

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 6th December, 1920, at 3 p.m. Present : The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel).

Aldermen Green, Horsley, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 9th November last, 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—Resolved, That the Rev. R. L. Hodson be re-appointed a member of the Education Committee, his term of office having expired on the 9th ult.

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

Public Health Meetings held November 11 & 15

Housing Meeting held November 22

Maternity and Child Welfare ... Meeting held November 26

Street and Highway Meetings held November 16 & 29

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held November 12 & 26

Electricity and Lighting Meetings held November 19 & 25

Water ... Meeting held November 16

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held November 23*

*Subject to the following amendment, viz.:—"That the following addition be made to Minute No. 14 with reference to Light Railway Fares :—

That the Town Clerk be instructed to press for the twopenny stages to be divided so as to provide for penny stages."

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General Purposes and Watch, and Finance Committees (Joint Meeting) ... Meeting held November 30

Art Gallery and Museum ••• Meeting held November 17

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Meeting held November 15

Burial Board ... Meetings held November 19 & 26

Public Library ... Meeting held November 16

Finance ... Meetings held November 19 & 30*

*Subject to the following amendment, viz.:— " That the words And that the necessary books be designed and prepared so that the whole of these instructions shall come into effect on April 1st, 1921,' be substituted for the words "And that these instructions be carried into effect as soon as possible,' in minute No. 5, with reference to Reorganisation of Accounts."

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed 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.

4—Notice of Motion—Councillor Jamieson gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :— " That steps be taken to ascertain the present value of all Buildings which are the property of the Corporation, and that they be insured for their full value."

5—Taxi-Cab Service—The Council went into Committee to consider a letter of the 6th inst., from Mr. R. P. Maw, stating that a meeting of the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association was to be held that day, when the Resolution of the Committee at their meeting of the 23rd ult. (Minute No. 7), would be considered, and on resuming it was Resolved, That unless arrangements have been made by the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association by the 21st December, inst., for the provision of a Central Office, connected with the telephone, and a night service, to the satisfaction of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, the Committee be authorised to accede to the Scale of Fares asked for by the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Ltd.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Special Meeting of the 'Awn Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1920, at 3 p.m. Present The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel),

Aldermen Green, Horsley, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

Apology—An apology for absence was received from Councillor Boulter.

1—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their meetings held on the 3rd and 14th inst., be approved and confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

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 3rd January, 1921.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th 1920; Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green. Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Rogers, Thomas and Whitaker (Councillor Rogers 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, Hatherley Street; 3, Hewlett Road ; 37, Bloomsbury Street ; 4, Burton Street, 13, St. George's Street ; 14, Marle Hill Parade ; 3, Garden Cottages ; 8, Northfield Terrace ; 7, Weston Cottages, Russell Place ; 37, Russell Street ; Nelson, Common Lodging House ; 36, Swindon Street ; and 9, Albert Street, St. Peters. 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 39, Sun Street ; 22, Hatherley Street ; 3, Hewlett Road ; 37, Bloomsbury Street ; 4, Burton Street ; 34, Montpellier Villas; 13, St. George's Street ; 14, Marle Hill Parade ; 20, Hatherley Street ; 2, St. Paul's Street, South; 3, Garden Cottages ; 5, Mitre Street; 1 and 3, Zara Cottages, St. Anne's Terrace ; 37, Russell Street ; 47, Burton Street : 36, Swindon Street ; and 14, Russell Place. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 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 199, 272 and 273, High Street ; 55, St. George's Street ; and 5 and 6, 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 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. George's Place; 20 and 22 Hatherley Street ; 37, Bloomsbury Street ; 34, and 43, Montpellier Villas ; 13, St. George's Street; 47, Burton Street ; 36, Swindon Street; and 14, Russell 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,

5-Houses without proper Water Supply-Ivy Cottage, Hester's Way. It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor that the above premises were without a proper supply of water Resolved, That the attention of the owner be called to this and that he be called upon to provide a proper supply.

6-Surrender of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported surrender of 1 cwt. 4 lbs. beef; 107 lbs. mutton ; 68 Rabbits ; 408 eggs ; and 6 tins of fruit.

7-Sewers-(a) Rose and Crown Passage-The Borough Surveyor reported that about 28 yards of sewer in this passage had been reconstructed, as the old sewer was defective

(b) Gloucester Road-Read, letter of the 20th ult., from Messrs. C. Daft, of "The Woodlands," and E. J. Andrews, of "Rockview," Gloucester Road, with reference to the drainage of their respective houses. The Borough Surveyor advised, that the drainage could only be improved by an extension of the new sewer, recently laid in Gloucester Road, which he estimated would cost £200. Resolved, That the extension be made, subject to the owners agreeing to bear the cost of connecting their drains with the new sewer when extended.

(c) The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 3rd inst., the Chelt sewer collapsed at a point under the G.W.R. siding, between St. James' Square station and St. George's Road Bridge. He estimated the cost of reconstruction at £100, and reported that the work had been put-in hand. Resolved, That this be approved.

(d) Pembroke Lodge, St. George's Road-Read, letter of the 9th inst., from Mr. G. J. Geeves complaining of flooding of the drains of Pembroke Lodge, Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances be instructed to inspect the drains and report to the Committee.

8- Abattoir---Fencing-Resolved, That tenders be obtained for about 120 yards of fencing at the Abattoir.

9-Montpellier Gardens-Ladies' Lavatory Attendant-It was reported that Mrs. Newman was prepared to undertake the duties of Attendant. Resolved, That Mrs. Newman be paid 7/6 per week for her services, inclusive of any payment to any person acting in her stead, and that this arrangement be reconsidered at the end of March next Charges-Resolved, That the charge for toilet be one penny if a clean towel is required, and that the Resolution of the Committee, at their meeting on the 15th ult., be varied accordingly.

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10—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—Reported meeting on 13th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Whitaker (in the Chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 13th inst. was 5 colts so horses (2 at Depot), 3 calves 132 head of cattle, 28 lambs, 78 sheep, and 23 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 5 cart colts 12 barren cows and 1 cow in calf had been purchased for £589. 3 calves had been bred and 2 lambs found on the Farms. 1 cart horse, 6 sheep, 6 lambs, 1 sow, 4 heifers, 1 calf and 1 barren cow had been sold for £386.

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th December, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Moore, Regan, Rogers and Whitaker (The Mayor in the chair)

1.—Tenders for Houses- -Tenders for the erection of 20 pairs of non-parlour type houses were received from 14 firms. Resolved, That consideration of the tenders be adjourned.

2-Subsidy House—Cook's Lane, Arle—The Borough Surveyor reported that the house erected in Cook's Lane, Arle, by Mr. G. Woodward had been practically completed. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue Certificate B of completion accordingly.

3—Dorman Long Houses-----Approval Read letter of the 24th ult., from the Housing Commissioner, authorising the acceptance of the tender of W. T. Nicholls, Ltd, for the erection of 20 "Dorlonco " houses for the sum of £998 per house, on rates of wages and prices of materials ruling on the 22nd ult.; the form of Contract to be the Ministry's Form No. 1, and the tender to be subject to such omissions and modifications as may be required by the Housing Commissioner Resolved, that, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into, the Tender be accepted accordingly.

4—Advisory Committee--N.F.B.T.O.—Report—The Committee further considered the letter, of the 20th ult., from the Advisory Committee, enclosing recommendations for minor alterations in the houses in course of erection and suggestions for further variety in the elevation of future houses. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Architects for consideration and report.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 29th December, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dicks, Regan, Rogers and Whitaker (The Mayor in the Chair).

5—Tenders for Houses—Resolved, That consideration of the tenders received for the erection of 20 pairs of non-parlour type houses be further adjourned to enable the Architects to consider and report on the tender of the Building Guild, Ltd.

6—Naming of Roads—Resolved, That No. 1 road on the lay-out plan be named "Tennyson Road," and that consideration of the suggested names for the other roads on the Estate be adjourned.

7.--Gloucester Road Frontage—Plans for Houses—Resolved, That the Architects be instructed to prepare plans for about 20 parlour type houses suitable for erection on the Gloucester Road frontage.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 1920: Present--Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, and Stewart, Councillor Stewart in the chair),

1—Medical Baths Douche Bath—Two tenders were received for the supply of the fittings, etc., required in connection with the proposed substitution of a Vichy Douche Bath for the existing Vapour Bath. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Shanks Co., Ltd., to supply the fittings for the sum of £211 7s. 6d. be accepted, and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to fix the apparatus and provide the: hot and cold water supplies, at an estimated cost of £80.

2--Shop next Montpellier Baths—(a) Read, letter of the 21st inst., from Mr. A. E. Stanley, giving one month's notice to terminate his tenancy of this shop. (6) The Committee considered an application to take the premises on lease for a dental surgery. Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained. Resolved also, That the premises be inspected by the Committee at their next meeting.

3—Picture of Cheltenham—Read, letter of the 18th inst., from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association offering a picture of Cheltenham on loan to the Corporation for exhibition. Resolved, That the offer be accepted,

4—Town Hall —National Chamber of Trade—Annual Meetings, 1921—Read, letter of the 6th inst., from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association asking that the use of the Town Hall be granted for the Annual Meetings of the National Chamber of Trade to be held in Cheltenham in 1921, commencing on the 21st May, and stating that the local expenses fall upon the local Chamber. Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall for the meetings be granted free of charge.

5—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at meetings held on the 30th ult., and 7th inst., were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Petty Cash—Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Medical Baths be provided with the sum of £2, to enable him to refund charges for baths cancelled by patients.

Montpellier Gardens—Archery Meeting—Resolved, That the use of Montpellier Gardens be granted to the Grand National Archery Society for purposes of their 14th Annual Meeting from July 5th—8th, until 6 p.m. on each day, on the following terms and conditions : -

(a) The Corporation to collect and retain the gate-money (Competitors to be admitted free of charge).

(b) The Society to pay the Corporation sum of £20 for the use of the Gardens.

(c) The Society to provide and pay for all labour required in connection with the use of the Gardens for the meeting.

(d) That in the event of the Gardens being let for the summer season for the purposes of Concerts, etc., that such Concerts be held in the Proscenium on the afternoons of the dates mentioned.

(e) The Corporation not to be responsible for loss of, or damage to, any property belonging to the Society or persons attending the meetings.

6--Mineral Waters—Sales-Reported the number of Mineral Waters sold as follows :—Central Spa 724; Montpellier Baths 5 ; Pittville Chalet 17 ; Pump Room 2.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 17th December, 1920: Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

7--Town Hall —Air Ministry's Occupation--Adjudication—The Town Clerk reported that the sum of £274 13s. 1d. had been allowed by the War Compensation Court in respect of the claim for £291 9s. 1d. relative to the occupation of the Town Hall by the Air Ministry.

8—Winter Garden—Bandstand and Lay-out—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of sanction of the Ministry of Health to a loan of £1,850 for cost of the erection of bandstand and lay-out of the Winter Garden grounds, repayable within 20 years.

9 —Medical Baths—Masseuse--Resolved, That Miss Pearce be appointed Masseuse for one month on trial at a salary of £2 per week, in the place of Miss Ticehurst, resigned.

10—Spa Manager's Office—Electric Radiator—Resolved, That an electric radiator be fitted in the Spa Manager's Office at an estimated cost of £15.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th December, 1920 : Present—Councillors Edith Geddes, Thomas, and Welstead (Councillor Welstead in the Chair).

1---Gas Regulation Act, 1920 —The Town Clerk reported that the Gas Company had made application for an order under this Act to empower the Company to charge for Gas supplied in the Borough up to a maximum of 1/8 per therm (100000 B.T.U) which was equivalent to a charge of 8/4 per 1000 cubic feet of their present standard of Calorific value. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a representation both in regard to the proposed Maximum Charge and as to pressure.

2— E.P.E.A. and National Joint Board of Employers, etc.—The Town Clerk submitted telegram received from the National Joint Board with reference to the threatened withdrawal of the services of their members unless the Conditions of Employment recommended by the Board be adopted in their entirety. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the only conditions which had not been adopted were those relating to sick pay and holidays. