undertaking be cancelled.

11—Food and Drugs Act, 1938—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted Certificates of the Public Analyst in respect of six samples of Milk Nod, 163-168. These were all satisfactory with the exception of one which was deficient in fat to an amount of at least 22.3 per cent of that which should have been present. RESOLVED, That proceedings for selling milk to the prejudice of the purchaser be taken in this instance.

12--Sewer, Queen's Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted a report on the defective condition of a portion of the sewer in Queen's Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary work carried out as soon as he has the necessary labour available.

13—Abattoir—(a) Stunning Charges—The Town Clerk reported that he had taken up with the Ministry of Food the question of the payment of the stunning charges at the Abattoir, and he now submitted letter from the Ministry of Food enclosing copy letter they had sent to the Cheltenham Butchers' Buying Committee pointing out that they were liable under their contract for payment of these charges, RESOLVED, That application be made to the Cheltenham Butchers' Buying Committee for payment of the outstanding charges due and an undertaking to pay future charges.

(b) Steam Boiler—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the boiler at the Abattoir needed cleaning out at periodical intervals but as it was necessary to maintain the steam continuously he asked for the loan of the boiler at the Destructor which is not now used. The Borough Surveyor reported that this boiler could be made available if desired. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 10th July, 1941. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Bus Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Curling Hayward and Moore (Alderman Pates the chair).

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

(b) The Housing Manager reported that her Student, Miss Lloyd, would be leaving in September to continue her training elsewhere. RESOLVED, That the Chairman and Housing Manager be authorised to appoint another Student.

2—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 30th May and 4th 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) Having considered replies received from other towns as to the Rents Rebates Scheme, the Committee be recommended to include war bonuses and cost of living allowances in the total income when arriving at the rent to be charged.

(c) That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the tenants now reported who had not cultivated their gardens informing them that the Corporation will themselves take over the gardens if these are not properly cultivated.

(d) That, in view of the increased cost of living, the allowance of 6d. off the rent for each dependent child be revised as follows : 1st dependent child 6d., 2nd dependent child 9d., 3rd and successive dependent children 1s.

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

3—Garden Prize Scheme—RESOLVED, That the Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Addis, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Garland and Dr. Hayward be appointed to judge the entries of the Gardens Prize Scheme and award the prizes.

4—Deposits on Tenancy—Councillor Grimwade proposed that the deposits required from tenants at St. Mark's should be reduced from £1 to the amount required on other Housing Estates namely 5s, and that 15s of the deposits already held should be repaid. RESOLVED, That this suggestion be not adopted.

5—Repairs Superintendent—The Report of the Repairs Superintendent was submitted. 8 of the 11 houses in Kipling Road rendered unfit by war damage had been demolished and the sites are being cleared ; the 4 houses in Margrett Road had also been demolished and the sites cleared.

6—Repairs--The Repairs Superintendent submitted schedule of the internal repairs which he had revised to include more of the general items. All the prices were the same except for paper hanging, but he recommended that the increase of 1 ¼ per cent allowed on the 1st July, 1940, should be increased as from the 1st July, 1941 to 2 ½ per cent. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Margrett Road—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Allotments Committee that the gardens of the four houses demolished in Margrett Road should be handed over to the Allotments Committee for them to let as allotments. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to subject to the former occupiers of the houses being given the first option of taking the allotments.

8—Orchard, St. Mark's—The Committee considered the letting of the Orchard land at St. Mark's on the expiration of Mr. Price's tenancy at Michaelmas next. RESOLVED, That the land be divided into strips and let to the occupiers of houses in Orchard Terrace as allotments at a rent of 13s per annum each.

9—Extortionate Rents—(a) Read, Circular No. 2406 of 12th inst. from the Ministry of Health asking to be informed of the number of cases which had come to the Council's notice during the 9 months ended 30th ult. in which it was alleged that an excessive rent was charged together with details as to how the complaints were dealt with. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to furnish this information to the Ministry.

(b) The Town Clerk reported on three complaints received since the last Meeting. In two cases the Landlords had reduced the rent to the proper amount and expressed their regret at having contravened the provisions of the Act. In the other case the tenant had been advised to take up the matter himself with a view to claiming in the County Court a refund of any excess rent.

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10—Building Rationing—Read, Circular No. 2371 from the Ministry of Health that the Ministry of Works and Buildings had introduced an allocation or rationing system designed to co-ordinate the

national building and civil engineering programme with the capacity of the industry. The object was to ensure that work should only go on which was within the capacity of the industry and new projects could therefore only be allowed to proceed insofar as they fulfilled this condition. In the case of schemes already authorised before the new system came into operation, the Council were asked to review these at once with a view to stopping any which are not of vital importance to the well-being of the population in its war effort.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th July, 1941. Present—Aldermen Pates, Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Readings and Rogers (Alderman Trye 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) :—

	Tons.	Tons.
Paper ...	47. 11/20th	(48.13/20ths)
Metals ...	65.11/20ths	(79. 5/20ths)
Rags, sacks, etc.	2. 8/20ths	(2.13/20ths)
Bottles and Jars	1 ½ /20th (183)	(1. 5/20ths) (3060)
Bones ...	2. 6/20ths	(3. 2/20ths)
Aluminium —		(5/20ths)
Pig Food	61. 8/20ths	(67. 1/20th)
Motor Tyres —		(1.17/20ths)

The estimated value of the salvage collected during June was £510.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Refuse collected during the 4 weeks ended 9th inst. was 1,653 tons.

2—Junction, Naunton Lane and Naunton Park Road—The Borough Surveyor reported the interview he had had with the owner of land at this junction in regard to the suggested improvement. RESOLVED, That he be authorised to negotiate with the owner for the purchase of the small strip of land required.

3—Cleevemount Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had made a further inspection of the roads on the Cleevemount Estate. RESOLVED, That Statutory Notices be given of the intention to take over the following roads :—The whole of Welland Lodge Road, and a portion of Cleevemount Road from a line from the West corners of Nos. 24 and 25 Cleevemount Road to the boundary adjoining Nos. 82 and 87, and a portion of Overbrook Drive from the North corners of Nos. 1 and 2

to the end of the road including the turning space and the footpath leading from the turning space between Nos. 38 and 40 Overbrook Drive for a distance of 33 lineal yards.

4—Traffic Island, College Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the proprietors of Grove Garages had asked that a barrier should be fixed round the kerb outside their premises similar to that erected on the other three corners. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring this application before the Ministry of Transport.

5—Plans and Records, etc.—RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to contribute 25 per cent of the cost of the Rectophot proposed to be purchased by the Electricity Department.

6—Abattoir—RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to loan the Roby Portable Steam Engine from the Destructor for use at the Abattoir when the boiler there is being cleaned.

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7—Brooklyn Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that no further work had been done by the developers in this road. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to ask the developers whether they intend to complete the necessary work with a view to the Corporation giving notice to take over the road.

8—Army Vehicles—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had taken delivery of both the army vehicles authorised by the Committee. Both the vehicles have a van body and he recommended that one should be kept in its present condition so as to be available for A.R.P. purposes, and with regard to the other he proposed to replace the van body with a body from another vehicle. RESOLVED, That this be approved. Both the vehicles needed spare heels and tyres and certain tools and the batteries renewing. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain these.

9—Road Blocks—The Borough Surveyor reported that he was constructing for the military authorities a further set of road blocks. To enable him to carry out the work he had been supplied with labour from the Pioneer Corps.

10—Schedule of Reserved Occupations—Read, Circular No. 2560 of 26th ult. from the Ministry of War Transport that it had now been agreed with the Ministry of Labour that Local Authorities might apply for the entry of their Highways Departments exclusive of clerical and office staff in the Register of Protected Establishments. RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Labour for admission of the Highways Department to the Register.

11—Libertus Road—Read, report of damage to the pavement in Libertus Road by a lorry belonging to W. D. Farrar Ltd.

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage amounting to £4 15s. 0d.

17-2 and 3 Winchcomb Street—Read, letter from Mr. C. H. Giras, tenant of this property, enclosing statement of the amount expended by him on the property amounting to £124 12s. 4d. Mr. Giras asked that some additional payment beyond the £100 agreed should be contributed by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to increase the contribution by £10.

13—Brooklyn Road Refuse Tip---(a) Read, letter of 26th ult. from Mr. W. J. Rogers complaining again of the nuisance caused by this tip, and in particular, the close proximity of the pig food boiling plant. He considered that the sorting dump and the pig food plant should be removed to a better chosen site away from dwellings, and, if this is not practicable, should be transferred to the far hedge of the field on the East boundary which would necessitate an extension of the sleeper track. He also asked that the incoming refuse lorries should be kept closed and that the pig food should be removed in closed containers. The Borough Surveyor reported that everything possible was being done with the small amount of labour available. If tipping at the present rate proceeded, he expected to have completed tipping on this site in about seven months' time. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to keep the tip under observation and to do what he can to avoid causing any nuisance to the occupiers of houses in the vicinity.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that at least four tons of hay had been made from land earmarked for tipping.

14—Imperial Square—The Town Clerk reported that on the 30th ult. he received from the Military Authorities a Notice dated the 29th September, 1939, requisitioning a portion of the highway on the south side of Imperial Square giving access to the East end of the garage belonging to H. E. Steel (Himself) Ltd.

15—Passage between Montpellier Street and Back Road—Read, letter of 14th inst. from Miss E. C. Morris on behalf of the occupiers of Royal Parade and Rotunda Terrace drawing attention to the great inconvenience which would be caused to occupiers of this road by the closing of the passage at the side of Royal House, Montpellier, which the Dowty Equipment Ltd. had given notice would be closed as from the 19th July. It was also pointed out that the closing of this passage would render it difficult for fire parties to deal with incendiary bombs as the only access to the back road between Montpellier Street and Royal Parade would then be from the top of the road RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Company drawing their attention to the difficulties and inconvenience which will be caused by closing the passage-way.

16—Gardner's Lane—Read, letter of 12th inst. from the Animals' Welfare Association asking if the Council could see their way to have the pot-holes filled up in this road. The Town Clerk reported that this road had not been taken over by the Corporation. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to have this work carried out.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th July, 1941. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Leigh James ; Councillors Bayliss, Bush, Grimwade and Lipson ; Mesdames Booy, Grist, Mellersh and Wood (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—(a) Quarterly Retort—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th ult. The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (11 Meetings) ...	355	239
At Clare Street (11 Meetings)	530	301
At Grosvenor Street (11 Meetings)... ..	399	321
At St, Mark's (11 Meetings)	467	402
At Whaddon (11 Meetings) .	247	220

(b) Annual Report—A copy of the Annual Report of the Association for the year ended 31st March, 1941, was submitted.

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Retort—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 30th ult, :—

No. of Children on Register	3,509
“ Un-notified Live Births discovered ...	5
“ Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under	1,878
“ (b) over 1 year ..	2,059
First Visits paid by Health Visitors ...	260
Ante-natal cases visited (a) New	65
(b) Return	32
Special visits to Mothers ...	130
Chicken Pox cases visited by Health Visitors ...	20
Measles cases visited by Health Visitors ..	63
Whooping Cough cases visited by Health Visitors ..	36
Scarlet Fever cases visited by Health Visitors ..	1
Diphtheria cases visited by Health Visitors ...	2
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres .	65
Cases reported to the N.S.P.C.C. Inspector ...	1

Children Act :	Health Visitors	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter	47	7
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ...	26	7
“ visits paid (under Children Act) ...	46	12

3—Midwives Act—Medical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the total amount of doctors' fees claimed for the period from the 1st April to 30th June, was £25 18s. 0d., of which £20 4s 11d. was chargeable to patients,

4—Dentistry—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported that 38 mothers and 20 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 99 mothers and 2 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 13.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that four sessions had been held at the Children's Hospital when 14 cases were treated and 50 teeth extracted.

3--Consultant Fees—The Medical Officer of Health submitted one account for Consultant's fees. RESOLVED, That the account be passed for payment.

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6—Puerperal Pyrexia and Fever Regulations—The Medical Officer of Health submitted an account for treatment in the General Hospital of one case of Puerperal Fever, amounting to £5 4s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be passed for payment.

7—Children Act—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of foster mothers who had sent in notifications and he recommended that the maximum number of children allowed should be fixed as follows :—

Name.	Address.	Maximum No. of Children allowed.
Mrs. Beadnell	Rockville, Shurdington Road .	1
Mrs. Townley	34 Mersey Road ...	1
Mrs. Hall	40 Wyman's Road ...	1
Mrs. Haggett .	19 Cakebridge Road ...	3
Mrs. Howes .	3 Britannia Place, Trinity School Lane...	1
Mrs. Hall	26 Queen Street	1
Mrs. Condy ...	30 St. Paul's Street North	1

RESOLVED, That these recommendations be approved and adopted.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported two cases of persons taking foster children without consent. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the persons that the Committee must consider it an offence against the Children's Act by not giving notice and obtaining permission, and if the matter occurs again the Committee will have to consider taking proceedings.

8—Gynaecological Clinic—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 6 Clinics had been held to date the total number of attendances was 19, including 1 Borough patient.

9—Orthopaedic Scheme--(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted report on the work of the Orthopaedic Clinic for the quarter ended 30th ult. The total number of children on the Register was 142, of which 95 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 32 Surgeons' consultations had been held ; 47 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 21 Surgeons' consultations had been held. He submitted accounts of the proportion of the fees payable by this Committee, RESOLVED, That these accounts be paid.

(b) The Medical Officer of Health submitted application from the Cripples Aid Society for a grant towards the cost, amounting to £2 13s. 0d. of instruments, boots and repairs for children under five. RESOLVED, That a grant of 50 per cent, namely £1 6s. 6d. be made.

c) Hospital Charges—The Medical Officer of Health submitted account for treatment of out-patients, amounting to £1 13s. 6d. which included 25 attendances at 6d. RESOLVED, That this be paid

10—Unmarried Mother—The Medical Officer of Health reported that arrangements had been made for an unmarried mother to be admitted to Putnam House. Aylesbury, Bucks. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to contribute the sum of 25s a week towards the cost of this mother's maintenance for a period not exceeding 26 weeks,

11—War Time Nursery—The Town Clerk reported the visit of a representative of the Ministry of Health in regard to the Committee's application for approval in principle of the establishment of war-time nurseries in Cheltenham and it had now been arranged for the Mayor to call a Meeting of all persons interested to discuss the matter with a view to a Scheme being submitted to this Committee for approval.

12—Government Milk Scheme—Mrs. Mellersh reported that mothers of children who could not be given the National dried milk but required oster milk were not able to take advantage of the Government milk scheme in that cash allowances in lieu of the milk was not authorised. She considered that this was penalising such mothers. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Ministry of Health asking if in such circumstances the Corporation might be allowed the equivalent cost of the dried milk at 2d. per day and credit this to the mother the cost of the oster milk.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th July, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Capt. J. H. Trye and Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett and Bendall (The Deputy Mayor a 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.
5432	Smiths Systems Ltd.	Cloakroom, canteen and air-raid shelter, Tennyson Road.
5433	Herbert, J.	Garden shed, 147 Brooklyn Road.
5434	Weldon Properties, Ltd	Conversion of house into offices and flats, 39 Rodney Road.
5435	Hollis, M.	Conversion of living accommodation over shop into flats, 67-68 High Street.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 5433 be approved ; That Plan No. 5432 be approved subject to all surface water being discharged into the surface water sewer ; That Plan No. 5434 be approved subject to the

sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector That Plan No. 5435 be not approved.

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

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5432, 5433, 5434 and 5435 be approved.

2—Westbourne House, Pittville Circus Road--The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 10th inst. from the Secretary, Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co. Ltd. giving their formal undertaking to remove the store building from the grounds of Westbourne House within three months after cessation of hostilities and agreeing to its being painted green.

3—Gravel Pits, Shurdington—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Gloucestershire Tile & Sand Co. Ltd, that the sheds erected by Messrs. Frank R. Freeman, Ltd. at the Gravel Pits at Shurdington were no longer required by them and that under the present arrangements the sheds should be removed. The Company now asked that they be allowed to remain for the duration of the war as their removal at the present time would seriously interfere with the Company's contracts for the manufacture of concrete supplies for the Air Ministry. RESOLVED, That the sheds erected by Messrs. Frank R. Freeman Ltd be allowed to remain in their present position subject to the owners entering into an undertaking to remove them within three months of cessation of hostilities,

4—Control of Building Operations—Read, Circular 2417 of 9th inst. from the Ministry of Health, and letter of 5th inst. from Licensing Officer, Ministry of Works and Buildings, Bristol, pointing out that Regulation 56a of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, makes it unlawful, with certain exceptions, for any building operation, the cost of which exceeds £100 (including the cost of work done on the same building within the previous twelve months) to be under-taken except in so far as it is authorised by a licence issued by the Minister of Works and Buildings, and that cases had occurred where building operations had been carried out without a licence on the assumption that approval under the Building Byelaws implied that the licence had been granted The Ministry now asked that a warning be given in all appropriate cases that the passing of the plans does not 'operate as a licence or other authorisation under the Regulations. RESOLVED, That a slip be attached to Approval Notices under the Building Notices warning owners that a licence must be obtained from the Ministry of Works and Buildings if the estimated cost of the work exceeds £100; and that approval under the Building Byelaws does not authorise any person to proceed. with any building operation without a licence.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th July, 1941. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor Alderman. Pates ; Councillors Bush, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Readings, Rogers and Waite:. Mr. D. V. Davies and Mr. R. B. Seaton (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 14th July.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) That the profit of £91 made at the Tennis Exhibition Matches held on the 28th July, be forwarded to the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund.

(b) That proportionate rebates be allowed to the contract hirers of tennis courts for loss of play for the period July 7th to 11th (inclusive), owing to restrictions as to watering the courts.

(c) Tennis Courts—That having considered the report of the Parks Superintendent with regard to the increased cost for maintenance of the tennis courts, that next season the charges be as follows

Montpellier Gardens, Ordinary Courts	£10 0 0
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Pavilion Courts	£15 0 0
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Pittville Gardens	£9 0 0
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Except that, in the case of Youth Clubs, etc., taking more than one court, a reduction to be settled by the Sub-Committee be made. Also, That the charges for hard courts be increased to 2s 6d. per hour and that no contract bookings be accepted at less than 1s 9d per hour.

(d) Fun Fair—That Mr. Edwards' offer of £60 for the right to provide a fun fair at Agg Gardner Recreation Ground on August 2nd, 4th and 5th be accepted subject to the rent being paid in advance and to Mr. Edwards providing a Police patrol to prevent damage to adjoining allotments.

(e) Bar, Town Hall—That for the present, Mrs. Stephens of the Sydney Arms Hotel, be allowed the Bar rights for the Municipal Dances at the Town Hail without payment of commission on the understanding that a Bar is provided at the Wednesday and Saturday Municipal Dances only

(f) Exhibition Tennis Matches—That the application of Alderman Pates for the use of the tennis courts at Montpellier for a further Hospitals Tennis Tournament in August be not granted as the Sub-Committee do not think it is reasonable to ask the tenants to give up their courts twice in one season.

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

2—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the attendances at these Baths during the three weeks ended 13th July were Swimming Baths 14,711 ; Washing Baths 2,059.

(b) School Galas—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Headmaster, Christ Church Junior School for the usual charge of £1 1s. 0d. for the School Gala on the 30th July to be remitted. RESOLVED, That no charge be made for the use of the Bath for Elementary School Galas

(c) St. Mary's College--The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 10th inst from the Principal of St. Mary's College asking if the £10 paid for the use of the Baths for the Summer term could be extended to cover the Autumn term as the total attendances for the Summer term were only 229 which, at the ordinary charge would be £3 17s. 0d. RESOLVED, That the application be granted.

3—Sandford Park Swimming Pool— (a) Telephone—RESOLVED, That a telephone extension be provided from the Office to the Tray Stores.

(b) Attendances—The Borough Surveyor reported that the attendances at the Pool during the three weeks ended 12th July, were 49,725.

(c) Barriers—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Superintendent had recommended that a barrier should be provided opposite the tray stores counter RESOLVED, That consideration be deferred for the present.

(d) Charlton Kings Girls' School—RESOLVED, That this School be allowed to attend at the Swimming Pool on the same terms as last year, namely, reduced charge of 2d per head, plus the usual payment of £10 by the County Council.

(e) First Aid Room—Read, letter of 1st inst. from Mr. Stanley Davis, that as requested he had loaned various equipment for the First Aid Room at the Pool, and seen that sufficient medical supplies were provided. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Davis.

(f) Claims for Loss of Clothing, etc.—The Town Clerk submitted claims in respect of loss of clothing and other, articles at the Sandford Park Swimming Pool. The Insurance Company were prepared to make ex-gratia payments for the articles included in the policy which excluded money, stamps, and valuables, etc. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to settle the claims on such terms as he considers desirable

(g) Car Park—The Town Clerk submitted notice dated 26th ult. received from the Military surrendering the requisitioning of the Car Park as from the 3rd June.

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4-Marle Hill Annexe—Boating Rights—(a) Charges—The Entertainments Manager reported that the sub-tenant of the boating rights at Pittville had considerably increased the charges for hire of boats. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the lessee that under his tenancy Agreement he undertook to submit the charges for the hire of boats to the Corporation and that the Committee must therefore ask the former approved charges to be reverted to.

(b) Read, letter from Mr. C. Maisey, the sub-tenant, asking for a ten years' lease of the boating rights on the expiration of the present lease in March, 1942. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the consideration of the Entertainments Sub-Committee.

5—Pittville Gardens—Read, application from the Gloucestershire Co-operative Education Committee asking if they could hold an outing for their Junior Choral Classes in Pittville Gardens on a Saturday afternoon during August. RESOLVED, That they be admitted to the gardens at the reduced charge of 1d. per head.

6--Medical Baths--The monthly Report of the Superintendent was submitted. The receipts for June amounted to £104 2s. 0d. as compared with £68 15s. 0d. in June last year.

7—Winter Garden Demolition -- RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to serve Notice on the Reading Demolition Company requiring them under the terms of their Contract, to resume work

on the demolition of the Winter Garden, and that failing resumption within the time specified, fresh tenders be obtained for carrying out the work.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st July, 1941. Present—The Mayor; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Grimwade, Readings and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—New Trunk Feeders—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the laying of the new trunk feeders from Hester's Way to Evesham House was commenced on the 1st June. The excavation across the fields for a length of 1,106 yards was carried out by a mechanical excavator. This section took three weeks to lay, while a further 850 yards in Arle Road excavated by manual labour also took three weeks. The period scheduled for the laying of the whole length of 5,652 yards was from sixteen to eighteen weeks, and he anticipated that the work would be completed well within this period.

2—Sanction to Capital Expenditure—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Electricity Commission consenting to the application of the sum of £3,324 from the net surplus in the year ended 31st March, 1941, in payment of expenses chargeable to capital in connection with the provision of four 500 kw transformers and switchgear. If it should be found that sufficient surplus was not available, the Commissioners will be prepared to issue sanction to borrow.

3—Extension to Main—Parish of Staverton—Read, letter of 19th inst. from the Electricity Commission that they were prepared to make a Fringe Order authorising the Council to supply premises in the Parish of Staverton in the Gloucester area of supply, on receipt of letters from the Clerks to the Gloucester City Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council, that they have no objection to the Order being made pending the giving of formal consents. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the two Councils accordingly.

4—Damage to Lamp Standard—Read, report of damage of the 2nd inst. to a lamp standard at the corner of High Street and College Road by an R.A.F. lorry. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the net cost of making good the damage estimated at £23 16s. 11d.

5—Gas Tests—Read, Report of gas tests made on the 5th, 9th and 15th inst., which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 480.2, 464.1 and 455.5 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure to be 6.3, 7.5 and 6.5 inches of water respectively.

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Dowdeswell on Tuesday, 9th July, 1941. Present—The Deputy mayor Aldermen Margrett and Trye ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Dr. Hayward and Moore (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 30th June, 1941.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	144,000 gallons	136,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	579,000	433,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	39,000	36,000 “
	762,000	605,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 82,114,000 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—Extension of Water Main—Swindon Lane—The Borough Engineer reported that the applicant for this extension had now received approval for the laying of a 6 inch main to new premises at Uckington at an estimated cost of £280 to be paid by the applicants. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to proceed with the work, and the applicants be informed that the Corporation will be prepared to consider taking over the main at the end of the war on terms to be arranged.

5--The Mythe, Tewkesbury—The Borough Engineer reported that in order to give an adequate supply to these premises he had provided a new 2 inch supply to this house from the 8 inch rising main to the water tower and disconnected the existing connection from the 6 inch supply main,

6—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Committee inspected these Waterworks, RESOLVED, That the offer of Councillor Avery to present a small but shelter be accepted with thanks and, subject to the approval of the Town Planning Committee, this be placed against the wood near the overflow in the position approved by the Committee.

7—Lower Hewletts Farm—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of this Farm had been required to plough up Field No 15 and part Field No. 17 containing together 13.141 acres under the Cultivation of Lands Order.

8—Anti-Gas Precautions—Read, letter of 16th ult. from the Ministry of Health drawing attention to the importance of maintaining anti-gas organisation at a proper level of efficiency and arranging for

the personnel to attend training and refresher courses, etc. RESOLVED, That this be referred for the attention of the Borough Engineer

9—Coal Supply -The Borough Engineer reported that the Forest of Dean Collieries were prepared to extend their contract for a supply of steam coal for a further period of one year from the 1st inst. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted.

10--Plans and Records, etc.—RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to contribute 25 per cent of the cost of the Rectophot proposed to be purchased by the Electricity Department.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th July, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett A- a and Pates ; Councillors 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—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. Wilson of the Spa Car Hire Service for a Licence for another taxi to replace a vehicle under-going substantial repairs he granted subject to the vehicle being approved by Superintendent Hopkins and the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector.

(b) RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. J. F. Westborough, Mr. F. C. Tibbles and Mr. H. S. Collins for licences for Hackney Carriages be granted subject to the vehicles being passed by Superintendent Hopkins and the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector, and, in the case of Mr. Collins to Superintendent Hopkins being satisfied that the taxi will be used for public hire work.

(c) Drivers—RESOLVED, That the applications of Mr. J. F. Westborough, Mr. F. C. Tibbles and Mr. H. S. Collins for Drivers' Licences be granted subject to these being recommended by Superintendent Hopkins.

3—Circus—The Town Clerk submitted application from Clif Berzac to rent a portion of Sandford Park for a week for a travelling circus. RESOLVED, That he be offered the use of St. Peter's Recreation Ground at a rent of £50 for the week

4—Pigeons—RESOLVED, That permission be given to Mr. C. H. Scoble to trap pigeons in the public streets, Montpellier and Winter Gardens subject to no carrier or any ring pigeons being destroyed without taking steps to ascertain their owners, the Committee being at liberty to withdraw this permission at any time.

5—Leckhampton Hill—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. G. A. Price for renewal of the right to trap the rabbits on Leckhampton Hill for the ensuing season at a rent of £2 be granted.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that Mr. W. S. Jenner had been required by the War Agricultural Executive Committee to plough up a further 24 acres of land on top of Leckhampton Hill.

6—Railings—Read, letter from Councillor Fisher, Chairman of the Salvage Sub-Committee, asking if Capt. J. C. Bullock of the Ministry of Supply could make a survey of the Corporation railings and address the Town Council on the question of the surrender of such of these as are redundant.

RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

7—Shortage of Labour—Read, letter of 14th inst. from the Western District J.I.C. that the National Council had considered the position of the Non-Trading Services of Local Authorities as a consequence of the shortage of labour and had reached the conclusion that the position justified representations being made to the Government with a view to the Essential Work (General Provisions) Order, 1941, being applied in appropriate cases. The National Council had now been informed that in appropriate cases the Government Departments concerned would be prepared to advise the Ministry of Labour to schedule certain of the non-trading services under the above Order.

RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health in respect of the Sewage Works, Refuse Collection and Disposal and Street Cleansing, to the Ministry of Transport in respect of the Highways Department, and the Ministry of Supply in respect of Salvage, for the above Order to be applied to these non-trading services.

8—Airport—Read, report of the proceedings of the Joint Airport Committee of their Meeting held on the 26th ult. to copy of the report accompanies the Minutes). RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Joint Airport Committee be approved and adopted, and that the Common Seal be fixed to an application for the redemption of the tithe annuities and fee farm rents on Parton Court and Home Farm as mentioned in the report.

9—Playing Field, St. Mark's—The Town Clerk reported that the War Department Land Agent was prepared to agree a rental of £71 per annum in respect of the land requisitioned at St. Mark's and the Town Clerk recommended that this offer be accepted. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk's recommendation be approved and adopted.

10—Petroleum Licence—The Town Clerk reported that the Vale Engineering Company had now taken out the underground tank at their premises at 83 Prestbury Road and installed this to the satisfaction of the Petroleum Inspector, and their application for a Licence to store 250 gallons had accordingly been issued. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th July, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Councillors Bush Fisher, 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 2 calls to fire as follows :-

6th July Petrol Lorry, Cirencester Road.

7th “ International Stores, 340 High Street.

2—Auxiliary Fire Service—(a) The Town Clerk submitted Circulars Nos. 58 and 59, and F.B. Gen. 88114 from the Home Office. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Chief Officer for attention.

(b) The Chief Officer reported that Mr. H. D. Cassini terminated his services as whole-time Commandant on the 7th inst, and he had made to following promotions Senior Section Officer Beckingsale to Commandant ; Section Officer Ames to Senior Section Officer ; Leading Fireman Hogg to Section Officer ; and Auxiliary Fireman Dennis to Leading Fireman

(c) The Chief Officer reported that 5 part-time members of the A.F.S. had been called up for wholetime duty and posted to the Gloucester City A.F.S. under the National Service Act.

(d) The Chief Officer reported that one of the messenger's cycles, recently purchased at £2, had been stolen, and he had given particulars to the police.

3—Fire Prevention (Business Premises) Order, 1941—The Chief Officer reported that 41 visits of inspection under this Order had been carried out since the last Meeting, and a further 25 persons had been trained in elementary firefighting, bringing the total of trained persons to 5,996. The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee had held 1 Meeting during the month for considering schemes submitted by occupiers of business premises.

4—Street Fire Parties—The Town Clerk reported that 5,000 helmets for members of the Street Fire Parties who had enrolled or registered for fire watching duties had now been received. Approximately 6,000 Form of Enrolment and Registration had been sent to Fire Parties and on receipt of the forms duly signed the members of the Fire Parties were being supplied with a helmet.

H. C. GRIMWADE, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 8th July, 1941. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Ball, Barlow and Whittall (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Cultivation—The Gardens Superintendent reported that parts of Nos. 57 and 86b Asquith Road were uncultivated and Nos. 7, 8, 12 and 15 Brooklyn Road Playing Field and Nos. 158 and 160 North Ward were only partly cultivated, and Nos. 15 and 41 Creamery Piece and No. 20 Alma Road required the weeds cutting down. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to all the tenants. The tenant of No 57 Asquith Road had promised to complete the cultivation and the tenant of No. 8 Brooklyn Road Playing Field stated that he had only taken the allotment on the 9th May last, and owing to the drought he had not been able to carry out the cultivation.

2—Additional Land—The Committee considered the question of providing additional land for allotments. The Garden' Superintendent reported that it would be possible to give up two acres of

land in Severn Road, four acres adjoining Marle Hill allotments, and six to eight acres in Shelley Road. RESOLVED, That this land be let as allotments when the potato crop has been lifted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to plot the same into ten perch plots and that these be let at the rate of 10s per annum for a ten perch plot.

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3—Land, Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter from Mr. A. T. Phillips suggesting that the piece of land in Tewkesbury Road near Malvern Street belonging to the Corporation, being the site of demolished houses, be let as allotments. The Town Clerk reported that the Borough Surveyor had inspected the land and that it would provide three ten perch plots on the portion of the site which had previously been the gardens. RESOLVED, That this land be let at the rate of 10s per annum for a ten perch plot, the tenants being allowed the use of the same rent free to March, 1942.

4—News' Cottages—The Town Clerk reported that an application had been received for the use of the garden of these demolished houses for allotments. The land had been inspected and would provide two ten perch plots. RESOLVED, That these be let at the rate of 10s per annum for a ten perch plot, the tenants being allowed the use of the same rent free to the 25th March, 1942

5—Demolished Houses, Margrett Road--The Town Clerk reported that the Borough Surveyor had inspected the sites of the demolished houses in Margrett Road, and found that these would provide one allotment containing one chain. RESOLVED, "That this be let at the rate of 10s per annum, the tenant being allowed the use of the allotment rent free to 25th March, 1942, and that Minute No. 8 passed at the Meeting of this Committee held on the 9th June last be varied accordingly.

6—Land, Prior's Road—The Town Clerk reported that proceedings had been taken against one person for trespassing on the allotments at the junction of Whaddon Road and Prior's Road and that the Magistrates had imposed a fine of 2s 6d.

7—North Ward Allotments—(a) No. 209—The Town Clerk reported that he had received an application for the tenancy of the portion of this allotment which had not been cultivated for some years owing to flooding, and the new tenant, Mr. Frost, was willing to lay land drains which would remedy this. Mr. Perry, the present tenant, was only cultivating about one quarter. By Minute No. 3 (b) of this Committee held on the 10th March last, he had been granted the use of the whole allotment containing 1.04 chain at a rental of 4s 5d per annum. Mr Perry was willing for the remainder of the land to be cultivated if a tenant was willing to undertake this RESOLVED, That Mr. Perry be allowed to retain five perches on the north side and that the remaining eleven perches be let to Mr. Frost at a rent of 11s 8d. per annum, he being allowed six months' rent free to get the same into good condition.

(b) Damage by Lorries—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Mr. F. Osman calling attention¹ to the nuisance and damage being caused by large vehicles which are driven through the allotments for the purpose of collecting pigs for market. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owner of the lorry calling his attention to this and requesting that a smaller vehicle should be used as the roads were not suitable for heavy vehicles.

(c) Hedge adjoining Animal Shelter—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the N.S.P.C.A. requesting them to have the hedge adjoining their property near the North Ward Allotments cut back to the rails owing to the danger to traffic caused by lack of vision.

8—Allotment No. 52 Prior's Road —The Town Clerk reported that a well had been found on this allotment He had written to the tenant suggesting that allotment holders might be allowed to obtain water on the understanding that no trespass or damage was caused, and the tenant had agreed to this, so long as the top was replaced and left in a safe condition to avoid accidents to children and others. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor and the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to inspect the well and to consider providing a reinforced cover or manhole cover, or in the alternative, to provide a pump.

9—Injurious Weeds--(a) Blenheim Villa, Belmont Road—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Mr. H.E. Billing complaining that the grass in the garden of this house had not been cut for many years, and was now full of seeds which were blowing into his garden in which he was growing vegetables. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Billing suggesting that he should communicate with the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee with a view to their taking action in the matter.

(b) 5 Fairfield Parade—Read, letter of 18th inst. from Mr. A. R. Owen complaining of the weeds in the garden of this house which had been allowed to seed and were causing a nuisance to adjoining gardens RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Gloucestershire War Agriculture Executive Committee.

10—Marle Hill Allotments—Read, letter of 6th inst. from Mr L. W. Lewis, complaining of the thistles on the Tip between the Marle Hill Lake and the allotments and asking for these to be cut down. He also asked if permission could be obtained from the owner of the adjoining field for the tenants of the allotments to get water from the pond. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to cut the thistles on the Tip, and also that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owners of the field stressing the importance of the crops in view of the National Emergency, and asking if, in the circumstances, they would agree to grant permission for the tenants to obtain water from the pond subject to no damage being caused to their property and to the allotment holders being informed that if the concession is abused, the permission will be withdrawn, and also that the Corporation would provide a gate or hurdle to the gap in the hedge which it would be necessary to make to obtain access to the field.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman

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PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 8th July, 1941. Present—Councillors Bush, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Food Production—The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the month of June the sale of produce at the Market amounted to £70 14s. 4d.

2—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Removal of Tree—The Gardens Superintendent reported that a dead elm tree was sold to and removed by Mr. H. Brotheridge who paid £2 for the tree.

3—Pittville Gardens—Elm Tree—The Gardens Superintendent reported that Mr. H. Brotheridge had offered £2 for a large elm tree on the Evesham Road boundary, which was affected by Dutch Elm Disease. RESOLVED, That the offer be accepted.

4—Re Foremen—Increase in Wages—The Gardens Superintendent submitted applications from L. Hyett, H. Stanton and L. O'Brien for an increase in wages. L. Hyett also applied for a cycle allowance of £2 per annum, which sum is granted to other employees. RESOLVED, That the wages of Hyett and Stanton be increased to £4 per week plus £2 per annum cycle allowance in the case of the former, and that the wages of O'Brien be increased to £3 per week plus his present emoluments.

5—Keeper—Pitt-oak Gardens—The Gardens Superintendent reported that a letter had been received from the National Union of General & Municipal Workers with reference to the hours and wages of P. Smith, the gate keeper at these gardens. He also reported that in the winter this man worked 39 hours per week, and during the summer 60 hours per week, and at certain other times 47 hours per week, RESOLVED, That in future, Smith commence work at 10 a.m. instead of 9 a.m. as at present.

6—Athletic Ground—The Town Clerk reported application received from Councillor Till for the use of the Athletic Ground on the 26th July by the Schools Sports Association for a rally to be organised by the Cheltenham County Harriers and the St. Gregory's Athletic Club. RESOLVED, That this be granted subject to the Association arranging not to clash with any fixtures made in connection with the Schools or any other Club to whom permission is granted to use the ground.

7—Hatherley Park—Read, letter of 1st inst, from the Rev. C. W. Jameson asking for permission to use this ground for the St. Mark's Church Senior Sunday School Summer Treat to be held on Saturday, 9th August. RESOLVED, That this be granted, but that the Rev. Jameson be informed that the Committee are unable to grant him the exclusive use of the Ground.

8—Cricket—(a) Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, application of 13th inst. from V.P. Airscrews Sports and Social Club for the use of this ground on Saturday afternoons and three evenings per week for cricket and practice. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(b) Alstone Croft Recreation Ground—The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from the Alstone Cricket Club for permission to play a match on this ground. RESOLVED, That in view of the worn state of the ground the application be not granted.

(c) The Gardens Superintendent submitted application of the 26th ult. from the R.A.S.C. for a cricket pitch in the Pittville neighbourhood for matches to be held against neighbouring units and also for practice. RESOLVED, That they be informed that the Committee regret they have no pitch available but that the Town Clerk be instructed to suggest that they make application to the Girls Grammar School for the use of a pitch on their Playing Field.

9—Football and Hockey Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the undermentioned Clubs to play football or hockey on the following Recreation Grounds during the coming season :—

Name of Ground.	Name of Club.	Day of Play.
Clyde Recreation Ground	St. Paul's Church Lads Brigade	Alternate Saturdays.
St. Mark's Recreation Ground	St. Gregory's Ladies Hockey Club ...	do.

W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 3rd July, 1941 Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Bettridge and Bush (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 War Damage, Lansdown Hotel—Mr. J. H. Boulter attended in regard to the Committee's proposal for a reduction of the assessment on this property on account of war damage. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to a reduction of £50 rateable value.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd July, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Taylor ; and Councillor Garland (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 19th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £91,618 ; Leaving Outstanding £42,149.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer dated 19th inst. on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 30th September, 1941. Amount collected £19,020 ; Outstanding £12,692.

3—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of Electricity charges since the last Meeting,

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 22nd inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair). The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Finance Department—Rates Department—The Borough Treasurer submitted application from Sgt. Instructor W. O. Clee to be re-graded He was at present in Grade B £156 per annum. RESOLVED, That he be promoted to Grade F at £200 per annum rising to £250 by four annual increments.

6—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting 1500 had been received on loan. RESOLVED, That a Mortgage be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 28th August, 1941.

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 September, 1941, at THREE O'CLOCK** in the Afternoon, at which, Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To approve and confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of :—THE TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. To appoint Food Control Committee for the Borough for a further period of 12 months.
5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

NOTE.—PLEASE BRING GAS MASK.

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 Friday, 1st August, 1941, 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 Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. J. H. Trye, C.B.E., J.P., R.N. (Retd.) and Clara F. Winterbotham. M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, Barnett, Katherine Bayliss, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Lipson, M.A., M.P., Readings, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Leigh James and Councillors Bettridge, Col. Biggs and Moore.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 7th July, 1941, 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 July 8

Housing Meeting held July 10

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Bush : "That Minute No. 4 with regard to deposits required from tenants at St. Mark's Estate be not approved and that in future the deposits required be 5s and that 15s of the £1 deposits already paid be refunded to the tenants" was lost).

Street and Highway Meeting held July 14

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held July 14

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Town Planning Meeting held July 17

Town Improvement and Spa Meeting held July 18

(An Amendment moved by Councillor Addis and seconded by Councillor Compton "That Minute No. 7 with regard to the Winter Garden Demolition be not approved" was lost),

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held July 21

Water Meeting held July 9

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held July 15

RESOLVED, also, That the application from No Tips Hire Service Ltd., for two new Carriage Licences and also for a transfer of an existing Licence be granted.

RESOLVED, also, That the application of R. C. Gibbons for a Hackney Carriage Licence and also a Driver's Licence be granted subject to Superintendent Hopkins being satisfied that the taxi will be used for public hire work. RESOLVED, also, That the application of R. W. Swift for the transfer of an existing Hackney Carriage Licence be granted.

Fire Brigade Meetings held July 14 & 28

Except Minute No. 5 (a) with regard to the request to the Regional Commissioner to issue a Direction for applying the Civil Defence Duties (Compulsory Enrolment) Order, 1941 the Borough, which be withdrawn. RESOLVED, also, That the Council do authorise the Fire Brigade Committee to make necessary arrangements for giving effect to any Compulsory Enrolment Order which the Government may issue including the appointment of the necessary staff and the provision of office accommodation and furniture and equipment.

Allotments . Meeting held July 8

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held July 8

RESOLVED, also, That the application of the Whaddon Sports Club for permission for Senior and Junior Teams to play Football on the Whaddon Recreation Ground on Saturdays during the coming season be granted,

Rating Meeting held July 3

Finance Meeting held July 22

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

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 September, 1941.

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st August, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Capt. J. H. Trye and Clara P. Winterbotham ; Councillor Waite ; Mr. W. S. F. Harris and the Rev. E. C. Hanson (The Deputy Mayor in the chair),

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5435	Hollis, H. (re-submitted)	Conversion of living accommodation over shop into flats 67/68 High Street.
5436	Cheltenham College Council	Alterations, Christowe, Sandford Road.
5437	Cheltenham College Council	Alterations, Hazelwell, College Road.
5438	Talbot, P. M.	Air raid shelter, Drive House, Marle Hill
5439	Clapp, E. L.	Alterations, 25 Manchester Street.
5440	Messrs. Stevoco	Extension to tyre store, Millbrook Street.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5435 and 5438 be approved ; That Plans Nos. 5436, 5437 and 5440 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 5439 be not approved.

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

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5435, 5436, 5437, 5438 and 5440 be approved ; That Plan No. 5439 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.
1680	Vizard, J. C.	Greenhouse, Wildway Cottage, New Barn Lane, Prestbury.
1681	Foster, Mrs.	Summer house, Leckhampton Hill.
1682	Wood, Mrs. J. M.	Alterations and repairs, Post Box Cottages, Uckington.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 1682 be approved subject to the window heads being kept on the same line ; That consideration of Plan No. 1680 be deferred for further information ; That Plan No. 1681 be not approved.

3—Applications to Develop—The Borough Surveyor submitted application dated 23rd July, 1941, from Messrs. E. F. Babbs & Sons, Surveyors, Gloucester, on behalf of Mr. R. A. Blackburn for permission to erect a house in Kidnappers Lane, Leckhampton. He reported that the Rural District Council was opposed to further building in that area until it is sewered and that the proposal would be likely to affect the amenities of the area. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

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4—Plan No. T.P. 1678—Ryeworth Road, Charlton Kings—The Borough Surveyor reported that the building now being erected in Ryeworth Road, Charlton Kings is not in accordance with the plans approved by the Committee. Further, the plans indicated that with one exception the existing walls were to remain undisturbed, whereas all the walls had been pulled clown and re-erected on new foundations. The effect of this was to remove the building from the category of an "Existing Building" into that of a "New Building" and it automatically became subject to all the provisions of the Scheme. The building now erected contravened the building lines for Ryeworth Road and a private road. RESOLVED, That the owner be informed that the Committee reserve the right to take such action as they deem necessary after the Scheme comes into operation to bring the building into conformity with the provisions of the Scheme as finally approved by the Minister of Health. Also that the building shall not be used for any purpose than as a furniture store without the consent of the Committee and that the Charlton Kings Urban District Council be informed of the Committee's decisions and asked to note them for the purpose of making the necessary entries in the Land Charges Register.

5—Proposed High Tension Line—The Borough Surveyor reported that a number of pylons on the proposed Gloucester—Oxford 132 kw Line had been erected and that some of these would seriously affect the amenities of the district, particularly the pylon erected near the entrance to Salterley Grange. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Central Electricity Board protesting against the destruction of amenities by the bad siting of the pylons.

6—Reproduction of Ordnance Survey Maps—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with the Director General, Ordnance Survey Office, with regard to the payment of fees for reproduction of Ordnance Survey Maps by the Town Planning Department and for general office purposes. The Director General pointed out that a special compounded fee had been agreed with the Association of Municipal Corporations under which a Local Authority with a rateable value of £250,000 would pay an annual sum calculated at the rate of 2d. per £1,000 of rateable value. RESOLVED, That the Director General be informed that the Council is prepared to agree to the special compounded fee for the reproduction of Ordnance Survey Maps for post war purposes but in view of the fact that reproductions of maps have been considerably reduced since the commencement of the war the Director General be asked to accept an annual fee of £2 2s. 0d. for the period of the war.

7—Plan No. 5424—Garage, 235 High Street—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Mr. H. J. Lewis agreeing to set back the portion of the building fronting Granville Street to the new building line when required.

8—Gloucester--Cheltenham Quadrupling—Trunk Road A 40, Lansdown Road Railway Bridge—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 15th inst. from Ministry of War Transport that it would not be possible to carry out any widening of the Lansdown Road Railway Bridge during the quadrupling of the Gloucester—Cheltenham main line and that arrangements have been made to keep the trunk road open to traffic during the progress of the work.

(b) Hatherley Bridge—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 12th inst. from the Chief Engineer, Great Western Railway, asking for particulars of any proposals for the future realignment and widening of Hatherley Bridge in order that they may be considered when preparing drawings for quadrupling the main line. He reported that provision was made in the Town Planning Scheme for widening the bridge to 60 feet. RESOLVED, That a copy of the proposals for the widening of the bridge be sent to the Chief Engineer of the Company.

9—War Damage—The Town Clerk submitted memorandum on the provisions of the War Damage Act, 1941, for safe-guarding the public interest in the making of payments, with special regard to Town and Country Planning, etc. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to forward for consideration of the War Damage Commission such information as is required by them with regard to War Damaged Areas.

E. L. WARD, Chairman

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd August, 1941. Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Barnett, Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Fisher,

Green, Grimwade, Lipson, Readings, Rogers, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. D. V. Davies (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 29th July and 19th August. They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Marle Hill Annexe—Boating Rights—That at the end of the current season the Boating Rights be let to Mr. C. Maisey on a yearly tenancy at an increased rent of £75 per annum, and that Mr. Maisey be informed that, subject to the Committee being satisfied with the arrangements, the Committee will not terminate the tenancy during the war ; also, That the Committee approve of the Boating Charges being increased next season by 50 per cent, except the Children's Paddle Boats which must remain at the former charges ; also, That Mr. Maisey be required to revert to the pre-war charges for the remainder of this season.

(b) That the Pillar Room be let at the usual charge to the Gloucestershire Federation of Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods for a Meeting in the afternoon of Sunday, 14th September.

(c) "Fol-de-Rols"—That the Fol-de-Rols be engaged on the same terms as for their first engagement for a further period of two weeks commencing on the 1st September. The Entertainments Manager reported that the first three weeks' booking showed a profit to the Corporation of over £300.

(d) Russian Ballet—That the Town Hall be let to Mr. Donald Arthur for the presentation of a Russian Ballet for one week in October at a rent of £75 for four evenings and four matinees, excluding Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening.

(e) Sunday Concerts--That the application of the Rector of Cheltenham for permission to hold an Epilogue Service of about 15 minutes after the Sunday Evening Concerts in co-operation with the free churches and for the use of the organ for a hymn be granted, the Committee reserving the right to review the matter after the first few weeks.

(f) Municipal Dances—That, as from the 4th October, the charge for admission to the Saturday Evening Dances be increased from 3s 6d to 5s except that the present charge of 3s 6d be not increased to members of His Majesty's Forces.

RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted except recommendation of (f) which be not approved, also, that with regard to recommendation (b) no charge be made for the use of the Pillar Room for the Brotherhood Meeting.

2—Town Hall--Scale of Charges—The Committee considered the question of increasing the charges at the Town Hall for all bookings, except Dances in respect of which the charges have already been increased. RESOLVED, That the charges be increased as follows :—

		Present Charge	Proposed Charge
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
LARGE HALL	Morning, Afternoon or Evening	10 0 0	15 0 0
	Afternoon and Evening	14 0 0	20 0 0
	Morning, Afternoon and Evening	17 0 0	25 0 0
	Rehearsals, per hour ...	1 0 0	No change

PILLAR ROOM	Morning, Afternoon or Evening	£2 10 0	4 4 0
	Afternoon and Evening	4 4 0	6 6 0
	Morning, Afternoon and Evening	5 10 0	8 8 0
	Rehearsals, per hour	10 6	No change
DRAWING ROOM	Morning, Afternoon or Evening	2 10 0	3 3 0
	Afternoon and Evening	4 4 0	5 5 0
	Morning, Afternoon and Evening	5 10 0	7 7 0
	Rehearsals, per hour ...	10 6	No change
REFRESHMENT ROOM	Morning, Afternoon or Evening	2 2 0	No change
	Afternoon and Evening	3 3 0	No change
	Morning, Afternoon and Evening	4 4 0	No change

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of the Fire Brigade Committee held on Monday, 28th July, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Bush, Fisher, Grimwade and Readings ; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

5—Fire Prevention (Compulsory Enrolment) Order, 1941—The Committee further considered the desirability of making application for this Order to be applied to the Borough of Cheltenham, and the Fire Prevention Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the matter and recommended the Committee to make application for the Order. The number of Forms A so far signed by members of Street Parties was only 41, and the number of B Forms 147. The Sub-Committee reported that there were a number of business premises in Cheltenham, including Corporation premises, which were not being adequately snatched owing to there not being sufficient eligible male employees working at the various premises.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY (a) That the Regional Commissioner be requested to issue a Direction for applying the Civil Defence Duties (Compulsory Enrolment) Order, 1941, to the Borough of Cheltenham in respect of males between the ages of 18 and 60 years.

(b) That the Council do authorise the Fire Brigade Committee to make the necessary arrangements for :—(1) Issue and reception of Registration Notice and Exemption Forms.

(2) Checking that all persons liable to register have done so.

(3) Method of examination of claims for exemption.

(4) Procedure to be followed in regard to enrolment, including the allotment of persons enrolled to meet the various obligations of the Council under the Business Premises Order ; the classes of persons to be specified as authorised to give directions, and the instructions to be given to such persons ; and the reporting of failure of persons enrolled to perform the duties required of them.

(5) Appointing an Administrative Officer to organise the foregoing at a salary of £400 per annum and for the engagement of the necessary wholetime staff required to administer registrations and enrolment, and for the provision of office accommodation and furniture and equipment.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

[Resolution (a) withdrawn. Resolution (b) confirmed by Town Council 1st August, 1941].

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th August, 1941. Present—Alderman Pates ; Councillors Bush, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Readings (Councillor Grimwade in the chair).

1—Appointment of Fire Guard Staff Officer--The Sub-Committee reported that they had considered the large number of applications received for this appointment and had selected five applicants for interview by the full Committee, and the five applicants attended for interview RESOLVED, in pursuance of the powers conferred on this Committee by the Council, That Mr. T. H. Dack, at present Sub-Controller and Fire Prevention Officer for the area of Lydd and New Romney, be appointed Fire Guard Staff Officer for the Borough of Cheltenham at a salary of £400 per annum, the appointment to be temporary and terminable by either party on one month's notice.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 30th July, 1941. Present—Alderman Taylor ; Councillors Bettridge, Bush, Moore and Smith (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Excusals—The Committee interviewed and dealt with applicants for excusal from payment of rates.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 26th August, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Taylor and Trye ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 23rd inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £124,784 ; Leaving Outstanding £8,983.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer dated 23rd inst. on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 30th September, 1941. Amount collected £25,124 ; Outstanding £6,588,

3—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of Electricity charges since the last Meeting.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 26th inst. Present—Alderman Taylor (in the chair) ; Councillors Grimwade and Waite. The Accounts were examined and recommended for payment. and adopted.

RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved.

5—Renewals—RESOLVED, That the terms proposed for the renewal of mortgages amounting to £4,105 be approved, and the Mortgages endorsed accordingly.

6—Finance Department --(a) Assistant Borough Treasurer—Read, application from Mr. S. Morris for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That his salary be increased to £500 per annum.

b) Schedule of Reserved Occupations—RESOLVED, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for the deferment of the calling up of Mr. S. Morris who was liable to be called up under Stage C of the revised Schedule of Reserved Occupations.

(c) The Borough Treasurer reported that the last of the reserved male assistants in his Department (with the exception of Mr Morris) had now been called up. Efforts to replace temporarily those possessing technical qualifications had failed, and, in the present circumstances, he recommended that he should be authorised to appoint a permanent qualified Assistant at a commencing salary of £250 rising by four annual increments of £12 10s. 0d. to £300. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that the Borough Treasurer be authorised to advertise for applications for this appointment and to appoint a suitable applicant.

(d) Electricity Accountant—The Borough Treasurer reported that Mr. Selby, who was formerly in charge of the Electricity Accounts and who was undergoing training as a Pilot in the R.A.F., had had an attack of hay fever whilst flying which had resulted in his being transferred to other duties. RESOLVED, That in these circumstances application be made to the Air Ministry for the release of Mr. Selby on the grounds that he was formerly engaged in a public utility undertaking,

7—Loans--Hay Cottage Homes—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Trustees of the Hay Cottage Homes had £1,550 Canadian Grand Trunk Railway Stock at 4 per cent refunded to them and desired to invest this with the Corporation RESOLVED, That this loan be accepted for a term of 20 years at 3 ½ per cent.

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 September, 1941, 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 Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. J. H. Trye, R.N. (Retd.) and Clara F. Winterbotham. M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, Barnett, Bayliss, Bendall, Bettridge, Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Lipson, M.A., M.P., Moore, Readings, Rogers, Smith and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lt-Col. Biggs and Till.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 1st August, 1941, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Town Planning Meeting held August 21

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Garland and seconded by Councillor Lipson " That the following words be added at the conclusion of Minute No. 5 with regard to the proposed. High Tension Line from Gloucester to Oxford :— 'and against their erection without consultation with the Planning Authorities and in violation of the pledge given by the letter to the County Surveyor from the Board. Also, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Ministry of Works and Buildings'."

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Town Improvement and Spa... Meeting held August 22

Rating Meeting held July 30

Finance Meeting held August 26

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

(b) RESOLVED, also, That the Report of the Fire Brigade Committee of their Meeting held on the 15th August, 1941, be received.

3—Food Control Committee—RESOLVED, That the under-mentioned be appointed members of the Food Control Committee for the year commencing 1st September inst. :— Councillor John Howell, C.B.E., F.R.C.S. Alderman Capt. J. H. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. (Retired). 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. Volley

(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.).

4—Defence Committee—The Mayor reported that, at the request of the Regional Commissioner, a Joint Defence Committee for the Borough of Cheltenham and Urban District of Charlton Kings has been set up comprising the Emergency Committees of the two Councils and the Military Commander (Colonel S. E. Norris, D.S.O.), together with a number of advisory members representing the various Services concerned.

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, 6th October, 1941.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th September, 1941. Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen and Clara Winterbotham ; Councillors Barnett, Biggs, Garland, Hayward, Moore, Rogers and Waite (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 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs. Beef ; 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs. Sausages ; 2 qrs. 2 lbs, Cheese ; 51 dozen Fish Cakes ; 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs. Fish ; 3 qrs. 8 lbs. Bacon ; 740 Meat Pies ; 37 Loaves ; 34 Scones ; 14 Swiss Rolls ; 300 dozen Duck Eggs ; 135 dozen Hen Eggs ; 54 lbs. Fowls ; 51 lbs. Grouse ; 124 tins Tinned Foods, etc. ; 1 qr. 23 lbs. Butter ; 2 qrs. Rabbits.

3—Nuisances from Drains-4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 St. James' Place and 14 Painswick Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises were in such a condition as to be prejudicial to health and a nuisance. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to examine the drains and apply any test other than a test by water under pressure, and, if necessary, to open the ground.

4—Food and Drugs Act, 1938—(a) The Town Clerk submitted the quarterly report of the Public Analyst for the period ended the 30th June last, (b) The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted report of the Public Analyst on six samples of Milk Nod. 170-175. Three of the samples were genuine, but the other three were slightly deficient in non-fatty solids and the Analyst recommended that the Vendors should be kept under observation. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this done,

5—Insanitary Property at 11 Burton Cottages—The Committee having considered the representation of the Medical Officer of Health in regard to this house are satisfied that the said house is occupied or is of a type suitable for occupation by persons of the working classes and is unfit for human habitation in the respect mentioned in the said official representation, and that it is capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation, RESOLVED, That in pursuance of

Sub-section 1 of Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1930, notice be given to the person having control of the house requiring 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—Health Department—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that Cpl. H. E. Clapp, R.A.M.C., having obtained special permission to sit for his examination as a Sanitary Inspector, had been successful in passing the examination.

7—Food Decontamination Scheme—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted letter from the Ministry of Food in regard to the scheme submitted in the Borough, Charlton Kings and the Rural District for a Decontamination Food Centre at the Athletic Ground. The Ministry were of the opinion that while the scheme appeared to be generally satisfactory, the cost of the alterations required should be reduced to about £250 if possible. The Ministry suggested that the walls round the hosing and washing site were not only unnecessary but undesirable and the drainage system appeared to be extensive, and they enclosed a plan suggesting an alternative system. The Borough Surveyor reported that an amended plan had now been submitted to the Ministry. RESOLVED, That this amended plan be approved and that the Ministry be informed that the Committee think it is desirable that walls should be provided round the hosing and washing site with the necessary windows.

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8—Tewkesbury Road Clearance Order-131 Tewkesbury Road—The Committee further considered the question of making good the exposed wall of 5 Victoria Cottages consequent on the demolition of the adjoining house. RESOLVED That, without admitting any liability in the matter, the tender of Messrs. Amos Wilson & Sons for cement rendering the wall amounting to £15 2s. 0d. be accepted.

9—Abattoir—The Town Clerk reported that the payment of the outstanding charges for stunning had not yet been made by the Cheltenham Butchers' Buying Committee. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Ministry of Food that, unless the outstanding charges are paid by the next Meeting, the Committee will have to consider discontinuing the stunning.

10—Re-occupation of Condemned Houses—(a) RESOLVED, That the applications for the renewal of the licences for the re-occupation of 11 and 12 Edward Street, Sidney Cottage, Sidney Street, and 5 Hewlett Place be granted for a further period of six months subject to the Chief Sanitary Inspector being satisfied that the premises have been maintained in a reasonable state of habitation.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application for a licence to re-occupy 307 Gloucester Road be granted for a period of six months subject to the work required being carried out to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector and to the rent being approved by the Housing Committee.

11—Swindon Road—Read, letter of 16th inst. from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend that Mr. Prowse would be glad if the Sanitary Inspector could undertake the periodical inspection and cleansing of the septic tank system of Mr. Prowse's property. They appreciated that, in the present circumstances, it was not possible to estimate correctly the time and labour involved in carrying out the work, but Mr. Prowse would be willing to pay the cost of carrying out the same. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to carry out this work and charge the cost to the owner

12—Sewage Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted report on the work carried out at the sewage works during the last two months.

13—Barn Farm—Bendall's Cottage--The Borough Surveyor submitted application from the Waterman for the cottage to be lighted either by gas or electricity in view of the difficulty of obtaining oil. The Borough Surveyor recommended that the application be acceded to. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange to have the cottage lighted either by gas or electricity, whichever is found to be the most convenient.

14—River Chelt—The Borough Surveyor reported that 11 dams had been placed in the River Chelt by the Fire Brigade in order to provide static water for firefighting purposes, and, in addition, plans had been approved for providing a dam at the rear of the Folland Aircraft Works in Bath Road. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report on this matter again at the next Meeting of the Committee.

15—Sewers—The Borough Surveyor reported that during the past month subsidences had occurred in the highways due to rats working in the sewers at College Road, Andover Street and Albert Place, The necessary repairs to the sewers had been carried out.

16-Rats and Mice Destruction Act—The Committee further considered the question of engaging an expert Rat Trapper. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to arrange for one of his men to attend at Gloucester to receive instructions from the County Rat Officer in the preparation of baits for baiting rats in sewers.

ARTHUR S. F. PRIG EN.

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 18th September, 1941. Present—Alderman Pates. Councillors Addis, Bush, Fisher, Garland, Green Lipson and Till (Alderman Pates in the chair).

1-Manager—The Housing Manager submitted her Report on the collection of rents.

2-Housing Manager's Department—RESOLVED, That the Deputy Housing Manager be allowed a cycle allowance of £2 per annum as from the date of appointment.

(b) The Housing Manager reported that the Trainee, Miss Lloyd, had now left to continue her training elsewhere and she had arranged for Miss Stewart to take her place as Trainee. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3-Repairs Superintendent—(a) The Monthly Report of the Repairs Superintendent was submitted.

(b) Paintwork- -Read, circular No. 2462 from the Ministry of Health that in order to ensure supplies of linseed oil for essential purposes, it should be used in paintwork with the strictest economy. The Ministry suggested that internal renovations should be delayed as far as reasonably possible, that only the minimum necessary of external renovation work should be carried out, and that alternative

preservatives should be used when possible. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor and Housing Manager be instructed to give effect to the suggestions contained in this circular. (c) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to paint the external steel casements of the houses in Whaddon Avenue (1924).

4—War Damage—(a) Read, letter of 29th July from the Ministry of Health approving of more permanent repairs being carried out to a further section of the war damaged houses.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted circular No. 2450 dated the 9th ult. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the Repair of War Damage Act, 1941, and indicated in broad outline the standard of first-aid repairs While first aid repairs would be given the higher priority as compared with other building work, the more permanent repairs would have to compete with constructional work of urgent strategic importance. Hitherto, owing to the heavy demands on labour and materials, it had only been possible in exceptional cases to sanction the execution of repairs of more permanent nature The Minister hoped, however, in the future to be able to permit an increasing volume of permanent repair work to be begun.

(c) Bloomsbury Street—RESOLVED, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman and Councillors Addis, Lipson, Moore and Till be appointed to inspect the first aid repairs carried out to houses in Bloomsbury Street.

5—Planning and Rebuilding after the War—The Town Clerk submitted a memorandum received from the National Housing and Town Planning Council in regard to the planning and rebuilding after the war. RESOLVED, That this Committee are of opinion that it will be necessary to erect a large number of houses at the end of the war and that, with this end in view, the Town Planning Committee be recommended to proceed with the planning of land on the West side of the Borough for this purpose.

6—Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee—Read, reports of the Selection of Tenants Sub-Committee at their Meetings held on the 8th August and 5th 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) That the application of the tenant of 17 Spenser Road to instal a telephone be granted.

(c) Differential Rent Scheme—That the tenants who refuse to make the required statement of income be charged the maximum rent fixed for their house. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

7—Rent Restrictions Acts—The Town Clerk reported on five complaints received since the last Meeting. In one case the owner had adjusted the rent to the proper amount ; in another case the Ministry of Health agreed that the rent charged was reasonable and that the Council could not take any action ; in another case the Housing Manager reported that there was no question of excessive rent being charged : in another case the Committee considered that it was for the complainant himself to take action if desired under the Rent Acts to obtain a refund of any amount he considers

exceeds the normal profit ; and in another case the Town Clerk was instructed to make further investigation. RESOLVED, That particulars of all complaints of excessive rents be referred to the Rating Committee with a view to their considering the assessments of the premises.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd September, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates, Trye and Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Readings, Rogers and Till (Alderman Trye in the chair).

1—Salvage of Waste—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the following had been salvaged during the months of July and August : (the amounts salvaged during June are shown in brackets) :—

	August Tons.	July Tons.	June Tons
Paper ...	58	48.15/20ths	(47. 1 ¼ /20 th)
Metals ...	26	51. 4/20ths	(65.11/20ths)
Rags., sacks, etc.	2. 5/20ths	3. 1/20ths	(2. 8/20ths)
Bottles and Jars	5/20ths (612)	1.10/20th (3672)	(11/20ths) (183)
Bones ...	2. 7/20ths	1.15/20ths	(2. 6/20ths)
Cullet	—	12.17/20ths	—
Aluminium	—	—	—
Pig Food	57	63.12/20ths	(61. 8/20ths)
Motor Tyres ...	—	—	—

The estimated value of the salvage collected during July was £478, and during August £402.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Refuse collected during the 8 weeks ended 3rd Sept. 1941, was 2,110 tons.

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported the following increases in salvage from house collections over the figures for the period prior to the Three Counties Drive, 1st-13th September inclusive :—Paper 40 per cent, Pig Food 40 per cent, Rags etc. 50 per cent, Bones 45 per cent, and Metal 20 per cent. In addition the following were received at the Salvage Depot : 6 ¾ tons Paper, 1 ¼ tons Iron, and 6 ½ cwt. Rags.

(d) The Salvage Sub-Committee recommended that Mr. R. V. M. Bennett, the Honorary Railings Officer should be granted an honorarium of £10 to cover his car and other expenses in connection with the large amount of voluntary work carried out by him.

(e) Three Counties Drive—The Borough Surveyor reported that, in connection with the Three Counties Drive held in the first two weeks in September, the Organising Committee recommended

that the cost of the Drive should be contributed by the various Local Authorities on the basis of £1 for every 5,000 head of the population. The amount due from the Corporation was £16, RESOLVED, That this sum be paid.

(f) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Salvage Committee, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to purchase 100 additional pig-food receptacles. RESOLVED, also, That one of the recently purchased second-hand army vehicles be used for the collection of pig food.

2—Refuse Collection—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported as to the inconvenience caused through many householders not having a proper Ash Receptacle. He submitted a draft notice which he proposed to send to householders informing them that, unless a proper ash receptacle is provided, the Corporation cannot undertake the removal of refuse. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That where no proper ash receptacle is provided the Borough Surveyor be instructed to furnish particulars to the Chief Sanitary Inspector with a view to legal notices under the Public Health Act being served. (b) RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to see if it is possible to engage two women to carry out sorting work at the Refuse Tip in Brooklyn Road.

3—Orchard Way, Hawthorn Road and Brooklyn Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that The Bucks & Middlesex Estates Ltd. had deposited £44 8s. 0d., the estimated cost of the necessary work to complete Orchard Way and Hawthorn Road, and 'Western Estates had deposited £55 10s. 0d., the estimated cost of completing the making tip of Brooklyn Gardens, and he recommended that these three roads be now taken over. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice of the intention of the Council to take over these roads.

4—Borough Surveyor's Department—(a) Second Wages Clerk—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Second Wages, Clerk would shortly be called up and he had appointed a junior Female Clerk to take his place at a wage of £1 5s. 0d. per week, RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Junior Architectural Assistant—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. C. J. Such, Junior Architectural Assistant, for an increase in salary. Mr. Such, who was twenty-seven and married, was at present receiving £200 per annum, plus was bonus. RESOLVED, That he be promoted to Grade "F" at £225 plus war bonus per annum.

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5—Keynsham Road—Tree—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Mr. P. Kloss for removal of a tree which obstructed a garage entrance at Brookfields. Owing to a misunderstanding, however, between the Highways Superintendent and the Borough Surveyor's Office, the treeman had commenced cutting the branches. The Borough Surveyor had now given instructions for the work to be stopped, and he hoped to save the tree. RESOLVED, That the tree be not removed but viewed by the Committee at their next View Meeting.

6—A.R.P. Road and Sewer Repair Parties—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase sets of protective clothing, service respirators, and uniform overalls for the Road and Sewer Repair Parties.

7—W.V.S. Restaurant, Lansdown Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted application from Miss Faithfull for permission to erect a temporary sign outside the W.V.S. Restaurant at Treaford,

Lansdown Road. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to Miss Faithfull undertaking to remove the Sign at any time when required by the Council.

8—Local Omnibus Services—(a) Bus Stop, Engall Cox c.c. Co.—Read, letter of 1st inst, from Messrs. Engall Cox & Co. asking for the bus stop to be removed from outside their premises. There was not sufficient room for the three buses using this stop and the congestion caused by the queues forced people into the road, and clients could not approach their premises. The noise made by the omnibuses made it difficult to carry on their office work A representative of the Traction Company attended RESOLVED, That, as an experiment, the stopping-place of the No. 2 Service be moved further along Clarence Street to the west of Clarence Parade, and that the route of No. 8 Omnibus Service be altered so that the omnibuses coming down the Promenade turn off at Crescent Terrace into Clarence Parade to a stopping-place in Clarence Parade near its junction with Clarence Street ; this will leave only No. 3 Service to use the stopping-place outside Engall Cox & Co. RESOLVED, also, That the matter be reviewed at the next Meeting of the Committee.

(b) The Committee considered the alteration of the stopping-place of the No. 2 Service outside the Calcutta Stores, St. George's Road. RESOLVED, That this be moved further up St. George's Road towards Queen's Retreat.

(c) Queue Rails—The Committee considered the lighting of the queue rails. RESOLVED, That these be not lighted. (d) Read, letter of 18th ult. from Mr. L. J. Say suggesting that the queue rails should be altered so that passengers enter from the left instead of the right as at present. This would enable the omnibuses to pull up alongside the queue rails instead of having to pull up beyond the rails. RESOLVED, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that, if the alterations in the stopping-places referred to above are satisfactory, consideration be given to erect the next set of queue rails in the manner suggested by Mr. Say.

(e) Read, letter of 19th July from Mr. J. O. M. Skelton in regard to the alteration of the stopping-place for the No. 6 Service. He pointed out that there was now no stopping-place in this Service between the Boys' Grammar School and Peacocks' Stores. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to an intermediate bus stop between these two points.

9—Omnibus Stop, Portland Street—Read, letter of 19th inst. from Councillor Garland pointing out that the omnibuses coming from Evesham were making a practice of stopping at the junction of Portland Street and Albion Street and thereby causing obstruction to the traffic. Councillor Green stated that he would take steps to see that the passengers were set out 15 to 20 yards on the north side of the junction.

10—Moorend Grove—Read, letter of 19th inst. from Councillor Garland stating that army lorries and other traffic were continually going up Moorend Grove which was a cul-de-sac and he suggested that a "No Through Road for Traffic" Sign should be erected. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

11—Hermitage Street—RESOLVED, That a "No Through Road for Traffic" Sign be erected at the entrance of Hermitage Street.

12—Highways Superintendent—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of a letter sent by Mr. Armistead in the Ministry of Labour drawing attention to the effect that the reduction of salary would have on his pension, The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Armistead was

entitled under Section 6 of the Superannuation Act, 1937, to continue contributions at his former rate of salary. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had previously informed Mr. Armistead of this provision in the Act. RESOLVED, That the Ministry of Health be informed that the Corporation are willing for Mr. Armistead to continue his Superannuation contributions based on his former salary.

13—Wages and Conditions of Service—Councillor Grimwade reported that the National J.I.C. of Local Authorities Non-Trading Services had decided to increase the present war wage from 8s to 11s per week for adult male employees, . and from 6s to 8s 3d per week for adult female employees as from the first full pay week in October. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to give effect to this decision.

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14—Traffic Census—The Borough Surveyor submitted detailed particulars of the traffic census taken in High Street on the 17th July last.

15—War Damage—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with the Divisional Road Engineer of the Ministry of Transport asking for an assurance that the Corporation would take over the liability for compensation in connection with any encroachment on land not vested in the Corporation where this becomes necessary for the restoration of communications after damage caused to roads by enemy action. RESOLVED, That this assurance be given.

16—Snow Clearing—Read, Circular No. 562 of 22nd ult. from the Ministry of Transport that the Ministry was prepared, as an exceptional war time measure to make grants from the Road Fund at the rate of 50 per cent towards the initial cost of snow ploughs and the necessary adaptation of vehicles for propelling them. The Borough Surveyor reported that the manufacturers of snow ploughs were unable to supply these to Local Authorities at the present time.

17—Railway Line, Cheltenham to Gloucester—The Borough Surveyor reported on several matters arising out of the quadrupling of the railway line between Cheltenham and Gloucester. The Ministry of War Transport had informed him that the Railway Company were to provide footbridges over Cloddymore and Hatherley crossings.

