

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, Dec. 31st, 1890.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 5th day of January next, at Eleven o'clock at noon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meetings.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE, and make Bye-Laws re Hackney Carriages. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
4. Councillor Steel to move " That an easier, healthier, less expensive, and more convenient method of collecting the ashes of the Borough be adopted, and that a collection be made from house to house twice a week."
7. Notices of Motion.
6. To read the following letter and pass resolution thereon, if need be:— Selim Smith, re Burial Fees. W. H. Knight re Library Account.

Yours faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTE'S of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 5th of January, 1891.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th day of December, 1890—Present Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Darby, Heath, Lawrence and Steel (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair)—

—Tree Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Griffith, and Councillors Heath, Lawrence and King be the Tree Sub-Committee of this Committee for the ensuing year.

W. SIMMS BULL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of December, 1890—Present: Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Heath, King, Steel and Lawrence (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair)—

2 --Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read : average illuminating power 16.29 candles, sulphur 10.53 grains per 100 cubic feet.

3—Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read average hourly consumption of gas per lamp, during the month 4.213 cubic feet Total consumption in new lamps during the period from 5th to 27th December 3030 cubic feet.

4— Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month 260 (including 9 metered) ; burning dimly 102.

5----Sulphur Tests—A letter from Messrs. Griffiths, the Clerks to the Gas Company, stating that the Directors desired them to say that the increased quantity of sulphur reported last month appeared to have been attributable to the action of the purifiers, they would, however, assure the Council that no trouble or expense is spared by the Company in endeavouring to reduce the prescribed maximum of sulphur, which is 30 grains, to the lowest possible quantity, was read.

6-Improved Lamps—A letter from Messrs Griffiths, forwarding copy of the following resolution passed by the Directors of the Gas Company and the resolution were read :—" That the Town Council be informed, in reply to their enquiry, that the actual cost of the six months lighting of the improved lamps has been found to be slightly in excess of the approximate cost of per lamp per annum communicated to the Town Council in May last, and that if the Company had charged for the lighting, the maximum price would have been at the rate of £5 3s. 6d. per lamp per annum.

Resolved, That the Corporation, being desirous of giving the new lamps a further trial for a period of six months from the 1st January, are willing to pay the Company at the rate of £5 per lamp per annum, the present rate of consumption not to be lessened.

7—St. George's Road—Bridge over G.W. Railway—This matter having been referred back to the Committee by the Council, was again considered. The Surveyor read a letter he had received from Mr. Lancaster Owen, the Company's Engineer, stating that he was not quite in a position to commence the building of the New Station forthwith, and would therefore prefer if it is practicable, to come to an understanding with the Council as to this Bridge so as to include it in the same contract, he had therefore made an estimate of the cost of the Council's proposal that the New Bridge should be 36 feet wide and found it amounted to £450, and desiring to know if the Town Council would be prepared to pay that sum to the Company provided the latter undertake to widen the Bridge as suggested. Resolved, That unless the Company are prepared to widen the Bridge to 36 feet, the Committee cannot permit any interference with the existing roadway.

8—Crossings at Sandford Street—A memorial from Edwin Agg and others calling attention to the great need of a crossing in a line with Mitre Street, and also at the top of Sandford Street leading from St. Luke's Place to the upper end of Bath Parade, was read, and the matter adjourned to enable the Committee to view.

9—Urinal at St. George's Square—Memorials from Mr. James Leighton and others and Miss Simms and others, praying for the removal of this urinal and suggesting the piece of land belonging to the Corporation at the corner of Ambrose Street and New Street as a suitable site for it, was read. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to recommend the erection of a Urinal on the plot of land above mentioned, also that the question of the removal of the existing Urinal is one for the consideration of the Public Health Committee to whom the Memorials be referred.

10—Lighting of Ewlyn Road—A memorial from Mr. J. D. Bendall and others calling attention to the need of a gas lamp in Ewlyn Road where considerable building operations are in contemplation, and which road, though much used as a thoroughfare, is wholly unlighted, was read. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned to enable the Committee to view.

11—Trees on Chelt Bank—Harford's Trustees—A letter from Messrs F. and E. Griffiths, the solicitors to Harford's Trustees, stating that they could not concur in the Town Clerk's interpretation of the correspondence in 1887 ; and that their clients claimed the whole length of the land enclosed within the fence bounding the footpath as far as the middle of the river, from, on the East, the Eastern boundary of Perry's meadow to College Road and from College Road to the bridge leading to 433, High Street, and that the trees on such land are their property. That upon the distinct understanding that the recent action of the Corporation shall not be quoted as a precedent in support of any claim of right on their part, and that the damage to the fence is made good and the gate put up as desired their clients are willing to treat the case as one of inadvertence, and on this occasion to take no further action ; at the same time their clients desired them to say that they expect the value of the tree removed to be paid to their agents, Messrs. Young and Gilling, and to have the right to place any gates in any portion of the fence they might think proper, was read. Resolved, That the Committee quite accept the understanding above mentioned, with which, however, the payment of the value of the brushwood, although trifling in amount, would be inconsistent, at the same time the Committee raise no objection to the removal by Messrs. Harford of the branches which were left on their land.

12--Bridge over the Chelt at Central Depot—A letter from Gen. Mackenzie expressing his thanks to the Council for the permission accorded to him in this matter, which permission he accepted on the conditions named in the resolution of the Committee, and also a letter from Mr. J. Burns desiring permission to retain the planks which form a path across the Chelt from his garden to the Central Depot agreeing to remove the same at any future time on receiving notice, and stating that he was quite prepared to find shrubs to be planted on the land at the rear of Broughton Lodge, were read. Resolved, That the Committee having re-considered the whole question of the placing of bridges or planks over the Chelt to the property of the Corporation, and having regard to the application of Mr. Burns above and others of a similar nature which would probably be made they have determined to recommend not to permit a bridge of any description to be placed between private property and the property of the Corporation, but that the applicants be informed that it is not the intention of the Corporation to remove any trees or shrubs, but on the contrary they will probably extend the planting along the bank.

13—Damage to Horse and Trap—Jeynes—Letters from Mr. C. Jeynes of Barnwood, Gloucester, reporting an accident which befell him on the 20th ulto. whilst driving his horse and trap near the Gordon Memorial Lamp at Montpellier, caused as he alleged by the horse bolting at the noise

occasioned by the felling of a tree in Montpellier Terrace, and requesting the Corporation to allow him £5 towards the injury caused to the horse and trap, and also to himself and another, were read. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to consider the evidence in the case.

14— Election Bills—A letter from Mr. Witchell of Clanfield Villa, commenting upon the unsightly and depreciating effect the numerous Bills posted up at Election times have to visitors and the general public, by being allowed to remain hanging in shreds and strips for months after the Elections and trusting the matter would be considered by the Committee, with a view to the future improvement in the appearance of the town, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Witchell be informed the matter shall receive attention.

15—Street Projections—A letter from Mr. A. Davis, adverting to the notice given to him to remove the Sign Board put up at 15, Park Street, and submitting sketch of a proposed Flat Board and Sign Brush, to be put up in lieu of the present one, was read. Resolved, That permission be given to erect the new Sign, subject to the right of the Council to order its removal at any time they may think fit to do so.

A Report from the Street Inspector was read, shewing that the following Signs, &c. had been put up during the month without the sanction of the Council. Messrs Bayley & Jones, two removable Lamps at 6, Pittville Street. Plough Hotel Co., Gas Lamp in front of Hotel. Mr. G. Oliver, two removable Gas Rails in front of 346, High Street. Mr. C. Boyce, Sign Board at 12, Montpellier Street.

Resolved, That the consideration of these matters be adjourned to enable the Committee to view.

16—Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following Works had been done in his Department during the past month :—Repairs: Patching and Backing-up Crossings—Suffolk Road, near Park Place, 540 feet ; Suffolk Road, near Painswick Lawn, 700 feet ; Lypiatt Terrace, 1,222 feet ; Lansdown Crescent, 528 feet ; Bayshill Road, 1,598 feet ; St. George's Road, 1,177 feet ; Montpellier Street, 3,076 feet ; Imperial Square, 4,430 feet ; Bath Road, 1,065.

Curbing, Crossing and Channelling and Flagging—Suffolk Road, Lansdown Place, St. Stephen's Road, Winchcombe Street Bayshill Road (commenced), High Street, Clarence Street, Suffolk Square and Parade, Colonnade (temporary).

Gravel Footpaths—Vittoria Walk, Tewkesbury Road (commenced) near Moor's Farm.

Asphalte Footpath—St. Paul's Road.

Ashes Collected-1,761 Loads.

17—Snow, Removal of—The Borough Surveyor further reported as follows.

With respect to clearing away snow from business places and houses abutting upon the streets. The usual practice is for the Occupiers to remove the snow from those parts of the pavement immediately in front of their premises.

"A considerable number of shopkeepers do so, but some, relying on the Act of 1852, do not do it. The most difficult cases are in the High Street and Promenade, where every morning after the paths

have been covered with sawdust, sand, &c., and in many cases within an hour, the whole has been swept off. Under these circumstances I think you should take some means of establishing uniformity of practice by making a Bye-law requiring the Occupiers to clear their own fronts or compelling them to leave the pavement alone entirely and to prohibit snow being thrown upon it from the roofs of the houses

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to draw up and submit to the Committee a Bye-law for the removal of snow from the footways by the occupiers of premises abutting thereon.

18—Name Plates—The Surveyor recommended that name plates be put up in the following streets:—St. Paul's Street, North, St. Paul's Street, South, 1 ; Rutland Street, 1 ; Brunswick Street, 1; Courteney Street, 2 ; Marle Hill Parade, 2 ; Marl Hill Road, 2. Resolved, That the same be procured and fixed.

19— St. George's Road—Footpath in Park Place—Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 30th instant of the Works required to be done to the above streets with plans, sections, and estimates relating thereto, were read and approved. Resolved, That Notices be given under the provisions of The Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act 1889, to the Owners of the Premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said streets requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged and channelled ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days; and that such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

20.—Horniman —An application was received from Mr. Horniman for leave to put pavement lights in the Colonnade and Clarence Street opposite the new dairy there. Resolved, That the required permission be not given.

21—Colonnade Improvement—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee draft Conveyance of property in the Colonnade to Messrs. Webb Resolved, That the same be approved as altered by the Town Clerk.

22-New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, all of which were approved, viz. Mr. Samuel Adams for house in Christ Church Road, Miss Crawford for green-house at No. 2, Wolseley Terrace, Messrs. Lock and Sons for additions to house at back of Clarence Street ; and Mr. W. Smith for five cottages at Kew Place, the latter approved subject to an amendment of the drainage as shewn on the Plan.

W. SIMMS BULL, Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 10th day of December, 1890—Present: Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Hands, Neale and Norman.

1—Slaughter Houses—The Committee met and proceeded to make an inspection of the Slaughter Houses in the Borough.

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 31st day of December, 1890—Present: Alderman Griffith; Councillors Hands, King, Neale and Norman (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

2—Slaughter Houses—Mr. Long reported that the Licenses of the following Slaughter Houses had expired, viz., Messrs. C. Phipps, 1, Exchange Buildings, F. Waghorne, Tivoli Street, S. Kearsy, St. Mark's Emporium, Storr & Co., Whaddon Lane, F. Hastings, Folly Lane, T. Verrinder, 3, Hewlett Road, E. Rymell, 3, High Street, A. Mills, Russell Street, E. Pleydell, 288, High Street. Resolved, That all the foregoing Licences be renewed for one year or until the intended Public Slaughter House is built, except the slaughter house in Tivoli Street, which appears to be used by more than one butcher.

3—Dairies and Cowsheds Orders—Purveyors of Milk—The following applications to be registered as Purveyors of Milk were considered, viz., T. Lander, Tivoli Coffee Tavern, T. Hopkins, Sherborne Coffee Tavern, C. Walker, Conservative Club, F.W. Sumner, Andover Dairy, J. Tombs, 3, Hermitage Terrace, and W. Howell, 3, Tivoli Buildings. Resolved, That all the Applicants be registered except F. W. Sumner, for the Andover Dairy.

4—Zymotic Disease—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that there had been no case of enteric fever, that there had been two cases of diphtheria, and ten of scarlet fever.

The Surveyor was directed to report on the condition of No. 30, New Street.

5—Infectious Disease—The Inspector of Nuisances laid before the Committee a List of Fees of Medical Practitioners for reporting cases of Infectious Disease for the quarter, amounting to 12 15s. The Medical Officer reported that sewer and drain testing apparatus and chemicals were required in his department, and he was authorised to procure the same.

6—Smoke Nuisance at the Albion Saw Mills and the Original Brewery—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had observed black smoke issuing from the chimneys at the Albion Mills and Original Brewery in such quantities as to be a nuisance on several occasions during the past month. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to abate the nuisance

7 —Medical Officer of Health—A letter from Dr Roch stating that he was confined to his bed and would be unfit for duty for some time to come, and suggesting the appointment of Dr. Cocks Johnstone as his deputy during his absence from illness, and that the arrangement hitherto made by him with Mr. Cocks Johnstone whereby the Council would not be called upon to pay him anything would continue, was read. Resolved, That Dr. Cocks Johnstone be appointed to act as temporary substitute for Dr Roch during such time, not exceeding three months, as Dr. Roch shall be incapacitated by sickness from performing the duties of his office.

8—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—Resolved, That the necessary steps be taken for appointing an assistant or additional Inspector of Nuisances under the rules and regulations of the Local Government. Board relating to officers whose salaries are partly paid by the County Council.

9-----General Hospital Fees—Resolved, That Mr. J. H. Hack be required to repay the Corporation £1 16s., being one moiety of £3 12s. the amount of the hospital charges in his case.

10—Closet in New Street—A letter from Mr. T. Morris calling attention to a nuisance from a closet in an exposed position in or near New Street, was read. Resolved, That notice be given to the owner, under Sec. 33 of the Improvement Act of 1889, to remove the closet

11— Urinal near St. George's Square--Memorials from Mr. Jas. Leighton, Miss Sims, and others, asking for the removal of this urinal, were read, and the Surveyor was directed to confer with the Proprietors of the Fleece Hotel, with a view to the construction of a urinal in the yard of the hotel, which would be available for the use of the public, and persons frequenting the hotel.

12- Heyden Knoll Estate—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Draft Lease of this Farm to Mr. R. C. Cooke, which he had settled with Mr. Cooke Resolved, That the same be approved and the Common Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the engrossment thereof.

13—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

Water Rate on Cattle Troughs and Urinal at Tangent Alley	£7 17 6
Mrs Hanks, Compensation for disinfecting and washing clothing after a case of Scarlatina	£0 10 0
T. Waltham, Hauling ..	££2 14 0
F. C. Calvert & Co., Disinfectants ..	£5 6 0
Subscription for 1891 to " Sanitary Record"	£0 10 0
General Hospital, Treatment of Typhoid Patient ..	£0 6 0
Delancey Hospital, Treatment of Patients ..	££15 12 0
E. Jones, 5 weeks Salary ..	£6 5 0
W. J. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance ..	£3 15 0
J. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths	£0 13 3
E. Jones, Cleaning Mortuary ..	£0 8 6
William Gammond, Sickness Returns ..	£2 10 0
Medical Practitioners, for notifying Infectious Diseases	£2 15 0
Medical Officer's Fly Hire	£0 15 0

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 31st day of December, 1890—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Heath, King and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair) —

1 —Manager's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Manager, was read, the following being a precis thereof :—

That the yield of the Springs was 99 gallons per minute, the average for the past 4 years being 216 gallons.

The total number of gallons in store at Dowdeswell, Hewletts and Leckhampton was about 26,000,000 gallons.

That three truckloads of cast iron pipes for the various extensions had been received, after being tested.

That an application for a supply of water had been received from Mr. F. H. Heacock, Spring Lodge, and Mr. Smith, Welland Lodge, Prestbury Road, involving an extension of the Main for a distance of 370 yards, and that the return upon such outlay would be satisfactory

That the Steam Boilers at Alstone Baths and at Sandford Mead, had been examined thoroughly and found to be in a satisfactory condition.

2-Taps and other Fittings—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Draft of proposed new Regulations as to the taps, fittings, and other apparatus to be used. The same were considered. Resolved, That the same be printed, and that copies be sent to the Plumbers in the town, and requesting that if they have any observations to make thereon to be good enough to send them in to the Borough Surveyor before the 22nd of January next.

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

4--Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 22nd day of December, 1890—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Darby, Heath, and King (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out to one fire during the month, namely, at the Great Western Railway Goods Shed on the 5th inst. Estimated damage £200. Property insured in the Queen Insurance Office to whom the bill of expenses, amounting to £8 19s. had been sent in.

2-Hackney Carriage Drivers—Licenses to drive Hackney Carriages were granted to James H. Hilyer, 10, Winchcomb Place, Fredk Jno. Weaver, 10, Walton Terrace, Chas. Stroud, Early Dawn Inn, and John Hilyer, of 12, Portland Terrace.

3— Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws—The Town Clerk reported that he had received these Draft Bye-Laws from the Local Government Board approved, but that he had since made a slight alteration in one of the Bye-Laws to allow of the use of a badge made of metal, leather, or other suitable material, and this alteration he had submitted to the Local Government Board, and to which he had no doubt they would assent. Resolved, That the Draft as altered be approved, and that the Bye-Laws be made at the next meeting of the Council.

4- Omnibus Bye-Laws—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a Draft of these Bye-Laws with Letter thereon from the Local Government Board. Resolved, That the Town Clerk make a further communication to the Local Government Board with reference to Bye-Laws 3, 4, and 12

5 -Allotments — Regulations—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Draft of these Regulations, with further alterations made by the Local Government Board. The Surveyor submitted a plan of the land shewing the proposed division of the same into allotments, each lot being numbered Resolved, That the land be advertised to be let upon the terms and conditions mentioned in the Regulations, and that the rents to be paid be as follows:—Lots 1 to 113 (excepting Nos. 1, 9 and 49) at 22s per chain ; No. 1 at 84s No. 9 at 48s No. 49 at 84s Nos. 114 to 124 inclusive at 20s 1d Nos. 125 to 241 inclusive, 18s 1d excepting 202 and 203 which are to be 48s each,

6---Standing Orders—The Town Clerk submitted draft of these, with alterations and additions proposed to be made therein, and the same were gone through and settled, and the Town Clerk was directed to have same printed for submission to the Council.

7—Weights and Measures Act—The Town Clerk reported the result of an interview he and Mr. Alderman Griffith had had with the Chief Constable hereon. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to communicate with the County Authority,

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8--Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

Arthur Whitcombe, Brass Rods for Picture Frames ..	£14 6
W. A. Baker, Cleaning Windows ..	£0 4 0
W. Ralph, Attendance to Town Clock ..	£1 0 0
R. W. Young, Disbursements and Commission at Market ..	£1 14 7
John Morris and Sons, Standpipes ..	£9 00
“ Hose and Couplings ..	£35 18 6
Fire Brigade Salaries ..	£37 10 0
W A. Baker, Disbursements .	£14 3 10

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of December, 1890—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Drew, King, Moles and Norman (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair)—

1 —Chairman—In the temporary absence of Councillor King, Alderman Simms-Bull was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan of alterations at the Caretaker's lodge, at an estimated cost of under £10. Resolved, That the same be approved and the alterations made.

W. SIMMS BULL,

Chairman

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of December. 1890—Present The Mayor : Councillors Heath, Kite, Steel, and Williams (Councillor Williams in the chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Williams was appointed Chairman at this Meeting,

2 — Designs — The following Designs were examined and approved, viz Headstones to James Cox, Mary Williamson, Samuel Henry Platt, Mary Ann White, William Hill, Myra Davis, Maria Braine. Tombs to Marianne Wood and Marianne H. Carmichael.

3—Surveyor's Report—The Borough Surveyor reported that acting under the instructions of the Committee he had visited the Cemetery and examined the various matters to which his attention was directed, together with some other questions, upon which he thought it desirable to report the result of his observations. He recommended that a Shed be built, at an estimated cost of £20, of sufficient size to contain all the planks and trucks, adjoining the room used by the Cemetery workmen, that the Building, W.C. and Urinal, be removed from the present site and the materials of same be used in the construction of the New Shed ; that the W.C. now attached to the Vestry of the Nonconformist Chapel, be altered so as to permit its use by persons visiting the Cemetery and a Urinal be fixed as shewn ; that to meet the difficulty of disposing of surplus soil the plan prepared and submitted by him with reference to the New Ground be adopted, and that with respect to the letting of the latter, the whole might be let reserving the right to deposit soil upon not more than two roods, and that the cost of a Sheep and Bullock fence would be about £16; that he desired to submit to the Committee whether it would not be desirable to extend the covered way entrance to Chapels so as to permit a hearse or carriage with horses to stand

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entirely within the building, and avoid the danger to health which the draughts occasion, and lastly that the W.C. adjoining the Church Vestry was in a most offensive and dangerous condition, and he had therefore caused it to be altered so as to prevent the nuisance recurring. Resolved, That all the matters and things recommended by the Surveyor be approved and adopted, except with regard to the alteration to the Chapel entrance, as to which the Surveyor is requested to bring up an estimate of the cost, also that the new ground be let as pasture by Tender, to be advertised for.

4—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :

Gregory, W., Labourers Wages	£4 2 0
Gas, Co., Coke ..	£3 4 0
Marshall, R. E. & C., Ironmongery ..	£0 16 0

Prestbury Poor Rate ..	£7 12 0
Cotton, Henry, Repairing Shears	£0 1 8

CHAS. WILLIAMS,

Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of December, 1890—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Ramsay; Councillors Drew and Kite ; Mr. Pippett (Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsay in the chair)—

1—Librarian's Report —The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported the receipt during the month of the following gifts to the Library :

Mr. John Bellamy	7 pamphlets
Mrs. A. G. Mears	1 vol.
Miss S. A. Butcher ..	2 vols.
Messrs. Regan Paul French & Co.	2 vols
Corporation of London	1 vol.
Mr. J. F. Davison, per. F. Boydell & Co.	1 vol.
Messrs. Cassell & Co.,	1 vol.
Cobden Club	3 pamphlets

Reports from the Libraries at Wolverhampton, Whitehaven, Wimbledon and Fleetwood.

2- Rules and Regulations—The Committee had before them a copy of the Rules and Regulations with certain alterations and additions recommended by the Sub-Committee and the Librarian, and the same having been considered and settled. Resolved, That 1,000 copies thereof be printed.

3—Accounts—The following Account was examined and allowed.

William Downing, Books	£0 9 6
W. H. Smith & Son, Books	£1 7 4
Cawthorn & Hutt, Books	£1 19 8
Cemell, James, Books	£5 1 0
Reeves & Turner, Books	£0 16 3
Miles, T. & Co., Books ..	£0 17 0
J. J. Banks, Books, &c.	£15 5 7
" Magazines ..	£3 0 1
" Newspapers and Periodicals	£11 2 0
Tinkler, J., Cleaning Materials	£1 9 9
Jones, W., Librarians Wages ..	£9 0 0
Hayman, Walter, Printing Annual Report	£3 0 6
Mitchell, F. W., Cleaning Materials ..	£0 7 0
Scamell, Wm., Insurance of Day Library	£0 11 3
Norman & Sawyer, Stationery .	£0 12 10

Daniell, S. A., Resinking Die.. .. £4 2 6
Norman & Sawyer, Binding and Printing £14 12 2

ALEX. E. RAMSAY.

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of December, 1890—Present Alderman Griffith, Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Pittville Estate—The Committee met and proceeded to view this Estate, where they met Mr. Shenton, who pointed out the Effects belonging to him, a schedule of which had been received by the Town Clerk from his solicitors. Resolved, That the Committee consider it unnecessary to take to any of the things belonging to Mr. Shenton, but that he be offered the sum of £15 for the Fountain, Fountain Basin, &c., in the centre walk in front of the Pump Room.

A Letter from Messrs. Ticehurst with reference to the remuneration to be paid to Mr. Sanders for the management of the Estate from the 6th of Jan. last. Resolved, That the remuneration to be paid to Mr. Sanders be at the rate of £2 2s a week.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th day of December, 1890—Present The Mayor; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence, Waghorne, Skillicorne and Norman (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

2-Pittville Estate--The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a list prepared by the Borough Surveyor of fixtures and articles which he considered passed with the estate as part thereof. Resolved, That a copy thereof be sent to the Vendor's solicitors, and that with respect to the other articles mentioned in the schedule annexed to Mr. Shenton's agreement as belonging to the Estate, the Committee could not recommend their being taken to by the Corporation.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he valued the tools, seats, &c., specified in the list received from Mr. Sanders at the suns of £29 12s. 3d. Resolved, That that sum be offered for them.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to take the charge and management of the Estate into his hands on, and from, the date of settlement of the purchase.

Letters from Messrs. Ticehurst, of date the 9th and 12th inst. (the latter enclosing a letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney on the subject of the rent due from Mr. Shenton), were read. Resolved, That the Committee regret that they can-not accede to Messrs. Winterbothams and

Gurney's request to let the rent from Mr. Shenton stand over, and they will expect it to be settled and allowed for on completion of the purchase.

3 —Royal Agricultural Show—A letter from the Secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society acknowledging the receipt of the Resolution of this Committee of date the 19th of November last, and stating that the Inspection Committee of the Society would probably visit Gloucester on Saturday, the 31st of January next, was read.

4 - Cleeve Common—A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture stating that the Board had directed that the number of Conservators to form a quorum should be five, and that the minimum number of meetings to be held in a year will be fixed at three, was read.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 24th day of December, 1890—Present ; The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence, Norman, Skillicorne, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—.

3 — Borough Extension—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a Letter from the Local Government Board, transmitting copy of a Memorandum sheaving the further information to be supplied to. the Board, and transmitting copies of Memorials or Petitions addressed to the Board of the Urban Authorities of Charlton Kings and Leckhampton, and the Rural Sanitary Authority of the Cheltenham Union for the observations of the Town Council thereon, and he was directed to draft observations on the Petitions, and lay the same before the Committee at its next meeting.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 2nd day of January, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Drew, Heath, Norman, Skillicorne and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

6—Borough Extension—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Draft observations on the Petitions to the Local Government Board from Charlton Kings, Leckhampton, and Prestbury, and the same were gone through and settled, and the Town Clerk was directed to forward the same to the Local Government Board with the further information required by the Board.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 19th day of December, 1890—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Darby, Drew, and Kite, (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1—Corporation Stock—The Committee considered the question of the creation and issue of Corporation Stock, Resolved, That the Committee recommend the creation of a £3 per cent. Stock. That the Committee be authorised to ascertain from the Local Banks if they would be prepared to take the whole Stock except such as might be taken up by the Annuitants and other creditors of the Corporation, and at what price.

The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee a List of the Holders of Water Annuities, shewing in each case the redemption value of the Annuity or Annuities at 25 years' purchase. Resolved, That an offer be made to the Annuitants of the redemption value of their Annuities in Corporation Stock at par, and that in the event of its non-acceptance, Notice be given to such of the Annuitants as do not accept Stock that their Annuities will be redeemed at the expiration of three calendar months from such Notice.

Resolved, That a similar offer be made to the Holders of the Corporation Debentures, the Notice to be given in such case to be 6 months.

Resolved, That the Borough Accountant, with the assistance of the Town Clerk, do prepare a Draft Prospectus of the proposed issue of Corporation Stock, and lay the same before the Committee at an early meeting.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday. the 20th day of December, 1890—Present The Mayor; Councillors Darby, Drew, Kite and Lawrence (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

2— Temporary Advance—The Town Clerk read a letter he had written to the Manager of the County of Gloucester Bank to know if they could make a temporary advance to the Corporation, in addition to the £3,500 previously arranged for, of from £10,000 to £12,000 (£5,400 of which was the Pittville Estate purchase money), at the same rate, viz., 3 ½ per cent., and a reply from Mr. Clisset (the Manager) enclosing copy of a Resolution of his Directors that they were willing to consider the arrangement as to £3,500 as still in force, but declined to make any further advance on the same terms. The Town Clerk reported that on receipt of the above he had arranged, subject to the approval of the Committee, to continue temporarily the Loans (notice of payment off of which had been given), at a not higher rate of interest than that now payable. Resolved, That the action of the Town Clerk be approved ; and that he do write to the Manager of the County of Gloucester Bank stating that the Corporation would now only require a temporary advance, in addition to the £3,500, of a sum not exceeding £6,000, pending the issue of the Corporation Stock, for a period of from six to nine months, and requesting to know in time for the meeting of the Committee on Thursday afternoon next on what terms the Bank would make the advance.

3—Bank Charges—The Resolution of the Council at their Meeting of date the 1st December, inst., referring it to this Committee to consider the terms on which the accounts of the Corporation is kept by the Treasurer and his Bankers and to report whether any alteration, and if any what, should be made in such terms, was considered. Resolved, That a copy of the Resolution in question be sent to the Bank, and that the Directors be asked to meet and confer with a Deputation from this

Committee, consisting of the Mayor, the Chairman, and Councillors Drew and Lawrence on the subject, on Wednesday, the 7th prox.

4—Collector —The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Loveridge (the Collector) would be willing to accept an addition to his salary of £50 per annum for the additional duties cast on him by the collection of the Water Rates outside the Borough, and the collection of the Pittville Estate Rent Charges.

Resolved, That the Committee recommend the Collector's salary to be increased to £350 per annum accordingly.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 1st day of January, 1891 — Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Drew, Darby, Kite and Lawrence (Councillor Darby in the chair).

5 --General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of this rate, was read. Amount collected £6,635 19s. 1d., leaving outstanding £6,265 14s. 3 ½ d.

6—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts in Cheltenham £4272 19s 2d leaving outstanding £3260 5s 3d; In Tewkesbury £273 0s 4d, leaving outstanding £153 18s 5d.

7—Temporary Advance—A letter from Mr. Clisset, Manager of the County of Gloucester Bank, to the Town Clerk informing hint that, in addition to the £3,500 already arranged for, the Bank was willing to lend the Corporation a further sum of £6,000 for a period not exceeding nine months at 4 per cent., was read. Resolved, That the terms offered by the Bank be accepted.

8— Bank Charges—A letter from Mr. Clisset to the Town Clerk stating that his Directors would be pleased to meet a deputation from this Committee at the Bank on Monday afternoon next, at 3 o'clock, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Clisset be requested to make arrangements for holding the Meeting at 3.30 p.m. instead of 3 p.m., Monday being the day of the Council Meeting.

9—Fire Insurance Resolved, That the horses at the Central Depot be insured in the Sun Fire Office for the sum of £400.

Resolved, That the two pictures recently presented by the Town Clerk to the Corporation be insured in the following amounts, viz "The Castle of Chillon " in £50, "The Healing of the Daughter of the Canaanitish Woman " in £100

10—ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts and Expenditure, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz

RECEIPTS.—

Public Library	£16 6 8
Urban Authority ..	£2596 4 2
Burial Board	£84 13 11
Waterworks (Revenue) .	£1345 10 2

ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID —

Borough Fund	£686 4 4
Public Library (Revenue) ..	£618 16 0
Pittville Estate Purchase	£5400 0 0
Urban Authority (Revenue) ..	£3444 0 11
Burial Board (Revenue) ..	£60 15 9
Refuse Destructor	£500 0 9
Sewage Farm Loan Repayment ..	£3000 0 0
Street Improvements	£0 5 10
Waterworks (Revenue) ..	£2764 9 10
Ditto (Capital)	£132 19 6

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK—

Balance in hand last month ..	£3535 15 5
Received during the month ..	<u>£4042 14 11</u>
	£7578 10 4
Paid during the month ..	<u>£3346 15 5</u>
In hand	£4231 14 7
Being Current Account ..	£2732 10 10
" Sinking Fund Account.. ..	<u>£1499 3 9</u>
	£4231 14 7

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, Jan. 28th, 1891.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 2nd day of February next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, 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 read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.

3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. Make Standing Orders. Make Allotments Regulations. Make Omnibus Bye-laws. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. PUBLIC :LIBRARY COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE.

4. Councillor Lawrence to move—" That the Urinal in St. George's Square be removed at once, and the Resolution of the Council of date the 4th day of April, 1889, be altered accordingly."

5. Councillor Hands to move—" That the Resolution of the General Purposes Committee of date the 22nd day of December last, and, confirmed at the last meeting of the Council, re Allotments, be rescinded. [withdrawn]

6. Notices of Motion.

7. To read the following letters, &c. and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be:—L. Montagnon re School of Science and Public Library. Local Government Board re Triennial Election of County Councillors. Winterbothams and Gurney re Pittville Estate—Shenton. E. Broom re Land at Pittville. S. B. Dix re Bennington Street. W. A. Norman re Memorial to the late Dr. Turnbull. Messrs. F. and C. Griffiths re Price of Improved Lamps.

Yours faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES,

Town. Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 2nd of February, 1891.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

It a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of January, 1891—Present, Aldermen Griffith, Parsonage and Simms-Bull; Councillors Heath, Steel and Lawrence (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair)—

1---Gas Examiner's Monthly Report —The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read : average illuminating power 15.79 candles. Maximum, 16.62 ; minimum 15.22. Purity : 19.23 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the lowness of the illuminating power on the 12th inst., and to the large quantity of sulphur on the 7th and 8th inst.

2—Gas Inspector's Monthly Report —The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read : average hourly consumption of gas per lamp, during the month 3.575 cubic feet

3—Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month : 1,982 (including 17 metered); burning dimly 448 (including two metered).

4--Improved Lamps—Resolved, That this Committee do report to the Council that after re-considering this matter they desire to affirm the resolution they (the Committee) passed thereon last month.

5—Crossings at Sandford Street—The Memorial from Mr. E. Agg and others hereon was again considered. Resolved. That a crossing be constructed in Sandford Street at the point fixed by the Committee.

6—Lighting of Ewlyn Road—The Memorial of Mr. J. D. Bendall and others praying for a gas lamp in this road was again considered. Resolved, that the Committee will consider the question of lighting the road when it is made.

7—Damage to Horse and Trap—Jeynes—The further consideration of this matter was again adjourned.

8-Bridge over Chelt at Central Depot. Con. Mackenzie—A letter from Gen. Mackenzie expressing his astonishment at the resolution hereon passed by the Committee at their last meeting, rescinding a resolution passed at a previous meeting, with full knowledge of the facts, submitting that the soils, manure and such like requisites for his garden and glass houses are kept across the bridge, there being no possible space for them in his garden, that without access to them he could not work the garden, which is his chief tie to the house, if the Council adhere to their last decision, which he trusted they would kindly reconsider as an exceptional case ; and requesting to have some feet in the middle of the bridge only removed, so that a plank could be laid across the gap whenever required for his gardener to cross over for soil, &c., and

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sending a photograph of the place, was read and considered. Resolved, That Gen. Mackenzie be reminded that the original resolution of the Improvement Commissioners only gave him permission to plant evergreens on the bank of the River opposite his house and garden, that the new bridge was put across the River without the knowledge or sanction of the Commissioners or their successors, the Corporation, and the land appears to have been put to uses not contemplated or sanctioned by the terms of the original permission, and which have only now been made known to the Corporation by Gen. Mackenzie's own letter. The Committee, whilst much regretting that Gen. Mackenzie should be put to any personal inconvenience by the decision of the Council, feel that it is extremely undesirable that private individuals should have such privileges of using the Corporation property as those asked for by Gen. Mackenzie, and which could not consistently be refused to other owners or occupiers of houses which happen to adjoin the Corporation properties.

9—Cabmen's Rest—A letter from General Morton applying for permission to remove this Rest from St. James' Square, where it now stands, to the rear of the Cab Stand near the Belle Vue Hotel, was read. Resolved, That the Committee regret they cannot comply with General Morton's request, as they consider the proposed new position an unsuitable one for it.

10—Wm. Todd—Letters from Mr. Wm. Todd, complaining of his treatment by the Surveyor in regard to his dismissal, and declining to relinquish his office unless properly discharged by the Council, were read. Resolved, That the Committee decline to interfere with the discretion of the Surveyor and that Mr. Todd be required to leave the house at the Central Depot forthwith.

11. —Lamp at Westal Green—A memorial from Mr. T. A. Hub, and others calling attention to the desirability of placing a large lamp at the junction of the Queen's and the Lansdown Roads and immediately in front of Osborne House which part they consider dark and dangerous, was read. Resolved, That the Committee consider the locality is quite sufficiently lighted.

12-Census of 1891—A letter from the Registrar General requesting the Corporation to afford their co-operation to secure the successful completion of the approaching Census within their Sanitary District, by rendering as far as may be possible the necessary assistance to the Census Officers for the proper identification of individual Streets and Houses, was read. Resolved, That the Registrar General be informed, that so far as this Authority is concerned every facility will be given to the enumerators in carrying out the work.

13—Surveyor's Monthly Report Highways—The Surveyor reported that owing to the state of the weather, no work of the nature of repairs could be undertaken during the past month ; to render the paths passable during the slippery weather Sawdust had been used, and a large quantity- of clinker had been crushed and spread upon the roads ; 1436 loads of ashes had been collected ; that from the results of the rains last week, he found that it would be necessary to construct some more efficient means of conveying the Storm Water from the Old Bath Road Ditch to the Stream near Sandford Road, and in Gloucester Road near Alstone Lawn, by putting down a Storm Water Sewer to communicate with one of the Streams leading to the Chelt, that in both instances considerable damage was done, in the former case by scour, and in the latter by the water standing in pools owing to want of drainage, and sinking in the ground. Resolved, That the works recommended be executed.

14—Telephonic Communication—The Surveyor reported that now that all the clerical work of the Central Depot is brought into one room and someone will at all times be in attendance, it will be desirable to have some means of communication between the Municipal Offices and the Depot, so as to enable any matters to be dealt with promptly, and that the cost of telephones at the Central Depot and at Sandford, would be £13 15s. per. annum. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

15—Sign Boards—The Street Inspector reported that the following projections had been put up during the month in contravention of the Bye-laws:—

Bailey and Jones, two Removable Lamps at 2, Pittville Street.

Plough Hotel Company, one Lamp in front of Plough Hotel.

Mr. G. Oliver, two Removable Gas Rails at 346, High Street.

Mr. C. Boyce. Sign Board at 12, Montpellier Street

Resolved, That the Sign board erected by Mr Boyce be required to be removed, and that the remainder of the projections be allowed to remain, subject to the right of the Town Council to require their removal at any time they may think fit to do so; and subject also, in the case of the Plough Hotel Company to the Lamps remaining lighted till midnight.

16—Snow, Removal of—The Town Clerk submitted draft of proposed Bye-laws with regard to the removal of snow, and the same were considered, and ordered to be submitted to the Local Government Board for approval.

17—Crossing over Old Bath Road at London Road—A letter from the Rev. Dr. Robinson, of Raymond Villa, Charlton Kings, applying for the restoration of the crossing which formerly existed at this point, was read. Resolved, That Dr. Robinson be informed that the Committee hope that at no very distant date he and his neighbours will be in a position as rate-payers of the Borough to ask the Corporations to lay down a crossing at the point indicated.

18-G.W. Railway Goods Station—Resolved, That it having come to the knowledge of the Committee that the Great Western Railway Company have re-erected their Goods Station at Cheltenham with combustible materials and without first submitting plans thereof for the approval of the Town Council, a course which is in contravention of Sec. 74 of the Improvement Act of 1852, and the Bye-Laws, the attention of the Company be drawn thereto, and that they be informed that in this instance the Council will take no action in the matter it, as they understand to be the case, and are so assured by the Company, this erection is only a temporary one.

19—Colonnade Improvement — The Town Clerk laid before the Committee statement of proposed settlement with Mr. Cockrell and his trustees as contained in the Town Clerk's letter to Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney of date the 5th December last, and their reply of date the .d inst., and an account of their charges in relation thereto amounting to £96 18s. 4d. Resolved, That Mr. Cockrell be charged for use and occupation of the late Miss Haywood's premises as from Midsummer, 1890, according to the notice given to Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney by the Town Clerk's letter of date the 29th of April last, and that Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney's bill be paid.

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The Town Clerk also laid before the Committee the following accounts:

Mr. Mellersh's against Mr George up to the date he ceased to act for him ..	£77 13
Mr. Mellersh's against Mr. Sharpe	£21 18 6
Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney's charges as concerned for George's (Ltd.)	£102 14 8
Ditto as against Mr. George	£49 15 2
Ditto as against Mr E. Handy.. ..	1£4 5 6

Mr. Mellersh having written to say that he would accept £60 in discharge of his bills against Mr. George. Resolved, That he be paid £80 in discharge of all his bills, and that Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney be offered the sum of £150 in discharge of their bills.

Resolved, That the consideration of Mr. Sharpe's claim for compensation, and Messrs. New, Prance and Garrard's bill be adjourned for further consideration.

20-New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted Notice and Plan from Mr. H. E. Millard, for two houses in Naunton Park Terrace, which was approved.

W. SIMMS BULL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 29th day of January, 1891—Present Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Heath, Steel, Lawrence and King (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair)—

21-Colonnade Improvement—Sharpe—Mr. Sharpe attended at the request of the Committee (the Town Clerk not being present), and his claim was considered ; and it was finally arranged between him and the Committee that he should be paid, and accept the sum of £170 in settlement of all his claims for compensation, interest or otherwise against the Corporation, except the balance of the principal sum awarded to be paid to and by him the sum of £139 3s. awarded to be paid to him as assignee of Handy's Trustees. Resolved, That the above amounts be paid accordingly, and that Messrs. New. Prance and Garrard's costs be settled in the manner recommended by the Town Clerk and Councillor Drew.

W. SIMMS BULL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of January, 1891—Present Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Darby, Hands, King, Neale and Norman (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

1-Delancey Hospital—A letter from Dr. E. T. Wilson, of date the 31st ulto., enclosing copy of the following resolution of the Delancey Trustees, viz. " The income of the Delancey Hospital being found inadequate to meet the current expenses of the establishment ; Resolved, that from the 1st of January, 1891, all patients using its Public Wards shall be required to " pay 3s. 6d. per day. A charge of 2s. a day, as at present, will be made for patients sent in by annual subscribers of not less than one guinea or by Public Bodies on making special arrangements with the Trustees ; but the total payment on the higher scale is riot to exceed seven guineas for any one patient," and the said resolution, were read. Also copy of the following resolution of the said Trustees, of date the 31st ult., viz.: " Referring to a resolution of the Town Council, dated " the 2nd December, which was fully considered : It was Resolved that the Trustees decline to entertain the proposition " for vesting the management of the Delancey Hospital in a Joint Committee to be composed of the Trustees and " members of the Corporation ; but, subject to this being understood, they are willing to meet a deputation from the Public Health Committee of the Council to discuss the other points referred to in the resolution " Resolved, That this Committee, while desirous of entering into an arrangement with the Trustees, and willing to contribute generously towards the cost of providing for public patients in the Delancey Hospital, feel that they cannot commit the ratepayers to the payment of a large annual contribution, " legally secured," in perpetuity, unless upon the condition previously stated—a representation of the Sanitary Authority upon the Management Committee of the Hospital; and, understanding the resolution of the Delancey Trustees to mean that this requirement must be abandoned as a preliminary to any conference between the two Bodies, they reluctantly feel that a conference would, under the circumstances, be useless.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of January, 1891—Present: Aldermen Griffith and Parsonage ; Councillors Hands, Norman and Parsonage (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

1-Dairies and Cowsheds Orders—Purveyors of Milk—An application from Mr. F. W. Sumner, of the Andover Dairy, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk, was considered, and the applicant ordered to be registered.

3—Zymotic Disease —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that there had been no case of Diphtheria during the month; that there had been one case of Enteric Fever and two of Scarlatina

4—Medical Officer's Annual Report—The Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee his Annual Report, for the year 1890, and the same was read.

5—Abattoir—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee detailed Plans of the proposed Abattoir, with the additions which the Inspector of the Local Government Board had suggested should be made, and the same were approved and directed to be forwarded to the Local Government Board for their approval.

6—Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890, and Public Health Act, 1890—In pursuance of the resolution passed at the Meeting of the Council in November last referring it to this Committee to report whether it is expedient that the above Acts, or either of them, or any sections thereof be adopted by the Corporation, and the instructions of the Committee thereon, the Town Clerk laid before the Committee his report thereon. With regard to the former Act, he doubted if any good was to be obtained by the adoption of any of its Sections, which for the most part are the same as those in the Improvement Act of 1889, except perhaps Section 13 ; and that with regard to the latter Act which, except as to Part I., must be adopted by Parts and not by Sections He reported that Part I. was of general application without adoption. That Part II., relating to the Regulation of Telegraph Wires, is practically the same as Sec. 76 and 77 of the Improvement Act of 1889. That as to Part III., although nearly all the Sections are similar to those contained in the Improvement Act, there are some sections which it would be desirable to adopt, were it not for Sec. 41, which, for the reasons mentioned in the report would render it undesirable to adopt that part. That Part IV. related to the Licensing of Houses, Rooms, Gardens and other places for Music and Dancing, and the policy of adopting that part would be for the Council to consider; and that Part V. empowered Urban Authorities, with the consent of the Local Government Board, to create and issue Stock subject to Regulations to be made by that Board. Resolved, That the report of the Town Clerk be adopted, except as to Part V, which should be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration; and that the Town Clerk take the necessary steps for the adoption of Sec. 13 of the Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890.

7—No. 30 New Street and Pantile Row—The Surveyor submitted a report upon the condition of this property, and of the works necessary to render same fit for human habitation. Resolved, That a copy thereof be sent to the Owners, with an intimation that if the works therein mentioned were not forthwith carried out, the Council would take the necessary legal steps to enforce them.

8 —Accounts —The following Accounts were examined and allowed:—

James Wall, o/a Contract for Repairs at Heyden Knoll Farm House ..	£100 0 0
Thomas Kell & Son, Lithographing Plan re Chelt Flooding Scheme ..	£9 10 0
J. P. Harris, Plumbers Work (various) ..	£0 17 10
James Tallboy, Brooms and Brushes .	£1 10 9
J. P. Harris. Repairing Drains ..	£0 8 6
John Hastings, Repairs at Arle Tank ..	£0 3 6
W. A. Baker, Repairs at Church Street Urinal	£0 7 6
Various Medical Practitioners, for notifying Infectious Cases ..	£0 15 0
Delancey Fever Hospital. for treatment of Scarlatina Cases ..	£41 0 0

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 9th day of January, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Simms Bull; Councillors Heath and Williams (The Mayor in the chair)- –

1-Tewkesbury Works—Gloucester--The Mayor reported that on Tuesday, the 6th inst., he, the Town Clerk, and the Borough Surveyor had an interview at Gloucester with the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Town Clerk and the City Surveyor of Gloucester on the subject of the water supply at Gloucester, and the supplementing of such supply from the Work; of the Corporation at Tewkesbury, at which interview the subject was fully discussed, and it was arranged that the Mayor and City Surveyor of Gloucester should meet the Deputy Mayor and the Borough Surveyor at Tewkesbury the next day to inspect the works there.

The Surveyor reported that the Deputy Mayor and himself had met the Mayor of Gloucester and the City Surveyor, as arranged, at Tewkesbury on Wednesday, the 7th inst; that they thoroughly inspected the whole of the Works and took samples of the water both before and after filtration.

A report from the Borough Surveyor on the subject was read, and the question of the terms to be given to the Gloucester Corporation considered.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the Town Clerk of Gloucester informing him that the Committee would be prepared to recommend the Council to agree to the following terms, viz.

1. The Corporation of Cheltenham to lay down a gin. main from their Works at Tewkesbury to the boundary of their area of supply at, or near, Twigworth, with all necessary sluices, valves, alterations and extensions of their Works at Tewkesbury to enable the Corporation to give a maximum supply of 300,000 gallons per diem for the sum of £1,500 per annum.

2. Should the Gloucester Corporation require a 12in. main to be laid down the payment in this case would be £1,770 per annum.

3. Should the Gloucester Corporation require a supply exceeding 300,000 gallons per diem, this would necessitate the construction of still further works, and in that case the annual payment required would be £2,170.

In either case the price would include a supply of 100,000 gallons per diem, any quantity in excess of that to be paid for at the rate of 6d. per 1,000 gallons.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of January, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Parsonage and Simms Bull; Councillors Heath and Waghorne (The Mayor in the Chair.)

2-Borough Surveyor's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Surveyor, was read, the following being a precis thereof:—

The average yield of the Springs per minute was 229 gallons.

The number of gallons in store was 30,849,597, and that the water in the Reservoirs was increasing rapidly.

During the month 41 tons of cast iron pipes have been received from Messrs. Cochrane.

Arrangements have been made for commencing the Charlton Kings extension on Monday next.

He recommended the shallow mains to be placed at least two feet below the surface as soon as opportunity offers, so as to protect them from the weather.

That the supply from Dowdeswell alone had proved to be sufficient for the Town, and that it had not been necessary to supply any water from Sandford Mead

That copies of the proposed new Regulations had been sent out to the plumbers, and the answers to them submitted herewith.

That application had been received for extensions near the London Road, in Charlton Kings, and Marlborough Place, Princes Road, and that the return in both cases would be sufficient to justify the outlay.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of January, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Sinews-Bull; Councillors Heath, Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1- Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out to one fire during the month, namely, at the Great Western Railway Goods Shed, on the 8th inst. Estimated damage, £2,000. The bill of expenses of the Brigade (amounting to £17 12s. 6d.) sent in to the Queen Insurance Company, in which Office the building was insured for £2,000.

2—Hackney Carriages—A license to act as a Hackney Carriage Driver was granted to Edward Timbrell, of 11, St. Paul's Street, South.

3—Police—A letter from the Clerk of the County Council. of date the 7th inst., stating that the attention of the Standing Joint Committee had been drawn to the non-representation of the Cheltenham Town Council on the Police Committee of the County Council, and that there had in fact been no such Committee up to the 6th instant, when it was resolved that in future a certain section of the Finance Committee of the Standing Joint Committee should be designated the Finance Committee for Police Purposes, to the meetings of which particular body the Cheltenham Town Council representatives would be invited, was read. Resolved, That the Mayor and Councillor Waghorne be appointed representatives of the Council on the Finance Committee for Police Purposes of the Standing Joint Committee.

4—Allotments—A letter from the Local Government Board approving the Draft of these Regulations as altered and settled by the Committee at the last meeting, was read.

The Town Clerk reported that the Allotments had been duly advertised as directed by the Committee, and that the applications were to be sent in by the 9th pros. He submitted print of the notice which had been published as to the letting, and also of the forms of the application and agreement, all of which were approved.

Resolved, That the present holders of the Allotments be allowed to continue their occupation thereof, at the present rents, till the 29th September next on their giving up possession at that date without making any claim for compensation in respect of crops or otherwise, the applicants to whom Allotments are granted commencing their holding from that date, except such intending tenants as make application for, and are willing to take the land at present unlet. ;

5—Accounts--The following accounts were examined and allowed :

H. D. Brown, Repairs ..	£4 11 0
John Howlett, Repairing and Winding Clocks	£5 13 6
W. Moody Bell, Repairs to Level, &c. .	£2 5 0
Geo. Hughes, Re-covering Office Stools . .	£0 5 6
Drake, Driver and Leaver, Tracing Paper ..	£0 7 6
Horace Edwards, Stationery ..	£1 6 0

WILLIAM HEATH, Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of January, 1891—Present; The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Heath, Moles, Norman and Woodard (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair)—

1---Chairman—Alderman Simms-Bull was appointed Chairman at this Meeting

2--Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :

County Fire Office, Premium on Insurance of Swimming Bath .. £2 0 0
Sun Fire Office, Premium on Insurance of Caretaker's Lodge .. 0 11 3
Public Works Loan Board, Interest and repayment on Baths Loan 135 5 4

W. SIMMS BULL,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of January, 1891—Present: Councillors Heath, Kite, Moles, Parsonage, Steel and Williams (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Designs—The following Design was examined and approved, viz: Headstone to Robert Middlemiss.

2-Rector's Fees—The letter from Mr Selim Smith, read at the last meeting of the Council, on the subject of a charge of £1 1s. 0d. made by the Rector for the burial of a parishioner at three o'clock, and the additional charges made for the burial of non-inhabitant householders, and referred to this Committee, was considered. Resolved, That the Town Clerk write to the Rector informing him that the Committee have under consideration the subject of the fees payable to the Rector, Clerk and Sexton, and the settlement thereof under the Provisions of the Burial Acts relating thereto ; and asking him if he will be kind enough to receive a Sub-committee of this Committee on the subject ; and that the Chairman, and Councillors Kite and Steel be the Sub-committee.

3—Cemetery Chapels—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee plan of enclosed corridor at the entrance to the Chapels, and he was instructed to report to the Committee, at its next meeting, the probable cost of completing the laying out of the new portion of the Cemetery.

4—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

Knight and Co., Parchment copies of Register of Burials ..	£8	2	6
Brydges and Mellersh, Prestbury Tithes ..	£6	9	2
E Davies, Interment Forms	£1	12	0
Built Leonard, Printing ..	£0	14	6
A. H. Nott, Coal ..	£2	2	0
Jno. Williams and Co. ..	£1	19	0

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	..	£3 12 0
Webb, Bros., Coal ..	.. ..	£3 0 0

E. H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of January, 1891 — Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Ramsay ; Councillors Drew, Kite, Neale and Skillicorne ; Capt. Welch and E. Wethered, Esq. (Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsay in the chair),—

I—Library Building Account—A letter from Mr. Knight, enclosing statement of account between the Council and Messrs. Billings, showing balance due to them of £5059 8s. 3d. and stating that Messrs. Billings had also a claim for preparation for the Stone Laying and on the Opening Day amounting to 4.50, was read. The account enclosed is as follows

THE CHELTENHAM CORPORATION To A. C. & S. BILLINGS.

Amount of Contract for building the Public Library, viz. : No. 1.	£7556 0 0
	2. £763 0 0
	3. <u>£729 0 0</u>
	£8648 0 0
Additional Works in foundations, in consequence of inequality of Ground ; filling up wells that were under the walls, and other works sanctioned by the Library Committee ..	<u>£583 8 2</u>
Total for Building ..	£9231 8 2

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FITTINGS.

Amount of Contract for Fittings ..	£485 0 0
Additional Fittings and works ordered by Library Committee	<u>£171 1 0</u>
	£656 1 0

IRON RAILING, AREAS AND FENCING.

Iron railing and curbing, next St. George's Place and Chester Walk ; areas and walls, next St. George's Place ; fencing in spare ground next Clarence Street	<u>£231 19 1</u>
Total ..	£10119 8 3
Cr. By payment. on account	<u>£9100 0 0</u>
Balance due	£1019 8 3

27th Dec., 1890. W. H. Knight.

Resolved, That Messrs. Billings be paid the sum of £1,000 on account of the amount due to them, on their undertaking to make good all defects in the building to the satisfaction of the Architects.

Messrs. Knight and Chatters also forwarded their account for their professional services in the matter of the building and the building and the fittings thereof, and for valuation of the site, amounting to £595, of which they had received £200 on account, and the further consideration thereof was adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee.

2-Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported the receipt during the month of the following gifts to the Library :

Mrs. Dartnall .	2 vols.
Mr. W. Barron ..	1 vol.
Trustees of the British Museum	3 vols.
Mr. E. Matheson	1 vol.
Mr. W. A. Cooke	1 vol.
Mr J. T. Priestley	1 vol.
The Baron de Ferrieres..	2 vols.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Southampton, Aberdeen, Belfast, Sheffield, and Clerkenwell

The Sub-Committee recommended that Mr. W. Moody Bell's gift of a large Thermometer to be placed in the Reading Room, and Capt. Welch's gift of his Portrait be accepted with the best thanks of the Committee to the Donors.

3—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

Samual Denison and Son, Newspaper Holders	£3 6 0
Vimpany and Co ..	£0 5 6
Mr. Jones, Assistant's Wages	£9 3 0
J. W. Pink, Books .	£2 7 9
J. Grant, Books .	£0 13 3
W Norton, Books ..	£0 11 3
M B. Ricketts, Poor Rate .	£9 11 3
Gas Company, Coke ..	£15 14 10

ALEX. E. RAMSAY.

Chairman

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 8th day of January, 1891—Present: Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Heath (Wm.), Skillicorne and Norman (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Pittville Estate—The Town Clerk reported that he had settled this purchase on the 5th inst. ; that he had paid the sum of £262 10s. 6d for interest on the purchase money, and had received Mr. Shenton's rent to 25th December last, amounting to £215 13s. 0d., and that he had paid Mr. Sanders' account for management, road repairs, wages, establishment charges, &c. from the 6th January, 1890, amounting to £396 18s. 8d.

An account of Messrs. Engall, Sanders and Co., in connection with the Estate, of £6 6s. 0d. was examined and allowed.

2 —Shenton—A letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney on the subject of Mr. Shenton's claim for compensation, and the Corporation taking to Mr. Shenton's chattels, was read. Resolved, That as to Mr. Shenton's claim for compensation they must adhere to their previous Resolutions; but, as respects the chattels, as Mr. Shenton had made no reply to the offer of the Committee for the fountain, and had made no offer to the Corporation in respect of the other effects, the Committee cannot recommend any departure from their former Resolution.

The Surveyor was directed to bring up a Report as to what repairs and alterations he would recommend to be done and made, and the Town Clerk was directed to submit a draft of Bye-laws and Regulations to be observed. Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillors Lawrence, Wm. Heath and Norman be appointed a Sub-Committee to prepare a scheme for Management of the Estate, and advise with the Town Clerk as to the Bye-laws.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Waghorne, Drew, Norman and W. Heath (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

3—Borough Boundaries Extension—The Local Government Board requiring a statement of the proposals of the Corporation as to Wards Representation of the Borough as proposed to be extended. Resolved, That the part of Leckhampton proposed to be included form one Ward, to be represented by three Councillors ; the part of Charlton Kings proposed to be included to form one Ward, to be represented by three Councillors, and the part of Prestbury proposed to be included to be joined to the Central Ward. The Council for the extended Borough thus consisting of 24 Councillors and eight Aldermen.

The Town Clerk was authorised to retain a Leader.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 24th day of January, 1891—Present Alderman Ramsay ; Councillor Hands, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Hands in the chair)—

1—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the several Local Committees were gone through and examined. A summons was ordered to be taken out against Mrs. Watts, of Park Street, for the non-attendance of her child Gertrude, with a view to the child being sent to an Industrial School.

2— Attendance Officers' Reports— The Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers were read and considered.

WILLIAM HANDS,
Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 29th day of January, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull : Councillors Drew, Kite, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Drew in the chair).

1--Parliamentary Registration—The Town Clerk laid before the Meeting an account of his expenses of carrying into effect the provisions of the Acts for the Registration of Voters for the year 1890-91, amounting to £91 17s. 5½ d. Resolved, That the said amount be certified to be due to him, and be apportioned between the respective Parishes of Cheltenham, Leckhampton and Charlton Kings, in the proportion of £69 18s 8d. to Cheltenham, £9 5s 0½ d. to Leckhampton, and £12 13s. 8d. to Charlton Kings.

2 —General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 29th inst., on collection of this rate, was read. Amount collected £10,418 19s. 1d., leaving outstanding £2,482 14s. 3½ d.

3—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 2gth inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts in Cheltenham £6186 0s 5d leaving outstanding £1446 2s 3d ; In Tewkesbury £371 4s, leaving outstanding £160 15s 3d.

4---Bank Charges - A letter was read from the Manager of the County of Gloucester Bank forwarding copy of a Resolution passed by the Bank Directors on the 7th instant on the subject of the proposal of the Corporation that, in lieu of the existing arrangement, the accounts should be kept in the ordinary way free of charge, except that the Corporation should be charged at the rate of 5 per cent. upon any over draft, as follows:—" That the Directors desire to record their sense of "the courteous manner in which the Deputation from the Finance Committee placed their views before them, and that in " consideration of the long connection of the Bank with the Corporation the Board agree to the special terms proposed by " the Corporation."

Resolved, That the Directors be thanked for the terms which they have conceded in this matter, and that the Committee understand the arrangement to be that both accounts be treated for the purpose of this arrangement, and the charging of interest as one account.

5—Corporation Stock—Resolved, That the period to be fixed for redemption of the Stock be 80 years.

6—ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts and Expenditure, a-id of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz :—

RECEIPTS.—

Borough Fund ..	£1751 6 9
Public Library ..	£ 53 8 7
Urban Authority	£4408 15 8
Burial Board	£ 28 7 3
Waterworks (Revenue)	£2011 12 5
Loan from County Bank	£6500 0 0

ACCOUNTS NOW TO BE PAID—

Borough Fund ..	£712 3 5
Public Library (Revenue)	£120 0 3
Ditto (Capital) ..	£1000 0 0
Pittville Estate, ditto ..	£87 6 9
Urban Authority (Revenue)	£1764 6 1
Burial Board ..	£210 0 11
Street Improvements ..	£10 13 9
Waterworks (Revenue)	£536 17 6
Ditto (Capital) ..	£280 6 11

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK—

Balance in hand last month	£4231 14 7
Received during the month—	
Current Account	£14753 10 8
Sinking Fund Account..	£ <u>469 7 1</u>
	£ <u>15222 17 9</u>
	£19454 12 4
Paid during the month	£ <u>17269 7 2</u>
	£2185 5 2
Being Current Account	£216 14 4
" Sinking Fund Account..	£ <u>1968 10 10</u>
	£ 2185 5 2

J. W. DREW, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, February 25th, 1891.

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 2nd day of March next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, 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 read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE, and make further Regulations re Fittings. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE and make Standing Orders. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE.
4. The Mayor to move—" That the Resolution approving of the existing Standing Orders of the Council, and all subsequent Resolutions of the Council altering or amending the same, be rescinded."
6. Notices of Motion.
7. To read letters, &c. and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be

Yours faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 2nd of March, 1891.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of February, 1891—Present Aldermen Griffith, Parsonage and Simms-Bull; Councillors Darby, King, Lawrence, Steel and Heath (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair)—

1—Gas Examiner's Monthly Report —The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read average illuminating power 16.07 candles. Maximum, 16.48 ; minimum 15.27. Purity : 10.65 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2 —Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read : average hourly consumption of gas per lamp, during the month 4.167 cubic feet

3—Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month 9 (including 1 metered); burning dimly 20.

4—Jeynes--Damage to Horse and Trap—The further consideration of this matter was adjourned.

5—Telephonic Communication—The further consideration of this matter was adjourned.

6—Bridge over Chelt at Central Depot—Con. Mackenzie—A letter from Gen. Mackenzie stating that he was at some expense and inconvenience having the bulk of the garden soils removed from the shrubbery, and the small remainder of the soils he would make use of this Spring, after which there would be no occasion to cross the river, and the planking from mid-stream could then be removed, and that he trusted the Town Council would allow the Bridge in so far as it encroaches on the Town land to remain intact until he has finally cleared out the ground, was read. Resolved, That this be assented to.

7-Channelling in Bath Street—A letter from Mr. T. R. Jackson calling attention to the manner in which the repairs in this street are being carried out, was read. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do bring up a report upon the matter.

8-Footpath by Park Villas—A letter from Gen. Muspratt Williams enquiring if there is any probability of the above footpath being paved, which would be a great convenience and improvement, was read. Resolved, That Gen. Williams be informed that notices have been given to the owners to do the necessary works

9—Footpath Henrietta Street—A Letter from Mr. E. Palmer, complaining of the state of the Footpath abutting on his premises, which is getting dangerous, was read. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Surveyor to report upon.

10---Footpath in Carlton Place—St. Paul's Road —A Letter from Mr. Geo. Bradfield, calling attention to the bad state of the footpath leading from Carlton Place to the Training College in St. Paul's Road, and to the necessity of some improvement being effected in the lighting of that locality, was read. Resolved, That one of the existing lamps be moved to the opposite side of the road, and that the Borough Surveyor do bring up a Specification for the repair of the footpath.

11 --Bennington Street—A Letter from Mr. S. B. Dix, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by a meeting of the property owners concerned That taking into consideration the fact that Bennington Street has for 20 years been used "as a public road and hitherto kept in repair by the Owners, we resolve that if the Town Council will allow £50 for damage "done to the road by laying water mains, &c., we are willing to pay the amount due, less the £50 above-named, or else we "request the Town Council to make the Street a Public Highway, and in the event of this being done, we are prepared to "pay the demands for repairs in full, this offer to be made without prejudice," was read, and also a subsequent letter from Mr. Dix enquiring what allowance the Corporation are willing to make if the amounts are now paid in. Resolved, That if the parties are prepared at once to pay the amounts due from them, an allowance of 3d. per yard run, which is the full sum allowed for making good trenches in which pipes have been laid, be allowed as a deduction from the sums due, but that so long as any sums due to the Corporation for the works executed by them in the street are unpaid, the Committee will decline to consider the question of taking to and declaring the street to be a Highway.

12—St. George's Road Bridge—A Letter from the Secretary of the Great Western Railway Co., acknowledging receipt of this Committee's resolution thereon, and stating that the matter has had consideration and the Directors are unable to comply with the requirement of the Council that the Company shall widen the bridge to 36 feet, that the lengthening of the bridge will in no way affect permanently the surface of the road over it, and having regard to the fact that it is necessitated in connection with extensive and costly works which the Company contemplate in improving the station accommodation, the Directors think it is somewhat unreasonable that the Council should seek to impose upon the Company additional expense in the widening of a public road, and that the result of the Town Council insisting on the requirement would be to delay the works to admit of Parliamentary Power being obtained, was read Resolved, That after full consideration of all the circumstances the Committee regret they are unable to recommend the Council to accede to the proposition made by the Company.

13—Main Roads—A Letter from the County Surveyor, stating that he had surveyed the road from Pilley to the Cemetery and found the Specification fairly carried out, and that the amount to be paid by the County Council for this road, for the three months ending April next, and also the annual sum to be added to the contract, should now be settled, and requesting this Committee to name a sum for his Committee to discuss, was read. Resolved, That the Committee will expect to receive from the County Council in respect of this road a sum calculated at the rate of £150 per mile per annum.

14—Lighting of Hatherley Lane—A memorial from Mr. Edward Apperley and others requesting the Corporation to light this lane with gas, was read. Resolved, That three lamps be fixed in positions to be fixed by the Committee, provided the Gas Company will extend their main along this road.

15—Lamp at Westal Green—On further consideration of the application in this matter. Resolved, That an additional ordinary lamp be placed in this locality in the position fixed by the Committee.

16 - Keynsham Road—A memorial from Charles Wilson, Esq. and others praying the Corporation to have this road inspected, with a view to its being repaired if need be, between Sirsa House and the gate of Glendouran House by the abutting owners or at their expense, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Specification of the repairs to be done by the abutting owners.

17 —Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that the sign board of Mr. Boyce, at 12, Montpellier Street, had been removed in accordance with the order of the Committee. He also reported that Mr. F. Stock had fixed a gas rail at 3, Exchange Buildings, Bath Road. Resolved, That permission be given for this gas rail, subject to the right of the Corporation to require its removal if at any time they think fit to do so.

18—Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month:

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Selkirk Street, 9,052 square feet; Gloucester Road, 10,168 square feet ; Lansdown Road, 7,605 square feet.

Patching—High Street, Promenade, Lansdown Crescent, Back of Lansdown Place, London Road, Sandford Street, Old Bath Road, Cleeve Road, Rodney Road, St. George's Road, Street and Place, Montpellier Street, Charlton Road, Stanhope Street (ends), Park Place, Tivoli Villas, Bath Road and Street, Clarence Street, Suffolk Road, St. James' Square, Manchester Street, Exmouth Street,

Painswick Lawn, Wellington Square, Albert Place, Queen's Road, St. Stephen's Road, Ashford Road, College Road, Hales Road, Keynsham Road, Malvern Road, Ambrose Street, Dunalley Street, St. Paul's Road, Prestbury Road, Mitre Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone:—Stanhope Street, Wellington Street, Charlton Lane, Rutland Street (proceeding).

Curbing, Crossing and Flagging—High Street, Winchcomb Street, Rodney Road, Bath Road, Gloucester Place, Clarence Street, Promenade, Manchester Street, Tivoli Place, Hales Road, Bayshill Road (proceeding), St. George's Road. Princes Street, Duke Street, Albert Place, Great Norwood Street, Painswick Lawn, Suffolk Square, St. James' Street and Square, Corpus Street, Rose and Crown Passage (proceeding).

N.B.—Clarence Street (East side) relaid with Caithness flags, 2,540 square feet.

Gravel Footpaths—Tewkesbury Road over Railway Bridge, 1,023 square yards. Road leading from Lansdown Place to Crescent.

Three Gullies re-constructed in Christ Church Road.

Ashes – 1777 Loads collected.

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19—Trees—Letters and Memorials from Mrs. M. L. Howard, Mr. F. Adams, and others, as to the Trees in Spa Buildings, and from Stanley Wilde, Esq., as to the trees in St. George's Road, were read, and referred to the Tree Sub-Committee for inspection and report.

20 —St. George's Road Footpath—Letters from Mrs. A. Bloodworth, Mr. T. E. Gill, Mr. T. W. Harvey, Messrs. E. Smith & Son, and others, requesting the Committee to reconsider the order made on them to pave, border, and channel the footpath opposite their respective properties, the bordering and channelling being, in their opinion, quite unnecessary in this case, and in some cases the work having been already done on a previous occasion by the owners, were read. Resolved, That Mrs. Bloodworth and Mr. Harvey be informed that an allowance will be made in the apportionment of the expenses in respect of any flagging already laid down by the owners. With respect to the letter from Messrs. E. Smith & Son, the formation of the road and footpath referred to by them was a matter entirely distinct from the present one ; and with respect to the other Memorialists, the Committee are not prepared to recommend any alteration of the specification.

21 —Great Western Railway Goods Station—A Letter from the Secretary of the Great Western Railway Company, stating that the Goods Shed which has been erected at Cheltenham in place of the shed recently destroyed by fire is, as the Town Council understand, merely a temporary structure, but requesting the Council not to assume that the Company in any way acquiesce in the view that in the erection of buildings for railway purposes they are subject to the jurisdiction of such Act and Bye-Laws, was read. Resolved that the Secretary's explanation is satisfactory in so far as it states that the building is intended to be a temporary one only, but the Committee feel that the Company must be asked to fix a reasonable time within which the building shall be removed, and

thereby render it unnecessary to decide whether or not the Company are subject to the provisions of the Improvement Act.

22 — Ambrose Street Improvement—Letters from G. W. Sadler, Esq., enquiring the price of the properties, 313, High Street, and No. 28, Ambrose Street, and whether the Council would allow him the usual 2 ½ per cent. commission, on his finding a purchaser, were read. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

23— Great Western Road—A Letter from Messrs. Engall, Sanders & Co., requesting the Corporation to give them a reply in regard to the strip of land which some months ago was contemplated being acquired by the Corporation from Mr. Mackay, for widening the above road, was read. Resolved, That Messrs. Engall, Sanders & Co. be informed that the Corporation are prepared to set back the fence and do the necessary paving works, &c., at an estimated cost of £40, which would otherwise have to be done by or at the expense of Mr. Mackay, at their own expense on Mr. Mackay giving up the land

24—Colonnade Improvement- —A letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney stating that they were quite ready to meet the wishes of the Committee with respect to the small deduction asked on their bills against George's (Limited), Mr. George and Mr. Handy and to accept £150 in discharge of them ; though the full amount was, they were sure, very well earned yet the intricacy of the matter, and the length of time it had been about, makes the total costs oppressive, and they, therefore, willingly lighten them as desired ; and that the only hitch now in the completion of the matter is the £45 demanded for rent from Mr. Cockrell which he entirely objected to pay, was read. Resolved, That the Committee are much obliged to Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney for their ready acceptance of the Committee's proposals with regard to their costs ; but as to Mr. Cockrell they must insist on the deduction of the sum of £45 claimed for use and occupation.

25—New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new Buildings. all of which were approved, viz.

Messrs. Barton, for alterations at 9, Suffolk Parade; Mr. Thomas Hughes, for Cottage in St. Luke's Place ; Trustees of late W. T. Hunt, additions to Stables in Carlton Street ; E. Smith and Son, for Stabling adjoining Drake House ; Bloodworth and Son, alterations &c to premises in Albion Street.

The Surveyor also submitted Notices and Plans from J. Leighton, Esq. for a House in Leighton Road, and from the Theatre Company for a suggested Shelter and Balcony, which were not approved ; and also from Mrs. Pittaway for a Cottage on the South side of Naunton Crescent, which was approved subject to the Sewers under the House being bedded in concrete.

W. SIMMS BULL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of February, 1891- -Present: Alderman Griffith; Councillors Darby, King, Neale, Norman and Parsonage (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

1-Dairies and Cowsheds Order—Purveyors of Milk—An application from Mr. G. H. Bendy, of No 1, Painswick Parade, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk, was considered and the applicant ordered to be registered.

2-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been eight cases of Scarlatina, three of Diphtheria, and two of Enteric Fever during the month.

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3-Annual Report of the Medical Officer of health—Resolved that 150 copies of this Report be printed, and that the printing be submitted to tender.

4--Gilson —5, Columbia Place—A letter from Mr. Gilson stating that the drains of these premises was a nuisance and injurious to health, and that other premises drained through it, was read. The Surveyor reported that the Sewer in Trinity Lane required extending to serve this and adjoining property. Resolved, That the requisite extension be made, and that the Surveyor be empowered to give notice, and enter and examine the premises, and do all other acts authorised by sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

5--Victoria Place—The Inspector of Nuisances reported the existence of a foul Cess Pitt or Pits at the backs of Nos. 7 to 10 Victoria Place, which were a nuisance and injurious to health. Resolved, That the Surveyor be empowered to give notice, and enter and examine the premises and do all other acts authorised by sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

6—Steel—A letter from Mr. Thomas Steel, agent for his brother, Mr. W. C. Steel, owner of some cottages in Hewlett Place, in respect of which notice had been given to provide a proper supply of water, objecting to lay on the Corporation water, was read with a reply thereto by the Town Clerk. Resolved, That Mr. Steel be informed that the notice must be complied with.

7-- Inspector of Nuisances—The Town Clerk read a correspondence he had had with the Local Government Board on the subject of the appointment of an additional Inspector of Nuisances, from which it appeared that the Board had been advised that an Urban Sanitary Authority had no power to appoint more than one Inspector of Nuisances ; that it was the practice of the Board to sanction the appointment of Inspectors of Nuisances with a view to the repayment of a moiety of their salaries in those cases only in which they act as Principal Officers, and that the Board had in no case sanctioned, with a view to repayment, the appointment of more than one Inspector of Nuisances in an Urban District, and that the appointment of an Assistant Inspector could, therefore, be made without reference to the Board.

1-Chelt Floods—The Town Clerk reported that the Enquiry on the application of the Corporation for a Provisional Order for altering and amending the Local Acts and the purchase of Lower Alstone Mill, had been held before General Carey and Mr. Pearce Burd, Inspectors of the Local Government Board, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when the application was opposed by Mr. J. S. Gibbons and Mr H. Arkell. That he had just received from Messrs. Whitcomb and Gardom a copy of clauses which they had submitted to the Local Government Board for insertion in the Order for the protection of their clients, Mr. Gibbons and Mr. Arkell, but that he had not had time yet to consider them, and had not yet received them, as he expected to do, from the Local Government Board.

9—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed

Burn and Baillie, Drain Testing Apparatus	£4 14 0
J. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths	£1 2 10
E Jones, 4 weeks' salary.. ..	£5 0 0
W. Ursell, Housing Ambulance.. ..	£1 15 0
James Wall, ()la Repairs at Heyden Knoll Farm	£25 0 0
Delancey Hospital, Treatment of Patients	£21 3 6
T. Kell & Son, Lithographing Plans re Chelt Floods.. ..	£9 10 0
T. W. Harvey, Disinfectants	£0 18 0

The Committee adjourned to Wednesday next at 11 a.m. to visit the Sewage Farms.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 26th day of February, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Darby, Heath, Waghorne and Williams (The Mayor in the chair)—

1-Surveyor's Report—The usual monthly Report of the Surveyor was read, the following being a précis thereof:

That the yield of the Springs per minute was 207 gallons.

That the total quantity of water in store was 59,854,462 gallons, which is equal to three months' supply ; and that daily the flow into the Dowdeswell Reservoir was equal to the whole consumption of the Town.

That an application had been received from Mr. Samuel Jenkins for an extension of the main at Prospect Place, Leckhampton, for a distance of 33 yards.

That the Charlton Kings extension was being proceeded with.

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3 - Water Regulations—The Surveyor laid before the Committee the description of the Water Fittings approved by this Committee. Resolved, That the description in question be approved, and be deemed to be part of the Regulations made by the Corporation, and be made accordingly at the meeting of the Council on Monday next.

4—T. Hack—A letter from Mr. T. Hack, the Caretaker and Superintendent at Dowdeswell, asking for an increase of 5s- per week in his wages, and giving his reasons for such increase, was read and considered. Resolved, That having regard to the reasons given by Mr. Hack, and the services of himself and his wife, the Committee think he is entitled to an increase in his wages, and recommend that he be given 25s a week.

5-Appeals--The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

6—Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of February, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Heath, King, Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1-Fire Brigade --The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out to two fires during the month, namely, one on the 26 ult. at No. 1, Promenade Terrace, in the occupation of Mr Tate, Lodging-house Keeper; estimated damage, £10. The bill of expenses, amounting to £3 12s. 6d., sent in to the " County," " Phoenix " and " Queen " Insurance Companies; and on the 27th ult. at 96 and 97, Winchcomb Street, in the occupation of Messrs. Cole and Banning, estimated damage, £200. The bill of expenses, amounting to £6 18s. 6d., sent in to the " Law Union," " County," " Alliance " and " Queen Insurance Companies.

2 —Cattle Market—Mr. Steel's Application—An application from Mr. A. W. Steel, Auctioneer, for leave to rent a space of 51 yards by 13 yards in the Cattle Market for the purpose of holding periodical Sales in the Market, and stating that the arrangement would not interfere with the Fair days, which he would give up, nor the Sale of Cattle, the toll for which he would pay in the ordinary way, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Steel be informed the Committee cannot entertain the proposition

Mr. Keith's Application -- An application from Mr. C. Keith to rent for about four months, a space containing 90 feet by 60 feet, for the purpose of erecting a temporary circus thereon and offering to pay £3 per week for the same, was read, Resolved, That the necessary ground in the Cattle Market be let to Mr. Keith for four months at the rent named, the same to be paid in advance weekly.

3—Street Numbering - Baker—A letter from Mr. H. W. Baker complaining of the procedure adopted in the numbering of his property known as Belmont Cottages, Sherborne Street, the name of the property having been painted out, with the Town Clerk's reply thereto, were read. Resolved, That as it appears the name has been struck through by the painter in error, and not in accordance with the instructions of the Corporation, Mr. Baker be informed that the Corporation will have the same repainted free of any cost to him.

4-Winding Clocks—Mr. Howlett's bill for Winding the Public Clocks, having been brought to the notice of this Committee with a view to a revision of the charges for the future. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do confer with Mr. Howlett, and report upon the whole question.

5—Standing Orders—The Committee again went through these Standing Orders, and carefully revised them. Resolved, That a print as now altered by the Committee, be forwarded to each

member of the Council, and that the same be made at the Meeting of the Council on Monday next, with such alterations (if any) as may be then made therein.

6--Accounts —The following Accounts were examined and allowed:—

C. H. Channon, Repairs, &c, The Western Counties and South Wales	£21 12 4
Telephone Co., Lim., Removal of Instrument ..	£0 5 0
R. E. and C. Marshall, Speaking Tubes, &c.	£9 5 0
J. Sollors, Coal ..	£0 8 0
H. Mallory and Sons, Repairs	£1 0 9
W. A. Baker, Repairs	£1 16 3

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of February, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Simms-Bull and Griffith ; Councillors King, Waghorne and Darby (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair)—

8--Allotment Land--The Town Clerk reported that only three applications for Allotments had been sent in, viz., for Allotments 230, 231 and 232, which are part of the Pasture Land. Resolved, That under the circumstances the time for receiving applications be extended to 25th March, and that as to the Pasture Land if a sufficient number of applications are not received to justify its being broken up, the same be put up for mowing and the grass be either made or sold at the proper time ; and that in the meantime the persons in occupation of the existing Allotments be allowed to remain in such occupation at the same rent as they have heretofore paid up to Michaelmas next, all crops being then cleared off.

W. SIMMS BULL,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of February, 1891 -Present: The Mayor; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Drew, King, Heath, Moles, Woodard and Norman (Councillor King in the chair)—

1—Recreation Ground—A letter from Sergt.-Major Brown requesting permission to have the use by the 1st Gloucestershire Volunteers Royal Engineers Football Club of that portion of the Recreation Ground which is set apart for football, on Saturday, 7th March, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., for the purpose of playing a match with the Cheltenham Football Club, was read. Resolved, That the required permission be given.

2—Swimming Bath—Resolved, That the Bath be opened to the public on Monday, the 30th March.

3—Account—An account of Messrs John Williams and Co., for Slack for the Baths, amounting to £9 1s. 6d. was examined and

CHAS. W. KING,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of February. 1891—Present The Mayor ; Councillors King, Heath, Moles, Steel and Parsonage, (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1--Superintendent's Report — The Superintendent called the attention of the Committee to the state of the window blinds at the Cemetery Lodge, which had been in use for 12 years, and were too rotten to wash again, and to the want of two new bass brooms. Resolved, That the Surveyor do procure new blinds for the Cemetery Lodge, and that the Superintendent be authorised to purchase two bass brooms.

2-Designs-The following Designs were examined and approved, viz: Headstones to Richard Neville, Eliza Marchant, John A. B. Broadhurst, Daniel Southwood, John Orgee, James Allen Tilley, William Dosson, Mary Ann Moran.

3—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

Gas Company, Coke ..	£1 .18. 7
W. Gregory, Labourer's Wages ..	£7 .4 .0
T. W. Harvey, Repairs ..	£0 .6 .6
R. E. and C. Marshall, Repairs ..	£2. 15. 0

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held at the Library, on Saturday, the 7th day of February, 1891 — Present: Alderman Ramsay ; Councillors Kite, Parsonage and Skillicorne ; and Mr. T. Pippett (Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsay in the chair),—

Mr. W. H. Knight and Mr. M. H. Reay were in attendance,

The proposal of Mr. Reay to decorate the Entrance Hall of the Library at his own expense, as accepted by the Town Council on February 2nd was considered, and Mr. Reay gave the Committee a detailed account of the style of decoration he proposed doing. The Librarian reported that the present shelving was now insufficient, and unless additional fittings be obtained it would be impossible to call in the books for Stock-taking in June, as there were no shelves upon which to place the books. Mr Knight having expressed his willingness to give his services in the afore-mentioned matters free of any charge to the Library. Resolved, That Mr. Reay confer with Mr. Knight as to the

most suitable style of decoration to adopt, and that Mr. Knight be asked to give an estimate as to the cost of the proposed shelving.

ALEX. E. RAMSAY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 20th day of February, 1890—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Drew, Neale, Parsonage and Kite ; E. Wethered, Esq., and Capt. Welch (Councillor Neale in the chair.)—

1- Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported the receipt during the month of the following gifts to the Library

Miss Shaw	2 vols.
Rev. Jno. Owen .	110 "
Longman and Co. ..	1 "
Mrs. Edwards (London)	5 "
Mr. H. C. Newton ..	5 "
" Salisbury Fund " Committee	1 "
Trustees of British Museum ..	2 "

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Paddington, St. Helens, Brighton and West Bromwich.

2 — Reading Room, Ventilation of— The Librarian having again called the attention of this Committee to the bad ventilation of the Reading Room. Resolved, That Mr. Knight's attention be called to the Resolution of this Committee of date the 16th October, 1889—" That the top lights of the windows at each end of this room be made to which had not been done, and that he be requested to see that the Resolution in question be acted on, or advise the Committee as to the best means of rendering the ventilation efficient.

3-School of Science—A letter from Mr. Montagnon, Hon. Sec. of the Committee of the School of Science, asking to be permitted to have a key to the Tower to enable the Science Master and Isis assistants to obtain access to the ventilating jet in their pipe ventilator, and to the taps which regulate the water supply, was read. Resolved, That the Committee of the School of Science be permitted to have a duplicate key.

Mr. Wethered having represented to the Committee the difficulties the School of Science labour under in having no place to deposit their refuse until the Scavenger's cart removes it. Resolved, That, as a temporary measure the Committee be allowed to deposit their refuse in the unoccupied piece of land adjoining the Library.

4--Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

James Webb, Books ..	£2 11 3
G. A. W. Blacker, ditto	£0 4 4
John Grant, ditto ..	£2 3 4
Gas Company, for Coke	£4 7 0
J. and N. Nadin and Co., Coal	£3 16 0

Vimpany and Co., Cleaning Materials	£0 15 6
Librarian, for Assistants' Wages	£11 5 0

HENRY NEALE, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 20th day of February, 1891—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Norman and Skillicorne (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Pittville Estate—Shenton—A letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, stating that Mr. Shenton requested them to say that the items in the list previously sent, of which a few things had been removed, cost him over £350, but he was willing to accept £125 for them as they stand, was read. Resolved, That, although the Committee would much prefer that Mr. Shenton should remove or sell the things, they wish to treat him with every consideration, and will recommend the Council to pay him £50 for them if he is willing to accept that sum.

2---Cotterell—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a further letter from Messrs. Haines and Sumner pressing for a reply to their proposal, together with a plan showing the lots in which it is proposed to lay out the building land over the East side of the Cleeve Path drive, and the same having been considered ; Resolved, That Messrs. Haines and Sumner be informed that, pending the application of the Corporation for an extension of the Borough Boundaries, which if granted may affect the question of sewerage and other matters in connection with the said Estate, the Committee feel considerable difficulty in dealing with the matter, and trust that a further short delay will not inconvenience the applicants.

3—Broom—A letter from Mr. Edwin Broom stating that he intended laying out the piece of building land on the West side of the West Spa Drive (which has a frontage of 345 feet) with frontages to the said drive, for the erection of six Detached Villa Residences; but was willing to sell the same to the Corporation for £500, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Broom be informed that, pending the application of the Corporation for an extension of the Borough Boundaries, the Corporation do not feel themselves at liberty to entertain the offer, and that in any case the Committee consider the price excessive. Pump Room Gardens—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a preliminary report, accompanied by a plan showing how he proposed to deal with this part of the Estate, and suggesting amongst other improvements the doing away with the centre broad path, the formation of two alternative paths and Tennis Courts, the planting of the banks of the Lake (as shown on the plan), and that all possible parts of the ground be planted with from 10,000 to 15,000 ordinary bedding plants, so as to form a specially decorative feature and attract attention to the grounds. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Surveyor be approved, and that it be left to this Committee to make the necessary arrangements for carrying them out, and that the further consideration of the other matters referred to in the Surveyor's report be adjourned.

EDWIN LAWRENCE, Chairman.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of February, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Lawrence, Norman, Woodard, Waghorne, King and Parsonage (Councillor Norman in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Councillor Norman was appointed Chairman of this Committee during this year. The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a circular letter from the Board of Trade calling the attention of the Council to the provisions of sec. 6, s.s. 1 of the Electric Lighting Order, and to the necessity of obtaining the approval of the Board of Trade to the system upon which energy is to be supplied under the Order, and requesting that as soon as the Corporation are in a position to do so they will furnish the Department with a description of the system of supply proposed to be adopted. Resolved, That it is desirable to proceed, with as little delay as possible, in the exercise of the powers conferred by the Electric Lighting Order, and with that view the Destructor site be adopted as the best available site for a Central Station ; and that the Borough Surveyor be directed, with such assistance as he may find to be necessary, to report as to the best system to be adopted in order to enable the Committee to comply with the requirements of the Board of Trade.

GEORGE NORMAN,

Chairman.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 21st day of February, 1891—Present: Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Steel, Moles, Parsonage and William Heath (Councillor Moles in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Moles was appointed Chairman of this Meeting.

2 —Local Committees—The Minute Books of the various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That proceedings be taken in the following cases: E. Smith, of Chapel House, Chapel Street, in respect of Ethelbert Smith. — Lockey, of 26, King Street, in respect of Geo Lockey.

3—Attendance Officers' Reports—The Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers were read and considered.

JAMES V. MOLES,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th day of February, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull : Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Darby, Kite, and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair).

2 —General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th inst., on collection of this rate, was read. Amount collected £11,548 19s. 1d., leaving outstanding £1,352 14s. 3½ d.

2 —Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts in Cheltenham £6817 18s 9d leaving outstanding £618 11s 6d ; In Tewkesbury £502 2s 4d, leaving outstanding £29 16s 11d.

3—Collector—Resolved, That the increase of £50 in Mr. Loveridge's Salary, on account of the collection of the Pittville Rent Charges and the Water Rates for the Out Parishes, be equally apportioned between the Pittville Estate account and the Water account, and that the same do commence as [??] from 24th.

4-Nicholls—Bennington Street—A Letter from Mr. J. A. Nicholls requesting time to be given to Mrs. Nicholls, of Bennington Street, for repayment of the sum of £6 0s. 9d. due from her in respect of Private Improvement Works, was read. Resolved, That Mrs. Nicholls be required to pay one half the amount now and that she be allowed 3 months in which to pay the remainder.

5—Surveyor's Department—The Surveyor reported that, subject to the approval of the Council, he had appointed Mr. N. Duns-combe an assistant in his office to temporarily fill a vacancy in that department at a salary of £2 a week. Resolved, That his action be approved.

6—Corporation Stock—The Town Clerk submitted copy of the letter which had been addressed to all the local Banks upon the above matter, and replies were read from the " County of Gloucester," the " Bristol and West of England " and the " Capital and Counties" Banks stating that they were not prepared to tender for the Stock proposed to be created. Letters were also read from the General Manager of Lloyd's Bank, and the General Manager of the National Provincial Bank to the effect that they were respectively prepared to entertain the proposals of the Corporation, and inviting personal interviews between the Managers and a Deputation of the Council on the subject. The Town Clerk reported that Tuesday next had been appointed for such conferences. Resolved, That the Deputation of the Finance Committee to attend such conferences do consist of the Chairman, the Mayor, and Councillors Drew and Lawrence, with the Town Clerk and Borough Accountant.

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7—ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts and Expenditure, and of the

Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz :—

RECEIPTS.—

Borough Fund ..	..	£1527	0	2
Public Library ..	..	£9	4	11
Urban Authority—Revenue ..	..	£1266	12	1
Burial Board—Revenue ..	..	£63	12	6
Street Improvements..	..	£2259	0	0
Waterworks (Revenue)	..	£776	12	11

ACCOUNTS NOW TO BE PAID—

Borough Fund ..	..	£84 19 10
Public Library (Revenue) ..	..	£28 1 1
Urban Authority (Revenue) ..	..	£1552 8 8
Burial Board—Revenue ..	..	£12 4 1
Street Improvements ..		£68 3 9
Waterworks (Revenue) ..	..	£168 7 1
Ditto (Capital) .. ..	.. ..	£142 14 3

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK-

Balance in hand last month		£2185 5 2
Received during the month—		
Current Account	.	<u>£6,002 2 7</u>
		£8187 7 9
Paid during the month	..	<u>£4253 3 4</u>
Balance in hand	..	£3934 4 5
Being Current Account	..	£1965 13 7
" Sinking Fund Account..	..	<u>£1968 10 10</u>
	..	£3934 4 5

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 21st March, 1891.

Dear Sir,

Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890

We hereby give you notice that at the Meeting of the Council, to be held on the 6th day of April next, it is intended to propose a Resolution that Section 13 of the above mentioned Act (the marginal note to which is " Infectious rubbish thrown into A shits, &c., to be disinfected") be adopted, also a Resolution fixing the time for the coming into operation on of the said section.

Yours faithfully,

N. B. THOYTS, Mayor,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

Sir,

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, April 1st, 1891.

You are hereby summoned to attend the Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 6th day of April instant, 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 read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE, and pass Resolution re adoption of Section 13 of The Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE.
4. Notices of Motion.
5. To read letters, &c. and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be:—E. Hart, Application for Increase of Salary. Hepworth and Son re Lamps at 352, High Street. E. C. Daft re Land opposite Powell's Warehouse, Promenade, E. N. Witchell, Early Train from Stroud to Cheltenham on G.W.R.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 6th of April, 1891.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 1891—Present: Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Darby, Lawrence, and Steel (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair)—

1-Colonnade Improvement—Cockrell —A Letter from Messrs Winterbothams and Gurney stating that their client strongly objected to being charged anything for rent of the premises temporarily occupied by him, but offering to pay £22 10s. half the sum fixed, and a Letter from the Town Clerk in reply thereto, were read. Resolved, That the Committee having fully considered Mr. Cockrell's objections and the reasons given by his solicitors, see no reason, having regard to all the circumstances, for departing from their previous resolution.

2-Great Western Railway Goods Shed —A Letter from the Secretary of the Great Western Railway Co., stating that he was not in a position to name a time within which the goods shed should be removed, that the plans of the new shed were under consideration, and the construction of it would be proceeded with as soon as circumstances would admit, was read. Resolved, That the Secretary's reply is very unsatisfactory, and that the Surveyor do give notice to the Company, under Sec. 74 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to remove or alter the same.

VV. SIMMS BULL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st day of March, 1891—Present Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Darby, Heath, King, Steel, and Lawrence (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair)—

3--Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read average illuminating power 15 54 candles. Maximum, 15.71 ; minimum 15.38. Purity 14.05 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

4-Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read : average hourly consumption of gas per lamp, during the month 4.222 cubic feet

Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month: 16 (including 1 metered) ; burning dimly 91 (including 2 metered)

6-Channelling in Bath Street—The Surveyor laid before the Committee plan sheaving how he proposed to deal with this matter. Resolved, That the same be approved and the work be done accordingly.

7--Footpath in Henrietta Street—Resolved, That the pavement and retaining curb or wall in this street be repaired.

8-Footpath in St. Paul's Road—Resolved that the Owners of abutting property from Carlton Place to St. Paul's Lane be required to curb and channel, the Corporation to lay down tar paving.

9- Marle Hill Road—Road to Glendowran House—Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 31st instant, of the Works required to be done to the above Streets, were read and approved. Resolved, That the necessary Plans, Sections, and Estimates be prepared, and Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the Premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Streets requiring to be severed, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

10--Trees —The Tree Sub-Committee reported that they had viewed the Trees in St. George's Road, Montpellier Parade, and Montpellier Terrace, and recommended that 41 Trees in St. George's Road, 6 in Montpellier Parade, and 1 in Montpellier Terrace—all of which had been marked—be removed. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

11-Telephonic Communication—Resolved, That this matter be adjourned till July next.

12-Main Roads—A letter from the County Surveyor stating that, from the Returns sent him, the Borough seemed to have made a profit of £181 on the last year's Contract, and that he wished to settle the figures for the next year, and would advise his Committee to enter into a contract with the Corporation on the following terms:

For the existing Main Roads ..	£569 0 0
For the new Main Roads ..	£ <u>234 0 0</u>
Total ..	£803 0 0

this sum being independent of the £874 paid for contribution to roads not manned, and desiring a reply as to whether he might submit these figures to his Committee, was read. Resolved, That the Committee cannot accept the proposal of the County Surveyor, as, although there would appear to have been a profit during the past year, the expenditure during the previous year was much above the sum allowed by the County Council, and it would, therefore, be proper to take the average, which is £734 7s. 2d. Furthermore, that it be pointed out that no allowance has been made in respect of Street Watering, for which the Committee consider an allowance of £40 per mile should be made ; or for Plant, for which an allowance of £2 per mile should be made; also that some allowance should be made in respect of the unexhausted expenditure on the Old Bath Road and Hale's Road to put them in a state to be declared Main Roads, and for repayment of the expenses of repairing the Bridge in the Old Bath Road.

