

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 3rd December, 1917, at 3 p.m., Present:

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR THOMAS REES JONES) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR. (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL)

Alderman:

WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT RICHARD DAVIES ROBERT STEEL JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors:

JAMES WILLIAM BETTERIDGE ALBERT ROBINS CAUDLE FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK WILLIAM HENRY HORSLEY ALFRED MANN JAMES MOORE JOHN POYTRESS PATES WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting---Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 9th November, 1917, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Workmen—Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, forwarding copy of the Award made by the Committee On Production increasing the war time advances of men employed in the establishments of members of the Employers' Federation from 15/- to 20/- per week, and asking for the wages of the Corporation workmen to be increased to the same amount. Resolved, That the letter be referred for consideration by the Committees concerned.

3 Education Committee—Resolved, That Miss M. H. E. Knollys be reappointed a Member of the Education Committee, her term of office having expired.

4—Public Health Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 19th November last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 26th November last, be approved and confirmed.

6 —Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 30th October, and 6th and 16th November last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting; Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd November last be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th November last, be approved and confirmed.

9-General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th November last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th November last, be approved and confirmed.

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11-Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their meeting of the 21st November be approved and confirmed

12-- Burial Board Committee Resolved. That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee at their meeting of the 23rd November be approved and confirmed

13-Public Library Committee- --Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee at their meeting of the 13th November last, be approved and confirmed

14----Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee. at their Meeting of the 27th November last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

15--Memorials, Applications, etc.—Resolved, That the Memorial received from Mr. C. J. Ireland and others asking for the relighting of a lamp at the junction of Courtenay Street and Dunalley Parade, be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Minutes of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 7th January, 1918.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th December, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Moore, Stewart and Wood (the Mayor in the chair).

1-- Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: -131 Tewkesbury Road, 1 Beaconsfield Cottages, Milsom Street, Millville, Naunton Crescent, 14 Whitehart Street, 14 Worcester Street, 1 and 2 Llewellyn Cottages, 37 Bloomsbury Street and 1 Stoneville Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at 3 Casino Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the Occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3--- Cleansing and Whitewashing at 39 Bloomsbury Street, Hazeldene, London Road, 2 Beaconsfield Cottages, Milsom Street, 7 Commercial Street, 10 St. James' Street, 14 Worcester Street, 26 Bath Street, 23 Hermitage Street, 4, 5, and 13 Stoneville Street and 64 Burton Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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4- -Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 6 and 8 Clarence Street, 131 Tewkesbury Road, and 39 Bloomsbury Street - The inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section .11 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5—Insanitary Property-14 and 15 Worcester Street, 10 St. James' Street, 7 Commercial Street, 26 Bath Street, 21 Hermitage Street, and 64 Burton Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Common Lodging Houses—Applications were received from Mr. F. T. Agass, of 20 and 21, Stanhope Street and Cottage at rear. Mrs. Alice Ada Evans, of Cumberland Cottage, Grove Street, and Nelson Inn, High Street, and Mrs. Jackson, of Rowton House, Grove Street, for renewal of their registration as Keepers of these Common Lodging Houses. Resolved, That their registration be renewed for another year.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat--The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender on the 21st November of a fore-quarter and the lungs, heart and offal of a sheep (Weight, 21 lbs.)

8—Soup Kitchen, New Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted report of his inspection. He estimated it would cost from £15 to £20 to put the premises in proper order. Resolved, That the building be inspected by the Committee.

9—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-9 St. Paul's Street North—Read, a letter from Messrs. Rickerby and Co. asking that the question of the demolition of these premises might be adjourned. Resolved, That the consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting.

81 Stanhope Street—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that this house was in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and recommended that the same should be closed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting, and that in the meantime Notice be given to the Owner of the intention to make a Closing Order.

49 and 85 Stanhope Street--The Medical Officer withdrew these houses from his representation for Closing Orders.

1, 2, 3 and 4 St. Peter's Place, 42, 43 and 44 Stanhope Street, and 9 Worcester Street—Mr. P. P. Taylor attended on behalf of the Owner of these houses and objected to a Closing Order. After hearing the Medical Officer and Mr. Taylor, it was Resolved, That the Committee inspect the houses.

16—18, 45--48, and 82-84 Stanhope Street —Read, a letter from Mr. H. Stroud asking that the question of closing these houses might be adjourned. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting.

7 Rutland Street, and 7 and 8 Higgs' Cottages-- Resolved. That the closing of these houses be adjourned for Notices to be given to the owners.

5, 6, and 7 Worcester Street— Mr. J. G. Green, The Owner of these premises did not attend. be inspected by the Committee, before a closing order is made.

75 Stanhope Street—Mrs. Jas. Smith attended on behalf of her husband, the Owner of this house. After hearing the Medical Officer and Mrs. Smith, it was Resolved, that the house be inspected by the Committee, before a closing order is made. 76 and 77 Stanhope Street, and 1 Limbrick Collages—Read a letter from Mr. F. Fowles asking for an adjournment. Resolved, That the consideration be adjourned to the next meeting.

10—Report of Farms Sub-Committee--The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th instant. Present The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 10th instant was 9 colts, 10 horses and 3 at the Depot, 3 calves, 121 head of cattle, 52 lambs, 61 sheep, and 7 pigs all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 29 cattle and Hereford Bull had been purchased for £638 and 30 heifers (including 7 in calf), 3 cows, 4 steers, 1 calf, 7 store pigs and 1 fat sow had been sold for £1183 4s. 2d, A Bull had died of murrain.

Resolved. That the Farms Manager be instructed to obtain tenders for an Elm and Ash tree which required cutting down.

Resolved. also, That the adjoining Owners be called upon to clear out the Watercourse leading from Sandfield, at Barn Farm.

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

T. REES JONES

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th December, 1917: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Workmen's Wages—Read a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, forwarding a copy of the award made by the Committee of Production increasing the war advance to men employed in the Engineering and Foundry trades, and asking for an increase of the war bonus already granted to the Corporation Workmen. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

2—Trees— Read a letter from Mr. W. T. Allan asking for the removal of the trees opposite No. 1, College Villas. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

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At a meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 31st December 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

3-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways- The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highway-, Department from the 23rd November to the 27th December, 1917 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes collection and Disposal- During the five weeks ended the 20th December, 1917, 919 loads collected, 894 consumed. 25 tipped away. Weight consumed, 1076 tons 9 cwt.

4-Moorend Park Road -The Borough Engineer recommended that the present 6-inch surface water drain in Moorend Park Road should be re-laid with 9-inch pipes and connected to the Brook in Shurdington Road, at an estimated cost of £235. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted, and that the cost be charged to the South Eastern and Tivoli District Sewers Loan.

5—Trees-- The Committee considered the tenders (5) received for 147 trees to be removed from the public streets. Resolved. That the tender of Messrs. Smith Bros. of £215 (the highest) be accepted.

6- Annual Tenders--Resolved, That under the present circumstances, tenders be not invited for the materials, etc., required for the ensuing year.

7—Tar Spraying -The Borough Surveyor recommended, with a view to carrying out the tar spraying expeditiously next season, that a filling and spraying gear should be fixed to two of the tar boilers at a cost of £35 for each boiler. Resolved. That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

8--Workmen Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Baker. and Councillors Mann and Stewart be appointed Representatives of this Committee to consider with Representatives of the Electricity and Lighting, Water and Finance Committees the application of the workmen for an additional war bonus.

9-Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 31st December. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday. the 31st December, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Mann, Stewart and, Wilkins

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

2 --New Building - The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Building, viz:

No. of Plan	Name.	Description
1384	Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd.	Additions to Star Hotel, Regent Street

Resolved, That the same be approved, subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

WORKMEN'S WAGES JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of Representatives of the Street and Highway, Electricity and Lighting, Water and Finance Committees held on Wednesday, the 2nd January, 1918. Present: —The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Margrett and Waghorne, Councillors Dodwell, Mann, Steward and Wood (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Workmen's Wages—The application of the workmen for an additional war bonus was considered. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to grant an additional war bonus of 2/6 per week to be paid to workmen over 18 years of age, the first payment of such bonus to be made on

the 11th inst., and that the question of an additional bonus to employees under 18 years of age be dealt with by each Committee.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 14th December, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter and Green, Haddock, Pates and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given, from the 14th November to the 11th December, 1917, was 65, including 24 to wounded soldiers.

2- Band—Resolved, That the Cheltenham Rifle Band be engaged to play in the Promenade on the 26th instant, from 11 a.m. to 1p.m., at the usual charge.

3—Mineral Waters—"Sales"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa since the last meeting was 1775, and the number sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 121.

4—Winter Garden—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan received from the Gloucestershire Aircraft Co. of the alterations at the Winter Garden which were required owing to their occupation of a portion of the building, and also a copy of a letter which had been sent by him relating thereto, after consultation with the Chairman. Resolved, That the letter of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday the 20th December, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors, Betteridge, Dodwell, Green, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair),

1--Electricity Accounts, 1916-17—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the accounts as audited showed that the amount standing to the revenue account on the 31st March, 1917, after allowing for the balance of, £1,077 8s. 3d., brought forward from the previous year and after payment of the financial charges, was £54 15s. 11d. The amount standing to the Reserve Fund was £5,766 8s. 1d, and to the Renewals Fund £428 19s. 7d

2—Charges —Resolved, That in view of the increased cost of coal, workmen's wages etc., the present increase of 10 per cent in the charges for electric energy supplied to ordinary consumers, as authorised by the Council in May last, be increased to 20 per cent.

3—All Saints' District—Pressure—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that in order to improve the pressure of the supply in the All Saints' District a sub-station should be erected, and reported that Mr. A. C. Billings was willing to allow the sub-station to be placed in the garden at the side of Inholmes Stables on payment of a small annual acknowledgement. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to enter into an agreement with Mr. Billings accordingly.

4—Public Lighting—Read memorials from Mr. H. Holman and others and F. J. Bridgeman and others asking that the Electric lamp at the junction of Hanover St. and Hanover Parade, which was knocked down some months ago, should be replace• Resolved, That the application be granted.

An application was also received from Mr. G. H. Rowe, of Dacre, Glencairn Park Road, for additional lighting in Glencairn Park Road. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

5—Wages of Workmen—Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, forwarding a copy of the award made by the Committee on Production increasing the war advance to men employed in the Engineering and Foundry trades, and asking for an increase of the War bonus already granted to the Corporation workmen. Resolved, That the Street and Highway, Water and Finance Committees be asked to appoint representatives to consider the application. Resolved also, That the Mayor, the Chairman and Councillors Dodwell and Wood, be appointed the representatives of this Committee.

6—Charge Engineers—An application was received from the Charge Engineers for an increase of salary. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 13th December, 1917 Present —Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Green, Taylor and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 10th December, 1917.		Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	240,000 gallons	290,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	577,000	1,052,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>91,000</u>	<u>83,000</u>
Total 908,000		Total 1,425,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	10th December, 1917.		10th December, 1916.	
Hewletts		13,850,000 gallons		14,780,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	20ft. 0in.	44,703,000 "	27ft 6in	77,292,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft 6in	<u>1,688,000</u> "	12ft 0in	<u>1,621,000</u> "
	Total Storage	60,241,000 "		93,693,000 "

2—Salts Farm —The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an application from the Tenant of Salts Farm asking for consent to break up about 4 acres of pasture land in accordance with the instructions of the War Agricultural Committee. Resolved, That the application be granted.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 18th December, 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1--Diseases amongst Animals—supt. Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Fire Brigade—Report of the Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Fire Station on Saturday, the 8th December, 1917.

Present—Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart, Chairman—Alderman Baker was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year. Presentation of Medals, etc.—The Mayor presented to the undermentioned Members of the Brigade, medals and bars for Service.

Bars to: —

Engineer T. James (42 years' service).

Station Officer I. James (36 years' service).

Lieut. H. Harris (30 years' service).

Lieut. I. Cossens (30 years' service).

Medals to: —

Captain J. L. Such (23 years' service).
Sub-Lieut. E. Niblet (21 years' service).
Ex-Engineer H. Such ditto.
Fireman H. Chaplin ditto.
Fireman J. Choate ditto.
Fireman S. Cowley ditto.
Sub-Lieut. W. Cowley (20 years' service).

Equipment—The Sub-Committee inspected the equipment and found the same in good order and condition. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

Report of Captain—The Captain reported that since the last meeting the Brigade had been called to the undermentioned outbreaks of fire: —

On the 24th November, to a serious fire at The Tanneries, Winchcombe, occupied by Messrs. Sexty Ltd. Damage about £5000. Brigade expenses £19 19s. 0d.

On the 26th November, to a small fire at No. 13 Rodney Terrace, occupied by Mrs. Compton. Damage about £10. Brigade expenses £1 12s. 0d.

On the 26th November, to a fire at Fortfield, Lansdown Road. Damage very slight. Brigade expenses £2 7s. 6d.

On the 28th November, to a rick fire at Prestbury Park, owned by Messrs. Mark Williams and Co. Expenses £10 4s. 6d.

On the 10th December, to a fire at Northolm, Swindon Road, occupied by Mr. F. W. Smith. Damage about £20. Brigade expenses £2 11s. 6d.

On the 13th December, to a slight outbreak of fire at Naunton Park Hospital. Damage slight. Brigade expenses £3 4s. 0d.

3—Motor Cab Licences—Read reports from Messrs. Mills & Co. on their inspection of the Motor Cabs belonging to Messrs. C. Dennis, W. T. Baggs and S. Sperry. Resolved, That Licences be granted, subject to the requirements of the Committee being complied with.

4--Retail Coal Prices Order--Read a letter from the Controller of Coal Mines stating that in order to secure the more equitable distribution of the different qualities of coal allocated to the South Western Counties for household purposes, it was proposed to re-allocate the whole of the coal supplied for household consumption in the Area so as to ensure that no merchant shall receive an undue proportion of less suitable coals. At the same time, it had been found necessary to fix the pit price of coal supplied to the Area from Monmouthshire and South Wales collieries for household

purposes at 25/- per ton instead of 22/6 per ton, such increase to take effect as from the 10th December instant.

Messrs. Butler, Keen, Greenway and R. J. Webb attended as a deputation on behalf of the Coal Merchants' Association, and asked for a revision of the prices fixed by the Committee. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

5—War Pensions Office—Resolved, That an extension of the telephone be made to Miss Ker's office at an annual charge of £1 6s 0d.

6—Public Lighting—Read memorials from E. J. Ireland and others, H. Holman and others, F. J. Bridgeman and others, and letters from J. J. James, and G. H. Rowe asking for additional lighting in Dunalley Parade, Hanover Street, Albion Street and Glencairn Park Road. An application was also received from the Rev. E. M. Marsden for permission to light the two gas lamps outside the Holy Trinity Mission Hall. Resolved, That the applications for additional electric lighting be referred to the Electricity and Lighting Committee, and that the application, for additional gas lighting be not - granted.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 28th December, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

7—Retail Coal Prices Order, 1917—The report of the Sub-Committee on the revision of maximum prices in consequence of the re-allocation of collieries for the supply of coal to this area was considered. The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 21st instant, Present—The Mayor (in the chair) Aldermen Bendall and Steel, and Councillor Green. The following representatives of the coal merchants attended the meeting: Messrs. Butler, Greenway, Keen, and R. J. Webb. The Sub-Committee recommended that the maximum prices should be varied as follows: —

Best House Coal. Seconds House Coal, Kitchen Coal.

Sales of one ton or more, delivered to coal store	per ton 39/-	38/-	37/-
Sales of quantities less than one ton from road vehicles, per cwt.		2/-	1/11½
Sales of 2 cwts. or less to consumers at merchants' or dealers' shops or yards —		2/1	2/0½
Sales of 2 cwts. or less to consumers at merchants' depot, wharf or railway siding		1/10	1/9½

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved, except that the maximum price per ton of best house coal be 38/6 instead of 39/- per ton.

T. REES JONES,
Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 12th December, 1917: Present The Mayor, Aldermen Davies Steel, and Waghorne, Councillors Caudle, Green and Stewart, and Mr. H. Stroud (Alderman Davies in the Chair).

1--Curator's Report---The Curator reported that there had been 944 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 10th November last. (Corresponding period last year, 1,134.)

The following gifts had been received for the Museum: -

Dr. J. A. Bower: —Skull and modified hyoid bone of Red Howling Monkey of South America.

Prof. L. White King, Dublin: —Five Arrow Heads found in Ireland.

A class of boys from the St. Peter's School, accompanied by Mr. A. G. Wheeler, Headmaster, was taken over the Art Gallery and Museum on Wednesday afternoon. December 5th.

2—Exhibition of Canadian War Photographs—Read, an application from the Officer in charge of Canadian War Records asking for permission to exhibit in the Art Gallery for two weeks in January, photographs taken under the direction of the Canadian Government and to make a charge for admission which would be handed over to the Red Cross Society. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the sanction of the Victoria and Albert Museum Authorities being obtained to the closing of the Art Gallery to the Public for the period.

3—Local War Museums —Read, a letter from the Chairman of the Local War Museums Association stating that the Admiralty and War Office had undertaken that all relics of general interest not required for national purposes would be placed at the disposal of Local Museums and had also expressed their willingness to lend objects of naval and military interest for temporary exhibition. For the purpose of financing the work of the Association the following scale of subscription had been adopted. viz: —

£1 1s. for a Member representing the Local Authority or Museum in a City, Town or Urban District where the population does not exceed 20,000, £2 2s. where the population does not exceed 100,000, and £5 5s where the population is over this number.

Resolved. That a subscription of £2 2s. be made.

R. DAVIES,
Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 19th December, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillor Betteridge Alderman Baker in the chair).

1.—Cultivation of Land Order—Folly Lane—Resolved, That a representation be made to the War Agricultural Committee, that the piece of land in Folly Lane, containing 3 acres 3 roods 37 perches, should be broken up for cultivation and that the Committee be informed that if the owner is not willing to do this the Corporation will be able to let the land for allotments.

College Road—The Town Clerk reported that the owners of the field in College Road, now in the occupation of Mrs. Holborow, were willing to grant a lease of the same for a term of 7 years at a rental of £30 per annum, subject to the Corporation arranging with the tenant to give up possession and to a condition that in the last year of the term the land should be sown with grass seed, and the Corporation to have the right to determine the lease at the end of the 3rd or 5th year.

Resolved. That the offer be accepted, and that the common seal be affixed to an agreement. The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the land divided into 45 chain lots. Resolved, That the plan be approved and that the land be let at a rent of 10/- for the first year, 15/- the second year, and 17/6 the third year.

Land adjoining Glenlee, Parabola Road—Read a letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Co., stating that the owner of the land adjoining Glenlee was desirous of cultivating the same and asking the Corporation to terminate the present tenancy and give him possession. Resolved. That this be agreed to, subject to his undertaking to cultivate the land and to compensate the present tenant.

2—Pittville Gardens—Water Fowl—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had disposed of a number of the Water fowl at Pittville Gardens for £5.

WILLIAM, A. BAKER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 21st December, 1917—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Caudle, Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Trees—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received three tenders for the two Elm Trees on the land adjoining the Cemetery, and had accepted the tender of Messrs. Smith Bros. of £11 (the highest). Resolved. That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

2--Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 5014 to 5025 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Cross to grave of The Rev. T. A. Gaisford. Headstones to Graves of Eliza Caroline Summers, Charles Christian Gram, and Arthur John Byard.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the December 1917: Present—Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green, Mann, Moore, and Wilkins, Miss Fegan and Mr. E. C. Rogers. (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: 17s. 3d. Presentations: Miss Bowie Evans 3 volumes, Mr. J. S. Pickering 14 volumes, Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner 7 volumes. National Blind Institute 1 volume, Mr. A C. Dunn "Plays by T. L. Peacock," C. J. Sawyer 11 volumes.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of November last was 2205, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 9215.

2- Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on Thursday, the 6th instant. Present—Councillor Green (in the chair), Miss Fegan, Messrs. W. R. Caries, F. J. Caudle, and J. R. Claridge, they recommended (a) That the list of books submitted by the Librarian be purchased at a cost of 25. (b) That the periodical "Flight" be purchased for the news room at a cost of 13/- per annum. (c) That the apology of the person found mutilating the Atheneum "be accepted, but that she be asked to replace the periodical damaged. (d) That the borrowing of books from the Reference Library for home reading be left to the discretion of the Librarian, subject to an application form being filled up containing the terms as settled by the Sub-Committee. Resolved, That the purchase of books be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that with this exception the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday the 1st January, 1918 Present--The Manor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne. Councillors Haddock, Horsley, Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1- General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st January, 1918, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £9.230 9s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £15,718 16s. 3d.

2-Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st January, 1918, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th March next. Amount collected £5,059 19s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £7,244 17s. 11d.

3- Reciprocal Investment—The Borough Accountant reported that the Nottingham Corporation were willing to lend £15,236 if a similar amount was advanced to them, the period of loan, length of notice and rate of interest to be the same in each case. Resolved. That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £15,236 be advanced to the Nottingham Corporation out of the Sinking Funds, and that Debentures be issued for a like amount to be advanced by the Nottingham Corporation.

4—Abstract of Accounts— Read a letter from Messrs. Harvey & Healing, stating that in view of the application by their men for an increase of wages they must ask for an increase in their tendered price of 5/5 per page for printing the Abstract of Accounts of 11/2d. per page for every 1/- advance which may be granted to the men. Resolved. That this be agreed to.

5—Borough Accountant Mr. Millen intimated that he would like his resignation, which had been temporarily withdrawn, to take effect about the end of January but he did not wish to cause the Council any inconvenience and was quite willing to make an arrangement, if desired to continue to give part time assistance in carrying out any specified portion of the work of the department. Resolved. That under the circumstances the Committee have no alternative but to accede to Mr. Minnett's request.

Resolved also, That the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to make arrangements for carrying on the work of the department.

6—Insurance Third Party Risk--The Town Clerk submitted quotations for insuring the Corporation against third party risk. Resolved. That the same be adjourned to the next meeting.

7—Accounts--The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement: —

In hand on the 27th November last	6,376 14 3
Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture, £200)	<u>22,877 2 5</u>
	29,253 16 8
Paid since that date (including Loan repaid -£100)	<u>17,876 11 0</u>
	11,377 5 8
Being Sinking Fund Accounts In hand	24,635 7 2
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts do.	154 15 4
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account do.	<u>17 1 0</u>
	24,807 3 6
less General Accounts Overdrawn...	<u>13,429 17 10</u>
In hand	11,377 5 8

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Dices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 7th January, 1918, at 3 p.m., Present

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR THOMAS REES JONES) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL)

Aldermen:

WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER, RICHARD DAVIES CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT ROBERT STEEL JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors:

JAMES WILLIAM BETTERIDGE JAMES HENRY BOULTER ALBERT ROBINS CAUDLE FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK WILLIAM HENRY HORSLEY THOMAS WILKINS ALFRED MANN JAMES MOORE JOHN POYTRESS PATES WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR

1-Minutes of Previous Meeting - Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 3rd December, 1917, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed,

2--Public Health Committee --Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th December last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highways Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 31st December last, be approved and confirmed.

4-Workmen's Wages Joint Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Workmen's Wages Joint Sub-Committee, at their Meeting of the 2nd January instant, be referred back for further consideration.

5—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th December last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th December last, be approved and confirmed.

Transformers, etc. The Standing Orders having been suspended. it was Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain additional transformers and equipment for giving an

increased supply of electric energy to the Gloucestershire Aircraft Works, at a cost not exceeding £400.

7 -Water Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th December last, be approved and confirmed.

8 —General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th December last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th December last, be approved and confirmed.

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10—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th December last, be approved and confirmed.

11--Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st December last, be approved and confirmed.

12- Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th December last, be approved and confirmed.

13 Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 1st January instant, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also. That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

14--Notice of Motion Councillor Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Quarterly Meeting: --

"That owing to the food shortage, there is urgent need that this Council should promptly meet to endeavour to work out a plan or scheme for the rationing and equal distribution of food that would assist the Government, and help to relieve the grave anxiety and depression now being felt by our townspeople, and other municipalities."

Mayor

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 4th February, 1918.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th January 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margaret and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Moore, Stewart and Wood (the Mayor in the chair).

- 1- Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits. or ash receptacles, viz.: -44 St. George's Street, 1 Stoneville Street, 58 Rutland Street, 23 Russell Street, 64 Duke Street and 24 Windsor Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Overcrowding at 4 Whitehart Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the Occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3--Cleansing and Whitewashing at 48 Worcester Street, 1 Stoneville Street, 58 Rutland Street, 6 King Street, Marsden, Albany Road, 62 Upper Park Street and 15 Fairfield Walk—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and un-wholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved. That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 12 St James' Street, 18 and 19 Francis Street- The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved... the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains and report to the Committee.

5-Insanitary Property—58 Rutland Street, 48 Worcester Street, Plough Hotel Yard, Wenlock House and 5 Queen's Terrace, Wellington Passage, Royal Hotel Stockrooms, 19 Lansdown Crescent and Mabel Cottage, Chapel Lane -The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors. &c. Resolved. That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875 be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of the carcasses and offal of 2 pork pigs on the 20th December 1917, and the carcass and offal of a sheep on the 4th January. 1918. (Weight surrendered, 395 lbs)

7—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-Demolition. 9 St. Pauls Street South—Mr. H. F. Midwinter attended on behalf of the London City and Midland Bank and stated that the Bank were not the owners of the premises and had no interest therein. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate for pulling down these premises and also for boarding up the same.

56 Worcester Street and 1 Higgs' Cottages—Read, a letter from Mr. John Bradbury, the owner of 56 Worcester Street, agreeing to an Order being made for the demolition of these premises. and Mr. W. Higgs, the owner of 1 Higgs' Cottages, attended. Resolved. That the Council are of opinion that these dwelling-houses have not been rendered fit for human habitation, and that the necessary steps are not being taken with all due diligence to make them so fit, and that Orders be now made pursuant to Sub-Section 2 of Section 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, requiring the demolition of the premises. Resolved. also, That the Common Seal be affixed to the said Orders and that notice of such Orders be given to the Owners.

52 and 53 Rutland Street—Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney and Co., agents for the Owners, did not attend. That the Committee inspect these premises before a Demolition Order is made.

2 Higgs' Cottages---Mr. W. Higgs attended and stated that these premises belonged to his sister, Miss Higgs. That Notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Demolition Order.

Closing orders. 76 Stanhope Street—With reference to the representation made by the Medical Officer of Health, a letter was read from Miss A. Hooper, the owner, stating that she did not propose to let these premises for human habitation. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above mentioned premises are in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made pursuant to Sec. 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said premises for human habitation until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice of such Order be given to the Owner.

77 Stanhope Street—Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner of these premises of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

16-18, 45-48, 50-655, 82-84 Stanhope Street—Mr. H. Stroud, for the owner of these premises, attended the Meeting. Resolved, That the houses be inspected by the Committee before Closing Orders are made.

81 Stanhope Street and 1 Limbrick cottages—The Owners of these premises did not attend. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the premises before a Closing Order is made.

8- Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1917-Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding Copy of an Order made by the Board requiring Medical Officers of Health to furnish to the Ministry of National Service a list of male persons between the ages of 16 and 45 who have been notified as suffering from tuberculosis, within a week after the entry is made in the register kept by the Medical Officer of Health. Resolved, That the Order be re the Medical Officer of Health.

9-Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health-Read, a letter from the Local Government Board suggesting that with a view to effecting further economies as regards Annual Reports, the usual memorandum on the preparation of the Annual Reports of Medical Officers of Health would not be issued, that the details usually inserted such as description of district, Particulars of water supplies, sewerage, etc., should be omitted. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

10-Report of Farms Sub-Committee. The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 14th instant. Present The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report-Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 14th instant was 9 colts, 11 horses and 3 at the Depot, 4 calves, 119 head of cattle, 51 lambs, 61 sheep, and 46 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting, 9 cows in calf, 1 heifer in calf, and 1 cart mare had been purchased for £440, 1 cow, 1 calf, 4 heifers, 5 steers, and 1 sheep had been sold for £286 19s. 2d. 39 pigs and 2 calves had been bred on the Farms and 1 teg had died. Glebe –

Staverton Glebe- The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement for the tenancy of the land at Staverton which the Committee had undertaken to cultivate for two years, the land to be rent free but the Corporation to pay rates. Resolved. That the same be approved and that the common Seal be affixed to an engrossment thereof.

Cultivation of Additional Land-Read, a letter from the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Committee forwarding a notice requiring the cultivation of 25 acres of additional land at the Sewage Farms. The Town Clerk submitted copy of a letter he has written in reply. Resolved, That the same be approved. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. REES JONES.

Chairman.

WORKMEN'S WAGES JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of Representative of the Street and Highway, Electricity and Lighting and Finance Committees held on Wednesday, the 16th January, 1918: Present--The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Green, Mann, Stewart and Wood (the Mayor in the chair).

1—Workmen's Wages—The application of the 'workmen for an additional War Bonus was further considered, and four representatives of the workmen, with Mr. J. W. Betteridge, attended the Meeting.

Electricity Works Employees—Mr. Betteridge withdrew the application so far as it related to the employees of the Electricity Department.

Highways, etc., Departments—Resolved. That the Council be recommended to grant an additional War Bonus of 3/6 to all workmen over 18 years of age other than those employed by the Electricity

Department, the first payment of such bonus to be payable on the 4th instant, and that the question of an additional War Bonus to employees under 18 years of age be dealt with by the various Committees.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th January, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Horse—"Blackbird". Resolved, That this horse, which is now unfit for work, be transferred to the Farms.

2—College Road Tip--The Borough Surveyor recommended that a small piece of the land on the east side of College Road be utilized for the storage of material. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted, and that the Recreation Grounds and Allotments committee be offered a rent of £5 per annum for 5 chains of land.

3—Rational Housing and Town Planning Council-Read, a letter from the Secretary of the National Housing and Town Planning Council inviting the Corporation to appoint representatives to attend a Conference for the West of England and South Wales Counties to be held at Bristol on the 31st instant and the 1st proximo, to consider housing and town planning after the war. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be appointed to attend the Conference,

4-Electric Vehicle—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Electric Vehicle was now being used for collection of refuse.

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5- Tar Spraying—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was intended to carry out the work of tar spraying during the corning season without the aid of Contractors. He submitted an application made to the Road Board giving particulars of the work proposed to be done, together with a statement of the tar compound required. Resolved, That the same be approved.

6--Trees---Read, a letter from Mr. A. C. Billings with reference to trees in Pittville Circus and Pittville. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee. Resolved, That a Meeting of the Trees Sub-Committee be held on Friday, the 25th instant.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th January, 1917: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman, Baker, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Wilkins and Stewart (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

7—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 28th December, 1917, to the 24th January, 1918 (both dates inclusive). Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended the 17th January, 1918, 685 loads collected, 631 consumed, 54 tipped away. Weight consumed 823 tons 2 cwts.

8—Distribution of Seed Potatoes —The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a letter from the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee, asking the Corporation to distribute about five tons of Seed Potatoes to the small growers in Cheltenham and District. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

9-Workmen's Wages- Resolved, That this Committee approve the recommendation of the Workmen's Wages Joint Sub-Committee that an additional war bonus of 3/6 per week be granted to the workmen employed in the Highways Department over 18 years of age. Resolved, also, That an additional bonus of 3/6 per week be granted to the Chief Stores Clerk, three Assistant Clerks, Correspondence and General Clerk, and the Storekeeper.

10--Rowanfield Road--Read a letter from the Rev. H. H. Merryweather, calling attention to the condition of Rowanfield Road. Resolved. That The Gloucestershire Aircraft Co., Ltd. be asked to repair the Road, which has been damaged by the increased traffic from their works.

11- Slab Factory--The Borough Surveyor submitted a report of the valuation of the Slab Factory. Resolved, That a copy of the report be sent to each 'Member of the Council. Resolved, also, That this Committee record their hearty appreciation of the active interest taken by Alderman Baker in the Slab Factory, for the establishment of which he was mainly responsible, and which is now a valuable asset to the Town

12—St, George's Square--Read a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District War Agricultural Sub-Committee with reference to the cultivation of the land in St. George's Square. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee be informed that the Corporation are Owners of seven thirteenth undivided shares in the land, and that so far as they are concerned they consent to the land being cultivated.

13— Princes Street--Resolved, That the Borough surveyor be instructed to gravel the portion of footpath in respect of which a complaint has been made by Councillor Sawyer.

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14-Sydenham Road, North Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the footpath where this has been damaged by the roots of the Trees.

15—Report of Trees Sub-Committee--The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on Friday, the 25th January; Present The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair). After inspecting the Trees of which complaints had been received they recommended as follows: —

Gloucester Road--That the tree opposite "Foxton " be not removed.

College Road--That 2 Lime opposite Bedford Lodge, and 3 Sycamore and 1 Lime between Orrisdale Terrace and Broughton Villa be removed and that other trees be planted.

St. Anne's Road-That a Chestnut tree opposite Drayton Villa be removed and also a Sycamore at the angle of the road.

Pittville Circus-That 1 Plane tree opposite Eglington and 2 Planes opposite the front and side of Tower House be removed.

Pittville Circus Road That 1Wych Elm opposite Askham House and Chestnut tree by "Kirkella" be removed. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Trees Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

16-Trees at back of Segrave Place--Read a letter from Mrs. Drinkwater asking that the trees at the back of Segrave Place should be lopped or taken down. Resolved, That the writer be informed that the trees are on private property.

17-View Meeting –The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday, the 25th January, 1918: The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th January, 1918: Present—The Mayor Councillors Boulter, Green, Haddock and Pates (Councillor Haddock in the chair)

1-Bowling Green—Winter Garden—Read. a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Bowling Club withdrawing their application for the use of the Winter Garden Green next Season, as they had obtained a piece of land in Suffolk Square which they intended to lay out as a Bowling Green. Resolved. That applications be invited by advertisement for the use of the Bowling Green at the Winter Garden.

2—Winter Concerts—The Town Clerk reported that, as instructed at the last Meeting, he had written to the Traders' Association pointing out that the undertaking to provide entertainments on not less than three afternoons per week had not been carried out. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Association stating that the Association had experienced great difficulty in arranging entertainments, and that on more than one occasion engagements made had been cancelled at the last moment. The Association would use their earnest endeavour to carry out their undertaking, and although performances may not be provided on three afternoons each week, they had every intention of giving an equivalent aggregate number of performances.

3—Town Hall—The Town Clerk reported that owing to a breakdown of the boiler at Salem Chapel the services were held in the Town Hall on the evening of Sunday, the 6th January. and in the morning and evening of Sunday, the 13th January. Resolved. That a charge of £7 17s. 6d... plus lighting be made.

Read. a letter from the Secretary of the Traders' Association stating that owing to concert parties postponing their visits, they were unable to use the Hall on nine evenings in January, and asking for the use of the Hall on later dates. Resolved. That the Traders' Association be granted the use of the Large Hall for nine evening entertainments at the same charge as previously quoted, viz., £37 16s. plus the cost of lighting provided that the nine entertainments are given within a period of three weeks.

4—Spa Medical Committee—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of the alterations to the Pavilion in the Montpellier Gardens to adapt this as a Spa, at an estimated cost of £60. Resolved, That consideration of this be adjourned, and that the Spa Medical Committee be asked to attend a conference with this Committee to consider the various matters arising on their report.

5—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 12th December to the 15th instant was 93, including 35 to wounded soldiers.

Masseuse—Read. a letter from Nurse Addis asking for her salary to be increased from £2 to £2 10s. per week. Resolved. That the application be granted.

6—Mineral Waters—"Sales"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa since the last meeting was 1498, and the number sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 77.

7—Alstone Baths—The Town Clerk reported an interview he had had with a representative of Messrs. John Dawson and Co., Aeroplane Manufacturers, of Newcastle, with reference to the use of the large room at the Alstone Baths for fitting up aeroplane parts. Resolved, That the Company be informed that the Corporation are willing to grant the use of the building, excluding the washing baths, the premises occupied by the Superintendent, and the open-air bath, at a rental of £250 per annum, subject to an agreement being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

P. HADDOCK

Chairman.

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At a Meeting- of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29th January 1916: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Haddock, and Pates, (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

8--Spa Medical Committee—Drs. Kirkland. Johns, Hebblethwaite, Foster and Howell, attended and conferred with the Committee with reference to the scheme recommended by the Medical Advisory Committee. The Doctors stated that they regarded the improvement in the hotel accommodation as essential to the success of their scheme, and they did not feel justified in recommending the Council to undertake any expenditure in regard to the scheme until effective measures had been adopted for securing an improvement in this direction. Resolved. That the Committee defer making any recommendations to the Council in regard to the scheme submitted by the Spa Medical Committee pending the result of the steps now being taken to secure improved hotel accommodation.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 24th January, 1918 Present—The Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Green, Horsley, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1--Electric Vehicle— The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a quotation from the Car and General Insurance Corporation Limited, for a full comprehensive policy, covering risk by fire, accident, transit, and theft, at an annual premium of £15 7s 0d from which the usual agency would be allowed. Resolved, That this be accepted.

2-Gas (Standard of Calorific Power) Act, 1916-Read a letter from the Town Clerk of Swansea, asking the Corporation to join with other Corporations in opposing an application from various Gas Companies for an order under this Act. Resolved, That as an order under this Act has already been obtained by the Cheltenham Gas Company, the application be not acceded to.

3—Workmen's Wages --Read a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, local Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Labourers enclosing a new application for an increased war bonus on behalf of the men employed under the Electricity Undertaking. Resolved, That the application be considered at a special meeting-of the Committee on Wednesday, the 30th instant at 5 p.m.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 30th January, 1918: Present - The Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Green and Mann (Councillor Green in the chair).

4—Wages of Workmen —The application for an advance in wages was further considered. The award dated the 7th instant made by Sir George Askwith (Chief Industrial Commissioner) in regard to employees in Electrical Undertakings granting, as from the beginning of the first full pay day next after the 13th October last, 12½ per cent. on earnings to employees who have received not more than 20/- war advance, was also considered, together with a memorandum issued by the Chief Industrial Commissioner pointing out that the decision was of a general character affecting plain time working employees in generating stations and sub-stations and on mains directly concerned in the generation and distribution of electrical energy (including the technical staff) throughout the country, and that it was impracticable to decide in detail how the decision should be applied to each undertaking, but each undertaking should apply the general decision in a manner suitable to their special position and according to what would appear to be reasonable. As regards the technical staff, it was felt that at least some of them, whose status bordered upon certain of the skilled men receiving 12½ per cent., would be placed in an unfair position unless some consideration was given to them, but how far such consideration should go and which members should be included was a matter for the employers to arrange.

Resolved. That an additional war bonus of 3/6 per week be granted to workmen over 18 years of age (including the three charge engineers) in addition to the 12½ per cent on earnings to which they may be entitled under the Award, the first payment of the bonus to be deemed to have become due on the 4th instant.

Resolved. Also, That Mr. J. M. Robb (Works Superintendent), Mr. C. T. Bastin (Accountant) and Mr. C. G. Smith (Mains Superintendent) be included as members of the technical staff to which the award of 12½ per cent on earnings should apply.

Resolved. Also, That an increase of 2/6 a week be granted to the two boys under 18 years of age.

E. C. GREEN, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 17th January 1918 Present—The Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Pates and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 14th January, 1918. Average for corresponding period during last 3 years

Hewletts Springs	198,000 gallons	446,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	513,000	2,244,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>60,000</u>	<u>103,000</u>
Total	771,000	2,793,000

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	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		14th January, 1918.		14th January, 1917
Hewletts		10,235,000 gallons		27,028,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	17ft. 0in.	33,701,000	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,486,000</u>	12ft. 6in.	<u>1,688,000</u>
Total Storage		45,422,000	Total Storage	128,716,000

Pumping was recommenced at Sandford Pumping Station on the 28th December last and at Tewkesbury on the 16th instant.

2—Extension of Main—The Borough Engineer reported that he had received an application for a supply of water to Stanley Lodge, Battledown. This would necessitate an extension of main for about 100 yards at a cost of £30. Resolved, That the extension be made.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 22nd January, 1918: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1--Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Fire Brigade--Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 15th and 16th instant the telephone wires attached to the fire station and firemen's houses had been damaged by the snowstorm. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to repair the damage done.

3—Hackney Carriage Licence--Read, a letter from Mr. H. E. C. Townley asking for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 98, (which was formerly held by his father), to Mr. T. Taylor, of College Mews, Suffolk Road. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Motor Cab Licence—Read, a letter from Mr. F. W. Ford, of 15, Marlborough Place, asking for a licence for a Taxi-cab for which he had previously held a licence in London. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to inspection of the Motor Cab and satisfactory report thereon, and also to a satisfactory reference as to the applicant's character being received.

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Fares—Read a letter from the local Manager of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Ltd., asking in view of the increased cost of petrol etc., that the Motor Cab fares should be increased. Resolved, That the Bye-Laws (a print of which accompanies these Minutes) be wade increasing the fares for Motor Cabs, Horse Carriages and Wheelchairs by one third, and that Notice be given of the intention of the Council to apply to the Local Government Board for confirmation of the same.

5- Wheelchair Licence- No. 18. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the chair being passed by Supt. Hopkins.

6- Cinematograph Act, 1909 Read, an application from Messrs. Poole and Shenton for the renewal of the licence granted to them in respect of the Victoria Rooms, High Street. Resolved, That the licence be granted for one year from the 7th February, 1918, subject to the same conditions as contained in the previous licence.

Hippodrome-The Inspector (Mr. H.J. Holborn) reported that complaints had been received by him of chairs being placed in the gangways at the Hippodrome, and that on the 11th instant he found one of the gangways so obstructed. Resolved, That the report be considered when an application for the renewal of the cinematograph licence is received.

7-Local Military and Naval War Pensions Committee—The Town Clerk submitted a supplementary estimate of the administrative expenses of the Local Committee for the period ending the 31st March, 1918, amounting to £57 6s. 0d. which, with the previous estimate of, £104, made a total of £161 6s. 0d., two-thirds of which would be repaid out of moneys provided by the Treasury. Resolved, That the supplementary estimate be approved.

8—Air Raid Warning—Supt. Hopkins reported that he had received a letter from the Home Office with reference to warning being given in the event of a daylight air raid, and recommended that arrangements should be made for giving public warning on receipt of a notification that hostile aircraft were approaching the neighbourhood. The Borough Electrical Engineer attended the Meeting and reported that the steam whistle at the Electricity Works and the siren at the Cheltenham Original Brewery were available for this purpose. Resolved, That the Engineer be instructed to arrange for the blowing of the whistle and the siren on receipt of instructions from the Police, and that it be recommended that the signal should consist of a blast of 10 seconds followed by seconds interval repeated for three minutes and that an all clear signal should consist of a continuous blast for 2 minutes.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th January 1918: Present- The Mayor, Alderman Davies and Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart, and Mr. H. Stroud (Alderman Davies in the chair)

1--Curator's Report- The Curator reported that there had been 1,291 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum from December 12th, 1917 to January 15th, 1918 (Corresponding period last year, 894)

The following gifts had been received for the Museum: -

Misses Penfold (per Mr. A.D. Jenkins).

Water-Colour Sketch of Badgeworth Church, made in 1848 by the late Mr. J. W. Penfold of Hazlemere

Miss P. Kent.

Hornets' Nest found near Twyning near Tewkesbury

Councillor William Sawyer.

Water-Colour Drawing of Interior of Old Assembly Rooms, Cheltenham

Mr. Charles Sawyer.

Stocks used in Dame's School, Birdlip, 1820

Resolved. That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors.

2- Exhibition of Canadian War Photographs-The Curator reported the arrangements for the exhibition of Canadian War Photographs in the Art Gallery, which it was proposed commence next week. Resolved, That the same be approved

R. DAVIES, Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 23rd January 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Bendall and Steel, Councillor Boulter, Sawyer and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

Cultivation of Land Order—College Road--The Borough Surveyor reported that the whole of the 40 allotments on the East side of College Road had been let. There were still 65 applicants wanting allotments.

Mr. Tucker attended on behalf of the Cheltenham and District Allotment and Small Holders' Society, Ltd., to ask the Committee to assist the Society in obtaining additional land for allotments.

Resolved. That a representation be made to the War Agricultural Executive Committee of the need of further land for allotments, and calling their attention to Several pieces of land suitable for the purpose.

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2 —Pittville Estate- The Borough Surveyor reported that a large number of trees had been damaged by the snowstorm, and he recommended that about the damaged trees should be replaced by new trees where necessary. Resolved, That he be authorised to provide new trees where necessary to fill up gaps. The Borough Surveyor reported that the skating bye-laws had been infringed by a number of persons during the recent frost. Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for any such infringements of the bye-laws that may occur in the future.

3—Evesham Road—Footpath—Read, a letter from Mrs. Summers complaining of the state of the pavement in front of Novar Lodge. Resolved, That the consideration of this be adjourned for view.

4--Grove Street—Resolved. That this ground be closed, and that notice be given to the Owners terminating the occupation of the ground.

5—Meeting—Resolved, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held at the Chalet.

WILLIAM A. BAKER.

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th January, 1918—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1-Grants of Grave Spaces-Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 5026 to 5034 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2 –Designs- Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses to graves of Henry Winstone, Archie H. A. Kendall, and Mary Shaw. Headstones to graves to William Alfred Hill, and Mary Castle. Kerbing to graves of Samuel and Margaret Thirtle.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th January, 1918: Present —Aldermen Davies, Steel, Caudle, Green, Mann, Moore, Pates and Wilkins, and Mr. J. R. Caudle. (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1- Librarian's Report Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £3 15s. 5d. Presentations Miss E. C. Platt (110 volumes,) Dr. W. Powell (14 volumes.) Mr. C. J. Sawyer (1 volume.) The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of December last was 1616, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 9532.

2– Sub-Committee's Report --The Sub-Committee reported that they met on Thursday, the 10th instant. Present— Aldermen Davies and Steel, and Councillor Green (Alderman Steel in the chair). They recommended—

That the list of Books submitted by the Librarian be purchased at a cost of £25.

That the Athenaeum Subjects Index to periodicals be purchased at a cost of £2 10s out of the Leslie Young Bequest.

That the Education Committee be allowed the use of the large room over the Library for the storage of the furniture from Gloucester Road Schools, at a rental of £15 per –annum

Resolved. That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee approved and the Committee be charged £10 instead of £15 for the room required for storage of Furniture.

3-Salary of. Librarian—Read, an application from the Librarian (Mr S. E. Harrison) for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased from £200 to £225, and afterwards by £10 per annum from the 4th February, 1919, to a maximum of £275.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29th January, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Silk, Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1--General District Rate—Read, the 'Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £.17, 557 16s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £7,391 9s 1d.

"Edginswell"-Read, a letter from Miss Yonge, Assistant County Director, asking the Council to waive payment of the General District Rate in respect of "Edginswell," Bayshill, which was being used as a depot for Red Cross work. Resolved, That the application be granted.

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2—Water Rate---Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 23th March next. Amount collected £9,014 0s 10d. Leaving outstanding £3,628 6s. 3d.

3---Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans of £725 and £200 Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

4—Borough Accountant— Read, a letter from Mr. Milieu stating that, if desired, he was willing to continue in Office until the end of the financial year. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

Resolved. also, That the Mayor, the Chairman, Councillors Haddock and Wilkins be appointed a Sub-Committee to con-sider and report as to the arrangements to be made for carrying on the work of the Borough Accountant's Department.

5— Borough Accountant's Department—Staff— Read, an application from Mr. J. Midwinter, a clerk in the Borough Accountant's Department, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased to 35/- per week.

6—Accounts---The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement: —

In hand on the 1st January last	11,377 5 8
Received since that date	<u>22,820 9 8</u>
	34,197 15 4
Paid since that date (including Loan repaid £1000)	<u>18,664 10 2</u>
	15,533 5 2

Being Sinking Fund Accounts -	In hand 26,633 3 8
'Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	do. 160 12 6

"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account	do.	<u>21 8 9</u>
		26,815 4 11
less General Accounts	Overdrawn	<u>11,281 19 9</u>
	In hand	15,533 5 2

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 4th February, 1918, at 3 p.m., Present THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR THOMAS REES JONES) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL)

Aldermen:

RICHARD DAVIES CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT ROBERT STEEL JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors:

JAMES WILLIAM BETTERIDGE JAMES HENRY BOULTER ALBERT ROBINS CAUDLE FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK WILLIAM HENRY HORSLEY WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD ALFRED MANN JAMES MOORE JOHN POYTRESS PATES EDWIN CHARLES SILK JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 7th January, 1918, having been printed and sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that, the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th January last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., (Committees) Act 1917 Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to a supplemental Scheme revising the Scheme made by the Council on the 1st May, 1916, so as to increase the number of members of the Local Committee to 22, this number to include at least two disabled men who have been discharged from the naval or military service of His Majesty during the present war ; and also a woman who is in receipt of a pension as the widow or

other dependant of a man in the said naval or military service who has died from causes arising out of his service during the War.

4—Workmen's Wages Joint Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Workmen's Wages Joint Sub-Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th January last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th and 28th January last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 18th and 29th January last, be approved and confirmed.

7 --Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Committee, at their Meetings of the 24th, and 30th January last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th January last, be approved and confirmed.

9—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That time proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd January last, be approved and confirmed.

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Cinematograph Act 1909- Read applications from Mrs. Field, Mr. T. H. Poynton, and Mr. C. G. Smith for the renewal of the licences granted in respect of Winter Garden, North Street Picture House, and the Hippodrome. Resolved, That licences be granted for one Year from the 7th February, 1918, subject to the same conditions as contained in the previous licences, and subject, also in the case of the Hippodrome, to an undertaking being given to keep the gangways free of obstruction.

10--Art Gallery- and Museum Committee—Resolved. That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee. Meeting of the 16th January last, be approved and confirmed.

11-Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds and, Allotments Committee at their Meeting of the 23rd January last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th January last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th January last, be approved and confirmed.

14----Finance Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th January last. be approved and confirmed

Resolved also. That an Order on the Borough Treasurer he signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

15- —Rationing—The Motion by Councillor Green on this subject was ruled out of order.

Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 4th March, 1918.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th February, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Moore, Stewart and Wood (the Mayor in the chair).

1---Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: --47 Fairview Street, 3 Cleveland Buildings, 51 Duke Street, 9 Queen Street, 16 Sidney Street, Agra House, Bath Road, Suffolk Arms, Suffolk Road, and Norfolk House, Bath Road. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2— Cleansing and Whitewashing at 47 and 51a Fairview Street, 13 Hungerford Street, 4 Hermitage Street, 8 and 11 St. Paul's Street South—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 120 Naunton Crescent - The inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named house were in such a state as to be nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4 -Insanitary Property-4 Hermitage Street, 3 Providence Place, 13 Cleveland Buildings, 47 and 51a Fairview Road, 72 and 120 Naunton Crescent, The Arcade Buildings, High Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors etc. Resolved. That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5--Notices not Complied With--The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of the Notices requiring abatement of nuisances caused by dirty walls and ceilings, defective paving, floors, etc., and the provision of ash receptacles, which had been served but not complied with. Resolved. That the Town Clerk be in to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

5—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 6th instant the carcase and offal of a heifer was surrendered as unfit for human food. (Weight. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.)

7—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—77 Stanhope Street—Read, a letter from Miss Hooper, the owner of 77 Stanhope Street. Resolved. That it appearing to the Council that the above mentioned premises are in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made pursuant to Sec. 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act. 1909, prohibiting the use of the said premises for human habitation until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice of such be given to the Owner.

Houses in Stanhope Street and 9 St. Paul's Street South—Resolved, That the Committee inspect the premises, and also the Soup Kitchen, on Monday, the 18th instant, at 2.30 p.m.

8—Sewer in Winchcomb Street—The Borough Surveyor recommended that a portion of the sewer at the back of Pittville Terrace, near Pomfret House, should be renewed at a cost of £120. Resolved, That the recommendation be Approved and adopted.

9—Blood from Slaughter-houses-Read, a letter from the Divisional Commissioner of the Ministry of Food with reference to the collection of blood from the slaughter-houses for use either as a food product or a fertilizer. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor, Dr. Garrett and Mr. Hudson be instructed to submit a scheme for consideration at the next Meeting.

10—Report of Farms Sub-Committee-The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th instant. Present: The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 11th instant was 9 colts, 11 horses (3 at the Depot), 5 calves, 126 head of cattle, 51 lambs, 61 sheep, and 44 pigs all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 10 cows and 4 steers had

been purchased for £417.5 cows, 2 heifers, and 1 sow had been sold for £313 5s.1d. 4 calves had been bred on the Farms and 1 small pig had died.

Seed Potatoes— Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase up to 3 tons of seed potatoes.

Hayden Green Lane—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the ditches cleaned out.

Horse "Blackbird"—Resolved, That the offer of the Street and Highway Committee of the horse "Blackbird" be not accepted.

Cultivation of Land—An order was received from the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee requiring the cultivation of a field containing about 13 acres for the 1919 harvest. Resolved, That enquiry be made as to identity of the land referred to.

A letter was received from Mr. E. P. Warner stating that on the 15th instant he proposed to inspect the Sewage Farms at Hayden on behalf of the War Agricultural Executive Committee. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th February, 1918 present—The Mayor, Aldermen Margrett and Steel, Councillors Moore, Stewart and Wood (the Mayor in the chair).

11 -Houses unfit for Human Habitation—Demolition Order. 9 St. Paul's Street South—The Committee inspected this house. Resolved, That the tender of £15 of Messrs. Mark Williams and Co. for demolishing this house be accepted subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

Closing Orders-16-18, 45-48, 50-65, 82-84 Stanhope Street—The Committee inspected these houses on behalf of the Owners of the property.

81 Stanhope Street—The Committee inspected this house. Mr. Giles attended on behalf of Mr. Giles, the owner.

5, 6, 7 and 9 Worcester Street, 75 Stanhope Street. 7 Rutland Street and 1 Limbrick Cottages – The Committee also inspected these houses.

T. Rees Jones,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th February, 1918: Present—. The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor. Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1-National Housing and Town Planning Conference-The Chairman and the Borough Surveyor submitted a report of the Conference held at Bristol for the West of England and South Wales Counties on the 31st January and 1st instant, on Housing and Town Planning after the War. Resolved. That a copy of the same be sent to each member of the Council.

2- Telephone Poles--Read, an application from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telephones, for permission to place a telephone pole near Queen's Circus, and also 4 poles in Gloucester Road. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to the exact positions of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to painted lagging 6 feet high being placed round the poles.

3-Metal- Resolved, That notice be given to terminate the contract with Mr. J. Kesterton for the scrap metal at the Destructor, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for recovery of the amount due under the contract.

4--Horses--Resolved, That the horse "Captain" be turned out at the Farms for a month. Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the horses to be turned out from time to time to grass at the Farms, and that the sum of 4/- per week per horse be paid to the Farms Sub-Committee.

John D. BENDALL, Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 23th February, 1918; Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Stewart and Wilkens (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 25th January to the 25th February, 1918 (both dates inclusive). Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended the 17th February, 1918, 766 loads collected, 682 consumed, 84 tipped away. Weight consumed, 889 tons 7 cwts. 2 qrs.

6—Wagon Repairs - -Read, a letter from the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Company, Ltd., asking the Corporation to agree to the contract for wagon repairs being assigned to a new Company, "Wagon Repairs, Ltd." Resolved, That this be agreed to.

7—Hired Team Labour—Read, an application from the Contractors employed by the Corporation asking for an increase in the price paid for hired team labour. Resolved, That the present price of 9/- for general hauling and ashes be increased to 10/- and for -spotting" from 8/6 to 9/6 per day.

6—Straw—Resolved. That the offer of Mr. J. L. Brooks, of Uckington, to supply wheat straw required up to Michaelmas next at 60/- a ton. be accepted.

9—Post Office Lane--An application was received from Messrs. Collins and Godfrey for permission to put a spur stone at the corner of this lane and Clarence Street, adjoining Messrs. Wheway's premises. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the stone being removed at any time if required by the Corporation.

10—Knapp Road-- Resolved, That the footpath in this road be re-paved for a length of about 70 yards.

11—Old Metal—Resolved. That the offer of Mr. S. G. James, of Stephenson Place, Birmingham, of 16/- per ton, be accepted as from the termination of the present contract with Mr. Kesterton, subject to a formal contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into, the contract to be for 12 months and afterwards subject to a month's notice by either part-.

12—Workmen's Wages—Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge making application on behalf of the Destructor stokers for further consideration of the war bonus. Resolved, That the application be adjourned and that the men be invited to send a deputation to attend the next Meeting of the Committee.

13—Damage to Fence—Supt. Hopkins reported wilful damage to a fence dividing the Corporation allotments and the footpath along the Chelt between College and Keynsham Roads. Resolved, That proceedings be taken against the offenders.

14—Report of Trees Sub-Committee—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 22nd instant. Present--The Deputy Mayor., Councillors Mann and Stewart (the Deputy-Mayor in the chair).

After inspecting the trees of which complaints had been made, they recommended as follows: —

The Park, Ellesmere Lodge—That the attention of the Owner be called to the trees in her grounds before any action is taken in regard to the trees in the road.

Oriel Terrace—That no further pruning of the tree by No. 5 was necessary.

Keynsham Road—That the tree by "Aberfoyle" be not removed.

Oxford Buildings—That the tree near Oxford Buildings be thinned when labour is available.

Hewlett Road—That the tree by "Cotsville" be not removed.

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

15---View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on the 22nd instant: —The Deputy Mayor and Councillors Mann and Stewart.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th February, 1918: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1385	Mr. Hyatt	New Lavatory, 3, Pittville Parade
1386	Gloucestershire Aircraft Co	Extension of Mill and new Lavatories, Sunningend Works
1187	do.	New Building for Generating Plant, Sunningend Works
1388	J. Dawson & Co., Ltd.	New roof over yard (Norton's Garage) Regent Street.

Resolved. That Plan No. 1387 be approved, and that Plans No. 1385 and 1386 be approved, subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 1388 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice is given requiring such removal provided that removal shall not be required while it is being used for work for the purposes of War.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 25th February, 1918: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Steel in the chair).

2—New Building—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Building, viz.: --

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1389	Cheltenham Bowling Club	Temporary Pavilion, Suffolk Square

Resolved, That the same be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice is given requiring such removal.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting this Committee held on Friday, the 15th February, 1918: Present—The Mayor. Councillors Boulter, Green, Haddock, Pates, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1--Montpellier Baths—New Entrance—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of a new entrance to the Medical Baths as suggested, by the Spa Medical Committee. at a cost of about £40. Resolved. That the plan be approved and the work carried out.

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 16th January to the 12th instant was 86, including 14 to wounded soldiers. Superintendent—Read. an application from Mrs. Stretton for an increase of salary. Resolved. That an increase of £20 be granted, such increase to include extra work in giving massage. Attendants—Resolved. That an additional war bonus of 3/6 per week be granted to the two attendants at the Baths.

2-Alstone Baths—Resolved. That Alstone Baths be open to the public during the Summer season as from the 1st May. on week-days from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., and on Sundays from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

3—Mineral Waters—"Sales"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa since the last meeting was 1603. and the number sold at the Montpellier Baths. Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 67.

4 —Winter Concerts—Read. a letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association asking for the use of the Town Hall for six entertainments during March and April, as the Association would not be able to provide these before the end of the season on the 4th March next. Resolved. That the application be not granted.

5—Federation of British Spas—Read, a letter from the Spa Medical Committee recommending the Council to join the Federation of British Spas. and stating that they would arrange for two of the members of the Spa Committee to attend the meeting of the Federation to be held in Birmingham on the 20th instant. Resolved. That the Council be recommended to join the Federation.

The Spa Medical Committee reported that Dr. Malcolm King, of London, who was an expert on baths, was willing to inspect the Montpellier Baths and advise as to the installation of any additional baths, subject to payment of "out-of-pocket" expenses only, and they recommended that the offer be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Spa Medical Committee be approved and adopted.

6—Advertising—Mr. Burrow attended the Meeting and submitted proposals for advertising during the ensuing year. Resolved. That the following scheme be recommended: —

Advertising in the "Times," special Spa numbers, 10 insertions • • • •	£21 0 0
Royal Automobile Club Year Book (27,000 issue), 12 months	5 5 0
"Daily Mail- Leader Column, 12 insertions at intervals • •	21 0 0
Illustrated articles in "Gentlewoman," "Queen," and "Lady's Field" (blocks lent without charge by Mr. Burrow) • • . • •	15 0 0
Advertising in "Daily Telegraph," 3 lines, following paragraph relating to Cheltenham under • • British Spas" • •	58 10 0
Allocated for advertisements from time to time in connection with Spa development.	<u>29 5 0</u>
	£150 0 0

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st February, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Green. Mann and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1- Lamp Pillars—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the lamp pillar in Winchcomb Street opposite Messrs. A. C. Billings' premises was recently knocked down by a motor cab driven by Mr. Bishop, cab proprietor. The cost of erecting a new lamp standard would be £20 10s. A lamp pillar in Albion Street was also knocked down by a cart belonging to Messrs. Webb Bros., Ltd., and the cost of re-erecting this would be £4 10s. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to have the lamp pillars replaced and that accounts be sent in for the same to Mr. Bishop and Messrs. Webb Bros. respectively.

2—Gas (Standard of Calorific Power) Act, 1916—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a recent test of the calorific power of the gas taken by Miss Hooper at the Central Testing Station was found to be 482 B.Th. Units, and that the minimum under the order was 500 ft. B.Th. Units. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the Gas Company to this and also to report the matter to the Board of Trade.

3- Emergency Disconnections—Read, a letter from the Board of Trade enclosing an Order made by the Board authorising the disconnection of certain classes of non-essential consumers in cases of necessity in order to enable the supply to be continued to munition and other essential users, and enclosing a form of notice to be given to persons likely to be affected. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to give notice accordingly.

4 —Mechanical Stokers—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a report with reference to the installation of mechanical stokers to two of the boilers at the Electricity Works, and recommended that the tender of Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox, Ltd., of £740 be accepted, in addition to which there will be the cost of erection and alterations amounting to £130. He estimated that by installing these mechanical stokers a saving of from 400 to 500 tons of coal per annum would be effected, which represented an annual saving, at the present prices, of from £465 to £580. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox, Ltd., be accepted, subject to a formal contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk. Resolved, also, that application be made to the Local Government Board for a loan of £870 for installing the mechanical stokers, including the necessary alterations.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th February 1918: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Green and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

5-The Gloucestershire Electric Power Bill—The Committee considered this Bill and were of opinion that if passed it Would prejudicially affect the future development (11 the undertaking. Resolved, That a petition be lodged against the Bill.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th February, 1915: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Pates and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair). 1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read:

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 11th February, 1918.		Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.	
Hewletts Springs	421,000 gallons		447,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,546,000 "		1,552,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>67,000</u> "		<u>109,000</u> "
Total 2,034,000 "		Total 2,108,000 "	

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Depth 11th February, 1918.		Contents		Depth 11th February, 1917.		Contents	
Hewletts		22,439,000 gallons				26,432,000 gallons	
Dowdeswell	27ft. 0in.	74,901,000 "		32ft 0in		100,000,000 "	
Leckhampton	12ft 0in	<u>1,621,000</u> "		12ft 0in		<u>1,621,000</u> "	
Total Storage		98,961,000 "				128,053,000 "	

Pumping ceased at Sandford on the 8th instant and at Tewkesbury on the 9th instant.

2-Water Department—Chief Clerk—Resolved, That an additional war bonus of 3/6 be granted to the Chief Clerk in the Water Department.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 19th February, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Davies, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1--Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2--Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 24th January last the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at premises in Great Western Road in the occupation of Mr. R. W. Jackson, builder. Damage about £400. Brigade expenses, £5 0s. 6d.

Also on the 6th instant to a fire at premises in Market Street in the occupation of the Gloucestershire Co-operative Society. Damage about £25. Brigade expenses, £4 14s 0d.

Also on the 17th instant to a fire at premises in Wellesley Road in the occupation of Messrs. Holliday and Page, Ltd. Damage about £50. Brigade expenses, £3 7s. 6d.

Telephone Wires—The Captain reported that the damage done by the recent snowstorm to the wires and telephone bells had now been repaired.

3—Air Raid Warning—The Town Clerk submitted a draft notice forwarded by the Chief Constable which it was proposed to distribute giving instructions as to the precautions to be taken by the public in the event of an air raid. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to have copies of the notices printed in poster and leaflet form and that the Police be asked to distribute the same.

4—Local Military and Naval War Pensions Committee—The Town Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had approved the supplementary estimate of the administrative expenses of the Local Committee for the period ending the 31st March. 1918, with the exception of the item of £36 (the grant proposed to be made to the Joint Western Disablement Committee), which had been reduced to £21.

5—Retail Coal Prices Order, 1917—Read, a letter from the Controller of Coal Mines stating that he had agreed to the proposal of the Forest of Dean Coal Owners' Association that only one quality of house coal shall be sold in future, and fixing the pit price at 26/- per ton. A letter was also received from the Cheltenham Coal Merchants' Association. Resolved. That the Coal Merchants be asked to make a return of the quantity of Welsh coal received by them during the last four weeks, and that this be considered by the Sub-Committee.

6—Pawnbroker's Certificate—Read, an application from Messrs. H. Higgins and Co. for a renewal of their pawnbroker's certificate, which expired on the 9th November last. Resolved, That the certificate be renewed for one year as from the 9th November last.

7—Grammar School Governors—Resolved, That the Council be recommended to reappoint the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mann Representative Governors of the Grammar School as from the 1st March next, on which date their term of office expires.

8—Cleeve Common Conservators—Resolved, That the Council be recommended to reappoint as Cleeve Common Conservators, Aldermen Margrett and Waghorne and Councillor Wood, whose term of office will expire in March next.

9—Fruit Market—The Sub-Committee submitted their report with reference to the Fruit Market, a copy of which accompanies these Minutes. Resolved, That the report of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor, Aldermen Bendall, Margrett and Steel, and Councillors Green and Stewart be appointed a Market Sub-Committee.

Cheltenham and District Allotment and Small Holders' Society, Ltd.--Read, a letter from Mr. H. Stroud, on behalf of this Society, asking that the payment of a bonus which was made to the members of the Market Gardeners' Co-operative Association, Ltd., should be extended to the members of this Society. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

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Storage of Pots—Read, a letter from Mr. C. C. Castle stating that he had obtained premises near the Market for the storage of pots at a rental of £16 per annum; a portion of the premises would be let for other purposes at £12, and he asked the Corporation to pay the balance of the rental (£4) of the premises used for storage. Resolved, That the application be granted.

10-Winter Garden—Exits—The Borough Surveyor reported that the emergency exit which it was arranged should be on the North-East side of the building, had not been provided. Resolved, That the licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, be not renewed until the exit is provided and that the Resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Council be varied accordingly.

11—Local Food Committee—A representation from the Local Food Committee was received that the number of the Committee should be increased from 12 to 15 in order to add to the Committee a representative of the Colleges and Schools, an additional representative of Labour, and also a representative of Working Women. Resolved. That application be made to the Ministry of Food for the increase of the membership of the Committee accordingly.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th February, 1918: Present ---Aldermen Baker, Davies, Margrett and Waghorne, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair),

12—Representation of the People Act, 1918—Polling Districts and Polling Places—Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of Section 31 of the Act, the Borough be divided into the following Polling Districts: —

Ward	Polling District	Polling Station
North	No.1 Same as present	Baker Street Schools
"	No.2 "	Milsom Street Schools
"	No.3 "	Parish Church Schools, Devonshire Street
Central	No.4 "	Bennington Hall

	No.5	"	A shop in Winchcomb Street
East	No.6	"	St. John's Schools
	No.7	"	Premises in Hewlett Street
	No.8	"	Premises in London Road near Hale's Road
South	No.9	"	St. Luke's Schools
"	No.10	Portion of existing Polling District No.10 bounded by a line drawn along the centre of Thirlestaine Road, thence along centre of Leckhampton Road, thence along backs of houses on South side of Langdon Road, thence along the centre of Fairfield Walk and along the backs of houses in Naunton Crescent, thence along centre of Naunton Lane and along the backs of houses on South side of Naunton Park Road, intersecting Old Bath Road at the Borough boundary ----- Clare Street Mission Hall	
"	No.11	Remaining portion of the existing No. 10 District including the area now added to the Parliamentary Borough which is already included in the District for Municipal elections..... Naunton Park Schools	

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Middle	No.12	The same as the existing Polling District No. 11	Town Hall
"	No.13	The same as the existing Polling District No. 12	St. Philip's Schools
West	No. 14	The same as the existing Polling District No. 13 • •	St. Stephen's Hall
"	No. 15	Portion of the existing Polling District No. 14 bounded by a line along the centre of Gloucester Road from boundary of Polling District No. 3, thence along centre of Queen's Road to boundary of Polling District No. 13	Christ Church Schools
"	No. 16	Remaining portion of the existing Polling District No. 14 • •	St. Mark's Schools
Charlton Kings	No. 17	The portion of the Parish North of a line drawn along the River Chelt from the Municipal Borough boundary to London Road and thence along the centre of London Road to the Eastern boundary of the Parish	Urban District Council Offices, London Road,
"	No. 18	The remainder of the Parish. •	St. Clair Ford Hall

NOTE. —The Polling Stations not under the control of the Council are fixed subject to their being available when required.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th February, .1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Waghorne, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,632 visits to the Art gallery and Museum since 15th January, 1918. 1,173 persons had paid for admission to the exhibition of Canadian War Photographs. About 500 wounded soldiers had been admitted free.

Miss Lyon brought a class of boys from the Grammar School to the Museum on the 7th instant.

The following gifts had been received for the Museum: —

Dr. A. A. Bower Portion of planking from Hamble River Viking ship.

The Misses Sturdy, Colwyn Bay; Unworked flint from Andoversford.

Mr. M. Heywood, Westfield Villa, London Road: Halysites, Catenularius. (Catenipora Escharoides)
Chain Coral (Wenlock Limestone), found at Uley, Glos.

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2-Food Economy Read, a letter from Sir A. Yapp asking the Committee to co-operate in the work of promoting Food Economy and incidentally Food Production, Food Preservation and Waste Utilization, as suggested in the scheme enclosed with this letter. Resolved, That the Curator be asked to see if he can arrange any lectures on Food Production and Preservation, and also any exhibits on the lines suggested by the scheme.

3- Education Rooms Resolved, That the Public Library Committee be offered £10 per annum for the joint use with to Library Committee of the rooms recently vacated by the Education Committee.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 6th February, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Bendall and Steel, and Councillor Sawyer (the Mayor in the chair).

1--Cultivation of Land Order-Resolved, That application be made to the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee under the Cultivation of Land (No. 2) Order, for their sanction to the undermentioned land being entered, if the consent of the tenants cannot be obtained: —

Folly Lane—Land in occupation of the Cheltenham Creamery, Ltd., containing about $5\frac{3}{4}$ acres. Land owned and occupied by Mr. T. Smith, containing about $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Albert Road—Land in Albert Road in the occupation of Messrs. Holliday and Page, Ltd., containing 8a. 3r. 33p.

Hale's Road—Land in occupation of Mr. A. Byard containing about $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Shelburne Road—Land at junction of Lansdown Road. and Shelburne Road, in occupation of Mrs. Todd Naylor, containing $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres:

Old Bath Road—Two pieces of land containing about $\frac{1}{4}$ acre each, in the occupation of Mr. H. Jordan.

Charlton Lane—Piece of land at Cheltenham Potteries, containing about $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres, in occupation of Mr. W. Jenkins.

Whaddon Lane—4 acres adjoining Field View Cottages in occupation of Mrs. Blake.

Harp Hill—About $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres at bottom of Harp Hill, in occupation of Mr. Barnfield.

Hall Road—Field in Hall Road adjoining Leckhampton Schools, in occupation of Mr. L. R. Peel and Mr. W. D. Farrar.

Resolved, That any land so acquired be let for allotments at 10/- a chain for the first year, to be increased to 15/- a chain in the second year and 17/6 in the third year, if the land is occupied for so long under the provisions of the Order, or any amendment thereof.

Hatherley Road--Resolved, also. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to try and arrange with Mrs. Drew for further land to be appropriated for allotments.

T REES JONES,

Chairman

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At a meeting- of this Committee held at Pittville on. Wednesday the 20th February, 1918: Present ---
The Deputy Mayor Aldermen Steel, Councillors Betteridge and Dodwell (the Deputy Mayor in the chair),

2—Cultivation of Land Order---The Town Clerk reported that the sanction of the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee had been given to enter the lands in Whaddon Lane, Harp Hill, Hale's Road, Hall Road, Folly Lane and Old Bath Road, but they did not consider the land at the Cheltenham Potteries was suitable for allotments.

Folly Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres had been taken by consent of the tenant and had all been let. He did not think it would be necessary to take the 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of Mr. T. Smith, as Mr. Smith was himself letting the land for allotments.

Hale's Road—The land at rear of Beechhurst had been cut up into 49 plots and had all been let.

Old Bath Road—Mr. Jordan had arranged to let the two pieces of land for allotments, so it would not be necessary to take these.

Hall Road-7 acres of this land had been divided into 50 chain lots for which there were already 43 applicants. The remaining 4 acres would be taken if required.

Whaddon Lane and Harp Hill-5 applications had been received for each of these pieces. He proposed to take the land if sufficient applications were received.

Albert Road—This land. containing 8a. 3r. 33p., had been taken by consent and nearly 6 acres had been allotted. Mr. C. S. Holliday had offered to let the land on a lease for 7 years from 25th March, 1918, at a rent of £29 per annum, subject to covenants to keep fences, gates, etc., in order, and to seed down the land at end of tenancy if required by the Owner.

St. Mark's —There were 30 applicants in this district. Mr. Hayward, of St. Mark's Emporium, had offered to give up i. acres near the Hatherley Tank, and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres in Gloucester Road, belonging to Mr. Unwin and in the occupation of Mr. A. Wasley, could be acquired by arrangement, and he proposed to take either or both of these pieces if there were sufficient applications. If the land near

the Hatherley Tank was taken it would be necessary to erect a fence, for which the Corporation were under covenant to provide, at a cost of about £9.

Resolved, That the report of the Borough Surveyor be approved, and that the offer made by Mr. Holliday be accepted, subject to the terms of the lease being approved by the Town Clerk.

Resolved. also, That the Public Health Committee be asked to provide a fence on the land at Hatherley Tank if the adjoining land is required for allotments.

3—Agricultural Pests—Read, a letter from Mr. H. H. Scott forwarding copy resolutions passed at a conference of Rural District Councils held at Gloucester on the 9th instant, urging that concerted action should be taken by Councils for destruction of rats, house sparrows, pigeons, and other agricultural pests.

4—Whaddon Lane --Read, a letter from Miss Sparks stating that the Central Care Committee proposed to open an Evening Play Centre in the East Ward in March and asking for use of this Ground on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., for football, cricket, etc., in connection with the proposed play centre. Resolved, That the application be granted.

5—Trees--After inspecting the trees of which complaints had been received, the Committee recommended as follows: —

Pittville Terrace —That the tree near No. 4 be not removed.

Wellington Road— That a chestnut near Sligo House be removed.

Segrave Place—That a beech near No. 6 and a lime near No. 2 be removed.

Albert Road--That a chestnut near "Ravenhurst" be removed, but that the birch tree in front of Sandown Lawn and lime tree near "Hawksworth" be not removed.

Road rear of Evesham Road—That a tree at rear of "Trouville" be lopped.

Pittville Lawn—That 2 elm trees opposite "Kenilworth" and Pittville Lawn be removed.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd February, 1919—Present: The Mayor Alderman Steel, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell, Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1-Seeds- Resolved. That the Superintendent be authorised to purchase flower seeds to the value of £1.

2--Advance to Superintendent—Resolved. That the amount of the advance to the Superintendent for the payment of wages and fees be increased from £70 to £75, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings of the 24th August, 1917. be varied accordingly.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved. That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 5025 to 5042 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

4--Soldiers' Graves—Wooden Crosses—Read, a letter from Miss Yonge, Assistant County Director of the Red Cross Society, stating that arrangements had been made by the War Office for the supply of wooden crosses for the temporary marking of the grave of any soldier which had not been already marked by the relatives, and asking for permission to erect crosses in such cases. Resolved. That permission be granted.

5-Designs-Resolved. That the following designs be approved, viz.: Headstones to graves of James Bennett, William Glover and Charles W. E. Rawlings, Albert and Jennie Beckingsale and Caroline Sanders. Kerbing to graves of Mary Anne Iles and Octavio. Gertrude Phelps.

J. STEWART,

Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th February, 1918 Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Diaries and Steel, Councillors Green, Mann, Moore, Pates and Wilkins, Messrs. W. R. Caries, F. J. Caudle, W. Gridley and H. Stroud (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1-Librarian's Report-Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £5 16s 8d. Presentations: Miss C. Douglas Fox (6 vols.), Miss Henning (2 vols.), P. F. Kendall, Esq. (1 pamphlet), Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner. M.P. (2 vols.), Publishers, Cheltenham, Glos. and District Traders' Directory (1 vol.), Mr. C. J. Sawyer (3 vols.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of January last was 3,892, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 9,685.

2---Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on Thursday, the 7th instant. Present—Aldermen Davies and Steel, and Mr. F. J. Caudle (Alderman Steel in the chair), and examined the monthly accounts.

3—Time and Place of Meeting—Resolved, That the Monthly Meetings of the Committee be held at the Public Library at 4.30 p.m. instead of at the Municipal Offices at 4.15 p.m.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th February, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Waghorne, Councillors Horsley, Silk, Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £22,017 0s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £2,932 5s. 5d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th March next. Amount collected £11,037 10s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £1,883.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £500 on loan. Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of a loan of £1,617. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debenture be endorsed accordingly.

4—Borough Accountant's Department—Resolved, That Guarantee Bonds for £100 each be taken out for the two female clerks in the Borough Accountant's Department.

5—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement: --

In hand on the 29th January last	15,533 5 2
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £15,500)	<u>36,158 15 5</u>
	51,692 0 7
Paid since that date (including Investment of Sinking Funds, 415,000)	<u>31,419 12 8</u>
	In hand 20,272 7 11
Being General Accounts	8,423 5 6
Sinking Fund Accounts	11,634 3 8
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	160 12 6
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account	<u>54 6 3</u>
	20,272 7 11

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 4th March, 1918, at 3 p.m., Present;

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR THOMAS REES JONES) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL)

Aldermen:

WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER RICHARD DAVIES CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors:

JAMES WILLIAM BETTERIDGE JAMES HENRY BOULTER ALBERT ROBINS CAUDLE FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWIN SON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK WILLIAM HENRY HORSLEY ALFRED MANN JAMES MOORE JOHN POYTRESS PATES WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK JAMES STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 4th February, 1918, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Appointment of Overseers—Resolved, That William Alfred Baker, of 60, Marle Hill Parade, Cheltenham, John David Bendall, of Trowscoed Lodge, Naunton Lane, Cheltenham, Martin Benjamin Ricketts, of Wortley, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham, and Robert Steel, of 1, Oriel Terrace, Cheltenham, be appointed Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham for the ensuing year.

3—Local Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Committee—Resolved, That Mrs. Mason, of 2, Portman Terrace, Upper Bath Street, widow of Sergeant Mason (Worcester Regt.), Mr. E. Rennie, of 69, Leighton Road (late Sergt. -Major R.F.A.), and Mr. F. Smith, of Haddo, Pittville Circus Road (late Lancers and A.S.C.), be appointed members of the Cheltenham Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Committee.

4—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 18th February last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 25th February last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th February last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 21st February last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th February last, be approved and confirmed.

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9—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 19th and 27th February last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Resolution passed at the Meeting of the Council on the 4th February, 1918, renewing the Cinematograph Licence for the Winter Garden, be varied accordingly.

The description of Polling District No. 10 in Minute No. 12 was first corrected to read as follows :—
Portion of existing Polling District No. 10 bounded by a line drawn along the centres of Thirlestaine Road and Suffolk Road to Great Norwood Street, thence along the centres of Great Norwood Street and Norwood Road across Leckhampton Road and along the backs of houses on the South side of Langdon Road, thence along the centre of Fairfield Walk and along the backs of houses on the South side of Naunton Crescent, thence along the centre of Naunton Lane and along the backs of houses on the South side of Naunton Park Road, intersecting Old Bath Road at the Municipal Borough boundary.

10—Grammar School Governors—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mann be reappointed Representative Governors of the Cheltenham Grammar School, their term of office having expired on the 1st March, 1918.

11—Cleeve Common Conservators—Resolved, That Aldermen Margrett and Waghorne and Councillor Wood be reappointed Cleeve Common Conservators, their term of office having expired.

12 Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th February last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meetings of the 6th and 20th February last, be approved and confirmed. --Burial Board Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board

14-Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd February last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 2 (Advance to Superintendent) of this Committee's proceedings on the 24th August last be varied accordingly.

15—Public Library Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th February last, be approved and confirmed.

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16—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th February last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly • for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd April, 1918.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th March, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Margrett, Councillors Caudle, Green, Moore, Stewart and Wood (the Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: -7 Ambrose Place, 33 Winstonian Road, 119 Naunton Crescent, 18 and 21 Marsh Lane, York Cottage, Swindon Road, and 43 Malvern Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 17 St. Paul's Parade, 18, 19, 20 and 21 Marsh Lane, York Cottage, Swindon Road, 3 Brandon Terrace, and 43 Malvern Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3--Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Sherwood, Hayward's Road—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises and found the same to be defective and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted a specification of the work required to be done. Resolved, That the same be approved and that Notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owner of the premises requiring him to do the specified works within 21 days.

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4-Insanitary Property —17 St. Paul's Parade, 8 18, 19 and Marsh Lane, York Cottage, Swindon Road, 3 Brandon Terrace, and 43 Malvern Street — The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council. being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Insufficient W.C. Accommodation-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Grosvenor Cottages —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that these premises were without sufficient W.C. accommodation. Resolved, That Notices be given to the Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of sufficient W.C. accommodation.

6—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-4 Grosvenor Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these premises were in a state so dangerous to health as to be unfit for human

habitation, and he recommended that the house should be closed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that in the meantime notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

Closing Orders —Resolved, That a Meeting of the Committee be held on Friday, the 12th April, at 2.30 p.m. to inspect the remainder of the houses included in the representation of the Medical Officer of Health as unfit for human habitation.

7—Common Lodging House-20-21 Stanhope Street—Read, an application from Mr. Thomas Young, of 14, Hungerford Street. to be registered as the keeper of the Common Lodging House known as 20 and 21 Stanhope Street and cottage at the rear, formerly occupied by Mr. F. T. Agass. Resolved, That the applicant be registered for the period ending the 9th November next.

S—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order, 1879—Read, an application from Mrs. Rosabella Loydell, of 9, Upper Bath Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be informed that the Medical Officer of Health is of opinion that the premises are unsuitable for the sale of milk.

9—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of diseased meat as follows: —On the 21st ultimo the carcase and offal of a pork pig and the carcase and offal of a heifer. On the 7th instant 20 codling (fish). (Total weight surrendered, 6 cwt. 30 lbs.)

10—Refuse from Slaughter Houses—A Report by the Medical Officer of Health, the Borough Surveyor and the Sanitary Inspector with reference to the utilisation of slaughter house refuse, was considered. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

11—Supplies of Food and Milk for Expectant and Nursing Mothers--Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding copies of Orders made by the Food Controller and the Local Government Board with reference to a supply of food and milk for expectant and nursing mothers, and to milk for infants and children under 5 years of age. The Orders provide that any Local Authority within the meaning of the Notification of Births Act, 1907, may, and when required by the Local Government Board, shall, arrange for such a supply of food or milk, subject to the conditions set out in the Orders. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.

12--Sewer in Winchcombe Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted a tender received from Messrs. Mark Williams and Co. for laying a new sewer at the back of Pittville Terrace, near Pomfret House, at a cost of £124, the Corporation to supply pipes and other materials at an estimated cost of £30. Resolved, That the tender be accepted.

13—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th instant. Present: The Mayor, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair). Farms Manager's Report----Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 11th instant was 9 colts, 11 horses (3 at the Depot), 4 calves, 119 head of cattle, 51 lambs, 61 sheep, and 24 Pigs, all doing very well. Two calves had been bred on the farms. Since the last Meeting 1 cow and 1 calf and 1 bull had been purchased for £63 4s., and 3 cows, 4 calves, 2 heifers, 4 steers, 2 sows and 17 pigs had been sold for £370 4s. 10d Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase more pigs for breeding.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply the Farms Manager with any sludge required for the Farms.

Annual Valuation and Stock-taking—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee meet at the Farms on the 3rd proximo for the annual valuation and stock-taking.

Cultivation of Land—An order was received from the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Executive Committee requiring the Corporation to break up immediately 3 acres of land at the Sewage Tanks, and also to break up in July 17 acres of additional land at Hayden. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the 3 acres ploughed, and that the Sub-Committee inspect the other land on the 3rd proximo. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th March, 1918 Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Caudle, Horsley, Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Slab Factory—The Borough Engineer reported that the cost of machinery required at the Slab Factory for making concrete blocks for building purposes would be £262 8s., and for a concrete mixer £225. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned, and that the Chairman and Borough Engineer be authorised to visit Chepstow to inspect the workmen's cottages which are being built for the Admiralty.

2—Tytherington Stone-The Borough Engineer reported the receipt of a letter from the Tytherington Stone Company, stating that as their works had been taken over by the Admiralty, they would be unable to supply stone to the Corporation after the 16th instant.

3-Waste Paper-The Borough Surveyor reported that he had obtained from the Royal Commission on Paper a permit authorising the sale of waste paper collected in the Borough at the maximum price of 8/6 per cwt., instead of 5/6. Resolved, That the contractor be informed of this.

4—Workmen's Wages —A deputation of the stokers at the Destructor, with Mr. J. W. Betteridge, attended the Committee with reference to the application for an increase of wages. Resolved, That an additional war bonus of 4/- per week be granted to the stokers employed at the Destructor, the first payment to be deemed payable on the 4th January last.

5-----Trees-Read, a memorial from Mrs. Brushneen and other occupiers of Nailsworth Terrace, calling attention to the trees on the piece of land at the back of St. Paul's Street South. Resolved, That the attention of the owners be called to the complaint, Read, letters from Mr. W. H. Parker and Mrs. Kempson with reference to trees in Hewlett Road and Christ Church Road. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 25th March, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

4—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 22nd February to the 21st March, 1918 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended the 14th March, 1918, 98 loads collected, 623 consumed, 75 tipped away. Weight consumed. 832 tons 1 ½ cwts.

5—Tenders for Old Metal—The Borough Surveyor submitted the tenders (2) received for the old iron, etc., at the Destructor and Sandford Waterworks. Resolved. That the tender of Mr. W. A. Overthrow of £55 0s. 9d. be accepted, subject to payment being made in advance.

6—Horse "Captain"—The Borough Surveyor reported the death of the horse "Captain" on the 19th instant.

7—Tar Spraying—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received authority from the Road Board to purchase 60,000 gallons of tar compound for spraying the roads.

8—Street Improvements—Moorend Road and Leckhampton Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had approached the owners of the premises at the corner of Moorend Road and Hall Road, with a view to rounding of the corner of Moorend Road, and Hall Road at its junction with Leckhampton Road, and that they were willing to give up the land required for the improvements. subject to the condition that the brick walls were re-built. Resolved. That the improvements be not carried out at present.

9—Direction Posts—Read, a letter from Mr. G. McIlquham, asking for the erection of two direction posts to The Reddings. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

10—St. George's Square—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture (Food Production Department), authorising the Town Council to arrange for the cultivation of the land in St. George's Square as allotments. The Borough Surveyor reported that the land had been let. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted.

11—National Salvage Council—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, stating that a National Salvage Council, on which the Local Government Board was fully represented, had now been set up with the approval of the War Cabinet, to deal with the whole question of salvage, and stating that in order to reduce the demand on shipping, as well as for other reasons, it had become more imperative than ever not only to prevent waste, but also to utilize fully all unavoidable waste material. It was proposed to arrange at an early date a series of district conferences to which Local Authorities would be asked to send a representative.

12—Collection of Waste Paper—Read, a letter from the Chief Organiser of the Royal Commission on Paper, stating that on his recent visit to Cheltenham he had noted with approval the efficiency of the work of collection of waste paper, etc., which was being carried on under the direction of the Borough Engineer. He had marked out Cheltenham as a borough to be followed in the intelligent treatment of waste material, and asked the Council to permit Mr. Pickering to place his experience at his disposal. It was not anticipated that this would entail any great sacrifice on Mr. Pickering's time, and that he would not be absent from the West of England. Resolved, That permission be granted to Pickering to assist the Chief Organiser as requested.

13—Pig Keeping—Resolved, That the slabs required for the erection of pig styes on the allotments in College Road and Orrisdale Terrace be supplied to the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee at cost price.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th March, 1918: Present—Councillors Boulter, Green, Haddock, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1-Montpellier Baths—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 13th February to the 12th instant was 83, including 9 to wounded soldiers.

Drs. Foster and Howell attended and presented a report from the Spa Medical Advisory Committee, that they had had under consideration a scheme for the administration of the Medical Baths and the provision of a male masseur. They recommended the acceptance of the following terms which they had arranged with Mr. Ruck: --

- (a) Mr. Ruck to be responsible for and supervise the administration of the Medical Baths.
- (b) Mr. Ruck or his assistant to administer the male "wet" massage baths.
- (c) Mr. Ruck to receive one-third of the fee for each medical bath administered by himself or his assistant.
- (d) The Corporation to undertake not to compete with Mr. Ruck's electric baths other than the continuance Dowsing Radiant Heat baths as at present.
- (e) The arrangement to be determinable by notice from either party on the 1st February in any year.

If this arrangement is agreed to, Mr. Ruck had undertaken to amplify his own electric bath installation improve his establishment.

Resolved, That the terms arranged be agreed to.

Resolved, That the tariff for the Swimming and Private Baths be revised as follows: -

1st class bath (hot or cold) • • •	9d
do. (with fire) • • • • • • •	1/6
Monthly season ticket for swimming bath (instead of ½ -season ticket)	4/-
Combined ditto for Montpellier and Alstone Baths (instead of ½ -season ticket)	5/-
Extra towel • • • •	2d

2—Alstone Baths--Resolved, That the charges for Swimming and Private Baths be revised as follows :—

Slipper bath • • • • • • • •	6d.
Swimming from 6 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. arid on Saturday afternoons • • • •	3d.
Open-air bath . • •	3d.
School children • . • • • • .	2d.
Whole season ticket, 5 months • • . • • . .	12/6
Winter season ticket for open-air bath, 7 months. • • .	7/6
Monthly swimming ticket (instead of ½ season ticket) • • • • .	3/-

3--Medical Baths -- Read, letters from the Dowsing Radiant Heat Company from which it appeared that the Ministry of Pensions had agreed to allow 3/- per treatment for Radiant Heat and Massage. Resolved, That the charge for Medical Baths for wounded soldiers sent from the Red Cross Hospitals and for discharged soldiers sent by the War Pensions, &c., Committee, be increased to 3/- for any medical bath including any massage required, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of this Committee at their Meeting on the 29th March, 1916, be varied accordingly.

4—Mineral Waters-"Sales "--The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa since the last Meeting was 1980, and the number sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 118.

5-Towels, &c.-Resolved, That the tender of Mr. E. L. Ward for towels, &c., required for Montpellier and Alstone Baths, at £164 12s. 2d., be accepted.

6—Town Hall--Morning Orchestra--Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Traders' Association stating that they had arranged with Mr. Teague to continue the Morning Orchestra, but Mr. Teague had increased his charge to £6 a week and the Association asked the Corporation to make some contribution. Resolved, That in view of other expenditure in connection with the Spa development, the Committee cannot make any contribution.

7—Montpellier Gardens—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Traders' Association asking for the use of these Gardens on Whit Monday for an entertainment, on the same terms as last year, namely, payment of 5 per cent. on the gross takings. Resolved, That this be agreed to subject to the proposed entertainment being approved of by this Committee.

Read, an application from the Sunningend Orchestra for the use of these Gardens or the grounds adjoining the Winter Garden on two or three evenings a week for dancing. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

8—Easter Monday—Resolved, That the Cheltenham Rifle Band be engaged to play in the Promenade band stand on Easter Monday from 11 to 1 at the usual charge of £3.

9—Federation of British Spas—Read, a report from Drs. Foster and Howell of the conference of the Federation at Birmingham on the 20th ultimo, when it was decided to continue the combined advertising scheme this year at a cost of £100 for each Spa included therein. They recommended that Cheltenham should join in this scheme. Resolved, That this recommendation be agreed to.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st March, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Green, Horsley, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1 —Gas—Standard of Calorific Power Order, 1917—Read, a letter from the Board of Trade, stating that they had communicated with the Ministry of Munitions with reference to the calorific power of the gas supplied by the Cheltenham Gas Company, and it appeared from the result of the test taken by the Corporation that prima facie the Company are making gas which would comply with their statutory requirements as regards calorific value, but that owing to the recovery of bye-products for the Ministry of Munitions, the calorific value of the gas as supplied to the public is reduced below the standard. A letter was also read from the Ministry of Munitions, stating that whilst the Gas Company were scrubbing the gas in accordance with the requirements of the Minister of Munitions, they were relieved of any penal consequences in case as a result thereof they failed to keep the gas up to the standard imposed upon them by the Law, and asking that the result of any test taken should not be published.

2—Coal—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase up to 120 tons of coal for storing.

3—Gloucestershire Electric Power Bill--The Chairman reported that with the Mayor, the Town Clerk and Electrical Engineer he attended a conference, convened by the County Council, of Local Authorities affected by this Bill, including Bristol and Gloucester, when the representatives of all the Local Authorities in the administrative county agreed to combine in a joint opposition to the Bill, and that the costs should be paid out of the County Fund, except that any extra costs incurred or due to separate petitions having been presented, should be borne by the Local Authorities who had presented such petitions.

The following resolution was also passed at the conference :--- "That this meeting is of opinion that it would not be in the public interest to depart from the principle upon which Parliament has acted, with very few exceptions, for many years past that Electricity Supply Undertakings which involve a monopoly and upon which the prosperity of the people depends so largely should be in the hands of Public Authorities, and that if the recommendations of the Coal Conservation Sub-Committee are endorsed by the Board of Trade Supply Committee, steps should at once be taken to formulate and

carry into effect a scheme for the establishment of a Joint Electrical Board, comprising representatives of the Local Authorities within the county or such area as may be suitably served as a single generating area." Resolved, That the Committee approve of these proceedings.

E C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th March, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Green, Taylor and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 11th March, 1918.		Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	314,000 gallons	371,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	862,000	1,058,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>88,000</u>	<u>99,000</u>
Total 1,264,000		Total 1,528,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Depth 11th March, 1918.		Contents	Depth 11th March, 1917.		Contents
Hewletts		25,926,000 gallons			24,482,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	26ft. 0in.	70,237,000 "	31ft 0in		94,756,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft 0in	<u>1,486,000</u> "	11ft 0in		<u>1,486,000</u> "
Total Storage		97,649,000 "			120,724,000 "

2--Extension of Main—The Borough Surveyor reported, that with a view to increasing the pressure of the supply to St. Monica's Home, Battledown, the main to supply the premises should be coupled up to a high pressure main at the lop of Battledown Approach at an estimated cost of £60. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 19th March, 1918: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

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

2-Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had not been called to any outbreak of fire since the last Meeting.

3--Motor, Cab Licence—Read, an application from Mr. Charles Dennis, of 'O, Portland Street, for a Motor Cab Licence. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to inspection and satisfactory report thereon. Fares—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board approving the Bye-Laws in the form enclosed with their letter for increasing the fares of motor cabs, horse carriages and wheelchairs by one-third. Resolved, That the Bye-Laws ab now submitted be made, and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto and that application be made to the Local Government Board for their formal confirmation of the same.

4—Local Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Committee— The Town Clerk submitted an estimate of the expenses of the Local Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Committee for the year ending the 31st March, 1919, amounting to the £181 6s. 0d., two-thirds of which would be repaid by the Treasury. Resolved, That the estimate be approved

5—Contributions to Local Charities and Public Institutions---Resolved, that in pursuance of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905, the following subscriptions be made to the under-mentioned Institutions in lieu of the remission of the General District Rate: -

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General Hospital. • • •	32 11 8
Female Refuge • •	3 10 10
Female Orphan Asylum .. • •	4 5 0
Blind Asylum • • • •	4 5 0
Nazareth House and Corinth House	44 12 6
Victoria Home for Nurses • •	3 19 6
Coburg Society (Bath Street) • •	12 0 10
Provident Dispensary • • • •	4 5 0
Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital • •	11 6 8
Boys' Orphan Asylum • •	2 16 0
Home for Sick Children .. • • • •	8 10 0
Home for Aged Pensioners (3, Monson Terrace) • •	<u>2 13 4</u>
	£134 16 8

6—Cheltenham and District Light Railway—Fares—Read, a letter from the General Manager of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company, asking, in view of the recent award of wages by the

Committee on Production to Tramway and Vehicle Workers and also the increase in the cost of materials, that the fares should be increased as follows: —

To or from Lansdown to North Street	from 1 ½ d to 2d
To or from North Street and Norwood Arms	from 1d to 1 ½ d
To and from Norwood Arms to Leckhampton	from 1d to 1 ½ d
To and from North Street and Holy Apostles	from 1d to 1 ½ d
To and from the Holy Apostles and Charlton Kings	from 1d to 1 ½ d

Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting and that Mr. McCormick be invited to attend.

7—Retail Coal Prices Order, 1917—The Town Clerk submitted a return of the Welsh coal received by the Cheltenham Coal Merchants during the four weeks ended the 16th February, 1918, and the Mayor reported the result of a conference held with the representatives of the Cheltenham Coal Merchants' Association. Resolved. That no alteration be at present made in the maximum prices fixed by the Committee.

8—War Charities Act, 1916—An application was received from the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers and Sailors (Cheltenham Branch) to be registered under the War Charities Act, 1916. Resolved, That the charity be registered.

g—Shops Act, 1912—Hairdressers' Shops Closing Order—Read, a memorial from Mr. A. W. Poulston and others, asking that a new Closing Order should be made requiring all shops in the Borough where the trade or business of hairdressing, shaving or shampooing is carried on to be closed as follows: —Monday and Tuesday 7.30 p.m., Wednesday 1 p.m., Thursday and Friday 7.30 p.m., Saturday 9 p.m. Or in the alternative: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7.30 p.m. and Saturday 1 p.m. The following days to be exempted from the Order—the day before Good Friday and the day before Christmas Day, when business may be carried on until 9 p.m. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned and that the memorialists be asked to submit the reasons for desiring to alter the existing Order.

10—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read, a letter from Mr. Shakespere Shenton asking to be allowed to give a cinematograph exhibition on Good Friday in the Victoria Rooms, Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the same conditions as in previous years, namely, that suitable pictures are exhibited and that no variety turns be given, and subject also to the music and dancing licence not being infringed.

1—Representation of the People Act, 1918—Polling Districts and Polling Stations—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to have a plan prepared showing the Polling Districts and Polling Stations, and that notice be given of such Polling Stations, etc.

Proportional Representation—The Committee considered the Resolution passed at the last Meeting of the County Council, proposing that the County of Gloucester, including the Boroughs of Gloucester and Cheltenham, would be a suitable area in which to try the experiment of proportional representation, and the Town Clerk reported that an Inquiry appointed under Section 20 of the

Representation of the People Act, 1918, would be held on the 4th April, 1918, at Gloucester, with a view to ascertaining local opinion. Resolved, That this Council strongly object to any proposal which would include the Borough of Cheltenham in a scheme of proportional representation, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to attend the enquiry.

12—Town Clerk's Department—Read, an application from Misses Lawson and Richards, clerks in the Town Clerk's department, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That an increase of 5/- per week be granted.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman,

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th March, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Caudle, Green and Stewart (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,457 visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum since 12th February, (Corresponding period last year 834), The exhibition of Canadian Official War Photographs. closed on 16th February. 1,525 persons paid for admission. The total takings realised £50 1s.

Mr. C. M. Horsfall had lent 9 portrait sketches, made by him, of fellow prisoners in Ruhleben internment Camp, for exhibition. Nearly 1,000 persons had already been to see them. The following gifts had been received: —

Professor H. Woods, Sedgwick Museum, Cambridge. Tooth of Ichthyosaurus from the Cambridge Greensand.

W. J. Greves, Esq. Nosecap of German bomb from Flanders.

Miss Langton. 17th Century Token of Cheltenham. Ed. Johnson (King's Head) E. M. in Cheltenham.

L. Richardson Esq. Rock specimens.

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

2—Annual Cleaning—Resolved, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed from 8th April to 20th April for the annual cleaning.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th March, 1918: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Boulter, Dodwell and Taylor (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Cultivation of Land Order—The Borough Surveyor reported that the land in Albert Road (8 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres) had been let with the exception of 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres. Resolved. That if the remaining land is not required for allotments, it be offered to the Street and Highway Committee for turning out the horses of the Highways Department.

Whaddon Lane and Harp Hill—This land had been let for allotments.

Gloucester Road—2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres in Gloucester Road had been taken by consent and let.

Hall Road—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to let the grass land not required for allotments for grazing.

Folly Lane—This land had been set out in 54 allotments and all let, and further applications for allotments had been received. An additional 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres had been obtained by consent and let in 20 lots.

Allotments—The Borough Surveyor reported that in 1,917 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land had been let out in 126 plots, and this year 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres had been let in 387 plots, making a total of 53 acres.

2-Land in College Road—Pig Styes—The Borough Surveyor reported an interview with Mr. Beak on behalf of the allotment holders in College Road and Orrisdale Terrace, v.-110 wished to start pig keeping on co-operative principles. He sub-mitted a plan for providing pig styes at an estimated cost of £90. Resolved, That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Deputy Mayor and Councillors Boulter and Taylor be appointed to confer with the allotment holders, and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to carry out the scheme for providing styes if satisfactory arrangements can be made for repayment of the cost of providing same within a period of two or three years.

3-Land in Gardens—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Monro Briggs, Hon, Secretary of the General Hospital Floral Fete. stating that the Committee wished to plant a tree at Pittville in commemoration of Sir James Agg-Gardner's Public Jubilee. Resolved, That the application be granted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd March, 1918—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Caudle, Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 5043 to 5084 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2—Designs— Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Gladys Emily Bowles, Mary Elizabeth Baker, Melrose Muriel Scot, and 2nd-Lieut. M. B. Featherstone. Headstone to grave of George Smith. Kerbing to graves of Edith Medlock Burt, Nellie Rose Cox, and George and Clara Caroline Barter.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th March, 1918: Present—Councillors Caudle, Green, Mann, Moore and Wilkins, Messrs. Gridley and Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report--Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £3 7s. 1d. Presentations: Miss D'Argent (28 volumes), Miss Leigh (1 volume). The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of February last was 3,513, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 9,565.

2-Sub-Committees Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on Thursday, the 7th instant. Present—Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillor Green and Mr. F. J. Caudle (Alderman Steel in the chair),

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The Sub-Committee considered a report from the Librarian recommending that two of the rooms formerly occupied by the Education Committee should be fitted up as a children's Library. The cost of the fittings, etc., would be about £5 and the re-adjustment of the staff would involve an increase of 3/- per week on the wages paid in 1914. (A copy of the Report has been forwarded to each member of the Council). The Sub-Committee recommended that the proposals be adopted. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted subject to the increase in the wages of the staff not exceeding 10/- per week.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th March, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Horsley and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1-General District Rate-Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th instant, on the collection of this Rate. Amount collected £22,611 15s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £2,337 10s. 7d. Park House-Read, a letter from Mr. Neale Bubb stating that he proposed to cultivate the garden attached to Park House, Thirlestaine Road, and asking the Corporation to waive payment of the General District Rate thereon. Resolved, That the application be granted.

2 -Water Rate-Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th instant. Amount collected £11,891 5s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £1,299 15s. 3d.

3—Loans----The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £500 and £125 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans. He also reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans of £7,786, £1,000 and £60. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

4.—War Loan— The Borough Accountant reported that he had invested £5,000 out of the Consolidated Loans Fund in the War Loan. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Accountant be approved and adopted.

5—Town Hall and Municipal Offices Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £695 9s. 4d. Consols at 54 per cent, and £20 17s. 0d. at $54\frac{1}{8}$ per cent., for the investment of the Sinking Funds for these loans.

6—Insurance—Third-third Part Risk—Resolved, That the offer of the Fine Art and General Insurance Company, Ltd., for a comprehensive policy, including vehicles, with a limit of £1,000 in respect of one accident, and £2,500 in any one year, at the rate of 3/- per cent. on the total annual wages paid by the Corporation, be accepted, plus £5 to cover the Medical Baths.

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7—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer, The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct, The following was the General Statement: —

In hand on the 26th February last	20,271 7 11
Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture, £500)	<u>23,744 17 6</u>
	44,016 5 5
Paid since that date (including Investment in War Loan, £5,000)	<u>35,760 19 11</u>
	In hand. 8,255 5 6
Being General Accounts	8,040 6 9
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	160 12 6
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account	<u>54 6 3</u>
	In hand. 8,255 5 6

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Tuesday, the 2nd April, 1918, at 3 p.m., Present:

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR THOMAS REES JONES) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL)

Aldermen:

RICHARD DAVIES CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT ROBERT STEEL JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors:

JAMES WILLIAM BETTERIDGE WILLIAM HENRY HORSLEY JAMES HENRY BOULTER ALFRED MANN
ALBERT ROBINS CAUDLE JOHN POYTRESS PATES FRANK JAMES STEWART EDWINSON CHARLES
GREEN PETER PHILIP TAYLOR PERCY HADDOCK THOMAS WILKINS WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

Apologies-----Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Moore and Sawyer.

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1—Death of Alderman Baker, J.P.—Resolved, That this Council deeply regret the death of Alderman William Alfred Baker, J.P., an old and respected of the Council who for nearly 22 years devoted himself to the public member service as a member of this Council and other public bodies, and desire to tender their sincere sympathy with his family in the loss sustained by them.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 4th March, 1918, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

3—Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Resolved, That Mrs Hughes of Wellington Parade be appointed a Member of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Lake.

4—Food Control Committee—Resolved, That the following be appointed additional members of the Food Control Committee: Mr. T. Hyett of Cheltondale (as representative of the Colleges and Schools), and Mr. C. Creek. of Farnham house, Gloucester Road (as an additional representative of labour).

5—Distribution and Supply of Household Coal, 1918—Read a letter from the Board of Trade (Coal Mines Department) forwarding copy of a proposed Scheme for the distribution and supply of Household Coal, and asking the Council to appoint a representative to attend a Conference of Local Authorities at Bristol. Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor be appointed to attend the Conference, together with the Borough Surveyor.