18—Hatherley Lane—The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with Dowty Equipment Ltd. in regard to the repair of Hatherley Lane. RESOLVED, That the Company be given permission to carry out alterations and reinforcements to the verges at the rear of their factory to provide a turning space for buses subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor. RESOLVED, also, That the offer of the Company to contribute £250 towards the cost of repairs to the lane be accepted.

19—War Damage Act—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of an area near the junction of High Street and Gloucester Road, including Stoneville Street and Whitehart Street, and he recommended that this should be forwarded to the War Damage Commission with a view to directions being issued under Section 7 of this Act that payments made by the Commission shall be in conformity with the public interest as regards Town and Country Planning and to the improvement of roads and streets, RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

20-8 Winchcomb Street—The Town Clerk reported that the tenancy of these premises had been transferred as from the 29th inst. to Mr. Eric Baker on the same terms as the previous tenant who had been called up.

21—Pittville Street Improvement—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Green Shops Ltd. asking whether the Corporation would be interested in a proposal for granting a building lease of the front portion of this site with provision for building within a certain number of years after the war at a peppercorn rent until the building is erected. RESOLVED, That the proposal be not entertained.

22—Prestbury Road—Damage to Bollard—Read, report of damage on the 21st ult. to a "Keep-left" Bollard at Prestbury Road Traffic Lights by a military vehicle. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage amounting to £3 6s. 2d.

23—Libertus Road—Read, report of damage to paving in Libertus Road by a vehicle belonging to W. D. Farrar Ltd. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of making good the damage amounting to £2 14s. 0d.

24—Norwood Road—Read, letter of 18th inst. front W. H. Horsley & Co. Ltd., offering to sell Homelea and Hillview, Grafton Road, and the adjoining workshops and garages which will be required for the Norwood Road widening, for £2,500. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to entertain this offer during the war.

25—Requisitioning of Railings—The Town Clerk submitted circular of 11th inst. from the Ministry of Supply that the Minister had decided by the exercise of his powers under Defence Regulations to requisition all unnecessary iron or steel railings in the country for scrap for use in iron and steel works and foundries. The Minister directed the Corporation under the Defence Regulations to make a survey and to furnish a schedule of the railings in the Borough and of all unnecessary railings. Railings should not be included in the schedule where, in the opinion of the Council, they fall within the following categories :—

- (i) Railings which should be maintained for safety reasons.
- (ii) Railings necessary to prevent cattle, etc., from straying.
- (iii) Railings of special artistic merit or of historic interest.

Every effort should be made to prepare the schedule as rapidly as possible—at any rate, within six weeks of the date of the circular.

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It was not intended that there should be any appeal from the decision of the Council to schedule particular railings unless a claim is made by the owner that the railings are of special artistic merit or historic interest. Public notice should be given of the intention to conduct the survey and owners given fourteen days in which to lodge any appeal. Where the Local Authority agreed that the railings should not be scheduled for removal, the owner should be informed accordingly without delay, but, in other cases, the appeal should be referred to the Ministry.

The movement and collection of the railings would be undertaken by the Ministry.

With regard to compensation, it was hoped that the majority of owners would surrender their railings freely and claims for compensation reduced to a minimum, but efforts should be made to settle any claims received by payment of a standard rate of 25s per ton.

The Salvage Sub-Committee had considered the circular and recommended that Mr. R. V. M. Bennett be appointed Railings Officer to carry out the survey at a salary of £20 16s. 8d. per month, plus free supply of petrol for his car, the appointment, in the first place, to be for a period of not exceeding three months. RESOLVED, That this be approved and adopted. RESOLVED, also, That it be left to the Salvage Sub-Committee to approve the Schedule and to consider and decide on any objections.

26—Great Western Terrace—It was reported by the Emergency Committee that it was intended to erect a shelter in Great Western Terrace. RESOLVED, That a notice be put up in Great Western Terrace that this must be used for down traffic only.

27—Traffic Control Signals—RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide the new type of mask for all traffic-light signals in the Borough, similar to those provided at the High Street and Hales Road crossing.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 25th September, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Capt. J. H. Trye ; Councillors Bendall and Moore ; Mr. W. S. F. Harris (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5441	Cirencester Brewery Co. Ltd	Alterations, Royal Foresters Arms, Townsend Street.
5442	Hall, J. G.	Garage, 123 Tanners Road.
5443	Bateman, W. G.	Cycle shed, 184 Whaddon Road.
5444	Smiths Systems	Spray shop and Canteen, Tennyson Road.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5442 and 5443 be approved ; That Plan No. 5441 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plan No. 5444 be approved subject to surface water being discharged in brook.

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

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5441, 5442, 5443 and 5444 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.
1680	Vizard, J. C.	Greenhouse, New Barn Lane, Prestbury.
1683	Hanson, S. & Sons, Ltd.	Conversion of shops into cottages, Hailes Street, Winchcomb.
1684	Pollard, H. J.	Additions to cottage, The Butts, Gotherington.
1685	—	Agricultural Hostel, Church Lane, Shurdington.

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 1680, 1683 and 1685 be approved ; That Plan No. 1684 be approved subject to the new work harmonising with the existing building.

3—Applications to Develop—(a) The Borough Surveyor submitted application dated 18th inst. from Messrs. Cussons, Sons & Co. Ltd. for permission to use St. Mark's Hall, Rowanfield Road for the manufacture of hypodermic syringes. RESOLVED, That the application be granted for the duration of hostilities only.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted letter dated 25th inst. from the Ante-Bomb Blast Safe Co. for permission to use sheds on Ewens Farm, Hayward's Road, Charlton Kings for the manufacture of Ante-Bomb Blast Safes. RESOLVED, That this be approved for duration of hostilities only.

4—New Works, Swindon Lane, Swindon—The Borough Surveyor reported that two buildings in connection with the new works at Swindon Lane, Swindon, had been erected hard up to the lane and contravened the building lines, and that they had been sited in such a position as would prevent a much needed improvement to the lane being carried out without their removal. He further reported that no plans of the buildings had been submitted for approval of the Committee, and that in his opinion the siting of the buildings was unsatisfactory, and that there did not appear to be any apparent reason for the buildings to be erected in that particular position. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Ministry of Works and Buildings, the Ministry of Aircraft Production and the Ministry of Health protesting against the erection of buildings in the area without consultation with the Planning Committee and in contravention of the Town Planning proposals.

5—War Damage--The Borough Surveyor submitted plan showing the proposals for "specification " by the War Damage Commission of two areas damaged by enemy action. RESOLVED, That this be approved and the War Damage Commission be asked to specify the areas under Section 7 of the War Damage Act, 1941, on the grounds of need for re-planning and amenities.

6—Wartime Building Supplies Schedule—The Town Clerk submitted circular 2458 from the Ministry of Health that the Schedule of Wartime Building Supplies which was designed to secure the greatest possible economy in the use of materials employed in building is not sufficiently known or is not receiving sufficient attention. RESOLVED, That the attention of all architects and builders in the Borough be drawn to the desirability of following the Schedule wherever possible.

7—Plan No. T.P. 1678--Ryeworth Road, Charlton Kings--Professor Cade attended and asked the Committee to reconsider their decision not to approve the building now being erected by him in

Ryeworth Road. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their decision not to approve the building as it is not in accordance with the plans approved by them, but that he be informed that the Committee are prepared to consider any amended plans of the building if these are submitted for approval.

8—Reproduction of Ordnance Survey Maps—Read, letter dated 17th inst, from Director General, Ordnance Survey Office that he is unable to accept the Council's suggestion that the annual fee for a covering licence for reproduction of Ordnance Survey Maps should be reduced to £2 2s. 0d. for the period of the war. RESOLVED, That the special compounded fee agreed with the Association of Municipal Corporations, viz.: at the rate of 2d. per £1,000 rateable value, be agreed to.

9—Proposed High Tension Line—(a) Read, letter dated 6th inst. from Deputy Secretary, Central Electricity Board that enquiries were being made regarding the siting of certain towers on the overhead line from Gloucester to Oxford.

(b) Read, letter of 5th inst, from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council that his Council had supported the protest of the Corporation against the siting of the towers on the overhead line from Gloucester to Oxford.

10—Completion of Unfinished Houses—Read, letter dated 30th July, 1941, from the Emergency Works Officer that it had now been agreed that uncompleted new houses which can be finished off for a cost of not more than £100 with accommodation for five persons should be finished off where serious loss or damage might occur if this were not done.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th September, 1941. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Pates ; Councillors Avery, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Readings, Rogers, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. D. V. Davies (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 23rd inst.

They recommended (inter alia) as follows :—

(a) Dance Band—That Mr. Billy Gammon's application for an increase in payment for his Dance Band on Wednesdays and Saturdays be granted and that his weekly payment be increased from £27 17s. 0d. to £30 0s. 0d. per week.

(b) Musical Director and Orchestra—That compensation be paid to Mr. Arthur Cole and the members of his Orchestra on the cancellation of performances owing to other bookings, but that the amount of compensation be settled by the Committee on each occasion.

(c) That the free use of the Drawing Room be granted to the Salvation Army on the afternoon of the 6th October for their Annual Meeting.

(d) Dances—That the applications of The Gloster Aircraft Sports Club, Folland Aircraft, and Messrs. Smiths of Bishop's Cleeve, to book the Town Hall for dances be granted subject to their undertaking to provide supervision in the bar and to this being closed at 10 p.m., and, in the event of a bar being provided, the attendance to be limited to 800, and also subject to a Director, or other responsible person in each case, giving the Committee an assurance that these conditions will be observed. RESOLVED, also, That the application of the Cheltenham Rugby Football Club and the Home Guard to book the Hall for dances be granted subject to the bar being closed at 10 p.m. and satisfactory arrangements for bar supervision being made. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2-Winter Garden --The Committee further considered the demolition of the Winter Garden, The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Overbury had been endeavouring to get the Reading Demolition Co. to return to complete their Contract. They had informed him that they were engaged on demolition work in London, and, as soon as this was finished, they would return to complete their Contract. Mr. Overbury had again written pressing them to resume their Contract and had received a letter dated the 11th inst. that, although the Company were unable to give a date for resumption of work they did not wish it to be assumed that they had abandoned the Contract, but they were willing, subject to a satisfactory cash settlement for work already carried out to allow the Council to make other arrangements for completing the work. On the 18th inst., Mr. Overbury had written them stating that it was not desired to take the Contract out of their hands if they could fix a reasonably early date by which they could resume their Contract but the work had now become urgent as the Government were pressing for the steel, and asked for a reply by return of post, but he had received no reply to his letter.

The Town Clerk also submitted letters from the Ministry of Supply asking that the roof should be demolished in view of the urgent need for scrap iron and steel, The Town Clerk reported that he had explained the difficulties that had arisen in connection with the demolition, and the Ministry of Supply, while they appreciated these, asked that everything should be done to have a speedy clearance of the building made in order that Smelting Works may receive immediate benefit of the scrap resulting from the demolition. The Committee inspected the building. RESOLVED, That subject to obtaining the necessary certificate from Mr. Overbury that the Contractors had failed to proceed with the work with due diligence, the Town Clerk be instructed to give the Contractors notice under Condition 54 of the Contract to take the work out of their hands and that Mr. Overbury be instructed to obtain tenders from other Contractors for completing the work.

3—Medical Baths—The Reports of the Superintendent for the months of July and August were submitted. The receipts amounted to £104 4s. 0d. for July and £91 8s. 0d. for August, as compared with £97 17s. 6d. and £107 16s. 0d. for July and August respectively last year.

4—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—The Borough Surveyor reported that the attendances at the Pool during the 10 weeks ended the 20th September totalled 30,214. The total number of admissions so far this season was 101,714.

5—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the total attendances at the Alstone Baths during the 10 weeks ended the 20th September was 26,259 for the Swimming Baths and 4,317 for the Washing Baths.

6—Visit of Tanks—The Town Clerk reported that a number of tanks were visiting Cheltenham on the 11th October for three days. RESOLVED, That the 20 men and officer be granted free admission to the Saturday Night Dance and Sunday Concert.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th September, 1941. Present—The Mayor; Alderman Taylor; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Grimwade, Moore, Readings and Waite (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Trunk Feeder Cables—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the progress made with the laying of the new trunk feeder cables from Hester's Way to Evesham House. He anticipated that the work would be completed by the end of October.

2—Wages—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the National J.I.C. for the Electricity Supply Industry had granted an application from the Union for an increase in the War Bonus to workmen and increased the present bonus of 2 ¼ d. to 2 ¾ d. per hour as from the 29th August. The decision had been given effect to for this Undertaking RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—Public Lighting—(a) RESOLVED, That a View Meeting of this Committee be held on 20th October, at 7 p.m. (b) RESOLVED, That a star light fitting be erected in Station Street, and one outside the entrance to The Woodlands in the Park.

4—Fuel Economy Campaign—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a draft letter or leaflet prepared by the Mines Department for circulation to consumers of gas and electricity in regard to the campaign for economy in fuel. He had consulted the Gas Company when it was agreed that it would be more convenient and much cheaper for the two departments to issue the letter in the form of a joint advertisement in the " Echo." RESOLVED, That this be approved, but that the letter be amended as now suggested by the Committee

5—Air Raid Shelter—RESOLVED, That consent be given to the erection of a public air raid shelter on the land belonging to the Undertaking in Gloucester Road opposite the Lansdown Castle,

6—I.M.E.A.—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a number of Electrical Engineers in the West of England and South Wales were preparing to form a Local Centre of the It was found by experience that the formation of Local Centres was of great assistance to the Council of the Association. RESOLVED, That the Council support the formation of a Local Centre and that the Chairman and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend its Meetings.

7—Schedule of Salaries—Read, letter of 1st ult. from the No. 6 District Joint Committee that the Committee had adopted the Agreement made by the National Joint Committee of Local Authorities and Chief Electrical Engineers and they recommended its operation by all Undertakings affiliated to the No. 6 District Joint Committee. The Chairman explained the provisions of the Agreement. A complete change in the valuation of net units sold had been approved, i.e., only units generated are valued at 100 per cent Units purchased in bulk by a generating authority are devalued to 85 per cent. and by a non-generating authority, devalued to 75 per cent. All units sold in bulk are devalued to 30 per cent., and all units sold to large consumers are devalued to 30 per cent. The new Agreement would not result in any change in the present salary of the Borough Electrical Engineer. RESOLVED, That the Agreement be approved and adopted.

8—Damage to Lamp Standards—Read, report of damage on the 10th inst. to a lamp standard at junction of Park Place and Andover Road RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim against the person responsible for the cost of making good the damage amounting to a £8 1s. 2d.

9—Extension of Mains—Fringe Order—Read, letter of 11th ult. from the Electricity Commissioners enclosing formal Order under Section 6 of the Electric Lighting Act, 1909, permitting the Corporation to supply certain premises in the Parish of Churchdown, in the Gloucester Area of Supply.

10—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of gas tests made on the 21st, 26th, and 30th July, 11th, 16th, 20th, 25th and 31st August, and 6th, 11th, 15th, 19th and 24th September which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 467.9, 479.4, 459.0, 484.7, 498.8, 486.5, 490.8, 482.7, 492.1, 474.3, 471.9, 461.7 and 463.0 B.Th.U. respectively pressure and the 8.0, 6.4, 6.7, 6.8, 6.8, 6.4, 6.8, 6.9 6.6, 6.5, 6.9, 7.2 and 6.4 inches of water respectively.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th September 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett and Trye ; Councillors Dr. Hayward, Moore and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st July, 1941.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	127,000 gallons	95,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	308,000 "	312,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	24,000 "	23,000 "
	459,000 "	430,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about ... 75,889,000 gallons.

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For month ended 31st August,1941.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	100,000 gallons	84,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	356,000 "	305,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	24,000 "	31,000 "
	480,000 "	420,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 57,729,000 gallons.

2—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the months of July and August.

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

4—Cisterns—The Borough Engineer recommended that approval be given for a period of two years to the use of asbestos cement roof cisterns RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

5—Tewkesbury Water Works—The Borough Engineer reported that arrangements were now being made for the testing of the new electrical pumps.

6—Borough of Tewkesbury—The Borough Engineer reported that in connection with the proposed direct supply to Tewkesbury from the Works, it will be necessary to provide a meter for recording the flow. He proposed to have an old Venturi meter recalibrated and fixed on the outlet main at a cost of £55, plus the cost of labour and the provision of a small chamber. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

7—Woodlands Farm—(a) The Borough Engineer submitted estimate amounting to £98 for carrying out repairs to the buildings at Woodlands Farm. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to have this work carried out.

(b) Read, letter of 29th July from Messrs. Castle & Son enclosing a letter from Mr. Tuffly, the tenant of this farm. claiming the sum of £60 compensation for damage caused to 10 acres of corn by rabbits. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot admit any liability in this matter.

(c) The Town Clerk reported that the War Agricultural Executive Committee had required the tenant of this Farm to plough up nine acres of land.

8—Supply to Gloucester—The Borough Engineer reported on the charge to be made to Gloucester for water supplied to them, RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer and Borough Treasurer be

instructed to submit further report on the matter as soon as the accounts for last year have been Completed

9—A.R.P.—Read, letter of 14th ult. from the Ministry of Health raising objection to the increase in the cost of the inter-connections carried out in connection with the alternative welded arrangements, but asking to be furnished with an explanation of the increase in the cost of pipes, valves, etc.

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10—Fire Prevention—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Ministry of Health that they agree that it was not necessary to provide any special arrangements for fire protection of Hewletts Reservoir. They also approved the fire prevention arrangements made at Sandford Waterworks.

11—Lower Hewletts Farm—The Town Clerk reported that the War Agricultural Executive Committee had required the ploughing up of about 13 acres at this Farm.

12—Castle Barn Farm—The Town Clerk reported that the War Agricultural Executive Committee had required the ploughing up of about 19 acres at this Farm.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd September, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Pates, Trye and Winterbotham ; 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—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) Read, letter of 6th inst. from Mr. E. H. Loud applying for a Hackney Carriage Licence. He had formerly held a Licence for many years and gave this up when he went into private service as a Chauffeur. His employer had now died, and he wished to ply for hire again. RESOLVED, That the Licence be granted, and also a Driver's Licence, subject to the vehicle being approved by Superintendent Hopkins and the Hackney Carriage Inspector.

(b) Transfers—RESOLVED, That the applications of J. Cairns, E. C. Martin and D. Joel for transfer of their Hackney Carriage Licences to new vehicles purchased by them be granted.

(c) New Licences—The Committee considered applications from W. Lewis of 90 Tewkesbury Road, F. Ellsom of 9 Cromwell Road, E. C. Rye of 18 Great Norwood Street, and W. Buckingham of Ventnor Hotel, Promenade, for Hackney Carriage Licences. RESOLVED, That these applications be not granted as the Committee have no evidence that the applicants intend to ply for hire with their vehicles from the Public Stands.

3—Petroleum 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) That the application of W. H. Cole, Ltd., to store 50 gallons of petroleum spirit at their premises, Zona Works, Russell Place, in a can store in a fire resisting building, be granted.

(c) That the application of Mr. C. J. Humphris to store 500 gallons of petroleum spirit at his premises "The Star Coal Yard," Worcester Street, in an underground tank, be granted.

4—Central Police Station—Superintendent Hopkins reported that the County proposed to provide a Private Branch Exchange at the Central Police Station, and so enable telephone calls to be put through direct to the Police Sub-Stations in place of the private lines at present provided. The cost of the alteration was estimated at £9 8s. 0d. per annum instead of £38 as at present. RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the proposal.

5--Municipal Offices—Telephonist—The Town Clerk submitted complaint from the Chief Officers of the present telephone service in the building. They recommended that a more experienced telephone Operator should be engaged and that the Duplicating Machine should be removed from the Telephone Office and a separate person engaged for operating this machine. They also recommended that application should be made to the Post Office for two additional lines as the present six lines are not sufficient to deal with the large number of telephone calls. RESOLVED, (a) That the staffing of the Telephone Office and Gestetner Machine be transferred from the Borough Surveyor's Department to the Town Clerk;

(b) That the Town Clerk be instructed to engage an experienced Telephone Operator at a salary not exceeding £3 per week, according to age and experience;

(c) That the Town Clerk be instructed to mail. o' arrangements to transfer the Gestetner Machine to another room and to engage a Junior Clerk to operate this "" would also act as Relief-Telephonist during the lunch-hour; and

(d) That application be made to the Post Office for two additional external lines.

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6—Community Feeding—(a) Read, letter of 15th July from the Ministry of Food approving the equipping of a Community Feeding Centre at Whaddon Road at an estimated cost of £1,223 6s. 3d., subject to the conditions set out in the letter.

(b) Read, letter of 18th ult. from the Ministry of Food to the Borough Surveyor that the Ministry considered it a matter of urgency that a British Restaurant should be established on the St. Mark's Estate for which a Nissen Hut would be supplied. The Ministry was also prepared to supply a Nissen Hut seating 250 for use as a dining hall to be attached to the Kitchen in the course of erection on the Whaddon Estate.

(c) Pate's Kitchen—Read, letter of 10th inst from the County Public Assistance Officer agreeing that the Corporation should be entirely responsible for the cleaning of the Dining Hall, Entrance Hall, Cloakroom and Lavatories, and the Corporation should make their own arrangements for cleaning

staff. RESOLVED, That these arrangements be approved, it being understood that the Corporation are only responsible for the lavatories used by the staff of the Kitchen.

7—Athletic Ground—Read, letter of 1st inst, from Mills & Rockleys Ltd. asking if the Committee would reduce still further the rent of the hoarding at the Athletic Ground. The Town Clerk reported that the Committee reduced the rent in October last by 25 per cent. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot make any further reduction in the rent.

8—Leekhampton Hill—Read, letter of 4th inst. from the Ministry of Supply asking if the Council would surrender the steel from the bridge over the dis-used quarry. RESOLVED, That the Ministry be informed that as this bridge carries the Daisy bank Road it cannot be demolished.

9—Local Omnibus Services—Read, letter of 1st inst. from the Cheltenham District Traction Company informing the Council that in order to conserve fuel supplies, they had been ordered by the Minister of War Transport to reduce further their service operations which, in future, would have to be operated within a definite set mileage figure per week. In order to give effect to these instructions, they had found it necessary to discontinue a number of the evening services and commence the services later on Sunday afternoons. The Town Clerk reported that he had suggested to the Company whether the reduction could not have been effected by taking off some of the services during the less busy periods of the day, and by running less omnibuses per hour, but he had received a letter from the Company that it was not practicable to reduce the intervals during the day time and the suggestion of making ten minute services into 15 minute services would result in very little economy and involve another bus and staff with a lot of idle time.

10—Red Cross Produce Show—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Honorary Treasurer of this Show asking the Council for a subscription towards the Prize Fund. RESOLVED, That the sum of £25 be subscribed.

11—South Western Provincial Council—Read, letter of 21st July from the South Western Provincial Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services enclosing recommendation of the Council on classification, grading and salaries of officers, which they asked the Council to adopt. Read, also, letter of 9th inst. from the President of the Cheltenham Municipal Officers' Guild, asking if the Committee would agree to the Divisional Organiser of N.A.L.G.O. attending the next Meeting of the Committee with a view to putting forward an application by the Guild for the Council to join the Provincial Council. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to hear the representative of N.A.L.G.O. at the next Meeting.

12—National Service Act—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Public Library Committee that consent be given to Miss S. G. Smith to volunteer for service in the W.R.N.S. and that, if accepted, her employment should be kept open and her pay made up in the same way as the male members of the staffs. RESOLVED, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

13—A.R.P. Wardens' Posts—The Sub-Controller reported that the Emergency Committee had asked the County Council for authority to purchase 50 beds and mattresses for the Wardens' Posts. No beds or mattresses had been provided and, in many cases, at some of the Posts the Wardens were still sleeping on the floor. The Emergency Committee considered that the Wardens manning their Posts at night should have proper sleeping facilities. The County Council had informed the

Emergency Committee that they had no authority to authorise expenditure for this purpose, and the Emergency Committee had therefore taken up the matter with the Regional Commissioner. In view, however, of the importance of this matter, the Emergency Committee recommended that the Council should themselves authorise the purchase of these beds and mattresses without waiting for the approval of the Regional Commissioner. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th September, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillor Bush, Green, Grimwade, Readings and Till ; and Mr. W. S. F. Harris (Councillor Grimwade in the chair;

1—Monthly Report of Column Officer—Column Officer J. R. Jones reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended 9 calls to fire as follows :—

11th July	..	Nr. Cross Hands, Tewkesbury Road.
20th	“	7 Lansdown Terrace.
20th	“	11 Fairfield Walk.
21st	“	Technical College, Lansdown Road.
23rd	“	44 Bath Parade.
12th August		14 Grosvenor Street.
29th	“	Cirencester Road.
1st September		7 Malvern Place.
13th	“	St. James' Square.

2—Auxiliary Fire Service—The Town Clerk submitted Circulars Nos. 61, 62, 63, 73, 81 and 84 from the Home Office. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Column Officer for attention.

3—National Fire Service—The Town Clerk submitted Circulars dated 6th, 7th and 15th August in regard to the re-organisation of the Fire Services. The transfer of all personnel and property of the Fire Service had been effected as from 18th August, from which date the members of the Fire Brigade, appliances, vehicles and properties used by the Brigade passed from the control of the Council to the Secretary of State. The Home Office had requested the Council to continue the payments on their behalf to the personnel. The Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer had both been appointed Column Officers, Mr. Jones being stationed in Cheltenham and Mr. Hasted at Weston-super-Mare.

4—Static Water Supply Basins—Read, N.F. Circular No. 1 of 20th ult. that it had now been decided that the expenditure incurred by Local Authorities on the provision of supplementary water supplies

will rank for grant 90 per cent under Section 58 of the Civil Defence Act, 1939, in respect of all works as from the 5th February last.

5—Access to Premises Order—Read, Circular No. 182 from the Ministry of Home Security enclosing a copy of the Fire Precautions (Access to Premises) (No. 2) Order, 1941. The Order conferred powers of entry on Wardens and members of Fire Fighting Parties organised by Local Authorities, including not only voluntary members of Fire Parties but also persons compulsorily enrolled. Every person should be issued with an Authority under the Order. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Fire Guard Staff Officer and that he be authorised to issue the necessary Certificates.

6—Fire Guard Organisation—(a) The Town Clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Regional Commissioner in regard to the Fire Guard organisation in Cheltenham. The Commissioner had now approved Mr. Dack's appointment at £400 per annum, and Mr. Haidon as Fire Guard Assistant Staff Officer at £250 per annum. He also approved the engagement of reasonable clerical assistance. The Council were also entitled to the employment of paid Head Fire Guards and Senior Fire Guards for the purpose of supervision over Fire Guards in business premises.

The Ministry regarded it as imperative that the Fire Guard organisation should be regarded as part of the general Wardens' Service. While the Chief Warden will assume general responsibility for the organisation of the Fire Guard, there was no need for him to be burdened with additional work as the administration might well be left entirely in the hands of the Fire Guard Staff Officer under the Chief Warden. RESOLVED, That the organisation, as set out in the Regional Commissioner's letter be approved and that the Chief Warden, Mr. Ferguson, be appointed a member of the Fire Prevention Committee. (b) RESOLVED, That the Fire Guard Staff Officer be authorised to appoint a shorthand-typist and junior filing clerk.

7—Fire Prevention (Business Premises) Order, 1941—The Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee had held four Meetings during the past two months.

8—Fire Brigade Committee—The Committee considered the future of this Committee in view of the fact that the Corporation no longer controlled the Fire Brigade. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to appoint this Committee as the Fire Prevention Committee and to delegate to it the powers of the Council under the Civil Defence Duties (Compulsory Enrolment) Orders, the Business Premises Orders, and all matters dealing with the organisation of the Fire Guard.

H. C. GRIMWADE,

Chairman.

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ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th September, 1941. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Green, Grimwade and Smith ; Messrs. Ball and Barlow (Councillor Smith in the chair).

1—Cultivation—The Gardens Superintendent reported that Nos. 17, 151 and 189a North Ward were in a bad state of cultivation Nos. 8, 12 and 15 Brooklyn Road Playing Field were only half cultivated ;

Nos. 14 and 23 Brooklyn Road were uncultivated, No. 17 was bad with seeding weeds and two-thirds of No. 18 was uncultivated : Nos 29 and 86b Asquith Road were badly cultivated and partly covered with weeds ; No. 30 Alma Road was also covered with seeding weeds. The Town Clerk reported that the tenants of No. 17 North Ward, 30 Alma Road and 29 Asquith Road had promised to complete the cultivation of their allotments and the tenant of 189a North Ward had given up another allotment which would enable him to devote more time to No 189a ; Nos. 14, 17 and 23 Brooklyn Road were vacant. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take possession of the uncultivated portion of No. 86b Asquith Road and re-let the same,

2—Orchard, Marsh Lane—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had agreed with the tenant of this Orchard for the removal of a further 40 trees, and this work would be carried out by the tenant. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

3—North Ward Allotments—No. 213—The Gardens Superintendent reported that he had arranged with the tenant of this allotment to remove six plum trees, and this work would be carried out by the tenant. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

4—Allotment No. 52 Prior's Road--As instructed at the last Meeting of this Committee, the Gardens Superintendent and the Borough Surveyor had inspected the well on this allotment and reported that it was not possible to provide a pump, but the brick work had now been extended about 2 ft. 6 ins, above ground level and a special cover provided which would enable the tenants to obtain water without difficulty.

5-- Land junction of Whaddon Road and Prior's Road—(a) The Town Clerk reported that proceedings had now been taken against John and Rose Smith for trespass and the Magistrates had imposed a fine of 15s on John Smith and 5s on Rose Smith.

(b) Read, letters from Mr. J. W. Bliss asking to be allowed 15s for his expenses for attending as a witness in this case. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

6—Hatherley Road Allotments—The Town Clerk reported that the Great Western Railway Co had intimated that they would require a strip of land adjoining the railway for widening the line. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Railway Company to ascertain when the land is likely to be required. RESOLVED, also, That endeavours be made to provide the displaced tenants with other allotments.

7—Marle Hill Allotments—As instructed at the last Meeting of this Committee, the Town Clerk had communicated with Miss Gordon, the owner of the field adjoining Marle Hill allotments, to ascertain if the tenants of the allotments could be granted permission to obtain water from the pond during the dry season, but he submitted letter of 10th July stating that as the pond gets almost dry every summer, she could not grant the necessary permission as there would be no water for the animals grazing in the field.

8—Land, Tewkesbury Road near Malvern Street—The Town Clerk submitted application from Mr. J. Kelly on behalf of himself and other tenants, for the Corporation to provide fencing for the allotments on the understanding that the Kelly tenants would undertake the erection. RESOLVED, That this be not agreed to, but that the land be let rent free, and that Minute No. 3, passed at the last Meeting of this Committee be varied accordingly.

9—Uncultivated Land—(a) 41 Merriville Road—A complaint had been received that the garden of No. 41 Merriville Road was uncultivated. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee.

(b) Land, Alstone Lane—A complaint was also received of the bad state of cultivation of a portion of the allotment land being Field No. 205 on the Ordnance Map Glos. XXVI 7. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee.

(c) Allotment No. 21 Baglin's Piece—It was reported that this allotment had been in a bad condition for some considerable time. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the tenant to ascertain if he intends to put the allotment into good condition, and to inform him that unless this is done without delay, possession will be taken of the same.

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10—Land, rear Orchard Terrace--RESOLVED, That on the termination of Mr. Price's tenancy this field be platted into allotments and let to the tenants of the houses in Orchard Terrace at the rate of 1s per perch per annum. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain whether Mr. Price would be prepared to dispose of the garages to the Corporation or whether he proposed to remove them.

1—Additional Land for Allotments—(a) Land adjoining The Woodlands—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the County Council to ascertain if they would be willing to allow the Corporation to use the whole or a portion of the land adjoining the North Gloucestershire Technical College at "The Woodlands," The Park, for allotments, as it was understood that the proposal to use this as a Playing Field had had to be abandoned owing to war time conditions.

(b) Land at Marle Hill—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with Col. Fisher to ascertain whether the Military were still prepared to de-requisition the field opposite the Pump Room with a view to its use for allotments.

(c) Additional Land—RESOLVED, That the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to make enquiries as to obtaining additional land for allotments.

12—Hatherley Park Allotments—The Town Clerk submitted complaints from tenants re trespass and dogs, and asking if the Corporation could erect a fence, the tenants making a contribution towards the same, RESOLVED, That the application be not entertained in view of the difficulty in obtaining materials and labour.

13—Charlton Park Gate—The Town Clerk reported that when the land on the North side of Charlton Park Gate was requisitioned from Dr. Ainscow, the latter had retained one plot for cultivation, but had now agreed to give this up with the exception of four perches, which he wished to retain, leaving the remainder of the land to be let to other applicants.

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th September, 1941. Present—Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Food Production—The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the months of July and August the sale of produce at the Market amounted to £235 4s. 9 ½ d.

2—Recreation Grounds—The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the month of August the Education Committee had arranged Play Leadership at the Whaddon, Agg Gardner and Alstone Croft Recreation Grounds, and that the Education Secretary had suggested an additional payment of 5s per week to the Custodians of these Recreation Grounds. RESOLVED, That the Education Secretary be informed that the Committee agree with the proposal that this additional payment should be made by the Education Committee to the Custodians for the extra work undertaken by them.

3—Alstone Croft Recreation Ground—Custodian—The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from the Custodian for additional remuneration owing to the extra work caused by the erection of the Shelters and Decontamination arrangements at the Pavilion. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration, and that he be asked to submit the matter to the Emergency Committee with his observations thereon.

4—Gift of Plants—The Gardens Superintendent reported that Mr. H. L. Bradbury had given three large plants of plumbago cupeusis. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to convey the thanks of this Committee to Mr. Bradbury for his gift.

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5—Demonstration Plots—(a) The Gardens Superintendent reported that owing to greatly reduced staff he was unable to continue the cultivation of the demonstration plots at Asquith Road, Creamery Piece, Winter Garden and Land junction of Church and Gloucester Roads, RESOLVED, That when the crops have been removed the allotments be let and that the Town Clerk be instructed to let the plot at the Winter Garden to one of the occupiers of the houses in Imperial Square.

(b) Sandford Park—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the Ministry of Agriculture had suggested the desirability of three demonstration plots in Sandford Park which could be utilised for showing the rotation of crops. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to and that the Gardens Superintendent be instructed to lay out two additional plots.

(c) Theft of Produce—The Gardens Superintendent reported that a considerable amount of produce, including onions, had been taken from the demonstration plots.

6—Staff Reductions—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the Custodian of Naunton Park Recreation Ground had been called up for Military Service and two other members of the gardens staff had resigned. Two Land Army girls had been engaged and he had re-employed F. Bridgeman who was superannuated four years ago.

7—Pittville Gardens—Railings—The Gardens Superintendent reported that 18 yards of railings and double gates had been removed from the Evesham Road boundary of these gardens.

8—Shorthand Typist, Gardens Superintendent's Office—The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from Miss G. R. Ballinger, shorthand typist in his Office, for an increase in salary. RESOLVED, That her salary be increased to £1 10. 0d. per week, including war bonus, as from the 11th inst.

9—Sandford Park—Air Raid Shelter—The Borough Surveyor reported that plans had been submitted for a proposed air raid shelter for the employees of Messrs. Folland Aircraft, and that as the Company had no other land available it was proposed that this shelter should be erected on a portion of Sandford Park near the Bath Road entrance, adjoining their premises, but that the entrance to the shelter should only be from the premises belonging to the Company RESOLVED, That the Chairman, Councillor Grimwade, the Town Clerk, and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect the premises of the Company to ascertain if an alternative site is available, and that a Special Meeting of this Committee be called to consider the matter.

10—Pittville Estate—The Borough Surveyor submitted letters of 25th ult. and 6th inst. from Mrs. Gurney, complaining of the untidy condition of the verges, etc. He reported that he had suggested that householders might assist the Corporation by trimming the verges opposite their premises. RESOLVED, That Mrs. Gurney be informed that owing to shortage of labour it was impossible for the Corporation to keep the verges in order as in peace time

11—Royal Well Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that at the Meeting of the Salvage Sub-Committee on the 18th ult. it had been decided to ask this Committee to undertake the lay out and maintenance of the small piece of garden in front of Royal Well Terrace which had been surrendered by the owners and occupiers and from which railings had been removed, A representative of the Iron and Steel Control of the Ministry of Supply had urged that this should be done as it would demonstrate the attractive manner in which gardens could be laid out following the removal of railings. RESOLVED, That this Committee agree to undertake the lay out of this garden as and when they have the labour available.

12—Football and Hockey Pitches—RESOLVED, That permission be granted to the undermentioned Clubs to play football or hockey on the following Recreation Grounds during the coming season:-

Name of Ground.	Name of Club	Day of Play.
St. Mark's Recreation Ground	Cheltenham and County Harriers	
	Ladies' Hockey Club	Alternate Saturdays.
Agg Gardner Recreation Ground	Cheltenham Black-out Club ...	Saturdays.
	Y.M.C.A. (Baker Street Section)	ditto
Naunton Park Recreation Ground	Naunton Park Rovers ...	Alternate Saturdays.

RESOLVED, also, That the Clubs be informed that at times there will probably be no Custodian on the ground, and that it will be necessary for them to make their own arrangements with regard to marking out the pitches.

13—Tewkesbury Road Playing Field—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Gilbert was willing to pay £2 per acre for this land as from the 25th March, 1940, but he asked for permission to graze cattle thereon in the future, as at present he was limited to the grazing of sheep RESOLVED, That this be

approved and that permission he granted for the grazing of cattle, subject to Mr. Gilbert entering into a Tenancy Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

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14—Whaddon Road Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with Capt. Linnell Brown and Mr. H. W. Chester, complaining of trespass by children from this Recreation Ground and Capt. Linnell Brown had asked. for the shelter fixed to the North wall of his property to be removed. The Town Clerk reported that Capt. Linnell Brown had now agreed to withdraw this Notice, on the understanding that the Corporation would take steps to prevent further damage being caused The Gardens Superintendent reported that two trees in the Recreation Ground, adjoining Capt. Linnell Brown's garden, had been cut down, and the shelter repaired and that barbed wire, on curved iron supports, was being erected on the top of the gate of Westbourne Cottage which adjoined the side road leading from Pittville Circus Road. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

15—Pittville Park and Pump Room—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 15th July last from the War Department Land Agent stating that he could not agree to a rental of £500 per annum for the portion of Pittville Park and the Pump Room requisitioned by the Military, but was prepared to agree to a rental of £200 per annum plus 2 per acre for the field adjoining Marle Hill House, making a total of £14 plus £1 5s. 0d. for the removal expenses of the Custodian, and 9s 2d. for electric light bulbs for the Custodian's new house. RESOLVED, That this matter be referred to the Town Clerk and that he be instructed to negotiate with the War Department Land Agent,

16—British Restaurants—The Chairman of the Communal Feeding Committee (Alderman Winterbotham) had asked if produce grown by the Corporation could be sold for use at the Communal Kitchens as difficulty was experienced in getting supplies. The Gardens Superintendent stated that this would entail considerable extra labour for deliveries etc., and also necessitate the purchase of scales, and he understood a local firm had agreed to supply daily the produce required by the Communal Kitchens. RESOLVED, That the application cannot be acceded to.

17—Pillee Recreation Ground—(a) Read, letter of 4th inst. from Mr. W. Wallace Yeend complaining of damage to his fence, hedge and fruit trees by children at this Recreation Ground, and suggesting that a Custodian should be appointed. RESOLVED, That he be informed that at the present time, the Corporation are unable to provide labour for the supervision of this ground.

(b) Fencing—RESOLVED, That the wooden fence, approximately 25 yards in length, abutting on Pillee Lane be removed, and that the timber be utilised for other purposes,

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th September, 1941. Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillor Bendall ; and Major J. G. N. Clift (Alderman Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Committee—The Town Clerk had reported that Dr. Richard Davies felt he should resign owing to temporary absence from Cheltenham. RESOLVED, That Dr. Davies be asked to continue to serve as a co-opted member of the Committee.

2—Curator's Report for June, July and August, 1941—Visitors-20,820 (last year 8,835). Included in these figures were the following parties : Nazareth House 26 girls Naunton Park 34 boys and girls (2 parties) Practising School 16 boys (2 parties) ; Cheltenham College 40 boys.

Receipts—Postcards, Catalogues, etc. £4 7s. 10d. "Friends of the Art Gallery and Museum Fund" £14 19s. 2d. Total £19 7s. 0d.

Evacuation of Pictures—RESOLVED, That the Curator's action in inspecting evacuated treasures and arranging for further accommodation, be approved.

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3—Donations—Gifts to the Museum had been received from the following :—Miss Adlard, Mr. C. Collett, Lady Dixon - Hartland, Miss M. Howes, Miss E. M. McLaren, Miss Newton, Mr. A. Payne, Mr. T. G. Phillips, Mrs. Stephens, Mr. Charles Such, Mr. J. W. Topham-Vinall, Miss Winnington-Ingram. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

4—Specimens Purchased—RESOLVED, That a Samuel Moreau Medal, 1788, two Bygones, two 19th century photographs on glass and a collection of 19th century costume be purchased from the general account at a total cost of £1 11s. 0d.

5—Loans—Loans to the Museum had been received from the following :—Lady Cuming, Miss A. B. Green, Mr. J. O. Kirkley, and Rev. P. W. Unwin. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Lenders.

6—Application for use of Chinese Porcelain Room—RESOLVED, (a) That the use of the Chinese Porcelain Room be granted to the W.E.A. on Saturday afternoons throughout the winter for classes.

(b) That the Cheltenham Beekeepers' Association be granted the use of this room for a Meeting on the 6th November, 1941, at 3 p.m.

(c) That the use of the Art Gallery be granted for the Annual Meeting of the Cheltenham Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society on Monday, 3rd November, 1941.

7—Exhibitions—RESOLVED, That the Curator's action in arranging for a small display of paintings by Mr. G. P. Mackeson, be confirmed. RESOLVED, further, That facilities be given for the following Exhibitions :—(a) Cheltenham Group of Artists, (b) Pictures by the late R. G. Eves, R. A. (c) Pictures by Firemen Artists. (d) Living-in-Cities

8—Hours of Closing—RESOLVED, That the Art Gallery and Museum close as last year, namely, that on the two days of the week (Wednesday and Saturday) when the Art Gallery and Museum normally opens until 8 p.m., the closing hour be black-out time throughout the coming winter.

9--16th Century Dutch Picture—RESOLVED, That the offer of a 16th century Dutch picture, as a gift, be accepted with thanks.

10—Staff—The Curator reported the resignation of Mr. George A. Lewis (Art Gallery Junior Assistant) on his decision to join the R.A.F. for 6 years. RESOLVED, That the Curator be instructed to convey in writing the best wishes of the Committee and appreciation of past services, to Mr. Lewis. The Curator also reported the resignation of Mrs. G. Cummings (Art Gallery Attendant), and Miss R. Gurrey (Temporary Art Gallery and Museum Junior Assistant). RESOLVED, That the Curator's action in transferring Miss Audrey Harris from the Library to be Art Gallery and Museum Junior Assistant, at £74 12s. 0d. per annum including 3s 6d. per week war bonus ; and the appointment of Mrs. L. Buchanan as Art Gallery Attendant at 34s per week including 4s per week war bonus, be confirmed. RESOLVED, further, That Miss A. Harris be granted the next scale increment of £10 per annum as from 15th September, 1941

11—Photographing of Prints and Drawings—RESOLVED, That the quotation of Mr. B. Kerney, of Worcester, for photographing certain local prints, etc., be accepted.

12—Date of next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, 14th November, 1941.

CLA RA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th September, 1941. Present—Councillors Avery, Bettridge Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Moore, Rogers and Readings (Councillor Rev. Courcy Ireland in the chair):

1—Superintendent's Report—Read, Report of the Superintendent for the period from the 28th June to 26th September. Number of Interments 164 ; Cremations 49 ; Grave Spaces sold : 1st Position 5, 2nd Position 4, 3rd Position 1, 4th Position 38 ; New Memorials erected 16 ; New Inscriptions 22.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces Sold—RESOLVED, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 10404 to 10451. 3—Designs—RESOLVED, That the Designs Nos. 2677 to 2712, as set out in the Designs Book, signed by the Chairman, he approved.

4—Civilian War Deaths Scheme—(a) The Town Clerk reported that a representative of the Ministry of Health Regional Office, Bristol, had recently inspected the Mortuaries and expressed satisfaction with the arrangements made. The Ministry, however, require that the floors of the buildings should be covered with linoleum and asked for an estimate of the cost to be submitted for approval. The Superintendent submitted two tenders received. RESOLVED, That the following tenders be accepted, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health :—

s. d.

St. Stephen's Hall	E. L. Ward, Ltd.	£52 14 6
St. Peter's Parish Hall	Shirers & Lances	£50 10 11
Holy Trinity Mission Hall	“ “	£19 13 4

(b) Rentals—The Town Clerk reported that he had taken up with the Ministry the question of the payment of a rental for the accommodation at St. Stephen's Hall and St. Peter's Parish Hall used for storage of mortuary clothing and equipment, and the Ministry were prepared to approve of an annual retaining fee of £10 per annum. The Ministry were also prepared to approve one guinea a day being paid for each day the premises were used as a Mortuary. The Superintendent reported that St. Peter's Parish Flail had been used on six days. RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be instructed to pay the retaining rents from the day the premises were earmarked and also to pay six guineas for the use of St. Peter's Parish Hall on the occasion of the air raid in December last.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted Circular 2398 from the Ministry of Health enclosing revised memorandum in regard to the operation of the scheme.

(d) The Town Clerk submitted Circular 2470 of 29th ult. from the Ministry of Health that it had come to the notice of the Ministry that in some cases the relatives and friends of civilians who have died in consequence of war operations had not been aware that it is the duty of local Authorities to arrange for burial at no expense to the relatives unless the body is claimed by the relatives or friends of the deceased and disposed at their own expense. RESOLVED, That the Mortuary Superintendent be asked to make this clear to relatives and friends when attending at the Mortuaries.

(e) Read, Circular 2473 of 1st inst. from the Ministry of Health in regard to the steps to be taken for dealing with deaths at large factories.

5—Cemetery—(a) Staff—The Superintendent reported that he had been unable to cut the grass at the Cemetery and carry out as much maintenance work as he would have liked owing to depletion of staff Three of his men had been called up and two others had left to take other work. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to enquire of the, Ministry of Labour whether it is possible to apply the Essential Works Order to the Cemetery so as to prevent employees leaving. RESOLVED, also, That in the event of the Superintendent finding difficulty in getting graves dug, he be authorised to instruct local Contractors to dig graves when necessary.

(b) Potatoes—The Superintendent reported that 6 cwt. of potatoes were planted but in view of the shortage of labour it was not possible to harvest these. RESOLVED, That the Superintendent be instructed to invite tenders for the potatoes on the site and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a tender.

(c) Lavatories—The Superintendent reported that last winter about fifteen gallons of paraffin were used to keep the lavatories from freezing up, but in view of the difficulty of obtaining paraffin he recommended that the heating from the adjoining chapel boilers should be altered so as to pass through the lavatories. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to see if he can arrange this.

E. S. DE COURCY IRELAND,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th September, 1941, Present—Councillors Bush, Garland, Grimwade, Lipson and Readings ; Rev. Canon Johnstone ; Rev. B. Thomas ; Messrs. S. J. Clarke, P. Vernall and C. E. Walsh (Councillor Lipson in the chair).

1—Committee—The Town Clerk reported that Dr. Richard Davies felt he should resign owing to temporary absence from Cheltenham RESOLVED, That Dr. Davies be asked to continue to serve as a co-opted Member of the Committee.

2—Librarian's Report for June, July and August, 1941—Receipts £145 18s. 6d.

Number of Volumes Issued—Reference Department 16,550; Lending Department 94,158 ; Junior Department 13,340 ; School Libraries (April—June) 6,449 ; Total 130,497 (last year 118,671).

Replacements and Binding—645 volumes had been replaced, 1,171 volumes had been returned from the binder, and a further 1,305 volumes had been dispatched

South-Western Regional Library Bureau—The Librarian had attended an Executive Committee Meeting at Bath on 14th May, 1941.

Staff—Miss F. Benney and Miss S. Graham Smith had passed the Final Examination Part 3 of the Library Association and were now both qualified for election as Fellows of the Library Association. Miss P. Morgan had passed the Library Association Examination in Palaeography and Archives which she took voluntarily as an additional subject to her Diploma. RESOLVED, That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Miss Benney, Miss Graham Smith and Miss Morgan.

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

3—Books--RESOLVED, (a) That 856 volumes, published at £283 4s. 6d. be purchased for £187 4s. 5d.

(b) That £250 be spent on Binding.

(c) That £100 be spent on Replacements.

4—Donations-----103 volumes had been received as gifts from 22 donors. RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors

5—Lectures—RESOLVED, That the Librarian's arrangements for a series of ten lectures to be held in the afternoons during October—December, 1941, be approved.

6--Hours of Closing—RESOLVED, That all adult departments close as follows during the winter months :—October and November, 7 p.m. December and January, 6 p.m. February and March, 7 p. m.

7—Staff—RESOLVED, That the following increments take effect as from 15th September, 1941 (a) That Miss B. J. Burford (Grade A, Div. 1) be promoted to Grade A, Div. 2, commencing at £14 2s. 0d. per annum, including 3s 6d. per week war bonus.

(b) That the salary of Miss M. R. Gardner be expedited by 2 scale increments to £94 12s. 0d. per annum, including 3s 6d. per week war bonus.

(c) That Miss D. Paley be granted an additional scale increment to £74 12s. 0d. per annum, including 3s 6d. per week war bonus.

RESOLVED, further, That Miss S. Graham Smith be granted permission to volunteer for service with the W.R.N S. for the period of the war, her position to be kept open for her and her salary to be made up.

RESOLVED, further, That Miss I. Jacques be appointed Junior Assistant in Grade A, Div. 1, in place of Miss A. Harris transferred to Art Gallery and Museum.

8—Voluntary Helpers—The Librarian reported the increasing staff difficulty in dealing with the greatly increased and increasing turnover of stock and suggested that where school children were prepared to give voluntary services for two or three hours a week, arrangements should be made accordingly. An experiment on these lines had manifested the great interest and keenness of children in the duties of shelving books and generally giving assistance to the staff at rush periods.

RESOLVED, That the Librarian's suggestions be approved.

9—Booklist—The Librarian submitted offer from the New Centurion Publishing and Publicity Co. Ltd. suggesting that they are prepared to take over the publication of a periodical booklist and to issue it without cost to the Committee. RESOLVED, That the Librarian be authorised to negotiate with Miss F. L. Carter of the New Centurion Publishing and Publicity Co. Ltd. in this matter.

10—Date of next Meeting—RESOLVED, That the next Meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 14th November, 1941. D. L. LIPSON, Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 3rd September, 1941. Present—Alderman Ward ; Councillors Bettridge, Moore and Smith (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—Arrears—The Committee considered the list brought forward by the Rating Officer and gave instructions as to dealing with same.

E. L. WARD, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th September, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pruen, Taylor and Trye ; Councillors Garland and Grimwade (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate Amount collected £126,449 ; Leaving Outstanding £7,318.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer dated 30th inst. on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 30th September, 1941. Amount collected £26,915 ; Outstanding £4,797.

3—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of Electricity charges since the last Meeting.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 30th 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.

5—Loans—The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £7,230 had been received on loan. RESOLVED, That Mortgages be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

6—Superannuation Scheme—The Borough Treasurer submitted accounts of the Superannuation Fund as at the 31st March, 1941 The surplus for the year had increased from £8,645 16s. 5d. in 1940 to £11,099 13s. 4d. The toil of the fund now stood at £96,378 11s. 8d. Transfer value had been received from the Bournemouth Corporation in respect of Miss Forde, School Nurse, amounting to £16 13s.4d. With regard to the Quinquennial Valuation, the Actuaries had not yet been able to complete this owing to shortage of staff, but they hoped to submit their report within the next two months.

7—Finance Department—(a) The Borough Treasurer recommended the purchase of a Burroughs Adding and Subtracting Machine for the Costing Department at a cost of approximately 450. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Accountancy Assistant—The Borough Treasurer reported that he had interviewed four applicants for this post and recommended the appointment of Mr. Eric L. Halliday of the Treasurer's Department, Bootle. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

8--Mobile Hospital—Read, letter of 26th inst. from the Ambulance Headquarters that the cost of erecting a garage for this vehicle amounted to £48 7s. 6d. instead of the estimated cost of £40. RESOLVED, That the Council contribute £24 3s. 9d. towards this cost, and that Minute No. 10 passed at the Meeting of the Committee on the 29th April last be varied accordingly. RESOLVED, also, That the Committee agree to the purchase of the extra articles required for equipping the Unit as set out in the list now submitted.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices in the said Borough, on Monday, 6th October, 1941, 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 Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Pruen, Taylor, Capt. J. H. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. (Retd.) and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. Councillors Addis, J.P., Barnett, Bayliss, Bendall, Bettridge, Lt-Col. C. W. Biggs, O.B.E., Bush, Compton, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Lipson, M.A., M.P., Moore, Readings, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Avery and Miller.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 1st September, 1941, 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 8

Housing... Meeting held September 18

Street and Highway Meeting held September 22

Except that the Resolution to Minute No. 5 with regard to tree in Keynsham Road be amended to read as follows :—"RESOLVED, That the tree be removed."

Except, also, That Minute No. 8 (c) with regard to lighting of Omnibus queue rails be not approved and that the rails be illuminated forthwith.

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Town Planning . Meeting held September 25

Town Improvement and Spa.. Meeting held September 26

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Barnett and seconded by Councillor Smith : "That Minute No. 2 with regard to the demolition of the Winter Garden be referred back with a view to consideration being given to the letter from Mr. Overbury as to the retention of the walls and provision of a temporary roof."

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held September 19

Water Meeting held September 9

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held September 23

RESOLVED, also, That Transfers of Hackney Carriage Licences be granted to L. J. Clifford and S. C. Pritchett and that a new Licence and Driver's Licence be granted to A. W. Lewis subject to the vehicle being approved by Superintendent Hopkins and the Hackney Carriage Inspector.

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor Grimwade and seconded by Councillor Compton :
"That with regard to Minute No. 11 relative to the Council joining the South Western Provincial Council, the representative of N.A.L.G.O. be allowed to address the Town Council at their Meeting on the 31st October instead of the General Purposes Committee "

Fire Brigade Meeting held September 19

Allotments ... Meeting held September 8

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held September 8

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held September 12

Cemetery and Crematorium Meeting held September 26

Public Library Meeting held September 12

Rating Meeting held September 3

Finance Meeting held September 30

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

3—Delancey Hospital Trustees—RESOLVED, That Mrs. McAl dowie be appointed a representative of the Council on the Delancey Hospital Trustees for a further term of three years expiring on the 31st October, 1944.

4—Stansby's Charity—RESOLVED, That Mr. W. Turner Long be appointed a Representative Trustee of Stansby's Charity for a term of four years expiring on the 29th October, 1945.

JNO. HOWELL, Mayor.

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MINUTES 01 the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting- of the Council to be held on Friday, 31st October, 1941.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th October, 1941. Present—Aldermen Leigh James, Pruen, Trye and Clara Winterbotham; Councillors Barnett, Rev de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Dr. Hayward and Waite (Alderman Pruen in the chair)

1—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation--(a) Closing Orders-43 Post Office Lane and 34 Lansdown Crescent—The Chief Sanitary Inspector recommended that the Closing Orders made in respect of portions of these premises should be determined as the owners had now carried out the necessary works to render these fit for habitation. RESOLVED, That Orders be made under the Housing Act to determine the Orders made on the 3rd May, 1937 and 15th January, 1935, respectively.

(b) 5 Bayshill Terrace—The Committee considered application from the owner to re-let the basement of these premises. RESOLVED, That, subject to the defective plaster on the walls being removed and replaced with pudlow cement and any other works required being carried out to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector and, subject also to the rent charged not exceeding the controlled rent of 8s per week inclusive, an Order be made under the Common Seal determining the Closing Order.

(c) 102 Bath Road—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner had made application to re-let the basement of these premises. He reported that the premises were very damp and quite unsuitable even for temporary occupation. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted.

(d) 7 Suffolk Square—RESOLVED, That the application of the owner to re-let the basement be adjourned to the next Meeting and the special Committee consisting of Councillors Barnett, Garland and Dr. Hayward be appointed to inspect and report thereon.

(e) Basements—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that a number of basements had been occupied without the consent of the Committee and he recommended that a survey should be made of all premises which had been closed. RESOLVED, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to inspect all premises which had been closed and report thereon to the Committee.

(f) 81, 83, 85, 87 and 89 Granley Road; Eaton Cottage, Eaton Place ; 23 St. James' Street ; 5 and 6 Exmouth Street ; 16 Hereford Place ; and 15 Queen Street—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the owners had now carried out to his satisfaction the works required to render these premises fit for habitation. RESOLVED, That the Undertakings given by the owners be cancelled.

(g) 11 Burton Cottages—The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that the owner had not carried out the works required at these premises in accordance with the Notice served under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936. He now submitted tenders he had obtained for carrying out the work in default. RESOLVED, That the tender of Trigg Bros., Hanover Street, amounting to £12, being the lowest tender, be accepted.

2—Rousing Act, 1936--Certificates as to Fitness-5, 6 and 7 Exmouth Street—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 he 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,

3--Re-occupation of Condemned Houses—RESOLVED, That the application for the renewal of the licence for the re-occupation of 13 Grosvenor Street be granted for a further period of six months subject to the work now in progress being carried out to the satisfaction of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, and to the premises being maintained in a reasonable state of habitation.

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4—Food and Drugs Act, 1938—(a) The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted Certificates of the Public Analyst in respect of six samples of Milk Nod. 183-188, which were all satisfactory.

(b) The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted analyses of a substitute dried milk which showed that the article contained no milk at all. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for penalties under the Dried Milk Regulations and/or Food and Drugs Act.

(c) The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 2468 from the Ministry of Health in regard to the contamination of food-stuffs. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health and Chief Sanitary Inspector for attention.

5—Milk and Dairies Order, 1926—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted report in regard to two cases of re-filling milk bottles in the street and delivering to consumers' premises contrary to the provisions of the Order. RESOLVED, That proceedings be instituted against the offender.

6—Air Raid Shelters—The Chief Sanitary Inspector submitted his report on the inspection of the air raid shelters. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Emergency Committee.

7—Abattoir—The Town Clerk reported that, as instructed, he wrote on the 10th ult. to the Ministry of Food drawing attention to the large amount outstanding for stunning charges, and pointed out that unless an early settlement of the matter was made, the Committee would have to consider discontinuing the stunning service provided by them, He now submitted letter from the Ministry of Food expressing regret that the outstanding charges had not been paid by the Cheltenham Butchers' Buying Committee. The Ministry had accordingly asked its Area Slaughter-House Agent to discuss the matter with the Committee at the first available opportunity and to press for an early settlement of the accounts. The Town Clerk reported that the account had not yet been paid. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Ministry of Food that, unless the accounts are paid within four weeks, the stunning services will be discontinued.

8—Food Decontamination Scheme—Read, letter of 27th ult. from the Ministry of Food approving the amended scheme submitted by the Council for the adaptation of the stands at the Cheltenham Athletic Ground for use as a Food Decontamination Centre. They also approved the purchase of 30 sets of under-clothing for use of the Food Treatment Squad at a cost not exceeding £1 per suit. The Borough Surveyor reported that tenders had been invited for carrying out the work and that the Emergency Committee had accepted the tender of Mr. E. L. Squire amounting to £256 13s. 0d. RESOLVED, That this be approved. RESOLVED, also, That the Chief Sanitary Inspector be instructed to purchase the necessary sampling bottles and jars and to submit to the Ministry for approval a list of the equipment which will be required when the work is completed.

9—Tewkesbury Road Clearance Order-131 Tewkesbury Road—Read, letter of 12th ult. from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend accepting the offer of the Corporation to have the exposed end wall of 5 Victoria Cottages cement rendered in full settlement of any claim their client may have against the Corporation. The Town Clerk reported that the work had now been completed.

10—Public Conveniences—Clarence Parade—RESOLVED, That in view of the earlier closing of the Cinemas and the curtailment of the Omnibus Services, the Clarence Parade Conveniences be closed at 10.30 p.m. instead of 11 p.m.

11—Health Department—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss Richards had now returned to duty. Owing to the increased number of children in the town a full-time clerk was required for Maternity and Child -Welfare instead of two-thirds as at-present, and also a full-time School Medical Clerk was now required instead of two-thirds, He therefore recommended that the temporary clerk, Miss Franklin, should be retained as Clerk to the Maternity and Child Welfare, that Miss Stroud should become the full-time School Medical Clerk, and Miss Ellis should become full-time Public Health Clerk. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to pay the full salary of Miss Ellis who will in future be engaged solely on Public Health work.

12—Diphtheria Immunisation—(a) Quarterly Report—The Medical Officer of Health submitted the following report of treatment given during the Quarter to the 30th ult. :—

No. of new cases (immunisation commenced)	281
No. of injections given	802
No. of cases in which treatment was completed during the quarter	397
No. of cases partially completed when attendance ceased	2
No. of cases Schick Tested after immunisation	—
No. of non-immunised cases Schick Tested	—

(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that the number of birthday letters sent out during the period from the 6th June to the 13th September was 320. So far the parents of 29 babies had accepted the offer of immunisation and 38 older children of parents who had received the letter had also accepted the offer.

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13-Anti-Typhoid Inoculation—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the number of cases inoculated during the quarter was 6.

14-Hayden Sewage Works—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that with the ploughing up of much of the land adjoining the works, the outlet for liquid sludge had been curtailed. The sludge had been advertised but the demand from local farmers and gardeners had been small. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to dispose of such quantity as he is able to merchants dealing in this class of material and to give away the surplus.

(b) Filter Media—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had utilised 236 ½ tons of old sludge filter media for tar spraying purposes and had credited the Sewage Works' account with 1s 6d. per ton for this. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Camp—The Borough Surveyor submitted application for the Corporation to treat sewage from a Camp near the Works. The Scheme proposed was that sewage should be pumped to the Works by the Camp Authorities. RESOLVED, That the application be granted subject to payment by the Camp Authorities of an annual sum which, when calculated in terms of 1,000 gallons of sewage, is equivalent to 1s in the on the average rateable value per person in the Borough.

15—River Chelt—The Borough Surveyor reported further with regard to the dams placed in the River Chelt to provide static water for firefighting purposes. RESOLVED, That the matter be further considered at the March Meeting of the Committee.

16—Refuse Collection—The Borough Surveyor reported in regard to the burning of oil for the cooking of pig food at the Brooklyn Road Tip. Following the complaints at the Council Meeting he had given instructions for the use of waste oil for fuel to be discontinued. The Chief Sanitary Inspector also reported that, on the instructions of the Chairman, he had inspected the tip and found that the use of waste oil for fuel had been discontinued.

17—Surrender of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 2 qrs. 14 lbs. Beef ; 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs. Fish ; 23 lbs. Cheese ; 5 ½ lbs. Butter ; 2 cwt. 16 lbs, Tomatoes ; 1 Fowl ; 117 Fish Cakes ; 52 tins of Milk, Fruit and Vegetables ; 8 jars of Pickles, Savouries, etc. ; and 14 Loaves, Cakes, Buns, etc.

ARTHUR S. F. PRUEN,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th October, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Pates, Trye and Winterbotham ; Councillors Addis, Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade and Readings (Alderman Trye in the chair).

1—Salvage of Waste—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the following had been salvaged during the month of September : (the amounts salvaged during August are shown in brackets) :—

	Tons.	Tons.
Paper	61. 4/20ths	(58)
Metals	48. 2/20ths	(26)
Rags, sacks, etc. ...	3.19/20ths	(2. 5/20ths)
Bottles and Jars ..	8/20ths (980)	(5/20ths) (612)
Bones	2. 6/20ths	(2. 7/20ths)
Cullet ...	—	—
Aluminium	—	—
Pig Food	74. 8/20ths	(57)
Motor Tyres	—	—

The estimated value of the salvage collected during September was £533.

(b) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Refuse collected during the 4 weeks ended 2nd Oct., 1941, was 1,093 tons 16 cwts.

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported that he had made application to the Labour Exchange for two women to assist with sorting the salvage at the Depot and two women had reported and intimated their willingness to take on the work,

2—Junction, Naunton Lane and Naunton Park Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. G. B. Mayo had agreed to accept £5 for the corner piece of his land shown on the plan submitted for the improvement of this junction. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the improvement carried out as soon as the labour is available.

3—National Safety First Awards—The Borough Surveyor reported that seven drivers in his Department had been awarded bars to the Silver Medal, one the Substitute Silver Medal, four the Diploma, and one the Certificate. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to hand these awards to the drivers with the congratulations of the Committee.

4—Gas Main, Gas Works, St. Mark's—The Borough Surveyor reported that, owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the sub-soil, the Gas Company had had to abandon the proposal to lay this main across the Alstone Croft Playing Field and it was therefore being laid as originally proposed along the footpath in Alstone Croft.

5—Trees—(a) Pittville Lawn—The Borough Surveyor submitted report from the Treeman of two elm trees in Pittville Lawn which were affected with Dutch Elm disease. RESOLVED, That these trees be removed.

(b) The Borough Surveyor submitted list of 47 trees which the Treeman reported were over-hanging the carriage-way. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor, in consultation with the Chairman, be authorised to remove such of these trees as they consider desirable.

(c) RESOLVED, That the application of Mr. W. T. Cambray for the thinning out of the Chestnut tree outside Strathdurn, Pittville Circus Road, be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

6—Snow Clearing—The Borough Surveyor submitted quotation from Johnson Bros. Ltd., for snow ploughs ranging from £75 to £101 each. Owing to heavy commitments they could not offer delivery before January or February next. The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Ministry of Transport asking the Council to place an order for such ploughs as may be required. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase one snow plough at a cost of £75 and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for approval of the cost for the purpose of grant.

7—Railway Line, Cheltenham to Gloucester—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported correspondence with the County Surveyor and Ministry of Transport in regard to the diversion of Reddings Road owing to the decision of the Ministry of War Transport to close the present road running along the side of the railway. He submitted plan for the construction of a new road which had been approved by the County Surveyor and submitted to the Ministry of War Transport. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(b) Hatherley Bridge—The Borough Surveyor reported that, in connection with the quadrupling of the railway line, he had drawn the Great Western Railway Company's attention to the need for the future widening of Hatherley Bridge. The County Council had approved for the foundations for future bridge widenings to be laid down forthwith and he now submitted letter from the Railway Company that if this was done now the extra cost would be comparatively small. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the foundations for the future bridge widening being laid down forthwith.

8—Aids to Movement of Traffic—(a) The Town Clerk submitted Circular 219 from the Ministry of Home Security in regard to lights on obstructions in carriage ways and the Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Ministry of Transport drawing attention to the need for the utmost economy in the use of paraffin oil. The Ministry were prepared to approve of paraffin lamps being replaced by electricity where the installation could be provided without additional expense taking into account the savings in labour, oil, etc. He had discussed the matter with the Borough Electrical Engineer and found that 56 lamps on islands, refuges, etc. could be conveniently replaced with electricity signs with one additional sign at Clarence Lamp and two on the lamp at Norwood Road at a cost of £68 11s. 0d. with a maintenance cost of £84 1s. 6d. per annum. The present cost of maintaining the oil lamps was £170 per and there would be considerable saving in the employment of labour, outside normal working hours. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to the oil lamps being replaced by electric lamps.

(b) White Lines—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was becoming increasingly difficult to maintain white lines on carriageways owing to labour shortage and to the paint now obtainable being of inferior quality. He recommended that a permanent white line and cat's eye studs be placed along the trunk roads and classified roads. He estimated the cost of this work at £345 18s. 4d. for the 3.37 miles of trunk road, and £518 11s. 8d. for the 5.05 miles of Class 1 roads. The annual cost of painting lines on these roads was £152 and £161 respectively so that the cost of fixing permanent lines was equal to less than three years' maintenance cost. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted and that the cost involved be included in the Trunk Road and County Road Estimates for the ensuing year.

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9—Borough Surveyor's Department—Chief Architectural Assistant—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. Rust, although temporarily reserved from Military Service, had asked to be released in order to join the Royal Engineers. RESOLVED, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be recommended to give consent.

10—Estimates—The Borough Surveyor submitted preliminary estimates for the maintenance of County Roads during the year 1942-43 amounting to £3,887, Contribution Roads £400, and Trunk Roads £4,425. RESOLVED, That these be approved and submitted to the County Council and Ministry of Transport respectively.

11—Refuse Collection—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Ministry of War Transport had now issued their licence authorising the Corporation to acquire a Bedford 5-ton Tipper Lorry. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place an order for the lorry with Messrs. Haines & Strange.

12—Pedestrian Railings—Read, letter from Mr. C. H. Giles suggesting that the Pedestrian Railings should be painted white. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have portions of the posts painted.

13—Local Omnibus Service—Rails—The Borough Surveyor reported that, as instructed at the last Council Meeting, he had had portions of the queue rails painted with luminous paint. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

14—Telegraph Lines—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office for permission to erect an overhead telegraph line in portions of St. Paul's Lane and Swindon Road be granted subject to the position of the pole being so arranged that the stay is not placed on the highway as recommended by the Borough Surveyor.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Post Office Telephone Department for permission to lay underground telegraph lines in portions of the following roads, namely : Keynsham Road, Hales Road, Priors Road, Arle Road, Brooklyn Road, Suffolk Square, and back of Montpellier Terrace be granted subject to the exact routes being approved by the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer, and to the reinstatement of the roads and footpaths being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

15—Damage to Tree—Read, report of damage to tree in Cleeve View Road, RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for the cost of replacing the tree amounting to 17s 1d.

16—Damage to Bollard—Read, report of damage on the 5th inst. to a bollard at the junction of St. George's Road and Gloucester Road by a lorry belonging to the Cheltenham and District Gas Company. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for making good the damage estimated at £2 8s. 10d.

17-2 and 3 Winchcomb Street—Read, letter of 9th inst from the Rating and Valuation Officer that the Assessment Committee had referred back the proposed reduction of assessment of these premises for re-consideration The Rating Committee had decided to confirm their previous assessment but recommended that the rent should be reduced as they regarded this as too high. RESOLVED, That the Committee cannot agree to reduce the rent

18—Requisitioning of Railings—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported that the Salvage Sub-Committee had carried out the survey for the Lansdown Road Ward. The Sub-Committee had considered the objections received and interviewed some of the objectors.

(b) Read, letter of 25th ult. from the Ministry of Supply. The Minister found from enquiries which had reached him that there was some doubt among Local Authorities as to the interpretation of "unnecessary." He therefore wished to make it clear that no gates, stiles, railings, etc., should be scheduled as unnecessary which, in the view of the Local Authority, serve a useful function and, if removed, would require replacement by some other form of material.

J. H. TRYE,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th October, 1941. Present—The Mayor ; Aldermen Leigh James and Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Bush, Rev, de Courcy Ireland, Garland, Grimwade and Dr. Hayward ; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Grist, Mrs. Mellersh and Miss Tinson (Miss Evans, Welfare Officer Rotol Airscrews, also attended) (Alderman Leigh James in the chair).

1—Cheltenham Infant Welfare Association—Quarterly Report—Read, Report for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1941.

The attendances at the Centres had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Baker Street (10 Meetings)	349	226
At Clare Street (10 Meetings) ...	497	283
At Grosvenor Street (11 Meetings) ..	348	465
At St. Mark's (10 Meetings)	450	333
At Whaddon (10 Meetings)	245	208

2—Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work done by the Health Visitors during the Quarter ended 30th September, 1941 :—

No. of Children on Register		3,750
Un-notified Live Births discovered ...		4
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (a) 1 year and under		1,711
(b) over 1 year		1,714
First Visits paid by Health Visitors		255
Ante-natal cases visited (a) New ..		43
(b) Return		24
Special visits to Mothers ...		83
Chicken Pox cases visited by Health Visitors ...		5
Measles cases visited by Health Visitors ...		6
Whooping Cough cases visited by Health Visitors		34
Mumps cases visited by Health Visitors ...		1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum cases visited by Health Visitors		—
Attendances of Health Visitors at Centres		63
Cases reported to the N.S.P.C.C. Inspector		2

Children Act :	Health Visitors.	School Nurses.
No. of Children on Register at end of the Quarter	43	8
“ Foster Mothers on Register at end of Quarter ...	24	8
“ visits paid (under Children Act) ...	49	7

3—Dentistry—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 37 mothers and 2 infants had attended the School Dentist on Saturday mornings and 55 mothers 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 9.

4—Children Act—(a) The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of foster mothers who had sent in notifications, and he recommended that the maximum number of children allowed should be fixed as follows :—

Name.	Address.	Maximum No. of Children allowed.
Mrs. Grace	Glenver, Hesters Way	1
Nurse Ison	1 Upper Park Street	4 (1 temporary only)
Mrs. Green	... 19 Hudson Street	1
Mrs. Hawker	. 49 Russell Street ...	1
Mrs. Gwilliam ..	142 Whaddon Road	1
Mrs. Nelder	... 39 Severn Road ...	1
Mrs. Cooke	. 3 Naunton Crescent...	1
Mrs. Mitcher...	9 Belmore Place	1

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(b) The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mrs. Nelder of 39 Severn Road had failed to give notice of reception of a foster child, as required by the Act. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mrs. Nelder drawing attention to this offence and warning her that if there is any further offence proceedings will be taken against her.

5—Gynaecological Clinic—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 4 Clinics had been held to date and the total number of attendances was 15, including 9 Borough patients.

6—Orthopaedic Scheme—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 163, of which 104 were chargeable to the Education Committee, and in respect of which 48 Surgeons' consultations had been held ; 59 children were chargeable to this Committee, in respect of which 28 Surgeons' consultations had been held. He submitted accounts of the proportion of the fees payable by this Committee. RESOLVED, That these accounts be paid.

7—War Time Nurseries—The Committee considered the Report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the provision of War Time Nurseries in Cheltenham (a copy of the report accompanies the Minutes). The Committee also considered the suggestion made by the Ministry of Health Regional Office as to the possibility of using a portion of Thirlestaine Court Evacuation Nursery as a war-time residential nursery. RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted but that, in view of the suggestion that the hours for women workers is likely to be altered, the question of providing a full-time Residential Nursery be adjourned for the present. RESOLVED, also, That the Ministry of Health be asked to approve the setting up of three Day Nurseries attached to the Swindon Road, Gloucester Road and Naunton Park Schools or such other Schools as appear desirable to the Committee and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for three of the specially constructed wood nursery huts for erection at the Schools.

RESOLVED, also, That in regard to the suggestion to use Thirlestaine Court, the Committee are of the opinion that all the accommodation of these premises will be required for the purposes of the Evacuation Scheme as a short-stay Nursery for children of expectant mothers evacuated to Cheltenham and the surrounding district.

8—Health Visitor—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss Richardson who was appointed temporary Health Visitor terminated her appointment on the 11th October. She found her temporary accommodation expensive and asked the Committee to increase her salary during the period of her appointment from 4 guineas to 4 ½ guineas per week, RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

9—Clerical Assistance—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the work in connection with this Committee had increased considerably during the war on account of the large number of evacuees and temporary residents in the town. The number of children on the Maternity and Child Welfare Register in June, 1937, was 2,509 and in June of this year was 3,661. The clerical assistance for Maternity and Child Welfare had so far been allotted two-thirds of a clerk's time. The Public Health Committee had now obtained another clerk and it was possible for this Committee to have a whole-time clerk, RESOLVED, That this be agreed.

10—Victoria Home—Read, letter of 3rd inst. from the District Nursing Association that the Association had received a letter from the County Council agreeing to increase the payment for County cases from 4 ½ guineas to 5 guineas per week as from the 1st September last. The Association now made application for a similar scale of payments in respect of the Borough cases. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to pay 5 guineas per week as from the 1st September.

LEIGH JAMES,

Chairman.

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TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th October, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Deputy Clara F. Winterbotham ; Councillor Waite ; Mr. W. S. F. Harris and the Rev. E. C. Hanson (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name.	Description.
5445	Lloyd, H. O.	Packing store, Montpellier Villas.
5446	Whitton, A. S.	Garage, 60 Arle Road.
5447	Dangerfield, S.	Garage, 62 Arle Road.
5448	Great Western Railway Co.	Hutments, Hatherley Lane.
5449	Stroud Brewery Co. Ltd.	Revised lavatory accommodation, King's Arms Inn, Bath Rd.
5450	Birt, R.	Garage, Daytona, Rowanfield Road.
5451	Webb, Dr. E.	Reconstruction of Workshop, Francis Street.

Decisions under Byelaws—

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5450 and 5451 be approved ; That Plan No. 5448 be approved subject to the drainage system being carried out, maintained and regularly cleansed to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor ; That Plan No. 5449 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; That Plans Nos. 5445, 5446 and 5447 be not approved.

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

RESOLVED, That Plans Nos. 5449, 5450 and 5451 be approved ; That Plan No. 5448 be approved subject to the buildings being removed on completion of the contract for the quadrupling of the Gloucester—Cheltenham main line or cessation of hostilities whichever is the earlier ; That Plans Nos. 5445, 5446 and 5447 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.
1686	Green, E. E. J.	Garage, Wisborough, Kidnappers Lane, Leckhampton.

RESOLVED, That Plan No. 1686 be approved.

3—Applications to Develop—Montpellier Spa Road—Read, letters dated 3rd and 13th insts. from Messrs. Steel, Lane & Yeend for permission to use No. 9 Montpellier Spa Road as a private Members Club for the benefit of employees of a business engaged on war work. RESOLVED, That the application be not granted as the Committee consider that the conversion of these premises into a Club would seriously affect the residential amenities of the adjacent houses.

4—Gloucester---Cheltenham Quadrupling—Reddings Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that it had been found necessary to stop up and divert a portion of the Reddings Road contiguous to the railway as owing to the urgency of the work it would not be possible to construct a retaining wall to support the existing road. The Ministry of War Transport had submitted a proposal for a new road but this was not a satisfactory line. He had been in consultation with the County Surveyor on the matter and a line indicated on the plan now submitted had been agreed. This proposed road would leave the Hatherley Lane about 200 yards north west of Hatherley Bridge and join the Reddings Road at its junction with North Road. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

5—Proposed High Tension Line—Read, letter dated 8th inst. from the Deputy Secretary to the Central Electricity Board that the Board did not give any pledge to consult the Cheltenham and District Planning Committee or to attend a joint conference. The Board were under no statutory obligation to consult any Town Planning Committee but partly because the line crossed beautiful country and partly out of courtesy they went out of their way to consult the Gloucester County Planning Authorities and the Board could not undertake to alter the line at some future date to meet the Committee's views. The Board also considered that there was less reason for consulting Planning Authorities as the views of those Authorities could be put forward by one or other of the Local Authorities represented on them. RESOLVED, That the Committee are of opinion that in the interests

of good planning and the preservation of amenities, Government Departments should consult with Planning Authorities concerned on all proposals for buildings or erections by them and that the Minister of Works and Buildings be asked to include in the next Town Planning Bill a clause requiring Government Departments and Statutory Bodies to consult with Planning Authorities accordingly.

6—War Damage—The Town Clerk reported that he and the Borough Surveyor had had an interview with the Chairman of the Local Reconstruction Panel of the Ministry of Aircraft Production with regard to the reconstruction of works engaged on aircraft production in the event of damage caused by enemy action, and that agreement had been reached as to procedure to be adopted if necessary.

7—New Works, Little Witcombe—Read, letter from Mr. L. W. Nott complaining of the destruction of amenities in factory vicinity of St. Peter's Church, Little Witcombe, by the erection of a large factory. It was reported that the factory was being erected by the Government and that they were not under any obligation to submit their proposals for consideration of the Committee. RESOLVED, That Mr. Nott be informed accordingly.

E. L. WARD, chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th October, 1941. Present—The Mayor; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Pates and Winterbotham ; Councillors Avery, Bush, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, Readings, Smith and Waite ; and Mr. D. V. Davies (Councillor Waite in the chair).

1—Entertainments Sub-Committee—Read, report of the Entertainments Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 7th inst. They recommended (inter alia) as follows:-

(a) Dances—That the applications of The War Office, R.A.S.C. (Ashchurch), R.A.S.C. (W.O.), and Civil Service Clerical Association to book the Town Hall for dances be granted, subject to the usual conditions of letting and subject to the closing of the Bar at 10 p.m.

(b) Town Hall blackout—That the Entertainments Manager obtain and submit to the next Meeting of the Sub-Committee quotations for improvement of the Town Hall Blackout making provision where possible for ventilation.

(c) Winter Garden—That Mr. C. W. Lodge be employed as Custodian at £2 10s. 0d. per week until resumption of the demolition work, his duties to be daily from 4 p.m. to blackout time and Saturdays and Sundays all day from 10 a.m. RESOLVED, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2—Warship Week—The Committee considered the recommendation of the Entertainments Sub-Committee with regard to the application made by the Warship Week Committee to join in the Corporation Dances and to receive part proceeds. The Warship Week Committee were willing to provide without charge the Royal Marines Dance Band to play at any Corporation Dance. RESOLVED, That a Warship Week Dance be held on Wednesday, 26th November, at an admission charge to be arranged, and that the Warship Week Committee be paid all receipts received in excess of 2s 6d. per head. Also, That the offer for the Royal Marines Band to play at the Saturday Evening Dance in

Warship Week be accepted, the Warship Week Committee to be paid the receipts from the Dance after deducting the average receipts for the preceding four Saturday Dances,

3—Montpellier Gardens—Alderman Winterbotham, Chairman of the Community Feeding Committee, attended in regard to the suggestion of the Ministry of Food that a British Restaurant should be erected on a site in Montpellier Gardens. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to a British Restaurant being erected on the corner of Montpellier Gardens in the space behind where the tank formerly stood, subject to the building being removed when its use as a British Restaurant is no longer required.

4—Winter Garden—(a) The Committee considered the letter of 4th inst. from Mr. T. Overbury recommending that only the glass and metal glazing bars should be removed, and that the iron roof should be retained and covered with asbestos sheeting and so render a building with 16,000 square feet available for Municipal or National purposes. Mr. T. Overbury attended and reported that he had obtained estimates for the provision of the asbestos. He estimated the total cost of removing the glass and glazing bars, covering the roof with green coloured asbestos at £4,233, excluding Architect's fees, but including concreting floor to central transept and the necessary repairs to the floor in the north transept, and the re-glazing of all the windows. RESOLVED, That the Council be recommended to have this work carried out and that Mr. Overbury be instructed to obtain tenders for the work. RESOLVED, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Ministry of Works and Buildings for the necessary licence authorising the carrying out of the work.

(b) Floor and Bandstand—Read, letter of 13th inst. from the Borough Surveyor that, in view of the extreme shortage of timber for shelter construction, he asked that he might remove and use the timber floor in the north transept. He also drew attention to the condition of the Bandstand and recommended that the moveable windscreens should be taken out and stored in the Depot for safety. RESOLVED, That, in view of the proposal to re-roof the building, the Committee cannot allow the Borough Surveyor to use the floor, but that he be instructed to remove the screens in the Bandstand as recommended by him.

5—Alstone Baths—(a) The Borough Surveyor reported on the attendances at the Alstone Baths for the three weeks ended the 12th October. The total attendances at the Baths during the summer season from the 1st April to the 30th September was 86,933.

(b) RESOLVED, That the application of the Patesian Rugby Football Club to use the Washing Baths at Alstone for visiting teams be granted on the same terms as previously, namely 1s for each Bath used. (On the previous occasion 349 men used 90 baths during the season, the charge being £4 10s. 0d.).

6—Sandford Park Swimming Pool—The Borough Surveyor reported that the total attendances at the Pool during the season was 102,242.

7— Medical Baths—The Report of the Superintendent for the month of September was submitted. The receipts amounted to £283 18s. 6d. as compared with £311 6s. 0d. for September of last year.

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8—St. Peter's Recreation Ground—Coal Stocks—Read, letter of 8th inst. from the Mines Department that it had now been decided that formal agreements should be entered into with regard to the coal

storage dumps and asking the Corporation to enter into an Agreement for the use of the Coal Dump adjoining the Bathing Pool at St. Peter's 's Recreation Ground for a term of two years at a rent of £36 per, annum, with the option of the Mines Department to take the tenancy for a further two years on giving three months' notice prior to the expiration of the first two years. The Borough Surveyor reported that if next season it was desired to use the Bathing Pool it would be necessary to fence off the Coal Dump to prevent children having access to this. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into the Agreement.

T. WILFRED WAITE,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th October, 1941. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Addis, Avery, Lt.-Col. Biggs, Grin-made, Readings and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Employees—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in September, 1939, a Joiner's Mate named H. Locke, in the Electricity Department, was called up for Military Service and in accordance with the Resolution of the Council his service pay had been made up to his former civil pay, including the war bonuses as granted from time to time, and in addition his superannuation rights had been preserved. At the end of last month he had ascertained that Locke had been discharged from the Army, and on registering at the Labour Exchange had been sent to work at S. Smith & Sons' factory, Bishop's Cleeve. Locke did not notify the Corporation of his discharge nor apply to take up his former job.

The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had written to the Manager of the Employment Exchange explaining the circumstances and applying for his release and return to his former employment, but the Employment Exchange said it was now too late to send him back. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take up the matter with the Ministry of Labour and point out that the Council consider that, when Corporation men are discharged from the Army, the Corporation should have first claim on their services, especially in view of the fact that the Corporation are making up their civil pay, including war bonuses granted from time to time, and are preserving their superannuation rights.

2—Extension to Mains—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted report in regard to an application for supply of electricity to a site at Little Witcombe. RESOLVED, That he be instructed to negotiate terms for the provision of the supply as now approved by the Committee.

3—Gas Tests—Read, Reports of gas tests made on the 30th September and 6th inst., which showed the Calorific value on these dates to be 468.9 and 463.6 B.Th.U. respectively and the pressure 7.6 and 6.5 inches of water respectively.

STANLEY ROGERS, Chairman.

At a View Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th October, 1941. Present—The Mayor ; Councillors Addis, Bendall, Bettridge, Biggs, Grimwade, Moore, Readings and Rogers (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

4 —Public Lighting—The Committee inspected the starlighting in Clarence Street, Colonnade and Promenade from the ground and from the roof of Messrs. Shirers & Lances premises. They were satisfied that even at that height, about 40 feet, the starlighting fittings and the reflection on adjacent buildings is quite inconspicuous.

STANLEY ROGERS,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th October, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Margrett and Trye Councillors Avery, Barnett and Dr. Hayward, (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, 1941.	Average for corresponding period during the past 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	86,000 gallons	85,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	241,000 "	235,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	17,000 "	22,000 "
	344,000	342,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Estimated Usable Quantity about 38,549,000 gallons.

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

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

4—Water Supply—The Borough Engineer submitted his report on the water supply for the Cheltenham Area. As authorised by the Committee the Worthington standby pump at Tewkesbury had been working for the benefit of Gloucester, but while it was out of commission for boiler cleaning the position became difficult. The resumption of pumping, however, had temporarily eased the situation. Occasionally, however, despite strong representations, Gloucester had been taking from Churchdown Reservoirs much more than the output of the small Worthington Pump with the result that the reserves at Hewletts and Dowdeswell had been seriously depleted. He strongly urged the Committee that they must take the full 2,000,000 gallons per day from Tewkesbury until the

yields of the springs rendered this unnecessary. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted and the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Gloucester Corporation that the Council must reserve their right to take 2,000,000 gallons per day from the Tewkesbury Works.

5—Cheltenham and Gloucester Joint Water Board—The Committee considered the proposal made at the last Meeting of the Board when the Gloucester Corporation representatives suggested that the Board should take over the Works as from the 31st inst. The Borough Engineer reported that the new plant was not yet working and he considered that the matter should be adjourned until the plant had been running for a while, RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to agree to the Works being transferred to the Board at present, but that the matter be considered further at the next Meeting of the Committee.

a—Borough of Tewkesbury—The Borough Engineer reported that, when the Works were transferred to the Board, it would be necessary to obtain a Depot in Tewkesbury for the stores and plant, etc., for the Tewkesbury area of supply. RESOLVED, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to make enquiries as to obtaining suitable premises.

7—Sandford Water Works—The Borough Engineer recommended that A.R.P. uniform suits should be purchased for the water repair gang standing by at Sandford Waterworks, RESOLVED, That he be authorised to purchase 14 suits. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to obtain the fire watching allowance of 3s per head for the Guard at the Works and also to provide them with suitable sleeping accommodation. RESOLVED, also, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to purchase 120 cartons of tinned foods for Reinforcement Parties at a cost of 2s 9d. per carton.

8—Water Main, Reddings Bridge—The Borough Engineer reported that the quadrupling of the main Gloucester—Cheltenham railway line involved the closing down and alteration of certain water mains, the cost of which work would be borne by the Railway Company. The main over the Reddings Bridge had already been diverted and when the Bridge has been extended and the new main connected up he recommended that the size of the main should be increased from 4 inch to 6 inch, the Council bearing the increased cost of a 6 inch main over a 4 inch main. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

9—Staverton—The Borough Engineer reported that at the request of the Gloucester City Engineer he had arranged to provide a water supply to some buildings at Staverton which were in the Gloucester area. RESOLVED, That this be approved.

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10—Water Charges—(a) Read, Circular No. 2484 of 11th ult. from the Ministry of Health that no increase in charges made-to consumers of water supply for domestic purposes, should be made without prior consultation with the Ministry.

(b) The Committee further considered application for allowance of one-sixth off the water charge in respect of a large number of small houses managed by W. H. Horsley & Co. Ltd. on the understanding that the owners will be pre-pared to pay the rate whether the property is occupied or not. The Town Clerk reported that he had looked up this matter and found that many years ago an allowance of one-sixth was made in the case where several houses were supplied from one ferrule. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application, and that as from the 1st

April next, the one-sixth rebate be allowed only in respect of houses which are on a joint supply with another house or houses.

11—Coal—Read, letter of 6th inst. from the Forest of Dean Collieries that they are considering the question of insurance and war damage risk of coal in transit from Colliery to its destination and asking if it was the wish of the Corporation to cover the Corporation tonnage. The cost would be at the rate of one farthing per ton. RESOLVED, That the proposal be agreed to.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st October, 1941. Present—The Mayor ; The Deputy Mayor; Aldermen Margrett, Trye and Winterbotham ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade, Rogers and Smith (Alderman Margrett in the chair),

1—Petroleum Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of A. H. Taylors Ltd. to store 500 gallons of petroleum spirit at their premises in Albion Street in an underground tank, being part of the dispersal scheme, be granted.

(b) 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.

2—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, 1942.

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

(b) The Town Clerk submitted The Wart Disease of Potatoes Order, 1941. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Horticulture Committee for consideration.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—(a) RESOLVED, That the application of H. S. Collins for an additional Hackney Carriage Licence be granted subject to the car being approved by the Motor Hackney Carriage Inspector and Superintendent Hopkins, and to Superintendent Hopkins being satisfied that the vehicle will be used for plying for hire from the Public Stands. RESOLVED, also, That a Driver's Licence be granted subject to the Driver being approved by Superintendent Hopkins.

(b) Read, report of Superintendent Hopkins of complaint of an excess charge made by Mr. F. M. Ellsom for conveying a passenger from the G.W.R. Station to the Lilleybrook Hotel. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Ellsom that the Committee take a serious view of this overcharge and that his Hackney Carriage Licence will not be renewed next year.

5—Collection and Storage of Wood Fuel—Read, Circular of 14th inst. from the Mines Department that they had had under consideration the question of arrangements for the collection of emergency reserves of wood suitable for use as domestic fuel as an additional safeguard against coal shortage

which may arise during winter in districts where difficulties of coal distribution may be experienced. Where this was necessary they asked that Local Authorities. should organise the acquiring, collection, stacking, keeping, disposing of, and distribution of wood in their area for and on behalf of the Board of Trade. RESOLVED, That the Committee are of opinion that supplies of suitable wood are available and that adequate arrangements already exist for its collection and distribution through the timber trade and that there is therefore no necessity to make the arrangements referred to

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6—Hoarding, Athletic Ground—Read, letter of 13th inst. from Mills & Rockley Ltd. asking the Committee again to consider - their application for a further reduction over and above the 25 per cent already granted on the rent of the hoarding at the Athletic Ground. The railways had given them 60 per cent rebate and most Corporations 50 per cent or more. It was reported that the applicants had purchased the business of the Cheltenham District Billposting Co. since the war. RESOLVED, That the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to make any further rebate.

7—Fire Guard Organisation—Office Accommodation—RESOLVED, That the Committee approve of the recommendation of the Fire Prevention Committee to take a seven years' lease of the ground floor of 119 Promenade for Offices for the Fire Guard Organisation, at an inclusive rent of £125 per annum as from the 1st November.

8—Caroline Strickland Homes—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the Charity Commissioners enclosing draft of the Order proposed to be made by the Commissioners. RESOLVED, That the draft Order be approved.

9—Leckhampton Hill—Read, letter of 7th inst. from Mr. W. S. Jenner enquiring if the Corporation would allow part of the buildings on the top of the Hill to be used as a Knackerman's Slaughter House. He was willing to pay an increased rent of £20 a year if the Corporation would be prepared to fit up the building to meet the requirements of the District Council. A licensed Slaughterman would be employed and he intended to kill about four horses a week, the meat to be used for dog meat only. RESOLVED, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

10—Airport—Read, Minutes of the Joint Airport Committee at their Meeting held on the 25th September, 1941. The Committee recommended that the application of Rotol Airscrews Ltd. to rent two pieces of land on the south and west sides of their present site containing 4.64 acres and 1.93 acres respectively at a rent of £155 per annum subject to the Air Ministry being prepared to release the additional land from their requisitioning of the Airport, the tenancy to expire on the 29th September, 1943. RESOLVED, That this recommendation be approved and adopted.

11—Town Clerkship—Read, letter from the Town Clerk offering his resignation. RESOLVED,

(1) That the Town Clerk's resignation be accepted to take effect on the 1st December.

(2) That Mr. Richard Board be appointed Acting Town Clerk as from that date at a salary at the rate of £800 per annum while serving in that capacity.

(3) That the Council be recommended to advertise the appointment to be filled by a Solicitor on terms to be settled by the Committee at their next Meeting.

(4) That the Town Clerk be offered an honorarium of £100 a year for two years to act in a consultant capacity when required.

12—Annual Council Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Annual Council Meeting on the 10th November be held in the Drawing-room at the Town Hall at 11.30 a.m.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th October, 1941. Present—Councillors Bush, Green, Grimwade, Readings and Till; Messrs. V. B. Ferguson and W. S. F. Harris (Councillor Grimwade in the chair)

1—Monthly Report of Column Officer—Column Officer J. R. Jones reported that since the last Meeting the Brigade had attended 2 calls to fire as follows :—

7th October High Street (outside Grove Garage).

12th “ 10 Evenlode Avenue.

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2—Charlton Kings—Fire Guard Organisation—The Chairman of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council attended in regard to the Fire Guard Organisation for Charlton Kings. He asked if the Committee could take Over the Fire Guard Organisation for Charlton Kings Urban District. The Town Clerk reported that there was no power under the Orders for one Authority to delegate their powers to another, but he thought that the matter could be arranged by Charlton Kings appointing Mr. Dack as their Fire Guard Staff Officer. Mr. Dack reported that there were very few business premises in Charlton Kings and it was mainly a matter of organising the Street Parties which he was willing to do.

RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to Charlton Kings Urban District Council appointing Mr. Dack as Fire Guard Staff Officer for Charlton Kings, subject to the District Council agreeing to bear their rateable proportion of the expenses of the Fire Guard Organisation.

RESOLVED, also, That Mr. W. S. F. Harris be appointed a member of this Committee.

3—Fire Guard Organisation—(a) The Fire Guard Staff Officer submitted his report on the progress of the Organisation. He had interviewed 208 Street Party Leaders and had had 7 Meetings of all the Leaders. Further Meetings were arranged of the various Groups with a view to re-organising the Street Parties on the lines laid down in Home Security Circular No. 174. The Street Party Leaders were carrying out the work in a whole-hearted manner with the fullest co-operation from the Wardens.

He had arranged Meetings with the Leaders of the Business Premises Groups to explain to them the provisions of the new Business Premises Order No. 2.

(b) Staff—The Fire Guard Staff Officer reported that the following staff had been engaged :—

Miss Holtam ...	Shorthand Typist and General Clerk	£3 0 0 per week.
Miss Burnaby ...	Typist and Financial Clerk ..	£3 0 0 “
Miss Baring .	General and Filing Clerk ...	£1 5 0 “
Miss Heath ...	Filing Clerk ...	£1 5 0 “

RESOLVED, That this be approved.

(c) Office Accommodation—The Fire Guard Staff Officer reported that the office accommodation was inadequate, inconvenient, and unsatisfactory from an administrative point of view. RESOLVED, That the Chairman be authorised to rent other office accommodation if this is obtainable, and that application be made to the Regional Commissioner for approval of the rent of any premises for the purposes of grant.

(d) The Fire Guard Staff Officer reported that he hoped to be able to arrange for a volunteer Senior Fire Guard for each of the 28 Wardens' Sectors and already he had obtained volunteers for many of the Sectors.

(e) Head Fire Guards--The Fire Guard Staff Officer reported that it would be necessary to engage four whole-time Head Fire Guards. RESOLVED, That this be approved and that application be made to the Region for approval of the appointment of four Head Fire Guards.

(f) Compensation—The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 229 from the Ministry of Home Security that it had now been decided that all members of the Fire Guard were now regarded as eligible for allowances in respect of loss of earnings resulting from war service injuries and for the payments in respect of lost normal wages due to retention in civil defence duties under emergency conditions.

(g) Fire Prevention Business Premises Order No. 2—The Town Clerk submitted Circular No. 207 from the Ministry of Home Security in regard to this Order. Under the Order the Council were required to disburse the allowances, repayable in full from the Exchequer, on account of subsistence allowances paid to persons carrying out fire prevention duties at business premises. The Order now applied to all shops irrespective of whether the occupier lived on the premises or not.

4—National Fire Service—(a) Read, letter from the Fire Force Commander that the Third Officer, Mr. E. C. Nicholls had now been appointed Company Officer for the National Fire Service.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted N.F.S. Circulars Nos. 5, 6 and 8 in regard to the financial arrangements for payment and reimbursement of expenditure. RESOLVED, That these be referred to the Borough Treasurer.

5—Emergency Static Water Supplies—(a) Read, letter of 25th ult. from the Regional Principal Officer approving the expenditure of £1,630 on the construction of the various static water supplies already approved.

(b) Read, letter of 7th inst. from the Regional Principal Officer approving the expenditure of £970 on the erection of ten additional 13,000 gallon steel tanks and four 23,000 gallon steel tanks, the total cost of which would rank for reimbursement.

H. C. GRIMWADE, Chairman.

ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th October 1941 . Present --Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade, and Smith ; Messrs Ball, Barlow Roe and Whittall (Councillor Smith in the chair),

1-Cultivation—(a) The Gardens Superintendent reported that No. 15 Creamery Piece was in poor condition ; No 17 Baglins Piece was covered with weeds, and part of No. 21 was uncultivated. A complaint had also been received with regard to the weeds to the coal yard adjoining the allotments. No. 86a Asquith Road was covered with weeds, and No 87a was only partly cultivated ; No. 15 Marle Hill was partly uncultivated : Nos. 82, 83 and 124 North Ward were in a bad condition, No. 151 was part uncultivated, and No. 160 in very bad condition ; and No. 1 Alma Road was partly uncultivated. The Town Clerk reported that the tenants of Nos. 15 Creamery Piece, 21 Baglins Piece, 82 and 83 North Ward and 1 Alma Road had promised to get their allotments into a good state of cultivation at once. The tenant of No. 17 Baglins Piece was terminating his tenancy, and No. 86a Asquith Road, and 124 North Ward had been re-let.

(b) A new gate-post was required at Clappers Field, and repairs were also necessary to the gate. RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to have the work carried out.

2—Demonstration Plots—A report from the Horticultural Superintendent of the Somerset County Agricultural Committee on demonstration allotment plots for the season 1940-41 was submitted. The Gardens Superintendent reported that only one other plot in the district had produced more than the demonstration plots in the town.

3—Ditton Apple Dip—Read, memorandum of 23rd ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries with regard to the use of Ditton Apple Dip which was recommended for the storage of Bramley Seedlings and Newton Wonder Varieties. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Horticulture Committee

4—Additional Land—(a) The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 10th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries with regard to War-time Allotments Campaign--Third Phase, and asking the Council to take stock of the position in their district and to give immediate consideration to ensure that all available and suitable pieces of waste or idle land were brought under cultivation by next Spring, and suggesting that Councils should examine the potentialities for additional food production by small cultivators and any private school, or institutional sports, or playing fields. The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Schools, Colleges, and Sports Clubs in the district suggesting that if they were unable to arrange for cultivation of land themselves, the Corporation would take over the land for the use of allotment holders, and he submitted the replies received, but apparently there was no land available for this purpose. RESOLVED, That Councillors Addis, Bush, Fisher, Green, Smith and Mr. Barlow be appointed a Sub-Committee to view land in various parts of the town which might be suitable for allotments.

(b) Elmfield Park Estate---RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with Messrs. Cunningham and Gibaud to ascertain if the owners of this Estate would be willing to let the Corporation have the use of the undeveloped land for War-time allotments.

(c) Land at The Woodlands—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed at the last Meeting of this Committee he had communicated with the Gloucestershire County Council with a view to the use of the whole or a portion of the land adjoining "The Woodlands," and had now heard that the County Education Authority raised no objection to this, but desired to obtain the approval of the Governors of the College to the proposal. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the County Education Authority to agree to the field adjoining the Hatherley brook being cultivated for allotments.

(d) Hatherley Park—RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with Messrs. Rogers & Davies to ascertain if they had any further undeveloped land which could be made available for allotments.

(e) Land at Marle Hill—The Town Clerk reported that as instructed at the last Meeting of this Committee he had communicated with the Military Authorities to ascertain if they were prepared to de-requisition the field opposite the Pump Room, but had now heard that the whole of the field would be required, and it was therefore not possible to release this for allotments.

5—Arrears—The Borough Treasurer submitted a statement of arrears of allotment rents. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take steps for recovery of these arrears. RESOLVED, also, That in future, the Borough Treasurer supply the Town Clerk from time to time with a list of tenants who are six months in arrears.

6—Baglins Piece—Drainage—With regard to the complaints as to flooding the Borough Surveyor reported that the drain from the ditch was thoroughly cleaned and rodded about four months ago, but the flooding which now took place, might be partly due to the inadequacy of the drain, but it was not possible to re-construct this at present. Some relief might be obtained by running a short length of the drain between the ditch and the main carrier, and although this was running free, he proposed to have this small replacement carried out. The ditch held water because it had been deepened below the invert of the outlay pipe.

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7—Orchard, rear of Orchard Terrace—The Town Clerk submitted plan showing the lay-out of this land, and reported that Mr. Price had sold the two garages to Mr. Fisher, the tenant of No. 5 Orchard Terrace, but would be willing to sell the double garages to the Corporation for £12. RESOLVED, That this offer be accepted, and that the Housing Committee be asked to undertake the letting of the double garage, and also to fix a rent for the site of the two garages sold to Mr. Fisher, and to collect the rents for the same. RESOLVED, also, That the Allotment marked No. 1 on the plan, part of which formed the site of the garages, be handed over to the Housing Committee as the remaining portion was too rough for cultivation for allotments.

8—Whaddon Road Allotments—The Chairman reported that he had received complaints of the damage caused to these allotments by the children from Whaddon Road School. RESOLVED, That this be referred to the Education Secretary, and that he be asked to see if steps can be taken to prevent damage to the allotments by school children.

9—Marle Hill Allotments—(a) Rabbits—The Town Clerk reported that complaints had been received with regard to the damage caused to crops by rabbits, which came from the field in occupation of

the Misses Gordon, and that he had asked the Pests Officer of the Gloucestershire County Council to see to these being dealt with.

(b) Allotments Nos. 123 and 124—Read, letter from Mr. J. R. White, the tenant of allotment No. 123, asking for a rebate in the rental of his allotment owing to trees, blue clay, and the fact that there was a well in the centre, and offering 15s per annum for allotments Nos. 123 and 124. RESOLVED, That he be informed that the Committee would be willing to let him have the two allotments at a rental of 18s per annum.

10—National Allotments Society—Bledisloe Cup Competition—Read, letter of 26th ult. from the National Allotments Society enclosing a report of the Adjudicators, in connection with the competition. The Town Clerk reported that the matter had been referred to the Allotments and Gardens Society but they had not entered as Competitors

11—North Ward Allotments—A complaint was received of the damage caused to these allotments by sheep obtaining access from the Swindon Road Playing Field. RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the owner of the sheep with a view to avoiding further damage to the crops,

P. T. SMITH,

Chairman

PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th October, 1941. Present—Councillors Addis, Bush, Compton, Fisher, Green, Grimwade and Smith (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Food Production—(a) The Gardens Superintendent reported that during the month of September the sale of produce at the Market amounted to £70 0s. 0d.

(b) Disposal of Onions—The Gardens Superintendent reported that arrangements had now been made for the onions grown in the Nurseries to be sent to the National Vegetable Marketing Company, and the price to be paid was 25s per ton.

(c) Potato Crop—Lifting and Storing—The Gardens Superintendent reported that the potatoes at Shelley Road were now being lifted, and could be stored in pits made in the Nursery,

2—Clarence Square—Gates and Posts—The Borough Surveyor reported that a fatal accident had occurred recently in connection with the above, and after consultation with the Town Clerk, he had had the gates and railings re-painted during the war. white RESOLVED, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the gates and posts removed for the

3—Re Foremen, etc.—The Gardens Superintendent reported that an increase of 3s per week had been granted to the male workers with the exception of the three foremen, namely, L. Hyett, H. Stanton and W. James, and also P. Smith, the Gate-keeper at Pittville. RESOLVED, That the wages of the three foremen and the Gate-keeper at Pittville be increased by 3s per week, as from the 9th inst.

4-Alstone Croft Playing Field—(a) Custodian's Wages—The Gardens Superintendent submitted further application from the Custodian of this ground for an increase in wages, as the Emergency Committee had been unable to recommend this. He stated that his work had considerably increased, and the duties in connection with the Recreation Ground now justified more than part-time payment, which he was at present receiving. RESOLVED, That this matter be referred to the Education Committee for their consideration, and that they be informed that this Committee consider that the Custodian should now be paid £2 10s. 0d. per week in view of his increased duties, and that a substantial portion of this payment should be made by the Education Committee in view of the extensive use of the ground by the schools.

(b) Gas Main—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Gas Company had informed him that owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the sub-soil, they found it necessary to abandon the proposal to lay the main across the Playing Field, and the main would therefore be laid as originally proposed, along the footpath of Alstone Croft. This diversion would be subject to the approval of the Street and Highway Committee, but no doubt this would be granted in view of the condition of the Playing Field.

5—Sandford Park—(a) Air Raid Shelter—The Town Clerk reported that Councillor Grimwade, the Borough Surveyor, and he, had inspected the premises of the Folland Aircraft Ltd., but found that no alternative site was available for the Air Raid Shelter. The Town Clerk submitted letter of 17th ult. which he had written to the Company asking for an indemnity of not exceeding £500 against the possible collapse of the river bank owing to the weight of the building, and the consequent flooding and damage which this would involve. He had also informed the Company that if the Shelter was erected, the Corporation would require the following :—

(i) An acknowledgment of one shilling per annum.

(ii) That when the emergency has ceased, the Shelter, including the concrete foundation, to be removed by the Company without delay.

(iii) That the Company bear the cost of restoring the Garden, including planting, which is estimated by the Gardens Superintendent at not exceeding £40, and asking that this sum should be deposited forthwith, It was understood that there would be no entrance to the Shelters from the Park, but that access would be obtained through the wall belonging to the Works and any entrances made, would be bricked up when the Shelter was no longer required. The Company had now referred the matter to the Ministry of Aircraft Production RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk's letter be approved.

(b) Post Office Telegraphs - Read, application of 23rd August from the Post Office Telegraphs for permission to place one stay in Sandford Park subject to an annual payment of 1s. RESOLVED, That this be agreed to.

6—Hockey Pitch—The Gardens Superintendent submitted application from the Sports Secretary of Messrs. W. H. Cole & Co. Ltd., for a hockey pitch in the Gas Works district. RESOLVED, That the Club be informed that the Committee are unable to grant the application as they have no suitable ground available

7—Recreation Grounds—Read, letter of 22nd ult. from the Education Secretary stating that the Play Leadership scheme this year had been very successful, and although they had had the assistance of

voluntary helpers, they had had to rely on the Parks Superintendents more than in previous years. The payments suggested at the last Meeting of this Committee had been approved, and the Education Secretary therefore asked the Parks Committee to authorise the Borough Treasurer to make the following payments :—

Play Leadership, 1940.

Supt. Whaddon Recreation Ground	£2
“ Agg Gardner Recreation Ground	£2.
“ Alstone Croft Recreation Ground	£2.

Play Leadership, 1941.

Supt. Whaddon Ground	£2.
“ Whaddon Estate Ground..	£1.
“ Alstone Croft ...	£1.
“ Agg Gardner ...	£1.
“ Hatherley Court	£1.
“ Swindon Road Playing Field	£1.

RESOLVED, That the Committee agree with the amounts proposed to be paid to the Custodians, but they are of opinion that these amounts should be paid by the Education Committee direct.

W. J. GREEN,

Chairman.

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RATING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 8th October, 1941. Present—Councillors Barnett, Bettridge, Bush, Moore and Smith (Councillor Barnett 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—Unpaid Rates—A Statement of unpaid Rates for the half year ended 30th September last was submitted and signed by members of the Committee

3—Defaulters—The Committee interviewed two defaulters and instructions were given as to the payment of their arrears by instalments.

4—Date of Future Meetings—RESOLVED, That this Committee meet alternatively on the first Wednesday and first Thursday in the month.

H. O. BARNETT, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th October, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Garland and Grimwade (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer, dated the 21st inst., on the collection of the First Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £126,577 Leaving Outstanding £6,871.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Treasurer dated 21st inst. on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended 30th September, 1941. Amount collected £26,966, Outstanding £4,935.

3—Electricity Charges—The Borough Treasurer reported on the collection of Electricity charges since the last Meeting.

4—Accounts Rota Committee—Reported Meeting on the 24th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor (in the chair) and Councillor Garland.

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

5—Loans—(a) The Borough Treasurer reported that since the last Meeting £1,730 had been received on loan. RESOLVED, That Mortgages be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

(b) Strickland Homes—The Borough Treasurer reported that the Charity Commissioners had enquired what rate of interest the Corporation were prepared to allow for the proposed loan of £500 from the Strickland Home Trustees. RESOLVED, That the Committee agree to a rate of interest of per cent for five, seven or ten years.

6—Warship Week—RESOLVED, That the Borough Treasurer be authorised to invest up to £10,000 during Warship Week in securities to be approved by the Committee.

E. L. WARD,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 6th November, 1941.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Annual Meeting of the Council to be held at THE TOWN HALL on MONDAY, the 10th day of November, 1941, at ELEVEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK** in the Morning, 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 eight Members of the Assessment Committee. 8. To appoint a Member of the Food Control Committee to fill vacancy caused by death of Miss E. Matthews.

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 Friday, 31st October, 1941, 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 Edward Lawrence Ward).

Aldermen Leigh James, Margrett, C.B.E., J.P., Pates, Taylor, Capt. J. H. Trye, C.B.E., R.N. (Retd.) and Clara F. Winterbotham, M.B.E., J.P. ; Councillors Addis, J.P., Avery, Barnett, Bayliss, Bendall, Lt-Col. C. W. Biggs, O.B.E., Bush, Rev. de Courcy Ireland, M.A., Fisher, Garland, Green, Grimwade, Dr. Curling Hayward, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., Lipson, IVI.A., M.P., Moore, Readings, Rogers, Smith, Till and Waite.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Pruen, Councillors Bettridge and Compton.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town Council held on the 6th October, 1941, 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—South Western District Provincial Council—The Divisional Organiser of N.A.L.G.O. attended and made application on behalf of the Cheltenham Municipal Officers' Guild for the Council to become

affiliated to the South Western District Provincial Council for Local Authorities Administrative, Technical, Professional and Clerical Services. RESOLVED, That the application be referred for the consideration of the General Purposes and Watch 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 October 13

Street and Highway Meeting held October 20

Subject to the following Addendum to Minute No. 18, moved by Councillor K. J. Fisher and seconded by Alderman Clara Winterbotham : "That, in the opinion of the Council. it is desirable that there should be uniformity of policy in all towns as to the removal of railings, and with this end in view, they request the Ministry of Supply to issue a statement setting out guiding principles for the assistance of Local Authorities and more clearly defining unnecessary ' railings."

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Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held October 15

Town Improvement and Spa... Meeting held October 16

Town Planning Meeting held October 17

Subject to an Amendment moved by Councillor K. J. Fisher and seconded by Councillor Rev. E. S. de Courcy Ireland : " That Minute No. 4 in regard to the Winter Garden be referred back for further consideration."

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held October 14 & 20

Water Meeting held October 14

RESOLVED, also, That the offer of the tenant of Woodlands Farm to pay £15 for the Shooting Rights on Dowdeswell Wood and Woodlands Farm for the remainder of the current season, be accepted.

General Purposes and Watch. Meeting held October 21

After the Standing Orders had been suspended, it was further RESOLVED, That applications should be invited for the appointment of Town Clerk in accordance with the following advertisement :—

" Applications are invited from qualified Solicitors under 45 years of age, experienced in Local Government Law and practice, for the appointment of Town Clerk at a salary of £1,500, rising (subject to satisfactory service) by annual increments of £50 to £1,750 per annum.

The person appointed will be required to devote the whole of his time to the duties of the office and not to engage in private practice, and must reside in the Borough.

He will be required to undertake the entire duties of Town Clerk, Solicitor to the Corporation and Education Authority, Registration Officer, Acting Returning Officer, Registrar of Local Land Charges, National Registration Officer, and any other duties required by the Council.

All fees and emoluments (except Parliamentary Election and County Council Election fees) received by him must be paid into the Council's general account.

The appointment will be subject to a satisfactory medical examination, to the provisions of the Local Government Etc. Superannuation Act, 1937, and to three months' notice on either side.

Applications, stating age, qualifications and experience, to be accompanied by copies of not more than three recent testimonials.

Canvassing, either directly or indirectly, will be a disqualification."

(An Amendment moved by Alderman Capt. Trye and seconded by Councillor Grimwade that the commencing salary be £1,250 per annum rising to a maximum of £1,500 per annum was lost, the Mayor having given his casting vote against the Amendment)

Fire Prevention Meeting held October 14

Allotments . Meeting held October 13

Parks and Recreation Grounds Meeting held October 13

Rating Meeting held October 8

Finance Meeting held October 24

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

Town Clerk—RESOLVED, on the motion of Councillor Lipson and seconded by Alderman Margrett, That the Council record their regret that the time had come when the Town Clerk felt he should resign, and their appreciation of his 38 years able and faithful services.

JNO. HOWELL, Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices,

Cheltenham,

15th November, 1940.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Special Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on TUESDAY, the 19th, day of November, 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 or otherwise, the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee at their Meetings held on the 5th and 7th November.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of the General Purposes and Watch Committee held on Tuesday, 5th November, 1940. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Councillors Rev. de Courcy Ireland, Green, Grimwade and Smith.

1—Sunday Entertainments Act—A deputation consisting of the Rector (the Rev. Canon J. B. Goodliffe), Rev H. Clarkson, and Messrs. G. Heawood, E. Ivamy and W. T. Long, attended the Committee. They stated that their interests were largely concerned with the youth work in the Borough, and that they represented the moderate religious opinion. While they had no desire to interfere with the attendance of soldiers at the picture-houses on Sundays, they considered that the hours of Sunday opening for the public should be considerably reduced. They therefore asked that the cinema performances for the public should not begin earlier than 8 o'clock at night, that school children under sixteen years of age should not be admitted at all on Sundays, also that the military, etc should be asked to make direct arrangements with the proprietors of the cinemas as to the hours of opening for the attendance of H.M. Forces.

After discussing the matter with the Deputation, the Committee RESOLVED to adjourn consideration and to discuss the matter with the Managers of the picture-houses.

2—Evacuation—Read, letter of 29th ult. from the Clerk to the County Council enclosing copies of Resolutions passed at a Conference of representatives of Local Authorities, etc., held at the Shire Hall on the 25th October when it was decided :—

(a) To ask the County Council to accept the duties of assessing the billeting accommodation of the County,

(b) To appoint an Advisory Council to be called " The Gloucestershire Social Service War Council " to co-ordinate all matters in the County in connection with the alleviation of distress arising from war conditions ; the promotion of facilities by which all persons in the County may obtain advice and assistance on war-time problems ; and

(c) The fostering and, where necessary, promotion of social amenities for persons living in the County under difficult war-time conditions, and for advising billeting authorities on billeting problems, and setting out the constitution of the proposed Council.

RESOLVED, That the Resolutions be approved, and that Alderman Clara F. Winterbotham be appointed the Council's representative on the Gloucestershire Social Service War Council.

JNO. HOWELL,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of the General Purposes and Watch Committee held on Thursday, 7th November, 1940. Present—The Mayor (in the chair) ; Aldermen Pates and Ward ; Councillors Rev. de Goitre)) Ireland and Smith.

3—Sunday Entertainments Act—The Proprietors of six of the seven Cinemas in the Borough attended, and the Mayor informed them of the views expressed by the deputation received by the Committee at their Meeting on the 5th inst.

The representatives of the Gaumont and Regal Cinemas informed the Committee of the experience gained at Cinemas belonging to their respective Companies where Sunday opening had been permitted.

The majority of the proprietors were of the opinion that to confine attendance at the Cinemas on Sundays to H.M. Forces only was not a practical proposition in that members of the Forces invariably wished to be accompanied by their wives and families, and friends, etc. In one other town where this had been tried, the Military Authorities had requested the Licensing Authority to permit soldiers to be accompanied by civilians. They saw no objection to children under sixteen not accompanied by an adult being excluded.

RESOLVED, That the Committee recommend the Council to alter the proposed Sunday opening hours and that, on approval of the draft Order by both houses of Parliament, the Sunday opening hours be fixed as follows :—Doors to open at 4 p.m. Performance to commence at 4,30 p.m. Cinemas to be closed at 10 p.m. Also, That no child under sixteen be admitted unless accompanied by an adult, and That the Resolution (c) to Minute No. 2 passed at the Meeting of the Committee held on the 2nd September last be varied accordingly. Also, That the hours of opening be reviewed at the January Meeting of the Committee when the Annual applications for renewal of Cinematograph Licences are considered.

RESOLVED, also, That, on receipt of approval of the draft Order, the Town Clerk be instructed to convene a Special Meeting of the Council for the purpose of considering these recommendations.

JNO. HOWELL,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 28th November, 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 December, 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 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 PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 30th January, 1941.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 3rd day of February, 1941, 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 death of Councillor S. C. Morris.
3. Communications by the Mayor.

4. 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

5. To fill vacancies on following Committees :—Education, Water, Public Health, Housing, Street and Highway, Electricity and Lighting.

6. To appoint a Trustee of Delancey Hospital to fill vacancy caused by death of Councillor Morris.

7. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

To each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 27th February, 1941.

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 March, 1941, 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 ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham 20th March, 1941.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Special Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on TUESDAY, the 25th day of March, 1941, at 4 p.m.**, at which Meeting the following Business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such, Meeting.

1. To make a General Rate for the ensuing year.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council

PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th March, 1941. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Aldermen Preen, Taylor and Trye ; Councillors Garland, Grimwade and Waite The following Chairmen of Committees also attended: Councillors Rev. de Conroy Ireland, Green and Rogers (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

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 2d. in the £ for the year commencing 1st April, 1941, with an abatement of 1d. in the £ in respect of the areas transferred to the Borough under the County of Gloucester (Review) Order, 1935.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham 3rd April, 1941.

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 April, 1941, 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 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 CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. To consider closing of Municipal Offices for the Easter Holidays and recommendation of Emergency Committee thereon.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 1st May, 1941.

Sir,

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 May, 1941, 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 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 • PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE ▪ FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham. Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 3rd July, 1941.

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 July, 1941, 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 ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4. STANSBY'S CHARITY—To appoint a representative Trustee of Stansby's Charity to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Alderman E. L. Ward.
5. GRAMMAR SCHOOL GOVERNORS—To appoint a representative Governor of the Cheltenham Grammar School to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Alderman Leigh James.
6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

To each Member of the Council.

Town, Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 2nd October, 1941.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the **Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, PROMENADE, on MONDAY, the 6th day of October, 1941, 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

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MUSEUM COMMITTEE CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM COMMITTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE
RATING COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. To appoint a Representative Trustee of Delancey Hospital to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Mrs. McAldowie.

5. To appoint a Representative Trustee of Stansby's Charity to fill vacancy caused by expiration of term of office of Mr. W. Turner Long.

6. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, Sic.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

To each Member of the Council.