13-Vernon Place A Memorial from Mrs. Dickins and others, complaining of the bad state of the road in Vernon Place, was read, and the Surveyor was directed to bring up a Specification of the Works to be done by the abutting Owners.

14 —Footpath on North Side of Swindon Road—A Letter from Mr. P. Collins, calling attention to the unfinished state of the path on the North side of the Swindon Road, the ground having been given up by the abutting Owners on the understanding that the path should be carried on to Marsh Lane, but instead of that the crossing had been removed during the repair of the road, and had not been re-laid, and pointing out that the high fence makes a corner for a nuisance near his house, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Collins be informed the Corporation are quite prepared to carry out the work as soon as the Owner is prepared to set back his fence.

15-Whaddon Lane—A complaint from W. F. Hicks-Beach, Esq., of the condition of this lane, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor be empowered to pay the expenses of such repairs as he may consider have been rendered necessary by the Corporation Traffic and the laying of the Water Main, under Section 110 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889

16 - Pillar Letter Box—All Saints Road—An application from the Postmaster-General for leave to erect a Pillar Letter Box at the corner of All Saints Road and Pittville Circus Road, was read. Resolved That the required permission be given, the Pillar Box to be fixed on the East side of the first-named road, at the junction with Pittville Circus Road.

17 — St. George's Road Bridge— A Letter from the Secretary to the Great Western Railway Co., acknowledging receipt of the Committee's resolution of last month, and stating that since he last

wrote the Directors had come to the conclusion, after consultation with the Directors of other Companies, that having regard to the serious reduction of revenue which the Company will suffer in the event of the Great Western Railway (Rates and Charges) Provisional Order Bill becoming law, they would not be justified in proceeding at the present time with works involving any large outlay the construction of which can be properly postponed, whether or not this decision is to apply to the construction of the proposed New Station at Cheltenham has not yet been finally determined, but the decision of the Town Council in the matter of the lengthening of the above bridge will not be calculated to influence the Directors in favour of proceeding with the proposed improvements at Cheltenham, was read. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to recommend any departure from the terms of their previous resolution.

18—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that three removable lamps had been put up by Mr. W. J. Harrison, in front of 369, High Street, and that Mr. J. Stephens had fixed a Sign in front of 32, Jersey Street, without the sanction of the Corporation. Resolved, That the Lamps at Mr. Harrison's Shop be allowed to remain, subject to the right of the Corporation to require their removal if at any time they think fit to do so, and that notice be given for the removal of the Sign put up by Mr. Stephens.

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A letter from Mr. E. Pash, requesting leave to put three fixed Lamps in front of No. 153, High Street, according to sketch submitted, was read. Resolved, That permission be granted to fix the Lamps provided they are kept lighted till midnight, the Corporation reserving the right to order their removal if at any time they think fit to do so.

19—Midland and South-Western Junction Railway Co.—The Town Clerk reported that the above Company had taken possession of the portion of the Destructor Land and commenced their works thereon without giving notice to the Corporation of their intention to do so, and without permission, contrary to the express condition contained in Sec. 7 of their Act of 1889, the compliance with which was a condition precedent to their interference with the land, and that their attention had been called to the fact that the sum agreed to be accepted by the Corporation was subject to a satisfactory arrangement being come to for a crossing to the land or the use of the Company's siding, and he read the correspondence which had passed thereon between himself and the Solicitors for the Company, Messrs. Burchell & Co. Resolved, That the Company's Solicitors be informed that the Corporation will apply for an injunction to restrain the Company from proceeding with their works on the Corporation Land unless a satisfactory arrangement is come to with the Corporation with respect to a siding from the Midland Railway to the Corporation land. An application from the Company for leave to erect telegraph poles in the Borough, and on land belonging to the Corporation, as shewn on a plan accompanying same, was read. Resolved, That the consideration thereof be deferred until the question with regard to the Destructor Land is satisfactorily settled.

20—Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month

Roads Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Cambray Place, 1,276 square yards ; College Road and around St. Luke's Church, 5309 square yards; Colonnade (Tar Macadam), 470 square yards,

Patching—Royal Well Place, Imperial Square, High Street, Hanover Street and Terrace, Ambrose Street, St. James' Square, Lower High Street, Tewkesbury Road, Townsend Street, Baker Street, Russell Street, Carlton Street, Winchcomb Street, Pittville Circus Road, Sherborne Street, All Saints' Road, St. James' Street, Grosvenor Street and Terrace, Pilley Lane, Bath Road, Hatherley Street, and Lansdown Place.

Repaired with Wickwar Stove—Harp Hill.

Patching—Elm, Worcester, Waterloo, Sun and Queen Streets, Bath Street and Terrace, Croft Lane, Overton Road (proceeding).

Curbing, Crossing and Flagging—Rodney Terrace, Oriel Road, Jersey Place, Montpellier Parade, Rutland Street, St. George's Parade, Queen's Road, New Street, St. Paul's Road, Promenade, Duke Street, Townsend Street, King's Road, Park Place and Pittville Estate (proceeding).

Gravel Footpaths—Lansdown Place, St. Stephen's Road and Hatherley Place.

Granite Concrete—Colonnade.

Gullies Re-constructed-4 in Christ Church Road, 6 in Overton Road, 1 in Bayshill Road, 2 in Hatherley Road and 1 in the Colonnade.

New Trees Planted-5 in Christ Church Terrace, 17 in Cemetery Road, 1 in Oriel Road, 2 in Lansdown Place, 2 in Lansdown Terrace, 1 in Christ Church Road, 2 in Montpellier Street and 1 in Montpellier Terrace.

Ashes Collected 1,740 Loads.

21-Purchase of Horse—The Chairman reported that the Committee had on the previous day inspected a grey horse belonging to Mr. Jno. Smith, of Moor's Farm, and the Surveyor now laid before the Committee Mr. Bryer's Certificate of the sound-ness of the horse. Resolved, That the same be purchased at £43 1s.

22 —Fairview Street Improvement—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Draft of proposed Conveyance of the above land from Wm. Gardner, Esq., and others to the Corporation, and having explained the circumstances of the matter, the Draft was approved.

23-Colonnade improvement—Cockrell - A Letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, acknowledging receipt of the Town Clerk's Letter, communicating the last resolution of the Committee hereon, and stating that the only suggestion that occurs to them is as to whether, as the dal,. of the Corporation for " Rent " is an independent matter not arising under the Award, the respective purchases could not be completed, leaving the Corporation to sue in the County Court, if they think fit, for the £45 ; also a further letter requesting a cheque for their disbursements in this matter, amounting to £59 3s were read, together with the Town Clerk's reply, stating that the Corporation were quite prepared to pay the above on receipt of the conveyance from Cockrell's Trustees to the Corporation, and the suns of £375 9s. 11d., being the balance of the purchase money due from them to the Corporation, and interest thereon to date, that the Corporation would decline to pay interest from that date (10th March) on the sum of £350 payable by them to Mr. Cockrell, and that if the plan suggested by Messrs. Winterbothams meant that the Corporation were to pay Mr.

Cockrell the amount awarded to him for disturbance in his business, and sue him for use and occupation, it certainly did not commend itself to him. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's letter be approved.

24-Ambrose Street Improvement—A letter from Mr. Sadler, stating that he had seen his clients in regard to No. 313 High Street, and No. 28 Ambrose Street, and they both declined to purchase the property as leasehold, and desiring to know the lowest selling price of both properties as freehold, was read. Resolved, That the price for the first named property (Nos. 59 and 52 on the plan) be £575, and that of the Ambrose Street property £260, and that in reply to his letter of the 23rd ulto., Mr. Sadler be informed, That he will be allowed 2 ½ per cent. commission, if he effects a sale.

25-New Theatre—A letter from Mr. Matcham, relative to the disapproval by the Committee of the Plan for Shelter and Balcony at the New Theatre, giving his reasons for desiring the approval thereof, was read. Resolved, That the reasons given by the Architect are not sufficient to remove the objections of the Committee.

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26 — New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new Buildings, all of which were approved, viz. Mr. J. Webb, for a Bay Window at 2, Lennox Villas; Mr. Alfred Matthews, for four Villas in New Road, off Hewlett Road. Also a plan from Miss J. E. Coomes, for a Cottage in Grosvenor Terrace, which was approved subject to the drain, where under the house, being laid in concrete with an intercepting trap and a plan from Mr. W. Edwards, for a house and shop in Swindon Road, which was approved subject to there being an independent drain to the Sewer ; and a plan from General Francis, for additions to No. 6, Hatherley Place, which was approved subject to the Surveyor being satisfied with the means of drainage. The Surveyor also submitted plans from Mr. George Mills, for two houses in Grosvenor Street and from Mr. C. Keith, for a Wooden Circus Building, the proposed site not being named, both of which were disapproved.

W. SIMMS BULL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held us Wednesday, the 4th day of March, 1891—Present: Alderman Griffith; Councillors Darby, King. and Norman (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

1-Sewage Farms -The Committee, in company with the Borough Surveyor, and the following Members of the Council, viz., Alderman Simms-Bull, Councillors Heath, W. Heath, Moles and Steel, visited and inspected the Sewage Farms. The Committee had under their consideration the possibility of extending the area of irrigation, and the Surveyor reported that the matter depended upon a continued survey being made of the Farms, so that the levels might be ascertained with a view to an additional system of Sewage Carriers being established. The Committee instructed the Surveyor to plant 2,500 larch in the ground allotted for a plantation and to form an osier bed in the lower part of the Barn Farm of about one acre in extent.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of April, 1891—Present Alderman Griffith; Councillors Darby, Hands, King, Norman and Parsonage (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

1 -- Houses without a Proper Water Supply--A Report from the Medical Officer of Health as to certain Houses therein named being without a proper supply of water, was read, and the further consideration thereof adjourned to enable the Borough Surveyor to report thereon.

2-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of the cases of Zymotic Disease which had occurred during the month Enteric Fever, 1; Diptheria, 3 ; Scarlatina, 12.

3- Water Supply at Oxford Dining Rooms—A letter from Mrs. Barnes, the proprietress of these rooms, relative to the Water Supply thereat, was read, and referred to the Borough Surveyor.

4 - Medical Officer's Quarterly Report—The Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee his Quarterly Report for the past quarter, which was read and considered.

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5—International Congress of Hygiene and Demography—Resolved, That the Mayor, the Chairman of this Committee, and the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to attend this Congress.

6- Barn Farm—Resolved, That this Farm be let by auction, by Mr. J. G. Villar, as heretofore.

7— Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed—

Delancey Hospital—Treatment of Patients ..	£36 11 6
Barron & Son, Disinfectants ..	£6 8 6
Medical Practitioners—Notification of Infectious Diseases	£5 10 0
J. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths ..	£0 15 0
E. Jones, 5 weeks' salary ..	£6 5 0
Medical Officer of Health, Fly Hire	£1 9 0
Knight & Co., Inspector's Guide ..	£0 4 6
W. J. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance	£1 5 0
Built Leonard, Printing ..	£0 9 6
J. Moore, Laying on Water to Heydon Knoll Farm	£54 6 8½
Gas Company, Gas at Church Street Urinal ..	£0 5 3
T. Waltham, Hauling ..	£4 10 0
Andrew Page, Repairs at Hatherley Tank ..	£3 10 0
James Wall, Balance on account of Repairs at Heydon Knoll	£46 7 6

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of April, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull Councillors Darby, Heath, King and Williams (The Mayor in the chair).—

1 —Surveyor's Report—The usual monthly Report of the Surveyor was read, the following being a précis thereof: That the number of gallons in store was 76,873,248 gallons. That the greater part of Charlton Kings Extension is finished and charged with water. That Extensions have during the month been made in Hayward Lane, Langton Grove Road, Hambrook Street, and Prospect Place, Leckhampton. That the Deacon's Waste Meter was in use at Tewkesbury, and he herewith submitted diagrams.

2 -- Boat for Dowdeswell—Resolved that the Surveyor be authorised to procure a suitable boat for use on the Reservoir, at a cost not exceeding £20.

3--Barrett's Mill—A letter from Mr. B. Combe offering to take the Malthouse for the approaching malting season, on the same terms as last year, that is to say, £20 for the season, was read, and the further consideration of the offer was adjourned for a reply from Mr. Combe as to the dates of the commencement and ending of the season.

4-Leckhampton— Pilley Water Supply—A letter from Daniel Mallory, Esq., Clerk to the Leckhampton Local Board, to the Rate Collector, enclosing cheque for £10 8s 0d in respect of the claim of the Corporation for £20 15s. 11d. for charges re Water Supply at Pilley to 29th September, 1890, and referring the Collector, for explanation of the reduction, to his letter to the Town Clerk of date the 11th February, 1890, wherein be stated that the Water became fit for drinking purposes on the 13th December, 1889, and from that date, therefore, the Board's liability in the matter commenced, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Mallory's attention be called to the Resolution of this Committee, of 26th February, 1890, which the Committee see no reason to alter, and will expect the balance of the account to be paid.

5--Nos. 17 and 18, Vernon Place--Grinnell—A letter from Mr. C. Grinnell offering to sell to the Corporation the above property for £150, was read. Resolved, That Committee decline the offer with thanks.

6 - Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

7-- Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st day of March, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Heath, King, Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1-Hackney Carriages—A License to drive a Hackney Carriage was granted to Albert Henry Harding, of 3, Olio Cottages, St. Luke's.

A Sample Badge for Hackney Carriage Drivers was approved and the Surveyor was authorised to procure Tenders for a sufficient number.

2—Cattle Market—Mr. Keith's Application—A letter from Mr. C. Keith declining the offer of the Cattle Market for the erection of his Theatre, and enquiring if the Corporation had another and more central site, and whether his plans had been passed, was read. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply informing Mr. Keith that the Corporation have no other available site, be approved, and that Mr. Keith be also informed the Corporation have not sanctioned his plans

3 --Numbering of Houses—A Letter from Mr. J. C. King, calling attention to the necessity of re-numbering Winchcomb Street, was read. Resolved, That Mr. King be informed that attention will be given to Winchcomb Street, in its turn.

4—Selkirk Street—A Memorial from Mr. A. C. Billings and others, praying the Corporation to alter the name of this street to Selkirk Road, was read. Resolved, That the Committee see no sufficient reason for altering the name of the street in this case.

5--Petroleum Licenses—An application from Mr. John Fisher for renewal of a License to keep 1004 gallons of Petroleum at 34, Winchcomb Street, was read, and the License ordered to be renewed.

6—Allotments Acts—The Town Clerk reported that no further applications for Allotments had been received. The statement of the President of the Local Government Board in the House of Commons, in reply to a question, to the effect that the sums paid or set apart annually for redemption of moneys borrowed for the purposes of The Allotments Act, 1887, was not to be taken into consideration in fixing the rents to be paid for the Allotments, was considered, and the further consideration thereof adjourned.

7—Windows at Municipal Offices—The Surveyor reported that he had received Tenders for Cleaning the windows at the Municipal Offices from the following :

W. A. Baker, St. George's Street, for Cleaning once a quarter or oftener if required £7 per annum
British Window Cleaning Co., for Cleaning once a month £12 per annum

Resolved, That the Tender of the British Window Cleaning Company be accepted.

8 - Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :

Drake, Driver, and Leaver, Tracing Paper	..	£0 10 0
Gas Co., Gas for Offices	.. ..	£6 3 10
R. W. Young, Commission and Disbursements at Cattle Market		£2 7 11
Phoenix Fire Office, Insurance on Central Depot	..	£2 14 0

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a heeling of this Committee, had an Tuesday, the list day of March, 1891--Present: The Mayor; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Heath, King, Mules, and Norman (Councillor King in the chair)—

1-Swimming Bath—The Chairman reported that in accordance with the public notice this Bath was opened on the 30th inst.

2-Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed :

Jno. Garrick, 15 dozen Bathing Drawers .	£6 0 0
Gas Bill, March quarter ..	£0 2 8

CHAS. W. KING,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At it Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of April. 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Heath, King, Kite, Steel and Parsonage, (Councillor Parsonage in the chair).

1—Designs—The following Designs were examined and approved, viz: Headstones to Wm. Weston, Charlotte Sewell, Jno. Gore, Ann Yeend, Agnes S. Green, Frederick Carter, and Martha Axford. Tomb to Henry Arundel.

2- New Tool Shed and Alterations at Cemetery—Tenders for the necessary works involved in the alterations and additions proposed by the Surveyor were received as under :—

James Wall	..	£20 0 0
A. C. and S. Billings	..	£24 0 0
J. Moore	..	£38 0 0

James Wall A. C. and S. Billings J. Moore Resolved, That Mr. Wall's Tender be accepted.

3—Land at Cemetery —The only Tender received for this land was that of Mr. C. W. Pratley, of the Priors Farm, of £20 per annum, either for a term of one year or on a lease for 5 or 7 years. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do see Mr. Pratley, and endeavour to get him to make a larger offer, upon the terms of the Board doing what is necessary for the provision of a supply of water, and upon approved conditions with regard to the keeping of cattle thereon, failing this the land to be again advertised.

4—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :--

J. Fisher, 1 doz. Mole Traps	£0 4 0
G. Woodward, Repairs ..	£1 9 6
W. Gregory, Labourers Wages	£7 14 0
J. Fisher, Repairs ..	£0 12 3
J. P. Harris, ditto ..	£2 4 8

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1891—Present Aldermen Ramsay and Griffith; Councillors Kite, Neale, Parsonage and Drew ; Capt. Welch, E. Wethered, Esq., and Mr. T. Pippett (Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsay in the chair),

1— Appointment of a Junior Assistant—The Sub-Committee reported that the Chief Assistant (W. H. Slade) had resigned his post in order to take up a more lucrative one under Mr. Westley, that they had advertised for a junior to supply the vacancy, and had received 17 applications, seven of the boys were interviewed, and the Sub-Committee now recommended the selection to be made from the following three, viz. : H. P. Paynter, E. J. Oliver, and R. Coombes. The General Committee having interviewed these three boys, Resolved, That H. F. Paynter be appointed Junior Assistant at a salary of 6s. per week, to commence his duties as early as possible

ALEX. E. RAMSAY.

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of March, 1891—Present The Mayor; Alderman Sir A. Ramsay ; Councillors Drew, Neale, Parsonage, and Skillicorne ; Capt. Welch and Mr. It. Wethered (Alderman Ramsay in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported the receipt during the month of the following gifts to the Library :

Registrar of Durham University	..	1 Vol.
Mr. H. C. Newton	.. ..	5 Vols.
Miss Nutt	.. ..	39 Vols.
The Sunday Society	..	3 Vols.
Mr. E. H. Thompson	..	3 Vols.
Miss Crawford	..	2 Vols.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Clapham, Doncaster, Nottingham, and Salford.

3-Sub-Committees' Report—The Sub-Committee recommended that the " Review of Reviews be taken for use in the News Room, They also reported that they had considered the question of the re-arrangement of the Staff, rendered necessary by the resignation of Mr. W. H. Slade, and they recommended that the Salaries be now fixed as under

Clarke ..	£46 16 0 per annum
Bennett ..	£20 16 0 "
Bradfield ..	£15 12 0 "
Paynter	£15 12 0 "
Advance to Librarian	£20 0 0 "

Making the total amount of Salaries to be paid £118 16s. 0d., as against £115 14s. 0d. now paid. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

5 -Messrs. Knight and Chatters' Account—Messrs. Knight and Chatters' account against the Corporation for their services as Architects in the building of the Library and Schools of Art and Science, amounting to £595, as follows

Works.

Billings ..	10,109
School of Science ..	80
Marshall ..	407
Gas ..	88
Lighting	<u>13</u>
	£10,707

£535

Correspondence with Schools of Art and Science, Making Estimate, and Advising Amount each should pay	£20
Measuring Works ..	£25
Making Valuation of Property to be acquired by the Corporation	<u>£15</u>
	£595

was laid before the Committee and considered. Resolved, That the Committee recommend that Messrs. Knight and Chatters be offered £350 in discharge of their claims against the Corporation in respect of the Building of the Library and Schools of Art and Science, and the fitting up thereof.

6-Library Debt—Resolved, That the Finance Committee be requested to consider the question of providing for the discharge of the debt of the Library, the Committee being of opinion that it would be desirable, and indeed, necessary, to borrow a further sum of £1000.

7-Accounts —The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

County Fire Office, Premium on Insurance of Library Building, .	£4 17 6
Norman, Sawyer and Co., Stationery	£0 0 11
" and Printing..	£7 1 4

Binding and Lettering ..	£24 0 11
Shirer and Haddon, one Book Waggon ..	£2 7 6
J. J. Banks, Books .. • •	£10 15 3
“ Newspapers and Periodicals	£11 1 2
“ Magazines..	£3 0 7

ALEX. E. RAMSAY,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 26th day of March, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Ball; Councillors Lawrence, Norman, Heath and Waghorne (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)-

1- Pittville Estate—The Committee considered the opinion of the Management and Regulation of the Estate, and the further consideration thereof was adjourned.

2-Lawn Tennis Courts—Applications from the following persons for Lawn Tennis Courts in the gardens were considered, viz- Gen. Chamier, Mr. W. Buchanan, and Miss Thomson. Resolved, That the charge to be made for Courts in the first and second Gardens be £3 3s. for the season, from 1st May to 30th September. The Corporation keeping the Courts mown, rolled and marked once a week. The charge for Courts in Clarence and Wellington Squares and the Crescent Gardens be £2 2s. for the same season and the same terms.

Resolved, That the applications above mentioned be granted, and that the Borough Surveyor be empowered to let such other Courts as he may think desirable, on the same terms, subject to such alterations of the position and situation of the Courts as may at any time or times be found necessary.

3-Town Attractions—A deputation from the Town Committee consisting of Mr. Alderman Griffith, Mr. H. J. Dale, Mr. J. C. Cooper, and Mr. G. H. Williams attended this meeting and laid before the Committee a statement of the work done by the Town Committee since its formation, and they desired to know whether the Town Council considered it desirable and were willing to take over all or any of the duties now performed by the Town Committee ; and more particularly as to whether the Town Council would undertake the keeping up of the Office now used for Town Attraction Purposes, the expenses of which amounted to £100 per annum. The various matters having been discussed. Resolved, That the Committee are prepared to recommend the payment towards the above object of £25 for the year 1891 ; and, having regard to the actual and probable claims on the amount at the disposal of the Corporation, under Sec. 59 of the Improvement Act, 1889, the Committee regret they cannot do more. They, moreover, think it highly desirable that the Town Committee should not be dissolved, but should continue its efforts in regard to developing and making known the attractions of the Town, &c.

JNO. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 2nd day of April, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence, Norman, Skillicorne, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

4—Pittville Estate--The Committee further considered the question of the Regulation of the Estate, and resolved to recommend the Council

That the Annual Subscription for admission to the Gardens be 10s 6d per house.

That the Annual Subscription for the Waters be 2s 6d per head or 1d. per diem.

That the charge for each separate Admission for non-Subscribers be:—Adults, 2d. ; children under 12, 1d.

That the Gardens be open Free on Sundays from 1 p.m. till one hour after sunset.

That arrangements be made, if possible, for a Band to play three times a week during three months or more, viz., on Monday afternoons and Wednesday and Saturday evenings

That no distinction in the user of the Gardens by the persons entitled to such user under the Deed of Regulation of the Estate and the Deeds of Accession thereto, be made but those persons who are entitled to admission to the Gardens in the Parish of Cheltenham shall also be admitted to that portion of the Gardens which is situated in the Parish of Prestbury.

The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Draft Bye-Laws for the regulation of the Estate, and the same were gone through and considered. Resolved, That the Draft, as now settled, be printed and forwarded to the Members of the Council.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 2nd day of April, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Darby, Drew, Kite, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair).

1—Corporation Stock—This matter was again considered, and the further consideration thereof adjourned.

2--General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 2nd inst., on the collection of this rate, was read. Amount collected £11,733 9s. 5d., leaving outstanding £1,168 3s. 11 ½ d.

3—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 2nd inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts in Cheltenham £7190 2s 3d leaving outstanding £556 19s 7d ; In Tewkesbury £554 15s 9d, leaving outstanding £112 9s 5d.

4-ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts and Expenditure, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz :—

RECEIPTS.—

Borough Fund ..	..	£284 14 2
Public Library (Revenue)	..	£ 34 0 10
Urban Authority—Revenue	.	£900 19 7
Burial Board—Revenue	..	£ 53 2 9
Street Improvements..	..	£1890 17 6
Sinking Fund ..	..	£ 45 19 2

ACCOUNTS NOW TO BE PAID—

Borough Fund ..	..	£744 5 4
Public Library (Revenue)	..	£130 17 4
Urban Authority (Revenue)	..	£3590 10 7
Burial Board—Revenue	..	£ 58 14 5
Street Improvements ..	..	£184 14 3
Refuse Destructor (Capital) ..	..	£2000 0 0
Waterworks (Revenue)	..	£2071 11 4
Ditto (Capital) ..	..	£393 13 4

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK—

Balance in hand last month ..	£3934 4 5
Received during the month ..	<u>£3684 10 7</u>
	£7620 14 8
Paid during the month	<u>£5644 16 3</u>
Balance in hand	£1975 18 5

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, April 4th, 1891.

Sir, You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Friday, the 10th day of April instant, 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 FINANCE COMMITTEE, Pass Resolutions for Creation of Corporation Stock, under the Cheltenham Corporation Act, 1889.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee of the Town council to be submitted for approval at the Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Friday, the 10th of April, 1891.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 8th day of April, 1891—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Darby, Kite, Drew, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

CORPORATION STOCK.

The Sub-committee appointed at the meeting of this Committee, held on the 26th February last, to confer with the General Managers of Lloyds Bank and the National Provincial Bank of England, reported to this Committee that they had had such conference, at which the mode and terms of creation and issue of the Corporation Stock were fully discussed, on the 3rd March last. The Town Clerk has since laid before the Committee a letter received from the Manager of Lloyds Bank, Letters from the General Manager of the National Provincial Bank were also laid before the Committee, and the Mayor and the Town Clerk had another interview with the Manager of that Bank in London on questions of detail.

The Committee have held several meetings at which these communications, the question of the amount of Stock to be raised, the price of issue, and other matters have been fully discussed.

The negotiations with the National Provincial Bank have resulted in the settlement of the Draft Prospectus of the Loan the substance of which is embodied in the second of the Resolutions, a copy of which accompanies this Minute, and the Committee now recommend the passing of these Resolutions ; and, further, recommend that Notice be at once given to the holders of Corporation Water Annuities that the Corporation propose to redeem the Annuities on the terms provided by the Corporation Water Act, 1878, and to the Debenture holders that the Corporation intend to pay them off on the expiration of the Notice, unless they are prepared to accept Corporation Stock in substitution for their Annuities and Loans, and that they accordingly be invited to 'fender for the Stock.

Resolved First—That under the authority, and subject to the provisions, of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, the Corporation acting by the Council, do hereby, in exercise of their several statutory powers, create Stock to be called " Cheltenham Corporation £3 per cent. Redeemable Stock," and to be issued to an amount which shall be sufficient for the following purposes, but not exceeding £375,000 : and such further sum, if any, as may be sufficient to pay the expenses mentioned in Sec. 183 of the said Improvement Act.

A. For raising, instead of re-borrowing, the sum of £212,961 13s. 4d. required for the purpose of paying off, redeeming, or issuing Stock in substitution for, securities granted by the Corporation under the following Acts, and now outstanding, that is to say :-

1. The sum of £173,041 13s. 4d., being part of the Loans of £90,000, £77,000 and £30,000 borrowed under the Cheltenham Corporation Water Act, 1878, and mentioned in Part I. of the 2nd schedule to the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

2. The sum of £37,120, being part of the Loans mentioned and described in Part II. of the 2nd schedule] to the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

3. The sum of £1,300, part of a Loan of £2,100 borrowed under the provisions of the Public Health Acts, for the purpose of Street Improvements.

4. The sum of £1,500 borrowed for the purchase of Land for the purpose of a Refuse Destructor, and enlargement of the Arle Tank Depot of the Corporation.

B. For raising the sum of £120,647 12s. 1d., for redeeming the Annuities granted by the Corporation under the Cheltenham Corporation Water Act, 1878, and mentioned in Part I. of the 2nd schedule of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

C. For raising the following sums amounting in the aggregate to the sum of £26,308 6s. 8d which has not been raised, that is to say-

1. The sum of £9,058 6s. 8d. on account of the money which the Corporation have authority to raise, by borrowing under the powers of the Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts, 1878 and 1881, for the purposes of the said Acts.

2. The sum of £11,250 on account of the moneys which the Corporation have authority to raise by borrowing under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, that is to say :—

(a). The sum of £10,950 for the purposes of Street Improvements

(b). The sum of £300 for the purchase of land for enlarging the Corporation Depot.

3. The sum of £6,000 which the Corporation have power to raise by borrowing under the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, for the purchase and improvement of the Pittville Estate.

Resolved Secondly—That such Stock shall be issued at the price, and shall bear the dividends and be transferable, in manner following, that is to say :—

(a) The minimum price of issue to be, as agreed with the National Provincial Bank, £96 10s. per cent., the first dividend to be payable in full on the 1st October, 1891.

(b) Tenders for Stock in amounts of £10 and upwards in multiples of £m to be made to the National Provincial Bank, 112, Bishopsgate Street, London. A Deposit of £5 per cent. on the amount of Stock tendered for to be paid at the time of delivery of the Tender

(c) The dates for the further payments on account of the said Tenders when accepted to be as follows:

On Allotment so much of the amount tendered and accepted as when added to the Deposit will leave £70 sterling to be paid for each £100 of Stock allotted.

On the 1st day of June, 1891, £25 per cent.

On the 1st day of July, 1891, £25 per cent

On the 1st day of August, 1891 £20 per cent.

An allowance at the rate of £2 10s per cent. per annum to be made on payment of the Instalments before the dates at which they become due.

(d) Dividends at £3 per cent. per annum payable half-yearly on the 1st October and 1st April.

(e) Dividends on the total amount of the Stock calculated from 1st April to be payable on the 1st of October next.

(f) In the event of receipt of Tenders for a larger amount of Stock than proposed to be issued at or above the minimum price the tenders at the lowest price to be accepted to be subject to proportionate diminution.

(g) Stock to be issued in sums of not less than £10 and in multiples of that amount.

(h) Stock to be transferable in books and not by deed

Resolved Thirdly—That such Stock shall be redeemable at par at the end of 81 years from the 31st December, 1890.

Resolved Fourthly—That an agreement be entered into with the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for payment to them of composition under the provisions of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1887, for the Stamp Duty on Transfers of Stock issued under the foregoing Resolutions.

Resolved Fifthly—That the Stock be inscribed and the Registers kept at the National Provincial Bank in London. The Bank to be paid £1 per cent. on the amount of the annual interest for the service of the Loan, in addition to money out of pocket, estimated not to exceed £10 a year.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, April 29th, 1891.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 4th day of May next, 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 read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of the Special Meeting held on the 10th April.

2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.

3. Make Order for Borough Rate.

4. Make General District Rate of 2s 3d in the £

5. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE, and make Bye-Laws for Prevention of Nuisances arising from Snow.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE,

6. Notices of Motion.

7. To read Letters, &c., and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES IN of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 4th May, 1891.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of April, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Sininis-13u11; Councillors Heath, King, and Lawrence (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair)—

3--Gas Examiner's Monthly Report —The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read ; average illuminating power 15.89 candles. Maximum, 16.20 ; minimum 15.70. Purity 13.15 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

4 —Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read : average hourly consumption of gas per lamp, during the month 4.188 cubic feet

5 -- Lamp Book--The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month : 14 burning dimly 116

4-Vernon Place—A Specification from the Surveyor. of date the 28th inst., of the works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. Resolved, That Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or

abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged and channelled ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

5-Lighting of Folly Lane—A Letter from Mr. Thos. Smith, calling attention to the urgent need of a Lamp in this Lane, was read. Resolved, That the consideration thereof be adjourned till the Lamp in St. Paul's Road, near the corner of the lane, has been removed in accordance with the recent directions of the Committee.

6—Snow, Removal of—A letter from the Local Government Board, returning the Draft of these Bye-Laws, with certain marginal notes and alterations, to which they directed the attention of the Council, was read. Resolved, that the Bye-Laws as they now stand be approved, and be made by the Council at the Meeting on Monday next.

7-Private Improvement Works —Belmore Road—A letter from the Trustees of the Blind Asylum disputing the accuracy of the apportionment and demand made upon them in respect of works executed in the above road, and setting forth their reasons for objecting, was read. Resolved, That the Trustees be informed that questions as to right of user of the road do not affect their liability.

8-Private Improvement Works in Victoria Place, Tewkesbury Road —Letters from Mrs. Jane Mullins and Mr. H. Wilcox, and a Memorial from Mr. Geo. Tillott and others, objecting to the Apportionment and Demand made upon them in respect of the above works, on the ground of its having been a public pathway for many years, and that Land in front of the houses was purchased by the Corporation from the then owner, when any improvements should have been carried out by the Council, were read. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

9—Jeynes—Damage to Horse and Trap—A Letter from Mr. Langley Smith, Solicitor, stating that his client, Mr. Jeynes, had in-structed him to take proceedings against the Corporation to recover £10 10s. 0d. the amount of his loss, but before doing so he would like to know whether the Corporation were prepared to settle the matter out of court, was read. Resolved, That, in view of the evidence before them, the Committee cannot acknowledge any liability in the matter.

10--Well Place Road—A Letter from Henry Chapman, Esq., calling attention to the state of the above road, the Christ Church Road end being almost impassable for about 7 months of the year even for heavy carts; and stating that there is also on the same road a Mineral Well in a very dilapidated shed, quite open to the public and very dangerous especially to children, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Specification of the necessary repairs to be done to the road, and that the Town Clerk do write to the Montpellier Gardens Co. calling their attention to the dangerous state of the well.

11-Street Projections— The Street Inspector reported that an Automatic Sweet Box and Stand had been placed on the footway in front of No. 5 ½ High Street, by Mr. W. Holder, without the sanction of the Town Council. Resolved, That Mr. Holder be given notice to remove same.

A Letter from Messrs. Stead and Simpson, requesting permission to fix two new lamps upon the old connections and also to fix a large six-side 40-candle power lamp in the centre, at No. 139, High Street ; and a Letter from Messrs. Hepworth & Son, requesting to be allowed to place four outside

lamps similar to a sketch enclosed in place of those at present used on rods at No. 152, High Street, were read. Resolved, That the required permission be given in both cases, provided the lamps are kept lighted till midnight, the Corporation reserving the right to order their removal if at any time they think fit to do so.

12 —Segrave House, The Park—A letter from Messrs. Engall, Sanders and Co. adverting to a notice served upon them in respect of repairs to the footpath fronting this house, which belongs to a client of theirs, and desiring to lay before the Committee, the question whether, as the footway at this point is very wide—20 feet—and the traffic small, a center line of say five feet in width of flagging would not be sufficient to meet the requirements of the case, was read. Resolved, That the flagging in this case be 4ft. 6in. wide, and that the Specification be amended accordingly.

13-2, Thirlestaine Place—Lovesy---An application from Mr. C. Lovesy for permission to put two sockets in the edge of the footway, for uprights for sun-blinds, at the above address, was read. Resolved that permission be not granted.

14-Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Great Western Road and part of New Street, 14,858 square feet ; Montpellier Parade, 14,770 square feet ; St. George's Road (sides), 11,056 square feet; Dunalley Parade, 7,492 square feet ; Westall Green, 6,120 square feet ; Montpellier Terrace (back of), 6,072 square feet; Royal Parade (back of), 4,732 square feet ; Hatherley Street, 3,200 square feet ; Bath Road (sides), 3,186 square feet ; Orrisdale Terrace, 2,119 square feet ; Hanover Street, 503 square feet ; Lansdown Place, Clarence Street, Promenade, Pittville Circus, Grosvenor Terrace.

Tar Macadam —Winchcomb Street (from Albion Street to Warwick Place), 10,440 square feet.

Repaired with Wickwar Stow—Overton Road, 9,240 square feet, Old Bath Road, County Court Street, Hewlett Road. Gravel Footpaths—Promenade (proceeding), Cemetery Road, Lansdown Place, Hatherley Place.

Channelling, Curbing, Crossing and Flagging—Roman Road, Park Place (proceeding), Lansdown Crescent, Winchcombe Street (proceeding), Promenade, Bayshill Road (proceeding), Swindon Street and Road, Overton Road, North Street, Albion Street, Imperial Square, Cleveland Buildings, Trafalgar Street, King's Road.

Ashes Collected 5,493 Loads.

New Gullies—11 re-constructed (old ones not trapped), viz., Park Place, Tivoli Circus, Tivoli Road, Tivoli Villas, Hatherley Street, Tivoli Street, Lypiatt Street, High Street, Colonnade, Cambray.

Trees-44 cut down.

15-Surveyor's Horse—The Surveyor's horse not being found to be suitable for his work. Resolved, That another be purchased and the present horse be used in the spotting cart or on such other work as the Surveyor may think him suitable for.

16—Fairview Street Improvement—The Town Clerk reported the completion of the purchase of the land for widening Fairview Street at the new All Saints' Schools,

17-New Buildings —The Surveyor submitted Notices and Plans received by hint from the following, both of which were approved Mr. C. Winstone, for Stables in All Saints' Road ; Mr. J. H. Carpenter, for Additions to Albion Flour Mills.

Also a Plan from Mr. David Randell, for a new House in Roman Road, which was approved subject to a Trap being inserted in the House Drain, and that part of the Drain passing under the house being embedded in concrete; and a Plan from Mr. George Mills for a house in Grosvenor Street, which was approved subject to alteration in the Drainage as suggested by the Surveyor and shewn on the Plan.

Also a Plan from Mr. Jno. Bowles for two houses in Swindon Road, which was not approved.

W. SIMMS BULL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of April, 1891—Present: Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Darby, Hands, Neale, Norman, and Parsonage (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

1-Chelt Floods —Lower Alstone Mill—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a letter from the Secretary of the Local Government Board stating that they had had under consideration the Report of their Inspectors on the application for Provisional Orders in these cases, and were prepared to issue a Provisional Order authorising the purchase of the Mill for the purpose of the drainage of the district, and that if the Town Council acquired the Mill and removed the dam they will then be better able to form an opinion as to what works, if any, may be necessary in connection with the river.

With reference to the application for an Order altering the Local Acts, the Secretary was desired to state that, having regard to Secs. 327 and 332 of the Public Health Act, 1875, the Board were not prepared to issue an Order conferring powers of deepening and altering the course of the Chelt, and of borrowing money for the purpose of earring out such works ; any such powers should, the Board considered, be obtained by means of a Local Act. Resolved, That the Committee recommend the Council to accept the Order for purchase of the Mill, but are not prepared at present to recommend the promotion of a Local Act for the purpose above mentioned relating to the Chelt, but that application should be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a Loan of an amount sufficient to enable the Corporation to alter the Bridges at Sandford Road and the Depot and executing such other works as may be within the existing powers of the Corporation.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of April, 1891—Present: Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Darby, Hands, King, Neale, Norman and Parsonage (Alderman Griffith in the chair)-

2-- Dairies and Cowsheds Order--Applications from the following persons to be registered as purveyors of milk, together with the Reports of the Inspector of Nuisances thereon were read, viz., J. K. Martin, at Monaville, St. Mark's ; A. Coole at 16, Albion Street ; J. Powell, at 4, Albion Parade. Resolved, That the applicants be registered.

Applications were also read from C. Smith to be registered as a purveyor of milk at Arolf Cottage, Naunton Lane ; from E. Apperley be registered as a Cowkeeper and Dairyman at Alma Villa, Hatherley Lane ; and from J. Lewis to be registered as a Dairyman and Purveyor of Milk, at 180, High Street. Resolved, That Mr. Apperley be registered, and that the two other applications be adjourned for further consideration.

3— Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of cases of Zymotic Disease, which occurred during the month, viz,, Scarlatina 2, Diptheria 2, Enteric Fever 1.

4-Houses without a Proper Water Supply—It appearing from the Report of the Surveyor now read that certain Houses mentioned therein are without a proper supply of water, and that such supply can be furnished thereto at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the Houses in question requiring them to obtain such supply and do all such works as may be necessary for that purpose. The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of houses the owners of which had failed to comply with the Notices served upon them to lay on a Water Supply. Resolved, That steps be taken under Sec. 70 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to close these wells.

5---Swindon Road--Resolved, That the Water Committee be requested to consider the propriety of extending the Water Main in Swindon Road, so as to afford a supply to Mr. Pearce's property in St. Paul's Parade.

6-Minnow Ditch, otherwise Gratton Brook—A letter from the Rev. G. F. Tanner calling attention to the bad state of the above, and suggesting that it should be covered in, or at all events cleaned out, was read. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do examine and report upon the condition of the water course.

7- Columbia Place --The Surveyor reported that having completed the making of a new Sewer in Trinity Lane, it had come to his knowledge that the houses Nos. 1 and 2 had at some previous date been made to drain into one common Drain instead of each one being itself connected to the Sewer, and he submitted a letter from Mr. D. Lewis, the owner of No. 1, stating that the drain there is absolutely perfect, and it seemed unnecessary to incur the expense of cutting off the present Drain from its connection into Winchcomb Street and laying a new one to connect with the new one in Trinity Church Lane. Resolved, That the Committee cannot approve of an arrangement which was made by the Owner of No. 2, in self-defence, of draining No. 1 through his house drain, and now that the Council have incurred the expense of making a new Sewer for the express purpose of receiving the drainage of these houses the Owner of No. 1 must connect his house drain with it.

8--Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed—

Delancey Hospital, Treatment of Patients	£14 14 0
Barron and Son, Disinfectants ..	£2 0 0
Thomas, Bros., Chemicals and Apparatus	£3 1 4½

E. Jones, 4 weeks Salary	£5 0 0
Medical Officer of Health, Fly Hire .	£0 9 5
John M. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths	£0 19 4
Tythe on Sewage Farm ..	£2 15 6
W. M. Gammond, Sickness Returns ..	£2 10 0

J. C. GRIFFITH, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of April, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Darby, Heath and Williams (The Mayor in the chair).—

1--Engineer's Report —The usual Monthly Report of the Surveyor was read, the following being a précis thereof:—

The quantity of water in store is 83,611,030 gallons, and the yield of the springs was better than at the same period last year.

That the extensions in Norwood Road, St. Philips' Street, Naunton Lane, and Prestbury Road were completed, and that the Charlton extension was in hand

That Mr. Malvern, builder, Winchcomb Street, had turned on the Corporation water to a house without notice, although he was aware that the fittings were not in accordance with the Regulations.

That an application for a supply of water had been received from Mr. Edwards, at Little Herberts, Charlton Kings, and that the revenue would cover the outlay.

That an extension was necessary in Berkeley Avenue to enable the owners to comply with the orders of the Public Health Committee.

That 50 tons of pipes be obtained from Messrs. Cochrane and Co at a price not exceeding the contract rate.

That it is desirable to obtain a copy of the Charlton Kings Valuation List for use in preparing the charges.

That as a result of the recent examination for waste at Tewkesbury the number of strokes made by the pumps was 20 per cent fewer than for the corresponding period last year.

2 —Swindon Road -The Committee considered a recommendation of the Public Health Committee for an extension of the Main in Swindon Road, to supply St. Paul's Parade. Resolved, That the necessary extension be made.

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

4-- Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of April, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Heath, King, and Parsonage (Councillor Heath in the chair) —

1-Fire Brigade -Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorised to procure three bars and keys for the Hydrants.

2- Hackney Carriages —Resolved, That a Hackney Carriage License be granted to Mr. Charles Arundel, of the Midland Inn, in respect of the carriage lately licensed to Charles Green, on Mr. Green giving up his license to be cancelled.

3-Annual Inspection—Resolved, That Wednesday, the 3rd day of June, at 9.30 a.m., be the day and hour for the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages and Wheel Chairs; and that the Mayor be requested to convene a Meeting to be held on Monday, the 15th of June next, at 11 a.m., instead of 3 p.m., for granting the annual Licenses.

4- Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed:

Water Department for Six Months' Maintenance of Hydrants .. £12 10 0

W. A. Baker, Sundries .. £2 1 8

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of April, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Drew Heath, King, Moles, and Norman (Councillor King in the chair)—

1-Swimming Bath - The usual Monthly Report of the Manager was read. Total No. of Bathers 871. The Surveyor laid before the Committee plan for the construction of a closet for the Caretaker at the Bath at an estimated cost of £8. Resolved, That the same be approved, and the closet erected.

2-Caretaker's Salary —The letter from E. Hart (the Caretaker at the Bath) applying for an increase of 6s a week in his salary, and for his duties to cease on Saturdays at the same time as on other days, was read. Resolved, That the Caretaker's salary be increased 4s a week in consideration of there being no cottage at the Bath in which he and his wife could live.

CHAS. W. KING,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 10th day of April, 1891—Present . The Mayor ; Councillors Heath, Kite, Steel, Moles, King, Parsonage, and Williams (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

(1) Land adjoining Cemetery—Resolved, That the conditions of letting this land be as follows: (1.) Rent to be according to Mr. Pratley's letter, i.e., £20 first year, £25 per year for 5 or 7 years, determinable by either side.

That possession of so much as is required for the purposes of burial be given up at the expiration of six month's notice, without compensation in any form except proportionate deduction for rent.

(2) That the Tenant shall provide and maintain so much fencing as is necessary to protect the hedge from damage by cattle or sheep.

(3) Tenant to pay all usual local rates and taxes.

(4) Corporation to fix pump to well.

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 20th day of April, 1891—Present: Councillors Heath, Moles, Parsonage, Steel and Williams (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

2-Land at Cemetery—A letter from Mr. Pratley, in reply to the one from the Town Clerk informing him of the terms settled by the Committee for letting this land, in which Mr. Pratley stated that he agreed to the rent and the terms of the lease. As to providing and protecting the quick hedge, that he declined to do ; he agreed to pay the Tenants' Rates and Taxes, and not to mow the land two years in succession ; he could not agree to take back manure for the hay carried of the land, but he would farm it the same as any other land, and would not submit to any compulsion ; that the agreement was for the Burial Board to fix a pump and supply a trough to hold water, and that he did not object to the Board taking any part of the land on giving him six months' notice and reducing the rent, was read. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration, and that a special meeting be called for Wednesday next.

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of April, 1891—Present: Councillors Kite, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

3 -- Land at Cemetery—Mr Pratley's letter, read at the last Meeting of the Committee, was further considered. Resolved, That as Mr. Pratley has not agreed to the terms proposed, and as the season is now too far advanced for anything to be done with regard to the protection of the young quick hedge, which the Committee consider essential, in time to allow of its being grazed this Summer, the grass be put up and sold for mowing this season, and a proper fence for protection of the young

hedge against damage by cattle and sheep be erected by the Corporation so as to adapt the land for grazing by both sheep and cattle. '

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of April, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Heath, Moles, Parsonage and Williams (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

4-Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that in accordance with the instructions given by the Committee in August, 1890, he had had the filter chamber at the Cemetery Lodge made larger and removed to a more convenient position. The materials had cost 22s 8d, and the filter had now been in use, with very satisfactory results, during the past seven months. The Superintendent also reported that he required two pairs of garden shears. Resolved, That he be authorised to obtain them.

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5—Designs—The following Designs were examined and approved, viz: Headstones to—Harriet Bunbury Allen, Emma Yeend, Mary Lepper and Jane Daller.

6-Approach to Chapels —The Surveyor laid before the Committee a plan showing an alteration of the approach to the Chapels by making a curved approach to the main entrance from the two side drives, in lieu of the present straight approach.

7-Fence for Quick—The Surveyor having estimated that a sufficient fence may be put up to protect the young (pack for a sum not exceeding 430. Resolved, That the Surveyor be authorised to erect such fence accordingly.

8-Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman, and Councillors Heath and Williams be a Sub-Committee for letting the land adjoining the Cemetery.

9—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages .. ..	..	£7 4 0
Ditto, Materials for Enlarging and Removing Filter Chamber at Cemetery Lodge ..		£1 2 8
J. Howlett, Cleaning and Repairing Cemetery Clock		£0 15 0

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of April, 1891 — Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith anti Ramsay ; Councillors Neale, Parsonage and Woodard ; Capt. Welch (Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsay in the chair),—

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported the receipt during the month of the following gifts to the Library

Mr. H. Morgan	1 vol.
Mr. J. Singleton	1 "
Mr. E. Shorthouse	2 "
Imperial Federation League	1 pamphlet
Trustees of British Museum ..	12 vols.
Delancey Fever Hospital (Report) ..	1 pamphlet

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Preston, Birmingham, Liverpool and Wigan.

2-Sub-Committees' Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they had instructed the Librarian to order a new uniform for the Caretaker ; that Mr. Reay had completed the Decoration in the Vestibule, and they desired the General Committee to view it ; that they recommended the fixing of a door at the entrance to the Tower ; and that the permission given to the School of to place their refuse on the vacant land adjoining the building be withdrawn, as complaints have been made by the Science neighbouring householders as to the nuisance caused by papers blowing into their grounds Resolved, That the Sub-Committee's Report be approved and their recommendations adopted.

3-Decoration of the Vestibule—The Committee proceeded to inspect the Decoration of the Vestibule by Mr. Reay, with which the: were much pleased. Resolved, That the best thanks of the Committee and the Council be given to Mr. Reay for his beautiful and artistic work.

4-Messrs. Knight and Chatters' Account—A communication from Mr. Knight upon the subject of his firm's account of charges in the matter of the Library building, was read. Resolved, That on further consideration of all the circumstances, as explained by Mr. Knight and the Chairman, and the written details of the charges of £20 and £25 now laid before the Committee, the bill of £595 be paid him in full discharge.

7—Accounts —The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

Petty Cash Account ..	..	£5 0 0
Wages Account for May ..	.	£7 14 0
W. P. Phillimore, Subscription to "Gloucestershire Notes and Queries "	..	£0 5 6
Vimpany and Company, Cleaning Materials..		£0 8 9
Gas Company, Coke	£7 19 6

ALEX. E. RAMSEY,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 21st day of April, 1891—Present Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Drew, William Heath, Lawrence, and Norman (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1—Cleeve Common—The Town Clerk reported that he had obtained a copy of this Award, which he laid before the Committee, and he was instructed to have same printed for the use and information of the Members of the Council and their representatives on the Board of Conservators.

2—Yeomanry Drill Ground—Mr. Goodwin attended the Meeting by his own desire, and stated that the works ordered to be done on the ground were completed, and that as he had been under the impression that the Council had promised to aid him in obtaining the necessary subscriptions from the public, he had delayed the canvassing for the same, and he now wished to know if the Committee were prepared to recommend the Council to assist him in collecting the amount needed (about £100). Resolved, That Mr. Goodwin be reminded that no such understanding as he believes to have been made was arrived at with the Committee, the arrangement being that Mr Goodwin was to find and procure whatever was needed beyond the amount agreed to be paid by the Corporation.

3--Book of Photographs—Mr. Wolstoncroft, of the London Stereoscopic Company attended this Meeting and renewed his application for an advertisement, with photos of Cheltenham, in the Book of Photographs being got up by his Company, and the matter was adjourned for further consideration.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of April, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence, Norman and Skillicorne, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

4—Cleeve Common --Resolved, That Mr. Stroud's fee of £200 for his services in this matter be now paid. On the suggestion of the Conservators representing the Town Council. Resolved, That the sum of £25 be paid to the Board of Conservators on account of the annual payment of £50 to be made by the Corporation.

5—Pittville Estate—The Surveyor was authorised to spend a sum not exceeding £10 or £12 in alterations at Essex Lodge in accordance with his suggestions to the Committee, and to procure and fix Spring Locks to all the Entrance Gates to the Main Gardens and those in Wellington and Clarence Squares.

Trees —A memorial from Dr. Horniblow and others, requesting the Committee to order the judicious lopping and thinning of some of the Trees on the Estate, was read. Resolved, That such pruning and lopping be done as the Surveyor shall think necessary.

Subscribers —Resolved, That Mr. J. S. Clare be appointed Canvasser and Collector of Subscriptions to the Gardens, and that he be paid £10 per cent. on all subscriptions collected during the present year.

The Town Clerk laid before the Committee his account of Disbursements, &c., in the matter of the Contract for the Purchase and the Conveyance of the Estate amounting to £23 9s. 4d. Resolved, That the same be paid, and that the Town Clerk be allowed charges for the Contract and Conveyance on the same scale as is allowed for Conveyancing in Street Improvement matters, which would amount to £42

6-Land opposite Powell's —An application from Mr. E. C. Daft for leave to exhibit a show case on this land of his Patent Hand and Ridge Lights, was read. Resolved, That the required permission cannot be given.

7-G.W.R. Local Train Service—A letter from Mr. Witchell, the Local Secretary, forwarding copy of a Resolution passed by the Gloucestershire Chamber of Commerce making application to the Great Western Railway Company for a Branch Train from Swindon in connection with the 9 o'clock from Paddington to Stroud and District, to enable business men to leave Town for Stroud, Gloucester and Cheltenham in the morning, transact their business, and return same day; and desiring the Town Council to co-operate with the Chamber by making a similar application should they consider that such a train would be an advantage and convenience to Cheltenham, was read. Resolved, That the Committee concur in the application of the Chamber to the Great Western Railway Company.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 4th day of April, 1891—Present: Councillors Hands, Moles and Parsonage (Councillor Parsonage in the Chair).

1 - Local Committees—The Minute Books of the various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That Summonses be issued against the parents of the following children, viz :— Fred Denchfield, 41, Stanhope Street. Gertrude Watts (or Lee), Park Street. Ethelbert Smith, Chapel Street. Elizabeth Hunt, Fairfield Place. Ellen Mustoe, Fairfield Place.

2-Attendance Officers Reports—The Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers, were read.

3—Labour Certificates— Examination by Sample—The Town Clerk read a correspondence he had had with Her Majesty's Inspector (Mr. Balmer) on the effect of the new Regulations for Examination by Sample, in lieu of Individual Examination, on the Examination Schedule and the Certificates of Standards passed, for the purpose of the grants of Labour Certificates, and the further consideration of the subject was adjourned pending further correspondence on the same subject with the Education Department.

WILLIAM HANDS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 25th day of April, 1891—Present: Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsey, Councillors Hands, Moles and Steel (Councillor Hands in the Chair).

4 Local Committees—The Minute Books of the various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That a summons be issued against the parent of William Crowther, of Hamilton Cottage, Hanover Street, in the event of that boy not attending School in one week from this date.

5—Attendance Officers' Reports —The Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers was read.

6 —South and Middle Wards--Resolved, That Col Forbes Robertson be appointed a Member of the Local Committee for these Wards in the place of the late Mr. R. E. Davis, deceased.

WILLIAM HANDS.

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of April, 1891—Present Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Drew, Darby, Kite, and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair). —

1-Corporation Stock — The Town Clerk reported that The Mayor, he and the Borough Accountant attended at the National. Provincial Bank of England in London, on Monday, the 20th inst., at the opening of the Tenders, when Tenders for £346,218 were opened at prices varying from the minimum of £96 10s to £98 10s, and the Bank announced their intention to take up the balance at the minimum price.

He laid before the Committee a letter from the Manager of the National Provincial Bank asking for a cheque for the deposits on the amounts of Stock Tendered for by the Annuity and Debenture Holders to enable them to comply with the rules of the Stock Exchange, amounting to £3306 0s. 0d. and the same was accordingly signed.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1891—Present: Councillors Darby, Drew, Kite, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

2-Borough Treasurership—A letter from Mr. Strachan, stating that in consequence of his advanced age he was desirous of relinquishing the office of Borough Treasurer and tendering his resignation thereof, was read.

Also a letter from Mr. James Clissett, stating that having succeeded Mr. Strachan as Manager of the Bank, he desired to solicit the appointment of Borough Treasurer, and assuring the Council that if appointed he would at all times do his best to maintain the good feeling existing between the Council and their Treasurer.

Resolved, hat Mr. Strachan's resignation be accepted as from the 4th May, and that Mr. Clissett be appointed Treasurer as from that date, subject to his giving such security as shall be satisfactory to the Committee.

3-Licensed Victuallers' Asylum—A letter from Mr. C. S. Gilding, the General Secretary of the Cheltenham and Gloucestershire Licensed Victuallers Association, requesting to have the above premises exempted from payment of the General District Rate, on the ground of its being a charitable institution and supported solely by voluntary contributions, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Gilding be requested to inform the Committee if the payment of the Poor Rate has been excused in this case.

4--ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts and Expenditure, arid of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz :—

RECEIPTS.—

Borough Fund ..	£75 13 0
Public Library (Revenue)	£9 8 1
Urban Authority—Revenue	£372 1 1
Burial Board—Revenue	£60 19 0
Water Revenue	£75 8 7
Sinking Fund	£9 7 6
Loan from County Bank ..	£3000 0 0

ACCOUNTS NOW TO BE PAID—

Borough Fund	£82 01 10
Public Library (Revenue) ..	£25 9 5
Pittville Estate (Capital) ..	£220 1 8
Urban Authority (Revenue) ..	£1714 4 8
Burial Board—Revenue ..	£ 9 1 8
Street Improvements	£50 2 3
Refuse Destructor (Capital) ..	£1002 17 9
Waterworks (Revenue) ..	£1858 17 2
Ditto (Capital)	£187 1 10

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK —

Balance in hand last month ..	£1975 18 5
Received during the month..	<u>£3602 17 3</u>
	£5578 15 8
Paid during the month ..	<u>£9110 7 2</u>
Overdrawn	£3531 11 6

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, May 5th, 1891.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 11th day of May instant, 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 receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
2. To confirm the proceedings of the Finance Committee of date the 30th of April last, relative to the acceptance of Mr. J. G. Strachan's resignation of the office of Borough Treasurer, and the appointment of Mr. James Clissett, Manager of the County of Gloucester Bank, in his place, and approve the proceedings of the Finance Committee in relation to the security to be given by the Borough Treasurer.
3. Notices of Motion.

Yours faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, May 27th, 1891.

Sir, You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 1st day of June next, 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 read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of the Special Meeting held on the 11th May.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE.
GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.
BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE,

4. Notices of Motion.

5. To read the following Letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be: Mr. A. J. Lance re Damage to Horse and Trap through the condition of Carlton Street. A. Hume-Spry, Esq., re holding of St. John's School Treat at Pittville.

Yours faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 1st of June, 1891.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 12th day of May, 1891—Present Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull Councillors Darby, Heath, King, Lawrence, and Steel (Alderman Simms-Bull in the chair)—

1-Destructor—The Committee proceeded to the Destructor ground and made an inspection of the works. The Surveyor submitted Plan for a retaining wall and was instructed to arrange for Messrs. Manlove, Alliott and Co. to do the work. He was also instructed to build an Engine house, and obtain and have fixed a Weighbridge.

W. SIMMS BULL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of May, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Griffiths Councillors Darby, Heath, King, Steel and Lawrence (Councillor King in the Chair)—

2-- Gas Examiner's Monthly Report — The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read average illuminating power 16.44 candle, (on 20th Inst.) Purity 9.25 grains of sulphur per 100 cubic feet. —

3-Gas Inspector's Monthly Report —The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read average hourly consumption of gas per lamp during the month 4.259 cubic feet

4-Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month : 4 burning dimly 164. No metered lamp out or burning dim. Resolved, That the Gas Company's attention be called to the desirability of the burners and regulators being more frequently changed and cleaned.

5--Well Place Road—A Specification from the Surveyor. of date the 28th day of May, inst., of the works required to be done to the above road, was read and approved. Resolved, That the necessary Plans, Sections, and Estimates be prepared, and Notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said road, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied

with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

6—Naunton Lane—Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner of the Naunton Park Road to put in a gully to carry off the surface water into the stream, and prevent same flowing over the surface of Naunton Lane, and that Messrs. Mayo and Smith be required to remove the steps at their houses projecting into Naunton Lane.

7— Road—The Surveyor submitted a report upon the condition of the above road, and stated that if the same were properly formed to throw off the water, there was no reason why at a small expenditure it should not answer the purpose until properly widened for building purposes. He estimated the cost of a coating of consolidated material 2 ½ in to 3in in thickness would cost, if of Wickwar stone, £160, and if of engine clinker £50 to £60. Resolved, That the Surveyor do prepare a proper specification of the works necessary to be done by the owners to put the road in repair with engine clinker.

8—Private Improvement Works in Victoria Place—The further consideration of this matter was again adjourned.

9—Main Roads—A Letter from the County Surveyor, stating that his Committee had decided to offer the Corporation £900 for the repair and maintenance of the new and old Main Roads for the present year, and if at the end of the year it is found that the amount has been exceeded, the account shall be examined, and if necessary a further sum will be paid, and enclosing form of agreement herein, was read. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that the agreement be executed in the form to be settled by the Town Clerk.

10—Webbs' Traction Engine—A Letter from E. J. C. Studd, Esq., of Hatherley Lawn, enquiring whether anything could be done to put a stop to the Traction Engine and Trucks now being worked in the town by Messrs. Webb Bros., not only to the danger of those who happen to come across it while driving, but also to the great detriment of those houses which are on the roads used by the engine, was read. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the County Council calling their attention to this matter, and also requesting them to consider the propriety of making an extra payment to the Corporation for the roads in consideration of the damage to them caused by this traction engine.

11-- Footpath on North Side of Swindon Road —A Letter from Mr. Councillor Williams respecting the proposal to purchase a strip of land from the owners and widen the footpath from the corner of Marsh Lane, and also enclosing the consents of the Owners to give up what is necessary, for the sum of £10, the Corporation making the roadway, refencing, and releasing the Owners from all further expense, was read. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to, the existing fence being set back and made good by the Corporation.

12—Destructor—The Town Clerk reported that he and the Surveyor had interviewed the General Manager of the Midland Railway, and it had been arranged for the Corporation to have a siding from the Midland Railway on to the land of the Corporation, to be constructed at the cost of the Corporation ; that the Manager had since forwarded a plan of the siding, and had promised to forward draft of the necessary Agreement. He stated that the draft Agreement with the M. and S.W.

Junction Railway Company had been re-cast, and sent up, with a copy of the Plan received from the Midland Railway Company, to the Company's solicitors for their approval on the 20th ulto., but they had not yet returned it.

13—Street Projections —The Street Inspector reported that Signboards had been put up in contravention of the Bye-Laws, by the following persons:—

Mr. C. Hawkins, at 354, High Street. Mr. F. W. Mitchell, 155, High Street, Mr. J. Franklin, at 38, Albert Street, St. Peter's, Mr. E. Jones, at Raymond Cottage, Worcester Street. Resolved, That the Report be adjourned for further consideration,

14—Damage to Horse and Trap—Jaynes—The Town Clerk reported that Mr Jaynes had commenced an action against the Corporation in this matter, and that he had engaged counsel to defend on behalf of the Corporation. Resolved, That the matter be left in the hands of the Town Clerk.

15 ---Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Rookery Lane, Winchcomb Street from Mountpleasant to near Pittville Gates. Patching : Wellington Square, Ambrose Street, Manchester Street, Bayshill Road, Tewkesbury Road, Montpellier Terrace (back of), Keynsham Road, College Road, Queen's Road, Lansdown Parade and Crescent, Bath Road, Gratton Street, Great Norwood Street, Priory Street, St. George's Road and Place, Regent Street, High Street, St. James' Square, Berkeley Street, Hatherley Street, Great Western Road, Promenade, Oxford Passage, Lansdown Place

Repaired with Wickwar Stone —Back of Albert Place, Naunton Lane. Patching: Swindon Road, Hatherley Lane, Berkeley Street, Rookery Lane, Fairview Street, Croft Lane, Cemetery Road, Whaddon Lane (old material).

Curbing, Crossing and Flagging—Bayshill Road, Painswick Lawn, Winchcomb Street, Promenade, Montpellier Parade, Park Place (proceeding), Clarence Street, Swindon Road, Sherborne Street, Grosvenor Street, Bath Road, St. George's Road, All Saints' Road, Pittville Circus, New Street, Priory Street, North Street, Lansdown Road, Queen's Road, Albion Street, Oxford Passage, Portland Street, Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury Road, Pittville Parade, North Place, Evesham Road, Regent Street.

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Footpaths (Gravel)—Montpellier Parade and Drives (proceeding), Bayshill Road (proceeding), St. George's Road, Painswick Road (sides). (Granite)—Montpellier, near Gordon Lamp (proceeding). (Tariff)—Montpellier Parade, Painswick Lawn, Bayshill Road, Swindon Road.

New Gullies—One North Place, one Priory Street, one Regent Street, two Bayshill Road, one Promenade.

Ashes Collected - 1,615 Loads.

Trees cut down—Two in Montpellier Parade, one in Imperial Square (dead), one in Pittville Circus Road (dead).

16—Thirlestaine Road—Resolved, That the Owners on the South side of this road be required to kerb, channel, and concrete the footpath on that side, and that the Surveyor do prepare the necessary Specification thereof.

17-Colonnade Improvement — Sharpe —The Town Clerk read the correspondence which he had had with Messrs. New, Prance and Garrard on the subject of their bill of costs, amounting to £109 9s. 6d. since that matter was last before the Committee, and reported that Messrs. New, Prance and Garrard had since sent him an amended bill, amounting to £132 16s. 4d., prepared for taxation; but intimated their willingness to accept £90 in discharge thereof. Further correspondence thereon between the Town Clerk and Messrs. New, Prance and Garrard was read. Resolved, That Messrs. New, Prance and Garrard be paid the sum of £90 in full discharge of all their claims therein.

18—New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new all of which were approved, viz :—

The Hon. Mrs. Molesworth, for New Store Rooms, at 14, Priory Street.

Mr. Hiron, for Additions to Bedroom at 35, Portland Square.

Mr. H. Hodgkins, for Stables at Normanhurst.

Miss E. Bayliss, for a House in Leighton Road.

Mr. W. W. Burrows, Addition to Surgery at 389, High Street.

T. Nelson Foster, Esq., Additions to Alit Dinas.

Mr. Charles Winstone, Additions to Cleeve Villa, Cotswold Terrace.

Mrs. Mellor, Alterations to Avondale House.

The Surveyor also submitted Notice and Plans received from Mr. James Wilcox for seven cottages in Maidenhorn Lane, which the Committee disapproved.

CHARLES W. KING,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th day of May, 1891—Present: Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Hands, King, and Parsonage (Alderman Griffith in the chair-

1-Dairies and Cowsheds Order - Applications from the following persons to be registered as Purveyors of Milk, together with the Report of the Inspector of Nuisances thereon, were read, viz., A Barnfield, at 4, Fairview Road ; H. Clifford, at Portland Stores; J. Lewis, 180, High Street ; and Cornelius Smith, Arolf Cottage. Resolved, That Messrs. Barnfield and Clifford be registered ; and that Messrs. Lewis and Smith be registered as soon as the Corporation water is laid on to their respective premises.

2 —Zymotic Disease--The Medical Officer of Health reported that 5 cases of Zymotic Disease had occurred during the month, viz., 1 of Enteric Fever, and 4 of Scarlatina.

3--Minnow Ditch, otherwise Gratton Brook —The question of the state of this water course was further considered, and Mr. Dix, the owner of nearly the whole of the land on the West side thereof

attended the meeting of the Committee. The Surveyor reported as to the mode of culverting and covering in the stream, and laid before the Committee an estimate of the cost of doing so. Resolved, That the Surveyor prepare a specification of what he considers necessary to be done, and that Notices be served on the abutting owners, under Sec 91 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring them to execute the specified works, and that an allowance of £15 be contributed by the Council towards the cost of the works if 15in. glazed pipes are used ; and £10 if a concrete channel is made.

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4—International Congress of Hygiene—A Circular from the Secretary of the Congress requesting a donation towards the expenses of the Congress, was read. Resolved, That a donation of £5 5s be given, and that the Borough Surveyor be added to the List of Delegates appointed to attend the Congress on behalf of this Corporation.

5--Pantile Row—A Letter from Mr. Coren, the Solicitor of the Owners of this property, stating that he was surprised to hear that nothing had been done to it, and suggesting that the Corporation should buy the property (not including the premises in the High Street) and pull the houses down, was read. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to recommend the Council to purchase the property, and must insist on the owners doing what is necessary to put it in a proper sanitary and habitable condition unless they themselves pull down the houses or sell them to be pulled down.

6-Mortuary and Post Mortem Chamber—A Letter from the Medical Officer of Health suggesting that the keys of the Mortuary and Post Mortem Chambers be kept at the Police Station, was read. Resolved, That a duplicate set of keys be provided, and that Admiral Christian be requested to allow them to be deposited at the Police Station in charge of the Superintendent.

7 —Burrows' Slaughter House, Upper Bath Street—A Letter from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting the existence of a piggery adjoining this slaughter-house, in which 2 pigs were kept within the distance of a dwelling house prohibited by the Bye-Laws ; that the pigs were moreover feeding on blood and offal of animals, in contravention of Sec. 60 of the Cheltenham

Improvement Act, 1819 ; that the entire place stank and is a nuisance injurious to health, was read. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against Mr. Burrows both for a breach of the Bye-laws and the section in question.

8-Accounts --The following Accounts were examined and allowed :--

J. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths ..	£1 2 3
E. Jones, 4 weeks' salary	£ 5 0 0
W. J. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance	£1 5 0
Messrs. Marshall, altering Hose Pipe, &c. ..	£0 2 9
Gibbs & Canning, Pipes	£7 9 4
Wm. Hayward, Fixing Shelf, &c. ..	£1 17 4
Smith Brothers, Rails, &c	£16 11 9 ½
W. Ursell, Repairs at Sewage Farms	£2 5 11
The Wilderness Portland Cement Co., Ltd. ..	£27 1 8
Doulton & Co., Automatic Tank.. ..	£1 18 6
Nicholas & Co., Glass and Putty	£3 2 10 ½

J. Tallboy, Brooms and Lime	£1 5 4
F. J. Wright, Ironmongery ..	£0 4 0
Pearce & Sons, Pipes, Wood, Cement, &c.	£30 6 5
Water Rate, Tangent Alley Urinal	£1 11 6
“ Cattle Troughs	£6 6 0
“ Cattle Market ..	£2 12 6
“ Whitehart Street Drinking Fountain	£1 11 6
T. W. Twyford, W.C. Basins ..	£6 17 6
G. Banting, 1 Ladder ..	£0 7 6
Lockerbie and Wilkinson, Locks	£1 16 0

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of May, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Darby, King, Williams, and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair). —

1—Street Watering—Supply to Alstone Bath, &c.—The Surveyor reported that the effect of the long continued drought is now showing itself in the diminishing supply from the Springs and in the fact that the Reservoirs have never quite filled this year ; under these circumstances he desired to lay before the Committee statistics of the rainfall, quantity of water in store, rate of consumption, &c., and to press upon them the importance of obtaining such an additional supply for the purpose of Street Watering, Supply of the Bath, &c., as will relieve the excessive drain from the Reservoirs for those purposes, and thus enable the Store of Water at Dowdeswell and the Hewletts to be husbanded in case the drought continues through the Summer to as late a period as last year. He stated that a duplicate supply, which would be available for the Street Watering of a considerable portion of the town (the consumption for which in hot weather is equal to 100,000 gallons per day), could be obtained by connecting a line of 4in. pipes with the Pumping Main at Sandford Mead, and continuing such pipe line along the bed of the Chelt to St. George's Place, and placing Stand-pipes in Bath Road, Keynsham Road, Wellington Street, Regent Street or Rodney Road, the Promenade, St. George's Road and St. George's Place, and into the yard at the back of the Alstone Bath. The pipes would be laid upon the bed of the Stream and secured by stakes driven down, the joints would be flanged and bolted together so as to be easily removable if required at any time.

The cost of the above would be about £300, and the work could be done within three weeks.

Resolved, That the Report be approved ; that a sufficient quantity of pipes be ordered forthwith, and that the Surveyor be authorised to carry out the work with the least possible delay

2-Volunteer Camp at Kayte Farm—A letter from Capt. Baines, the Adjutant of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Gloucester Regiment, stating that the Battalion will encamp at Kayte Farm, Cheltenham, from the 25th July to 1st August next, and he was directed to ask the Council if they would be good enough to grant a gratuitous supply of Water from the nearest Stand-pipe and also lend them

sufficient Water Carts to take the same to the Camp. The details as to quantity could, he presumed, be arranged hereafter with the proper official, was read. Resolved, That the Adjutant be informed that the Corporation will be pleased to grant the necessary supply of Water, and that the question of the use of the Water Carts be referred to and considered by the Street and Highway Committee.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 27th day of May, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Heath, and Williams (The Mayor in the chair)—

3— Surveyor's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Surveyor was read as follows

On the 24th instant the springs supplying the Hewletts Reservoirs were yielding 165 gallons per minute, the average for the last four years being 211 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of Water in store was 27,537,100 gallons, the average being 30,561,318 gallons

On the 27th instant the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 24ft. 1in., and the contents 61,625,915 gallons which gives a total storage of 89,161,015 gallons, or about 95 days supply.

Mains have been extended in Naunton Lane, Berkeley Avenue, Cirencester Road, Little Herbert's Road, Bafford Lane and Eldon Road.

4--Raisher—A letter from Mrs. Raisher, the tenant of the Dowdeswell Mill Farm, asking for a reduction in her rent, considering how the Farm is trespassed on, and that some little repairs wanted doing, was read. Resolved, That as the question of rent was considered in November, 1886, Mrs. Raisher be referred to the resolution come to by the Committee on that occasion. That she be informed that it is her duty to keep off trespassers ; and that the Surveyor will inspect the premises and report to this Committee as to what repairs are necessary to be done.

5—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

6--- Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of May, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Darby, Heath, and Parsonage (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out to one fire during the. month, viz. :—At Eckington House, on the 3rd inst. Estimated damage £10. The bill of

expenses amounting to £3 7s. 6d. sent in to the Sun, and Scottish Union and National Fire Insurance Companies, whose agents had offered to pay together 50s on account thereof, which sum the Superintendent of the Brigade had accepted, inasmuch as the fire had been got under before the arrival of the Brigade.

2-Hackney Carriages—Applications for Hackney Carriage Licenses were received from Herbert Sumner, Thomas Taylor, Frederick Jones, William Philip Jones, and George Paul, and referred to the annual Licensing Meeting for consideration.

A letter from Mr. G. C. Holtham, stating that he is about to dispose of his Licensed Fly, No. 84 to Sergt.-Major Brill, and an application from the latter to have the License renewed in his name at the Annual Licensing Meeting, were read. Resolved, That the License be renewed in Sergt.-Major Brill's name.

An application from J. Smith to have his two Pony Carriage Licenses exchanged for two full Licenses was read, and adjourned till the Annual Licensing Meeting.

3 —Omnibuses —A letter from General Babbage acknowledging receipt of the Inspector's notice relative to the Annual Inspection, but pointing out the great inconvenience which would be caused to the public if the Omnibus Company were compelled to send their Buses down to the Depot for inspection, and asking the Committee to arrange for their inspection to take place at the yard before the vehicles start out on their daily rounds, was read. Resolved, That General Babbage be informed that the Committee have arranged for one of their members to attend with the Inspector at the Company's yard on the morning of the inspection day.

4— Omnibus Bye-Laws--A letter from Colonel Ashburner, on behalf of the Omnibus Company, objecting to Bye-Law No. 9, which fixes the number of passengers to be carried in the one-horse Omnibus at not exceeding 10, and in the two-horse Omnibuses 24. The Omnibuses used by the Company being constructed to carry respectively 13 and 26 passengers, in addition to the driver and conductor. Resolved, That the Bye-Law in question be altered so as to allow of the number of passengers to be carried being the same as the present Omnibuses are constructed to carry, viz., 13 and 26 passengers respectively, and that the Bye-Laws be re-deposited, and submitted to the Local Government Board for their approval.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of Hits Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th day of May, 1891—Present: Councillors Drew, Darby, Heath, King, and Woodard (Councillor King in the chair)—

1-Upper Alstone Swimming Bath—The usual Monthly Report of the Surveyor on the working of the Bath was read. Total No. of Bathers 4,026.

2—Barrett's Mill—Resolved, That the Committee considering that the Barrett's Mill site should be utilised for some useful public purpose, whether for a Bath, Recreation Ground, or otherwise, the

Surveyor be instructed at his earliest convenience to report to the Council on the subject. Accounts -
The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

General District Rate on Recreation Ground ..	£1 1 0
Diamond Sanitary Laundry Co., Washing Towels ..	£3 14 6
W. Ralph, New Gas Burners and Repairs at Baths ..	£0 9 0
County Drug Co., Chemicals	£0 0 4

CHAS. W. KING,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 25th day of May. 1891—Present: The Mayor ;
Councillors Moles, Parsonage, and Steel (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1--Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that a supply of Bedding Plants would be required for the Gardens near the Lodge, and the Surveyor having also recommended that some should be planted in the space at the entrance to the Chapels, formed by the alteration of the carriage drive. Resolved, That the Surveyor be authorised to spend £4 in the purchase of bedding plants for the Cemetery and the approach.

2—Pratley—The Town Clerk reported that the draft agreement with Mr Pratley had been approved by him, and that he had forwarded same to the Home Secretary for his approval.

3—Rector's Fees—A letter from the Rev. Canon Bell expressing his willingness to accept £300 a year in lieu of his fees, that sum being the average amount for the last three years, was read, and adjourned for further consideration.

4 —Designs —The following Designs were examined and approved :—Headstones to Walter E. Armstrong, Richard Davis, Henry Teakle, Mary Hewett, Henry J. Fraling, and James Cook Tombs to Pricilla Bland, Henry James Powell, and Edward Willis.

5—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :

Bayliss, Jones and Bayliss, Wire Fencing ..	£19 11 3
F. W. Wilkins, Nails . ..	£0 3 4
James Wall, Building Urinal and Shed at Cemetery .	£20 0 0
Smith, Brothers, Larch Posts	£2 10 0
W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	£13 10 0
W. Howlett, Cleaning Cemetery Clock ..	£0 15 0

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of May, 1891 — Present Aldermen Griffith and Sir A. Ramsay ; Councillors Neale, and Parsonage E. Wethered, Esq. (Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsay) in the chair),—

1 —Librarian's Report —The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported the receipt during the month of the following gifts to the Library

Miss A. Waldron	1 vol.
Mr. W. H. Blake (London)	1 vol.
Miss E. Heiden .. .	. 1 vol.
Mr. J. Sawyer . ..	9 vols.
Mrs. Hollister	3 vols.
Mr. J. A. Matthews	2 pamphlets
Secretary of State for India ..	2 vols.

Col Hill, several numbers of Magazines and Periodicals and 9 vols.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Blackburn, Great Yarmouth, Tyne-mouth, Hereford, Bootle, and the united Parishes of St. Margaret and St. John.

2-Juvenile Books—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to spend £10 on the purchase of Juvenile Books

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3—Messrs. Knight and Chatters' Gift—A letter from Messrs. Knight and Chatters expressing their wish to give a donation of £30 to the building fund of the Library, was read. Resolved, That Messrs. Knight and Chatters' donation be accepted, and that they be thanked for the same.

4—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

Poor Rate on Library ..	£8 10 0
Rev. John Evans, Books .	£0 5 0
James Fawn and Son, ditto.. .	£0 2 10
John Grant, ditto ..	£0 3 6
Reeves and Turner, ditto	£0 5 0
Librarian, for Wages (May) ..	£9 12 6

ALEX. E. RAMSAY.

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 15th day of May, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull: Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Norman, Skillicorne, Waghorne, and William Heath (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Pittville Estate —The Surveyor laid before the Committee specimen of admission card for Subscribers, giving admission to the Gardens for the year ending the 31st March, 1892, with the exception of such days, not exceeding in the whole seven, of which due notice will be given, and the same was approved and ordered to be printed.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 22nd day of May, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith ; Councillors Drew, William Heath, Lawrence, Waghorne,, and Norman (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

2—G.W.R. Local Train Service—A letter from His Worship the Mayor, enclosing copy of a Memorial which had been sent from the Principals of the Colleges to the Great Western Railway Authorities, urging upon them the necessity of a morning train from London, and of a letter he proposed himself to send to the Chairman of the Company in support thereof, were read.

3 —Band —Resolved, That a Sub-Committee do enquire and report as to what terms and arrangements can be made for a Band, and the times and places of their performance; such Sub-Committee to consist of the Chairman, and Councillors Lawrence, Heath and Norman.

4—Promenade Improvement—The attention of the Committee having been called to the Photographic Machines in front of Mr. Powell's premises. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to Mr. Powell requiring the removal of the said Machines. The Surveyor having estimated that the sum of £3000 will be required for the purpose of carrying into effect the Improvements opposite the Imperial Room;, and that of the Long Garden. Resolved, That the Finance Committee be requested to make the necessary arrangements for borrowing the amount required.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 23rd day of May, 1891—Present: Councillors Hands, Moles and Steel (Councillor Hands in the Chair).

1—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That Summonses be issued against the parents of the following children, viz:—

Samuel Clifford (11), 52, Stanhope Street.

George Lockey (13). 26, King Street.

Also that Albert Chaplin (12), of York Passage, be sent to an Industrial School if Lumb's Trustees will pay the expense, the father having undertaken to contribute 1s 6d per week towards his maintenance.

The father of Ethelbert Smith (who since the last Meeting had been fined 5s by the Magistrates in respect of the boy) attended this Meeting and consented to contribute 1s 6d a week towards putting the boy into an Industrial School Resolved, That the Lumb Trustees be requested to provide the remainder of the money.

Mr. Wigley reported that William Crowther—mentioned in the Minutes of the last Meeting—had been sent to an Industrial School for four years.

2 —Attendance Officers' Reports—The Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers was read

3- Labour Certificates—Examination by Sample - The Clerk read a letter he had addressed to the Education Department on the subject of the Examination of Children for Labour certificates, but to which he had not yet received any reply.

WILLIAM HANDS.

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 28th day of May, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Darby, Drew, Kite, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of this rate, was read. Amount collected £197, leaving outstanding £52,723 4s. 2d.

2 Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts in Cheltenham £443 7s 8d leaving outstanding £6923 7s 4d ; In Tewkesbury £100, leaving outstanding £352 5s 1d.

3—Corporation Stock —The Town Clerk read the correspondence which had passed with the National Provincial Bank on this matter since the meeting held on the 22nd ult., which was approved.

He also submitted the form of agreement which it would be necessary to enter into with the Inland Revenue Authorities in respect of the Composition for Stamp Duty, and this he was directed to have filled up and executed.

The National Provincial Bank requiring the signature to the Cheques on them to be authorised by Resolution of the Council, in the form as settled by their Manager and the Town Clerk. Resolved, That the National Provincial Bank of England, Limited, be instructed to pay and honour all Cheques expressed to be drawn on behalf of the Council of the Borough of Cheltenham upon the Banking account or accounts, kept or to be kept in the name of the said Council with the said Bank, in respect of and in connection with the creation and issue of Stock under the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, whether the Banking account or accounts of the Council are overdrawn by the payment thereof, or are in credit or other-wise, provided they are signed by three Members for the time being of the Finance Committee of the said Council, and countersigned by the Town Clerk for the time being of the said Borough.

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4—Sewage Farm Mortgages Resolved, That the mortgagees in respect of the Sewage Farm Mortgages of £9,666 13s. 4d. at 4 per cent., £1,000 at 4 per cent. and £5,000 at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, be given six months' notice of the intention of the Corporation to pay off those amounts, unless in the meantime they agree to accept a lesser rate of interest, to be agreed upon.

5 —Advertising Stations (eating) Act, 1889—Resolved, That the Town Clerk do consider and report to the Committee as to what steps should be taken to put into force the provisions of this Act with regard to the rating and renting of hoardings for advertisements.

6-ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts and Expenditure, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz :—

RECEIPTS.—

Borough Fund	£20 4 6
Public Library—Revenue ..	£9 7 5
Urban Authority—Revenue ..	£1346 4 4
Burial Board—Revenue ..	£37 4 0
Water—Revenue ..	£528 17 5

ACCOUNTS NOW TO BE PAID—

Borough Fund ..	£117 2 9
Public Library—Revenue	£22 17 6
Ditto—Capital	£395 0 0
Pittville Estate—Capital	£143 3 2
Urban Authority—Revenue	£2133 2 3
Burial Board—Revenue	£34 11 6
Ditto—Capital ..	£52 4 7
Street Improvements	£105 14 7
Refuse Destructor—Capital	£302 15 0
Waterworks—Revenue	£510 13 3
Ditto —Capital ..	£107 3 3
Ditto—To pay off Loans	£30000 0 0

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK—

Overdrawn last month	£3531 11 6
Paid during the month	<u>£5351 14 0</u>
	£8883 5 6
Received during the month..	<u>£2009 3 5</u>
	£6874 2 1

J. T. DARBY, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, June 10th, 1891.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 15th day of June instant, at Eleven o'clock in the fore-noon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. Annual Licensing of Hackney Carriages, Wheel Chairs, &c.
2. Annual Licensing of Hackney Carriage Drivers.

Yours faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, July 1st, 1891.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 6th day of July instant, 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 read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and of the Special Meeting held on the 15th June.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE,
4. Councillor Steel to move:—That the Water Committee be requested to revise the following rules.
 - (1) Rule requiring a quarter's notice to be given for the discontinuance of water supply.
 - (2) Rule requiring owners of two or more houses contiguous to have separate service pipes to each house or to pay rates on all whether occupied or void.
 - (3) Fixing the minimum charge at 8s. 8d.
 - (4) Rule for charging fees of 1s per head on each scholar in excess of the ordinary rating of schools.

5. Councillor Hands to ask the following questions:—

(1) What is the total cost of converting the Borough Debt into Stock?

(2) What was the amount paid to the National and Provincial Bank for Commission for floating Corporation Stock.

(3) What other persons besides the National and Provincial Bank had any Commission and how much?

(4) What is the amount paid or to be paid to present Mortgagees as compensation in paying the same off and expenses thereon?

6. Notices of Motion.

7. To read the following Letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be: Mr. G. H. Williams with Resolutions of Town Committee. Mr. J. E. Davies re Swindon Road Improvement. Messrs. Drake and others re Lighting of Winchcomb Street. Mr. E. E. Bourne re Oddfellows' Sunday at Christ Church. The Mayor of Gloucester re Bath and Western Counties Society. Messrs. Alfred Norman and others re Lime Kiln at Leckhampton. W. H. Knight, Esq. re Library Building.

Yours faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 6th of July, 1891.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of June, 1891—Present: Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Darby. Heath, Lawrence, and Steel (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1--Gas Examiner's Monthly Report —The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read : average illuminating power 16.02 candles. Purity 12.37 grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2-Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read : average hourly consumption of gas per lamp. during the month 4.306 cubic feet

3-Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month : 4 (2 metered) ; burning dimly 35.

4-Improved Lighting—A letter was read from Messrs F. and E. Griffiths, enclosing the following resolution of the Gas Company, in reply to the resolution of this Committee passed in December last and confirmed by the Council in February last:-

" That the Directors regret that the Company is not in a position to make any reduction in the price now paid by " the Town Council for the Improved Lamps, namely £5 3s. 6d per lamp, per annum. This price was arrived at " as the lowest possible charge the Company was able to make after full and

careful consideration on the part of the " Directors, who had every desire to meet the views of the Council. It will be in the recollection of the Council " that a Resolution of the Directors to the above effect, dated the 19th December 1890, was communicated to the " Council on that date."

5----Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone — Albion Street, Keynsham Road, Albert Place, Portland Square, Montpellier (near Terrace), Montpellier Street. Patching—Carlton Street, Hatherley Road, Lansdown Parade, Glo'ster Road, Queen's Road, Suffolk Parade, College Road, Tivoli Place, Pittville Circus, Priory Street, Wellington Square, Suffolk Road, St. George's Road, High Street.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Naunton Lane and Crescent, Francis Street, Keynsham Road (sides), Hatherley Lane and Road, Sandford Road, back of Hatherley Place (coated), back of Parabola Road, Ashford Road, Bayshill Road (sides). Parabola Road (proceeding).

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Curbing, Crossing and Flagging — High Street, Bayshill Road, Christ Church Road, Victoria Street (proceeding), Oxford Passage, Albert Place, Park Place (proceeding), Suffolk Parade, County Court Road, Montpellier Street, Parabola Road, Montpellier Terrace (proceeding), Royal Well Place, Queen's Road Carlton Street, College Place, Albion Street, Malvern Road, Winchcombe Street, Dunalley Parade, Fairview Road, Spa Buildings, Clarence Street, Portland Street, back Lansdown Place, Hewlett Street, Prestbury Road, Gloucester Road, Evesham Road Regent Street, Grosvenor Street, Wellington Street, Priory Street. Footpaths—Gravel :—Pittville Circus Road.

Granite:—Montpellier near Gordon Lamp. Tariff :—Swindon Road, Whitehart Street, Tewkesbury Road.

Trees—Four dead cut down.

Ashes Collected— 1,674 Loads.

New Gullies-- St. George's Road, 1 Rodney Terrace, 1 Swindon Road, 2 at Cemetery, 1 Prestbury Road.

6— Private Improvement Works--Victoria Place, Tewkesbury Road—The Town Clerk reported the facts in connection with this matter. Resolved, that the Owners be informed that the Corporation purchased and paid for the land without any obligations or conditions as to works to the footway, but that under all the circumstances, they be relieved from payment of such a sum as the Surveyor represents to have been incurred in respect of the bordering and channelling done under the Specification upon which the demand has been made, upon condition that the balance is paid at once.

7-Accident to Mr. A. J. Lance's Carriage in Carlton Street—Letters from Mr. A. J. Lance informing the Council of an accident caused to his horse and trap through the condition in which Carlton Street had been left after laying on a water supply at No. 7 and stating that he should require

compensation for the damage done, either from the Corporation or from the owner, were read together with the Town Clerk's reply informing him that the work had been done by the owner or occupier of the house in laying a service pipe, and not by the Corporation.

8—Volunteer Camp at Kayte Farm—A Letter from the Adjutant of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion Gloucester Regiment, asking the Corporation to grant a free supply of water for the purposes of the Camp and the loan of water carts for carrying the same, and referred, as to the latter request, from the Water Committee to this Committee, was read Resolved, That the loan of one water cart be granted.

9—Trees—A Letter from T. W. Potter, Esq., stating that if the Corporation would have the trees cut up to a proper height in most parts of the town so that he could drive his coach under them without damage to his hat and whip it would be effecting a great and much needed improvement, was read. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Tree Sub-Committee to deal with.

10-Royal Crescent—A Letter from J. L. Robertson Esq., and others, calling attention to the disgraceful and dangerous state of the road in Royal Crescent, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a specification for the necessary repairs to be done by the owners.

11—Lamps at 119 ½ High Street—An Application from the Danish Dairy Company, for leave to put up three or four lamps outside the above premises according to a sketch submitted, was read. Resolved, That the required permission be given provided the lamps are kept lighted till midnight, the Corporation reserving the right to order their removal, if at any time they think fit to do so.

12- Sign Boards--A Letter from Mr. J. V. Bendall, enquiring the limit for a projecting sign board to be put up at the offices of the Midland Railway in Regent Street ; also a letter from Mr. H. Salisbury requesting permission to re-fix his sign board at 3, Bath Road, were read. Resolved, That having regard to the resolution of this Committee of 24th June, 1889, approved by the Council, the Committee regret they cannot accord permission to put up a sign board.

The Street Inspector reported that in addition to those mentioned in his last report, the following persons had put up signs, &c., in contravention of the Bye-Laws:—Mr. William James, at 82, High Street (a gas rail), Mr. J. S. Mowatt, at 109 & 110 High Street (2 signs), Mr. D. Ashwin, at 4, York Place (barber's pole). Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Mowatt, and to all the parties named in Mr. Young's report of 21st May, to remove forthwith the signs and other projections put up by them.

13—Automatic Photo Machines—An Application from the Automatic Photo Company for leave to fix 3 automatic photo machines on the spare ground at the commencement of New Street, for which they would pay £2 per month, was read. Resolved, That such permission cannot be given.

14—Telegraph Pole, St. Anne's Terrace—A Letter from the Secretary of the General Post Office renewing the application for leave to erect a telegraph pole in St. Anne's Terrace, and stating that the refusal of the Council to allow it entails the abandonment of the proposed extension of telegraphs to the Hewlett Street Post Office, and stating that as the pole could be erected without danger or inconvenience, he thought the Council might wish to reconsider their decision, was read. Resolved, That the Committee see no sufficient reason to induce them to alter their decision in the matter.

15—Magenta Place—A Memorial from Mr. Thos Shill and others complaining of the state of the road in Magenta Place, was read. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed the Surveyor's attention has been called thereto.

16—Traction Engines—The Highway Committee of the County Council having through Alderman Griffith expressed their readiness to consider any suggestions for improved Bye Laws for regulating the use of traction engines, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to submit to the Clerk to the County Council such alterations of the existing Bye Laws as he may think desirable.

17— All Saints Road—Resolved, That the Surveyor be instructed to complete the alterations to this road by widening the footpath on the West side.

18--Main Roads—The Town Clerk submitted the Draft agreement with the County herein, with the alterations made therein by the Clerk to the County Council, and the same was settled and approved.

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19—Park Road—The Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement works ordered in the above Road had been completed in accordance with his specification at a cost of Is. 2d., which sum he stated was due from the Owner of Park Villa. Resolved, That notice thereof be given to the said owner.

20-Thirlestaine Road—A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 30th inst, of the Works required to be done to the above Street, was read and approved. Resolved, That Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Street, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

21-New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new all of which were approved, viz :—

Wm. Heath, Esq. for additions to No. 6, Pittville Parade.

Mr. W. Letheren, for additions to Workshops at Rowanfield.

Mr. James Wilcox for 7 Cottages in Cleaveland Street.

Mr. Jno. Belcher for house in Cleaveland Street.

Mr. Charles Winstone for Temporary Wooden Coach House at Hatherley Grange.

He also submitted Plans from Mr. H. W. Holiday for alterations to Shops in Pittville Street which were not approved, from Mr. Jno. Playle for alterations to 123 and 124 High Street which were approved, subject to the drain being laid through and under the adjoining passage; and from H. Hodgkins, Esq., for House in Christ Church Road, which was approved, subject to the site being properly drained and filled up and concreted.

J. T. DARBY, [Chairman]

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of July, 1891—Present: Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Darby, Hands, Norman, and Parsonage (Alderman Griffith in the chair-

1- - Delancey Hospital—Attendance on Patients at—Dr. Humphreys—A Letter from Mr. G. H. W. Humphreys, complaining of the action of the Medical Officer of Health, in relation to his attendance on a patient of his, sent in to the Public Wards of the Delancey Hospital; and a Letter from the Medical Officer of Health to the Town Clerk in reply thereto, were read. Resolved, that Mr. Humphreys be informed that in the opinion of the Committee the action of the Medical Officer of Health was taken by him in the conscientious discharge of the duties of his office and in furtherance of the views publicly expressed by him in his Annual Report for the year 1885.

2- Post Mortem Chamber—The Surveyor was directed to have this Chamber fitted up with the necessary table and other fittings, at a cost not exceeding £50.

3--Houses without a proper Water Supply—A Report from the Surveyor, of date the 30th ult., that the houses mentioned therein were without a proper supply of water, and that such supply could be readily obtained from the Corporation Mains, at a cost not exceeding the water rate authorised by the Local Act in force within the Borough, was read. Resolved, That Notice be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the houses in question requiring them to obtain a supply, and do all such works as may be necessary for that purpose.

4---Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that 2 cases of Zymotic Disease had occurred during the month, viz., 1 Scarlatina and 1 Enteric Fever.

5—Minnow Ditch, otherwise Gratton Brook—A Letter from Mr. S. B. Dix, stating that he understood, at his interview with the Committee, that concrete was the material approved, and the amount mentioned as a contribution was £15 or £20, and he took that as part of an undertaking on the part of the Committee, and hoped it would not be departed from, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Dix be informed the Committee fixed £15 or (according to the material used) as the contribution in this case, and that was the full extent to which they could assist the Owners in the matter, nor do they see now any reason for amending their resolution.

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6--Inspector of Nuisances, Mr. Long Mr. Long, having applied for a week's leave of absence on urgent domestic affairs, Resolved, That he be granted a week's leave of absence.

7-Accounts--The following Accounts were examined and allowed

Delancey Hospital, Treatment of Patients ..	36 15 0
Medical Practitioners, notifying Infectious Disease	£1 12 6
W. M. Gammond, Sickness Returns .	£2 10 0
Medical Officer of Health, Fly Hire .	£1 3 10
Edwin Jones, 5 weeks' Salary	£6 5 0
J. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths .	£0 16 10

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 1st day of July, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Darby, Heath, Waghorne and Williams, (The Mayor in the chair) -

1—Surveyor's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Surveyor was read, as follows: On the 29th instant the springs supplying the Hewlett Reservoirs were yielding 170 gallons per minute, the average for the past 4 years being 170 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store was 27,027,208 gallons, the average being 29,729,575 gallons.

On the 29th instant the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 24 feet 9 inches, and the contents was 61,768,100 gallons, which gives a storage of 88,795,308 gallons, or 100 days' supply.

Water Mains have been extended in Swindon Road, St. Paul's Parade, and Horsefair Street, Charlton Kings.

An application has been received from the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Co. for permission to take water from the Midland Railway Co's. water crane at the Lansdown Station, and this has been agreed to, provided the Midland Railway Co. will be responsible for payment of the charges for all water through their meter.

All the Reservoirs have now been thoroughly cleaned ; the supply pipes from the springs on the hills examined and repaired where necessary, and a Map prepared. The Filters at Dowdeswell and Tewkesbury have been cleaned to the bottom, and are now in good order.

The flange pipes have arrived and are being laid down from Keynsham Road to Barrett's Mill along the line of the footpath, parallel with the Chelt, as this offered fewest difficulties to be contended with. It will be continued across Barrett's Mill Garden and then in the Chelt.

The samples of water from Oxford Passage, submitted last month, have been examined. Both were taken from the same tap, which is supplied with a lead pipe, which had been condemned and notices served to connect to a new main. So far as can be ascertained no similar sample has been taken from the high main for some time ; and I am of opinion that the contamination was drawn into the defective pipe, and that the water in the main was not in the state represented by the sample.

2--Barrett's Mill—A Letter from Mr. Combe, stating his inability to tell beforehand when the malting season would commence and end, was read. Resolved, That the Malthouse be let to Mr. Coombe for the season 1891-2, but not later than 1st May next, at the same rent as heretofore, viz., £20.

3— Volunteer Camp at Kayte Farm—A Letter from Capt. and Adjutant Baines, thanking the Committee for their Resolution of date the 15th May last, was read.

4—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered, and the rates settled and adjusted. Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 29th day of June, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Darby, Heath, and Waghorne (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out to one fire during the month, viz :—At No. 3, Promenade, on the 30th May last ; estimated damage £5. The Bill of Expenses amounting to £3 1s has been paid by the Phoenix Fire Office, in which the property is insured. The Superintendent also reported that two firemen with one hose truck had attended at the College on five nights during the Greek Play.

2—Swine Fever — Inspector Irving attended this Meeting in Mr. McRae's absence, and reported that the Borough was entirely free from Swine Fever, although it was prevalent in the neighbourhood

3—Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That Hackney Carriages Licenses be granted to :—Joseph Roebuck of Milsom Street, James Henry Morgan of Duke Street, Thomas Taylor of Montpellier Villas, Charles Burrows of Dunalley Parade.

The last named to have a license conditional only upon the carriage being a landau.

Resolved, That Pony Carriage Licenses be granted to :—Thomas Eager of Tidmington House Stables, Jesse Arter of Lansdown Crescent Stables, William Brown of the Nags Head Inn.

Applications from James Damrel and George Gould to be allowed to hold Licenses for Carriages to be used in the event of their obtaining Carriages for the purpose were read and refused.

Applications for Hackney Carriage Licenses from the following persons were read, and the Licenses refused :—George Paul, Frederick Jones, William P. Jones, James Fowles, Herbert Sumner, Joseph Williams, W. T. Smith, W. C. Weaver, John Morgan, and J. Smith.

4 —Wheel Chairs—An Application from Thomas McIlwain for a Wheel Chair License was refused.

5—Drivers—Resolved, That Drivers' Licenses be granted to George Gould and William Curren.

The Street Inspector reported that Arthur Tanner, Albert Bullingham and Frederick Smith, Hackney Carriage Drivers, had each been twice convicted for offences against the Bye Laws since the last Annual Licensing Meeting. Resolved, That Tanner and Smith be admonished and warned, and that Bullingham be granted a License for three months only, on probation.

6—Hackney Carriage Bye Laws—Badges—The Committee received a Deputation from the Drivers and Proprietors, and heard their views upon the subject of wearing badges whilst plying for hire, or driving on Licensed Carriages. Resolved, That the Bye Laws be altered so as to provide that the driver shall when plying or driving for hire, carry the badge without requiring it to be worn in such a manner as to be visible, but requiring it to be produced on demand by the hirer of the carriage.

7—Omnibus Bye Laws—Resolved, That Bye Law No. 9 be altered so as to allow of the number of passengers to be carried being 13 in a single horse omnibus, and 26 in a pair horse omnibus, and that the Bye Laws be redeposited and submitted to the Local Government Board for their approval.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of June 1891—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Drew, Heath and Moles (Councillor Drew in the chair)—

Chairman—In the absence of Councillor King Councillor Drew was voted to chair at this meeting.

1—Swimming Bath—The usual Monthly Report of the Surveyor on the working of the Bath was read. No. of Bathers 8,333.

2-Recreation Ground— Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make such terms as he may think right in respect of the payment to be made by Mr. Holliday for the rights of grazing the ground by sheep, and if he cannot come to terms with him, the same be advertised for letting by tender The Surveyor was authorised to erect some more swings and a giant stride.

3—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

J. P. Harris, Repairing Pipes at Bath	£0. 6 .6
Boiler Insurance Co., Premium on Insurance of Bath Boiler ..	£2 7 6
Poor Rate on Bath	£3 8 0
Ditto Recreation Ground	£1 16 0
C. Nicholas & Co., Varnish	£1 0 0
Andrew Page, Poles	£1 0 0
J. Tinkler, Brooms, &c.	£0 12 3
Henry Workman, Coal	£2 12 0
Gas Company, Gas at Baths	£2 16 2
A. H. Nott, Slack	£1 0 0
Nadin & Co., ditto	£2 10 0
R. E. & C. Marshall, Ironmongery	£1 3 5
J. Williams & Co., Coal	£3 0 0

J. W. DREW, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 3th day of June, 1891—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Heath, Moles, Steel, Parsonage and Williams (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1.—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that the Trucks used by the Grave diggers for removing surplus soil are completely worn out, and that a new one was required. He also reported that one of Mr. Pratley's cows had got entangled in the fence, lately erected, and was so injured that it had to be killed, the fence itself being also damaged. Resolved, That the Surveyor do provide a new truck for the Cemetery, and that the damaged fence be put in order by the Board.

2.—Land at Cemetery—The Clerk reported that the Secretary of the State had approved the Lease to Mr. Pratley, and that the latter had executed it.

A letter from Mr. Pratley, asking to be allowed to make a gateway through the fence on this land, at the point where the wire fence meets the wood fence, be agreeing to replace the quick and rails at the expiration of his lease, was read. Resolved, That he be allowed to do this.

3—Cemetery Labourers—The Labourers at the Cemetery, having petitioned to be allowed to leave off work on Saturdays at the same time as the employees at the Central Depot, Resolved, That their request be granted, subject to the Superintendent arranging for their work to be cleared up each Saturday before the men leave.

4—Rector's Fees—The matter of these fees, and the letter from the Rector read at the last meeting, were again considered. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Committee it is desirable, with the consent of the Bishop, to revise the fees payable to the Rector and Sexton, under the provisions of the Burial Acts, and that this Committee be instructed to prepare the draft of a scale of fees accordingly for consideration.

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5—Designs—The following designs were examined and approved :—

Headstones to John Bigland, Ellen Press, Edward Healy Thompson, Elizabeth Springett, Melinda Smith, Susannah Payne, Geo. Jenkins.

Flatstones to Margaret G. H. Bayley and Richard Dighton. Tomb to Rosa A. Hunt.

6—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages ..	£10 0 0
J. S. Treseder, 400 Bedding Plants	£4 0 0
R. E. & C. Marshall, Ironmongery, &c.	£10 4 0
H. G. Norton & Co., ditto	£0 1 3
T. W. Harvey, ditto ..	£0 13 4

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 25th day of June 1891 — Present: Councillors Drew, Neale, Parsonage ; Skillicorne (Councillor Skillicorne in the Chair.)

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Sir A. Ramsay, Councillor Skillicorne was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2-Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month :—

Miss Falkener	1 vol.
National Society for Women's Suffrage	1 pamphlet
Cobden Club ..	1 ditto
Agent General for Victoria	1 vol.
R C. Hunter	1 vol.

Annual Reports from the Libraries at Dundee, Ealing, Croydon, Twickenham, Blackpool, Glasgow, Stafford, Norwich, Leek, Brentford, Richmond, Portsmouth, Rochdale, Chester, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Chelsea, and Plymouth.

3—Bookbinding—Resolved, That the Tender of Messrs. Norman, Sawyer and Co., for the necessary Bookbinding during the ensuing year be accepted at the prices therein named.

4—New Literature —Tenders for the supply of New Literature for the ensuing year were received from Messrs Banks, Cossens, and Westley. Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. W. T. Cossens, at the several prices named therein be accepted.

5—Blue Peter—A letter from Mr. Thos. Rhodes stating he should be glad to supply a reading case and copies regularly, of the above publication for the public reading room if the Committee would accept them, was read. Resolved, That the offer be accepted with thanks.

3—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

W. Jones, Wages ..	..	£7 14 0
Banks, Books and Magazines .. ..	..	£25 13 8
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Binding ..	..	£29 18 6
May, G. H., Books	..	£0 11 0
Jarvis, J. W., Books	..	£0 4 8
Warren Bros, Wood	..	£0 12 9
Gas Company, Gas	..	£[0] 8 4

W. NASH SKILLICORNE,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of June, 1891—Present: Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence, Norman, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1--Marle Hill Estate--Mr. J. G. Villar attended this meeting of the Committee. The Surveyor laid before the meeting another plan, modified in some respects from the plan originally before the Committee, by confining the North boundary along the Lake to the margin of the Lake, and including a large portion of Mr. Winterbotham's land ; the respective quantities including the Lake and Stream being: Mr. Noble's 11a. Or. 29p. ; Mr. Winterbotham's 3a. Or. 10p. The quantity on the original plan belonging to Mr. Noble being about 12 acres. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Committee it is essential to have a strip of land along the whole of the Northern margin of the Lake. Resolved also, That Mr. Villar be informed that the Committee are prepared to recommend the Council to give £140 per acre for the land required by the Corporation, the quantity including the Lake and Stream, being about 12 acres,

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Sub-Committee, held on Thursday, the 4th day of June, 1891—Present: Councillors Heath, Lawrence, Norman and Waghorne, (Councillor Waghorne in the chair;-

2-Town Band—Mr Hall, on behalf of the Town Band, attended this meeting. The following terms were proposed, discussed and arranged, viz., the Band, consisting of 13 performers, engage to play twice a day, on weekdays in the afternoon and evening for 13 weeks (the week of Cheltenham College Jubilee excepted) two hours on each occasion, for the sum of £200, at such places and between such times as the Committee shall appoint and prescribe. The Band to be paid £14 a week, the balance being kept in hand and paid on the termination of the engagement. The Band to be allowed to be absent on five days during the period and on such other occasions as the Committee may permit, a proportionate part of the said payment being deducted from the said balance in respect of such absences, The Band to engage to play on such Sunday afternoons as may be required by the Committee, and at such places as they may prescribe, and to be paid for so doing the additional sum of £3 5s. for each performance of two hours duration.

It was also agreed as part of the arrangement that the Band should play at the opening of the Pittville Gardens on the 10th inst from 4.30 to 8 p.m., with half-an-hour's interval, and also the agreed time during the rest of the week.

The programme of the music for the week to be performed to be submitted to the Committee for approval.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 1891—Present: Councillors Drew, Heath, Norman, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

2-Sub-Committee—The proceedings of the Sub-Committee, of the 4th inst., were approved.

3—Marle Hill Estate—Mr. J. G. Villar attending this meeting of the Committee, and stated that Mr. Noble withdrew his objection to the Corporation having a strip of land along the Northern side of the Lake, and had authorised him to offer to the Corporation the quantity of land required by them not exceeding 53 acres as shewn on the plan now before the Committee for the sum of £150 an acre, on the following conditions, viz:-

The Corporation, at their own cost, to erect an unclimbable iron fence not less than 4ft. 6in. in height along the North and West boundaries of the land from the Evesham Road to the Recreation Ground, with one gate therein, and such additional number of gates as may be required, not exceeding 11, for the use of occupiers of houses abutting on the Corporation property, who may become subscribers to the Pittville Gardens, subject to the Bye-laws and Regulations for the time being in force relating to the said gardens and the property.

No entrance to the property from the Recreation Ground for the use of the general public to be permitted.

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Not more than 10 timber trees to be cut down by the Corporation except trees that may interfere with the proper growth of other trees, or that may become decayed or dangerous. The Vendor, on his part, not to cut down the avenue of trees on his land on the North, except to cut a drive across it not exceeding 60 feet in width.

The purchase to be completed within three months after the sanction of the Local Government Board to the necessary loan has been obtained ; and the works to be completed within 12 months from the completion of the purchase. The Corporation to engage to apply for such sanction immediately after the purchase of the property has been approved by the Council.

Mr Villar's commission, the amount of which he leaves entirely to the Council, to be paid by the Corporation.

Resolved, That, subject to a satisfactory arrangement being conic to with Mr. Winterbotham for the purchase of that part of his property necessary to carry out the scheme in its entirety, the foregoing terms and conditions be agreed to.

4—Pittville Gardens—Resolved, That the charge for admission to the Dome of the Pump Room be 1d.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 16th day of June, 1891—Present: Councillors Heath, Lawrence, Norman, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

5-Pittville Gardens—The Surveyor reported that on Sunday last a young man was detected in the act of wilfully damaging the Corporation property by dislocating and pushing into the Lake some of the

bordering stone. Resolved, That the Town Clerk take proceedings against him, and any other parties who may be found damaging the Corporation property.

6— Band—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee draft agreement with the Band, which was gone through and settled.

7—Long Garden in the Promenade—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Circular to the Owners and Occupiers of the houses to whom the garden belongs, stating the proposals of the Corporation in relation thereto, and calling a meeting of the Owners and Occupiers to consider their proposals, and the same was approved and ordered to be sent out, and notice of the Meeting of Owners and Occupiers advertised.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of the Sub-Committee, held on Thursday, the 18th day of June, 1881—Present: Councillors Wm. Heath, Lawrence and Norman (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

8—Band--The Band having applied for leave to play at certain Garden Parties, &c., during the hours of their engagement with the Committee, Resolved, That if the Committee grant the Band permission to play at Garden Parties, At Homes, &c., the sum of £2 be deducted in respect of each occasion, or as an alternative the Band to play on some Sunday or other day, as the Committee may determine, in lieu thereof.

9—Pittville—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had established a Bar for Light Refreshments in the Pump Room, and this the Sub-Committee approved.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 30th day of June, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Griffin, ; Councillors Drew, Heath, Lawrence, Skillicorne, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

Sub-Committee—The proceedings of the Sub-Committee, of the 18th inst., were approved.

10—Marle Hill —The Town Clerk reported that he, in conjunction with Councillor Lawrence and the Borough Surveyor, had had an interview with Mr. James Winterbotham, and subject to the approval of the Committee, had arranged with him that he should sell to the Corporation the quantity of land they required as shewn on the Plan laid before the Committee, for the sum of £500, the Corporation erecting a similar fence to that agreed to be put up on the North side of the Lake.

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The Surveyor having estimated that the purchase of the land and the necessary works can be effected for a sum not exceeding £6000, Resolved, That if the Council approve the scheme, application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to the Loan, and that the

Town Clerk do prepare provisional contracts for the purchase of the land. A Letter from Mr. Parr, the owner of Nos. 1 and 2, Saxham Villas, objecting to the proposals of the Corporation, was read.

11—Great Western Railway—A Letter from the General Manager of the Great Western Railway to the Mayor, (in reply to the suggestion contained in the Mayor's letter to the Chairman of the Company.) stating that on and after the 1st July a train would leave Paddington for Cheltenham, arriving at 1 o'clock p.m. and this was considered by the officers of the Company to be a more convenient time for the majority of passengers than an earlier hour. He regretted he could not at present see his way clear to meet the Mayor's wishes, but when the train service is again undergoing revision the Company would have before them the results of the running of the new train and the suggestion would then be carefully reconsidered.

12—Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary of the Montpellier Gardens Company asking him if the Directors are prepared to sell the gardens and the rights appurtenant thereto, and if so, what is the lowest price they would be prepared to accept for the same.

13—Pittville Estate—Resolved, That the Town Clerk write to Admiral Christian requesting him to arrange for there being at least four constables on duty in the Gardens on Sundays.

14—Cleeve Common—A letter from E. L. Griffiths, Esq., expressing the thanks of the Conservators to the Town Council for having paid in advance the moiety of their contribution towards the funds of the Conservators, was read.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 27th day of June, 1891—Present Councillors Hands, Moles, Steel and Parsonage (Councillor Hands in the Chair).

1—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That Summonses be issued against the parents of the following children, for the non-attendance of the said children :—George Major, (11) of 21, Whitehart Street, Kate Cole, (12) of 12, Nailsworth Terrace, Elizabeth Hunt, (10) of Fairfield Place, Henry Berry, (11) of Back of 8, Sherborne Street.

2—Attendance Officers' Reports—The Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers were read.

WILLIAM HANDS.

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 2nd day of July, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Darby, Drew, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1-General District Rate -The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 2nd inst., on the collection of this rate, was read. Amount collected £5189, leaving outstanding £47,731 4s. 2d.

2- -Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 2nd inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts in Cheltenham £3243 18s 8d leaving outstanding £4362 8s 9d ; In Tewkesbury £288 19s 11d leaving outstanding £258 12s 5d.

3—Letter from Mr. Minett —A letter from Mr. Minett asking for the appointment of a Sub-Committee to confer with him upon the question of preparation of a balance sheet of liabilities and assets of the Corporation and other financial matters; and also suggesting the necessity of more extensive office accommodation for the work of his Department, the present space being insufficient and inconvenient for the purpose, was read. Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillors Lawrence and Parsonage be appointed a Sub-Committee to make arrangements for carrying out the Borough Accountant's suggestion as to Statement of the Corporation Assets, and to consider and report on the accommodation in the Borough Accountant's Office.

4—Advertisements on Hoardings and other Advertising Stations—Resolved, That the Town Clerk do call the attention of the Overseers to the power of rating hoardings and advertising stations, and that they be requested to include all such places in the Valuation List, in order that the same may be rated.

5--ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts and Expenditure, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz :—

RECEIPTS.—

Borough Fund ..	£1474 10 8
Public Library—Revenue	£10 4 1
Ditto—Capital	£30 0 0
Urban Authority—Revenue	£5472 12 9
Burial Board—Revenue	£92 12 0
Water—Revenue ..	£3008 5 1
Account of Corporation Stock	£148316 17 2

ACCOUNTS NOW TO BE PAID-

Borough Fund ..	£1666 18 5
Public Library—Revenue	£122 1 2
Pittville Estate—Capital	£279 19 1
Urban Authority—Revenue .	£3058 1 1
Burial Board—Revenue	£24 17 8
Ditto—Capital ..	£10 18 7

Street Improvements ..	£219 0 7
Refuse Destructor—Capital ..	£3 15 0
Waterworks—Revenue	£866 17 3
Ditto—Capital ..	£13854 0 1

(Annuities and Loans as they fall in).

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK —

Overdrawn last month .	£6874 2 1
Paid during the month	<u>£118147 3 9</u>
	£125021 5 10
Received during the month..	<u>£158405 1 9</u>
In hand	£33383 15 11

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, July 29th, 1891.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Quarterly Meeting the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Tuesday, the 4th day of August next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that 'way legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE,
4. The Mayor to move:—" That a Special Committee be appointed for the purpose of considering and reporting to the Council upon the question of the disposal of the sum voted to Cheltenham by the County Council for the purposes of Technical Instruction."
5. Notices of Motion.
6. To read the following Letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be: E. Bourne re Oddfellows Church Parade. Edwin Clements re Railway Rates.

Yours faith fully,

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 4th of August, 1891.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of July, 1891—Present: Alderman Simms Bell; Councillors King, Lawrence, and Steel (Alderman Simms Bull in the chair)—

1—Gas Examiner's Monthly Report —The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read average illuminating power 1610 candles. Purity : 9.06 grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read average hourly consumption of gas per lamp, during the month 4.378 cubic feet

3 - Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month : 8 (1 metered) ; burning dimly 1.

A Letter from the Clerks to the Gas Co., forwarding copy of the Co's. resolution in reply to the complaint of this Committee as to the burners and regulators in the public lamps, in which resolution the Company stated that the whole of the lamps are under the constant supervision of the Company's workmen, that the regulators are changed immediately the necessity arises, and the burners at all times kept clean so as to ensure efficient lighting, and that these matters will continue to engage the careful attention of the Manager, was read.

4—Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month:

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone: Park Place (sides); Patching: Swindon Road, Larput Place, St. Paul's Road, St. George's Street, High Street. Repaired with Wickwar Stone: Parabola Road, Back of Bayshill Villas ; Patching : Swindon Road. Carlton Street, Prestbury Road. Curbing, Crossing and Flagging : Park Place (proceeding), Victoria Street, Albion Street, Bath Road, St. George's Place, Queen Street, Western Road, St. Peter's Place, Clarence Street, Crescent Terrace, High Street (proceeding), Church Street, Ormond Place, Carlton Street, London Road, Bath Street, Promenade, Montpellier Terrace (proceeding), Whitehart Street, Tewkesbury Road, Swindon Road, Sandford Road, St. George's Road, Cleaveland Street, Townsend Street, Warwick Place, Six Chimney Lane (Tariff), Gloucester Road, Suffolk Square and Place, Dagmar Road, Grove Street (Burial Ground), Glenfall Street (proceeding). Footpaths: Granite: St. George's Road (proceeding), Magenta Place, Montpellier (finished). Gravel : Pittville Circus Road, Lansdown Road (proceeding). Tar Macadam : Colonnade. Ashes: 1,530 Loads collected. Trees: 1 dead cut down in Montpellier Street. Pruning-Trees, Lansdown Road and Place, Queen's Road, Christ Church Road, Malvern Road, Tewkesbury Road, Overton Road, Montpellier Walk, Bayshill Road, Fauconberg Road, Parabola Road, St. George's Road, All Saint's Road, Priory

Street, St. Luke's Road, Dagmar Road, Montpellier Parade and Terrace, Vittoria Walk, Tivoli Place, Imperial Square, and at various private houses.

5—Royal Crescent — A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 28th inst., of the works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. Resolved, That the necessary Plans, Sections, and Estimates be prepared, and Notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be severed, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days ; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

6—Ambrose Street—St. Paul's Road : C. Bailey—A Letter from Mr. C. Bailey, stating that the steam roller had, while repairing the road in Ambrose Street, damaged the stone work and broken his gutter pipe, and calling attention to the fact that the Corporation men had taken up pipes in St. Paul's Road and made the road so hilly at the entrance to his Stores that it cannot be entered without injury to his horses and damage to his vans, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Bailey be informed with regard to Ambrose Street he must complete his crossing, and the margin of the path will be asphalted, and that in St. Paul's Road Mr. Bailey be required to put in either a gulley or a crossing.

7—Mr. Mowatt's Sign Boards at 109, High Street—A Letter from Mr. J. R. Mowatt, stating that he had every wish to comply with the Bye-Laws, but he did not think the sign boards complained of were in contravention thereof, as they do not project beyond his premises, was read. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

8—Pavement in Paragon Terrace—A Letter from the Rev. H. Hall, calling attention to the very bad state of this pavement, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a specification of the necessary works to be done by the abutting owners.

9—Swindon Street—A complaint from Mr. E. Matthews, as to the faulty state of the pavement and guttering in this street, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor be instructed to do what is necessary in the street

10--Lighting of High Street and Winchcomb Street—A Memorial from Messrs. Mallory and others, respectfully requesting the Corporation to continue the new Gas Lamps along the High Street as far as the Belle Vue Hotel; and a Memorial from Messrs. - Drake and others, praying for improved Lighting in Winchcomb Street, and the immediate parts of Albion Street, were read. Resolved, That these matters be adjourned for further consideration.

11—Swindon Road Improvement—A Letter from Mr. J. Davies, asking the Committee to grant him some compensation for the in-convenience he suffers in his business by reason of a portion of the land formerly occupied by him having been used for the construction of a footpath in Swindon Road, was read Resolved, That Mr. Davies be informed the Committee can-not entertain the application.

12-Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that all the signs directed by this Committee's resolution of last month to be removed had been removed, with the exception of those put up by Mr. J. R. Mowatt. He also reported the erection by Mr. G. Chew, at Brunswick Buildings, Bath Road,

of a sign board in contravention of the Bye-laws. The Committee, having inspected the latter, decided that the sign projects only over private ground.

13—Obstructions at Butcher's Shops—The Street Inspector reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee, he had served several of the butchers in Winchcomb Street with notices respecting the placing of meat outside their shops to the annoyance of passers-by, and he had to state that since the service of the notices nothing had been put out at these shops to obstruct or incommode passers on the footpath.

14—Todd—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the bill of costs incurred in the matter of the ejection of Wm. Todd from the house at the Central Depot, as taxed by the Registrar, amounting to £19 2s 6d, Resolved, That Mr. Todd be required to pay the amount of the costs out of pocket, viz., £9 3s 6d

15—Fountain at Westall Green —The Committee having viewed the suggested site for this Fountain, Resolved That the large lamp at the West corner of the Green be removed to the centre at the junction of the roads, that the Cattle Trough be placed in the position shewn on the plan laid before the Committee, and that the Drinking Fountain be erected at the apex of the Green ; also that two of the ordinary lamps be removed.

16— Lighting of Hales Road—Cockrell and others—On the application of Mr. Cockrell and others, Resolved, That the two lamps to be removed from Westal Green be placed on the West side of Hales Road in positions to be fixed by the Surveyor. Numbering of Houses Resolved, That the Surveyor be instructed to re-number Carlton Street, Priory Street, and Windsor Street

18 - New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted notices and plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect new buildings all of which were approved, viz., St. James' School Committee, Additions to Schools in Union Street, Mr. Joseph Betteridge cottage in Hester's Way Road ; Mr. W. J. Dick, house in Fairmont Road, St. Mark's; Mrs. Gilmore additions to Marlboro' House, Montpellier ; Lieut.-Col. Rogers, Drill Hall, Swindon Road. The Surveyor also submitted amended plan from Mr. H. W. Holliday for alteration to shops in Pittville Street, which was disapproved.

W. SIMMS BULL,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of July, 1891—Present: Councillors Darby. Hands, King, Neale, Norman, and Parsonage (Councillor Norman in the chair-

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Norman was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2— Houses without a Proper Supply of Water —A Report from the Surveyor of date the 28th inst., that the Houses mentioned therein are without a proper supply of water, and that such supply can

be readily obtained from the Corporation Mains at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Local Act in force within the Borough, was read. Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the houses in question, requiring them to obtain a supply and do all such works as may be necessary for that purpose.

3 — Water Supply to Houses—Orders not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of houses, the owners of which had not complied with the Order to lay on a proper supply of water. Resolved, That Notices in those cases be given to close the wells and the necessary proceedings be taken to enforce compliance with the notices in case of default.

4--Norman and others —Lime Kiln near Ewlyn Road—A Memorial from Mr. Alfred Norman and others, complaining of a nuisance arising from noxious odours and dense volumes of smoke caused by the burning of slack coal and scavenger's refuse in this Lime Kiln, worked by Miss Weaver, and the deposit of the said refuse, was read, and referred to the Medical Officer of Health to report thereon.

5—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there had been 6 cases of Scarlatina and 1 of Diphtheria during the month.

6 — Hayward's Lane, Charlton Kings —A Letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Local Board, forwarding extract from the Report of their Medical Officer of Health, reporting the deposit of ashes and decaying vegetable refuse in this road, and pronouncing it to be a nuisance dangerous to health, and stating that the Board were informed that the refuse was de-positied by the scavengers of the Town Council, and requesting the Council to discontinue the practice and cause the offensive matter to be removed, was read. And the Borough Surveyor having reported that no ashes or refuse had been deposited there by the Council for some months past, Resolved, That Mr. Gabb be so informed, and furthermore that the Committee had been informed that refuse had been recently deposited in the road by the Local Board's Contractor for removal of scavenger's refuse.

7—Daft's Cottages, St. Mark's Place—An application in writing from the Medical Officer of Health stating that the water closets on or appurtenant to the above premises are a nuisance and injurious to health, and Letters of Complaint from one of the tenants, were read. Resolved, That the Surveyor take action under Sec. 41 of the Public Health Act, and if the drains and water closets appear to be in bad condition, that notice be given to the owner of the premises requiring him to do such works as the Surveyor shall specify to be necessary. Also that notice be given to the owner under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring him to provide efficient flushing apparatus and means of ventilation to the water closets connected with the said cottages.

8—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :

Pearce & Sons, Junctions..	..	£4 12 4
Waterworks Department, Maintenance of Cattle Troughs		£1 0 0
“ “ Flushing Sewers	.	£2 13 0
“ “ Water at Urinals		£16 19 0
Thomas Waltham—Hauling		£4 10 0
J. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths ..		£1 0 0
Barron and Son, Disinfectants	..	£9 19 0
Edwin Jones, 4 weeks' wages	..	£5 0 0

Wm. Ursell—Horsing Ambulance	£1 0 0
Medical Officer of Health, Fly Hire ..	£0 15 4
J. P. Harris, Piping, &c., at Manchester Street Urinal	£2 25 9
W. Scammell, Piping ..	£0 8 0
Thornton & Co., Discs .	£0 13 0
Smith, Bros., Wood	£0 14 8
Ditto.. .. .	£2 13 2
Gibbs & Canning, Pipes ..	£13 12 0
G. Hickman, Wood ..	£1 19 7
T W. Harvey, Ironmongery	£0 9 5
W. A. Baker, Repairs	£2 9 4

GEORGE NORMAN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 14th day of July, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Councillors, Heath, Williams and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1 --Councillor Steel's Motion re Water Charges—The Committee considered and discussed with Mr. Councillor Steel, who was present, the several matters brought forward by him at the last Council Meeting relating to the charges for water, and the Committee explained to Mr. Steel the impracticability and inadvisability of making any changes at present in the existing arrangements and charges.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 29th day of July, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Simms Bull, Councillor Darby (The Mayor in the chair)- —

2—Surveyor's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Surveyor was read, as follows:

On the 27th instant the springs supplying the Hewlett Reservoirs were yielding 150 gallons per minute, the average for the past 4 years being 157 gallons per minute ; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 26,064,591 gallons, the average being 27,892,961 gallons.

On the 27th instant the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 23 feet 6 inches, and the contents was 57,288,605 gallons, which gives a storage of 85,181,566 gallons, or 99 days' supply.

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

4—Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of July, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Simms Bull; Councillors King and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that most of the Fire Hydrant Plates and Marks in the South, Middle and West Wards required to be repainted and re-written. Resolved, That the Superintendent be instructed to have such of the Plates and Marks as require it, repainted and re-written.

2— Hackney Carriages—An application from Wm. Philip Jones for a Hackney Carriage License, was read and considered, and a license granted—the carriage to be a landau.

Applications from W. T. Smith for leave to transfer his License No. 2a to another carriage ; from J. Smith for a license to run his brake ; from W. Phelps to be granted License No 94, lately held by James Damrel; and from Charles Cooke for permission to fit to his full licensed open carriage a portable head, were read. Resolved, That Mr. W. T. Smith's application be granted ; that Mr. J. Smith be informed the Council having already declined to grant him a License the Committee can make no recommendation on the subject ; that the License No. 94, referred to by Mr. Phelps has already been granted and there is therefore no vacancy, and that Mr. Cooke be required to furnish the Committee with further particulars of what he proposes to do.

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3— Drivers' Licenses—Resolved, That Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses be granted to Sydney B. Mills, Alfred Watts, Frederick Mace, Alfred Stevens, and Wm. Tarren.

4— Swine Fever— Superintendent McRae reported that George Miles, of Prestbury, had on the 16th instant, been fined £5 and costs for moving pigs from his premises which were a Swine Fever infected area, into the Borough, in contravention of the Swine Fever Order of 1886.

5—Coal and Coke—Resolved, That Tenders for one year's supply of coal, coke, and engine slack, from the sot September next, be advertised for.

6—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

J. Sollars, 5 Week's Wages	£3 15 0
C. Kilbey, Blinds	£10 8 0
W. H. Harling, Surveyor's Rod	£0 8 4
W. A. Baker, Repairs	£0 8 9
Poor Rate on Market	£5 0 0

Poor Rate on Allotment Ground	£6 11 3
Poor Rate on Corporation Properties	£15 12 6
T. W. Harvey, Coal Box	£0 14 0
S. Gould, Sweeping Chimneys	£1 0 0

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 28th day of July 1891—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Norman, King and Drew (Councillor King in the chair)--

1--Swimming Bath—The usual Monthly Report of the Surveyor on the working of the Bath was read. No. of Bathers 12,938.

2--Accounts--The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

Harvey, T. W., Ironmongery	£0 17 6
Wright, F. J., Spirits of Salts	£0 0 8
Diamond Sanitary Laundry Co., Washing Towels	£10 4 10
Norton, H. G. & Co., Wire &c	£0 11 6
Mulcock, Arthur, Ash Stail	£0 4 3

CHAS. W. KING,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of July, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors King, Parsonage and Kite (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Scythes—The Superintendent asked for an order for 2 scythes and he was authorised to procure the same.

2—Rector's and Sexton's Fees, Revision of—This subject was further discussed and the Town Clerk was instructed to ask for an appointment for a conference with the Rector.

3—Designs—The following designs were examined and approved :— Headstones to Arthur C. Pooley. Edith Jeanes, Edward Cornwall, Eliza Ann Cummings, Benjamin Banner, Thos. E. Gandy, Mary Davis, W. L. Bain. Tomb to Arthur H. J. Carroll.

4—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	£13 10 0
Baker, W. A., Repairing Pump	£4 18 7
Kilbey, C., New Blinds ..	£3 0 0
Letheren and Hancock, Repairing Gate	£0 5 6
Williams and Co., Coal ..	£1 17 0
Webb, Bros., Coal ..	£4 0 0
Waterloo Bros. and Layton, Stamping Instruments	£1 3 6
Fisher, Jno., Mole Traps	£0 4 0
Davies, E., Printing	£1 5 0
Prestbury Tythe	£6 5 10

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of July, 1891— Present Alderman Ramsay ; Councillors Kite, Neale, and Parsonage Capt. Welch, R.N., and E. Wethered, Esq. (Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsay in the Chair.)

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month :—

University Press, Oxford ..	1 Pamphlet
Dr. S. T. Pruen	1 Vol.
University Correspondence College	2 Vols.
Mr. C. Roberts	2 Vols.
Dr. Davis ..	1 Vol.
Mr. R. Davis..	1 Vol.
Miss E. Knott ..	2 Vols.
Messrs. Hazel, Watson and Viney ..	1 Vol.

Annual Reports from Libraries at Leicester, Aston, Handsworth, Buxton.

2.-- Technical Instruction—Resolved, That a claim be put in, before the Committee to be appointed for the purpose of considering the application of the grant made by the County Council to the Borough, to a portion of the amount granted, for the purchase of Technical Books.

3---Purchase of Books—Resolved, That the sum of £50 be spent on the purchase of Books for the Lending Library.

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3—Annual Stock-Taking—The Librarian reported that the Annual Stock-Taking had been done without calling in the books, and that all the books could be accounted for. There were, however, two volumes outstanding, not recoverable.

5—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

W. Jones, Wages Account .	£9 12 6
Banks, J. J., Books ..	£0 19 2
Norman, Sawyer & Co., Balance for Catalogues ..	£54 11 0
Tinkler, J., Brushes and Mat Repairs ..	£0 14 0
Gas Co., Coke ..	£0 14 6

ALEX. E. RAMSAY.

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 24th day of July, 1891—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull; Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Norman, Skillicorne, and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Yeomanry Drill Ground—A Letter from Messrs. Ticehurst and Sons, stating that on behalf of Mrs. Bingham they were satisfied with the alterations and the new fence provided at Prestbury Park, in extension of the ground for the use of the Yeomanry, was read, and the Colonel of the Regiment having previously expressed his approval of the same, Resolved, That the sum of £130, voted by this Committee towards the cost of the execution of the Works, be now paid to Mr. Goodwin.

2-Promenade Improvement—The Town Clerk submitted Draft of the forms of Resolutions and Agreements to be submitted to the meeting of owners and occupiers of the houses to which the long garden in the Promenade is appurtenant, to be held on Monday next ; the same were approved.

3 —Marle Hill Estate—Noble, Winterbotham—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee Drafts of the Provisional Contracts herein which had been submitted to and altered by the respective Vendors, and the same having been considered and amended by the Committee, the Town Clerk was directed to forward the same to the respective parties for their approval.

4—Band—Resolved, That the Band do play a selection of sacred music at the Recreation Ground on Sunday, the 9th of August, from 3 to 5 p.m.

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 27th day of July, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Alderman Simms Bull; Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Norman and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the Chair)

1- Promenade Improvement—The Committee met and attended the Meeting of the Owners and occupiers of the houses in the Promenade to which the long garden there proposed to be unproved is appurtenant, and there were present at the Meeting the following persons Mr Drake, owner of No. 14 ; Mr. M. P. Hayward, owner of No. 22 ; Rev. J. W. Lace, owner of No. 23 and 25 ; Mr. R. P. Woodman, owner of No 20 and 34 ; Mr. W. Wintle, occupier of No. 23 ; Mr. Jos. Toms, owner of No 32 ; Mr. Chas. Hawker, occupier of No. 19 ; Mr. H. Taylor, owner of No. 26 ; Mr. T. Pealing, owner of

No. 28, and occupier of Nos. 28 and 29 ; Messrs. Young and Gilling representing the owner of No. 29 ; Councillor Waghorne representing the owner of No. 24 ; Mr. Phillott representing Miss C. Nelson, the owner of No. 15.

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The majority of the Meeting were averse to the erection of a Band Stand in the Garden, and the following resolution was proposed and carried by a majority of two thirds of the Owners and Occupiers present. Resolved, That this Meeting consents to the Corporation of the Borough of Cheltenham undertaking the care and management of the Open Space or Garden in front of the houses in the Promenade and appurtenant thereto, subject to the following conditions, namely :— That the Corporation shall by Order of the Council in pursuance of the power vested in them for that purpose by the Cheltenham Improvement Act of 1889, prohibit the admission of the Public to the said Open Space except in the space on the plan thereof coloured brown, such Order not to be deemed to prevent the occupiers of the said houses exercising such rights of entering on and using the said open space or Garden as they have heretofore actually enjoyed, consistent with such care and management and treatment of the said open space as aforesaid, subject also to there being no public entrance to the said space coloured brown from the side of the houses, and also subject to no Band Stand being erected on the said space coloured brown, nor any fixed seats.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 25th day of July, 1891—Present: Alderman Ramsay ; Councillors Hands, Steel and Parsonage (Councillor Hands in the Chair).

1-Local Committees—The Minute Books of the various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That a Summons be issued against the parent of Samuel Mitchell (9), of Carlton Place, in respect of the boy's non-attendance.

2 — Attendance Officers' Reports—The Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers were read.

WILLIAM HANDS.

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 30th day of July, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Darby, Drew, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1-General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst., on the collection of this rate, was read. Amount collected £9455, leaving outstanding £3,465 4s. 2d.

2 —Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts £5999 2s 7d, leaving outstanding £2103 13s 8d

3-Public Library Account —Resolved, That £400 be transferred from the Library Current Account and placed to the credit of the Capital Account.

4—£3,500 Loan—Resolved, That the temporary Loan of £3,500 from the County of Gloucester Bank be, now paid off and the Interest due thereon.

5 —Corporation Stock—Resolved, That the Finance Committee be authorised to temporarily invest any Balances arising from the issue of Corporation Stock, not required for the immediate discharge on payment off of existing liabilities.

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6--ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts and Expenditure, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz :—

RECEIPTS.—

Borough Fund ..	£39 15 8
Public Library—Revenue	£ 8 11 7
Urban Authority—Revenue	£4575 12 2
Burial Board—Revenue	£52 5 9
Water—Revenue	£2473 19 6
Corporation Stock	£1453 17 9

ACCOUNTS NOW TO BE PAID—

Borough Fund ..	£226 8 5
Public Library—Revenue	£70 9 10
Pittville Estate—Capital	£19 19 9
Urban Authority—Revenue	£1868 17 5
Burial Board—Revenue	£81 4 6
Ditto—Capital ..	£ 0 10 0
Street Improvements ..	£197 12 11
Refuse Destructor—Capital ..	£3 6 4
Waterworks—Revenue	£130 2 0
Ditto—Capital	415 19 5

(Annuities and Loans as they fall in).

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK—

In hand last month	£33383 15 11
Received during the month—	
Current Account ..	£8604 2 5
Sinking Fund Account	<u>£59 8 6</u>
	<u>£8663 10 11</u>
	£42047 6 10
Paid during the month	<u>£34015 11 6</u>
In hand	£8031 15 4

Also amount received from County Council re Technical Education, £700

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, September 2nd, 1891.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 7th day of September inst., 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 read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.—Purchase of Recreation Ground on South side of the town. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE.
4. Notices of Motion.
5. To read the following Letters, and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be:

E. Bourne re Oddfellows Church Parade. Baron de Ferrieres re the late Mr. Gwinnett. G. M. Kite, Esq. re Old Church Yard.

Yours faithfully, E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of September, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Simms Bull; Councillors Darby, King, Moles, and Norman, (Councillor King in the chair)--

1—Swimming Bath—The usual Monthly Report of the Surveyor on the working of the Bath was read, shewing an increase of 664 Bathers over the corresponding period of last year. The Surveyor suggested an alteration to the Boilers to enable a steam jet to be used as a furnace blast for the purpose of consuming refuse ashes in the furnaces. Resolved that he be authorised to have the alteration made during the winter

2— Recreation Ground—Councillor Norman laid before the Committee a Letter from Mr. John Lea, offering to the Corporation, at Mr. Norman's request, the option for 3 months from the 29th ult. of purchasing 5a. 1r. 28p. of land belonging to him situate at the back of Naunton Crescent, between Naunton Lane and Tinderbox Row, for the purpose of a Recreation Ground for that part of the town, at the price of £250 an acre. Resolved, That the Land in question be purchased, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board to the necessary Loan.

3 —Maggs—A Letter from the Caretaker of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, applying for 14 days leave of absence, was read. Resolved That it be left to the Chairman to give the required permission at such time as he may think desirable.

CHAS. W. KING,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 7th of September, 1891.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of September, 1891—Present Aldermen Griffiths and Simms Bell; Councillors Darby, Heath, King, Lawrence, and Steel (Alderman Simms Bull in the chair)—

1—Gas Examiner's monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read average illuminating power 16.67 candles. Purity : 10.09 grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

2—Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read : average hourly consumption of gas per lamp, during the month 4.353 cubic feet

3—Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month : 1, burning dimly 2.

4—Surveyor's Monthly Report, Highways —The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month :

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Milsom Street (ends); Vernon Place (private). Patching : Malvern Street, Bath Road, High Street, St. George's Road, Tewkesbury Road, Berkeley Street, St. Luke's Road, Imperial Square, Oriol Road, Manchester Street, Ambrose Street, Tivoli Place, Promenade, Bayshill Road, Suffolk Road, North Street and Place, Western Road, Queens Road, Hatherley Road, Lansdown Place, Montpellier Street, Albert Place, Lansdown Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone: Glendouran Road, Milsom Street. Patching ; Old Bath Road, Bayshill Road (sides), Market Street, St. George's Road, College Road, Vittoria Walk, St. George's Street, Sandford Road, Duke Street, Keynsham Street, Westall Green, Lansdown Crescent.

Curbing, Crossing and Flagging— Park Place (finished), Glenfall Street, Selkirk Street, Sherborne Street, St. George's Road, High Street, Market Street, Bayshill Road, Montpellier Terrace (finished)

Church Street, Lansdown Crescent, Westall Green, All Saints Road, St. Paul's Street N., Albert Street St. Paul's, Vernon Place ; Bayshill Lawn, Fairview Road, Winchcombe Street, Warwick Place. Footpaths (gravel) Lansdown Road, 2,826 square yards ; Ditto (granite) St. George's Road, Majenta Place ; Ditto (Tar) St. Paul's Road, 284 square yards ; Ditto (tariff) Six Chimney Lane, Monson Avenue, Tewkesbury Road, St. Margaret's Road.

Gullies: 2 reconstructed (1 at Westal, 1 at Painswick Lawn.) New Gully Drain (331 yds.) made from Naunton Park Terrace to White Cross Square.

Ashes: 1,604 loads collected.

Trees Pruned : Imperial Square, Oriel Road, Vittoria Walk, Rodney Terrace, St. Luke's Road, College Road, Keynsham Road, Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury Road, High Street, Hewlett Road, Hales Road, King's Road, Carlton Street, Albion Street, Pittville Circus Road, Prestbury Road, All Saints Road, Selkirk Street, Clarence Road, Evesham Road, Cemetery Road, North Place, Montpellier Terrace.

60 Notices served upon private owners to have their trees pruned up, &c.

5—Glendowran Road—The Surveyor reported that the Works ordered in this road had been completed in accordance with his specification at a cost of £87 12s 3d. Resolved, That this sum be apportioned not according to frontage alone but according to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived by the several premises from the works.

6- -- Paragon Terrace—A Specification from the Surveyor, of date the 1st day of September inst., of the Works required to be done to the above street, was read and approved. Resolved that the necessary Plans, Sections, and Estimates be prepared, and Notices be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the Premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said Street, requiring to be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good ; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days; and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

7---Lighting of High Street and Winchcomb Street—Resolved, That this matter be further adjourned.

8—Croat Western Approach Road—Resolved, That the attention of the Great Western Railway Co. be called to the bad state of this road and to the necessity for its being put into a proper state of repair.

9—Telephone Poles on Swindon Road—An application from the Telephone Company for leave to erect poles along the Swindon Road, between Maud's Elm and the Borough Boundary, for the purpose of connecting Cheltenham with Tewkesbury by telephone, and forwarding the usual form of agreement in such cases, was read. Resolved, That the required permission be granted, subject to the poles being painted white to a height of 8 feet from the ground, the agreement to be settled by the Town Clerk

10—Lamps at 123-4, 119a, and 136, High Street—Applications from Messrs. Stead and Simpson for leave to fix 6 window lamps and 2 large six-side lamps at 123 and 124, High Street ; from the Danish Dairy Company for permission to fix 3 lamps at 109a High Street ; and from Messrs. W. & E. Turner

for permission to put lamps outside No. 136, High Street, were read. Resolved, That the required permission be given in all these cases, provided the lamps are kept lighted till midnight, and subject to the right of the Corporation to require their removal if at any time they think fit to do so.

11—Glenfall Street—A letter from Genl. Winson, calling attention to the bad state of this street, was read Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Specification of the necessary works to be done by the owners.

12—Cleveland Passage —A letter from Mr. Mark Williams, applying for a lamp to be placed in this passage, was read. Resolved, That a lamp be erected there as soon as the passage has been asphalted or concreted to the satisfaction of the Surveyor.

13—Electric Light Wires—The Town Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Henry Waghorne, calling his attention to the fact that the two wires carried across the High Street to Bennington Street by him, had been so placed in contravention of Section 78 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, and a letter from Mr. Waghorne regretting the breach of the law, but stating that he was quite unaware of the section referred to, and if the Corporation required him to do so he must take them down, though he desired to point out to them the great misfortune their removal would be to him, and asking the Council to consider the matter, was read. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

14— Pavement in Lansdown Road—A letter from. Mr. Joshua Lane calling attention to the sides of the pavement from Osborne House as far as the paving extends, which Mr. McIlquham, when Surveyor, promised should be asphalted, was read. Resolved, That the sides of the path be asphalted as far as the junction with Christ Church Road.

15—College Lawn Road—A letter from Genl. Williams, drawing attention to the disgraceful condition of College Lawn Road, was read Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up the necessary Specification of Works to be done by the Owners.

16—Pittville Villas—A letter from Mrs. Mawer, stating that much inconvenience is caused by reason of the name " Pittville Villas" not being placarded at either end of the houses in question, was read. Resolved, That Mrs. Mawer be informed this is a matter which devolves upon the Owners and not upon the Corporation, the road in which the Villas are situate being already named.

17—Fountain at Westal Green —A letter from the Misses Whish, stating that the swarms of boys and girls that invade this fountain are already doing harm, both cups having been chipped, doubtless by being roughly swung about and knocked against the basins, and they also overflow and waste the water, and expressing a hope that something might be done for the protection of ; and a letter from Admiral Christian (in reply to one from the Town Clerk) promising to instruct the Constables on that beat-to keep an eye on the fountain, with the Town Clerk's reply to the Misses Whish, were read. Resolved, That the Boroughs Surveyor be instructed to confer with Mr. Wall as to the best means to be adopted to prevent damage to the fountain, also Resolved, That the Surveyor be authorised to enclose the open space at Westal Green with a loose railing, and plant the same.

18-Sandford Road—Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Specification of Works to be done to the footpath abutting on No. 1, College Lawn, Christowe, and Teighmore, by the Owners, the path to be bordered, channelled and concreted.

19— Colonnade Improvement—Cockrell—A Letter from Mr. Cockrell, calling attention to the state of the open space at the back of his premises, as owing to the earth, &c. not being cleared away the water works through the basement and is calculated to do him much damage, was read, and also the reply of the Town Clerk stating that he supposed the accumulation complained of was caused by the building operations of Mr. Cockrell and Georges Limited, and should therefore be removed by him or them. The Town Clerk's reply was approved.

A Letter from Messrs. Winterbotham and Gurney, stating that the amount between the parties is about £40, but in pursuance of a conversation between them and the Town Clerk they had seen Mr. Cockrell, and he would pay £30 if the matter could be completed at once without any further hitch and that they trusted the Committee would accept this, was read. Resolved, That the matter be left in the hands of the Town Clerk to settle.

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20—New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect New Buildings, all of which were approved, viz.:—

Mr. James Burns for Additions to Cambridge House.

Mr. T. Steel for Additions to Sydney Villa and Clare Villa.

Mr. A. Smith for Addition to House in Gratton Terrace.

Cheltenham District of Oddfellows for Alteration of York Rooms. [E. Bourne]

Messrs. Ride and Co. for a Shop, Office and Corn Store in Winchcomb Street.

Mr. Jno. Baker for a Villa in Malvern Road,

Cavendish House Co. for New Coal Plate in County Court Street,

J. B. Winterbotham Esq. for Alteration to Cranley Lodge.

The Surveyor also submitted an Amended Plan from Mr. H. W. Holliday for Alteration to Shops in Pittville Street, which was approved subject to some alterations being made therein to the satisfaction of the Surveyor. Resolved, That the Surveyor do give Notice to all persons who have commenced building or have built without depositing Plans as required by the Bye Laws, to send in plans forthwith.

W. SIMMS BULL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of September, 1891—Present Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Darby. Hands, King, Neale, and Norman, (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

1—Dairies and Cowsheds Order - Applications from the following persons to be registered as Purveyors of Milk. together with the reports of the Inspector of the Inspector of Nuisances thereon was read, viz H. Hayward, at 1. Clare Place, and Wm. Burrows, at 4, Fairview Road. Resolved, That H. Hayward be not registered and that Wm. Burrows be registered.

2— Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of cases of Zymotic Disease which had occurred during the month, viz., Enteric Fever 2 ; Scarlatina 5.

3—Houses without a Proper Supply of Water—It appearing from the Report from the Surveyor, now read, that the Houses mentioned therein are without a proper supply of water, and that such supply can be readily obtained from the Corporation Mains at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That Notices be given under Sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the houses in question, requiring them to obtain such supply and do all such works as may be necessary for that purpose, except in the case of the Steam Laundry in St. George's Street, belonging to the Original Brewery Company, who have now made application for the Corporation Water to be laid on.

4—Limekiln near Ewlyn Road —The Medical Officer of Heath reported that in compliance with the instructions of the Committee he had inspected the above limekiln on the 4th ult., and did not perceive any offensive odour arising therefrom, although at the time the kiln was burning, that he observed a heap of cinders evidently collected from ashbins, close to the kiln, used for stacking the fires, and this the parties had promised to have removed ; further that there was a very offensive odour emanating from pigstyes in the vicinity of the limekiln, and that Notices had been served upon the Owners and the pigs removed.

5-Fellmonger's Yard—Millbrook Street—A Report of the Medical Officer of Health, calling attention to the pollution of the Chelt by the washing of skins at the Fellmonger's Yard in Millbrook Street, was read. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against the occupier of the yard under Sec. 39 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852.

6 - Cleveland Passage—Resolved, That Notice be given to Mr. Mark Williams, or other the owner of this property, to provide flushing boxes and a supply of water to the water closets.

7—Abattoir—A Letter from the Local Government Board, stating that they had cancelled their sanction in respect of a Loan of Lasso in this matter, and forwarding a new sanction for £2,500 for the purpose, was read.

8-Hatherley Brook—A Letter from Mr. C. Daft, complaining of the pollution of this brook near his property at St. Mark's was read, and the Surveyor was directed to give the matter his attention.

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9—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

Delancey Hospital ..	£40 15 6
Thomas Bros., Disinfectants ..	£ 0 12 10
J. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths ..	£ 0 13 10
E. Jones, Salary ..	£ 6 5 0
Wm. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance	£ 1 5 0

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of September, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Simms Bull; Councillors Heath and King (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Surveyor's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Surveyor was read, as follows: On the 31st ult. the springs supplying the Hewletts Reservoir were yielding 407 gallons per minute the average for the last four years being 221 gallons and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 21,499,974 gallons, the average being 26,550,218 gallons.

On the 31st ult, the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 27 feet 9 inches, and the contents 75,404,246 gallons, or 118 days' supply.

On the 12th August the Boilers at Tewkesbury were examined by an Inspector of the Boiler Insurance Society, and he reports that the plates are slightly pitted in No 2 Boiler, but otherwise in good condition.

Mr. Baker, the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, having called my attention to the insufficient number of Hydrants in some streets, I have examined them, and find that to properly protect the following streets about 48 additional hydrants will be required. In many of the streets there are no hydrants or other means of extinguishing fire—Naunton Park Terrace 2 ; Whitecross Square 1 ; Naunton Crescent 4; Exmouth Street 2 ; Francis Street 2 ; Bath Terrace 1 ; Christ Church Road 4 ; Overton Road 4 ; Malvern Road 3 ; Western Road 2 ; Great Western Road 3 ; Great Western Terrace 2 ; Millbrook Street 3 ; the whole of Fairview District, viz., Union Street 2; Jersey Street 1 ; Columbia Street 2 ; &c. Alexandra Street 2; Dagmar Road 1 ; Oakfield Street 2; St. Stephen's Road 2 ; Cleeve Road 2 ; Pittville Crescent 1.

I visited the Tewkesbury Works yesterday, and had an interview with Mrs. Smith, the widow of the late tenant of land adjoining the works. the rent (£24 per annum) is six months in arrear, and another quarter will be due on September 29th There is a small stack of hay on the ground which she estimates to weigh 7 to 8 tons, but which is unthatched. It is in good condition now. Probably at £2 10s per ton it would be sufficient to pay all the half-year's rent, and might pay something towards this quarter.

She also says that the quantity of land is over estimated, and wishes for a reduction in the rent. She is willing to pay £3 per acres. The area is 6 acres.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor do arrange with Mrs. Smith to take the rick of hay off her hands in liquidation of the debt, and that the rental in future be £20 instead of £24.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 31st day of August, 1891---Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Griffith and Simms-Bull Councillors Darby and Heath, (Councillor Heath in the chair)—

1 —Fire Brigade—The Superintendent having applied for ten days leave of absence. Resolved, That he be allowed same, subject to his making satisfactory arrangements with regard to the Brigade during his absence.

2 — Hackney Carriages—An application from Mr. C. W. Martin for an Hackney Carriage License, was read and refused. A letter from Wm. Phelps, requesting permission to change his Hackney Carriage No 20 during the repair thereof, was read and permission granted for one month.

3—Omnibuses—An application from the Cheltenham Omnibus Co. for a License for a new Omnibus, intended to run between the Ladies' College and Southam, was read. Resolved, That a License be granted.

4—Wheel Chairs—An application from Chas. Melbourne for a Wheel Chair License, was read and granted. An application from Benjamin Morgan for leave to change his Wheel Chair for a superior one, was read, and permission granted subject to the new vehicle being approved by the Inspector.

5 --Tenders for Coal—Resolved, That the Finance Committee be requested to open and examine these Tenders at their meeting on Thursday next.

6—Account--The following Account was examined and allowed :—

British Window Cleaning Co cleaning windows at Municipal Offices July and August £2 0 0

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of September, 1891 --Present: The Mayor; Alderman Simms Bull; Councillors Darby, King, Isten, and Norman, (Councillor King in the chair)--

1—Swimming Bath—The usual Monthly Report of the Surveyor on the working of the Bath was read, shewing an increase of 554 Bathers over the corresponding period of last year. The Surveyor suggested an alteration to the Boilers to enable a steam jet to be used as a furnace blast for the purpose of consuming refuse ashes in the furnaces. Resolved that he be authorised to have the alteration made during the winter.

2—Recreation Ground—Councillor Norman laid before the Committee a Letter from Mr. John Lea, offering to the Corporation, at Mr. Norman's request, the option for 3 months from the 29th ult. of purchasing 5a. 1r. 28p. of land belonging to him situate at the back of Naunton Crescent, between Naunton Lane and Tinderbox Row, for the purpose of a Recreation Ground for that part of the town,

at the price of £250 an acre. Resolved, That the Land in question be purchased, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board to the necessary Loan.

3—Maggs—A Letter from the Caretaker of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, applying for 14 days leave of absence, was read. Resolved That it be left to the Chairman to give the required permission at such time as he may think desirable

CHAS. W. KING,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 31st day of August, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Councillors Kite Steel, Moles and Williams (Councillor Williams in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of Councillor Parsonage, Councillor Williams was appointed Chairman of this meeting.

2— Designs—The following designs were examined and approved :—Tomb to Chas. Thompson Dealtry. Headstones to Fredk. Brathwaite, Agnes Laura Bastin, James Franklin, Mary Roberts and Margaret Julia Whittle.

3—Sectional Pegs—The Surveyor was instructed to procure gross of these pegs according to the pattern submitted by him.

4—Rector's and Sexton's Fees—The Town Clerk reported that Councillors Parsonage and Steel and himself had had a Conference with the Rector as arranged at the last meeting of this Committee, on the subject of his Fees and the appointment of a Sexton. It was suggested to him that his fees should not be interfered with, he on his part making no appointment of a Sexton, leaving the Sexton's duties to be performed by the Officer of the Board. This appeared to meet with the Rector's approval, subject to an arrangement being made for the collection of his fees. Letters from Canon Bell to the Town Clerk and Councillor Parsonage with respect to the collections of his fees, and stating that he would gain nothing by giving up the appointment of Sexton, and suggesting that the Board should give him £300 per annum and take upon itself the receipt and collection of his fees, were read. Resolved, That the further consideration of the subject be adjourned

4—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

Wm. Balcomb, Repairs to Pump ..	£0 3 6
J. Fisher, 2 Scythes ..	£0 7 0
Ditto 2 pair Garden Shears.. .	£0 6 6
W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages .. .	£10 16 0

CHAS. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday the 28th day of August, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Sir A. Ramsay; Councillors Neale, and Skillicorne ; E. Wethered, Esq. (Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsay in the Chair.)

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month :—

Major General Sir C. Ashburnham	1vol.
Secretary of the Swedenborg Society ..	1 pamphlet
Agent General for Tasmania .	1 vol.
Miss C. Ker 09 vols. Institute of Civil Engineers	1 vol.
Cobden Club ..	6 pamphlets
Annual Reports from the Libraries at Glasgow, Newport and Wednesbury.	

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended that two Desks be provided and fixed in the Lending Department for the M.S. Catalogues of additions, at a cost of 16s. Also that the Librarian be authorised to attend the Conference of Librarians to be held at Nottingham from the 16th to the 18th September. the Sub-Committee be adopted.

3---Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

J. N. Nadin & Co., Coal	£1 17 0
Jas. Webb, Books ..	£1 7 0
Wm. Norton, Books ..	£3 0 3
John W. Pink, Books ..	£2 13 3
Chas. Lowe, Books ..	£0 5 6
Bryant & Co., Uniform for Caretaker	£5 9 6
F. W. Mitchell, Cleaning Materials.	£0 6 9
W. Jones, Wages Account ..	£7 14 0
W. T. Cossens, Newspapers ..	£7 14 1
“ Magazines	£2 0 6
“ Books ..	£0 4 0

ALEX. E. RAMSAY,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 28th day of August, 1891—Present The Mayor; Alderman Simms-Bull; Councillors Heath, Lawrence, Norman and Skillicorne, (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)-

1—Montpellier Gardens—A letter from Mr. G. H. Williams, Secretary of the Montpellier Gardens Co., stating that his Directors would be willing to recommend the Shareholders to sell the Gardens with the rights belonging thereto, for the sum of £8,000 was read. Resolved, That the Directors be thanked for their reply, and that the further consideration thereof be adjourned, and that in the meantime the Secretary be requested to furnish the Town Clerk with particulars of the rights appertaining to the Gardens, particularly the Mineral Wells and Mineral Water rights.

2— Winter Garden—Resolved, That the Town Clerk do write to the Proprietors of the Winter Gardens, and ask them at what price they would be prepared to sell the Winter Garden property to the Corporation.

3—Town Committee —A letter from the Secretary to the Town Committee, asking to be paid the sums of £25, voted by the Council to that Committee in April last, was read. Resolved, That the same be now paid.

4—Pittville and Marle Hill—A letter from Mr. Noble's Solicitor, suggesting the addition to the Draft Contract of a covenant on the part of the Corporation, not to do or permit anything that might be an annoyance to the owners of the Marle Hill Estate, was read. Resolved, That the Committee cannot assent to such a covenant which they consider is unnecessary and undesirable, and that the Town Clerk do so inform Messrs. Morgan, stating the reasons of the Committee for their objection.

4-Pittville Estate—Byelaws—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Draft of these Bye Laws received from the Local Government Board, with certain alterations, which were considered and re-altered in some instances, and the Town Clerk was directed to return the Draft as altered with a statement of the reasons for such re-alterations.

6-Old Cemetery—A letter from Canon Bell, asking for a grant towards the expenses of the laying out and adapting this Cemetery for the use thereof as an open space by the poor of the neighbourhood, was read. Resolved, That a grant of £10 be made.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 4th day of September, 1891—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and : Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Norman, Waghorne, and W. Heath (Councillor Waghorne ;n the chair)—

7—Pittville and Marle Hill-Noble—A letter from Mr. Noble's Solicitors stating that it was provided in the preliminary agreement that there should be no bathing in the Lake, and that it did not appear to be known where the drains from Marle Hill House run to, and that Mr. Noble would not bind himself to divert any existing drains, but would covenant not to commit any nuisance, was read. Resolved, That Messrs. Morgan be informed that they are in error in supposing that anything about bathing in the Lake was said in the preliminary Agreement, and that the Draft Agreement must stand as drawn in this respect. Also that the Clause as to the drains from Marle Hill House, &c. (if any) communicating with the Lake or stream be altered by giving the Corporation power to cut off and stop up any drains other than those for land drainage communicating with the stream or Lake.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 15th day of August, 1891—Present: Councillors Darby, Drew and Lawrence (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)—

1. Corporation Stock—A Letter from the Manager of the National Provincial Bank of England stating that the Secretary of the Stock Exchange required a Resolution of the Finance Committee of the Council or the Council that the present issue of Stock is within the statutory borrowing powers of the Corporation, referred to in Sec. 133 of the Improvement Act of 1889, was read. Resolved, That the Secretary of the Stock Exchange be informed that the present issue of £375,000 Corporation Stock under and by virtue of the provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, is within statutory borrowing powers of the Corporation mentioned and referred to in Sec. 133 of the said Act.

2—Corporation Stock—The County of Gloucester Bank having intimated that they would be prepared to accept payment of the sum of £30,000 due on their Debentures on the 29th August just [??] Resolved, That the above amount be paid, and that any balance of the amount now in the Treasurer's hands not required for immediate payment of those or other Debentures be placed on deposit account by the Treasurer, at his bankers, at 2 ½ per cent.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 3rd day of September, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Simms-; Councillors Darby, Drew, Lawrence, and Kite (Councillor Darby in the Chair.)

3—Sewage Farm Loans—£5,000—Brydges and Croker—A letter from Messrs. Brydges and Mellersh informing the Council that the Rev. R. Croker, who was entitled to the interest on the above sum for his life, had died since they wrote to the Council, and that the £5,000 is required for division amongst the Beneficiaries ; that under these circumstances their clients are un-able to accept the reduced rate of interest, and will require payment off at the expiration of six months, but they would be glad to receive the money as soon as the Corporation are prepared to pay them off, was read. Resolved, That the amount of the Mortgage be at once paid off, and that the question of re-borrowing the money be adjourned.

4 —General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 3rd inst., on the collection of this rate, was read. Amount collected £11,620, leaving outstanding £1,300 4s. 2d.

5—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 3rd inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts £7451 12s 2d, leaving outstanding £853 10s 1d

6—Coal—The several Tenders for Coal and Slack sent in in response to the advertisement were opened and examined. Resolved, That the following Tenders be accepted for a twelve month's supply, from the 1st inst., viz.:—

Jordan and Co., Best Aberdare Smokeless Steam Coal-19s 3d per ton. For the Steam Roller
Voile and Co., Engine Slack .. 7s 6d per ton "

“ Moira” Coal., . . . 19s 6d per ton For Municipal Offices

A H. Nott, Whateley Lumps .. 18s 6d per ton For the Library Caretaker, Cemetery Lodge, Central Depot, and Dowdeswell Lodge.

The two last named Tenders to be accepted subject to the samples being burned and found satisfactory.

7—ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts and Expenditure, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz :—

RECEIPTS. -

Borough Fund ..	..	£1034 1 2
Public Library—Revenue	..	£57 12 6
Urban Authority—Revenue	. ..	£2298 8 6
Burial Board—Revenue	..	£44 19 1
Water—Revenue	..	£1462 13 3
Corporation Stock	..	£70500 0 0

ACCOUNTS NOW TO SE PAID—

Borough Fund ..	£320 14 5
Public Library—Revenue	£36 14 4
Urban Authority—Revenue	£2594 16 1
Burial Board—Revenue	£12 8 4
Street Improvements ..	£402 17 9
Refuse Destructor—Capital	£3 15 0
Waterworks—Revenue	£107 14 1
Ditto —Capital ..	£44 10 8
Corporation Stock (Stamp Duty)	£22 16 5

(Annuities and Loans as they fall in).

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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK—

In hand last month ..	£8031 15 4
Received during the month ..	<u>£75397 14 6</u>
	£83429 9 10
Paid during the month	<u>£48757 18 2</u>
Balances	£34671 11 8

To credit of General and Interest	
Accounts	£32520 19 11
Sinking Funds ..	<u>£2150 11 9</u>
	£34671 11 8
Also re Technical Education	£700 0 0

J. T. DARBY,
Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, September 18th, 1891.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of September inst., 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 Technical Education Committee.

The General Purposes and Watch Committee.

The Town Improvement Committee.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday, the 22nd of September, 1891.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of September, 1891,—Present The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Ramsay ; Councillors Lawrence, Lenthall, Norman and Kite (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Chairman— The Mayor was appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2-Technical Education Grant—The following applications for a portion of the grant for Technical Education made by the County Council, were read and considered.

Charlton Kings School of Art, in connection with the Science and Art Department, held at the Charlton Kings Working Men's Institute.

Parish Church Girls' School.

School of Art, Cheltenham, in connection with Science and Art Department.

Devonshire Street Schools.

British Schools.

Young Womens' Institute, 24, Cambray.

School of Science and Technical School in connection with the Science and Art Department.

Prestbury National School.

Cheltenham Grammar School.

Working Men's College.

Public Library.

Resolved, That a Conference with three representatives of the Committees of the Public Library and the Schools of Art and Science be invited to consider the advisability of combining these Institutions in one organisation for the purpose of application of the grant for Technical Education, or such part thereof as this Committee shall fix.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 18th day of September, 1891,—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Ramsay ; Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Norman, Skillicorne and Lenthall (Tire Mayor in the chair)-

3-Technical Education Grant---The following gentlemen representing the School of Science attended this Meeting of the Committee, viz Dr Cullen, Mr. Wethered and Mr. Montagnon.

The following gentlemen representing the School of Art attended this Meeting of the Committee, viz : Mr C. Wilson and the Rev. E. Cornford.

The subject having been fully discussed and considered, It was Resolved, That the Committee do not consider it expedient that the Corporation should take over the management of the Schools of Science and Art.

It was further Resolved, That the amount received and to be received from the County Council, amounting to £760, be allocated and disposed of as follows, viz :

To the School of Science the sum of £360.

To the School of Art the sum of £200

To a School of Cookery, as soon as a satisfactory scheme for the establishment of such a School has been submitted to and approved by this Committee, the sum of £100.

To the Public Library the sum of £40, and a further sum of £60 as and when the same is received from the County Council, for the purchase of Technical Books and publications.

Resolved further, That the representatives of the Corporation on the several Committees of the Schools of Science and Art and on the Committee of the School of Cookery when established, until the 9th November next, be the Members of this Committee.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, had on Saturday, the 19th day of September, 1891—Present: Alderman Griffith; Councillors Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—Chairman,

In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Waghorne was appointed chairman of this Meeting.

1 - New Theatre—A Letter from the Chief Constable Admiral Christian to the Town Clerk requesting the issue of some regulations on the subject of the traffic to and from the New Theatre in time for the opening thereof on the 1st prox., and stating that he had directed Superintendent McRae to see the Town Clerk on the matter, was read.—Superintendent McRae attended this Meeting of the Committee. Resolved, That the following Regulations as to the routes to be taken by the drivers of all carriages conveying persons to or from the Theatre and as to carriages waiting be observed, and that the following Order be accordingly made under Sec. 21 of the Police Clauses Act, 1847 :—

" Carriages to go to the Theatre both for setting down and taking up by way of Ormond Place or by way of Rodney " Road and Ormond Terrace.

" Carriages to go from the Theatre by way of County Court Road or by way of Regent Street to High Street.

"Carriages waiting to stand South of the Theatre on either side with the horses to the High Street.

" No carriage will be allowed to go to the Theatre by way of County Court Road or the High Street end of Regent" Street.

Resolved also, That the Police Constables be and they are duly authorised to give directions under Bye Law No. 6 of the Hackney Carriage Bye Laws for the purposes thereof.

Resolved, That Public Notice be given of the foregoing Order and Resolutions.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 16th day of September, 1891—Present; Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Drew. Wm. Heath, Norman, Skillicorne and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)

1—Noble—Marle Hill Estate—A Letter from Messrs Morgan and Company, Mr. Noble's Solicitors, in reply to the Resolution of this Committee of date the 4th inst., stating that as regards the right of bathing in the Lake, they thought the Corporation must have something in contemplation which would be detrimental to their client's property, and that if such was the case, they could not advise Mr. Noble to consent, was read. Resolved, That Messrs Morgan and Co. be informu4 that the Corporation have nothing of the kind in their mind, and that the Draft Agreement must stand as drawn in this respect.

2 —Pittville Estate—Automatic Sweet Meat Machines—A Letter from Mr. J. E. Combe, referring to his letter requesting permission to fix some Automatic Sweet Boxes in the Gardens and offering a rental of £1 per machine for the same, was read, and the further consideration thereof adjourned.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, September 30th, 1891.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and A ding as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 5th day of October next., 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 read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE.
4. Councillor Williams:- To bring forward the present arrangement for the conduct of the business of the Town Council, as concerns the Town Clerk, and to move that an arrangement be made that he devote his whole time to the duties of his office.
5. Notices of Motion.
6. To read Memorials and Letters, and Pas Resolutions thereon, if need be:

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 5th of October, 1891.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of September, 1891,—Present: Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Darby, Heath, King, Steel, and Lawrence (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Darby was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2 —Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read : Average Illuminating Power, 16.39 candles. Purity, no completed tests.

3—Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read: Average hourly consumption of Gas per lamp during the month, 4.244 cubic feet.

4 — Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month : 6, (including 1 metered), burning dimly 19. Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Company be called to the fact that several of the large lamps have been observed to burn dimly, and the Council hope that whenever this occurs the Company will have the lamps looked to the same evening.

5—Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month :

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Gloucester Road (Proceeding), Montpellier Walk (proceeding), Westall Green.

Patching--High Street, Great Norwood Street, Clarence Street, Lansdown Parade, Rodney Road, Spa Buildings, Imperial Square, Painswick Lawn, Tewkesbury Road, Alstone Lane, Henrietta Street, Dunalley Parade, Great Western Road, Bath Road, St. George's Road, Suffolk Road, Badgeworth Road.

Repaired with Gore Stone—Gloucester Road (from Midland Station to Lansdown Castle), proceeding.

Patching—Lansdown Road.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—St. George's Road (side), Bayshill Road (side).

Patching—Cleeve Road, Swindon Road, Tivoli Street, Francis Street, Naunton Lane, Western Road, Back of Queen's Parade, Suffolk Parade, Hewlett Road, Clarence Parade, Sandfield Road, Hatherley Road.

Footpaths (Asphalte)—Lansdown Road, High Street, Rodney Road, Vernon Place (Private Improvement), Trafalgar Street, Naunton Lane (channel).

Crossings (Tar)—Gordon Lamp and Sandford Street.

Footpaths (Granite) -- Colonnade.

(Tariff)—Bayshill Road, Great Norwood Street, Painswick Lawn, Trafalgar Street, Tewkesbury Road, Swindon Road, Whitehart Street, St. Paul's Road.

Gullies Re-constructed—Jersey Street (1), Parabola Road (1), St. Paul's Road (1), Gloucester Place (1), Montpellier Street (1), Montpellier Walk (1), Bath Road (2), St. George's Road (1), Tewkesbury Road (1), Stanhope Street (2).

Ashes Collected-1,382 Loads.

Curbing, Crossing and Flagging—High Street, Victoria Street (St. Paul's), Promenade, Swindon Road, Bayshill Road, Parabola Road, Regent Street, Albert Street (St. Peter's), Prestbury Road, St. James' Square, Clarence Street Selkirk Street, Lansdown Road and Place, Overton Road, Sandford Street, Albert Street, (St. Paul's), Winchcombe Street, Granville Street, Imperial Square, Henrietta Street, County Court Road, Warwick Place, North Street, Rodney Road, Vernon Place (Private Improvement), St. Paul's Road, St. Luke's Terrace, Andover Place (proceeding).

Trees—Twelve dead ones cut down at Recreation Ground. The following had to be cut down owing to the damage done to them during the late gale: 2 Gloucester Road, 3 St. George's Road, 1 Christ Church Road, 1 Bayshill Maul, 2 Promenade, 2 Keynsham Road, 2 College Road, 1 High Street, 1 Priory Street, 2 Hewlett Road, 3 Tewkesbury Road, 1 Monson Avenue, 1 Cleeve Road.

Private Trees Pruned—The Beeches ; 13, Suffolk Square ; 1, Northwick Terrace ; 13, Cambray Place ; Oriel House, 2, Lypiatt Terrace ; Raynsford ; Bicknor.

6—College Lawn Road—A letter from Mr. G. W. Sadler, adverting to the instructions given to the Surveyor to prepare a Specification for the repair of this road by the owners, and stating that last year the road was repaired at a very heavy cost, and he was not aware of any complaint from a single owner since that time ; that he found no ruts or holes in the surface of the road, which would compare favourably with other private roads in the Borough, and he, therefore, most respectfully submitted that this road is not in a state at the present time to require the application of the Compulsory Clauses, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Sadler be asked if he will consent to its being declared a highway, and in that case the Surveyor do bring up a Specification accordingly, otherwise the ordinary Specification for its repair as a private road be brought up. —

7—Glenfall Street—Sandford Road—Specifications from the Surveyor, of date the 29th day of September inst., of works required to be done to the above streets, were read and approved. Resolved, That Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said streets requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, flagged, and channelled ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act.

8—Lighting in High Street and Winchcomb Street—Resolved, That in both these cases the Memorialists be informed the Committee cannot make any recommendation on the subject pending the action of the Council with regard to the Electric Lighting.

9—Electric Light Wires—Waghorne—Resolved, That Mr. Waghorne be informed the Council must reserve to themselves the right to require the removal of these wires at any time.

10— Well Place—A Letter from Miss Henry, requesting the Corporation to fulfil their promise to put the above road in proper order, was read. Resolved, That Miss Henry be informed that Notices have been given to the abutting owners to repair the road, and that the work would have been proceeded with but for difficulties in obtaining the material.

11—Alexandra Street —A Letter from Mr. George Lanwarn, stating that he was willing. in conjunction with the other owners, to pay the apportioned amount of expenses for the repair of this road on condition the Corporation takes it over as a public road, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Lanwarn be informed that the road will be declared a highway as soon as the abutting owners have paid the sums due from them. The Surveyor laid before the Committee an amended apportionment in respect of Nos. 11 and 12, Alexandra Villas and Nos. 13 to 17, Princes Terrace, and the same was approved.

Resolved, That an allowance be made to the owners of Nos. 16 and 17, Princes Terrace and No. 1, Cyprus Terrace, to be settled by the Borough Surveyor and the Town Clerk.

12-Fence along Chelt Bank—A Letter from the Rev. W. Nevins, stating that great annoyance had been caused to him for many weeks past, by reason of the non-repair of the fence by the side of the river Chelt, that since the fence has been broken down the bank is never free from rude boys whose language and conduct make his garden which extends to the brook quite unfit for use and who get across into and pilfer the gardens, was read. Resolved, That the necessary repairs be done to the fence and the footpath.

13- Lighting of Brighton Road—A Letter from Mr. James Moss, asking for additional lighting in this road, was read. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend another lamp to be placed there at present.

14—Fountain at Westal Green—A Letter front the Misses Whish, confirming their gift of the Fountain to the Town, and thanking the Council for the grant of a good site and a constant supply of water, also for the promised protection of a railing round it and the supervision of the Police, and stating that as soon as the photographs of the Fountain are ready, they will have the pleasure of asking the Council to accept one to hang in the Municipal Offices was read. Resolved, That the best thanks of the Council be given to the Misses Whish for their generous gift. A further letter seas received front the Misses Whish stating that they had begged the managers of Christ Church and St. Stephen's Schools to warn the children against damaging the fountain and they intended also to write to the Superintendent of the Gordon Brigade and the Mistress of Glyngarth School, but something more stringent seemed necessary, and they desired to know if it were possible to fix a warning notice on the nearest tree Resolved, That a Notice be put up as suggested.

15-Destructor Siding —The Town Clerk reported that he had written several letters to the Midland Railway Company, urging this matter forward, and a Letter from the General Manager, stating that

he had already communicated with the Company's Solicitors, who informed him they had prepared the Draft Agreement, and sent it to the Midland and South Western Junction Company, they being necessarily parties thereto, and he had asked them to press the matter forward with the Midland and South-Western Junction Co., was read Resolved that the Town Clerk do insist on the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Company settling the matter of the siding and also the completion of the purchase

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16—Trees—Several Letters relating to the Trees in different parts of the Town were read, and referred to the Tree Sub-Committee to view and report, the Sub-Committee having arranged to meet on Friday next.

17—Montpellier Grove—A Memorial from Miss Wynniatt and others, praying for the removal of every alternate tree in Montpellier Grove, for the benefit of the health of the inhabitants, was read. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed the trees in question appear to be private property, but if they will obtain the consent of the Owners to the removal of some of them, the Corporation will have them cut down.

18—Chapel Walk—Resolved, That the attention of the Ladies' College authorities be called to the damage done to the roadway between Royal Well Chapel and Royal Well Terrace by the laying of their Sewer, and that they be requested to have the same repaired. Also Resolved, That this road be called "Chapel Walk," and that name-plates be put up accordingly.

19 -Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that Messrs. W. Blackburn & Co. had fitted up a Gas Rail with Globes, across the shop front at 135, High Street, and that Mr. Pope had put up a Sign over No. 25, Bath Street, in contravention of the Bye Laws. Resolved, That the further consideration of the report be adjourned to enable the Committee to view the premises.

20—Horse Provender—Resolved, That Tenders for a Six Months Supply of Horse Provender be advertised for.

21 —Ash Vans—Resolved, That the Surveyor be empowered to purchase two additional Ash Vans.

22-Ladies Home Mission Association—A letter from the Secretary of this association, asking for leave to hang a flag over the High Street from the Fine Art Rooms, on the 22nd Prox., on the occasion of their Annual Sale. Resolved, That permission be given subject to the bottom of the flags being at least 30 feet above the level of the Carriage Way.

23—No. 313, High Street—A letter from Messrs. Sadler & Son, the present tenants of tenants of this property, offering to continue their tenancy at a rental of £20 per annum, or on a four years lease at £25, they doing the necessary repairs, was read. Resolved, That the premises be let from year to year, determinable by Six Months Notice expiring on any quarter day, the amount of the Rent to be settled by the Surveyor.

24—St. George's Road and Vernon Place—The Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works ordered to be done in these Streets had been completed in accordance with his Specification, at a cost of £156 18s. 11d. in St. George's Road, and £67 1s. 5d. in Vernon Place, which sums he had

respectively apportioned amongst the various abutting owners, in manner set forth in his apportionments. Resolved, That the apportionments be approved, and that notice thereof be given to the several owners named therein.

26—Colonnade Improvement—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee an account of his charges in the matter of the Colonnade Improvement, amounting to £245 2s 6d and his Disbursement Account in the same matter amounting to £29 5s 4d, and the same were allowed and ordered to be paid.

27—New Buildings—The Surveyor submitted notices and plans from the following persons intending to erect new buildings, all of which were approved: Mrs. Harvey for additions to 27, Hermitage Street ; Wyndham Bryer, Esq., additions to Veterinary Forge, St. George's Place ; Admiral Phillips for additions to No. 33, Promenade ; J. T. Toms for additions to 32, Promenade, the last mentioned plan approved subject to the drain being bedded in and surrounded with concrete.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of September, 1891—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Hands, King, Neale and Norman (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

1—Dairies and Cowsheds Order—Application from the following persons to be Registered as Purveyors of Milk, together with the reports of the Inspector of Nuisances thereon, were read, viz : Mrs. E. Andrews, Oriel House, Bath Road ; Mr. Jesse Ayers, Andover Dairy, Tivoli Road Mrs. Lucy Marshall, 1, Christ Church Parade. Resolved, That the several applicants be registered.

2-Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer of Health reported the existence during the month of one case only of Zymotic disease, viz., one case of Diphtheria.

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3--Houses without a Proper Supply of Water—A Report from the Surveyor of slate the 29th inst., that the houses mentioned therein are without a proper supply of water, and that such supply can be readily obtained from the Corporation Mains at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That notice be given under sec. 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the houses in question requiring them to obtain such supply and do all such acts as may be necessary for that purpose.

4 --Water Supply to Houses—Notices not Complied with —The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of houses the owners of which had not complied with the Notices to lay on a proper supply of water. Resolved, That notice in those cases be given to close the wells, and that the necessary proceedings be taken to enforce compliance with such notices in cases of default.

5—Corporation Water Supply—Numerous letters from consumers of the Corporation Water, complaining of an unpleasant odour and taste in the water were read and considered. The Medical

Officer of Health reported that he had carefully examined all the samples supplied to him, and had invariably found that whatever the cause of the complaints might be, the water itself is free from any agent that can be considered injurious or hurtful to health. The Mayor stated that the matter was receiving the immediate attention of the Borough Surveyor and the Water Committee.

6—Sewer Ventilation—The Surveyor laid before the Committee a Report on the subject of Sewer Ventilation, and recommending the connection with the house drains, on the sewer side of the intercepting trap, of a small galvanized wrought iron pipe, to be continued up the outside wall of each house to a point at least 3 feet from any window, and 2 feet above any roof. Resolved, That the Report be printed, with diagrams.

7—Medical Officer's Quarterly Report—The Medical Officer of Health laid before the Committee his Quarterly Report, and the same was read and considered.

8—Accounts —The following accounts were examined and allowed :—

Delancey Hospital, Treatment of Patients	£41 6 0
W. M. Gammond, Sickness Returns	£2 10 0
J. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths ..	£0 14 3
Medical Practitioners, Returning Infectious Disease Cases	£2 2 6
E. Jones, Four weeks' Wages ..	£5 0 0
Officer of Health, Fly Hire	£0 12 7

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 30th day of September, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Darby, Heath (old King (The Mayor in the chair)—

1--Surveyor's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Surveyor as follows, was read:

On the 28th instant the springs supplying the Hewletts' Reservoirs were yielding 266 gallons per minute, the average for the last four years being 204 gallons; and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 27,379,170 gallons ; the average being 25,689.694 gallons.

On the 29th inst. the depth of water in Dowdeswell Reservoir was 31 feet, and the contents 94,756,149 gallons, which gives a total storage of 122,135,319 gallons or 189 days' supply.

On Thursday, the 24th instant, I observed an offensive fishy odour in the water, and thinking that it proceeded from fish the supply was changed on Friday to Hewletts Reservoir No. 4, and all the mains washed out. Since Monday the pipes have again been washed thoroughly: yesterday upwards of 1,000,000 gallons of water was used, in addition to the ordinary daily supply of 650,000. Two small eels were sent to the office yesterday from Montpellier, and it was stated they came from the tap. The offensive odour still continues, but in some parts of the Town it is not quite so bad as yesterday and appears to pass off after the water has stood for a time.

During the past season the following number and weight of fish have been taken in the Reservoir at Dowdeswell

	No of Fish.	Weight.
Mr. J. T. Darby	14	25 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Mr W. Simms-Bull	13	15 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
Col. N. B. Thoyts	3	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Capt. J. C. Griffith	3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Mr. J. S. Lenthall	2	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Mr. J. W. Drew	<u>2</u>	<u>2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.</u>
	37	59 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.

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2 --Leckhampton— Pilley Water Supply—The Leckhampton Local Board not having paid the balance of the account for the water supply in the above district on the ground that the water was not used until 13th Dec., 1889. Resolved, That the Committee cannot admit that to be so as it was actually used at an earlier date, but that under all the circumstances an offer be made without prejudice, and as a compromise, to accept the rate as from the previous September.

3—Water Supply—Numerous complaints of the state of the water in several parts of the town, were considered.

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

5—Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of September, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Griffith; Councillors Darby, Heath, Parsonage and King (Councillor Waghorne in the chair

1---Fire Brigade—The Superintendent reported that the Brigade had been called out to one Fire during the month, viz : at Messrs. Malvern & Sons' Yard, on the 11th inst The expenses of the Brigade amounted to £2 16s. The property was not insured.

2-Fire Hydrants—The Surveyor's Report to the Water Committee, of date the 2nd inst., as to the necessity for 48 additional Hydrants in various parts of the town, was considered. Resolved, That the Hydrants mentioned in the Report be fixed, and also two more in the Old Bath Road, High Street end.

3—Hackney Carriages—Letters from Geo. Paul and Chas. Mackey, requesting permission to change their Nos. 49 and 93 permanently, were read. Resolved, That permission be given subject to the Inspector passing the new carriages.

4—Drivers' Licences—Resolved, That Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licenses be granted to Alfred Walter Mitchell, Geo. Best and Alfred Bullingham.

5—Notice Board on Methodist Free Church—A Letter from the Rev. J. Langford, stating that certain repairs were being done at this Church, and the members desired the Corporation to remove the Hackney Carriage Notice Board from the palisade in front of the Chapel, was read, and the Surveyor stated the Board had been taken down and removed to the Central Depot, pending the instructions of the Committee. Resolved, That the Board be fixed to one of the Trees near the Stand.

6—Hackney Carriage Bye-Laws —The correspondence between the Town Clerk and the Local Government Board upon the subject of the Board's objection to the alteration made by the Council in Bye-Law No. 4, relative to the wearing of Badges by Drivers, was read.

7—Petroleum Licenses—Applications were received from, and Licenses granted to, the following persons to keep petroleum in the quantities set opposite their names:—Peter Awford, 5, High Street, 500 gallons—as soon as a suitable building, passed by the Surveyor, is erected. T. W. Harvey, 192, High Street, 50 gallons. John Baughan, 2, Exchange Buildings, 50 gallons. H. G. Norton, 416, High Street, 50 gallons. Maurice Bellamy, 251, High Street, 50 gallons. Edwin Beckingsale, 149, High Street, 50 gallons.

8—Allotments—Resolved, That the Committee be empowered to make the necessary arrangements for letting the Allotment land, and fixing the rentals to be paid.

WILLIAM HEATH,

Chairman.

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BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 29th day of September, 1891—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Drew, Heath, King, and Norman, (Councillor King in the chair)—

1—Swimming Bath—The usual monthly report of the Surveyor on the working of the Bath was read. Total number of bathers: 18432. Resolved, That the Bath be closed at such time as the Mayor and the Chairman shall fix.

A Letter from E. Hart, the Bath Caretaker, applying for a fortnight's leave after the closing of the Bath, was read. Resolved, That the same be granted.

2—Recreation Ground, near Naunton Crescent—This question having been referred back to the Committee by the Council for further consideration, was again considered. A Letter from Mr. G. McIlquham, offering on behalf of Mrs. J. H. McIlquham, 4 acres of land adjoining the land of the

Corporation in Sandford Mead at £625 per acre, was read. Also a Letter from Messrs. Smith Bros. offering 4 to 5 acres of Freehold Pasture Land at Naunton Fields for the sum of £300 per acre.

The Borough Surveyor reported that it would take 2 years to turf the land near Naunton-crescent, or convert it into pasture suitable for the purpose—that the cost of such conversion would amount to from £250 to £300, and that the fencing would Cost about £230.

The further consideration of the subject was adjourned to enable the Committee to view the fresh sites offered and some others suggested.

CHAS. W. KING,

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 28th day of September, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Heath, King, Parsonage, Steel, and Williams (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Burial Fees—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Case he had laid before the Council, with Mr. Glen's opinion thereon and the same was read and considered.

The Town Clerk also read a correspondence with the Rev. Canon Bell on the subject of the appointment of Sexton, from which it appeared that the Canon had only appointed Mr. Sier as Sexton temporarily. The Superintendent was instructed to furnish a return of the fees received by the Rector for Burial Fees, and also for the erection of tombs, &c., during the three years ending 10th instant, and of the Sexton's Fees during the same period

2 —Designs —The following designs were examined and approved :—Headstones to Joseph Wyatt, Esther Tranter, Olive Leonard, John James, W. P. Kilminster and H. H. Osborne

3—Account--The following Account was examined and allowed :—

W. Gregory, Labourers Wages .. £7 4 0

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 2nd day of October, 1891,—Present The Mayor ; Councillors King, Steel, Parsonage, Moles and Williams (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

4 —Burial Fees—The Superintendent laid before the Committee a Return of the Burial and other Fees received by the Rector, Parish Clerk and Sextons respectively, from which it appeared that the average annual amount of fees received by the Rector during the last 3 years was £275 5s 6d.

Resolved, That an offer be made to the Rector of a composition of £275 per annum in lieu of his fees, subject to the Board being satisfied of their power under sec. 10 of the Act of 1854 to make such composition, or being authorised to do so by an Order in Council as a Burial Board, or, as an alternative, the Board will undertake to collect the Rector's Fees and pay them over to him. The Rector in either case not appointing a Parish Sexton during his Incumbency.

5—Parishioner—Resolved, That all persons who have resided in the Parish for a continuous period of 12 months preceding the date of death shall be deemed to be parishioners for the purposes of burial.

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE. Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday. the 25th day of September, 1891—Present: Alderman Sir A. Ramsay ; Councillor Parsonage ; E. Wethered, Esq. (Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsay in the Chair.)

1—Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month :—

Miss J. Dobell	10 Vols.
Sir Brook Kay	1 Vol.
Trustees of British Museum	3 Vols.
Bristol University College ..	1 Vol.

Reports from the Libraries at Hanley, Leeds and Southport

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee recommended that 500 additional Indicator Books be obtained ; that the offer of the Baron de Ferrieres to exchange the old edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica now in the Library for the 8th edition be accepted with thanks ; that the Librarian be instructed to prepare Lists of Technical Books to the amount of £40 for the approval of the Committee ; that the application of the Caretaker for an increase of wages be not granted. Resolved That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved.

3—Conference of Library Association—The Librarian laid before the Committee a Report and resume of the principal subjects dis-cussed at this Conference, and which appeared to the Committee to be highly interesting and suggestive.

4— Local Collections—The Committee are of opinion that it would be very desirable to invite gifts or deposits at the Library of books, pamphlets, maps, drawings, &c., relating to the History and Topography of Cheltenham and its neighbourhood with the object of preserving interesting memorials thereof, which might otherwise be lost and dispersed.

5-Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

W. Jones, Assistants Wages to Nov. 7	£9 12 6
Expenses of attending Conference	£3 7 6
W. T. Cossens, Books, Newspapers and Magazines	£18 4 8
Norman Sawyer & Co., Binding and Lettering	£14 11 4
“ “ Stationery	£0 1 11
J. Webb, Books ..	£1 10 6
J. W. Pink, ditto	£1 3 6

Wm. Norton, ditto ..	£1 0 5
Cawthorn & Hutt, Ditto	£6 16 0
W. H. Smith & Son, ditto	£4 16 4
J. Day & Son, ditto ..	£1 14 3
Alfred Cotgreave, ditto ..	£0 5 7
Gas Company, Gas (Sept. quarter)	£3 13 6

ALEX. E. RAMSAY.

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 25th day of September, 1891—Present: Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Skillicorne and Waghorne (Councillor Drew in the chair)—

1— Pittville—Marle Hill—Noble—A letter from Mr. Noble's solicitors stating that the agreement might proceed, and forwarding engrossment of the agreement for execution by the Council, was read. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the agreement.

2 - Winter Gardens—A letter from Mr. H. H. Gethan of date the 14th instant, stating that the proprietors of the Winter Gardens property were prepared to sell it to the Corporation for the sum of £14,000, such offer to be binding upon the owners for one month from the date of the letter, was read.

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3—Montpellier Gardens —A letter from the Secretary of the Montpellier Gardens Company, stating that the property consisted of the Pleasure Grounds, containing about 9 acres, with Entrance Lodge, and Tanks, Pumps and apparatus, together with the right of user of the following Wells, with pumps and pipes connected therewith, viz.:

1. The No. 4. Saline Well situate at the back of No, 22, Lansdown Terrace.
2. The Chalybeate Well under Montpellier Rotunda.
3. The Magnesia Well, known as "Chadnor Villa " Well, situate on the S.E. side of Christ Church Road.
4. The Well known as "Cottage Well " on the N.W. side of Christ Church Road.
5. The Saline Well on the N.W. side of Lansdown Crescent.

And all other Mineral wells, of which there are several, under the control of the Company, and all pumps and pipes connected therewith, was read.

Resolved, That the Committee recommend that an offer of £7,000 be made for the Montpellier Gardens property including all the rights appurtenant thereto, and assuming that there are no restrictions on it, and subject to the Corporation obtaining the necessary powers for such purpose and the sanction of the Local Government Board to the necessary loan.

4—Pittville Estate—Combe—A Letter from Mr. John E. Coombe requesting permission to fix 4 Automatic Sweet Boxes in Pittville Gardens and offering a rental of £1 per annum for each machine payable in advance, was read. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend that the permission asked for be given

5—Bye-Laws—A Letter from the Local Government Board, returning the draft of the Pittville Bye-Laws with certain alterations therein, was read and considered, Resolved, That the Bye-Laws be made as now settled and that notice be given of the intention to apply to the Local Government Board for confirmation thereof

6 —Advertising Boards—Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Geo. Smith to remove the advertising board at the entrance gate to the gardens from the Evesham Road.

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 26th day of September, 1891—Present ; Alderman Sir A. Ramsay ; Councillors Hands, Steel and Parsonage (Councillor Hands in the Chair.

1—National Association of Elementary School Teachers—Mr. F. F. Wheeler of Devonshire Street Schools ; Mr. J. P. Cook, St. Lukes' Schools ; Mr. Frederick Sheppard of Trinity Schools and Mr. A. Wheeler of St. Peters' Schools, Members of the National Association of Elementary School Teachers in the Elementary Schools in the Borough, attended this Meeting of the Committee and urged on the Committee an alteration of the Bye-Laws, to provide—

(1) That the Half-Time Certificates shall be abolished.

(2) That the Standard for Total Exemption be raised to the Sixth.

The subject was fully discussed with the deputation and the further consideration thereof adjourned.

2-- Local Committees—The Minute Books of the various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That summonses be issued against the parents of the following children Grantley Surman (11) Grove Street Rose O'Hagan (10) 51 Sun Street Walter Nash (12) 16 St. P. Street South Walter Arkell (12) Queen Street Francis Chaplin (10) 1 Wellington Passage

3— Attendance Officers' Reports—The Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers were read.

WILLIAM HANDS,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 1st day of October, 1891—Present: Councillors Darby, Kite, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Darby is the chair)—

1—Telephone- A circular letter from the Telephone Company stating that they had reduced the rentals for connections to the Local Telephone Exchange to the following scale:-

£9 per annum on a 7 years' agreement

£10 “ “ 4 “ “

£11 “ “ yearly agreement

and requesting those subscribers who wished it, avail themselves of the new rates to so inform the Company, was read. Resolved, that the Corporation agreement with the Company be renewed for a term of 4 years.

2—Bill Posting--Resolved, That a charge of 11d, per yard superficial be made for bill posting on any hoarding or other property of the Corporation.

4—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of this rate, was read. Amount collected £11,781 13s. 9d., leaving outstanding £1,138 10s. 5d,

5—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough :Accountant of date the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts £7,815 19s 2d, leaving outstanding £489 3s 1d.

7 ---ACCOUNTS.--The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts and Expenditure, aid of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz :—

RECEIPTS.—

Borough Fund	£30 13 2
Public Library—Revenue	£9 4 4
Urban Authority—Revenue	£367 3 11
Burial Board—Revenue	£16 19 00
Street Improvements ..	£45 17 2
Waterworks—Revenue	££411 5 8
Corporation Stock	£60000 0 0

ACCOUNTS NOW TO BE PAID—

Borough Fund	£731 2 0
Public Library—Revenue	£115 16 8
Urban Authority—Revenue	£1697 5 1
Burial Board—Revenue	£53 17 6
Street Improvements ..	£382 7 2
Refuse Destructor—Capital	£3 6 0
Waterworks—Revenue	£522 18 8
Ditto—Capital	£152 8 11

Corporation Stock (Stamp Duty)	£59	8	3
Loans and Interest ..	£12705	19	2

(Annuities and Loans as they fall in).

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK —

In hand last month ..	£34671	11	8
Received during the month ..	<u>£60881</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	£95552	14	11
Paid during the month	<u>£4866</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>
Balances	£90686	3	2

To credit of General and Interest

Accounts	£88526	3	11
Sinking Funds ..	<u>£2159</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>3</u>
In hand ..	£90686	3	2

Technical Education ..	£700	0	0
Grants to be paid :			
School of Science	£360	0	0
School of Art ..	£200	0	0
Library ..	<u>£40</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>£600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance	£100	0	0

J. T. DARBY, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, October 14th, 1891.

Sir, You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council, as such, and Acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 19th day of October inst., 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 receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
2. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. THE BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.—Purchase of Recreation Ground on South side of the town.

3. Notices of Motion.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES, Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 19th of October, 1891.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 13th day of October, 1891—Present: Alderman Griffith; Councillors King, Parsonage and Waghorne (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Griffith was appointed Chairman at this meeting.

2—Allotments—Resolved, That the present occupiers be allowed to remain as tenants at £1 per chain, and any lot on which is a house £1 extra, and that the remainder of the land be let at 14s per chain.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 7th day of October, 1891--Present: Councillors Norman, Drew, Heath, Woodard, Moles and King (Councillor King in the chair)—

1--Recreation ground in the South Ward—A letter from Messrs. Harman, Clark and Boyton to Councillor Norman stating that they were authorised to accept £190 per acre for about eight acres of land known as Naunton Piece, situate on the East side of the Naunton Lane, was read. The Committee proceeded to view the land. Resolved, That the land in question be purchased at the price named, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board to the necessary Loan for the purchase, and the fencing and laying out of the land, being obtained.

CHARLES W. KING,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, November 4th, 1891.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, as such, and acting as Urban Sanitary Authority and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 9th day of November inst., at Twelve o'clock at noon, at which Meeting the

following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing year.
2. To elect three Aldermen in the room of the Aldermen going out of office.
3. To assign the Aldermen to be the Returning Officers at Ward Elections.
4. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting, and of the Special Meeting held on the 19th day of October last.
5. To appoint and fill up vacancies on Committees.
6. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
7. To approve, or otherwise, the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

THE TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, and Purchase of Montpelier Gardens. TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE.

8. Councillor Williams to move:—" That an arrangement be made with the Town Clerk whereby he is required to devote his whole time to the work of the Corporation ; that he be paid a fixed inclusive salary ; and that a Committee be formed to report: upon the subject."

9. Councillor Norman to move:—" That a considerable increase in the number of public seats in the Promenade and the suburban roads of the town is desirable and (in the event of this Resolution being affirmed) that it be referred to the Town Improvement Committee to report on the sites on which additional seats, not for the present exceeding fifty in number, may be erected, and on the pattern and approximate cost of the seats to be adopted."•

10. Notices of Motion.

11. To read the following letters, &c., and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be:—General Hawkes and others re Montpelier Grove. H. A. Palmer and others re Cloddimore Road. Plant & Co. re numbering of Colonnade. R. P. Woodman re Drainage of No. 4, Spa Place. E. Lawrence re Drainage of No. 3, Spa Place. J. L. Wilkinson (G.W.R.) re Cheltenham Station. Geo. Shrives re Lamps at 299, High Street. J. P. Harris re Road between Albert Street and Victoria Street St. Pauls

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of" a Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 9th of November, 1891.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, 4th day of November, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Lawrence, Win. Heath, Norman and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne ;it the chair)—

Mr. Broom's Land at Pittville—A Letter from Messrs. New, Prance and Garrard that this land, being Lot 5 at the recent Sale by Auction by Messrs. Engall, Sanders and Co., on the 29th ult., was not sold and offering it to the Corporation for £325, was read and considered. Resolved that an offer of £300 be made for the land in question.

2-Pittville and Marle hill Estates and Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for a Provisional Order to partially repeal, alter and amend the Provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, so as to enable the Corporation to purchase the lands provisionally contracted to be purchased from Charles Crawford Noble and James Batten Winterbotham, situate at or near Pittville and Marle Hill, in the Borough of Cheltenham and the Parish of Prestbury. Also the lands known as the Montpellier Gardens, situate in the said Borough and containing nine acres or thereabouts, and the mineral wells and rights appurtenant thereto, and a piece of land adjoining the Pittville Estate in case the offers made by the Corporation for this last named land and the Montpellier Gardens are accepted, and to extend, amend and apply to the said properties some of the provisions of the said Act relating to the Pittville Estate, to empower the Corporation to borrow the sum necessary for the purchase of the said properties and the laying out of the same, and a further sum for repairs and improvements to the Pittville Estate, and to alter and amend the said Act in other respects.

Resolved also, That this Committee be empowered to settle the statement required by the Regulations of the Local Government Board, to be sent to the Local Government Board with this Resolution.

3-Promenade Improvement—Powell—A Letter from the Town Clerk to Mr. Powell, of date the 26th ultimo, and his reply thereto were read and considered. Resolved, That Mr. Powell be requested to meet a deputation of this Committee to lay before him the Plans and Specifications some afternoon this week.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 9th of November, 1891.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of October, 1891,—Present: Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Darby, Lawrence, Steel, and King (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

1-Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Councillor Darby was appointed Chairman of this meeting.

2 —Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read : Average Illuminating Power, 16.41 candles. Purity, 9.87 grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

3—Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read: Average hourly consumption of Gas per lamp during the month, 4.270 cubic feet.

4 —Lamp Book—The Book kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month : 5, burning dimly 9 (1 metered). A letter from Messrs. Griffiths, the Clerks to the Gas Company, forwarding in reply to this Committee's resolution of last month, a resolution of the Gas Company as under, was read :—

" That the Town Council be informed that it is the invariable practice of the Company's Workmen to attend to any lamp that " may be observed to burn dimly, on the same evening when lighted, and that orders are given that any defect in burning, "observed after the lighting, shall be attended to as soon as possible "

Resolved, That the Company be informed that several cases have been reported where the lamps have been observed to burn dimly on lighting, and which have not been attended to, as stated in the Resolution of the Directors.

5—Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways—The Surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month :

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—Montpellier Walk (finished), Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester Road from Benhall Wood to Lansdown Castle.

Patching—Bath Road, All Saints Road, High Street, Hewlett Road, Grove Street, College Road, Queen's Road, Alstone Lane, Suffolk Road, Tivoli Place, Thirlestaine Road, Sherborne Street, St. Luke's Road, Promenade, Clarence Parade.

Wickwar Stone (patching)—Hatherley Road, Old Bath Road, Sandford Road, Suffolk Square.

Repaired with Gore Stone—Gloucester Road (front Lansdown Castle to Midland Station), proceeding.

Curbing, Crossing and Flagging —Andover Place, Suffolk Lawn, Road, Place and Square, Lypiatt Terrace, College Road, High Street, Orrisdale Terrace, Bath Road, Swindon Street (proceeding), Arle, Lansdown Road, Union Street (Fairview), Granville Street (proceeding), St. Luke's Terrace, St. George's Road, Promenade, Westall Green, King's Road, Winchcombe Street, Queen's Circus, Queen's Parade, Oriel Road.

Footpaths (Concrete)—Thirlestaine Road (proceeding). Private Improvement.

Footpaths (Tariff)—St. Paul's Road, Vittoria Walk, Albion Street.

Ashes Colleetad-1,360 Loads.

6—Horse Provender—Tenders for Provender from Mr. E. Snowsell, Messrs. Bloodworth & Son, and Mr. J. R. Ockford, (being the only ones received), were opened and the samples examined. Resolved, That the following Tenders for the specified Provender be accepted for 6 months:—

Bloodworth & Son—Black Oats: 21S 6D per 312 lbs.

E. Snowsell—White Oats 25s- per 312 lbs. Beans: 5s- per bushel. Bran : £6 per ton. Hay : 6s 3d per ton. Clover : £4 per ton. Straw 36s 6d per ton.

J. R. Ockford—Maize: 29s- per 480 lbs. Linseed : 7s 9d per bushel.

7—G.W.R. Goods Shed—The letter from the Secretary of the G.W.R. of date the 2nd inst., and the Town Clerk's reply thereto, of date the 3rd inst., read at the last monthly meeting of the Council, were laid before the Committee, the Town Clerk stated that he had heard nothing further from the Company in answer to the enquiry of the Council as to when the proposed works would be commenced, but that on the 15th inst., during his absence in London, Mr. J. L. Wilkinson, the General Goods Manager of the Company, had called at his office to see him on the subject, and he had since written that gentleman requesting him to communicate by letter what he had intended to do orally, but had not yet received any reply. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do again write to the Company, requesting a reply to his letter to the Secretary, of date the 3rd inst.

8—Naunton Park Terrace—A letter from Mr. Edward Millard asking for more light in this road, as he is building there, and the want of lamps is much against the letting of the houses, was read. Resolved, That as soon as the road is put in a proper state of repair as far as the houses are built, the Committee will recommend another lamp to be fixed.

9—Westal Green—A letter from Miss Darby of the Lansdown Hotel, stating that now the Large Lamp is moved at Westal Green the side of the road opposite the Hotel is very dark, and asking for another lamp near the crossing, was read. Resolved, That an additional lamp be fixed in the locality, the exact position to be settled by the Committee.

10—Lighting of Gloucester Road—A letter from Mr. William Sandford, asking the Council to grant another lamp on the Gloucester Road, his house (the Woodlands) and the one adjoining, as well as the house opposite, being in total darkness during the winter, was read. Resolved, That one additional lamp be placed in the position indicated to the Surveyor by the Committee.

11--- No. 100 High Street—A letter from Messrs. Engall Sanders & Co., stating that the Lessee of the above premises desired permission to put his new front in the line indicated on the plan accompanying the letter, was read, Resolved, That the proposal be agreed to and consent given to bringing forward the frontage to the line A B on the plan, the existing projection to be set back to within the said line.

12--Rowanfield Road—A letter from Mr. Wm. Westcott, calling attention to the very long delay that has taken place in carrying out the repairs to this road, which were ordered by the Council a long time since, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Westcott be informed the work is being proceeded with.

13—Bill Posting Station in Ambrose Street—Smith—The letter from Mr. Harry Lewis, relative to the damage done to his Bill Posting Station in Ambrose Street by the Fire Brigade, read at the last monthly meeting of the Council, and subsequent letters from Mr. Lewis and the Town Clerk's replies thereto, were read and considered Resolved, That the Town Clerk's letters be approved and that notice be given to Mr. Lewis, that after the 10th of November next, Mr. Smith will be charged a rental of one penny per square yard per week (payable in advance), and that unless he is prepared to accept these terms, the hoarding and bills thereon and on the walls must be removed within a week, or proceedings will be taken against him.

14—Naunton Lane—A letter from Mr. W. J. Crawford, calling attention to the bad state of the footpath in Naunton Lane from Thirlestaine Road to Whitecross Square, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Crawford be informed the repair of the footway will be attended to; also that the lamp in the footpath be removed to the corner of Whitecross Square.

15—College Lawn Road—A letter from Mr. G.W. Sadler in reply to the resolution of the Committee passed last month, that he failed to see what the fact of the road remaining private or becoming public had to do with its present state of repair, on this matter however, he was entirely in the hands of the Owners, who some years ago objected to the road becoming a Highway, and that a requisition signed by the required number of Owners expressing a wish to have the road declared a Highway would receive his favourable consideration. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for a month, to enable Mr. Sadler to obtain the necessary requisition from the Owners.

16- Sandford Road—Private Improvement Works in—A letter from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, stating that their client, Mr. J. G. Rodger, had no objection whatever to the works proposed, and is quite willing to pay his full proportion in accordance with his real frontage westward towards the College, but it is inequitable to charge him with the whole of the repairs along his side boundary northward, that being in no sense the frontage of his premises, he having no opening into or special use of it in any way, and his property only sharing in the benefit of the new works in the same way as all the other property in the neighbourhood may do, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor in settling the apportionment of the cost of these works, shall have regard to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived by No. 1, College Lawn, from the Works.

17- -Ambrose Street Improvement—A letter from Mrs. M. A. Knight, enquiring the price of No. 28, Ambrose Street, and the conditions of Sale, was read. An application was also received from Mr. G. F. Bick, to be informed the price of No. 16, Ambrose Street, and conditions of Sale. Resolved, That the applications be adjourned to enable the Committee to inspect the premises.

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18—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that in addition to the projections named in his report of last month, the following had been put up :—

Mr. Pope, a Sign at Cycle Depot, Sherborne Place. Telephone Company, a Sign at 10, Clarence Street. Messrs. Pearce & Harris, a Sign at 10, Clarence Street.

Resolved, That notice be given to Messrs. W. Blackburn & Co., Mr. Pope, and the Telephone Company, to remove the Signs put up by them.

Applications from the London Rubber Co. of the Colonnade, and Mr. G. H. New, of 102, High Street, for permission to fix two lamps in the first case and one lamp in the other case, outside their respective premises, were read. Resolved, That the required permission be given, subject to the Lamps being not less than 8 feet in the clear above the pavement and to their not being used as advertising lamps, and subject also to the right of the Corporation to require their removal, if at any time they think fit to do so.

19—No. 313, High Street—The Surveyor reported that he had arranged with Messrs. Sadler & Son to let the premises to them at £30 per annum, an allowance being made to them of £5 out of the first quarter's rent for inside repairs, the Corporation to repair and maintain the roof, and a letter from Messrs. Sadler & Son accepting these terms, was read, and the Town Clerk reported that he had prepared and sent to Messrs. Sadler & Son the draft agreement. Resolved, That the arrangement be approved.

20—Osborne House—A letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co., on behalf of Miss Podmore, the owner of the above property, stating that for many years the footpath immediately opposite each entrance gate has been sloped to a level with the plinth of such gate so as to allow of Carriages being driven up to the door, that on the recent laying down of Asphalte on the footpath in front of the house, the slope to the gates had been removed and the footpath levelled so that there is a considerable drop from the stone between the plinths of the gates to the level of the path, rendering it impossible for carriages to enter or leave the drive, and that under the circumstances they had to ask that the footpath might be reinstated to its former condition, was read. Resolved, That Messrs. Bubb be informed the Surveyor will lower the Carriage Drive and re-hang the gates.

21—Destructor-Siding—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the Draft Agreement with the Midland Railway Co. and the Midland and South Western Junction Co., from the Solicitors of the last named Company, and he now laid the same before the Committee. The same was gone through and settled subject to certain amendments made therein by the Committee.

22—Prude—The Surveyor reported that he purposed straightening the course of the Chelt in the Destructor Land and had arranged to pay Mr. Prude, the tenant of the Six Chimneys Farm, the sum of Five Pounds as compensation for disturbance and damage incidental thereto. The Surveyor's action was approved.

23—Bedford Buildings Improvement—Price—A letter from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, stating that for the piece of land in front of Mr. Price's Shop he would prefer, to any monetary consideration, a grant of a right of way over the vacant land on the west side of his premises, and enquiring if there would be any difficulty in effecting this, was read. Resolved, That Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney be informed the Corporation are not prepared to give any right of way as desired by Mr. Price.

24—New Buildings—The Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect New Buildings, all of which were approved, viz :—
Mr. S. Adams, additions to 44 & 45, Montpellier Terrace.
Gen. Winson, additions to Echo Office, Clarence parade.
J. T. DARBY, Chairman

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 9th day of October, 1891 — Present ; Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Darby, Hands, King and Norman (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

1--Sewage Farms—The Committee, accompanied by the Borough Surveyor and the Medical Officer of Health, visited the Sewage Farms.

The Borough Surveyor was authorised to arrange with the existing tenants of the Barn Farm as to the letting of the farm for the grazing of sheep during the winter at 5s per acre. The Committee found the house and premises at Heyden Knoll in good order.

Resolved, That a fence be erected in the Home field at an expense of not more than £25. The Medical Officer of Health made an examination of the water supplied to the house and found it singularly pure and of good quality.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday the 28th day of October, 1891—Present; Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Darby, Hands, King, Neale, Norman and Parsonage (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

2—Zymotic Disease—The Medical Officer reported the occurrence during the month of 2 Enteric Fever, cases of Scarlatina, 1 of Diphtheria and 6 of Enteric Fever.

3--Houses without a proper supply of Water—A Report from the Surveyor of date the 27th inst. that the houses mentioned therein are without a proper supply of water and that such supply can be readily obtained from the Corporation mains at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts, was read. Resolved, That notice be given under Section 62 of the Public Health Act 1875 to the owners of thy: houses in question, requiring them to obtain such supply and do all such acts as may be necessary for that purpose.

Also the owner of No 2 Regent Street be served with notice to close the well on the said premises.

4—Notices re Water Supply not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of houses the owners of which had failed to comply with the Notices to lay on a proper supply of water. Resolved, That notice be given in those cases to close the wells and that the necessary proceedings be taken to enforce the compliance with such notices in cases of default.

5—Slaughterhouse at Arle Mill—An application from Mr. J. F. Willis to have the above place registered as a slaughterhouse, was read together with a report from the Medical Officer of Health, to the effect that he visited the Mill on the 26th of October and found the place had been used as a slaughterhouse and was in a most abominably filthy condition. Resolved, That the application for a license be refused, and that if the premises are again used as a slaughterhouse the proprietor will be prosecuted.

6—Albion Saw Mills and Flour Mills—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had observed black smoke issuing from the chimney belonging jointly to the above mills on several occasions during the past month in such quantities as to be a nuisance. Resolved, That notice be given to the respective occupiers under Section 91 of the Public Health Act requiring them to abate the nuisance, and that the necessary steps be taken to obtain an order prohibiting the recurrence of the nuisance.

7—Bakehouses—The Medical Officer of Health was instructed to examine the water used at the several bakehouses in the Borough and report as to the sources of supply and the quality of the water.

8--Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health requested the Committee to authorise the Mayor and Chairman or Deputy-Mayor as the case may be, to give him leave of absence in case of his requiring such leave on expected urgent private business—the appointment of his deputy during his absence to be subject to the approval of the Committee. Resolved, That the request be granted.

9-Abattoir-The Surveyor laid before the Committee the detailed plans of this building as approved by the Local Government Board, and specification. Resolved, That the same be approved and that tenders for the execution of the works be advertised for.

10-Post Mortem Chamber—The Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee Tender from Messrs. Chas. Malvern and Sons for supplying and fixing the fittings to this building at £17. Resolved, That the same be accepted.

11—Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

Bennett, J. H., Returns of Births and Deaths ..	..	£0 12 6
Medical Officer of Health, Cab Hire	..	£1 7 2
Marshall, R. E. and C., Repairs ..	..	£1 16 4
Subscription to General Hospital .	..	£21 0 0
Moore, James, Pipes and Fixing Urinal	..	£8 3 9
Nicholas and Co., Paint .. ..	..	£0 15 9
Wright, F. J., Nails ..	..	£0 3 9
Tallboy, James, Brushes ..	..	£0 2 0
Cas Company, Gas at Church Street Urinal		£0 1 8
Gibbs and Canning, Pipes ..	..	£12 3 8
Webb, Bros., Bricks ..	..	£0 6 9
James, W., Repairs at Sewage Tanks ..	..	£4 0 0
Pearce, B. W. and Co., Junction Bends and Timber..		£1 13 0
Wilderness Co., Cement		£0 17 6
Tinkler, J., Brooms ..		£0 15 0
Lane, J. J., Sawing ;Timber..		£0 7 3
Harvey, T. W., Ironmongery		£0 6 3
Smith, Bros., Junctions		£0 14 9
Beddard, F., Petroleum		£0 9 0
Dix, S. B., Junctions ..		£0 2 3

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 28th day of October, 1891 — Present ; The Mayor ; Councillors Williams and Waghorne (The Mayor in the chair)—

1—Surveyor's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Surveyor as follows, was read :

On the 27th inst., the Springs supplying the Hewlett's Reservoirs were yielding 634 gallons per minute; the average for the last 4 years being 244 gallons, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 33,140,592 gallons ; the average being 24,381,085 gallons.

On the 27th inst., the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32ft. 2 inches, and the contents 100,135,588 gallons ; which gives a total storage of 133,276,180 gallons or 205 days supply.

During the month it has been found necessary to extend the mains in Belmore Place ; and applications have been received for a supply of water to Hatherley Vicarage ; in all of which cases the return will be sufficient to meet the statutory requirements.

2-Appeals-The cases entered in the Appeal Book were considered and the rates settled and adjusted.

3—Supply of Water—Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of October, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Griffith ; Councillors Darby, King, and Parsonage (Alderman Griffith in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Alderman Griffith was appointed Chairman of this Meeting.

2-Fire Brigade—New Theatre—A letter from the Secretary of the Theatre proposing a drill of the Brigade with the servants of the Company, at the Theatre, was read. Resolved, That the Company be thanked for their suggestions, but the Committee think it will be sufficient if the Superintendent makes himself acquainted with the arrangements of the Company, inside the Theatre, for extinguishing fire.

3— Resident Fireman—A portion of the gas consumed at the resident Fireman's house being necessarily consumed in his discharge of the duties of the Station—Resolved, That an allowance of £1 per annum be made to the resident Fireman towards the payment of the gas bill.

Resolved also, That a cupboard be put up in the house at a cost not exceeding 35s, and that a square galvanized iron ash-bin be provided for the premises.

4 —Smith —Bill Posting Station in Ambrose Street—The letter from Mr. Harry Lewis, Mr. George Smith's Solicitor, read at the last meeting of the Council, and referred to the Street and Highway Committee, was considered, together with subsequent letters received from Mr. Lewis and the Town Clerk's replies thereto. Resolved, that the Town Clerk's letters be approved.

5—Hackney Carriages—An application from W. T. Tapp for leave to change his licensed carriage, No. 46, for another carriage was read, and granted.

An application from Edward John Gough for a Pony Carriage License, accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the Rev. J. A. Owen, was read. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

6—Drivers—Applications were received from, and Licenses to act as Drivers of Hackney Carriages, granted to, Josiah Jones, jun., of Clarence Mews, and William Terrett, of 56, Burton Street.

7--Allotments—The Resolution of-the Committee of date the 13th inst., referred back to the Committee by the Council, was again considered. Resolved, That the Lots at present occupied, including any houses or buildings thereon, be re-let at £1 per chain, and that the rent of the remainder of the land be fixed at 15s a chain.

8—Ventilation, &c., of Committee Room—The Surveyor was authorised to spend the sum of 10s in making certain alterations and additions in the Committee Room to improve the ventilation and comfort thereof.

9- Windfall Timber—The Surveyor reported that during the recent storms a quantity of timber had been blown down in different parts of the town and particularly on the Pittville Estate ; that some of the wood had been stolen and removed by certain parties, and that he had been able to ascertain the names of some of the offenders, and desired the instructions of the Committee in the matter. Resolved, That two of the oldest and worst of the offenders be prosecuted.

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10—Accounts--The following accounts were examined and allowed:—

J. Moore, Repairs to Offices..	£7 17 4
General District Rate and Water Rate	..	£3 7 6
Charles Wesley, Notepaper	..	£1 0 0
W. A. Baker, Repairs at Offices .	..	£0 2 0
" Repairs at Works ..	..	£2 2 3
T. W. Harvey, Repairs at Cattle Market		£ 0 1 3
R. E. and C. Marshall, Ironmongery ..	..	£0 6 3
George Hickman, Wood ..	..	£0 17 3
W. F. Stanley, Ink ..	..	£0 4 11
" Alphabets ..	..	£0 10 9
Cavendish House Co., Mounting Picture		£0 7 0
Drake, Driver and Leaver, Tracing Paper		£1 18 0

James Leighton, Proportion of Expenses of repairs to Folly Lane £6 0 5

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 27th day of October, 1891—Present: The Mayor. Councillors Drew, Moles, Norman and King (Councillor King in the chair)--

1—Swimming Bath—The usual Monthly Report of the Surveyor on the working of the Bath, was read. Total No. of Bathers 19,064. The Chairman reported that, after consultation with the Mayor, he had ordered the closing of the Bath on the 24th inst.

2 —Naunton Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk reported that he had received the Draft Contract for the purchase of this the Solicitors of the Vendors and with whom he was in communication thereon.

3—Accounts--The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

Diamond Sanitary Laundry Co., Washing Towels	£6 13 11
It A. H. Nott, Coal ..	£9 0 0
Voile & Co., Coal ..	£3 15 0
Jno. Williams & Co., Coal .	£13 5 6
J. & N. Nadin & Co., Coal ..	£1 0 0
T W. Harvey, Ironmongery ..	£0 1 11
J. Tinkler, Ironmongery .	£0 6 9
R. E. & C. Marshall, Repairs ..	£0 5 6
W. A. Baker, Repairs	£0 4 6
General District Rate and Water Rate on Caretaker's Lodge at Recreation Ground	£1 1 0
T. S. Bastin & Sons, Uniform for Recreation Ground Caretaker ..	£7 13 6
Gas Company, Gas at Baths ..	£4 5 8

CHARLES W. KING.

Chainman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 26th day of October, 1891—Present: The Mayor; Councillors King, Parsonage, Williams, and Steel (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Superintendent's Report—The Superintendent reported that during the late gales two trees in the Cemetery were blown down, and a large number of slates were blown from the roof of the tool shed, and some tiles had got out of place on the roof of the Cemetery Lodge ; that a portion of the

Main Drain in the entrance road is by some means choked, and the greater portion of the water is now working up through the road ; that the pump at the Lodge is very much out of repair ; that a new pan was required for the shovel for the heating apparatus at the Chapels also a new shovel; and that the trucks in the Cemetery are much in need of repair. Resolved, That the Superintendent do sell the trees at the best price he can obtain, and have them removed ; that the drain be taken up and cleared ; that an arrangement be made to supply a small tank in the scullery from the High Pressure Tank ; and that a new shovel be purchased, and the fire shovel and the trucks be repaired.

2—Designs—The following designs were examined and approved, viz :—Headstones to Robert L. J. Ogilvie, William C. Channon, William White, Isaac Hughes, Eleanor Bennett, Ann Lawrence, William Hand, and Mary Ann Print.

3--Holder—The Town Clerk reported to the Committee that the agreement with Mr. Holder for the tenancy of the small piece of land at the N.W. corner of the old part of the Cemetery expired on the 29th September last. Resolved, That it be re-let to 29th September next for £8, and unless Mr. Holder is willing to take it on those terms the Town Clerk be authorised to let it on the same terms to another tenant.

4— Burial Fees—The Town Clerk read a letter he had written to the Secretary of State upon this question, and the reply he had received thereto, also the further opinion of Mr. Glen thereon. A letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney stating that Canon Bell had conferred with them on the subject of the Sexton's appointment and the composition of his fees, and desiring to be furnished with particulars showing how the average amount of fees (£275 5s. 6d.) referred to in the Report of the Committee was arrived at, was read ; and the Town Clerk stated he had supplied the figures asked for, but had not yet received any further communication from them.

5—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and passed :—

J. J. Lane, Sawing Timber .	£0 9 2
T. W. Harvey, Nails ..	£0 1 0
Nicholas and Co., Paint ..	£0 0 6
Letheren and Hancock, Repairs at Cemetery Gate	£0 5 0
H. Mallory and Sons, 1 pair Shears ..	£0 6 6
J. Fisher, Sperm Oil ..	£0 1 3
W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages ..	£6 6 0

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 4th day of November, 1891—Present ; Councillors King, Steel, Parsonage, Moles, Williams Councillor Parsonage in the chair),-

6—Burial Fees —A Letter from Messrs. Winterbothams & Gurney, on this subject was read, forwarding a Return of the Rector's Fees for the last 5 years, sheaving an average annual return of £297 15s 1d, asking if the Committee were able to suggest any reason why the decrease in the fees for the past three years should continue, their own opinion being that, assuming the death-rate not materially to alter, the future interments would rather increase as the few remaining places of

interment became filled up, and stating that the Rector considers that the unexplained diminution renders it necessary to take the average of a larger area, not less than the quinquennial period, and that if, to meet the wishes of the Corporation and save them £130 a year, or on their showing £105 a year, the appointment of a new Sexton is waived, his fees ought not to be commuted at less than £300 per annum, and that if the Burial Board decide to entertain the matter on the above bases the Rector would at once communicate with the Patrons of the Living, assenting, so far as he is concerned, to the proposal. They also suggested the commutation of the Parish Clerk's fees. The Committee having fully considered the question. Resolved, That the Town Clerk do reply to Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney, pointing out the reasons why this Committee cannot accept their bases of negotiation ; that the Committee could not recommend the commutation of the Clerk's fees, but would have no objection to their officer collecting such fees, and paying them over to the Clerk ; and that the Chairman and Councillor Williams be a Sub-Committee to settle the Town Clerk's reply.

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 16th day of October, 1891 — Present: Alderman Griffith; Councillors Drew. Wm. Heath, Norman, Skillicorne and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1—Promenade Improvement—The Surveyor laid before the Committee the detailed Plans and Specification of the Fountain proposed to be erected on the space of ground belonging to the Corporation in front of the Imperial Rooms. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Tenders for the specified works be invited.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd day of October, 1891—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Norman and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair).

2—Marle Hill Estate—A letter from the Local Government Board, of date the 22nd inst., in reply to letters from the Town Clerk enquiring whether the Board would make a Provisional Order amending the Improvement Act of 1889 so as to enable the Corporation to purchase Mr. Noble's and Mr. Winterbotham's land, and extend the Provisions of the said Act to such land, authorising them to make charges for admission and otherwise, stating that with reference to the Town Clerk's letter and his interview with Mr. Dalton on the 14th inst., and to the proposals of the Council and assuming that such proposals would not involve any interference with Water Rights under Secs. 327 and 332 of the Public Health Act, 1875, the Board are aware of no reason why those proposals should not be carried into effect by means of a Provisional Order, altering the Local Act of 1889 as proposed, so as to make such of the Provisions of the Local Act as at present apply to the Pittville Estate applicable

with such modifications if any, as may be found advisable to the maintenance and regulation of the additional land in question

3—Pittville Estate—Cotterell—A Report from the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor on this subject was read and considered. The Report stated that the frontage of this land to the Cleeve Path Drive is 1,955 feet, 55 feet of which is intended for a road opposite the cross drive to the Pump Room. That it is proposed to divide the land into 30 Lots, four of which front the New Barn Lane. The width of the Lots adjoining the Cleeve Path Drive varying from 55 to 65 feet, and of those fronting the New Barn Lane 78 feet, the frontage of these latter Lots to the Cleeve Path Drive being about 308 feet. Resolved, That a Rent charge of 1s per foot frontage be charged on the land built on or held either by an owner or occupier with a house. In the meantime £10 per cent per annum be charged on the full amount of the Rent Charge on the land remaining unbuilt on or not held as aforesaid which would be payable if it were so built on or held. The Rent Charge on the Lots fronting to the New Barn Lane to be calculated on the frontage to the Cleeve Path Drive, and to be equally divided between the said 4 Lots. Neither the Lot of Land intended for a road, or any other part of the land to be used as a (road by the owners or occupiers of the land behind and on the east side of Cotterell's land, or as a means of access to such land without the consent of the Corporation, and on such terms as may be agreed on. No house to be built on the land of a less value than £500 exclusive of the value of the land on which it is built. All houses to be set back at least 40 feet from the road. The rights and privileges to be granted in consideration of such rent charges being the right of user of the Cleeve Path Drive and the other Rides and Drives on the Pittville Estate, but not the user of the Gardens. The right of user of the Sewers of the Corporation to be granted on payment of a rate of sixpence in the £ on the rateable value of the houses draining into or using such sewers.

4—Gift of Water Fowl —A Letter from Major Selwyn Payne, stating he would be pleased to give the Committee—for the Pittville Gardens—a pair of Black Muscovy Ducks, a pair of White Call Ducks, an East Indian and a Shell Duck, was read. Resolved, That the gift be accepted, and that Major Selwyn Payne be thanked for his generosity.

JOHN WAGHORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, 4th day of November, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Griffith; Councillors Lawrence, Wm. Heath, Norman and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

5—Mr. Broom's Land at Pittville—A Letter from Messrs. New, Prance and Garrard that this land, being Lot 5 at the recent Sale by Auction by Messrs. Engall, Sanders and Co., on the 29th ult., was not sold and offering it to the Corporation for £325, was read and considered. Resolved that an offer of £300 be made for the land in question.

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6—Pittville and Marle Hill Estates and Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for a Provisional Order to partially repeal, alter and amend the Provisions of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, so as to enable the Corporation to purchase the lands provisionally contracted to be purchased from Charles Crawford Noble and James Batten Winterbotham, situate at or near Pittville and Marle Hill, in the Borough of Cheltenham and the

Parish of Prestbury. Also the lands known as the Montpellier Gardens, situate in the said Borough and containing nine acres or thereabouts, and the mineral wells and rights appurtenant thereto, and a piece of land adjoining the Pittville Estate in case the offers made by the Corporation for this last named land and the Montpellier Gardens are accepted, and to extend, amend and apply to the said properties some of the provisions of the said Act relating to the Pittville Estate, to empower the Corporation to borrow the sum necessary for the purchase of the said properties and the laying out of the same, and a further sum for repairs and improvements to the Pittville Estate, and to alter and amend the said Act in other respects. Resolved also, That this Committee be empowered to settle the statement required by the Regulations of the Local Government Board, to be sent to the Local Government Board with this Resolution.

7—Promenade Improvement—Powell—A Letter from the Town Clerk to Mr. Powell, of date the 26th ultimo, and his reply thereto were read and considered. Resolved, That Mr. Powell be requested to meet a deputation of this Committee to lay before him the Plans and Specifications some afternoon this week.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 21st day of October, 1891,—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Ramsay ; Councillors Drew, Williams, Norman and Lawrence (The Mayor in the chair)—

1--School of Cookery—A letter from Mrs. Wolseley-Lewis forwarding a scheme for cookery prepared by the Committee of the Young Women's Institute and offering to send a deputation to meet this Committee if they desire it, was read. The scheme referred to, and an estimate of receipts and expenditure accompanying the same, having been read and considered. Resolved, That the scheme commends itself generally to this Committee, but they observe an absence from it of any provision for giving instruction in Cookery in the neighbourhood of the homes of those for whom it is more particularly intended, and in the adjoining parishes ; and this Committee would be glad if Mrs. Wolseley-Lewis' Committee would consider whether some arrangement cannot be made to supply this want, and would be pleased to receive a deputation from her Committee at their next meeting.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 2nd day of November, 1891 — Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Griffith and Ramsay ; Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Norman and Lenthall (The Mayor in the chair)—

2-- School of Cookery—Mrs Wolseley Lewis, Mrs. Poole and Mrs. Crawley attended this Meeting of the Committee as a deputation from the Technical School Executive Committee. The subject was fully discussed and the deputation having given an assurance to the Committee that something should be done in the direction pointed out in the Resolution of this Committee at its Meeting on

the 21st ult. Resolved, That a grant of £100 be made to the Technical School Executive Committee for the purposes of the intended School of Cookery, and be now paid accordingly.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday. the 23rd day of October, 1891—Present: Alderman Sir A. Ramsay ; Councillors Drew, Neale and Parsonage ; E. Wethered, Esq. (Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsay in the Chair.)

1—librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month :—

Mr. R. Anslow.	1 Pamphlet
Messrs. Jones and Evans .	1 Vol.
Mrs. Pennard.	23 Vols.
The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge	1 Vol.
Trustees of British Museum.	3 Vols.
Mr. J. Ballinger.	1 Vol.
Miss Lecluse	2 Vols.
Mr. G. H. Bayley	4 Vols.
Mr. William Jones (Librarian)	5 Vols.
London University	1 Vol.

Reports from the Libraries at Birkenhead, Cambridge, Kensington and Wimbledon.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported recommending that the " Western Daily Mail " be taken in for the News Room ; that additional Bookcases for the reception of the new Technical Books be provided, and that the estimate of Messrs. Billings for providing and fixing the same for the sum of £14 be accepted ; and that the sum of £25 be spent in duplicating and adding to the works of some of the more popular writers of fiction. Resolved, That the report of the Sub-Committee be approved.

3-Consumption of Gas—Mr. G. H. Long attended this meeting of the Committee to introduce to their notice Cornell's Patent Gas Governor, the price of which was £5. Resolved, That if Mr. Long will fix one and allow the Committee to try it for a month, they will, if the action of it be found satisfactory, purchase one.

4 -Technical Education—The Librarian laid before the Committee a list of Books bearing on Technical Education, and the subjects having been approved. Resolved, That the Librarian be authorised to order a selection of books therefrom to the value of £60.

5--Mr. Daley—A letter from C. Daley, Esq., stating that being unable to attend the meeting of the Committee regularly he begged to tender his resignation, and enclosed to apply to any purpose the Committee might consider most desirable. Resolved, That the Committee have received Mr. Daley's

resignation with much regret, and that the same be reported to the Council. Resolved also That Mr. Daley be thanked for his donation and that the same be spent in the purchase of Juvenile Books

6—Local Collection—Resolved, That in pursuance and in furtherance of the Resolution on this subject passed at the last meeting of the Committee, an advertisement be inserted in the Examiner, Echo and Looker-On soliciting donations to this collection.

7-Accounts—The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

W. Jones, Wages Account for November	£7 14 0
Gas Co., Coke ..	£1 9 0
W. T. Cossens, Newspapers	£3 19 10
“ Magazines ..	£1 6 8
“ Books	£5 16 1
Douglas and Foulas, Books..	£6 3 9
Jno. Grant, ditto ..	£3 1 10
E. Menken, ditto ..	£0 6 0
R. E. and C. Marshall, Repairs	£1 12 0

ALEX. E. RAMSAY.

Chairman.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 24th day of October, 1891—Present: Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsey ; Councillors Hands, Moles, Steel and Parsonage (Councillor Hands in the chair)—

1—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That summonses be issued in the following cases:

Flora Hill, 2, Bubb's Cottages, Sherborne Street

Kate Cole, Hereford Place

Reuben Cowles, 76, Stanhope Street

William Welsh, Gas Lane

Elizabeth Hunt, Fairlight Place.

2-Attendance Officers' Reports—The Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers were read.

3—South Ward—Mr. Turner reported that in consequence of the information given him by the Rev. Despard that there were a number of children in Kew Place and Clare Place who were not attending any School at all, he had visited every house in those places, and found that there were only 26 children of school age residing there, and that they were all attending some School; and he laid before the Committee a list of the children, and the Schools they attended. Resolved, That a copy of this Minute and of the list be sent to Mr. Despard.

4—Duties of the School Attendance Officers—The Council having expressed a wish to be informed as to the duties of the School Attendance Officers, and the means taken to enforce the attendance of children at School, the Committee beg to report as follows .—

Fortnightly Returns are required to be sent in by the School Teachers, on a form in duplicate, shewing the number of children on the books and average attendance. The names and ages of the absentees, with the Standard they have passed, the address of the parents, the length of absence, and the cause, if known. There are also columns for the date of visit by the Officer to the house, and for remarks which are filled up by the Attendance Officers. These returns include absentees who have been struck off the register since the date of the previous return.

On receipt of these returns, the Attendance Officers, according to arrangements made between them for division of the work, visit the house where each child lives to ascertain the cause of absence, and the cause stated is entered on the return. If the Officer is not satisfied that there is a reasonable excuse for non-attendance he leaves a summons with the parent to attend before the Local Committee of the district and show cause why proceedings should not be taken against him or her. The duplicate Return is returned to the School, filled up by the Attendance Officer with the alleged cause of absence, that the Teacher may be informed thereof. These Returns are laid before the Local Committees, who meet once every fortnight, and hear the parents and investigate the cases. Their proceedings are entered in Minute Books, which are laid before this Committee at their usual meeting. The Attendance Officers, both before and after the meetings of the Committees, visit the Schools to ascertain if the children returned as absentees are attending School, and for other information bearing on their duties.

The results of these enquiries are entered in the Minutes Books, before the same are laid before this Committee, which orders summonses to be issued in all cases when recommended by the Local Committees, and in all other cases they think necessary. During the past year 336 parents have been summoned to appear before the Local Committees, and 35 have been summoned before the Magistrates and fined. Two boys have been sent to Industrial Schools.

It is the special duty of Mr. Turner to look after the children who are reported to the Officers or whom they find to be not attending School, and Mr. Turner frequently makes house to house visitations in the poorest and most populous parts of the town to ascertain if there are any children not attending any School, and he visits the Schools where they are said to attend, if any, to verify the statements made. The Caretaker of the Recreation Ground also reports to the Attendance Officers any children apparently under School age who are playing truant there or in the neighbourhood, and the police do the same with regard to any children found wandering in the streets. The Officers also visit the houses of parents of children who appear to have ceased to attend a particular School, to ascertain where they do attend.

The Committee have now under consideration some additional forms and books to be kept by the School Attendance Officers, and they intend to invite a conference between this Committee and the Local Committees at an early date.

WILLIAM HANDS.

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 20th day of October, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Darby, Drew, Lawrence, and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the Chair)—

1-Investment of Sinking Fund, &c.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee a correspondence he had had with the Borough Treasurer of Barrow-in-Furness, and suggested the practicability of investing their respective Sinking Funds in each other's security at an equal rate of interest. The Borough Accountant also reported that the Corporation had now £11,397 7s. 1d. standing to the credit of the Sinking Fund, which would be further increased to about £12,000 on the 31st December next, and that the Barrow-in-Furness Corporation were prepared to invest at once the sums of £5,000 and £3,000 with the Corporation.

Resolved, That the sum of £5,000 be borrowed from the Barrow-in-Furness Corporation, to replace the same amount paid off on the security of the Sewage Farms, at 3 ¼ per cent., on a transfer of the mortgage, and the sum of £2,500 for the purposes of erecting the Abattoir at the same rate.

Resolved also, That £7,500 of the Sinking Fund of the Corporation be invested with the Barrow Corporation at 3 ¼ per cent., subject to the security being approved of by this Committee.

The Loans to be subject to repayment by either side on six months' notice.

2—ACCOUNTS.—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the Account of Receipts and Expenditure, and of the Accounts and amounts to be paid, amounting to the following sums, viz :—

RECEIPTS.—

Borough Fund ..	£67 3 8
Public Library—Revenue	£133 4 1
Urban Authority—Revenue	£1173 16 4
Burial Board—Revenue	£61 16 1
Waterworks—Revenue	£712 7 1
Corporation Stock .	£5000 0 0
Sinking Fund Account..	£9237 7 10

ACCOUNTS NOW TO BE PAID—

Borough Fund	£377 11 1
Public Library—Revenue	£35 10 10
Urban Authority—Revenue	£2908 0 1
Burial Board—Revenue	£12 11 8
Street Improvements ..	£2 0 3
Refuse Destructor—Capital	£5 0 0
Waterworks—Revenue	£377 15 10
Ditto—Capital ..	£50 11 2
Loans, &c.	6516 3 0

J. T. DARBY, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 29th day of October, 1891—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Darby, Drew, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

3—Hospital Subscription and Tickets—With reference to the arrangement come to between the Public Health Committee and the Hospital Board on the 15th May, 1888, to the effect that an Annual Subscription should be paid to the Hospital by the Urban Sanitary Authority equal in amount to the Water Rate for the time being paid by the Hospital. Resolved. That it be suggested to the Governors of the General Hospital that they should furnish the Corporation with tickets equivalent to the value of the Subscription before-mentioned, such tickets to be kept in the Town Clerk's Office, and be only issued for the use of the Corporation employees, on the application of the heads of the respective Departments.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the nth day of November, 1891—Present: Councillors Darby, Drew, Lawrence and Parsonage (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

4—General District Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 1th inst., on the collection of this rate, was read. Amount collected £720 9s. 2d., leaving outstanding £12,210 0s 0d.

4—Water Rate—The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 5th inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts £678 2s 6d, leaving outstanding £6,516 12s 1d

5—TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the following statement:—

In hand last month .. • ..	£90656 3 2
Add Technical Instruction Grant ..	<u>£ 700 0 0</u>
	£91386 3 2
Received during the month Current Account ..	£7088 7 3
Technical Education Grant ..	£ 60 0 0
Sinking Fund Account	<u>£9237 7 10</u>
	<u>£16385 15 1</u>
	£107771 18 3
Paid during the month	<u>£85358 18 9</u>
In hand	£22412 19 6
Being Current and Interest Account	£11015 12 5
Sinking Fund Account ..	<u>£11397 7 1</u>
	£22412 19 6

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, November 24th, 1891.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council, as such, and Acting as Urban Sanitary Authority, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Saturday, the 28th day of November inst., 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 receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
2. To pass a Resolution, if so determined, asking the Local Government Board to alter and amend the Cheltenham Improvement Act 1889 so as to enable the Corporation to purchase by Agreement the Winter Garden property and the property known as the Imperial Rooms, or either of them, and to extend to such properties if and when purchased all or some of the provisions of the said Act, relating to the Pittville Estate, and to alter and amend such provisions and to empower the Corporation to borrow such sum or sums as may be necessary to acquire and improve the said properties.
3. Notices of Motion.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, December 2nd, 1891.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Monthly Meeting of the Council, as such, and Acting as Urban Sanitary Authority, and as a Burial Board, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices, on Monday, the 7th day of December inst., 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 read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting, and of the Special Meeting held on the 28th day of November last
2. To receive any official communications and take measures thereon.
3. To approve or otherwise the proceedings of THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE. WATER COMMITTEE. GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE. BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE. BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE. TOWN IMPROVEMENT

COMMITTEE, and Purchase of Montpellier Gardens. PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE. FINANCE COMMITTEE.

4..Resolved:—"That pursuant to 41 and 42 Vict., Cap. 26, s. 21., directions be given to the Overseers of the parish of Cheltenham that in future the lists of Parliamentary Voters and register of Parliamentary Voters in the Parliamentary Borough of Cheltenham, and the Burgess lists and Burgess Rolls in the Municipal Borough of Cheltenham, and the lists of claimants and persons objected to in the Parliamentary and Municipal Borough of Cheltenham respectively, be so far as they relate to persons ' qualified in respect of the ownership or occupation of property (including persons qualified in respect of lodgings), arranged in the same order in which the qualifying premises appear in the rate books, or as nearly thereto as will cause those lists and registers and rolls to record the qualifying premises in successive order in the street, or other place in which they are situate, subject, nevertheless, to the division of such lists, registers and rolls into Ward lists. And be rescinded such resolution (if any) of the Council as may exist to the contrary.

5. Councillor Lawrence to move:—"That Standing Order No. 19 be altered by inserting after the words "Standing Committee" the words "with the exception of the Library and School Attendance Committees."

6. Notices of Motion.

7. To read the following letters, &c., and pass Resolutions thereon, if need be:—Councillor Neale and others re Repair of Wellington Street. Alfred Pike re Tree opposite Amherst Villa. J. H. Hitchens re Museum.

Yours faithfully,

E. T. BRYDGES,

Town Clerk.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council, to be held on Monday, the 7th of December, 1891.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, 18th day of November, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Thoyts; Councillors Darby, Heath, King, Lawrence, and Steel (Alderman Thoyts ;, the chair)—

1— Chairman—The Deputy-Mayor (Alderman Col. Thoyts) was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of December, 1891—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Thoys ; Councillors Darby, Heath, Lawrence, and Steel, (Alderman Thoys in the chair)—

2--Gas Examiner's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner was read : Average Illuminating Power, 16.06 candles. Purity, 10.23 grains of Sulphur per 100 cubic feet.

3 -Gas Inspector's Monthly Report—The Monthly Report of the Gas Inspector was read : Average hourly consumption of Gas per lamp during the month, 4.235 cubic feet.

4--Lamp Book- The Book be kept at the Police Station was produced and examined. Lamps extinguished during the month, 17 (5 metered); burning dimly, 78 (6 metered).

5--Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways —The surveyor reported that the following works had been done in his Department during the past month.

Repaired with Clee Hill Stone—High Street (near Sun Inn), Granville Street, Tivoli Place, Gloucester Road (by Midland Inn), Depot Yard, St Margaret's Road.

Patching—County Court Street, North Place, Oriel Road, Swindon Road, Montpellier Street, High Street, Portland Street, Sandford Road, Bath Road, Suffolk Square, Parade and Road, Winchcombe Street, Lypiatt Terrace, Park Place, Upper High Street, Tewkesbury Road, Queen's Road, Lansdown Place, Road, Parade and Crescent, Promenade, Bay-shill Road, Queen's Parade, St. George's Place, St. Luke's Road, Sandford Road, College Road, Imperial Square, Oriel Road, Regent Street, Rodney Road, Clarence Street and Parade.

Repaired with Wickwar Stone—Commercial Street, Sandfield Road, Swindon Road, Hatherley Road (proceeding).

Patching—Back of Lansdown Place, Thirlestaine Road (side), Destructor Road, Granville Street (sides), St. George's Road.

Repaired with Gore Stone—Gloucester Road (from Castle to Station, finished).

Repaired with Local Stone—Marle Hill Road. (Private Improvement.) Repaired with Clinkers—Rowanfield Road (proceeding.)

Curbing, Crossing and Flagging—Lansdown Crescent, Bath Street and Road, Great Western Road, Oriel Road, Promenade, St. George's Place, Granville Street (finished). Gloucester Road, Sherbourne Place, Suffolk Square, Tivoli Villas, College Road, Imperial Square, Swindon Street (finished), Whitehart Street, Western Road, St. George's Road, Fairview Road, Suffolk Road, Tewkesbury Road, Marle Hill Parade, St. Paul's Road, Arch Buildings, High Street, Portland Square, Winchcombe Street. Royal Crescent and Well Place (Private Improvements).

Footpaths (Concrete) - Thirlestaine Road, Suffolk Road.

Footpaths (Gravel)—College Road (proceeding).

Footpaths (Tariff)—Tewkesbury Road, Rodney Terrace, Swindon Road.

Crossing (Concrete)—Bayshill Road. Ashes Collected-1,840 Cart Loads.

Gulleys Re-constructed —1 Trinity School Lane, 1 Hewlett Road, 1 County Court Street, 1 Prestbury Road, 1 Portland Square, High Street, 2 Promenade, 1 Winchcombe Street, 1 Clarence Road.

Drains- Arle Road (near Wood's Farm). Hewlett Road, Old Bath Road. Tewkesbury Road.

Ash Vans—Two new Ash Vans arrived from Messrs. Glover, of Warwick, on the 19th November.

6—Lamp at Westal Green --The fixing of a site for the additional lamp to be granted for this locality was adjourned.

7—Steam Boiler Insurance —Resolved. That the Boiler at the Destructor be insured for £1,000 in the Boiler Insurance and Steam Power Company.

8—Cloddimore Road—A memorial from Mr. H. A. Palmer and others calling attention to the condition of this road, and praying the Council to have it repaired. was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Specification for the repair of the road as a private road.

9 —Montpellier Grove—A memorial from Gen. Hawkes and others praying the Corporation to give directions for the repair of this road, with a view to its being declared a public road, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Specification for the repair of this road, with a view to its being declared a highway.

10—College Lawn Road—The further consideration of this matter was adjourned.

11— County Court Road—A Letter from the Registrar of the County Court stating that the noise caused by the large amount of traffic passing over Regent Street and County Court Road is, at times, so great as to be an annoyance to the Officers of the Court, to the Advocates and to the Suitors and to render difficult the administration of Justice, and that if the traffic cannot be diverted then he thought a considerable alleviation of the noise might be made by laying down the road with similar material to that used in the Colonnade, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Williams be informed that the next time the road requires repair the question of an improved mode of construction will be considered.

12-Cabmen's Shelter—A letter from Mrs. Bannerman. applying to the Committee to fix a site for a Cabmen's Shelter, in the event the Council permitting such an erection, was read. Resolved, That the site be fixed at about the centre of the Cab Stand at the New Club.

13—Road between Albert Street and Victoria Street, St. Paul's—A letter from Mr. J. P. Harris, drawing attention to the bad state of the above road, also asking for a lamp to be placed in the road, was read. Resolved, That subject to the road being put into proper repair by the Owners, to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, a Bracket Lamp will be fixed in the road.

14-G.W R. Goods Shed—A letter from J. L. Wilkinson, Esq., the Chief Goods Manager of the Great Western Railway, stating that the Company were not unnecessarily delaying the question of improving the facilities for conducting the passenger and goods business at their Cheltenham Station, that the Council would be aware the Company had for some time contemplated some extensive additions to the Railway accommodation in Cheltenham, but unexpected local obstacles

had arisen in connection with certain land, and the Company were forced either to narrow and seriously restrict the Station accommodation, they had proposed to afford, or acquire other land on the opposite side of the Station site to permit of the expansion that was necessary for the provision of a handsome and commodious Station, that the Directors had adopted the latter alternative, and that his call at the Town Clerk's office on the 15th October, was made within two hours of having arranged terms for the additional land required, and the Company were now in a position to considerably amplify their pro-posed accommodation in a manner which they believed could not fail to give satisfaction to the town and trade of Cheltenham, that the New Plans were in course of preparation and it was the intention of the Company to commence the work with all practicable despatch, that it would not be necessary for him to raise the point as to whether it seas competent for the Surveyor to give such a notice as had been given, having regard to the Company's Parliamentary powers, and it being understood that the object of the Corporation in putting forward the question, was to accelerate a decision in regard to the general proposals for improved Station accommodation, and after receiving the foregoing information he hoped the Corporation would feel that their purpose had been served, and that the notice in question could properly now be withdrawn, was read. Resolved, That if the Company will fix a reasonable date within which the works shall be commenced, proceedings under the notice will, without prejudice, be deferred until that time.

15-St. George's Road Bridge—The Town Clerk reported that a Parliamentary Plan and Section, with Book of Reference, relating to an application of the Great Western Railway Company to Parliament in the ensuing Session for powers in regard to the lengthening of this Bridge had been deposited with him by the Solicitor to the Company.

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16—Footpath in front of Lansdown Cottages --A loner from Mr. Charles Austin offering to give up sufficient land to form a footpath at this point if the Corporation will fix a stone plinth and iron railing in front of the houses, was read, and referred to the Surveyor to report upon.

17 —Trees—A letter from Col. Smyth calling at win ion to the inconvenience caused by the large trees in front of, and near, Lake View, Pittville, and asking the Committee to give instructions for the removal of some of them ; also a letter from Councillor E. H. Parsonage calling attention, on behalf of the residents in Parabola and Overton Roads, Bayshill, and in Christ Church Terrace, to the necessity removing some of the trees on those roads, and one, especially, opposite No. 9, Christ Church Terrace, were read. Resolved, That the letters and other matters relating to the trees in the Streets in the Borough be referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Mayor, the Chairman, and Councillors Heath, Lawrence and King.

18- Lamp at Anchor Brewery—An application from Mr. C. H. Channon for leave to place a Sugg's 50 candle-power lamp over the public footway in Warwick Place, on behalf of the Tewkesbury Brewery Company, and an application from Messrs. William Blackburn and Co. requesting to be allowed to retain the row of gas lamps, placed outside their shop, No, 135, High Street, and which they had been served with notice to remove, were read. Resolved, That permission be given in both these cases, subject to the lamps being kept lighted till 11 p.m., and to the right of the Corporation to require their removal if at any time they think It to do so.

19—Lamps at 299 High Street - A Letter from R. K. and C. Marshall applying for permission to erect 4 outside lamps for Mr. Shrivess at 299 High Street, the lamps to be of the ordinary pattern outside jewellers' windows, removed at night and refixed in the morning, and not to be used for advertising purposes, was read. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the lamps being kept 8ft. in height and to the right of the Corporation to require their removal if at any time they think fit to do so.

20.-Lighting of Swindon Road—A memorial from Mr. Jno. Bowles and others calling attention to the necessity of placing lamps in this road, was read. Resolved, That one additional lamp be placed in a position to be fixed by the Surveyor.

21.-Sign Board at Telephone Office, Clarence Street—A letter from Mr. W. C. Owen the Local Superintendent of the Telephone Company acknowledging receipt of notice to remove this sign, which the Company had complied with, but stating that the Company, would be glad to have permission to refix it, as having a Sign Board at that place is a most important matter to the Company, and a convenience to the public, and he trusted the Council would not withhold such consent, was read. Resolved. That the Committee regret they cannot in this case make any exception to the general rule.

22-Private Lamps—The Street Inspector reported that pursuant to instructions he had, during the past month, paid frequent visits, between the hours of closing and midnight, to the places where tradesmen had been permitted to erect outside lamps conditional on the same being kept burning till midnight and he submitted a Schedule showing the dates and times of his visits and the condition in which he had found the lights. Resolved, That the Inspector do give notice to the parties that the permission given to fix the lamps will be withdrawn unless the lamps are kept fully lighted until or p.m.

23--Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that the Sign Boards at the Cycle Depot Sherborne Place, and the Telephone Call Room, Clarence Street had been removed in accordance with the direction of the Committee, also that the Sign Board at Messrs. Blackburn and Co's. No. 135 High Street had been set back so as not to project beyond the line of the cornice.

24 —Ambrose Street Improvement—A letter from Mr. William Prew enquiring the price of the two cottages in Ambrose Street between Mr. Sharland's and Mr. Bayley's premises, was read Resolved, That Mr. Prew be informed that only one of the houses in question belong to the Corporation, viz., No. 16, Ambrose Street.

The Surveyor was directed to prepare a plan and estimate for bringing forward the same to the proper line of frontage. Resolved, That the price of No. 28, the price of which had been enquired by Mr. Bick, be £400.

25—Bridge over Chelt—The Bridge over the Chelt at the back of Messrs. Marshall's Works having been reported as unsafe, the Surveyor was instructed to bring up a plan and estimate for a new light Iron Bridge.

26—Footpath at Park Place —Miss Forsyth Grant, of 34, Park Place, having complained that the gravel footpath at the side of her much out of repair. Resolved, That the Surveyor do bring up a Specification for the repair thereof. premises is very

27-Clare Garden Cottages—Coomes—A letter from Mr. Edwin Coomes calling attention to the flooding of the property at Clare Garden Cottages, and also at the back of Naunton Parade, near the upper end of Bath Road, caused by the overflowing of the water course running between the two properties, was read. Resolved, That the Committee cannot accept any responsibility or duty in this matter, the stream being one running through private property; but, if the applicant will take steps to ascertain the cause of the flooding complained of, the Surveyor will do what he can to assist him if it lies within the power of the Corporation.

28—Shoeing Forge near Park Mews—A letter from Mr. J. J. Bendy objecting to the erection, by Mr. Sumner, of a Shoeing Forge adjoining his (Mr. Bendy's) premises known as Park Mews, as he considers it will be a nuisance to his tenant, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Bendy be informed the Corporation cannot interfere in the matter provided Mr. Sumner complies with the provisions of the Law and the Bye Laws.

29-New Buildings—The Surveyor laid before the Committee Notices and Plans received by him from the following persons intending to erect New Buildings, all of which were approved, viz :—

Mr. Morgan, Additions to Stable in Princess Street.

Miss Fenn, Additions to the Lawn, St. James's Square.

Robert Dennis, Esq., for New House in Old Bath Road.

Cavendish House Co., Ltd., Alterations in their premises in Promenade, with consent to the bringing forward of part of same to the line shown on the plan.

Messrs. J. Bradbury & Paterson, Additions to Royal Hotel.

Mr. F. Sumner, for Veterinary Forge, near Park Mews.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 18th day of November, 1891 — Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Hands, King, Neale, Norman, and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)

1—Chairman—Alderman Captain Griffith was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

A letter from Mr. Charles Wilson to the Mayor suggesting the construction of a road from Market Street to the Bridge over the Chelt at Great Western Terrace, and the filling up of the orchard near Millbrook Street with town refuse, was read.

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of December, 1891—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Neale and Parsonage (The Mayor in the chair)-

1-Dairies and Cowsheds Order—An application from Mr. Wm. Press to be registered as a Dairyman and Purveyor of Milk at No. 317, High Street, was read, together with the report of the Inspector of Nuisances thereon. Resolved, That the Applicant be registered, subject to a favourable report from the Medical Officer of Health as to the source of supply.

2-Houses without a proper supply of Water—A Report from the Surveyor of date the 2nd inst. that the houses mentioned therein are without a proper supply of water and that such supply can be readily obtained from the Corporation mains at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts, was read. Resolved, That notice be given under Section 62 of the Public Health Act 1875 to the owners of the houses in question, requiring them to obtain such supply and do all such acts as may be necessary for that purpose. And That if such notice is not complied with application be made to the Magistrates for an Order to close the well in each case.

3—Notices re Water Supply not complied with —The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of houses the owners of which had failed to comply with the Notices to lay on a proper supply of water. Resolved, That notice be given in those cases to close the wells and that the necessary proceedings be taken to enforce the compliance with such notices in cases of default. rd That proceedings be taken for penalties under Sec. 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, in the cases of Mr. Mark Williams and Mr. Walter Buckle, in respect of premises in Cleveland Passage.

4—Zymotic Disease —The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of cases of Zymotic Disease which had occurred during the month, viz.: Scarletina 16 ; Diphtheria 2 ; Enteric Fever 2 ; Puerperal Fever 1 (fatal).

5—Abattoir—The following Tenders for erection of these buildings, being the only ones received, were opened and found to be as follows, viz.

Edwd. Maisey, Cheltenham	£2,252
Jos. Coombe, Pershore	31717
Thos. Collins, Cheltenham .	£1830
Alfred King, Gloucester ..	£1978
A. C. & S. Billings, Cheltenham	£1650
C. H. Channon, Cheltenham	£1890
Henry Welsh, Hereford ..	£2283
C. Malvern & Son, Cheltenham	£1645

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Malvern & Son be accepted, and their proposed sureties, Mr. Barron and Mr. Chas. Marshall be approved.

6 --Urinal at York Passage—The Surveyor laid before the Committee plan of improvements at this urinal, at an estimated cost of about £50. Resolved, That the same be carried out.

7—Spa Place—Letters from Mr. R. P. Woodman, of No. 4, Spa Place, and Mr. E. Laurence, of No. 3, Spa Place, complaining of the state of the Public Sewer in this locality and asking for compensation in respect thereof, were read. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to admit any such

claims, and it appears, moreover, that some years ago a new Sewer was extended along Spa Place into which these premises might easily have been drained.

8 —No. 16, Promenade Villas—E. Stuke—A letter from Mr. E. Stuke stating that this house becomes, during heavy rains, flooded in the basement, and asking the Council to give the matter their consideration, was read, Resolved, that Mr. Stuke be informed that the Corporation have no power at present to remedy the complaint.

9—Heyden Farm—W. Washbourne—A letter from Mr. W. Washbourne, stating that a tree on the Sewage Farm had fallen and injured a cart house in the occupation of his tenant, Mr. Buckle, of Whitehall, and requesting the Corporation to have it repaired, was read Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to admit that any liability whatever rests on the Corporation.

10--Hayden Knoll Farm—The Surveyor reported that two of the cottages on this farm required repairs to the roofs. Resolved, That the Surveyor be authorised to have such repairs done as he considers necessary.

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11—Disinfection of Clothing, &C.-The attention of the Committee having been directed to the cost of disinfecting clothing, &c., by dry heat at the disinfecting chamber at the Delancey Hospital. Resolved, That the Surveyor be instructed to make enquiries as to the practicability of erecting a Steam Disinfecting Apparatus in connection with the Steam Boiler at the Destructor, and the cost thereof.

12-Accounts--The following Accounts were examined and allowed :—

Delancey Hospital, Treatment of Patients	£17 13 6
General " " "	£3 18 0
W. J. Ursell, Horsing Ambulance	£3 0 0
Dr. Roch, Cab Hire and Disbursements ..	£1 9 1
E. Jones, Four weeks Salary ..	£5 0 0
Jno. H. Bennett, Returns of Births and Deaths	£0 15 6
Sanitas Company, Disinfectants ..	£2 2 6
Building News, Advertisement re Abattoir I	£0 18 0
Contract Journal,	£0 15 0
The Builder,	£1 0 0

J. C. GRIFFITH,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 18th day of November, 1891—Present ;
The Mayor ; Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Heath, King and Williams,
(Councillor Darby in the chair),—

1 -Chairman—Councillor Darby was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 2nd day of December, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Darby, Heath, Waghorne and Williams (Councillor Darby in the chair)—

2-No. 1, Bath Street—A letter from Mr. E. J. Rivers, Surveyor of Taxes, enquiring whether the Corporation would be willing to let these premises on an annual tenancy at the same rent (£55) on the expiration of the existing lease, which expires at Mid-summer next, was read. Resolved, That the tenancy be continued on the expiration of the lease, as a yearly tenancy, at the same rent and on the same terms as in the lease.

3—Borough Surveyor's Report--The usual Monthly Report of the Surveyor as follows, was read :

On the 30th ultimo the Springs supplying the Hewlett's Reservoirs were yielding 531 gallons per minute, the average for the last 4 years being 286 gallons per minute, and the quantity of water in store at Hewletts and Leckhampton was 22,897,727 gallons, the average being 21,630,259 gallons.

On the 30th ultimo the depth of water in the Dowdeswell Reservoir was 32 feet, and the contents 100,023,701 gallons, which gives a total storage of 122,921,428 gallons, or 189 days supply.

With a view of ascertaining the effect of an effort made last year to reduce the waste of water at Tewkesbury, I have caused the weekly consumption of coal for the half-year Lady Day to Michaelmas 1891, to be compared with the half year Lady Day to Michaelmas, 1890, i.e., six months before, and the corresponding six months after, the inspection.

The result shows an average decrease in the weekly consumption of coal, of 10 cwt. 3 qrs., being a total saving of £7 13s. 9d. in the half year.

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According to your Regulations the Stop Tap under the pavement is to be entirely within the control of your officers, and the usual method of ceasing to supply water to a house is by shutting the Stop Tap, thus avoiding damage to the roadway, inconvenience to the consumers by stopping the supply, cost to the waterworks, and waste of water ; the whole of a large main having frequently to be emptied to disconnect one house ; the whole of these inconveniences are again encountered when the house has to be supplied for a new tenant. Several cases have been found in which the Stop Taps have been opened by some unauthorised person and supplies of water, for Building and other purposes, obtained without any payment being made. I was induced to devise a fitting which could be attached to the existing taps and would effectually prevent any tap being altered after being shut by the Turncock (sample submitted). The cost will be about 30s. per dozen. Probably seven or eight doz. will be required at first, and twelve doz. afterwards.

At the present time No. 4 Reservoir is being emptied. As the vegetable organisms in the water showed no sign of reducing in numbers, I thought it desirable to change the water entirely.

Resolved, That the Surveyor be authorised to obtain 100 of the Stop Tap Fittings.

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

5-Supply of Water —Applications and agreements for the supply of water for the past month were examined and approved.

J. T. DARBY,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th day of November, 1891—Present: The Mayor: Alderman Thoys, Councillors Darby, King, Lawrence, Parsonage and Waghorne (Alderman Thoys in the chair)—

1--Chairman—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Thoys, was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

2-Hackney Carriages—Supt. McRae called the attention of the Committee to the case of Geo. Clifford, a licensed driver, and the Town Clerk was requested to summons him before the Committee, at its next meeting, to shew cause why his licence should not be cancelled

3 -Wheel Chairs—Permission was granted to Mr. S. A. Toms, licensee of Wheel Chair No. 3, to substitute a new chair for his present one

4-Driver's Licenses—Licenses were granted to Charles W. Wells, of No. 2, Magdala Cottages, St. Mark's, Wilfrid Phillipps, St. Edward's Cottages, Princess Street, and Richard Poole, 226, High Street.

5—Cabmen's Shelters—A Letter from Mrs. Bannerman, requesting permission to place a shelter for the Hackney Carriage Drivers near some stand, was read. Resolved, That so far as the Council is concerned the Committee have no objection a Shelter being placed in such a position as the Street and Highway Committee may select, subject to proper regulations being made for its use so as to prevent its becoming a nuisance.

6-Inquests—The Corporation having now provided a Mortuary and a Chamber for conducting post mortem examinations, this Committee is of opinion that Coroner's Inquests, held within the Borough, should no longer be held in Public Houses, but that they should be held, as far as practicable, in some Public Court or Place, as, for instance, the Police Court. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Coroner, respectfully expressing the hope, while disclaiming the slightest wish or intention to dictate to him or interfere with his discretion, that he will be able to see his way to giving effect to this recommendation, and that if he concurs with the Committee, application be made to the County Justices for permission to hold Inquests at the Police Court.

7— Numbering of the Colonnade—A Letter from Messrs. T. Plant & Co., who are about to open a shop in the Colonnade, suggesting the re-numbering of the Colonnade, now that the improvement is practically completed, was read. Resolved, That the Surveyor do take the necessary steps to have the Colonnade numbered on both sides, including Messrs. Dobell's premises on the East and Messrs. Martin's on the West.

8—Police—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee proposals of the Standing Joint Committee of the County Council for the increase of Police Pay for the consideration of the Finance Committee of the Standing Joint Committee, and front which it appeared that the increased amount to be paid by the Borough, if such proposals are carried into effect as they stand, will be about £200 per annum. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Committee the proposed increase, compared with the rate of pay in other counties similar to Gloucestershire, seems high.

Resolved, That the Mayor and Alderman Col. Thoyts be appointed representatives of the Council on the Finance Committee of the Standing Joint Committee of the County Council.

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9—Allotments—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Applications for Allotments which had been received in pursuance of public notice duly given, viz., 41 applications for the allotments held by existing tenants at £1 per chain, amounting to 112 chains 15 poles, and 30 applications for the land at present unlet for 50 chains. Resolved, That the Surveyor do have the existing hedge grubbed up, the land drained, and erect a wire fence so as to divide the allotments for which application has been made from the remainder of the land, so far as it is possible in a straight line, and that no Allotment be let on the North side of such fence so long as any are unlet on the South side. That the Lots be let according to the applications, and subject to the Regulations and Agreement, except that the Allotments in the land not yet broken up be, as far as possible, let so as to adjoin each other on the South side of the intended fence.

10—Committee Meetings —Resolved, That the Meetings of the several Committees be fixed as follows, commencing each month on the Thursday next but one preceding the Monthly Council Meeting :—

THURSDAY - Burial Board at 3 p.m. School Attendance at 4 p.m.

FRIDAY - - Public Health at 11 a.m. Street and Highway, (view) at 2 p.m.

SATURDAY. Electric Lighting—when required.

MONDAY - - Street and Highway at 10 30 a.m. General Purposes and Watch at 4 p.m.

TUESDAY. Baths and Recreation Grounds at 11 a.m. Water at 3.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY - Public Library at 11 a.m. Town Improvement at 4 p.m.

THURSDAY - Finance at 3 p.m.

N. B. THOYTS,

Chairman.

BATHS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of November, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Councillors Drew, King, Norman, and Moles, (Councillor King in the chair)—

1-Chairman -Councillor King was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

2-Naunton Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk read a correspondence he had had with the Vendor's Solicitors on the subject of the title to a portion of this land, and the further consideration of the matter was adjourned to enable Councillor Norman and the Town Clerk to have an interview with the Vendor's Solicitors.

CHARLES W. KING,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 19th day of November, 1891—Present: The Mayor; Councillors Drew King, Moles, and Norman, (Councillor King in the chair)—

3-Naunton Recreation Ground—The Town Clerk reported that Councillor Norman and he had had an interview with the Vendor's solicitors who had promised to communicate with their clients on the subject. A telegram from Messrs. Clarke and Bayton to the effect that their clients would make an abatement of £10 per acre in the purchase money, was read. Resolved, That the purchase be proceeded with on the above footing.

CHARLES W. KING,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of December, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Thoyts; Councillors Drew, Heath, and Moles, (Councillor Drew in the chair)—

1—Chairman—In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Drew was appointed Chairman at this Meeting.

2—Barrett's Mill--The Surveyor laid before the Committee Sketch Plans of the mode in which he suggested dealing with this property, letting the malthouse part and the adjoining cottage, converting the remainder of the main building into a gymnasium, and removing the warehouse and laying out the land ornamentally as a Public Pleasure Ground. The further consideration of the matter was adjourned.

3—Recreation Ground —South Ward—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Draft of this Agreement, as altered by him, with some slight modifications by the Vendors, which were agreed to, limiting any costs to be paid to the Vendor's Solicitors in the event of the sanction of the Local Government Board being refused to £10 10s

J. W. DREW,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 18th day of November, 1891— Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Thoyts ; Councillors Heath, King, Parsonage, Steel, Williams, and Moles (Councillor Parsonage in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Councillor Parsonage was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 30th day of November, 1891—Present: The Mayor; Alderman Thoyts ; Councillors Steel, Moles, Parsonage, Williams and King Councillor Parsonage in the chair),-

2—Superintendent's Report —The Superintendent reported that he had received, and paid over, £6 9s for 80 loads of grass at 1s 6d per load ; that the spring bolt of the upper entrance gates was broken ; that the nuts and screws of the same require looking to ; and that the benches for receiving the coffins of children are in need of repair. Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorised to have the repairs and other matters mentioned in his Report attended to, and done to the satisfaction of the Surveyor.

3 -- Land at Cemetery—Webb—The Town Clerk reported that he had let the quadrant-shaped piece of land at the N.W. corner of the Cemetery, lately occupied by Mr. Holder, to Mr. Charles Webb, of Hewlett Road, Greengrocer, for £6 per annum, and laid before the Committee the agreement for same. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that the Surveyor do have the fences repaired.

4-Burial Fees—A letter from Messrs. Winterbothams and Gurney stating that the Rector is willing, if the Patrons of the Living approve, to accept £300 per annum and dispense with the Sexton ; if not, he is quite content to let things continue as heretofore, and the matter had better drop, and stating the Rector's reasons for coming to that decision, was read and considered. Resolved, That this Committee recommend that the offer of the Board be increased to £290 per annum, payable quarterly ; but that with, respect to the Parish Clerk's fees, the Committee cannot recommend any commutation of these fees, but they would recommend that, if so desired, the Officer of the Board will collect the Parish Clerk's fees and pay them over quarterly ; but it must be understood that the Board incur no further or other liability or responsibility in respect thereof.

Resolved, That a gratuity of £3 3s be given to Mr. Gregory for the additional work he has had in preparing the information required by the Committee in connection with the Burial Fees of the Rector, Sexton, and Parish Clerk.

5 --Designs—The following Designs were examined and approved ; Headstones to Mary P. Wilton, Mary Crowther, and Jane Sellers ; Tomb to William Gayer Hamilton.

6—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and passed :—

W. Field and Son, Chimney Sweeping	£0 2 0
D. Davis, Repairs ..	£0 12 6
G. Woodward, Repairs .. .	£0 5 0
W. Gregory, Labourers' Wages	£3 9 0

EDWARD H. PARSONAGE.

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of November, 1891,-Present: Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Norman, Skillicorne and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)-

1--Chairman-Councillor Waghorne was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

2-Pittville Estate-Broom's Land-A Letter from Messrs New, Prance and Garrard stating the price of £325 was quoted after consultation with the Mortgagee, who found that that sum was the lowest that would bring him out without loss and that he could not sink in price, was read. Resolved, that the Committee cannot recommend any advance to be made on the previous offer.

3-Cleeve Common- A Letter from the Clerk to the Conservators asking for payment of the second half years' payment to be made by the Corporation, was read. Resolved, That the second moiety be now paid.

4-Montpellier Cardans -The Amendment of the proceedings of this Committee, brought up for approval at the Annual Meeting of the Council, referring back the Resolutions of this Committee recommending the purchase of these Gardens to the Committee for further information as to the object of the proposed purchase, was read and discussed. Resolved, That the Council be informed that it is proposed to purchase (1) The Montpellier Gardens and to lay it out and maintain it for the use and convenience of residents and visitors (2) All the mineral well water rights of the Gardens Company with a view to their development and subject to analysis to promote the establishment of a Mineral Water Spa. And that the Town Council be again asked to confirm the offer of a sum not exceeding £7,000 to the Company for the property and rights above stated.

5---Promenade Improvement — Powell—The Chairman reported that he, the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor had had an interview with Mr. Powell on the subject of erection of the proposed fountain opposite the Imperial Rooms, and had shewn and explained to him the Plans. That Mr. Powell had requested time for consideration and that the photo of the drawing of the proposed fountain should be left with him, which was done

JOHN WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 19th day of November, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered; Councillors Drew. Heath, Lawrence, Norman, Skillicorne and Waghorne (Councillor Waghorne in the chair)—

1-Pittville Estate — Cotterell—A letter from Messrs. Haines and Sumner acknowledging receipt of copy of the Resolution of this Committee on this subject, stating that the proposed rent charge of is. per foot, having regard to the rent charge paid in respect of the houses In the immediate vicinity, was excessive, and would prevent the sale of the land ; and that the rate asked for the use of the Sewers was also excessive, and suggesting a rent charge of 6d. per foot, and 3d. in the £ on the rateable value for the use of the Sewers, was read. Resolved, That under the circumstances of the Local Government Board having declined to include that part of the Parish of Prestbury in which this estate is situate within the extended Borough Boundaries, the Committee cannot accept the offer made by Messrs. Haines and Sumner.

2--Pittville Estate --Broom's Land—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Prance had authorised him to say that £315 would be accepted for this land. Resolved, That the Committee adhere to their previous Resolution.

3—Gifts—A letter from Mr. Hopwood offering to give a quantity of herbaceous and Alpine plants and bulbs to the Corporation for furnishing the rockeries at Pittville, was read. The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. H. Humphreys had presented some ornamental water fowl, viz., 2 ducks and a drake; and the Mayor stated that he should have much pleasure in giving some Aloes and other plants. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to those gentlemen for their gifts.

4 --Borough Boundaries—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee a letter from the Local Government Board, of date the 13th inst., stating that the Board had had under their consideration the Report made by their Inspectors, Gen. Carey and Mr. Bird, and that they would now proceed to issue a Provisional Order in compliance with the application of the Town Council, so far as it relates to the extension' of the Borough by the addition thereto of part of the Local Government Districts of Leckhampton and Charlton Kings.

5-Longley's Holiday Guides-A letter from Mr. F. E. Longley, of 39, Warwick Lane, London, proposing to issue a first-class Guide to Cheltenham at 1d., and enclosing specimens of other similar Guides already issued, on the terms of a full page advertisement of the Town for £10 and £3 per 1,000 copies, was read. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the proposal to be entertained.

6-Montpellier Gardens—The Committee further considered the question of the purchase of this property in pursuance of the Amendment to their previous Resolution made at the last meeting of the Council. Resolved, That a Sub-Committee, consisting of the Mayor, the Chairman of this Committee, Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered, and Councillor Norman, be appointed to consider and report on the best means of adapting and utilising the Montpellier Gardens, or any other property, for reviving and developing the use of the Mineral Waters.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Monday, the 23rd day of November, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Norman and Waghorne, (Alderman Wethered in the Chair.)—

1—Chairman—Alderman Wethered was appointed Chairman of the Sub Committee.

2- Imperial Rooms and Winter Gardens—The Chairman of the General Committee stated that he had received a letter from the Town Clerk pointing out the desirability, in his opinion, of taking power, in the Provisional Order now being applied for, to purchase by agreement the Winter Gardens and the Imperial Rooms, and desiring him (the Chairman) to lay the matter before the Sub Committee for consideration. The Town Clerk had pointed out in his letter that if the properties referred to were desired to be included in the present Order, application would have to be made to the Local Government Board, on or before the 30th inst. and that would necessitate a Meeting of the Council being held on the 28th.

Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the full Committee be called to decide the question, it being, however, in the opinion of the Sub Committee, undesirable to apply in the present instance for powers in relation to the Winter Garden property, and in regard to the Imperial Rooms, Councillors Norman and Waghorne were deputed to see Mr. Powell personally and obtain from him a price in writing to lay before the General Committee tomorrow.

The matters in relation to the resuscitation of the Mineral Waters and the provision of a Spa were considered and adjourned for further consideration.

E. WETHERED,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 24th day of November, 1891—Present ; The Mayor ; Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered ; Councillors Drew, Wm. Heath, Lawrence, Norman and Skillicorne. (Alderman Thoyts in the Chair.)—

8- Sub Committee's Minutes—The proceedings of the Sub Committee at their meeting held yesterday were read. A letter from Messrs. W. and C. H. Jessop, Mr. Powell's Solicitors offering to sell the Imperial Rooms to the Corporation for £3,500, on condition that he is allowed to retain possession of the front portion of the premises for 12 months from the signing of the Contract, and the back portion for 15 months, the Town Council to pay all Vendor's costs, was read. Resolved, That the Committee cannot entertain such a price and such terms as those named in Messrs. Jessop's letter ; they consider, however, that whilst application is being made to the Local Government Board for a Provisional Order in relation to other matters, the Council should be recommended to include power to purchase the Imperial Rooms and the Winter Garden property if it is found desirable to do so, and in the event of the Council being able to come to some satisfactory arrangement with the respective owners as to price, &c.

N. B. THOYTS, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 27th day of November, 1891—Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Wethered ; Councillors Drew, Waghorne, Lawrence, and Wm. Heath (Councillor Waghorne in the chair.)

7—Imperial Rooms and Winter Gardens—The Town Clerk laid before the Committee draft statement to accompany the proposed application to the Local Government Board to include these properties in the Provisional Order. Resolved, That the same, as now settled, be approved.

JNO. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday. the 27th day of November, 1891—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Sir A. Ramsay, Wethered, and Haddon ; Councillors Drew, Neale Parsonage and Skillicorne ; (Alderman Sir A. Ramsay in the Chair.)

s—Chairman--Resolved, That Alderman Sir Alexander Ramsay be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2 — Librarian's Report—The usual Monthly Report of the Librarian was read. He also reported that the following gifts had been made to the Library during the past month :—

Mr. J. G. Commin	1 vol.
Mr. J. Carr	5 vols.
Mr. J. Hall ..	1 vol.
Mr. G. F. Richards ..	1 vol.
Mr. B. Slade	7 pamphlets

Annual Reports from the Libraries at:— Folkestone, Bradford, Bolton, Kidderminster, Derby, Wolverhampton, Leamington, South Shields, Manchester, Cardiff, and Swansea.

3—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended as follows:— That the estimate of Messrs. Billings to remove the sink from the corridor and to fix the same at the top of the basement steps for the sum of £2 18s, be accepted.

That the list of worn-out Books, submitted by the Librarian, be passed, and the Books replaced by new ones.

That the lists of Fiction and Juvenile Books prepared by the Librarian be ordered.

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

4—Annual Report —The Annual Report of the Committee, prepared by the Librarian and settled by the Sub-Committee, was read. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that 500 copies thereof be printed.

The Librarian laid before the Committee tenders for printing same. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. G. F. Poole, at 15s, be accepted.

5—Technical Books—The following Report of the Librarian on the purchase of Technical Books, was read and approved, and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON TECHNICAL BOOKS.

To the Chairman and Members of the Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg respectfully to report to you on the Technical Books purchased out of the grant from the County Council.

Up to the present time 128 volumes have been purchased, 104 of which have been placed in the Lending Library, and 24 in the Reference Library.

Out of this number 62 volumes have been issued for home reading, and 20 volumes consulted in the Reference Library.

In order to give as much publicity as possible to these books, two shelves in the glazed book-case on the counter have been set apart for their display, and a classified list of them prepared for the use of Borrowers.

The attention thus called to this class of literature has resulted in a demand for books of this character which the Library already possessed, and during the 13 days these books were exposed to view, 215 volumes were issued.

There have been many applications for books on subjects which are not represented in the recent purchases, but I hope very shortly to prepare a list, embodying the works enquired for.

A specially prepared classified Catalogue of all the works of a technical nature, in both departments of the Library, would be of great service to students, and if you are of opinion that such a catalogue is advisable, the work shall be commenced at once.

The cost of printing would not be much, and it might be sold at a price which would cover the cost of the same. I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant, W. JONES, Librarian.

Public Library, 27th November, 1891.

6—Accounts—The following accounts were examined and allowed:—

W. T. Cossens, Stationery, Newspapers and Magazines ..	£37 1 9
William Morgan, Library Indicators.. .	.. £2 5 0
Norman and Sawyer, Printing, Binding, &c.	.. £13 8 2
J. W. Pink, Books	.. £4 19 3
T. Miles and Co., ditto	.. £0 18 7

Gay and Bird, ditto	..	£1 1 9
W. Jones, Petty Cash ..	..	£5 0 0
" Wages Account for December	..	£7 14 0
J. G. Commin, Books ..	..	£1 16 2

ALEX. E. RAMSAY. Chairman.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Saturday, the 28th day of November, 1891—Present: Aldermen Ramsey and Wethered; Councillors Hands, Moles, Parsonage and Steel (Councillor Hands in the Chair).

1—Chairman -Councillor Hands was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

2—Local Committees—The Minute Books of the various Local Committees were gone through and examined. Resolved, That summonses be issued in the following cases: Wm. Jenner, 8, Russell Street ; Geo. Smith, Chapel Street ; Rose Major, Cleveland Passage ; Elizabeth Morris, 32, York Street ; and Frank Robins, St. Paul's Street South.

3— East Ward—The Local Committee having proposed Mr. A. Hume Spry, of No. 24 Priory Street, as a member of the Local Committee for this Ward, Resolved, That he be appointed a member of the Local Committee for this Ward.

4—Attendance Officers' Reports—The Monthly Reports of the School Attendance Officers were read and considered. Mr. Wigley reported, that since the last meeting of the Committee no return had been received from the following Schools:—Parish Church (Boys and Infants) ; Christ Church ; Trinity (Boys and Infants) ; St. Paul's (Girls) ; St. James's; St. Luke's ; Wesleyan; St. John's ; and Highbury (Boys).

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Managers of the Schools in question, calling their attention to Sec. 22 of the Elementary Education Act, 1873, and inform them that if the returns are not sent in regularly, the Committee will have no alternative, but to direct the School Attendance Officers to visit each school from which no return has been received and examine the Registers, and in the event of the Managers of any of the Schools deciding not to direct the teachers to make the returns, they be asked to inform this Committee which will be the most convenient time for the production of the Registers.

Mr. Turner reported that he had made a House to House Visitation in Providence Square, Ewlyn Road, Fairfield Place and Terrace, with the result that only 2 children were found not to be attending any School, and that the parent of one of them had been already fined.

A Report from Mr. Wigley of the result of the Prosecution of Parents and Employers of Labour during the past month, was read and considered.

5—Walter Winter- Resolved, That a half-time Labour Certificate be granted to this boy.

6--National Association of Elementary School Teachers—The Committee further considered the alterations of the Bye-Laws proposed by the Deputation from the Association which waited on the

Committee, viz., (1.) To abolish half-time certificates. (2.) To raise the Standard for total exemptions to the VI. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to recommend any alteration in these respects to be made in the Bye-Laws.

7-Conference with the Local Committees and School Managers — Resolved, That the Members of the Local Committees and the School Managers be invited to a conference with this Committee for the purpose of considering the question of School Attendance, and other matters connected therewith, such conference to be held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, the 16th of December next, at 3.30 p.m.

WILLIAM HANDS.

Chairman.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 18th day of November, 1891,—Present: The Mayor; Aldermen Thoyts and Wethered; Councillors King, Lawrence, Norman, Parsonage, and Woodard (Councillor Norman in the chair)—

1—Chairman—Councillor Norman was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

GEORGE NORMAN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 18th day of November, 1891-Present: The Mayor ; Alderman Thoyts ; Councillors Darby, Drew, Lawrence, Parsonage and Wm. Heath (Councillor Lawrence in the Chair)-

1-Chairman-Councillor Lawrence was appointed Chairman of this Committee during the ensuing year.

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Thursday, the 3rd day of December, 1891-Present: The Mayor; Alderman Thoyts; Councillors Drew, Lawrence, Wm. Heath, Parsonage and Waghorne (Councillor Lawrence in the chair)-

2 -Naunton Recreation Ground-Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a Loan, not exceeding £2,200, to defray the cost of the purchase of this property, and the laying out and fencing thereof, and the legal and other expenses connected therewith ; and also the sum of £300 to defray the balance of the cost of the Recreation Ground near Marle Hill.

3 -Cemetery Accounts-A letter from Mr. Abbott, Surveyor of Taxes, with respect to the Assessment of Income Tax on the Cemetery profits, claiming that Income Tax was payable for the year 1890-1 on £338, and enquiring if it is intended to appeal on the question of liability, was read. Resolved, That Mr. Abbott be informed that it is the intention of the Corporation to appeal.

4- General Hospital, Subscription to-A letter from Col. Croker King, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer to the Hospital, informing the Town Clerk that the Board of Governors had unanimously resolved that the number of tickets to which the Corporation are entitled for their subscription of 20 guineas be forwarded to the Town Clerk each year for the use of the Corporation employees, was read. Resolved, That the Board be thanked for their ready and willing response to the suggestion of the Committee.

5-Annuitant-Welles' Executors-A letter from Messrs. Watson, Sons and Room, Solicitors, of date the 28th ult., to the Borough Accountant informing him of the death, on the 18th November last, of the late Mr. C. J. Manning the last surviving annuitant on the funds of the Corporation for an annuity of £66 10s, created by the first Town Commissioners, [In the year 1810], was read.

6-Vernon Place-Private Improvement Expenses--A Letter from Mrs. S. Pilley asking for time for payment of the sum of £13 15s due from her in respect of these expenses. Resolved, That Mrs. Pilley be required to pay down one third of the amount and that 6 months be given her for payment of the remainder by two instalments, that is to say one-third in 3 months, and the remaining one-third on the expirations of 6 months from this date, the whole to become payable on default in payment of the first instalment,

7- Barn Farm Mortgage - £6,666 13s 4d-A Letter from Mr. Mellersh stating that his clients would be glad if the Corporation would allow this amount to remain on the present security at 3 ¼ per cent. from the 1st December, subject to the principal being repaid at the expiration of a calendar months' notice in writing to be given on either side at any time, was read. Resolved, That the Loan be retained upon those terms.

8-Abattoir and Sewage Farm Loans -The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Draft of the Mortgage of £2,500 to be issued to the Barrow-in-Furness Corporation in respect of the Abattoir and the Draft Transfer of the Sewage Farm Mortgage of £5,000 to the same Corporation. Resolved, That the same be approved as settled by the Town Clerk, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the engrossments thereof.

9 -- Investment of Sinking Funds-The Town Clerk laid before the Committee the Draft Mortgage Security for £7,500 of the Sinking Funds to be lent to the Corporation of Barrow-in-Furness. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Common Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the engrossment thereof.

10-General District Rate-The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 3rd inst., on the collection of this rate, was read. Amount collected £5,111 9s. 2d., leaving outstanding £7,819 14s. 4d.

11-- Water Rate-The Report of the Borough Accountant of date the 3rd inst., on the collection of this Rate, was read. Receipts £3,749 2s 5d, leaving outstanding £4,375 12s 9d

RECEIPTS.

Borough Fund.	£1655 3 8
Public Library Revenue	£ 71 13 3
Urban Authority-Revenue.	£5037 9 8
Burial Board-Revenue	£ 66 15 3
Waterworks-Revenue	£3097 2 10

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ACCOUNTS NOW TO BE PAID—

Borough Fund ..	£95 8 6
Public Library—Revenue	£78 3 4
Urban Authority—Revenue	£1473 5 11
Burial Board—Revenue	£7 11 5
Street Improvements ..	£2 3 3
Refuse Destructor—Capital	£3 6 0
Abattoir—Capital ..	£2 13 0
Waterworks—Revenue	£123 10 2
Ditto —Capital ..	£17 5 4

13— TREASURER'S ACCOUNT AT THE BANK—The Borough Accountant laid before the Committee the following statement:--

In hand last month ..	£22412 19 6
Received during the month	<u>£ 9928 4 8</u>
	£32341 4 2
Paid during the month	<u>£13679 2 6</u>
In hand	£18662 1 8
Being Current and Interest Accounts	£7264 14 7
Sinking Fund Account ..	<u>£11397 7 1</u>
	£18662 1 8

EDWIN LAWRENCE,

Chairman.