5—Opening of New Businesses—Read a letter from the Home Office forwarding a copy of an Order made by the Director General of National Service prohibiting the opening of a new Retail Trade or Business or a new branch of an existing Retail Trade or Business without a licence, and asking that the Regional Officers of the Ministry of National Service may be -furnished, from time to time, by the officers of local authorities concerned with the administration of the Shops Acts, with the information required as to their districts. Resolved, That instructions be given to the officers accordingly.

6—Public Health Committee--- Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee; at their Meeting of the 11th March last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 25th March last, be approved and confirmed.

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8-Town Improvement and Spa Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee at their Meeting, of the 15th March last, be approved and confirmed.

9-Electricity and Lighting Committee —Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st March last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Water Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th March last, be approved and confirmed.

11—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th March last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Art Gallery and Museum Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum. Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th March last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th March last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd March last, be approved and confirmed.

15—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th March last, be approved and confirmed.

16---Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th March last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

17--Borough Accountant's Department -The Council went into Committee to consider the arrangements to be made for carrying on the Borough Accountant's Department, and on resuming it was Resolved, That the Council agree to give Mr. Minett an increase of £70 per annum as from the 31st March, 1918; the appointment to continue until the 31st March, 1919, certain, but to be determinable on that date or at any time thereafter by either party giving to the other six months' notice in writing.

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees' of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting- of the Council to be held on Monday, the 6th May, 1918.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th April, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Green, Moore, Stewart and Wood (the Mayor in the chair).

1--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: --13, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 25 Tivoli Street, 4 Hill View Villas, and 23 Francis Street. Resolved. That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section '36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 34 and 34 ½ Cleveland Street, 11 Albert Street, 4 Hill View Villas, 20 St. Paul's Parade, 30, 40 41. 42 and 45 Tivoli Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Granleigh, Montpellier Drive, and Loretto, Montpellier—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved. That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4--Insanitary Property-34 and 34½ Cleveland Street, 11 and 12 Albert Street, 13 Tivoli Street, 4 Hill View Villas, and 23 Francis Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-4 Grosvenor Cottages—With reference to the report of the Medical Officer of Health at the last Meeting, read, a letter from Messrs. Cornelius and Boulter on behalf of the Owner. Resolved, That the question of making a Closing Order be adjourned to the next Meeting.

6--Destruction of Diseased meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last Meeting the carcase of a calf, a shoulder of beef, three boxes of haddocks, three boxes of herrings, and one box of polonies had been surrendered as unfit for human food. (Total weight surrendered, 4. cwt. 2 lbs.)

7-College Road Tip-----Pig-keeping-----Read, a memorial from Sergt. -Major Brill and others protesting against pig-keeping the land near their premises known as College Road Tip. Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that it is not intended to allow the keeping of pigs on this land.

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8-Report of Farms Sub-Committee -The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Farms on the 3rd April for the Annual Stocktaking Valuation. Present: The Mayor, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair). They submitted the following summary

Live Stock	£5,171 5 0
Hay, Straw, Mangles, Manure, etc.	399 11 6
Acts of Husbandry	274 3 9
Implements, Harness, etc.	332 15 1
Shedding, etc.	<u>94 1 0</u>
	£6271 16 4

The Sub-Committee also met on the 8th April, Present The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and 1Alood (Councillor 'Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 8th instant was 9 colts, 12 horses (and 3 at Depot), 8 calves, 123 head of cattle, 34 lambs, 50 tegs, 60 sheep and 18 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 2 cows and 2 calves had been sold for £94 16s. 10d., 6 pigs for £15 10s 0d, and 1 teg's skin for 6/6. 5 calves and 34 lambs had been bred on the farms and 1 teg had died.

Breaking up of Additional Land—Resolved, That the question of breaking up of additional land be considered at the next Meeting and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to attend. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 15th April, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Alderman. Steel, Councillors Candle, Moore, Stewart and Wood (the Mayor in the chair).

9-Housing of the Working Classes Acts—Improvement Scheme—The Committee inspected the remainder of the houses included in the representation of the Medical Officer of Health.

10—Registration of the Blind—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that the Board were preparing a scheme for making suitable provision for persons who are too blind to perform work for which eyesight is necessary, and asking the Council to obtain and forward particulars on the forms enclosed with their letter as to the number and ages of the blind in Cheltenham. Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the "Echo" inviting blind persons to send in the particulars required and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to obtain the information required by the Hoard.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th April, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Hand Trucks—The Borough Surveyor submitted the tenders (2) received for supplying hand trucks. Resolved, That the tender of the Eagle Engineering Co., Warwick, of £20 each, less 2½ per cent. discount, be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase not exceeding 10 trucks.

2—Wages—Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, Secretary of the Cheltenham Trades Joint Committee, stating that as from the 1st proximo the wages in the building trade would be as follows:

Carpenters and joiners, Bricklayers, Plumbers, Plasterers and Masons, 1s. 0 ½ d. per hour.

Painters. 11½ d. per hour.

Labourers, 10½ d. per hour.

3—Naunton Lane—Read, a letter from Mr. G. Lindsey Cox, Churchwarden of St. Luke's Church, with reference widening of Naunton Lane. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th April, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Mann in the chair).

4—Institution of Municipal and County Engineers—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend the Annual Conference to be held in London on the 10th and 21st June next.

5—New Building—The Inspector reported that the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company had erected a new mess room and were also erecting a wooden building and another brick building for which no plans had been submitted, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask for an explanation of this and to require plans to be submitted.

6—Princes Road—Read a letter from Mr. C. W. Tyler, complaining of the condition of the footpath in this road. Resolved, That this be viewed.

7—Flooding of Rowanfield Road —Read a letter from Mr. C. F. Gill, complaining of the flooding of this road. The Borough Engineer reported that this was due to some pipes laid in the old watercourse being blocked. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Owners of the land requiring these pipes to be cleaned out.

8—Clinker at Destructor—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to dispose of this without charge to reduce the present accumulation.

Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to advertise for tenders for coal required for the year ending 30th June, 1919.

10.--Hales Road (Corner of London Road—Read letter from the Rev. H. A. Corke enquiring if the Corporation desired to purchase the property at this corner to make an improvement of the Street, Resolved, That the offer be not entertained at the present time.

11--Seat at Pittville Circus--Read letter from Mrs. Braine-Hartnell asking for the removal of the seat opposite the Tower House owing to the nuisance caused. Resolved, That this be viewed.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th April, 1918 Present The Mayor, Councillors Muller, Green; Bates, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1-Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor recommended that out of the money included in the estimate for repairs, the Large Drawing Room should be durescoed and cleaned. Resolved, That this be approved.

Resolved, also, That the offer of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee of a picture presented by the late Town Clerk be accepted and that this be hung in the Large Drawing Room.

2—Tariff for Baths— Resolved. That the under-mentioned revision be made in the charges and that the Resolutions passed at the last Meeting of this Committee be varied accordingly:

Medical Baths—Aix Douche, increased to 5/-

 Massage ("Full" and "Local"), increased to 5/- and 2/6 respectively.

Swimming Baths—For each Towel and Bathing Costume at either of the Baths, 1d.

 For admission of Elementary school children in charge of a teacher, 1d.

 For special Private Bath (with fire), 2/-

Resolved, also, That in view of the Lighting Restriction Order, the Swimming Baths be closed at such time as may be necessary to avoid using artificial light.

3—Mineral Waters—"Sales"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa since the last Meeting was 2073, and the number sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 167.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Read, a letter from the Traders' Association applying for the use of the Gardens for entertainments during the whole of Whit week and on August Bank Holiday, and also on

other days during the Summer season, on the terms that the Corporation should erect the awning and provide the chairs, etc., and receive 5 per cent. of the gross takings and half the expense of erecting the awning, etc. Resolved, That the use of the Gardens be granted on these terms.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting- of this Committee held on Thursday, the 25th April, 1918 Present --The Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Green, Mann, and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1---Street Lighting—Read, a letter from the Board of Trade, forwarding a copy of the Lighting, Heating and Power Order, 1918, restricting the consumption of gas and electric light. Resolved, That on light evenings the electric lamps be lighted a little later than on moonlight nights the electric lamps be not turned on, and that on other nights the lamps be extinguished at 10.35 p.m.

2---Transformer. -The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in view of the extension of the supply to the Sunningend Works it was found necessary to install another 100 K.V.A. transformer at the Works at a cost of £111 5s., and also additional switch gear and meters at a cost of about £50, and that he had put the work in hand. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved.

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3—Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association—Read, a letter from the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Annual Meeting to be held in Manchester on the 20th and 21st June next. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend. Resolved also. That in the event of the Chairman not being able to attend, the Mayor be asked to do so.

4—Mechanical Stokers--Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding sanction to borrow £870 for the installation of Mechanical Stokers on two boilers at the Electricity Works, the loan to be repayable within a period not exceeding ten years.

5—Gloucestershire Electric Power Bill—Read, a letter from Mr. Sydney Morse, Solicitor for the Gloucestershire Electric Power Co., stating that in view of the opposition to the Bill and the conditions of the times, the Company had decided not to proceed further with the Bill during the present Session.

6—Next Meeting —Resolved, That the June meeting of the Committee be held on the 17th June.

WATER COMMITTEE.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th April, 1918: Present—Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Pates, Sawyer, Taylor and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 15th April, 1918.		Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.	
Hewletts Springs	228,000 gallons		388,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	471,000		1,262,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>77,000</u>		<u>100,000</u>
Total 776,000		Total 1,750,000	

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Depth 15th April, 1918.		Depth 15th April, 1917.	
	Contents		Contents
Hewletts	25,487,000 gallons		26,383,000 gallons
Dowdeswell 23ft. 0in.	56,953,000 "	32ft 0in	100,000,000 "
Leckhampton 11ft 0in	<u>1,486,000</u> "	11ft 0in	<u>1,621,000</u> "
Total Storage 83,926,000 "		128,004,000 "	

2 -Appeals —The cases entered in the Appeals Book were considered, and the Rates settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd April, 1918; Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1---Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

Sheep Scab—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture calling attention to the importance of securing a double dipping of all sheep which have been in contact with sheep concerned in an outbreak of sheep scab, and asking to be furnished with information in each case showing the dates upon which the sheep have actually been dipped. Resolved, That instructions be given to the Inspector appointed under the Acts.

2 — Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read, an application from Miss Nancie E. Smith, of Brocklyville, Suffolk Road, for a licence to drive a motor cab. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

3—Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages, etc., be held at the Central Depot on Wednesday, the 29th May, and the Licensing Meeting on the 3rd June next.

4—Women Police—Read, a letter from the Chief Constable stating that at a Meeting of the Standing Joint Committee it was agreed that two women police (one sergeant and one constable) should be appointed for duty in some place in the county, and recommending that they should be placed at Cheltenham. The wages to be paid would be—sergeant 45/- per week, and constable 40/- per week, and in addition the uniform would cost £18 each per annum. Resolved, to recommend that two women police be appointed for one year, the matter to be again considered at the end of that period.

5—Local Military and Naval War Pensions, etc., Committee—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board approving the estimate of the administrative expenses of the Local Military and Naval War Pensions, etc., Committee for the year ending the 31st March, 1918. Resolved, That Councillor Stewart be appointed a member of the Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman Steel.

6—Food Control Committee —Read, a letter from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council, nominating Miss Bennett, of 15, Whitecross Square, as a representative of Women Workers on the Local Food Control Committee. Resolved, That Miss Bennett be appointed accordingly.

7—Shops Act, 1912 —Hairdressers' Shops Closing Order—With reference to the memorial received at the last Meeting asking for a new Closing Order to be made, Mr. R. Whiting, Secretary of the Hairdressers' Association, attended the Meeting. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned.

8—Education Committee —Resolved, That the Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone, Miss Geddes and Mr. E. Bourne be re-elected members of the Education Committee, their term of office having expired on the 6th instant.

9-Printing of Minutes-Resolved, That the tender of Mr. G. F. Poole for printing the Corporation Minutes at 7/6 per page be accepted, for the year ending the 31st March, 1919.

10—National Kitchens—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding a copy of the National Kitchens Order, 1918, which enabled Local Authorities inter alia—

(a) To establish and maintain in their area a National Kitchen or Kitchens together with such Distributing Depots as may be thought proper.

(b) Sell (whether for consumption on or off the premises or to a person for purposes of distribution) food and drink prepared in the kitchen or proposed to be distributed by or under the authority of the Food Controller; and do such other acts and things as are necessary or incidental to the due exercise of the above powers. The Order also provides that a Local Authority may delegate all, or

any, of its power thereunder to any Food Committee or other Committee appointed by the Authority.

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Resolved, That the under-mentioned members of the Kitchens Sub-Committee which have charge of the three Communal Kitchens), appointed by the Food Economy Committee, be appointed the Committee under the Order and that the powers and duties of the Council be delegated to such Committee: -

Davies, Mrs. R. Pulteney House, Winchcombe Street.

Giller, F. W. 4, Blenheim Parade.

Guinness, Miss E. M. • • Ladies' College.

Hudson, W. • Mountfield, London Road.

Margrett, C. H. • Sandford House, Old Bath Road.

Wethered, Miss • • The Uplands, Malvern Road.

Fergusson, Miss 17, Park Place.

Davies, Mrs. • • 23. Windsor Street.

Hunt, R. E. • • Gresford Lodge, Hale's Road.

Betteridge, J. W. ...Melville, Swindon Road.

Goode, E. A. • • Lynbury, Prince's Road.

Wheeler, A. G. • • Ivanhoe. Gloucester Road.

Wright, Mrs. 19, Albert Street, St. Paul's.

The Mayor • • 344, High Street.

Seacome, R. O. • • Municipal Offices.

Andress. Miss • • 2, Vittoria Walk.

Harrison, S. E. • • Public Library.

Geeves. Miss • • St. Cloud, Leckhampton.

11—Municipal Election Papers—Resolved. That the Town Clerk be authorised to dispose of the Election Papers.

12—Local Government Officers—Read. a letter from the National Association of Local Government Officers stating that the Association was making an appeal for the adoption by Local Authorities of a new scale of war bonuses for the clerical, administrative and technical staffs, based upon that fixed by the Conciliation and Arbitration Board for Civil Servants, and asking the Council to adopt the scale set out in their letter for those members of the staff whose present war bonus allowance does not amount to the suggested minimum. Resolved. That the Association be informed that the Council will consider applications made by any of the staff on their merits.

13—Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company—The application of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co. for an increase in the fares was further considered, and Mr. H. J. McCormick attended the Meeting. Resolved. That the Council be recommended to agree to the fares being revised as set out below, subject to the right of the Corporation to terminate the agreement at any time by 3 months' notice: —

To or From

Revised Fare

Existing Fare

North Street and Lansdown Castle ..	2d. • • • •	1d.
North Street and Calcutta Inn	1d. • •	1d.
Calcutta Inn and Lansdown Castle ..	1d. • •	1d.
North Street and Oaklands • •	1d. • • • •	1d.
Oaklands and Mill Lane (Prestbury)	1d. • • •	1d.
Mill Lane and Southam. • •	1d. • • •	1d.
Southam and Top of Cleeve Hill • •	2d. • • •	2d.
North Street and Old Bath Road • •	1d. • • • •	
Old Bath Road and Ryeworth Road,	1d.	
Ryeworth Road and Charlton Kings (terminus)	1d.	
North Street and Thirlestaine Road	1d. • • • •	
Thirlestaine Road and Leckhampton Station .. • •	1d. • • • •	
Leckhampton Station and Foot of Leckhampton Hill	1d. • •	

14-Household Coal Distribution order-The Borough Surveyor submitted a report of the Conference of Representatives of Local Authorities held at Bristol on the 19th instant with reference to the Household Coal Distribution Order. (A copy of the report has been sent to each member of the Council.)

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15--Fruit Market—The Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate by Messrs. Collins and Godfrey for extending the shedding of the Fruit Market at a cost of £3 10/- per foot run. Resolved, That the shedding be extended at a cost of £150 and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work put in hand.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th April, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Waghorne, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,172 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum between March 13th and April 5th.

The Chairman and the Curator had visited Mrs. Courroux at Stratford-on-Avon and made a selection of Furniture, Ceramics and Jewellery for the Museum.

Miss Charlotte Mark, Trustee under the will of the late Domenico Barnett, of Cheltenham, had written offering eight of his oil paintings for the Art Gallery.

The following loan had been received for the Museum: —

Colonel Ashburner: Relief Models of War Areas.

Rough Relief Sketch round Monastir.

“ “ “ of Lens and its suburbs.

“ “ “ showing Roumanian Front.

Resolved. That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors and lender for the above-mentioned gifts and loan.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th April, 1918: Present---The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Sawyer and Taylor (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1--{chairman---Resolved, That Councillor Sawyer be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

2—Cultivation of Lands Order- -Resolved, That 2 ½ acres of grass land between Alma Road and Wardenhill Road be taken and that this be let to the Market Gardeners and Allotment Holders Association for potato planting.

Land in Albert Road ---A memorial was received from the Allotment holders asking for an entrance gate to be provided. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

Pittville Gardens—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to plant the portion of the Gardens adjoining the Evesham Road, near St. Arvans, with potatoes.

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Supervision---The Borough Surveyor reported that in response to the Mayor's letter in the " Echo " the following had undertaken to give advice to the Allotment Holders: —

Mr. A. Martin, Gardener at the Hall, Prestbury.

M. G. Grant, Gardener at Thirlestaine Hall.

Mr. H. Patience, Foreman at Pulping Factory.

Mr. Stubbs, Gardener at Arle Court.

and he submitted reports of the allotments visited by them. Resolved, That they be thanked for their reports and assistance.

Potato Spraying—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Officer from the Food Production Department in charge of Potato Spraying would give a Lecture on the subject at the Town Hall, on the 1st proximo.

3--Pig Keeping—The Borough Surveyor reported the result of the negotiations with Mr. Beak on behalf of the Allotment Holders in College Road. Resolved, That four pigstyes and a boiler house be erected in Turner's Field, College Road, at an estimated cost of £100, and that they be let to the Co-operative Pig Club which was being formed, on a lease for six years as from the 29th September last at a rent of £15 per annum, including rates, payable quarterly, subject to a deposit of £10 being made by the Pig Club as security.

4—Cricket at Recreation Grounds—Read an application from the Cheltenham Y.M.C.A. (Junior Department) and the Sunningend Athletic Cricket Clubs, for permission to play cricket in the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground. An application was also received from the Secretary of the Moray Croft Cricket Club to play in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That permission be granted to play in the grounds on one day a week subject to the usual conditions.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th April, 1918—Present: The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Caudle, Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 5055 to 5062 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2—Designs— Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz. Headstone to grave of B. H. O. Macey; Memorial Crosses to graves of W. Barrington Piers and Isabel Evelyn Lockhead; Kerbing to graves of John Edward Cripps, and Margaret Mills.

Chairman.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting. of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 16th April, 1918: Present—Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Mann, Moore, Pates and Wilkins, :Messrs. F. J. Caudle and A. Miles (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Rea& the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £3 16s. 7d. Presentations: Colonel King-Harman (2 vols.), Mr. Lock Mellersh (17 vols.) Mr. Charles Bailey (35 vols.), Miss Johnson (2 vols.), Carnegie United Kingdom Trust (1 vol.), Mr. C. J. Sawyer (8 vols.), The Publishers, Calendar of Trinity College of Music (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of March was 3,063. and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 10,148.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on Thursday, the 11th instant. Present—Aldermen Davies and Steel. Councillor Green and Messrs. W. R. Caries and F. J. Caudle (Alderman Steel in the chair).

Accounts—The monthly accounts were examined.

3—Hours of Closing—Resolved. That in view of the Lighting and Heating Order restricting the consumption of gas and electric light. the Reference Department be closed each day, until further notice, at 8.30 p.m. and the News Room at 9 p.m., instead of 9 and 9.30 p.m. respectively.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 30th. April, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and 1-Vaghorlic, Councillors Horsley, Silk, Wilkins and Wood (Alderman. Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate made on the 15th May, 1917. Amount collected £22,648 1s. 4d. Voids legally excused £2,006 8s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £312 13s. 2d.

2—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £250, £275, £200 and £200 on loan. Resolved. That Debentures be sealed and issued accordingly on account of duly authorised loans.

The Borough Accountant also reported that he had arranged for the continuance of a loan of £200. Resolved. That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

3-Borough Accountant's Department-The Committee considered the rearrangement of the staff of the Borough Accountant's Department, including the transfer of the Stores Department. Resolved,

(1) That arrangements be made for the transfer of the work at present clone by the Stores Clerks under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor, to the Borough Accountant's Department.

(2) That the salaries of the under-mentioned be increased as follows: ---

Mr. B. W. Deacon, Assistant Borough Accountant • • to £210 per annum.

Mr. G. B. Pearce • • • to £150 per annum.

Mr. J. Midwinter • • • to £109 4 0 per annum.

Miss Moore • • to 17/6 a week.

The increases to Mr. Deacon and Mr. Pearce to commence as from the 1st April, and in future no payment to be made for overtime work in the Department. Resolved, That for the chat the Borough Accountant be instructed to arrange transfer of the services of Miss Godwin, junior clerk, to another Department.

4-Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement: —

[n hand on the 26th March last	8,255 5 6
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture £850)	<u>10,113 8 11</u>
	18,368 14 5
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £578)	<u>15,109 19 9</u>
In hand	3,258 14 8
being Sinking Fund Accounts	In hand. 3,050 10 4
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	do. 164 3 1
"Cultivation of Lands Order, '9'6" Account do.,	<u>123 8 9</u>
	In hand 3,338 2 2
less General Accounts	Overdrawn..., <u>79 7 6</u>
	3,258 14 8

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 6th May, 1918, at 3 p.m., Present THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR THOMAS REES JONES) in the chair, Aldermen Davies, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne. Councillors Betteridge. Boulter, Caudle, Dodwell, Green. Horsley. Mann. Moore, Pates. Sawyer, Stewart. Taylor, Wilkins and Wood.

Apologies-Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Haddock and Silk.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 2nd April, 1918, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2--Election of Alderman—A Notice, signed by two Burgesses, of the casual vacancy in the office of Alderman caused by the death of the late Alderman Baker. was received.

It was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Councillor Green, that Miss Clara Winterbotham be appointed to fill the vacancy.

It was also proposed by Alderman Davies and seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Mr. William Henry Horsley be appointed.

On the proposition that Miss Winterbotham be appointed being put to the Meeting., the Mayor declared the same carried and that Miss Winterbotham was accordingly appointed to fill the vacancy.

3---Appointment of Overseer-Resolved, That Mr. Peter Philip Taylor, of 79, Marle Hill Parade, Cheltenham, be appointed an Overseer of the Poor for the Parish Cheltenham for the year ending the 31st March, 1919, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Alderman W. A. Baker.

4—Public Health Committee---Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting, of the 8th and 15th last, be approved and confirmed.

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5—Street and Highway Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 29th April last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: That Minute No. 10 (Improvement of London Road at its junction with Hale's Road) be referred back for further consideration.

6—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th April last. be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: —That the portion of Minute No. 2 (Admission of School Children to Baths) be referred back for further consideration.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the Proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th April last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee, Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th April last, be approved and confirmed.

9—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and 'Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 93rd April last, be approved and confirmed.

10-Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th April last. be approved and confirmed.

11-Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th April last, be approved and confirmed.

12--Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th April last, be approved and confirmed.

13-Public Library Committee Resolved That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th April last, be approved and confirmed.

14----Finance Committee—Resolved That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 30th April last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham. duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Thursday, the 9th May, 1918, at 3 p.m. Present

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR THOMAS REES JONES) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL).

Aldermen Davies, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell, Green, Haddock, Mann, Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Wilkins and Wood. Apologies—Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Silk and Stewart.

1—Finance Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at- their Meeting of the 3rd May, be approved and confirmed, that a Statement of the General District Rate be prepared, that the Owners instead of the Occupiers be rated in cases where the rateable value of any premises does not exceed £8 10 0, and that such Owners shall be assessed in respect of tenements, whether occupied or unoccupied, at a reduced estimate of one-half.

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Friday, the 17th May 1918, at 3 p.m. Present: THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR THOMAS REES JONES) in the chair. THE DEPUTY MAYOR, (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL) Alderman Waghorne, Councillors, Boulter, Caudle, Dodwell, Green, Pates, Silk and Wilkins.

Apology-An apology for non-attendance was received from Alderman Steel.

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1—Order for Borough Rate—Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the Borough Fund of the Borough is insufficient for the several purposes to which the same is applicable under the Municipal Corporations Act. 1882, or otherwise by law. and it having been by the said Council estimated as correctly a may be that the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Pounds will, in addition to the Borough Fund, be sufficient for those purposes (including therein the expenses of carrying in into execution the Public Libraries, Act) for the period ending the 31st March next. it is ordered by the Council that a Borough Rate be now made upon all the property rateable to the Poor within the said Borough for the purpose of raising the said sum, and for that purpose there shall be assessed. and the Council do hereby assess upon the Parish of Cheltenham, which is co-extensive with the said Borough, and the rateable value of the property lying therein. the said sum of Thirty-five Thousand Pounds, and it is further ordered by the said Council in pursuance of the said Statute that the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Cheltenham do and they are hereby required to pay the said sum of money assessed upon the said Parish out of the Poor Rate made and collected. or to be made and collected, within the said Parish. and it is further ordered that the said Overseers shall pay the said sum assessed upon the said Parish in manner following, that is to say. by eight instalments, viz. the sum of Four Thousand Pounds forthwith, Four Thousand Five Hundred Pounds on or before the first day of June next. Five Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of July next, Four Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of September next, Four Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of

November next. Four Thousand Five Hundred Pounds on or before the first day of December next, Five Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of January next. and Four Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of March next, to the Treasurer of the said Borough, at Lloyds Bank, Cheltenham. And it is further ordered that if such Overseers shall neglect or refuse to pay the said sum, then the said Treasurer shall forthwith take or cause to be taken such further proceedings the law directs.

2—General District Rate—Resolved, That a General District Rate under the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, of Three Shillings and Sixpence in the £ on the property assessable thereto be now made, and ordered to commence and be payable at the times following, that is to say, one moiety or half part thereof forthwith, and the other moiety or half part the same be collected accordingly, and that the Town Clerk do and that thereof to commence and be payable on the first day of October next, and that the same be collected accordingly, and that the Town Clerk do publish such rate according to law.

Mayor

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Month& Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 3rd June, 1918.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th May, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Margrett and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green and Wood (the Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles. viz. Spa Buildings, 3 Russell Street, 7 Hanover Street, 21 Marsh. Lane, 36 Hayward's Road, 46 and 47 Waterloo Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 9 New Street, 29 and 37 Tivoli Street, 21 Marsh Lane, and 7 Brooklyn Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Nindfield, Arle Road, and 5 Spa Buildings—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4---Insanitary Property-9 New Street, 19 Columbia Street, 25 Tivoli Street, 5 Spa Buildings, and 21 Marsh Lane—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in

such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved. That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Houses unfit for Human Habitation--Cottage at rear of 21 Fairview Road— The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these premises were in a state so dangerous to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and he recommended that the house be closed. Resolved. That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that in the meantime notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order. 4 Grosvenor Cottages — The Owners of this house did not attend. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that this house is in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made pursuant to Sec. 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said premises for human habitation until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice thereof be given to the Owner.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows: ----On the 11th April the carcase and offal of a pork pig, and of another pig on the 30th April. On the 2nd instant the carcase and offal of a sheep, and of another sheep on the 9th instant. (Weight surrendered, 2 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.)

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7—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health presented an abbreviated annual report which, in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Government Board, he did not propose to have printed.

8—Fruit Pulping Factory, Dunalley Street—Read, a letter from the Women's Local Government Association protesting against the use of premises in Dunalley Street for a fruit pulping factory on the ground that this would cause a serious nuisance. The Town Clerk reported the correspondence he had had on the matter with the Ministry of Food. Resolved, That no further action be taken in the matter.

9-Housing of the Working Classes Acts—Improvement Scheme—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a further report on this matter. Resolved, That further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting.

10—Charlton Kings Sewage—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Council suggesting that the Agreement made on the 21st December, 1908, for taking the Charlton Kings sewage, which expired on the 31st March last, should be continued for the period of the War and thereafter until determined by 6 months' notice on either side Resolved, That the Council be recommended to continue the Agreement for the year ending the 31st March next.

11— Registered Slaughterhouses—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Butchers' Association asking for an assurance that the arrangements made in connection with the Meat Scheme for slaughtering at the Public Abattoir should not prejudice their position in regard to the registered slaughterhouses. The Inspector reported that there were 12 registered slaughterhouses in regular

use up to a month ago, namely, in Dunalley Street, Victoria Street, Prestbury Road, Fairview Road, Sherborne Place, 93 High Street, Albion Street, 424 High Street, 5 Suffolk Parade, Commercial Street, and two in Dunalley Parade. Resolved, That the Association be informed that the disuse of the above-mentioned slaughterhouses on account of the Meat Scheme shall be without prejudice to the registration of these slaughterhouses.

12-Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th instant. Present The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 13th instant was 9 colts, 11 horses (and 3 at Depot), 8 calves, 111 head of cattle, 34 lambs, 109 sheep and 19 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 1 pig and 2 cows had been purchased for £58 10s. 0d., and 6 calves had been bred on the farms. 5 cows, 6 calves, 9 heifers and 1 teg had been sold for £444 11s. 1d.

Breaking-up of Additional Land—Resolved, That the War Agricultural Executive Committee be asked to cancel the order to break up 13 acres of land at the Barn Farm, and that it be pointed out if the 17 acres of additional land at Hayden is broken up it will prevent efficient treatment of the sewage, and the Corporation cannot accept responsibility for any complaints which may result.

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

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th May, 1918: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Wilkins (the Apia). The Deputy Mayor in the chair),

1-Tenders for Cement—The thorough surveyor submitted the tenders (4) received for cement required for slab making and general purposes. Resolved. That the tender of Messrs. Kaye & Co. of 57/- per ton, less 2 ½ per cent. discount, be accepted.

Maintenance of Weighbridges- Resolved, That the tender of W. and T. Avery, Ltd., of 46 per annum for the maintenance of the three weighbridges, be accepted.

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3-National Salvage Council- The Chairman reported that, with the Borough Surveyor, he attended the conference of Local Authorities held at Bristol with reference to the collection and disposal of waste material.

4- Trolley—Resolved, That the trolley offered by Mr. Probyn Dighton, at £32, be purchased.

5-Stores Department--The report of the Borough Surveyor with reference to the transfer to the Borough Accountant's Department of the Stores clerks, was considered. (A copy of the report has

been forwarded to each member of the council.) Resolved. That in view of the questions raised in the report, the Finance Committee be asked to reconsider the matter.

6--Hale's Road— Corner of London Road —The question of the improvement of London Road at its junction with Hale's Road was further considered. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the premises at their next View Meeting.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 27th May, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

7—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 26th April to the 23rd May, 1918 (both dates inclusive). Ashes Collection and Disposal-During the four weeks ended the 16th May, 1918, 646 loads collected, 619 consumed, 27 tipped away. Weight consumed, 195 tons 12 cwt. 2 qrs.

The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders received for the supply of coal for the year ending 31st March, 1919. Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted: —

Messrs. Webb Bros. Household Coal at 31/6 per ton.

Bakers Nuts at 30/- per ton.

Mr. A. E. Derrick: Welsh Steam Coal at 33/8 per ton.

Small Steam Coal for Tewkesbury Works at 21/3 per ton, subject to sample truck proving satisfactory.

Mr. S. Jenkins: Small Steam Coal at 22/6 per ton (for Baths).

Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Employees' Hospital Committee of the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company, stating that a procession would take place on Workers' Hospital Day (June 22nd), and asking for the loan of some of the Corporation horses and lorries. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to give as much assistance as possible.

8----Insurance of Steam Rollers-Read, a letter from the National Boiler and General Insurance Company, stating that owing to the heavy increase in the cost of repairs and renewals the present premium would be increased by 15 per cent. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

9—New Buildings —Read, a letter from the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company, stating that in future, plans would be submitted for all new buildings before the work was commenced.

10—Report of Plans Sub-Committee-The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 14th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th May, 1918: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1390	Gloucestershire Aircraft Co.	Temporary Mess Room and Cycle Shed.
1391	do.	Temporary Building to be used as a Workshop.

Resolved. That the Plans be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice is given requiring such removal.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 11th May, 1918: Present—The Mayor. Councillors Boulter, Green, Pates and Silk (The Mayor in the chair j.

1—Montpellier Baths—Swimming Bath—Read. an application from the Sunningend Athletic Club, for the use of the Montpellier Swimming Bath for two hours on two days a week during the season.

Resolved. That the application be granted. Read, an application from the Charlton Kings Council School for permission for the scholars to use the Montpellier Swimming Bath instead of Alstone Baths. Resolved. That the application be not granted.

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 17th April to the 14th May was 95, including 35 to wounded soldiers.

2- Alstone Baths—Read, an application from Mrs. Pilkington for an increase of her salary. Resolved, That an increase of £10 per annum be granted.

3—Mineral Waters—"Sales"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa since the last Meeting was 1523, and the number sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 162.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 23rd May, 1918: Present-The Mayor, Councillors Green, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1-Extension of Main --The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for a supply to the Fruit Pulping Factory proposed to be started in Dunalley Street, The cost of the extension of main would be £125, which would be paid by the Ministry of 1100d. Resolved, 'That the extension be made. Resolved, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase a transformer required in connection with the supply.

2—Old Lamp Caps—Read, a letter from the Harrison Trading Co., stating that they were prepared to purchase old lamp caps. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange for the collection of old electric lamp caps and bulbs.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 16th May, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor. Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Pates and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 15th April, 1918.		Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	438,000 gallons	394,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	959,000	1,029,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>85,000</u>	<u>105,000</u>
Total	1,482,000	Total 1,528,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	15th April, 1918.		15th April, 1917.	
Hewletts		28,0999,000 gallons		26,852,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	23ft. 0in.	70,237,000 "	32ft 0in	89,611,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft 0in	<u>1,486,000</u> "	12ft 0in	<u>1,621,000</u> "
Total Storage		99,822,000 "		118,114,000 "

2----Extension of Mains-The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an application for a supply of water to a house at the rear of Holman's Stables, St. George's Place, and that this would necessitate an extension of the main at a cost of about £10. Resolved, That the extension be made.

He also reported that he had received an application from the Cheltenham Bowling Club for a supply to the new Green in Suffolk Square. The cost of extending the main would be about £30, which the Club were willing to pay by annual instalments in ten years. Resolved, That the extension be made subject to an Agreement being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk embodying the terms.

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3—Pigsties—Keynsham Road—Resolved, That the application of the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee to erect pigsties on the land in Keynsham Road, be granted, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the tenant of the allotment to give up possession.

4—Annual Conference of Institution of Water Engineers--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Institution of Water Engineers, to be held in London on the 13th and 14th June.

5—Appeals---The cases entered in the Appeals Book were considered, and the Rates settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Steel and Waghorne, and Councillor Green (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals — Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of parasitic mange at the Plough Hotel Yard on the 10th instant. With this exception the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Parasitic Mange—Amendment Order, 1918— Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture forwarding a copy of the Parasitic Mange (Amendment) Order, 1918. The Order amended the provisions of the Order of 1911 with reference to the detention and treatment of animals, cleansing and disinfecting, etc. The Town Clerk reported that he had given public notice of the Order as required by the Board,

3—Wart Disease of Potatoes Order, 1918—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture forwarding a copy of this Order which revoked the existing Orders relating to Wart Disease as from the 1st June, 1918, and (inter alia) contained provisions restricting the planting of potatoes in an infected area, the sale of approved immune varieties without a licence granted by the Board, and also requiring a notification of the disease.

4—Fire Brigade--The Captain reported that the Brigade had not been called to any outbreak of fire since the last Meeting.

5—Shops Act, 1912—Hairdressers' Shops Closing Order --The memorial from Mr. A. W. Poulston and others asking for a new Closing Order to be made, was further considered, together with a report from the Town Clerk. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be further adjourned.

6 Association of Municipal Corporations—Annual Meeting—Resolved, That the Chairman and the Town Clerk be authorised to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Municipal Corporations to be held in London on the 31st May instant.

7--Fruit Market—Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 16th instant. Present: The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett and Councillor Green (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

Pots—Mr. Castle attended the Meeting and reported the difficulties experienced in obtaining pots from Holland owing to shipping difficulties, and the Town Clerk reported that a representation had been made by the Food Control Committee with reference to the matter. The Sub-Committee recommended that in view of the increased cost of pots, etc., the regulation fixing the deposit on hire of pots should be increased to the same amount as fixed at the Gloucester Market, viz., pots 5/- each, and that the deposit for selves be increased to 3/- each.

Visitors— Councillors Green and Stewart were appointed visitors of the Market for the month of June.

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

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8—Market Gardeners' and Fruit Growers' Co-operative Association —Read, a letter from Mr. W. H. Whitehead, Secretary of the Market Gardeners' and Fruit Growers' Co-operative Association, stating that the Association had decided to sell their produce by public auction at 268, High Street, and that the first sale would commence about the first week in June. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take such proceedings as advised by Counsel in respect of the threatened disturbance of the Market franchise.

9—War Charities Act, 1916—An application was received from Pate's Grammar School for Girls War-work Fund to be registered under the War Charities Act, 1916. Resolved, That the charity be registered.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 29th May, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel and Councillor Green (The Mayor in the chair).

10—Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages—The Committee met at the Central Depot and inspected the hackney carriages and wheelchairs. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to renew the licences for one year from the 3rd proximo, subject to the repairs required by the Committee being carried out, and also subject to the carriages not submitted for inspection being approved by the Inspector.

Supt. Hopkins reported that Mr. Hillier, of Pittville Mews, did not propose to apply for the renewal of hackney carriage licences Nos. 62 and 88.

11—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences—Read, applications from Miss Elsie Garner, of Park Mews, Manfred Pash, of 9, Hanover Street, and Alfred Brown, of 9, Sydney Street, for licences to drive a horse hackney carriage, and from A. W. G. Brooker, of 3, Hermitage Street, for a licence to drive a motor cab. Resolved, That licences be granted.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 15th May, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Caudle and Greets and Mr. G. Dimmer (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 926 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum between April 22nd and May 14th.

The Art Gallery and Museum were closed for the annual cleaning from the 10th April to the 20th April, when all the pictures and objects were examined and found in good order.

The furniture and china presented by Mrs. Courroux were received on the 24th April.

An Exhibition of 80 paintings, &c., by Mr. E. Walker, A.R.C.A, Director of Art Education at the Ladies' College, had been arranged and had attracted considerable interest.

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2—Curator's Annual Report—The Curator submitted the Annual Report of Art Gallery and Museum for the year ended the 31st March last. This showed that the number of visits made was 16,670, as compared with 10,637 in the previous year. Two Lectures, had been arranged for Teachers in the Elementary Schools and three Exhibitions had been held during the year without cost to the Committee. A local War Museum had been started to illustrate the part played by townsmen and women in the great war. The only purchase made during the year was an engraving of King George III. at the Cheltenham Spa in 1788, at a cost of £2 2/- An encouraging feature had been the increased visits of school children.

R. DAIVES,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Betteridge and Boulter (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Cultivation of Lands Order—Land in Albert Road—A further memorial was received from the allotment holders, asking the Committee to reconsider their decision as to the provision of an entrance gate. Resolved, That a small gate be provided.

2—Potato Spraying—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the Market Gardeners' and Small Holders' Associations with reference to potato spraying.

3—Pig Keeping—The Town Clerk reported that the owners of Turner's Field, College Road, had refused to allow the erection of pigstyes on the land, but that the Water. Committee were willing for the styes to be erected on the land adjoining the Sandford Works, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the tenant now in occupation. Resolved, That pigstyes be erected on this land, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange with the tenant accordingly. The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement with the Model Piggery Club, who now wished the tenancy to be a yearly one. Resolved, That the agreement be approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

4- Pittville Estate—Read, a letter from Messrs. G. H. Bayley & Sons, stating a client was willing to purchase Edgbaston House, Pittville, provided the Corporation would remove seven trees adjoining the Pump Room, and also erect within six months of the declaration of peace about 16 yards of iron fencing to divide the garden of the house from the Pittville Gardens. Resolved, That the next meeting of the Committee be held at Pittville, and that the trees be viewed by the Committee.

Read, a letter from Captain Killham, calling attention to the damage done by youths on Sundays to the Estate. Resolved. That Superintendent Hopkins be asked to arrange for the attendance of four Special Constables on Sundays.

R. STEEL,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th May, 1918--Present: The Mayor, Alderman Steel and Councillor Caudle (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Plants—Resolved. That the Superintendent be authorised to obtain the usual quantity of plants from Pittville for the Cemetery.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces--Resolved. That the Common seat be affixed to Grants No. 5063 to 5075 (both inclusive/ of the exclusive right of burial.

3-Soldiers' Graves—Wooden Crosses—Read. a letter from Mr. C. James for permission to erect on the grave of Sergt. Webb a wooden cross presented by the officers of the 4th Reserve Batt. Gloucester Regt. Resolved. That the cross be allowed as a temporary memorial.

4—Consecration of Addition to Cemetery—The Town Clerk reported the correspondence he had had with Mr. Hannam Clarke. the Bishop's Secretary. Resolved. That a petition be presented for the consecration of the land recently added to the Cemetery. appropriated for Church of England burials.

5—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved. viz.: Headstone to grave of Eliza James. Kerbing to graves of Annie H. Burrows, Arthur Ball, Charles Page and Gwendoline Mary Kilby.

ROBT. STEEL.

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th May, 1918 Present—Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Mann, Moore, Pates and Wilkins, Messrs. Gridley, Miles and Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1--Librarian's Report-Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £7 4s. 4d. Presentations: "Path" Publishing Company (1 vol.), Trustees of the British Museum (1 vol.), University Tutorial Press (1 vol.), Charles Bailey. Esq. (44 vols.) Number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during April 2,665, number issued from Lending Library 9,701.

2---Sub-Committee's Report-The Sub-Committee met on the 9th instant. Present—Alderman Steel, Councillor Green and Messrs. Caries and Caudle (Alderman Steel in the chair).

They recommended- (a) That the list of new books submitted by the Librarian be purchased at a cost of £25 for the Lending and Reference Libraries, and £25 for replacements and new books to the Children's Library. (b) That the Librarian enquire and report as to the insurance of the boiler. Resolved; That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Annual Report-The Librarian submitted his Annual Report for 1917.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th May, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Silk, Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate made on the 17th instant. Amount collected £79 12s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £26,123 4s. 1d.

2---Water Rate--Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £198 19s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £9,782 10s. 3d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £110, £100 and £64 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued accordingly on account of duly authorised loans. He also reported that he had arranged for the continuance of a loan of £350. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debenture be endorsed accordingly.

4—Borough Accountant's Department—The report of the Borough Surveyor with reference to the proposed transfer of the work at present done by the Stores clerks, under his supervision, to the Borough Accountant's Department, was considered, together with a report from the Borough Accountant. Resolved. That the portion of the Resolution to Minute No. 3 of this Committee's proceedings at their last Meeting with reference to the transfer of the Stores clerks to the Borough Accountant's Department, be rescinded.

5—Registration Expenses—Read, a letter from the Assistant Overseers, asking for an allowance in respect of the work carried out by them in 1916 and 1917 in connection with the preparation of the Electors' Lists. Resolved, That the sum of £50 be paid to the Assistant Overseers as the Council's share of the work done, and for which they had received no remuneration.

6 —Accounts —The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement --

In hand on the 30th April last	3,258 14 8
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £274)	<u>4,403 5 3</u>
	7,661 19 11
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £400)	<u>5,363 8 0</u>
	In hand 2,298 11 11
being Sinking Fund Accounts,	In hand. 3,050 10 4
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	do. 161 13 1
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account	do. • • . <u>123 8 9</u>
	In hand 3,335 12 2
less General Accounts.	Overdrawn... <u>1,037 0 3</u>
	In hand 2,298 11 11

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 3rd June, 1918, at 3 p.m., Present The Mayor (Councillor Thomas Rees Jones) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall), Aldermen Davies, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Betteridge; Boulter, Caudle, Dodwell, Green, Haddock, Horsley, Mann, Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Silk, Taylor and Wilkins.

Apology-An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Stewart.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 6th, 9th and 17th May, 1918, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed. –

2—Election of Alderman—Read, a letter from Miss C. F. Winterbotham stating that she was unable to accept the office of an Alderman.

A Notice, signed by two Burgesses, of the vacancy in the office of an Alderman caused by the non-acceptance of office by Miss Winterbotham, was received.

It was proposed by Alderman Davies and seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Mr. William Henry Horsley be appointed an Alderman to fill the vacancy, and on the proposition being put to the Meeting, the Mayor declared the same carried and that Mr. Horsley Was accordingly appointed. Mr. Horsley then signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

3-Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th May last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 27th May last, be approved and confirmed.

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5-Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th May last, be approved and confirmed

6-Electricity and Lighting Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee at their Meeting of the 23rd last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee at their Meeting of the 16thMay last, be approved and confirmed.

8- General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee at their Meetings of the 22nd and 29th May last be approved and confirmed.

9-Art Gallery and Museum Committee —Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th May last, be approved and confirmed.

10-Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks. Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meetings of the 22nd May last, be approved and confirmed.

11--Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee at their Meeting of the 24th May last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th May last, be approved and confirmed.

13- Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th May last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st July, 1918.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th June, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Moore, Stewart and Wood (the Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: —Garden Cottage, Columbia Street, 12 and 1,5 Columbia Street, and 47 Fairview Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2 —Cleansing and Whitewashing at 8 and 9 Larput Place, 1 and 2 Freeman's Cottages, 97 Naunton Crescent, and 7 Worcester Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 2 Queen's Circus, 5 New's Cottages, Alstone, and Maisonette, Portland Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved. That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4---insanitary Property-8 and 9 Larput Place, 97 Naunton Crescent, 7 New's Cottages, Alstone, and 7 Worcester Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in

such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows: —On the 24th May the carcasses and offal of 2 sheep and two hindquarters of beef. On the 29th May the carcass and offal of a sheep and a box of kippers, and on the 3rd instant the carcass and offal of a sheep. (Weight destroyed, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.)

6---Measles--The Medical Officer of Health reported that owing to a fresh outbreak of measles he had engaged Nurse Addis to visit the cases, at the same salary as was paid to Nurse Gale when so employed. Resolved, That this be approved.

7----Housing of the Working Classes Acts-Improvement Scheme- The Medical Officer of Health recommended that having regard to the difficulties owing to the war in dealing with bad properties, the consideration of this matter be adjourned for 3 months. Resolved. That the matter be adjourned accordingly, but that Dr. Garrett be asked to make a report as to houses which are so unfit for human habitation as to require immediate action with a view to Closing Orders being made.

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8— Houses unfit for Human Habitation--Cottage 21 Fairview Road —Read, a letter from Mr. P.P. Taylor consenting to a Closing Order. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that this house is in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made pursuant to Sec. 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said premises for human habitation until the same has been rendered fit for that purpose, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice thereof be given to the Owner.

2 Higgs' Cottages—The Town Clerk reported that Notice had been given to the Owner of these premises of the intention to make a Demolition Order. Resolved, That the Council are of opinion that this dwelling-house has fit for human habitation, and that the necessary steps are not being taken with all due diligence to make it so fit, and that an Order be now made under the Common Seal pursuant to Sub-Section 2 of Section 18 of the Housing, Town Planning. etc., Act, 1909, requiring the demolition of the premises, and that notice thereof be given to the Owner.

9—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th instant. Present The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 10th instant was 9 colts, 10 horses (and 3 at Depot), 14 calves, 104 head of cattle, 34 lambs, 89 sheep and 19 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 5 calves had been purchased for £20 8s. 0d., and 4 calves had been bred. A cart mare, 3 cows, 4 heifers, 3 calves, and 20 sheep had been sold for £524 9s. 6d.

Resolved. That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

Report of the proceedings of the Committee since the 30th June, 1917.

The Committee have had 3 Meetings since their last report.

1—Voluntary Health Society—As the Baker Street Institute was taken by the Education Committee in August last, the Maternity Centre was moved to premises belonging to the Wesleyan Chapel, Sun Street. Last October a third Centre was opened at the Clare Street Hall, of which Dr. Grace Billings is the Medical Officer. The Wednesday Club at the Bath Street Centre was then closed, but children from 1 to 5 years can now attend on any Tuesday with the infants. Dr. Lansdown is the Medical Officer in charge of the Centres in Bath Street and Sun Street. The annual report of the Society for the year ended 31st March last shows the following attendances: —

Bath Street (53 meetings) • • • • 1230

Clare Street (24 meetings) • • • • 339

Sun Street (47 meetings) • • • • 958

Visits by Voluntary Visitors • • 253

2—District Nursing Association—A grant of £89 4s. 0d. was made by the Local Government Board to this Institution in respect of their out-patient midwifery services for the financial year 1917-1918.

3—National Baby Week—At the request of the National Baby Week Council, a Committee has been formed to make arrangements for holding a National Baby Week in Cheltenham in July next.

4—Health Visitor—The annual report of the Health Visitor gives the following summary of work for the year ended 31st December last: —

Total Number of Children Visited • • 946

Number on Register • • 835

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Home Visits by Health Visitor. • • • . • • .. 2923}

“ “ Voluntary Visitors • • . . 287} 3210

Attendances at Centres .. • • .. • • 108

Talks to Mothers .. . • . • • • • • • 50

Children sent to Hospital • • • • • •' • • . • 14

Uncertified Births discovered 19

Owing to the increasing work of the Health Visitor, the Committee found it necessary to provide some clerical assistance as employed part time at the School Clinic to give part time assistance at

and engaged Miss Woodard (who was employed part time at the School Clinic) to give part time assistance at 10/- per week.

The Medical Officer of Health has recommended the appointment of another Health Visitor, but the Committee have deferred consideration of this for the present.

5—The Milk (Mothers and Children, Order, 1918—The Committee have authorised the Medical Officer of Health to supply milk and food under the provisions of this Order in suitable cases, and to report from time to time to the Committee thereon.

T. REES JONES.

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on the 11th June, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann. Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Tenders for Trees—The Borough Surveyor submitted the tenders (4) received for trees to be removed from the public streets. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. A. S. Barradel and Co. Ltd., of £41 7s. 6d. be accepted, subject to payment being made in advance.

2—Trees in College Road—Read, letters from the occupiers in College Road asking that the trees ordered to be removed be allowed to remain. Resolved, That the application be granted.

3—Annual Holiday—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for the workmen to have a holiday on Saturday, the 29th June, in lieu of the Corporation outing day.

4—Hired Team Labour—Read, an application from the Contractors asking for an increase of the price paid for hired team labour. Resolved. That the present price of 10/- for general hauling and ashes collection be increased to 12/- and for spotting from 9/6 to 11/6 per day.

5—Tar Macadam Plant—The Borough Surveyor reported that there was likely to be a difficulty in procuring tarred-stone for some years to come, and he recommended that a mixing plant should be provided at the Destructor Works. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the cost of providing a plant.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th June 1918: Present- The mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Wilkins and Stewart (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

6-Street Projection Read an application from Mr. T. H. Poynton for permission to place outside the North Street Picture house during this week a flag announcing the series of a film entitled "My four years in Germany." Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

7-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report, re Highways- The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 24th May to the 20th June, 1918 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal-During the four weeks ended the 13th June, 1918, 581 loads collected, 565 consumed, 16 tipped away. Weight consumed 591 tons 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

8-Coal –The Borough Surveyor submitted the result of the tests of the steam coal for Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Works. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Crook and Greenway for Park End rough small steam coal for the Cheltenham Works at 23/8 per ton, and for the Tewkesbury Works at 25/- per ton, be accepted, subject to a formal contract being, entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk. Resolved, also, That the Resolution to Minute No. 7 of this Committee's proceedings of the 27th May last be varied accordingly.

9- Road Stone-The Chairman reported that, with the Borough Surveyor, he attended the County Advisory Committee at Gloucester on the 22nd instant, and that a further allocation of stone had been made which, in view of the present conditions, was satisfactory.

10-Asquith and Churchill Roads -The Town Clerk reported that Notices declaring Asquith Road for a length of 309 feet, and Churchill Road for a length of 354 feet to be a highway, had been duly posted and advertised, and that no objection had been received to such declaration. Resolved, That the Notices be recorded on the Minutes.

11-National Salvage Council -Read, a letter from the Director-General of the National Salvage Council asking that the of the Borough Surveyor may be at the disposal of the National Salvage Council for a few hours each week to act as an advisory officer within an area of from 15 to 20 miles of Cheltenham. Resolved. That the application be granted.

Read, a letter from the Food Survey Department of the Ministry' of Food with reference to the collection of tins, bottles broken glass, dog's hair, cork, etc., and a letter was also received from the Domestic Savings Committee with reference to the collection of waste bones and fats. Resolved. That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting for the Borough Surveyor to obtain information on the subject.

12-Workmen Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Bette ridge, District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, asking for an all-round increase of 6/6 per week. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit a statement showing the pre-war earnings of the men, the increases granted during the war, and the ages of the men.

13-Report of Plans Sub-Committee-The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 11th and 24th June, 1918. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

14-Stalls in Streets Read, an application from the Cheltenham Branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers, for permission to erect stalls in the principal streets on the 8th August, when a Flag Day would be held. Resolved, That the Association be informed that the Corporation have no power to authorise the erection of stalls in the public highways.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th June 1918: Present- The mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann, Wilkins and Stewart (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1392	Mr. Treweeke	Temporary Motor House "Beaumont," Shurdington Road.
1393	Dr. J. Howell	Proposed Pigsty at rear of Oriel Villas.

Resolved, That Plan 1393 be approved and that Plan 1392 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act. 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within 3 months after notice is given requiring such removal.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting ill this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 24th June, 1918: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2--New Building-The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Building, viz.: -

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1394	C. H. Paish	Addition to 6, Naunton Villas, Naunton Lane.

Resolved. That the Plan be approved subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th June, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Green, Patel and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 15th May to the 11th June was 89, including 7 to wounded soldiers.

2— Montpellier Gardens—Read, an application from Mr. O. J. Williams, for a key to the Montpellier Gardens, for Mr. E. Fisher, of Montpellier Terrace. Resolved, That the application be not granted. Read, a letter from the Traders' Association, asking that the time of closing the Montpellier Gardens during June and July should be extended to 10 p.m. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

3----Illustrated Guide —The Town Clerk reported that the stock of small illustrated guides, issued to applicants, was nearly exhausted. Read, a letter from Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., offering to publish a new guide, and to present free of charge to the Corporation 2,500 copies on the same conditions as before, viz., that a limited number of advertisements be allowed, and that the guide is "issued with the sanction of the Corporation." Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

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4—Pittville Gardens and Town Hall--Read, a letter from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council, asking for permission to hold a Public Meeting in the Pittville Gardens on Sunday afternoon, the 25th August, and an Evening Meeting in the Town Hall on the same day. Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall be granted for the Evening Meeting at a cost of £5 5s., plus lighting, and that the applicants be informed that the Bye-Laws prohibit the Gardens being used for a public meeting.

5—Spa Medical Committee—Dr. J. Howell attended and submitted a modified scheme to be carried out during the war. Resolved, To recommend as follows

- (1) That the charge for Mineral Waters supplied at the Spas be increased to 3d. per glass as from the 8th July.
- (2) That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate for carrying out the alterations at the Montpellier Baths recommended by Dr. Malcolm-King, of London.
- (3) That 10,000 re-prints of Dr. Kirkland's paper, which appeared in the proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine, be obtained at a cost of £18 7s, 6d., and that this be made up in book form for sending to the medical profession. That Councillors Boulter and Pates be asked to report to the next meeting as to the printing of a suitable cover, etc.
- (4) That the shelter at the Winter Garden be removed to the Montpellier Gardens for use as a Kiosk from which Mineral Waters can be supplied during the summer months.
- (5) That the Traders' Association be asked if arrangements can be made for small band to play at the Montpellier Gardens from 7.30 to 8.30 a.m.
- (6) That three pages of advertisements be inserted in a new addition of Mr. Neville Wood's book, "Health Resorts of the British Isles," at a cost of £20.
- (7) That the Spa Medical Committee be authorised to make enquiries as to the services of a French well-expert to advise as to the Pittville Wells.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 17th June, 1918: Present--The Mayor, Councillors Green, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Electric Vehicle—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the final trial of the electric vehicle was made on the 26th ultimo, and was satisfactory

2—Workmen—Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Labourers, making application on behalf of the employees for an all-round advance on their present wages of 6/6. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to bring up a statement showing the increases of wages granted to the men since the outbreak of war.

3—Charges----Resolved, That in view of the continued increase in the cost of labour, coal and other materials, the present increase of 20 per cent. in the charges for electric energy supplied to ordinary customers, as authorised by the Council in January last, be increased to 33) per cent.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 13th June, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Pates, Taylor and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair),

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 10th June, 1918.		Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	239,000 gallons	299,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	200,000 "	464,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>66,000</u> "	<u>89,000</u> "
Total 505,000 "		Total 852,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Depth 10th June, 1918.		Contents	Depth 10th June, 1917.		Contents
Hewletts		26,363,000 gallons			27,211,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	21ft. 6in.	50,715,000 "	27ft 0in		82,136,000 "
Leckhampton	9ft 0in	<u>1,215,000</u> "	11ft 0in		<u>1,486,000</u> "
Total Storage		78,293,000 "			110,833,000 "

Pumping was commenced at Sandford on the 12th instant,

2—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals Book were considered, and the Rates settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th June, 1918: Present—Tire Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Sawyer and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1 -Diseases amongst Animals— Supt. Hopkins reported that the Plough Hotel Yard, at which an outbreak of parasitic mange had occurred, had been declared an infected place. Otherwise the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Wart Disease of Potatoes Order, 1918—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture forwarding Notice of the provisions of the Order. The 'Fowl: Clerk reported that he had published the Notice as directed by the Board.

3— Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that on the 31st May the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at the Winter Garden, caused by the fusing of an electric wire. Damage very slight. Brigade expenses, £1 17s 0d.

He also reported that Fireman Daunter had been called up for service in the Army, and that he was taking steps to fill the vacancy.

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4---Game Licences Read, Read applications from Messrs Olive & Olive, C. Barnett & Sons, H. F. Barnett, J. Maxwell, and Miss M. F. Woodard for renewal of their Game Licences for one year from the 1st proximo. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

5—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908-- Read, applications from Messrs. Cypher & Sons P. S. & P. A. Wiggall Yates & Sons and G. E. Pates for renewal of licences under this Act. Resolved, That the licence, be renewed for One year from the 9th instant.

6--Local War Pensions, etc., Committee—Resolved, That Mrs. Martin Shaw be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Colonel J. C. Griffith.

7- - Employment of Disabled Officers and Men—Read, a letter from the Ministry of Pensions asking Local Authorities to join in a scheme for securing employment for disabled officers and men. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to supply the information asked for by the Ministry, and

that they be informed that the Corporation will favourably consider applications from disabled officers and men for vacant posts.

8--Fruit Market—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 16th instant. Present: The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett and Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

Bonus—Application has been made by the Cheltenham and District Allotment and Small Holders Society, Ltd., that their members should be included in the distribution of half the bonus allowed to the Corporation by Mr. Castle. The Sub-Committee recommended that in future the amount available for distribution be divided among all Vendors at the Market whose sales of fruit and vegetables for the year ending 30th June in any year amount to not less than £20, the division to be made in proportion to the amount of the sales.

Market Clerk—The Sub-Committee recommended that Mr. H. E. Hawkes be appointed Clerk of the Fruit and Vegetable Market, at a salary of £2 a week, to take charge of the booking of the pots, arrangement of the market sales and getting entries for sales; the engagement to be terminable by a week's notice on either side. As the work to be undertaken by Mr. Hawkes has hitherto been carried out by Mr. Castle's clerks, the appointment of Mr. Hawkes will relieve Mr. Castle of some expense, and he has agreed to pay to the Corporation £60 per annum in addition to the sum payable under the agreement with him.

Resolved. That the report of the Fruit Market Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

9 —Standing Orders —Resolved. That the Council be recommended to amend Standing Order No. 23 to read as follows Resolutions. Minutes and Reports of Committees shall be printed and a copy thereof shall be sent to each member of the Council at least 48 hours prior to the Meeting."

WAGHORNE

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 12th June, 1918: Present—Aldermen Davies, Margret and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green and Stewart (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Curator's Report -The Curator reported 987 visits since 15th May last. The following gifts had been received: --C. Tickell, Esq.: Two Buddhist (Graces Bactrian) Sculptured Figures, date 200 B.C. Temple in Sivat Valley, North India.

Mrs Christian: Five Gods worshipped by natives of Nicobar Islands, brought home by Captain Harold Christian. R.N.

Mr. John Baker: Framed Photograph of the Board of Guardians.

Councillor Stewart (for War Museum): Wallasey Corporation Ferries, H.M.S. Iris II. and Daffodil IV. Souvenir of Zeebrugge Raid, April 23, 1918. Programme signed by S. G. Odam, of H.M.S. Iris, a member of the crew.

2—Annual Meeting of Museums Association—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to attend the Annual Meeting at Manchester on 10th- 11th July, and that the next meeting of this Committee be held on the 17th July instead of the 10th July.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Pittville on Wednesday, the 19th June, 1918: Present—The Mayor. the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell and Sawyer (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—The Committee inspected the trees and fence referred to in the letter from Messrs. Bayley and Sons. Resolved. That the 7 trees mentioned in Messrs. Bayley and Sons' letter be removed and that, in addition, an ilex. acacia, sycamore, 5 chestnuts and 2 yew trees at the back of the Pump Room be also removed, and that the Council agree to erect about 16 yards of iron fencing between "Edgbaston" and the Pittville Gardens within six months of the declaration of peace.

2—Cricket at Recreation Grounds — Resolved, That permission be granted to the Cheltenham Cadet Corps to play cricket on Saturdays subject to the usual conditions.

3—Pig Keeping—Read, a circular letter from the Local Government Board again urging Local Authorities to do what they could to facilitate co-operative effort for the keeping of pigs. Resolved, That the Public Health Committee be recommended to increase the number of breeding sows so that they may be able to supply young pigs to cottagers and others who are willing to buy and feed them for the Market, as suggested by the Board.

4—Potato Spraying—Resolved. That the potato sprayers be hired out at 1/6 a day to allotment holders and others requiring same.

5—Allotments—Satisfactory reports were received of the cultivation of the war allotments.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st June, 1918- Present: The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell, Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 5076 to 5081 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial.

2—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved. viz.: Headstones to graves of Sarah Adair Kane. Enoch Bloodworth. Ellen Annie Cossens, John Dutson. Joseph Bowies and Doris Leah Bowles, Elizabeth Nicholl and Elizabeth Tyler Memorial Cross to grave of Elizabeth Hannah Ransom Ling. Kerbing to graves of H. W. Wickham, Lizzie Lloyd. Maurice Carter, James and Louisa Iles. and Harold James Newman.

3—Consecration of Addition to Cemetery—The Town Clerk reported that the Bishop's Secretary had suggested that the portion of the Cemetery which had been previously dedicated should now be consecrated. with the additional land now appropriated for Church of England funerals. Resolved. That this be agreed to.

STEWART.

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th June, 1918: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Caudle. Green, Mann, Moore, Pates and Wilkins, Messrs. Gridley, Miles and Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £4 7s. 10d. Presentations: The Publishers, Imperial Year Book for Canada 1918 (1 vol.). Secretary of State for Canada (1 vol.), Miss Sanders (27 vols.). Mrs. Moir (16 pamphlets).

Number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during May 2,666, number issued from Lending Library 5,639.

2--Sub- Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee met on the 6th instant. Present—Alderman Steel, Councillor Green and Messrs. Caries and Caudle (Alderman Steel in the chair).

They recommended—

(a) That the ceilings and out-buildings of the Caretaker's apartments be whitewashed.

(b) That the next meeting of the Committee be held on July 16th instead of on July 9th.

(c) That the new Books, including the Children's Encyclopaedia (£5), set out in the list submitted, be purchased at a cost of £10.

(d) That the Librarian be authorised to insure with the Vulcan Boiler and General Insurance Company, the boiler against explosion, etc.

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

3—Resignation of Miss Fegan—Read, a letter from Miss Fegan resigning membership of the Public Library Committee, as she had left the town. Resolved, That the resignation be accepted with regret, and that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Miss Fegan for her assistance in connection with the Library.

4—Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Moore be appointed a member of the Sub-Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Fegan,

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 25th June, 1918 Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Silk and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 25th instant, on the collection of the first instalment. Amount collected £5,015 10s. 1d. Outstanding £21,127 6s. 4d.

Rates (Proceedings for Recovery) Act 1914—Resolved, That the Rate Collectors be authorised to deter any proceedings for the purpose of allowing time to the persons appearing in the lists now submitted and by reason of circumstances attributable directly or indirectly to the present war are temporarily unable to pay the General District Rate.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 25th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £3,560 0s. 5d.

3—Rates Department— Read, a letter from Mr. E. J. Cornock stating that he had been discharged from the Army and would be able to resume his duties as a clerk in the Rates Department on Monday next. Resolved, That Mr. Cornock's salary be 35/- per week.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported terms arranged for continuance of loans of £1,000 and £700. Resolved. That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

He also reported that he had received £2,500 on loan. Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

Slab Factory £3,000 Loan—The Borough Accountant reported that this loan had matured and that he was arranging with the lenders to transfer the amounts lent by them to other duly authorised loans.

5—Old Books and Papers—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to dispose of any old rate books and account books and papers which he is of opinion need not be kept for reference.

6—National Kitchens Order, 1918 —Read, a letter from the Ministry of Food stating that the Treasury had agreed in regard to the Imperial Grant in aid of the establishment and equipment of National Kitchens as follows: -

"The grant of a loan, free of interest for the full amount, of the approved capital outlay upon the establishment of a Kitchen or Kitchens, such loan to be repaid by the Local Authority by ten equal annual instalments, the first instalment to be payable upon the expiration of a year from the date of the advance."

This arrangement included not merely a loan for the approved outlay in respect of the equipment of a National Kitchen, but also the expenditure upon the adaptation of a building for this purpose.

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7—Accounts--The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement: —

In hand on the 28th May last	2,298 11 11
Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture, £2500)	<u>16,874 12 4</u>
	19,173 4 3
Paid since that date	<u>7,242 2 7</u>
In hand	11,931 1 8

being General Accounts	8,497 0 0
Sinking Fund Accounts	3150 50 4
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts do.	160 2 7
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account do.	<u>123 8 9</u>
	11,931 1 8

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Special meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 26th June, 1918: Present The Mayor, Councillor pates, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

6—Town Hall--Read, application from Mr. J. W. Manning for use of the Town Hall on Sunday afternoon, 8th September, for an United Children's Service connected with the Cheltenham and

District Sunday School Union. Resolved, That the use of the Hall be granted at a charge of £5 5/-, plus cost (if any) of lighting and heating.

7--Montpellier Gardens—Read, application from the Cheltenham Branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers for permission to hold a Memorial Drumhead Service on Sunday, 1st September. Resolved. That the application be granted subject to any damage to the turf being made good.

Read, letter from Miss H. Davis, of g. Suffolk Square, asking for use of Proscenium and Enclosure for a Dancing display on one evening in July in aid of a Local Charity. Resolved, That this be granted at a charge of £3 3/-, plus cost of lighting.

Read, letter from Mrs. Austin, of Spa Buildings, asking for a key to Montpellier Gardens, as she was an invalid. Resolved. That the use of a key be granted at an annual charge of £1 1/-

8—Central Spa--A complaint was received of nuisance from dogs. Resolved, That dogs be not admitted to the Spa.

Notice Boards—Read a letter from the Traders Association suggesting that the notice boards should be re-decorated, and that a more prominent notice should be provided at or near the Town Hall. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the notice boards re-decorated and also to bring up design and estimate for providing additional notices.

9—Winter Garden—Read, application from the Secretary of the Sunningend Athletic Club offering £10 for use of the Bowling Green for the remainder of the season. The ground would be kept in order by the Club. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

10—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans shewing the alterations suggested by Dr. Malcolm King. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make such enquiry and inspection as may be necessary to enable him to make an estimate of the cost of the proposed alterations.

11—Montpellier Spa—The Borough Surveyor recommended that instead of moving the Shelter at the Winter Garden for use at Montpellier Gardens, a room in the New Pavilion could be used for dispensing the waters. The cost of fitting this up, including provision of gas for heating the mineral waters, would be £32. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved and that he be instructed to have the work carried out.

P. HADDOCK.

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 1st July, 1918, at 3 p.m., Present.

The Mayor (Councillor Thomas Rees Jones) in the chair,

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall),

Aldermen Davies, Horsley, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Caudle, Dodwell, Green, Haddock, Mann, Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart, Taylor Wilkins and Wood.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 3rd June, 1918, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Election of Councillor—A Notice, signed by two Burgesses, of the vacancy in the office of a Councillor for the East Ward caused by the appointment of Mr. William Henry Horsley to be an Alderman, was received.

It was proposed by Alderman Davies and seconded by Alderman Waghorne, that Miss Clara F. Winterbotham be appointed a Councillor to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr. William Henry Horsley to be an Alderman. On the proposition being put to the Meeting, the Mayor declared the same carried and that Miss Winterbotham was accordingly appointed.

3—Vacancies on Committees— Resolved, That Councillor Winterbotham be appointed a member of the Street and Highway, Water, Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments, and Burial Board Committees to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Alderman Baker.

4—Workmen's Wages—Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, local Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, stating that the application made on behalf of the workmen for an increase of 6/6 per week did not apply to the employees of the Electricity Department. A separate application would be made for these employees before the next Meeting of the Committee.

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5—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th June last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Resolved, That the report of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee be approved and confirmed.

7—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 24th June last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 26th June last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th June last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th June last, be approved and confirmed.

11—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th June last, be approved and confirmed, and that licences to deal in game be granted accordingly.

12—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th June last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th June last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st June last, be approved and confirmed.

15—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th June last, be approved and confirmed

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6—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th June last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Thursday, the 11th July, 1918, at 3 p. m. Present.

The Mayor (Councillor Thomas Rees Jones), in the chair,

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall),

Aldermen Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Boulter, Caudle, Dodwell, Green, Mann, Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Silk, Stewart, Taylor, Wilkins and Winterbotham.

1—Household Fuel and Lighting Order, 1918—Read, a letter from the Board of Trade forwarding the Household Fuel and Lighting Order, 1918, which came into force on the 1st instant.

A letter was also received from the Local Government Board forwarding the Local Authorities (Fuel and Lighting) Order, 1918, conferring and imposing on Local Authorities and their officers the

powers and duties necessary to provide for the due discharge of the functions assigned to Local Authorities by the Household Fuel and Lighting Order, 1918.

Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Rural District Council stating that, as they had no railway or other depot in their district, they would, in pursuance of paragraph 9 of the Order, unite with the Town Council for the administration of the Order.

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Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council stating that the Council had decided to appoint a Committee for their district and that he had been appointed Fuel Overseer.

Local Fuel Overseer Resolved, That Mr. J. S. Pickering be appointed Local Fuel Overseer for the purposes of the Order.

Local Committee—Resolved, That the General Purposes and Watch Committee be asked to consider the appointment of a Committee for the Borough and Rural District and report to the next Meeting of the Council. 9 National Kitchen—Resolved, That the proposed application to the Ministry of Food for a loan for establishing a Central Kitchen be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, the 2nd August, 1918.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th July, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Margrett and Steel, Councillors Green, Moore, Stewart and Wood (the Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: ---Glengyle, London Road, 6 Brooklyn Bank, 12,15 and 25 Columbia Street & 2 Berkeley Villas. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at St. Cloud Cottage, Leckhampton Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 10 Duke Street, 35 Russell Street, 91 Tewkesbury Road & 17 and 19 Columbia Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome

condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 1 to 7 Brooklyn Bank, Millbrook Street, 7 Old Millbrook Terrace, in Tewkesbury Road and The White House, Lansdown Crescent—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5-insanitary Property-6 and 7 Coltham Fields, 10 Duke Street, 35 Russell Street, 91 Tewkesbury Road, 17 and 19 Columbia Street & St. Cloud Cottage, Leckhampton Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order--Application was made by Mr. T. C. Young, of 68 Stanhope Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

7—Unsound Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and disposal of the following unsound meat: The carcasses and offal of a pig, a calf and a sheep, a forequarter of beef, 3 codfish, 2 tins of meat and 4 sides of bacon. (Weight destroyed, 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.) Read, a letter from the National Salvage Council urging the importance of utilising any meat or food stuffs surrendered or seized as unfit for human food, for pig or poultry food, etc. The Medical Officer of Health reported that all meat, etc., surrendered or seized was now being made use of for such purposes after being rendered innocuous.

8—Health Department—Read. an application from Mr. V. S. Harris, Assistant Inspector, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased from 45/- to 50/- per week.

9—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-17, 18, 48, 53-58, 60, 62-64 & 82 Stanhope Street, 1 St. Peter's Place, Waterloo Street, 5, 7 & 9 Worcester Street, 1 Limbrick Cottages, Waterloo Street. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that these houses were in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, Orders be now made under the Common Seal pursuant to Sec. 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, prohibiting the use thereof for human habitation until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose, and that Notice thereof be given to the Owners.

1:0—Report of Farms Sub-Committee--The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th instant. Present: The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 8th instant was 9 colts, 11 horses (and 3 at Depot), 11 calves, 100 head of cattle, 34 lambs, 68 sheep and 30 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 2 cows and a horse had been purchased for £84 5s. 0d. 11 pigs and 2 calves had been bred on the Farms. 1 heifer, 5 cows, 4 calves, 21 sheep and a bull had been sold for £299 6s.10d. 5 tons of hay had been supplied to the Depot. Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to keep as many breeding sows as possible.

Fruit--An application was received from Messrs. Castle and Blass for instructions to include the orchards in their annual sale. The Farms Manager reported that there was very little fruit this year. Resolved, That the growing fruit be not offered for sale by auction this year.

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

T. REES JONES,

Chairman,

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th July, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Promenade—Scat—Read, a letter from Miss Gooding asking for the removal of a seat in the Promenade near her house. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

2-Collection of Waste—The Borough Surveyor reported a conference he had with the Ashmen as to the collection of waste materials, etc., and that, subject to the approval of the Committee, he had made the following arrangements

(1) All articles and materials placed in ashbins or other refuse receptacles to be the property of the Corporation, and that the bonus to the Ashmen and Drivers for the collection of waste paper be increased by 1/- per cwt., and that a bonus of 6d. per cwt. be paid for all pig food collected.

(2) That the Ashmen, Drivers, and Destructor Firemen (33) be paid 20 per cent. of any profit made by the Corporation on the sale of any other articles and material from the refuse. The arrangement to remain in operation for six months.

Resolved, That the arrangements be approved and adopted.

3—Workmen's Wages—The application of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers on behalf of the Workmen for an increased war bonus was considered, together with a statement of the Borough Surveyor showing the increases previously granted. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to grant an additional war bonus of 3/- per week to all workmen over 18 years of age and 1/6 per week to employees under 18 years of age, the first payment of such bonus to be payable on the 10th August next.

Military Service—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to make application to the Local Tribunal for exemption of workmen who, in his opinion, are necessary for carrying on the work of the Highways Department.

4—Cambray—Read, an application from the London Supply Company for permission to fix a ring in the channel in Cambray for putting goods into their cellar. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd July, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Stewart, Wilkins and Winterbotham (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 21st June to the 18th July, 1918 (both dates inclusive).

6—Orderly Trucks—Read, a letter from the Eagle Engineering Co., Ltd., asking for an advance of 2 ½ per cent. on the price of the so orderly trucks recently ordered. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

7 Lansdown Terrace—Resolved, That notice be given under Section 30 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, requiring the owner to repair the cover of the manure pit at the stables at 1, Lansdown Terrace, so as to prevent any danger to persons lawfully using the road.

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8—Report of Trees Sub-Committee—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 19th instant. Present--The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Wilkins the Deputy Mayor in the chair). After inspecting the trees of which complaints had been received, they recommended: —

Royal Well Terrace—That the silver birch near 2, Royal Well Terrace be removed. Naunton Park Road—That a lime trees near 13, Naunton Park Road be removed. Montpellier Terrace—That 1 wych elm and 1 ash overhanging the garden of 5, Montpellier Parade be removed. Oriel Road—That no trees be removed.

Hewlett Road—That 1 hornbeam and 1 chestnut near "Beaconsfield" be removed and 3 silver birch planted, also that the tree near Tudor House be removed and that the tree near "St. Catherine's" be not removed.

Pittville Circus—That the tree near "Northlands" be not removed.

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

9—Hale's Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to gravel the footpath in Hale's Road opposite Battledown Inn.

10—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last: —The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Wilkins.

Resolved, That the View Meeting be held on the Wednesday preceding the second Meeting of the Committee, at 2.30 p.m.

11—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 22nd instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 22nd July, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—New Building—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Building, viz.: —

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1395	Mr. Edwin Cox	Alterations at rear of 266-7, High street.

Resolved, That the same be not approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 12th July, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Pates, Haddock and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 12th June to the 9th July was 79, including 6 to wounded soldiers.

2-Prisoners of War Fund—Read an application from the Traders' Association for permission to use the ground at the Winter Garden adjoining the New Club on " Prisoners of War Day," and also the Montpellier Gardens on the 25th July for an Exhibition in aid of the fund. Resolved, That the application be granted.

An application was received from Messrs Shirer & Haddon's employees for permission to decorate the Promenade Fountain on "Prisoners of War Day." Resolved, That the application be granted.

3—Mineral Waters- "Sales"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa since the last Meeting was 2274, and the number sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 279.

4—Spa Medical Committee—Dr. J. Howell attended the Meeting. Resolved, That under present circumstances a band be not provided to play at the Montpellier Gardens in connection with the drinking of the seaters this season, and that the question of the provision of a new entrance to the Montpellier Baths be adjourned.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th July, 1918 Present—The Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Green, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Repairs to Engine—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the high pressure cylinder of one of the Belliss engines, which had become worn, should be sent to the makers to be re-bored and a new liner and piston fitted, at a cost of £55. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

2-Contract for Meters—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the tender of the Electrical Apparatus Co., Ltd., for the supply of meters during the ensuing year be accepted at the prices set out in the schedule. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3-- Manchester Street Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for the use of the Manchester Street Sub-Station as a temporary store in connection with the Aeronautical Cadet School. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Workmen—Read, an application from the District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, on behalf of the employees of the Electricity Department, for an advance in wages and alterations in overtime rates as follows: —

Shiftmen—All time worked over and above the ordinary shift of eight hours to be paid at the rate of time-and-a-quarter for the first two hours and time-and-a-half afterwards. Double time for Sundays.

Men paid by the day or hour—Overtime rates to be for the first five working days of the week, time-and-a-quarter for the first two hours and time-and-a-half afterwards. Saturdays time-and-a-half after one o'clock. Double time for Sundays.

Wages Advance-All men concerned to receive an advance sufficient to make the present war advances up to twenty shillings per week. Resolved, That the war bonus to men over 18 years of age be increased by 4/6 per week, and for men under 18 years of age by 2/3 per week, the first increase to be payable on the 9th August next. Resolved also, That shiftmen and men paid by the day or hour be paid for overtime at the rate of time-and-a-quarter for the first two hours and time-and-a-half

afterwards. In the case of men paid by the day or hour, overtime on Saturdays after one o'clock to be paid at the rate of time-and-a-half,

5—Removal of Clinker—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Surveyor was unable to continue to remove the clinker and ashes from the Electricity Works. It would therefore be necessary to find other means of disposing of them, and the electric lorry could be used for this purpose. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to find a suitable tip for the ashes-

6—Extension of Main—An application for a supply of energy for power was received from Messrs. John Dawson & Co., Ltd., Winchcombe Street. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it would be necessary to extend the cable from Albion Street, and that the proportion of the cost payable by Messrs. Dawson was £106. Resolved, That the cable be laid on an undertaking by Messrs. Dawson to pay this sum, and that the Engineer be authorised to obtain the necessary materials.

7—Household Fuel and Lighting Order, 1918— Resolved, That the Electrical Engineer be appointed as the representative of this Committee on the Cheltenham and District Fuel and Lighting Committee.

S—Death of Mr. F. D. Lane—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. F. D. Lane, who for many years was a clerk in the Electricity Department, was discharged from the Army on the 12th instant and had since died.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th July, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Margrett, Councillors Sawyer and Taylor (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Inspection—The Committee met at Dowdeswell and inspected the reservoir, filter beds and other works.

2—Borough Engineer's Report-The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 8th July, 1918.		Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.	
Hewletts Springs	185,000 gallons		205,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	258,000 "		325,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>60,000</u> "		<u>75,000</u> "
Total 503,000 "		Total 605,000 "	

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	8th July, 1918.		8th July, 1917.	
Hewletts		23,713,000 gallons		23,803,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	15ft. 6in.	28,757,000 “	22ft 6in	55,354,000 “
Leckhampton	7ft 0in	<u>945,000</u> “	10ft 0in	<u>1,350,000</u> “
	Total Storage	78,293,000 “		80,507,000 “

Pumping was commenced at Tewkesbury on the 28th ultimo.

3—Water Services— The Borough Surveyor reported that alterations had been made to water services and baths had been provided without notice having been given. Resolved, That the attention of plumbers and others be called to the infringement of the Acts and that it be also pointed out that baths are chargeable whether supplied with Corporation water directly or indirectly.

4—Allotments---The recommendation of the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee, that water should be provided for the allotments, was considered. Resolved. That, during the war, allotment holders be charged 2/6 for the supply of water to a plot of land not exceeding one chain for any period during the six months ending 30th September. The service pipe, stand pillar and special tap to be provided and maintained by the consumers and loose tap-keys to be supplied by the Corporation at cost price. An undertaking to be given in each case that the keys will not be lent or improperly used.

5—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals Book were considered, and the Rates settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th July, .1918 present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of swine-fever at the premises of Mr. W. G. Cox, Sandford Mill, on the 29th ultimo. 5 pigs had died and 3 had been killed. Also an outbreak at Whaddon Farm on the 24th ult. 1 pig had been killed by direction of the Board of Agriculture. Parasitic Mange—Supt. Hopkins reported that premises at the Plough Hotel Yard were still infected with parasitic mange.

2-Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at 24, Swindon Street. Damage about £8. Brigade expenses. £2 16s. 0d.

Also on the 8th July to an outbreak of fire at Allenby cottages, Knapp Road Damage about £25. Brigade expenses £1 10s. 0d.

Co-operation of Fire Brigades—Read, a letter from the Home Office with reference to co-operation between Fire Brigades, and asking that a representative of the Council and the Chief Officer of the Brigade should attend a meeting for the counties of Gloucester, Somerset, Wiltshire and a portion of Berkshire, to be held at Bristol on the 19th instant Resolved, That Councillor Stewart and the Captain of the Brigade attend the meeting.

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Household Fuel and Lighting Order, 1918—Resolved, That the Local Fuel and Lighting Committee for the Borough and Rural District be constituted as follows: —

Coal Merchants' Representative, Coal Dealers' Representative, To be jointly or separately nominated or elected by the coal merchants and coal dealers respectively, one of whom is to act as coal supervisor.

Gas Company's Representative: Mr. James Paterson, Gas Offices, Cheltenham, Engineer.

Corporation Electricity Undertaking: Mr. Walter J. Bache, Municipal Offices, Engineer.

Chairman Alderman John David Bendall, Home Orchard, Leckhampton, Cheltenham.

Representative of Rural District Council: To be appointed by them.

Alderman Robert Steel, 1, Oriel Terrace, Cheltenham.

Thomas Rees Jones, Belmont, Malvern Road, Cheltenham, Mayor of Cheltenham.

Miss Clara F. Winterbotham, 4, Wellington Square.

Edward Bourne, 3, Crescent Terrace.

4—Local Food Control Committee—Read, a letter from the Ministry of Food extending the term of office of the members of the Food Control Committee to the 9th November next.

5—Fruit Market—Read, a letter from the Agricultural Organization Society suggesting that a conference should be arranged of representatives of the Corporation and Market Gardeners' Association and Mr. Castle, which might also be attended by their own representatives. Resolved, That the Market Sub-Committee be asked to have a conference as suggested.

6—Local Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Committee—The Town Clerk submitted a supplementary estimate of the administrative expenses of the Local Committee for the period ending the 31st March, 1919 amounting to £232 14s. 10d., two-thirds of which would be paid out of monies provided by the Treasury. Resolved, That the same be approved, subject to enquiry as to the contribution to be made to the Western Counties Joint Committee.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 17th July, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett,

Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Caudle, Green and Stewart and Mr. H. Stroud (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1574 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since 22nd June.

The following gifts had been received; -

Colonel Cockshott—4 English Hand Grenades, Hairbrush Grenade, English Ball Grenade, and Mills' Ball Grenade, Box of Fuses, German Ball, Pieppin and Tortoise Grenades and German Rifle Grenade.

Sapper Smith—Hand Grenade, Bullets, Nose of German Shell (2), and Nose of English Shell.

The Educational Handwork Association held a successful Exhibition of Needlework and Decorative Stitchery in the Art Gallery on the 24th and 25th June, when lectures were given by Miss L. E. Start, of Manchester University. About 500 visited the Exhibition.

A Modelling Class from the Grammar School attended on the 27th June.

Mr. Bushnell and the Librarian had given several chats to wounded soldiers at the Museum during the month.

2—School of Art— Resolved, That the Committee approve of a proposal that the Autumn Exhibition of the School of Art should be held at the Art Gallery and include exhibits of the drawing done in the Elementary Schools.

3—Exhibition of pictures—Read, a letter from Mr. Giele, formerly etcher and engraver of Louvain University, asking if he could have an exhibition of his etchings and engravings at the Art Gallery. Resolved, That this be agreed to on the usual terms.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 17th July, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Betteridge and Boulter (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Cultivation of Lands Order—Allotments—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Stubbs would be unable to continue the supervision of the College Road and Gloucester Road Allotments as he was leaving the town. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Stubbs for his services in supervising these Allotments.

Potato Spraying—The Borough Surveyor reported that the potatoes at Pittville Gardens had been sprayed. No applications had been received from allotment holders for the use of the sprayers.

Water Supply—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Water Committee had adopted the suggestion of this Committee that a water supply should be laid on to the Allotments, and that the holders should be granted a supply on payment of 2/6, but up to the present no applications had been received.

Pigstyes—The Borough Surveyor reported that the pigstyes at Sandford had been erected and that two of them were occupied.

2-Pittville —Read, a further letter from the Rev. A. Ayscough, complaining of the conduct of children in the Marle Hill Annexe. Resolved, That the attendance of the Special Constables on Sundays be continued for the present.

3—Recreation Grounds—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Advisory Committee for Juvenile Employment, suggesting that sanction be not granted for the playing of cricket matches in the Recreation Grounds, as this was considered a source of great danger to the children. Resolved, That the letter be considered when applications are received next season.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 19th July, 1918—Present The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell, Mann and Winterbotham (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Wages—Resolved, That the wages of the workmen be increased from 22/- to 23/- per week, and that an additional war bonus of 3/- be granted.

Resolved, That the war bonus of the Superintendent be increased from 7/- to 12/- per week.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 5082 to 5092 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Headstones to graves of George Henry Norris, Herbert Rice Wiggin. Memorial Crosses to graves of Esther Elizabeth Cole, Roger Wilson, Alice Louisa Stephens, J. W. Cartwright Holmes, Kerbing to graves of Edith Jessie Browning, Naomi Ashton, Harriet Ingram and Mary Annie Jacobs.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 16th day, 1918: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillor; Caudle, Green, Mann, Moore, Pates and Wilkins, and Mr. A Miles (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £5 4s. 2d. Presentations: Sir Charles W. Macara (1 vol.), Mr. T. Lyon (5 vols.), Trustees of the British Museum (2 vols. and 1 Pamphlet), Mr. A. Copeman (1 vol.), Mr. J. A. Matthews (1 vol.), Mr. C. J. Sawyer (3 vols.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library in June was 2829, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 8577.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 4th instant. Present—Alderman Steel in the chair) and Councillor J. Moore.

The Librarian reported that Miss Homeyer (Chief Assistant) had obtained an appointment at Woolwich. They recommended:

1. That Miss Sybil Morgan be appointed as an assistant at a salary of 15/- per week, and that the salary of Miss E. Clark be increased from 10/- to 15/- per week.
2. That the Lending Library be closed during the dinner hour each day (1.15-2.15 p.m.).
3. That the "Life and Works of Alias Humphry," by G. C. Williamson, be purchased for the Reference Library at a cost of £3 3s. out of the Leslie Young Bequest.
4. That an estimate be obtained from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall for the repairs to the boiler recommended by the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Company.
5. That a Musical section be formed in the Lending Library, and that the offer of Mr. J. A. Matthews of 33 volumes of operas and oratorios for £5 be accepted.

3—Boiler—The Librarian submitted an estimate of £10 received from Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd., for the repairs to the boiler. Resolved, That the estimate of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall be accepted, and that the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd July, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Silk and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1-General District Rate-Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 23rd instant, on the collection of the first instalment. Amount collected £13,345 11s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £12,857 4s. 7d.

2-Water Rate-Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £6,924 16s 3d. Leaving outstanding £3359 19s. 8d.

3—Loans- The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans of £300, £400 and £250. Resolved, That the terms be approved and the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged with the Burton-on-Trent Education Committee for the interest on £2,396 1s. 6d., the balance of the loan of £8,075 advanced in 1905, to be increased to 5 ¼ per cent. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—Borough Accountant's Department. ---Resolved, That the wages of Miss Godwin, junior clerk, be increased from 10/- to 15/- per week.

5—National Kitchens—The Committee considered the recommendation of the National Kitchens Committee that application should be made to the Ministry of Food for a loan of £500 for the establishment of a Central Kitchen.

Read a letter from the Secretary of the Grocers' Association, forwarding copy of a resolution opposing the opening of a Central Restaurant.

A letter was also received from the Director, National Kitchens Division, Ministry of Food, stating that the Ministry were firmly convinced of the desirability of establishing National Kitchens in every district, owing to the urgent need of economy in food, fuel, and labour, etc., which necessity would be accentuated in the coming winter, and would probably continue after the war. He also stated that there was no intention of starting a restaurant in the recognized interpretation of the word, and that the Ministry had no wish to enter into competition with the catering trade.

Resolved. That application be made to the Ministry of Food for a loan of £500 for the establishment of a Central Kitchen, such loan to be free of interest and repayable by ten equal annual instalments; the first instalment to be payable from the expiration of a year from the date of commencement.

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer. The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement: —

In hand on the 25th June last	11,931 1 8
Received since that date	<u>31,208 3 10</u>
	43,139 5 6
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid £8,300)	24,820 17
In hand	18,318 8 5
being General Accounts	5,280 2 5
Sinking Fund Accounts	12,741 3 6
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	166 6 3
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account	<u>130 16 3</u>
	18,318 8 5

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Friday, the 2nd August, 1918, at 3 p.m., Present: The Mayor (Councillor Thomas Rees Jones) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall),

Aldermen Davies, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Betteridge, Caudle, Dodwell, Green, Mann, Moore, Pates, Stewart, Taylor, and Wilkins.

Apologies—Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Sawyer and Winterbotham.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 1st and 11th July, 1918, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed. Public Health Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 8th July last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 22nd July last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th July last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th July last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th July last, be approved and confirmed.

7—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th July last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th July last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th July last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th July last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th July last, be approved and confirmed.

12-Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd July last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be sub milled for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 2nd September, 1918.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th August, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Caudle, Green, Moore and Stewart (the Mayor in the chair),

1-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles -The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: 13, Burton Street, Roath House, Swindon Road, 4 and 6 Kew Place, 10 Grove Street, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Millbrook Terrace. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at 43 and 47 Brunswick Passage and 10 Northfield Passage—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3-Cleansing and Whitewashing at 31 Swindon Passage, 9 Limekiln Row, 1 Rodborough Villas, 10 Grove Street, 43 Burton Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 1, 2, 3 and 4 Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5-Insanitary Property- 6 Barnard's Row, 18 Naunton Crescent, 4.3 Burton Street, Roath Cottage, Swindon Road, 1 Rodborough Villas, 10 Grove Street, 9 Limekiln Row, 62 Upper Park Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—Grosvenor Cottages- The Medical Officer of Health reported that the tenant of these premises, in respect of which a Closing Order had been made, had not yet given up possession, Resolved, That notice under Section 17 (2) of the Housing and Town Planning, etc., Act 1909 be served on the tenant, requiring possession to be given up within 14 days.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported that since the last Meeting 114 lbs of unsound "bacon and ham, 1 side of beef and 2 forequarters of mutton, 1 pork pig and 1 lamb, 23 cwts. of potatoes, 72 lbs of unsound fish (Total weight 5 cwts. 1 qr. 19 lbs.) had been surrendered as unfit for human food.

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8---Abattoir--Read a letter from the Cheltenham Butchers' Association asking that the Abattoir might be connected with the Telephone Exchange and also that the electric light should be substituted for gas. Resolved. That the application for electric light be referred to the Electricity and Lighting Committee, and that application be made to the manager of the telephone department to ascertain whether the telephone can be installed.

Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th instant. Present: —The Mayor. Councillors Green. and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read. the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 12th instant was 9 colts, 10 horses (3 at Depot), 11 calves, 100 head of cattle, 24 lambs, 134 sheep and 31 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 2 cows and 99 sheep had been purchased for £421. 2 head of cattle and calves. 33 sheep, 10 lambs and 43 skins had been sold for £265 7s. 7d. 4 pigs and one calf had been bred on the Farms, 3 small pigs had died.

Cottage at Hayden--Resolved, That notice be given to Mrs. Hopkins, terminating her tenancy of the cottage at Hayden, which is required for one of the men to be employed at the Farms- Resolved. That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. REES JONES,

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th August, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Stewart (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Horse Shoeing—Read. an application from Mr. T. J. Brain for an increase in the charge for shoeing the Corporation horses from 8/- to 9/- per horse per month. Resolved. That the application be granted.

2—Borough Surveyor's Department—Resolved. That the Outdoor Superintendent be granted a war bonus of 10/- per week, and the Stores Clerks an additional war bonus of 3/- per week.

Resolved. That the salary of Mr. B. Nation (Draughtsman) be increased to £150 per annum.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th August, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Stewart, Wilkins and Winterbotham (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 59th July to the 22nd August, 1918 (both dates inclusive). Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended the 15th August, 1918, 661 loads collected. 660 consumed, 1 tipped away. Weight consumed, 678 tons 2 cwts.

2—Horse "Trooper"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the horse "Trooper" died on the 21st instant at Tewkesbury. Resolved, That the Farms Sub-Committee be asked if they have a suitable horse for use in the Highways Department.

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3—Telephone Poles—Read, an application from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telephones, for permission to place a telephone pole in Naunton Crescent, and also in Fauconberg Road. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the exact positions of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to painted lagging 6 feet high being placed around the poles.

Arle Road—Resolved, That the attention of the Department be called to the practice of placing telephone poles on the road side waste in Arle Road and that they be asked to discontinue this.

4—Hale's Road, corner of London Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had approached the Owner of the premises at the corner of Hale's Road with a view to the wall being lowered, but that he would not entertain the proposal.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Friday, 16th August, 1918 Present—The Mayor, Councillor; Boulter, Green, Haddock, Pates, and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 10th July to the 13th August was 1033, including 26 to wounded soldiers.

2-Alstone Baths-The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an application from the Commandant of No. 8 School of Aeronautics, for the use of the Open-air Swimming Bath for the Cadets on week evenings and Sunday afternoons. Resolved, That a charge of 2d. each be made, subject to a weekly minimum payment of £1. He had also received an application for the use of the slipper baths. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange convenient times and to fix the charge.

3—Spa Medical Committee—Dr. Howell attended the meeting and recommended that the sale of waters at the Montpellier Gardens Lodge should be discontinued. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted. Resolved also, That the Spa Medical Committee be asked to consider and report as to the charge to be made for the supply of water in bulk and also to suggest terms for season tickets for residents and visitors.

New Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter from Messrs. Shanks & Co., with reference to the proposed new medical Baths. Resolved, That Dr. Kirkland and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to inspect the baths installed at Bath, etc.

4—Winter Concerts—Read, a letter from the Chamber of Commerce and the Traders' Association, asking that the expenses of the morning orchestra during the coming winter should be borne by the Corporation, or that financial assistance should be given to the Association for carrying through their winter programme at the Spa. They also asked for the use of the Drawing Room for afternoons, or, and evenings for high-class concerts and entertainments. The Association would undertake to provide at least 30 entertainments or concerts between 1st October and the 30th April, and pay to the Corporation 5 per cent, of the takings plus the cost of the electric light used in the evenings. Resolved, That the Mayor, the Chairman, Councillors Boulter and Pates be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report as to the provision of an orchestra to play at the Town Hall during the winter months. Resolved also, That a meeting of the Sub- -Committee be held on Monday, the 26th instant, and that Mr. J. Howell, Dr. Johns, and Mr. Welstead, be invited to attend the meeting.

5—Town Hall—The Town Clerk reported that he had received an Order under the Defence of the Realtor Regulations, taking over the Town Hall with the exception of the Main Entrance, the Spa and the portion of the building on the east side of the Main Hall, for use by the Cadets of the Aeronautical School established at Cheltenham.

6—Advertising—Read, a letter from the publishers of the Car, offering to publish free of charge another illustrated supplement relating to Cheltenham. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

Mineral Waters—"Sales"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the past month was 952. The number of glasses sold at the Montpellier Gardens, Montpellier Baths and Pittville Gardens was 184.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th August, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Pates and Silk (The Mayor in the chair).

8—Montpellier Gardens—An application was received from Lieut.-Colonel Dixon-Spain for permission for the Cadets to drill in the Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to care being taken to avoid damage to the turf.

9—Public Pleasure Grounds—Read, a letter from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council asking that the Bye-Law prohibiting public meetings in the Public Gardens and Recreation Grounds should be rescinded. Resolved, That no alteration be made in the Bye-Laws.

10—Winter Concerts—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on Monday, the 26th instant. Present The Mayor and Councillor Pates (the Mayor in the chair). Drs. Kirkland and Howell and Mr. Baring also attended.

The Mayor protested against the public discussion at the meeting of the Traders' Association on the 20th instant of the scheme which was considered at the last meeting of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee and referred to this Sub-Committee for consideration and report, as he considered that matters under consideration of a Committee should not have been brought up for public discussion by members of the Committee.

As there were only two members present, the consideration of the matter was left by the Sub-Committee to the full Committee.

The Committee considered the question of providing concerts during the coming season, and Mr. Pates stated on behalf of the Traders' Association that if the Council provided a morning orchestra and also an orchestra in the afternoon, the Association were willing to contribute £50 if the loss was over £200.

Resolved, (1) That the Council be recommended to undertake all the arrangements and responsibility for the morning and afternoon concerts.

(2) That the Traders' Association be requested to give up the room at the Town Hall used as a Bureau in view of the reduced accommodation.

(3) Mr. Teague attended. Resolved, That the following arrangements be made for the ensuing season: –

(a) That the season commence on the 28th October next and continue to the 1st March, 1919.

(b) That Mr. Teague's offer to provide an orchestra of 8 performers, including himself as conductor, to play on three afternoons a week, for £17 a week, and also to provide a morning orchestra of four performers to play on six days a week, for £6 per week, be accepted.

(c) That Mr. Teague have the entire management of the concerts under the direction of this Committee.

(d) That the terms of subscription be as follows: -

Season Tickets (including mineral waters), £1 1/-

Season Tickets for Concerts only, 10/6.

Ordinary Admission 6d. (including a glass of mineral waters), plus entertainment tax. Admission to Morning Concerts 3d. (including a glass of mineral water), plus tax.

(e) That tenders be invited for the right to supply programmes at the Concerts and also for the printing and bill-posting, piano, etc., and that this Committee be empowered to accept satisfactory tenders.

Resolved, also, That arrangements for the Winter Concerts for the year 1919-20 be considered in May, 1919, so as to enable Mr. Teague to arrange for the orchestra.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee had on Thursday, the 22nd August, 1918 Present—The Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Mann, Green, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1--Charge Engineers, etc.—Resolved, That an additional war bonus of 4/6 per week be granted to the three Charge Engineers, the Station and Main Superintendents.

2—Municipal Electrical Association—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a report of the Annual Meeting of the Association held at Manchester in June last. Resolved, That consideration of the same be adjourned to the next Meeting.

3--Charges—Resolved, That application be made to the Board of Trade to increase the maximum price for current to 50 per cent above the present maximum price.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 15th August, 1918 Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Taylor and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 12th August, 1918.		Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	139,000 gallons	135,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	210,000 “	223,000 “

Leckhampton Springs 55,000 “
Total 404,000 “

56,000 “
Total 414,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		12th August 1918.		12th August, 1917.
Hewletts		21,151,000 gallons		20,431,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	14ft. 0in.	24,128,000 “	16ft 0in	30,353,000 “
Leckhampton	6ft 0in	<u>810,000</u> “	8ft 0in	<u>1,080,000</u> “
Total Storage		46,089,000 “		51,864,000 “

2—Water Office—Chief Clerk—Resolved, That an additional war bonus of 2/6 per week be granted to the Chief Clerk, (Mr. W. J. Mullins).

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th August, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Waghorne Councillor Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1--Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read an application from Miss Maude Swinley of 2, Fauconberg Villas, for a licence to drive a Motor Cab. Resolved, That the application be granted.

2-Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 15th instant the Brigade was called to a rick fire at the rear of Woodleigh, The Park. Brigade expenses £7 2s. 6d.

Firemen—Read an application from the members of the Fire Brigade asking that their fees should be increased by £3 per annum. Resolved. That the application be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration.

3—Fruit Market—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 17th instant. Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Bendall, Margrett and Steel, and Councillor Stewart (Alderman Margarett in the chair).

Messrs. Evans, May. Restall and Sharp attended as representatives of the Cheltenham and District Market Gardeners' Fruit Growers' Association, Ltd.; Messrs. F. S. Graff, P. M. Buck and G. L. Bick (Representatives of the Agricultural Organisation Society), and Mr. Castle also attended.

Mr. Restall complained of the way the Market was managed, shortage of pots and unfair distribution of pots.

Mr. Sharpe submitted that tolls ought to be charged.

Mr. May complained of bad organisation of the Market, shortage of pots, and unfair distribution of pots, dishonest packing and grading. bad language in the Market, insufficient advertising, and that there was no system of forward registration of produce.

They wanted to have their own Market, and appoint their own Auctioneer, so as to have the entire control of the business and to have the profits made thereby. They were taking Counsel's opinion as to their rights, but if the law was against them they had Government departments behind them and would be able to obtain the powers they required.

The Sub-Committee informed the Deputation that the Corporation desired to provide all proper and reasonable facilities at the Market. but as Trustees of the Ratepayers they were not prepared to hand over the Market (which had cost over £8000) to a private company to be entirely run for their benefit.

They reminded the Deputation that the complaint as to shortage of pots and unfair distribution of pots had been dealt with at the previous conference. The shortage of pots had been felt by all Markets and was due to interruption of the trade with Holland. A large consignment of pots ordered for the Cheltenham Market had failed to arrive and had presumably been lost at sea. A further consignment ready for shipment at a Dutch port could not be shipped, notwithstanding that urgent representation had been made to the Food Controller to obtain shipping facilities for same if possible.

The shortage had been rendered more acute by failure of growers to return pots to the Market. The books showed that at the end of last season 3182 pots and 1016 sieves had not been returned by growers.

The Sub-Committee had also carefully investigated the complaint of unfair distribution and had obtained a detailed statement showing the actual distribution of pots among the various growers and had unanimously come to the conclusion that the complaint was not justified. The booking and distribution of pots had now been placed in the hands of the Clerk of the Market recently appointed by the Corporation. Owing to the failure of the fruit crop there was an ample supply of pots for this season.

The Gloucester Market, to which the Association are now sending produce, is owned and controlled by the Gloucester Corporation. The sales are conducted by one Auctioneer who is appointed by the Corporation. The Market is run on the same lines and practically under the same regulations as the Cheltenham Market, except that at the Cheltenham Market no tolls are charged and in addition the members of the Association have had the special privilege of receiving a bonus on the amount of their sales. The bonus distributed last year among the Members was £110 to and a similar sum had been set aside for the improvement of the Market.

In some respects greater facilities were provided at Cheltenham than at Gloucester, as there were no early Market sales at Gloucester until the Association got the Auctioneer at Gloucester Market to start early morning sales last month in opposition to the Cheltenham Market.

In face of the uncompromising attitude of the Association and of the clear intimation from Mr. May that the aim and object of the Association is to obtain full control of the Market for the benefit of the Company, and in view of the boycott organised by the Association to enforce their demands, the Sub-Committee feel that it is extremely difficult to make any suggestions to meet the Association. However, with a view to try and meet the Association if possible, they informed the Deputation that they were prepared to recommend the Corporation to appoint the Secretary of their Association (Mr. W. Whitehead) as organizer of the Market at a salary to be agreed upon. Mr. Graff (the representative of the Agricultural Organisation Society) recommended the Society to accept this offer. If it is accepted, it will be necessary to fix the salary of and define the duties of the organizer but in general his duties would be to act in co-operation with the Auctioneer and the Clerk of the Market. He could organise a system of forward registration of produce, the importance of which was emphasised by Mr. May; he would also keep in touch with sellers and buyers, see to the advertising of sales, and generally act with a view to the development of the Market, and report from time to time to the Committee thereon. He might also undertake the duty of seeing that produce was properly packed and graded and decide any question as to proper packing and grading, subject to a right of appeal to an Umpire in any case where his decision was not acceptable to either party.

Resolved. That the Report of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Local Fuel Committee—Resolved. That Mr. J. T. Jackson be appointed a member of the Local Fuel Committee to represent the Co-operative Society.

Read a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council asking to be represented on the Local Fuel Committee. Resolved, That the letter be considered when a vacancy on the Committee occurs.

Read a letter from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council stating that his Council had decided to join with Cheltenham for the purposes of the Order.

5—Local Food Control Committee—Read a letter from the Divisional Commissioner, Ministry of Food, suggesting that an arrangement should be made with the Urban District Council of Charlton Kings for the appointment of a joint Food Control Committee for that District and the Borough, as this would promote economy, despatch, uniformity and general efficiency in the transaction of the work which is likely to continue for a long time. The Town Clerk reported that he had communicated with the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, but that up to the present he had not received a reply. Resolved, That the Ministry of Food be informed that the Council approve of the suggestion and are willing to carry out the same if the Charlton Kings Urban District Council are prepared to join with the Borough.

6—War Charities Act, 1916—Read an application from the Cheltenham Canteen Corps Charity to be registered under the War Charities Act, 1916. Resolved, That the Charity be registered.

WAGHORNE, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd August, 1918—Present: Councillors Caudle, Stewart, Maim and Winterbotham (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Advance to Superintendant —Resolved, That the amount of the advance to the Superintendant for the payment of wages and Ministers fees be increased from £75 to £80, and that the resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings of the 22nd February last be varied accordingly.

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2—Soldier's Grave—Read, a letter from Mrs. Godwin for permission to place on the grave of Private G. Godwin a wooden cross provided by the War Office to mark the grave temporarily. Resolved, That the application be granted.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 5093 to 6005 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Headstones to graves of Joseph B. and Elizabeth Album, and Elizabeth Philips. Memorial Cross to John James Lloyd. Kerbing to grave of Laura Emma Gaffyn.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 27th August, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, and Councillor Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 27th instant, on the collection of the first instalment. Amount collected £22,305 19s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £3,896 17s. 0d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September. Amount collected £11,082 17s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £2,201 18s. 10d.

3—Corporation Farms—Insurance of Produce, etc.—Resolved, That the insurance of the produce at the Farms be increased from £1,000 to £2,000, and for the horses from £200 to £300.

4—Waste Paper—The Borough Accountant reported that he had been through some of the old papers in his Department, and that 8 cwts. had been sold as waste at 12/- per cwt.

5—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

[At this stage the Mayor vacated the chair and left the Meeting, and the Deputy Mayor was appointed to take the chair.]

5—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd August last, be approved and confirmed.

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6—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th August last, be approved and confirmed.

7—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th August last, be approved and confirmed.

8--Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd August last, be approved and confirmed.

9—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th August last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 7th October, 1918.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 9th September, 1918: Present—Councillors Caudle, Moore, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-227, High Street, 43, Tivoli Street, 43, Brunswick Street, Garden Cottage, Malthouse Lane, 1, Priory Street, Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

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2-Cleansing and Whitewashing at 7, Stoneville street, Springfield, Brandon Place, 50, Worcester Street, Garden Cottage, Malthouse Lane, 3, Albert Street, 43, Tivoli Street, 55, St. Paul's Street, N.—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that

the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby.

Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 12, Whitehart Street, 1, Great Western Terrace—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

4---Insanitary Property-55, St. Paul's Street N., 3, Albert Street, St. Peters, Garden Cottage, Malthouse Lane, 9, Gloucester Place, 7, Stoneville Street, Springfield, Brandon Place, 50, Worcester Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—Read a letter from the Local Government Board stating that they had received an appeal by Mr. H. Stroud against the Closing Order made by the Town Council in respect of Nos. 17, 18, 48, 53-58, 60, 62-64, and 82, Stanhope Street, and asking for the observations of the Council. The Town Clerk submitted draft reply. Resolved, That the same be approved.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of diseased meat as follows: -1644 lbs of beef, 408 lbs of pork, 310 lbs of Mutton, 129 lbs offal, 1,100 lemons, and 36 lbs of tinned meat. (Total weight of meat surrendered 22 cwts. 63 lbs.)

7—Abattoir—Lighting—Resolved, That incandescent gas burners be provided at the abattoir.

Fence—Read a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Butchers' Association asking that the grass land on the south side of the entrance drive at the abattoir should be fenced in for the accommodation of cattle. The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of erecting a fence would be about £15. Resolved, That a fence be provided.

to—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on Monday the 9th September, 1918. Present: Alderman Steel, Councillors Stewart and Wood (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 9th instant was 9 colts, 10 horses (not including 2 at Depot), 10 calves, 95 head of cattle, 109 lambs, 129 sheep and 29 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 95 lambs had been purchased for £228. 3 calves had been bred on the Farms. 6 heifers and 2 calves, 5 sheep, to lambs 1 fat pig, 676 lbs of wool, and 15 skins had been sold for £356 11s. 4d.

Resolved, That 25 tons of straw and 20 tons of hay be supplied to the Highways Department.

Elmstone Hardwick Inclosure—The Town Clerk reported that he attended an enquiry held on the 2nd August and objected to the award proposed by the Valuer (Mr. G. Hone), by which 13a. 1r. 6p. (out of 14a. 2r. 18p.) of the Corporation land in the Common Fields was to be taken away, and the Corporation allotted 10a. or. 17p. of other land which was of inferior value, in a bad state of cultivation, inconvenient of access and could not be irrigated. The loss of the land proposed to be taken would also have prevented the irrigation of about 12 acres of land in Further Long Hill which lay beyond it. Mr. J. G. Villar estimated the loss to the Corporation under the proposed award at over £400, The land proposed to be taken away included part of the site intended for the new hospital., The Board of Agriculture upheld the objection made, but with a view to an adjustment being made by agreement to avoid the delay and expense of reopening the Valuer's award, the Board held a Meeting on the 23rd August of the Landowners concerned. At this

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Meeting the Board proposed as an adjustment that the 13a. sr. 6p. should be retained by the Corporation and that the Corporation should give up 1a. 1r. 12p. in Rule Meadow and pay £50 compensation for equalisation of value to the Landowner to whom a portion of the 13a. 1r. 16p. had been allotted. The Board urged the acceptance of these terms in the national interest to avoid delay in completing the award. Resolved, That in view of the representations made by the Board these terms be agreed to.

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

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 30th September, 1918: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Winterbotham (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1---Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 23rd August to the 26th September, 1918 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended the 19th September, 1918, 651 loads collected, 649 consumed, 2 tipped away. Weight consumed, 702 tons 1 ½ cwts.

2-Horse "Colonel"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the horse "Colonel" died at Tewkesbury on the 3rd instant, and submitted certificate of Mr. Brain (veterinary surgeon) showing that death was due to syncope.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the Farms Sub-Committee had no horses for sale suitable for work on the highways.

3—Steam Rollers--Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture (Food Production Department) asking Local Authorities to release skilled men in their employment for work with threshing contractors,

and also to hire any steam rollers available. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had informed the Department that one of the rollers, with the driver, could be released for the Winter. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange terms for the use of the roller.

4—Report of Trees Sub-Committee—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 25th instant. Present--The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mann (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

After inspecting the trees of which complaints had been received, they recommended—

Parabola Road—That a plane tree near "Stoneleigh" be removed.

The Park—That a sycamore and chestnut tree near 1, Argyle Place, and 1 lime, 1 beech and 1 wych elm near "Dunholme," be removed.

Montpellier Terrace—That the tree opposite No. 10 be not removed. Montpellier Parade—That 3 wych elms be removed.

Imperial Square and Montpellier Terrace—That the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be asked to consider the thinning of the trees in the Winter Garden grounds and also in the Montpellier Gardens (Montpellier Terrace side).

Keynsham Road—That the tree near "Aberfoyle" be not removed, but that the owner of Glendouran House be asked to thin out the trees in his garden.

High Street—That the plane tree opposite No. 5 be removed.

Sydenham Road N.—That 3 trees be removed (1 wych elm at the corner of Hale's Road and 2 limes in Sydenham Road N.)

Jersey Place—That the tree opposite No. 2 be not removed.

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Hewlett Road--That the tree opposite "St. Catharine's" be not removed.

Pittville Circus Road—That the trees opposite "Sunnyside" be pruned, and that the attention of the complainant be called to the trees in his garden.

Pittville Villas—That the tree opposite No. 2 be pruned.

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

5—Workmen—Read, an application from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, Local Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Labourers, on behalf of the Destructor Stokers, for an advance in wages of 1/- per shift, to date from the first pay day in October. A letter was also received from the Society asking that the bonus paid to the workmen should be regarded as war wages, so that the same may include overtime rates. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to report as to these matters at the next Meeting.

6—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 30th September instant Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted

7—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday last: —. The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mann.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 30th September, 1918: Present--The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, and Councillor Mann (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1396	Gloucestershire Aircraft Co.	New Workshop, Sunningend Works.
1397	“ “	Additions to 1, Belle Vue Lawn.
1398	“ “	New Lavatories at Works, Great Western Road.
1399	Engineering Timber Co.	Alterations, &c., at Saw Mills, Swindon Road

Resolved, That Plans 1396 and 1399 be approved, and that Plans 1397 and 1398 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 20th September, 1918 Present—Councillors Boulter, Green, Haddock and Pates, (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 14th August to the 17th September was 154, including 17 to wounded soldiers.

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2-Spa Medical Committee—Dr. Howell attended the Meeting. Resolved, That the dispensing of mineral waters in the Montpellier Gardens be discontinued during the Winter season from the end of September.

3—Mineral Waters—"Sales"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters said at the Central Spa during the past month was 1906. The number of glasses sold at the Montpellier Gardens, Montpellier Baths and Pittville Gardens was 171.

4—Winter Concerts—Resolved, That the Afternoon concerts be held from 3.30 until 5 p.m. with no interval. Printing—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Norman Bros. (the lowest) for the printing required during the season, at the prices set out in the schedule, be accepted.

Bill-Posting—Resolved, That the tender of the Cheltenham and District Bill-posting Company of £5 15s., (the lowest) be accepted.

Attendants— Resolved, That Mr. Tichener be engaged as checker at the afternoon concerts at 9/- per week, and that a female cash taker be engaged for the morning concerts at the same wages.

Piano—Resolved, That Mr. Teague be authorised to make arrangements for the hire of a piano for the concerts.

Programme—No offer was received for the programme rights.

Read, a letter from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce and Traders Association stating that they were willing to produce and provide a weekly programme for the morning and afternoon concerts, the Association to take the amount received for advertisements and the sale of the programmes. Resolved, That the offer of the Traders Association be accepted, the programmes to be sold at 2d. each by an Attendant to be provided by the Association.

Copyright Music —Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange with the Performing Rights Society for the use of their copyright music.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 26th September, 1918: Present—Councillors Betteridge, Mann, Dodwell, Green, and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Charges—Resolved, That in view of the further increase in the cost of labour, coal, etc., the present increase of 33i per cent. in the charges for electric energy supplied to ordinary consumers be increased to 50 per cent., with a maximum of 8d per unit, beginning from the reading of the meters at the September quarter.

2—Workmen—Read an application from the District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and general Workers, on behalf of the employees of the Electricity Undertaking, for the conversion of all bonus into war wages and for the three stokers' wages to be advanced to 5/- per shift, and that the war time advances be made up to 20/- plus $\frac{3}{6}$ plus $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Resolved, That the war bonuses already granted be regarded as war wages and that an additional increase of $\frac{3}{6}$ be granted on the understanding that no further application will be made for at least five months (this increase to apply to all the employees to whom the previous increase was granted, including the Works Accountant).

3—Public Lighting—Resolved, That the Engineer be instructed to have the half-night lamps switched off at 9 p.m. (except Saturdays), but that the all-night lamps be kept on until 11 p.m. and that the lamps in the Lansdown all-night circuit be put on from 5.30 a.m. until daylight.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to use smaller lamps where suitable.

Waste Paper—Read circular letter from the Local Government Board urging the importance of disposal of any old books, and papers, not required to be kept for reference. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to dispose of any such papers.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 19th September, 1918: Present—Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green and Pates (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 16th September, 1918.		Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	107,000 gallons	133,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	222,000 “	285,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	<u>38,000</u> “	<u>43,000</u> “
Total	367,000 “	Total 461,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Depth		Contents	Depth	Contents
		16th September, 1918.		16th September,
1917.				
Hewletts		16,491,000 gallons		19,695,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	14ft. 9in.	26,404,000 “	15ft 6in	28,836,000 “
Leckhampton	8ft 0in	<u>1,080,000</u> “	9ft 0in	<u>1,215,000</u> “
Total Storage		43,975,000 “		49,746,000 “

2-Waste Paper—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board with reference to the sale of old books and papers. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been through the old books in his Department, and that 4 cwt. of old papers had been sold.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th September, 1918: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett and Steel Councillor Green (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that with the exception of the premises in Whaddon Lane, in the occupation of Mr. J. Holborow, the Borough was free from Contagious Diseases amongst Animals.

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2-Fire Brigade—Report of Captain —The Captain reported that on the 27th ult. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at Springhill Farm, near Birdlip, but, owing to the difficulty of obtaining horses, were unable to attend.

Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on Monday the 23rd instant: Present—Alderman Steel and Councillor Green (Alderman Steel in the chair).

The Sub-Committee considered the application of the members of the Brigade for an increase of retaining fees and pay for attending fires. Resolved. To recommend as follows: —

(1) That the salary of the Captain be increased from £30 to £35.

(2) That the retaining fee of the Station Officer, Lieutenants, Sub-Lieutenants, Engineer, and Assistant Engineer be increased by £1 10s. per annum and the Firemen from £3 to £4

(3) That the rate of pay for attending fires be increased as follows: --

Lieutenants-7/6 first hour, 2/6 second hour and 2/- for each hour after.

Driver, etc.-7/6 first hour, 2/6 second hour and 1/6 for each hour after.

Sub-Lieutenants and Assistant Engineer-3/- first hour, 2/6 second hour and 1/6 for each hour after.

Firemen-3/6 first hour, 2/6 second hour and 1/6 for each hour after.

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

Engine House—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate of the cost of papering and colouring the rooms occupied by the Engine House Officer.

3—Abattoir—Resolved. That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign an Agreement for the installation of the telephone at the Abattoir, at a rent of £7 per annum plus a special surcharge of £4 for the first year, the Corporation to take the moneys received for the calls from the Abattoir.

4—Cheltenham Coburg Society—Read a letter from the Charity Commissioners forwarding copy of a Draft Scheme for the administration of this Charity. The scheme provided for the sale of £800 Consols and also No. 2, Bath Street, and for the division thereof equally between the Cheltenham District Nursing Association and the Cheltenham Voluntary Health Society as an endowment fund. Resolved, That the Draft Scheme be approved.

5—Shop Hours Act, 1912—Hairdressers, &c., Shops Closing Order--Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Hairdressers' Association, asking that the Council should proceed with the making of a New Closing Order in accordance with the Memorial previously sent in. Resolved, That the Council are not satisfied that a 'prima facie case has been made out for the making of a New Closing Order at the present time.

6 Licences to store Petroleum, etc.—The Inspector reported that the premises were satisfactory. Resolved, That the following applications for renewal of licences to store Petroleum and Carbide of Calcium be granted for one year from the 5th proximo: —

Name.	Place of Storage.	Petroleum.	Carbide.
Messrs. Haines & Strange	19, Albion Street	250 gallons	112 lbs.
" Powell, Gwinnell & Co.	34, Promenade	200 "	5 cwt.
" A. Hughes & Co.	21, Pittville Street	50 "	
" The Halford Cycle Co. „	North Street		228 lbs.
H. E. Steel, Ltd.	105, High Street	400 " 200 "	
" "	Plough Yard	1000 " 60 "	
H. G. Norton & Co.	Napier Yard, Regent Street	300 "	
" "	Regent Street	300 "	
Red Cross Society, Miss (Yonge)	Napier House, Regent Street	400 "	280 "
Messrs. Jacobs, Smith & Co.	104a, High Street	50 "	
D. Davies & Co.	149, High Street	50 "	
T. W. V. Harvey, Ltd.	180, High Street	100 "	
Mr. L. Lusty	196, High Street	50 "	
" S. A. Sperry	235, High Street	40 "	

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Messrs. T. V. West & Co.	Bath Road	1000 "	3 cwt.
Mr. J. Brown	Nag's Head, High Street	130 "	
Messrs. J. Fisher & Sons	34, Winchcombe Street	100 "	
„ W. Mills & Sons	38, Winchcombe Street	350 "	112 lbs.
„ A. Miles & Co.	117, High Street	500 "	
„ R. E. & C. Marshall	5, Clarence Street	450 "	
Mr. E. S. Holloway	3, St. Mark's Emporium	100 "	
Mrs. Shewell	Cotswold, Thirlestaine Road	500 "	
Messrs. The Shell Marketing Co.	Regent Street	1500 "	
Mr. J. Gapper	St. Bernard's Villa, Cleaveland Street	80 "	
„ W. T. Smith	Suffolk Mews	100 "	
„ W. T. Baggs	4, St. Luke's Road	20 "	
Messrs. The Bristol Tram. and Car. Co., Ltd.	Spa Road	2250 "	112 lbs.
" " "	Lamb Yard	30 "	
Mr. W. G. Tibbles	27, St. George's Place	100 "	
Messrs. A. Williams & Co.	10, Portland Street	400 "	
„ The Cheltenham, &c., Light Railway Co.	St. Mark's Depot	250 "	
„ The Gas Lighting Improvement Co., Ltd.	G.W.R. Yard, St. James' Square	2500 "	
„ The Anglo-American Oil Co.	G.W.R. Yard, St. James' Square	3000 "	
Mr. C. H. Reason	25, Lansdown Crescent	150 "	

Messrs. The Queen's Hotel Co., Ltd.	Promenade	200	“	
Mr. F. Martin	5, High Street	50	“	
„ C. Giles	18, Upper Bath Road	100	“	
Messrs. The Wycliffe Cycle Co.	88, High Street			2 cwt.
„ The Gloucestershire Aircraft Co., Ltd.	Sunningend Works, St. Mark's	300	“	

7-Local Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Committee--Read a letter from the Local Government Board approving the supplementary estimate of £232 14s. 10d. for the administrative expenses of the Local War Pensions Committee for the year ending the 31st March, 1919, with the exception of the item of £50 for postages, which item the Board approved to the extent of £25 only.

8—Local Fuel Committee—Read a letter from the Board of Trade stating that two independent members should be appointed on the Committee by both the Cheltenham Rural and the Charlton Kings Urban District Councils and an additional member by the Town Council. Resolved, That the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council be asked to nominate a member for appointment on the Committee.

Read a letter from the Charlton Kings Rural District Council stating that the Rev. R. H. M. Bouth and Mr. W. S. F. Harris had been appointed to represent the Urban District. A letter was also received from the Cheltenham Rural District Council stating that Dr. J. Lidderdale and Mr. J. C. Robinson would represent the Rural District.

9—National Kitchens—Read a letter from the Ministry of Food stating that it was imperative that every effort should be made to reduce avoidable consumption of coal to the lowest possible limit. In addition to the economies which would be effected as a result of the domestic coal rationing scheme, it was of great importance that Local Authorities should take into consideration the saving of fuel which accrued from the collective cooking of food in National Kitchens. Where such kitchens had been established, the consumption of coal had undoubtedly been reduced within those particular areas of supply and having regard to contingencies such as had arisen in countries where the supply of domestic fuel has had to be drastically cut down it was highly desirable that Local Authorities should be in a position to secure the distribution of an adequate supply of cooked food.

10-Fuel Economies—Read a letter from the Board of Trade calling attention to the serious shortage of coal and the urgent need of every effort being made to bring the facts before the people of the country to increase economy in coal, coke, gas and electricity. The Town Clerk reported an interview with Mr. J. W. Manning with regard to proposals for earlier closing of shops in view of the need for economy in fuel consumption. Resolved, That the various Trade Associations be informed that the Committee fully approve of arrangements being made for the earlier closing of shops, and hope that all traders will loyally adhere to any arrangements which may be decided upon by the various trades

11—Cinemas—Read a letter from the Secretary Gloucestershire Aircraft Works Committee asking that the Cinemas or Picture

Houses should be open on Sundays for sacred purposes, Resolved, That the application be not granted.

12—Town Clerk's Department—The Town Clerk reported that Miss Lawson, Shorthand Typist, had resigned on account of ill health. Resolved, That he be authorised to engage another clerk.

Resolved, That the salary of Miss May be increased to 27/6 per week.

13—Municipal Offices—Caretakers—Read an application from Mr and Mrs. Wakefield for an increase of Wages. Resolved, That an increase of 5/- be granted.

14—German Light Machine Gun—Read a letter from the Major commanding the 2/5th Btn. Gloucester. Regt. stating that having regard to the associations of the battalion with Cheltenham, a German light machine gun captured on the 11th August last had been returned to the War Office with a request that after the cessation of hostilities it may be allocated to Cheltenham, so that it may be placed in a public position to be a tangible link between the services of the battalion in France and Cheltonians. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to the commanding officer for forwarding the request to the War Office.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 11th September, 1918: Present— Aldermen Steel, Councillors Caudle and Stewart and Mr. H. Stroud (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Curator's Report -The Curator reported that there had been 3417 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum between July 17th and September 10th.

The Etchings of Tewkesbury, Oxford, London, Eton, etc., made by Monsieur F. Giele, engraver to the University of Louvain, had been on view since August 1st, and had aroused much interest.

The following gifts had been received: ---

Messrs. Clark & Co., Paisley--Case, showing the Evolution of a Reel of Cotton, from the raw state to the finished article.

Frank Gibbons, Esq., Wordsley, Staffs—Materials used in the Manufacture of Glazed Tiles, including both raw materials and the finished article.

2—Attendant—An application was received from Mr. Addis for an increase of war bonus. Resolved, That the war bonus be increased from 4/- to 8/- per week.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 25th September, 1918: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell, Sawyer and Taylor (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—Trees—Read letters from Mrs. E. M. Corbyn, Miss Whateley and Mrs. S. P. Fairley with reference to trees near Easton Villas, Albert Road, Whyddrington House, and Cleeve House. Resolved, That consideration of the letters be adjourned for the Committee to view.

2—Old Cemetery—Read a letter from Mr. W. Ayris (Churchwarden, Parish Church) applying for the usual grant of £10 towards the expenses of keeping the old Cemetery in order as an open space. Resolved, That the application be granted.

3—Cultivation of Land--Rent of Allotments—Resolved, That the Rent of the land taken by agreement be fixed as follows: -

	1919	1920	1921
College Road Tip ..	10/-	15/-	17/6
Land in Orrisdale Terrace ..	10/-	15/-	17/6
Land in College Road, adjoining Field Lodge	10/-	15/-	17/6
Albert Road, Pittville .	10/-	12/6	15/-
Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground	10/-	—	—
Naunton Park ..	10/-	--	--

Resolved, also, That the Rent of the land compulsorily taken under the Cultivation of Lands Order remain as at present.

Land in Parabola Road—Read a letter from Mr. R. McLaren on behalf of the Owners of the land in Parabola Road, asking that this land should be restored to the owners, who would undertake that the land should continue to be cultivated for food production. A letter was also received from the Board of Agriculture agreeing to this. Resolved, That the application be granted and that the present tenancy be terminated at the end of the current year.

4—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read applications from Football clubs for permission to play at the Recreation Grounds. Resolved, That permission be granted to the Moray Croft and Pittville United Football Clubs to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground; Highbury and All Saints' Football Clubs at Whaddon Lane; and the Y.M.C.A. and Naunton Park Football Clubs at Naunton Park, subject to the usual conditions.

Cadets —An application was received from the Cadets attending the Aeronautical School for permission to play football at the Recreation Grounds. Resolved, That it be suggested that application should be made for the use of some of the private grounds which are not now occupied.

Read a letter from the Cheltenham United Association Football Club for permission to play Football at one of the Recreation Grounds. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

5—Naunton Park—Resolved, That the vegetables grown in the flower beds be sent to the Naunton Park Red Cross Hospital and that the Committee inspect the trees recommended to be removed at their next view meeting.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th September, 1918—Present Alderman Steel, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell and Winterbotham (Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces--Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6006 to 6013 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 17th September, 1918 Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Caudle, Mann and Pates, Messrs. W. R. Carles, H. Stroud and E. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £6 13s. 8d. Presentations: Mr. C. F. Teal (2 vols., 1 pamphlet), Colonel Griffith (57 vols., including 54 music).

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during August was 2897, and the number issued from the Lending Library was 8260.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 17th instant. Present—Alderman Steel (in the chair) and Councillor J. Moore.

They recommended—

(1) That the temporary use of the Furniture Room in the Museum be granted to the Food Control Committee subject to payment at the rate of £10 per annum, and also the cost of lighting and heating.

(2) That in order to save fuel and lighting, the Library and News Room be closed at 8 p.m., commencing on the 7th October.

(3) That arrangements be made for opening the Children's Library on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

(4) That the new books set out in the list submitted be purchased at a cost of £20.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except that the News Room be closed at 8.30 p.m., and the Reference Library at 8 p.m., and that the question of opening the Children's Library on Saturdays be adjourned.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 1st October, 1918: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Haddock Silk (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 1st October, 1918, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £24,067 4s. 5d. Voids, legally excused, etc. £1811 3s 11d. Leaving outstanding £339 3s. 11d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September last. Amount collected £12,486 0s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £1,141 3s. 4d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans amounting to £14808 Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

He had also received £128 on loan. Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed on account of the Alstone Baths loan.

4—Coal Supply—The Local Fuel Overseer reported that the Fuel and Lighting Committee recommended the purchase of 500 tons of coal by the Local Authority as a reserve stock and that the Controller had consented to this purchase. Resolved, That the Fuel and Lighting Committee be authorised to purchase this quantity. Resolved, also, that the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, and Cheltenham Rural District Council be asked to pay their share of the cost in proportion to population

5—Local Pensions, etc., Committee—Resolved, That £350 be advanced for the expenses of the Local War Pensions, etc., Committee, one third of which is repayable by the Local Government Board.

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement: —

In hand on the 27th August last	29,766 0 0
Received since that date	<u>7,091 10 7</u>
	36,857 10 7

Paid since that date (including Loans repaid £600)	<u>12,400 12 8</u>
	In hand 24,456 17 11

being General Accounts	10,649 0 2
Sinking Fund Accounts	13,503 7 1
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	170 14 5
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account	<u>133 16 3</u>
	24,456 17 11

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 7th October, 1918, at 3 p.m., Present: The Deputy Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair. Aldermen Horsley, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Caudle, Dodwell, Green, Haddock, Mann, Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Silk, Stewart, Taylor, Wilkins, Winterbotham and Wood.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 2nd September, 1918, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Education Committee—Read a letter from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Teachers Association forwarding the names of Mr. A. C. White and Mr. A. G. Wheeler for selection by the Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Lyon. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration and report.

3—Early Closing of Shops—Read a letter from the Home Office forwarding copy of an Order continuing until further notice the General Order made on the 19th April last for the early closing of shops.

4—Order of British Empire—Read a letter from Earl Beauchamp stating that he had been commanded by H.M. the King to present to Miss Maisie Shepherd of Stradbally, Lansdown Road, Cheltenham, the medal of the Order of the British Empire, and suggesting that this might be done at the Meeting of the Council in December. Resolved, That the suggestion be adopted

5—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 9th September last, be approved and confirmed

6—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 30th September last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th September last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th September last, be approved and confirmed.

9 —Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th September last, be approved and confirmed.

10—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th September last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Local Fuel Committee—Resolved, That Mr. S. Morris of Beech Villa, Gloucester Road, be appointed a Member of the Local Fuel Committee.

12—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th September last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th September last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz.: —That the portion of Minute No. 4 referring to the use of the Recreation Grounds by the Cadets of the School of Aeronautics be referred back to the Committee with power to act

14—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th September last, be approved and confirmed.

15—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th September last, be approved and confirmed

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Repairs to Boiler—Resolved, That the Public Library Committee be authorised to have the repairs done to the boiler, and to instruct Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd., to carry out the work.

16—Finance Committee Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 1st October last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Saturday, the 9th November, 1918.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th October, 1918: Present—Aldermen Margrett and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Moore, Green, Stewart and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:—22, Cleaveland Street, 7, Brooklyn Terrace 7, Brooklyn Bank, Millbrook Street, 53, Queen Street, Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at 31a, Jersey Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the Occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 1, Brown's Cottages, Arle, Witney Cottage, Granley Road, 10, St. Paul's Terrace, 19, 20, 21, Swindon Place—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 6, Newent Place, Marsh Lane, 53, Queen Street and 13, Clarence Street—The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5- -Insanitary Property—55, Queen Street, 1, Brown's Cottages, Arle, 1, Victoria Place, Bath Road, 6, Newent Place, Marsh Lane, 10, St. Paul's Terrace, 19, 20, and 21, Swindon Place, —The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above. mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read an Application from Mr. C. F. Dobell, Brooklands Gloucester Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

7—Common Lodging Houses—Read applications from Mrs. M. E. A. Jackson, Rowton House, Grove Street; Mr. T. E. Young, 20 and 25, Stanhope Street; Mrs. Alice Ada Evans, Cumberland Cottage,

Grove Street and 221, High Street, for renewal of their registration as keepers of Common Lodging Houses. Resolved, That the Registrations be received for one year from the 9th proximo.

8—Destruction of Diseased Meat- -The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of diseased meat as follows: -1708 lbs of beef, 373 lbs of mutton, 273 lbs of veal, and 12 lbs of corned beef, as unfit for human food. (Total weight of meat surrendered 21 cwts. 17 lbs.)

9-- Health Department—Wages of Disinfector—Read an application from Mr. W. Townsend for an increase of his war bonus. Resolved, That an additional bonus of 10/. per week be granted.

10—Notices not Complied With—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of the Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty sculls and ceilings, defective pitching, roofs, etc., etc., which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

it—Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1918 — Read a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding a copy of an Order amending the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Order, 1912, so as to provide for the notification of any cases of tuberculosis discovered at medical examinations undertaken by medical Boards under the control of the Board of National Service. The notification would be made by the Chairman of the Board to the Medical officer of Health, and a fee of 1/- paid by the Council for each notification. Resolved, That the Order be referred to the Medical Officer of Health,

12-Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on Monday the 14th October,

1918. Present: Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 14th instant was 9 colts, 9 horses (not including 2 at Depot), 10 calves, 105 head of cattle, 103 lambs, 124 sheep and 32 pigs, all doing very well. 1 calf and 2 pigs had been bred on the Farms. Since the last Meeting 2 cows, 2 calves, 54 bullocks and 11 heifers had been purchased for £726 4s. 10d. 17 head of cattle, 2 calves, 5 sheep, 6 lambs, 8 pigs, 1 cart horse, and 11 skins had been sold for £834 4s. 5d. Resolved, that the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase a plough.

Labourers' Wages—Resolved, That the wages of the labourers at the Farms be increased by 2/- per week. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th October, 1918: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Street Projections—Sign outside Plough Hotel. Read a letter from the Cheltenham Riding School Co. asking for permission to place a sign outside the Plough Hotel, in accordance with the sketch submitted. Resolved, That the application be granted.

2 —Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 27th September to the 24th October, 1918 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 17th October, 1918, 550 loads collected, 551 loads consumed, Weight consumed, 669 tons 4 cwts.

3—Workmen—Letters from the local Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, asking that the wages of the Destructor Stokers be advanced by 1/- per shift, and that the Bonus paid to the workmen should be regarded as war wages, so that the same may include overtime rates, were considered.

A letter was also received from the Society forwarding a copy of the recent award of the Committee on Production granting to men of 18 years and over engaged in the Engineering and Foundry trades a further increase of 3/6 per week, and to youths under 18 years of age 1/9 per week, and asking that the employees of the Corporation should receive a similar advance. Resolved, That consideration of the letters be adjourned to the next Meeting, when the new Committee will have been formed.

4--Trees—The Borough Surveyor reported that one of the occupiers in Alstone Avenue had cut off some of the branches of a tree in the road opposite his house. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the occupier warning him that if the offence is repeated proceedings will be taken against him.

Read letters from Major-General Hogg and Miss Henry with reference to trees in Christ Church Road and opposite Argyle Villas. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

5—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 28th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 28th October, 1918: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, and Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Building, viz.: —

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1400	T. E. Whittaker.	Additions to the Cheltine Works.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th October, 1918: Present—Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Stewart, (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Fuel and Lighting Order—The Borough Surveyor reported that under the Fuel and Lighting Order, Swimming Baths were restricted to 70 per cent. and Medical Baths to 80 per cent. of their usual consumption of coal, and he recommended as follows: —

(a) That the summer season should commence in the middle of May and close at the end of August instead of from the 1st May to the 30th September.

(b) That the Baths be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted.

2-Trees-The recommendation of the Street and Highway Committee that the trees in the Winter Garden grounds, and also in the Montpellier Gardens (Montpellier Terrace side), should be thinned out was considered. Resolved, That three large chestnut trees in the Winter Garden grounds be removed, and also the following trees in Montpellier Gardens, viz., 1 ash, 1 elm, 1 tree of heaven, 1 wych elm, and 1 chestnut (Montpellier Terrace side). 1 elm opposite Mr. Boyce's shop.

3—Winter Concerts—Mr. Teague attended the Meeting and it was resolved as follows: —

Concert Sub-Committee—That Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Stewart be appointed a Sub-Committee to arrange any details connection with the Winter Concerts during the next month.

Piano—That the offer of Messrs. Dale Forty & Co. to hire the Brinsmead piano now at the Town Hall, for use at the Winter Concerts at £2 2s. per month be accepted subject to satisfactory terms being arranged for removals.

Artistes—That the arrangements made by Mr. Teague for the attendance of two Artistes during the first two weeks of the season at a cost of £7 7s. be approved, and that the question of further Artistes be considered at the next Meeting.

Advertising—That Mr. Teague be authorised to advertise in the "Echo" at a charge of 2/6 per inch per insertion. Tickets—That the offer of the Traders' Association to take 100 subscribers' tickets on sale or return be accepted. That the Sub-Committee be authorised to engage a Canvasser to sell season tickets on a commission of 10 per cent

4— Spa Medical Committee—Dr. Howell attended the Meeting, and stated that the Spa 'Medical Committee had considered as to the charge to be made for the supply of water in bulk, and also terms for season tickets for residents and visitors, and they recommended as follows: -

- (a) That mineral waters be sold in bulk at 3d. per pint.
- (b) That season tickets be issued to visitors at a charge of £1 1s. for a three weeks course, and £1 11s. 6d. for six weeks (tickets to include waters and concerts).
- (c) That the charge for season tickets for residents (i.e., householders of not less than nine months) be 10/6 for concerts, and £1 1s. for concerts and mineral waters.
- (d) That an advertisement be inserted in the Medical Directory at a cost of £4 15s. Office—That a table, some chairs, and a cupboard be provided for the room at the Municipal offices used by the Committee.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Spa Committee be adopted, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide a table, etc., for the office used by the Spa Medical Committee, at a cost not exceeding £10.

5—Montpellier Baths—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 24th September to the 15th October was 46, including 14 to wounded soldiers

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6 Mineral Waters—"Sales"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the month of September was 1005. The number of glasses sold at the Montpellier f3a.th3 and Pittville Gardens was 67.

J. STEWART

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 24th October, 1918: Present—Councillors Betteridge, Green, Mann and 1Vood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Mechanical Stokers—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the erection of the new mechanical stokers for No. 4 and 5 boilers was commenced about three weeks ago, and that the work was progressing fairly satisfactorily in view of the difficulty in obtaining additional labour.

2—Lighting of Alstone Lane—Read a letter from Mr. T. W. Maule asking that the Gas Lamps in Alstone Lane should be lighted. Resolved. that the Committee are unable to recommend the lighting of the lamps at the present time.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 17th October, 1918: Present—Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Pates and Taylor (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 14th October, 1918.		Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.	
Hewletts Springs	90,000 gallons		132,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	302,000 "		445,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>30,000</u> "		<u>51,000</u> "
Total 422,000 "		Total 628,000 "	

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Depth		Contents 14th October, 1918.		Depth		Contents 14th October, 1917.	
Hewletts		10,970,000 gallons				20,638,000 gallons	
Dowdeswell	16ft. 0in.	30,353,000	"	21ft 6in		48,673,000	"
Leckhampton	5ft 0in	<u>675,000</u>	"	11ft 0in		<u>1,486,000</u>	"
Total Storage		41,998,000 "				70,797,000 "	

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2—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Trout—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for supplying 500 Trout for Dowdeswell Reservoir, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a satisfactory tender.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd October, 1918: Present—Aldermen Margrett Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

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

Two dogs, removed from Cornwall and Devon, were in quarantine at Mr. Brain's Veterinary Stables, and he was keeping observation upon these animals to see that the terms of the licences were strictly complied with.

2—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had not been called to any outbreak of fire since the last Meeting.

Fire Brigades (South Western Area) Order—Read a letter from the Home Office forwarding a copy of the Fire Brigades (South Western Area) Order made by the Secretary of State on the 14th September, with regard to the co-operation of Fire Brigades for dealing with serious fires in premises of national importance. Under the Order the South Western area was divided into nine districts, Cheltenham being included in No. 5 (or Gloucester) district. The Order also contained an area scheme under which the Mobilising Officer (the Chief Constable and Director of the Bristol Fire Brigade) was empowered to require the Cheltenham Brigade to render assistance in dealing with a fire in the Area. The expenses of the Brigade would be in accordance with the Schedule approved by the Home Office. Resolved, That a copy of the Order be handed to the Captain of the Fire Brigade.

3—Applications for Hackney Carriage Licences --Read an application from Mrs. Alice Cates of Aldreth, Hayden Hill, for a licence to drive a motor cab. An application was also received from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. for licences for Leigh Leach of 71, Upper Bath Road and F. L. Bower of 28 'Montpellier Terrace. Resolved, That licences be granted.

4—Education Committee—Read a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Teachers' Association nominating Mr. A. C. White and Mr. A. G. Wheeler for the vacancy on the Education Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. T. Lyon. Resolved, To recommend that Mr. A. G. Wheeler be appointed to fill the vacancy.

5—Licence to store Petroleum—Read an application from Mr. Chas. Dennis of 20, Portland Street, to store 350 gallons of petroleum at premises in Berkeley Avenue. The Inspector reported that the premises were satisfactory, Resolved. That a licence be granted.

6—Food Control Committee—Read a letter from the Food Controller forwarding copy of a letter addressed to the Chairmen of Food Control Committees expressing his warm sense of obligation to Members and Officials of these Committees for the remarkable success which had attended their work during the past year.

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A letter was also received from the Ministry of Food forwarding copy of the Food Control Committees (Constitution) Order 1917 and the Food Control Committees (Constitution) Amendment Order 1918, under which Local Authorities were required to re-appoint a Food Control Committee for their area as from the 18th November, on which date the term of office of existing Members would cease. Resolved, That the following Members be appointed the Food Control

Committee for the Borough: -

Alderman Bendall

Alderman Waghorne

Councillor Green

Councillor Winterbotham

Councillor Betteridge }

Mr. G. Ligo } Representatives of Labour

Mr. C. Creek }

Miss Bennett }

Mr. T. Hyett, Representative of Cheltenham College

Mr. W. H. Hudson, President of Bakers, etc., Association
Mr. Leigh James, President of Butchers Association
Mr. J. T. Jackson, Representative of Co-operative Society
Mr. W. J. Bache
Miss A. Andrews

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th October 1918: Present—Aldermen Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1640 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since September nth. (Corresponding period last year, 1288).

The Exhibition of etchings by Monsieur F. Giele closed on the 30th September. Ten of the etchings were sold. The following gifts had been received: -

Captain R. P. Wild: Iguana from Phillipine Islands. First Field Dressing.

A. H. Sutch, Esq., Penlee: Serpentine Asbestos from Canada.

The Director of the National Gallery of Modern Art visited the Gallery on the 7th instant to inspect the Turner paintings

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman

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PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 23rd October, 1918: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell and Sawyer (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that the tomatoes grown in the greenhouses at Pittville this season realised £56 8s. 7 ½ d. The potatoes grown were sold for £19 18s. 6d., in addition to which 14 pots of seed potatoes had been retained.

Pittville Lake—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to what arrangements can be made for depositing the material to be removed from Pittville Lake and also as to the provision of labour, etc.

2-Cultivation of Lands Order—Allotments—A report was received from Mr. Patience with reference to the Allotments in Whaddon Lane and Hale's Road.

Mr. Patience also reported that he had been appointed a Representative, by the Royal Horticultural Society, for Cheltenham and district and that it was intended to give lectures during the winter months to Allotment Holders.

3—Football at Recreation Grounds —Resolved, That the use of the Recreation Grounds be granted to the Cadets of the Aeronautical School for football and other games, and that the applications received from football clubs for the use of the grounds be adjourned to the next meeting.

Read a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Advisory Committee for Juvenile Employment suggesting that permission should not be given to clubs for cricket, etc., in the Recreation Grounds. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next Meeting when the applications for the use of the Grounds are considered.

4—Pittville Estate—Trees—Resolved, That one oak tree opposite the entrance to "Bennington" be removed and that an oak tree near 2, Albert Road be pruned; that a wych elm near the entrance to Pittville Crescent be removed, and that two silver birch trees be planted.

Resolved, That a sycamore tree in Wellington Road, at the corner of back road to Berkeley House, be removed and a lime tree be planted.

Pittville Gates—Resolved, That one large elm tree opposite No. 5, Clarendon Villas, and one large elm tree near the corner of Wellington Road be removed, and also one lime tree opposite Roden House; one silver birch tree to be planted in the place of the latter.

Central Drive—Resolved, That one lime and one Elm tree opposite 3 and 4 Pittville Lawn be removed, and also one wych elm at back of footpath opposite Wyddrington House; and that the Beech tree be thinned out; that a wych elm tree opposite Tracy House, and a leaning silver birch tree opposite Wyddrington House be removed.

Saxham Villas—Resolved, That one hornbeam, two sycamores, one wych elm and one small tree in the cross road adjoining Saxham Villas, be removed and silver birch trees planted.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th October, 1918—Present: Alderman Steel, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell, Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6014 to 6025 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2—Upkeep of Graves—Read a letter from Messrs. Hopwood and Sons, stating that the charge for the upkeep of the six graves in respect of which the Corporation were responsible for maintenance would be increased by 5/- per grave per annum. Resolved, That the increased charge be agreed to.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th October, 1918: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Caudle, Moore, Mann, Pates, and Wilkins, Messrs. Gridley and Miles (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £4 15s. 3d.

Presentations—Mrs. H. B. Hanna (3 volumes); Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner (1 volume); Shakespeare Dictionary (2 volumes); Jamaica Year Book, 1918; Commercial Directory, 1917; Acts of Parliament, 1917-18.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during September was 2668, and the number issued from the Lending Library was 7829.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th instant. Present—Alderman Steel in the chair) and Councillors Moore and Wilkins.

They recommended, in view of the report of the Inspector of the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Co., that Messrs. R. E. Marshall, Ltd. be authorised to carry out the necessary repairs to the boiler at a cost not exceeding £45.

The Sub-Committee also met on the 10th instant. Present: —Alderman Steel (in the chair) and Councillor Moore. The Librarian reported that he had arranged with the Secretary of the County Education Committee to give a lecture in the Reference Library on Trafalgar Day, October 21st, at 8 p.m.

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

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 1st November, 1918 at 3.30 p.m.: Present—Aldermen Steel and Waghorne Councillors Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1--General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 1st November, 1918, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £435 3s. 2d. Leaving outstanding £25,767 3s. 4d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated tot instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th March next. Amount collected £192 19s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £10,524 6s. 3d.

3—Loans--The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £2,000 on loan. Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan. He also reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans of £2700 and £300. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and the Debentures lie endorsed accordingly.

4 --Reciprocal Investment—The Borough Accountant reported that the Chester Corporation were willing to lend £10,000 if a similar amount was advanced to them, the period of loan, length of notice and rate of interest to be the same in each case. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, a sum of £10,000 be advanced to the Chester Corporation out of the Sinking Funds and that Debentures be arranged for a like amount to be advanced by the Chester Corporation.

5—Borough Accountant's Department—An application so as received from Miss Moore, a junior Clerk, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That her salary be increased to £1 1s. per week

6—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement: —

In hand on the 1st October last		24,456 07 11
Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture £2000)		<u>12,420 0 2</u>
		36,876 18 1
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid £10970)		<u>29,696 4 3</u>
	In hand	7,180 13 10
being Sinking Fund Accounts	In hand	13,784 15 5
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts		170 14 5
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account	.	<u>41 3 9</u>
		14,096 13 7
less General Accounts Overdrawn....		<u>6,915 19 9</u>
		7,180 13 10

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Saturday, the 9th November, 1918, at 12 noon. Present.

Alderman Charles Henry Margrett (in the chair.)

Aldermen Davies, Horsley, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Caudle, Dodwell, Green, Mann, Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Taylor, Wilkins, Winterbotham and Wood.

Apologies—Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Silk and Stewart.

1—Election of Mayor—It was Resolved, That Alderman John David Bendall be, and he is, hereby elected Mayor of the Borough of Cheltenham for the ensuing year.

The newly-elected Mayor then made the Declaration of Acceptance of office and took the Oath of Allegiance and Judicial Oath.

The Mayor thereupon took the Chair.

2—Deputy Mayor—The Mayor signified in writing that he had appointed Alderman Robert Steel to be his Deputy, and it was Resolved, That such appointment be recorded upon the Minutes of the Council.

3—Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor—Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Council be given to Thomas Rees Jones, Esq., for the able, assiduous and hospitable manner in which he has discharged the duties of Mayor during the past three years, and for the untiring energy which he has devoted to the work of the Council and to appeals for War Funds and other work in connection with the War.

4—Resignation of Councillors Rees Jones and Haddock—Resolved, That letters having been received from Mr. T. Rees Jones and Mr. P. Haddock resigning the office of a Councillor for the West and North Wards respectively, the Council hereby declare the said offices vacant and give notice accordingly.

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5—National Union of Teachers—Read a letter from the Assistant Secretary, National Union of Teachers stating that the Annual Conference would be held in Cheltenham, at Easter, 1919.

6—Alderman W. A. Baker Memorial Fund—Read a letter from Alderman Davies enclosing a cheque for £153 15s., being the balance of a Testimonial Fund subscribed for the late Alderman W. A. Baker, and stating that as Mr. Baker was always keenly interested in the Corporation employees it would be appropriate if the money were used as a Samaritan Fund for the relief of necessitous cases among the employees of the Corporation or their widows and children.

The Fund could be administered by the Trustees of the Hay Trust, and might be invested in the name of the Mayor and Town Clerk for the time being. The Fund to be called The Alderman W. A. Baker Memorial Fund." Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be tendered to Alderman Davies and that the money be handed over to the Trustees of the Hay Cottage Homes to be used as suggested.

7—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 7th October, 1918, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Alderman Margrett...	North Ward
Waghorne	Central Ward
Davies...	East Ward
Horsley...	South Ward
Bendall...	Middle Ward
Steel...	West Ward

9—Appointment and Duties of Committees—Public Health Committee-

Resolved, That for the purpose of this resolution Standing Order No. 20 be suspended and that the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year: — Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Moore, Stewart. Wood and Winterbotham, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To regulate and manage all matters

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relating to Public Health or concerning the duties of the Medical Officer of Health and Inspector of Nuisances, and to carry into effect the powers of the Council under the following Acts and Orders : Public Health Acts, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts and Provisional Orders (Sanitary Provisions), Factory and Workshops Acts, Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act 1889, The Notification of Births Act 1907, The Notification of Births (Extension) Act 1915, Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act 1890, The Housing Acts 1890 to 1909, and the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Orders.

To have delegated to it the powers of the Council under the following sections of the Public Health Act 1875, namely: 23, 24, 25, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 46, 47,49, and 50, the sections relating to nuisances and unsound meat, also sections 62, 70, 120, 121, 123, 124, 126, 127, 128 and 129.

To examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto, so far only as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

To deal with the repair and reconstruction of all sewers in the Borough and with the outfall sewers and sewage tanks and the control and treatment of the sewage and to have the management and control of the Sewage Farms of the Corporation, and the purchase and sale of stock, farming implements, etc.

To deal with the cleansing of watercourses and the enforcement of the provisions of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts.

Street and Highway Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart Wilkins and Winterbotham, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the repair of the streets, including public and private streets and main and

contribution roads, to examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters) and to consider all proposed public street improvements. To consider and report upon any matters arising in connection with the Cheltenham and District Light Railway within the Borough or in connection with the byelaws made by the Council with reference thereto.

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To have the management of the Central Depot and the horses, materials and carts, etc., and any matters in connection with the Borough Surveyor's Department and of any properties acquired by the Corporation in respect of street improvements. To deal with matters in connection with Street Projections. To enforce the provisions of the following Acts as far as regards new streets and buildings: The Public Health Acts, the Public Health (Building in Streets) Act 1888, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts 1852 and 1889, and the Cheltenham Order of 1896 (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters), and to deal with any scheme under Part II. Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909.

Town improvement and Spa Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Town Improvement and Spa Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Davies, Councillors Boulter, Dodwell, Pates, Sawyer, Silk and Stewart, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To have the control and management of the Montpellier Gardens, Town Hall and Winter Garden, the Alstone and Montpellier Baths (including the Medical Baths thereat), and to enforce the provisions of the Byelaws made by the Council with reference to them. To regulate and manage any matters in connection with the Mineral Waters under the control of the Corporation.

To manage and control Entertainments undertaken by the Council and to consider and report upon all matters in connection with the advertising of the Town and the provision of a Band.

To consider and report upon any matters in connection with the Spa development.

Electricity and Lighting Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Electricity and Lighting Committee for the ensuing year :—Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Green, Mann, Moore, Taylor and Wood, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Electricity Undertaking of the Corporation, the public lighting whether by electricity or gas, and to carry out the provisions of the Electric Lighting Acts and the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Orders 1890, 1899, 1900 and 1912, and the regulations of the Board of Trade made thereunder

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Water Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Water Committee for the ensuing year: —The Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Moore, Pates, Sawyer and Wood, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Water

Undertaking of the Corporation, and to manage all properties acquired by the Corporation in connection with their Water Undertaking. To carry into effect the provisions of the Cheltenham Water Acts 1878 and 1881, and the Provisional Orders amending the same.

General Purposes and Watch Committee—

Resolved, That the Powers and duties of the General Purposes and Watch Committee be as follows: —To regulate and manage any properties of the Corporation and other matters not specifically referred to any other Committee. To discharge the duties of the Watch Committee under the Municipal Corporations Act 1882, and to consider and report upon all matters arising in connection with the Petroleum Acts, and the Police. To regulate and manage all matters relating to the licensing of Hackney Carriages, Drivers and Conductors, and to Markets and Fairs. To be an Executive Committee of the Council under the Diseases of Animals Acts, with all the powers and authority conferred upon the Council (except the power to make a rate) and to carry into effect the Orders of the Board of Agriculture in relation thereto. To consider and Report to the Council upon the re-numbering of houses in, and the naming and re-naming of, streets in the Borough. To regulate and manage all matters in connection with the Fire Brigade and Fire Extinguishing Appliances,

Parks., Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee for the ensuing year: —The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell, Sawyer and Taylor, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To have the control and management of the Pittville Park and Estate, the Promenade Long Garden and the Recreation Grounds, and to enforce the provisions of the Bye-laws made by the Council with reference to them.

To regulate and manage the Public Walks and Pleasure Grounds (except those specifically referred to the other Committees) and the Buildings thereon.

To regulate and manage the Allotments owned or rented by the Corporation under the Allotments Act, 1908, and the Cultivation of Lands Order.

Burial Board Committee--

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Burial Board Committee for the ensuing year: —The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell, Mann, Stewart and Winterbotham, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Cemetery and all matters relating thereto.

Finance Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Finance Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Boulter, Silk, Taylor, Wilkins and Wood, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters of Finance, including the checking, as far as possible, of the expenditure of the different Committees of the Council, the appointment and dismissal of the Officers and Staff in the Borough Accountant's and

Rates Departments, the preparation of Estimates for Rates, collection of Rates, and raising of Loans. To consider and report upon all matters arising upon the report of the District Auditor.

Public Library Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Library Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Betteridge, Caudle, Green, Mann, Moore, Pates and Wilkins ; together with Messrs. W. R. Carles, F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, W. G. Gurney, A. Miles, W. J. Moore, E. C. Rogers, and H. Stroud, and that their duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Public Library and all matters relating thereto, subject to the proceedings of the Committee being submitted from time to time for confirmation by the Council.

Art Gallery and Museum Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year: —The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Margrett, Councillors Caudle, Green Stewart, and Winterbotham with Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, Messrs. G. Dimmer, and H. Stroud, and Dr. E. C. Carter as Consulting members, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To regulate and manage the Art Gallery and Museum and all matters relating thereto.

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Education Committee-

Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year: —The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Margrett, Councillors Boulter, Dodwell, Caudle, Mann, Moore, Stewart, Taylor, Wilkins, Winterbotham and Wood.

Pension Committee—

Resolved, That the Local Pension Committee for the Borough consist of all the Members of the Council, that their term of office as Members of such Committee expire on the 9th November, 1919, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

Delancey Hospital Trustees—

Resolved, That Aldermen Davies and Margrett, Councillors Green and Stewart, and Dr. G. A. Cardew, be re-appointed Trustees of the Delancey Hospital.

Resolved also, That Councillor Boulter be appointed a Trustee of the Delancey Hospital to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Rees Jones.

10—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th October last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th October last, be approved and confirmed.

12—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th October last, be approved and confirmed.

13--Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th October last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th October last, be approved and confirmed.

15-General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd October last, be approved and confirmed subject to the following amendment, viz.—

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That the name of Councillor Silk be substituted for that of Mr. Leigh James in Minute No 6 (Food Control Committee).

Grammar School Governors—Resolved, That Aldermen Margrett and Waghorne and Mr. H. N. Winterbotham be re-appointed Governors of the Grammar School, their term of Office to be three years from the 6th December, 1918.

16—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th October last, be approved and confirmed.

17—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd October last, be approved and confirmed.

18--Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th October last, be approved and confirmed.

19—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th October last, be approved and confirmed.

20—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 1st November instant, be approved and confirmed, and—

That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 2nd December, 1918.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th November, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Caudle, Green, Moore and Stewart.

1--Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Davies be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Farms Sub-Committee--Resolved, That the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood be appointed the Farms Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, and Councillors Moore and Stewart be appointed representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: --33, Clarence Street, 22, Tivoli Street, 39, Naunton Crescent, 18, Grosvenor Street, 1 Elms Cottages, Gloucester Road, Southend, Swindon Road, 6, 8, 11 and 12, Leicester Terrace. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

5—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 39, Nautilus Crescent, 18, Grosvenor Street, 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Leicester Terrace. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

6—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Clare Villa, Arle Road. —The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named house were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

7--Insanitary Property-39, Naunton Crescent, Southend, Swindon Road, 3, 8, 9, 11, and 12, Leicester Terrace. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

8--Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of diseased meat as follows: — 567 lbs of beef, 270 lbs of mutton, 81 lbs of veal, 582 lbs of offal, and 1 ton 17 cwts. 12 lbs of fish, as unfit for human consumption. (Total weight surrendered 2 tons 10 cwts. 2 qrs.)

9-Offensive Trade—Read, an application from the Alliance Distributing Agency for permission to carry on an offensive trade as dealers in bones at premises in Montpellier Street. Resolved, That 'the application be not granted.

10—Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Caudle and Winterbotham be appointed Members of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Alderman Waghorne and Councillor T. Rees Jones.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th November, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Caudle, Green and Winterbotham (Alderman Davies in the Chair.)

11—Housing of the Working Classes—Read a circular letter of 14th inst. from the Local Government Board asking to be informed by the 1st December whether the Council were prepared to provide the necessary houses required for the working classes in their District, on the terms set out in the Board's circular letter of the 18th March last, and if so when the Scheme would be ready for submission, and whether sites had been selected or obtained, and how many houses would be provided. Resolved, That the Board be informed that the Council are prepared to provide the houses required on the terms offered by the Board, and that the matter would be taken up at once with a view to a scheme being prepared and submitted as soon as possible, and that enquiry be made of the Board whether the financial assistance offered by the Board would extend to any houses which may be provided under an improvement scheme under Part I. of the Act.

Resolved, also, That the Council be recommended to increase the number of the Committee to ten by the addition of Alderman Horsley and Councillor Betteridge.

Resolved, also, That out of the enlarged Committee a Housing Sub-Committee be appointed to consider the official representation of the Medical Officer of Health, and report as to the adoption of an improvement Scheme under Part I. of the Act, and also to prepare and submit as soon as possible a Scheme under Part III. for providing any additional houses which may appear to be required.

Improvement Scheme—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to make a preliminary report as to the houses and areas included in the official representation of the Medical Officer of Health, and as to the number of houses which would have to be demolished and the number of new houses required to provide for the population displaced, and as to the approximate cost of the scheme to enable the Committee to decide whether an Improvement Scheme should be made for all or any of the areas included in the official representation.

12-Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on Monday the 27th instant, 1918. Present: Alderman Steel and Councillors Green (Alderman Steel in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 18th instant was 9 colts, 11 horses (including 2 at the Depot), 8 calves, 84 head of

cattle, 97 lambs, log sheep and 32 pigs, all doing very well. 2 calves and had been bred on the Farms. 1 lamb had died of murrain. 3 head of cattle, 7 calves, 5 cows, 13 heifers, 15 ewes and 5 lambs had been sold for £853 16s. 10d.

Cottage at Hayden Green--The Farms Manager reported that the fencing was being removed and trees cut down, and other damage was being done to the premises in the occupation of Mrs. Hopkins, who was under notice to quit. Resolved, that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform her that proceedings will be taken in respect of any damage done.

Resolved. That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

13—Time of Meeting—Resolved, That in future the ordinary Meetings of this Committee be held at 3.30 p.m. instead of 3 p.m.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th November, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins.

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

2- Plans Sub-Committee--Resolved, That the Mayor, Councillors Mann and Wilkins be appointed representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3--Stores Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor, Councillors Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins be appointed the Stores Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—Trees Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor, Councillors Mann, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins be appointed the Trees Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

5—Paving—Resolved, That £1,500 included in the estimates for paving footpaths on main roads and district roads be transferred to the Stores Department to provide for the work about to be commenced.

6—Stores—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, forwarding an extract from the report of the District Auditor, after his audit of the accounts for the year ended the 31st March, 1918, and stating that it was desirable that systematic arrangements should be made for the periodical taking of stock and valuation of stock at cost price, and that where possible, this should be done by or under the direct supervision of an independent stock-taker, or by an officer of the Council not responsible for the custody of the stores. Resolved, That the Board be informed that the Stores Department is under the direction of the Stores Sub-Committee, by whom the stores are periodically checked and valued at cost price.

7--Workmen—The applications made by the District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, with reference to the wages of the employees, were considered. Resolved, That the wages now paid as a war bonus be treated as war wages, and that such wages to employees (excluding the clerical staff) over 18 years of age be increased by 2/- per week, and to employees under 18 years of age by 1/- per week, such increase to be payable on the first pay day after the last meeting of the Council.

Stokers at Destructor- Resolved, That these men be paid on a similar basis per shift as the stokers at the Electric Light Works, and that the details of adjustment be left to the Borough Engineer.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 25th November, 1918 Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Pates, Wilkins and Winterbotham (The Mayor in the chair).

8—Time of Meeting—, Resolved, That the Committee meet at 3.15 p.m. instead of at 3 p.m.

9—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 25th October to the 21st November, 1918 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 14th November, 1918, 584 loads collected, 584 loads consumed, Weight consumed, 818 tons 0 cwts. 3 qrs.

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10—Bayshill Road Footpath Paving—The Borough Surveyor recommended that this footpath should be paved with slab paving 6 ft. 6 in. wide with gravelled margins, at a cost of about £200. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

11—Borough Surveyor's Department—Read, an application from Mr. E. Earp for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased to £250 per annum.

12 Tenders for Trees –The following tenders were received for 40 trees to be removed from the streets: -

Smith Bros.	..	£91	3	6
Webb Bros.	..	89	3	3
Barradell & Co.		84	3	7
E. T. Packer ..		84	0	0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Smith Bros. be accepted.

13—Building Construction Contracts—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, calling attention to the work entrusted to Local Advisory Committees, which had been charged with important functions in connection with the re-settlement of labour on demobilisation, and asking for the co-operation of Local Authorities. The Ministry of Labour stated that an enquiry form would be

issued to employers with a view to obtaining estimates of the number of work-people likely to be discharged and engaged on the termination of the war, and asking that the necessary information should be forwarded to the Advisory Committee. It was desirable that Local Authorities should have their schemes for post-war work prepared and ready in advance. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply the information required, and to report as to works which will have to be undertaken in the near future.

14—Housing—Resolved, That this Committee recommend that a Special Committee should be appointed by the Council to consider and submit a scheme for the erection of houses for the working classes.

15—Report of Plans Sub-Committee--The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 25th instant Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 25th November, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Wilkins.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed the Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

2—New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Building, viz.: —

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1401	Gloucestershire Aircraft Company	Additions to Workshop, Sunningend Works.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th November, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Pates and Sawyer, (Councillor Pates in the chair).

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

2-Visitors-Resolved, That the following Members of the Committee be appointed visitors, viz.: —
Montpellier Baths—Councillors Silk and Sawyer.

Alstone Baths—Councillor Stewart.

Town Hall and Gardens—Councillors Boulter and Pates.

Montpellier Gardens—The Mayor and Councillor Dodwell.

3—Winter Concerts "Sub-Committee"—Resolved, That Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Stewart be appointed the Concerts Sub-Committee to manage the concerts and to report to the monthly Meeting of the Committee.

Report of the Sub-Committee—The Concert Sub-Committee reported that they had held three meeting and recommended as follows: —

1.—That the Drawing Room be reserved for the Concerts on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

2.—That the sum of £10 be allotted for artistes up to the end of the year.

Entertainment Tax—A letter was received from the Board of Customs stating that the Entertainment tax payable on the 3d. payment for admission to the morning concerts would be 1d., and 2d, on the 6d. payment for admission to the afternoon concerts. The Board had no power to reduce the amount of tax on these admissions on the ground that they entitled persons to a glass of mineral waters, Resolved, To recommend that the charge for admission to the morning concerts be 3d. including entertainment tax and that the Town Clerk be instructed to further communicate with the Board of Customs.

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

4—Montpellier Baths—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 22nd October to the 12th November was 28, including 52 to wounded soldiers

5—Mineral Waters—"Sales"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the month of October was 1171. The number of glasses sold at the Montpellier Baths and Pittville Gardens was 19.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th November, 1918 Present—Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann and Moore.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st November, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell. Mann, Moore and Taylor (Councillor Green in the chair).

2—Plant--Read, a letter from the Director of Electrical Power Supply, stating that it would shortly be decided to permit orders to be placed for electrical plant etc., for early post-war needs, and suggesting that applications for permits should be made at an early date. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to bring up a report as to any additional plant that may be required in the near future.

The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended the purchase of cable so that this may be delivered as soon as the restrictions are removed. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association—Read, a letter from the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association, asking that delegates should be appointed to attend a special meeting to be held at Birmingham on the 29th instant, when the question of the future of the electricity supply and other matters would be considered. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend.

4—Street Lighting---The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the blacking had been removed from the street lamps and that the town clock had been re-lighted, and that the lamps were extinguished at 11 p.m. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved.

5—Gas Lighting—Resolved, That arrangements be made with the Gas Company for additional gas lamps to be lighted so as to make up the number of lamps to one third of the total, and that the Manager of the Company be asked to select and submit a list of the extra lamps to be lighted and cost of same.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th November, 1918 Present—The Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Moore, Pates and Sawyer.

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

2—Borough Engineer's Report—The monthly report of the Borough Engineer was read

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 10th November, 1918.		Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	87,000 gallons	193,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	351,000 "	834,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>33,000</u> "	<u>55,000</u> "

Total 471,000 “

Total 1,082,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents 10th November, 1918.	Depth	Contents 10th November,
1917.				
Hewletts		12,757,000 gallons		20,048,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	17ft. 0in.	33,700,000 “	21ft 0in	48,673,000 “
Leckhampton	7ft 0in	<u>945,000</u> “	8ft 0in	<u>1,620,000</u> “
Total Storage		47,402,000 “		70,341,000 “

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The Borough Surveyor reported that the Owners of Caradoc, Leckhampton Road, and York House, Swindon Road, had failed to comply with notices served, requiring them to carry out repairs to avoid waste of water. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owners, and to take proceedings if necessary.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th November, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Dodwell Green and Sawyer (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

2-Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported that an outbreak of Swine Fever, on the 5th instant, at Hanover Street Allotments, in the occupation of Mr. Mark Kent, 2 pigs had died. With the exception of these premises, which were still under quarantine the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

3—Fire Brigade—Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor and Councillors Green, Sawyer and Stewart be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had not been called to any outbreak of fire since the last Meeting.

Rates of Pay—Read a memorial from the firemen with reference to the rate of pay for attending fires. Resolved, That the firemen be paid at the rate of 4/6 for the first hour, 2/6 for the second hour

and 1/6 for each hour after for attending fires, and that Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceeding of the 24th September last, be varied accordingly.

4—Application for Hackney Carriage Drivers Licences—Read an application from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. for a licence to drive a motor cab for F. C. S. Newnan, of 39, Upper Park Street. Resolved, that a licence be granted.

5—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licences—Read letters from Messrs. W. Arter, and A. F. J. Tombs for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licences No. 13 and 108 from the former to the latter. Resolved, That the transfer of licence No. 53 be granted (subject to inspection), but that the application in respect of the other carriage be not granted.

6—Grammar School Governors. --Resolved, That Mr. J. Waghorne (having resigned the office of alderman) be re-appointed a Governor of the Grammar School, his term of office to be three years from the 6th proximo.

7—Food Control Committee—Resolved, That in view of the resignations of Alderman Waghorne and Councillor Silk, their appointment as members of the Food Control Committee be confirmed.

Remand Home—Read a letter from Mrs. Willis, giving notice to terminate the agreement for the provision of food and accommodation to children under the Children Act 19th 8. Resolved, That Superintendent Hopkins be asked to report as to another Home at the next Meeting.

8—Fruit Market—Read a letter from the Chairman of the Market Gardeners' and Fruit Growers' Co-operative Association stating that they were unable to accept the arrangement under which their Manager and Secretary (Mr. Whitehead) was to act as Manager of the Market, which was recommended by the Representative of the Agricultural Organisation Society, and again asking for facilities for selling their produce in the Market by their own Auctioneer. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Market Sub-Committee for consideration.

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Sub-Committee—Resolved. that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett; Councillors Green and Stewart be appointed the Fruit Market Sub- Committee for the ensuing year.

9—Street Lighting —Read letters from residents, asking for various public lamps to be lighted. Resolved, That the letter, referred to the Electricity and Lighting Committee, and that this Committee recommend an extension of the public lighting.

CHAS.H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th November, 1918: Present—Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green and Stewart, and Messrs. Dimmer and Stroud (Alderman Davies in the chair).

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

2-Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1299 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since October 15th. (Corresponding period last year, 1434)

The following gifts had been received for the local War Museum: —

The C.O. 2/5th Glo'ster Regiment.

German Machine Gun, captured by the 2/5th, Glos. Regt.

The "Echo" Office.

"Le Progress du Nord" 28 Octobre 1918. (The first newspaper printed in Lille after the Huns' departure). "La Depeche Mardi 29 Octobre 1918.

Paper Money, 5 Centimes Banque D'Emmission de Lille 1915, used in Lille during the occupation of the town by the Germans.

The Curator reported that the Contemporary Art Society had consented to allow a selection of their pictures to be loaned for view during December, and the Ministry of Information had consented to the Naval pictures being exhibited in January, on the same conditions as the Canadian War Photographs Exhibition. The proceeds to benefit Naval Charities.

The Exhibition of work by the Students of the Cheltenham School of Arts and Crafts was opened on Monday, November 11th, and would remain open until the end of the month.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors of the gifts to the War Museum,

Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to go to London to make a selection of pictures to be loaned by the Contemporary Art Society and the Ministry of Information.

3—War Museum—Read a letter from Colonel G. A. Peake, forwarding a German Aerial torpedo which had been dropped on one of his Companies, formed of Cheltenham men, during an air raid in 1917. The torpedo has been mounted by the men on a carved oak board made out of one of the German railway wagons taken in the Somme push. Resolved. That Colonel Peake be asked to convey to his men the hearty thanks of the Committee for this unique gift.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th November, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Dodwell and Sawyer.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th November, 1918: Present—Councillors Boulter, Dodwell, Sawyer and Taylor (Councillor Sawyer in the Chair).

2-Visitors-Resolved, That that the following be appointed Visitors of the Recreation Grounds and Allotments etc.: — Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Councillors Betteridge and Dodwell,

Naunton Park Recreation Ground—The Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Councillors Sawyer and Taylor. Whaddon Lane Allotments—The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Dodwell.

3—Football and Recreation Grounds—The applications for the use of the Recreation Grounds for football were adjourned as the grounds are still used by the Cadets.

4—Pittville Park—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the National Vigilance Association (Cheltenham branch), asking that stricter supervision of the Park should be maintained.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th November, 1918—Present: The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell and Mann.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd November, 1918: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell and Mann (Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

2-Grants of Grave Spaces Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6026 to 6034 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

3-Designs Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses to Dorothy Jane Jennings, Charles George Cull, Katherine Susanna Matilda Parr. Headstones to graves of John Allen Probert, and Minnie Dartnall. Kerbing to graves of William James Bradshaw, and Gladys Mary Giller.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th November, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Caudle, Green, Mann, Moore, Pates and Wilkins, Messrs. Claridge, Gridley and A. Miles.

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

2—Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Green and Moore,

Messrs. W. R. Caries, F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge, be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £7 7s. 11d.

Presentations: —E. A. Deacon (1 volume); Miss Gooding (1 volume); H.M. Stationery Office (1volume); Colonel Griffith 1 volume).

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during October was 2743, and the number issued from the Lending Library was 7339.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th November, 1918: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillor Wilkins.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 26th November, 1918: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Taylor and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2 — General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 26th instant, 1918, on the collection of the

second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £4822 5s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £21,379 19s. 9d.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 26th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-

year ending the 25th March next. Amount collected £2,418 0s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £8,299 5s. 7d.

4—Rates Department—Read, a letter from Mr. F. H. Harris, Assistant Overseer, notifying the death of Mr. M. B. Ricketts, and recommending that a junior clerk should be appointed to carry out some of the work done by Mr. Ricketts. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Overseers for consideration.

5—Education Act 1918—Read, a letter from the Clerk of the County Council, stating that it was proposed to charge on the Parish of Cheltenham during the current half-year, £535 18s. 4d., in connection with instruction to scholars at the Cheltenham Grammar school. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

6—Fuel Wood Order 1918—Read a letter from the Local Fuel Overseer stating that the Local Fuel and Lighting Committee proposed to purchase 200 tons of fuel wood for disposal to local retailers and to the general public if necessary at a cost of £400. Resolved, That this be agreed to, and that the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council be asked to pay their share of the cost in proportion to population.

7—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had given notice to the Burton-on-Trent Education Committee for the repayment of the balance of the loan, £8075, advanced to them in 1895 and which was repayable by 29 equal instalments of principal and interest at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Accountant be approved.

8—Accounts—The Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure since the last Meeting and the Bills and Accounts to be paid were examined, and the latter ordered to be paid by the Borough Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Accounts at the Bank were examined, and the balances found to be correct. The following was the General Statement: -

In hand on the 1st November last		7,180 13 10
Received since that date		<u>9,333 2 0</u>
		16,513 15 10
Paid since that date (including Loan repaid £100)		<u>9,586 8 9</u>
	In hand	6,927 7 1
being Sinking Fund Accounts	In hand	13,901 16 10
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts		170 14 5
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account		<u>141 3 9</u>
		14,213 15 0
less General Accounts	Overdrawn	<u>7,286 7 11</u>
		6,927 7 1

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.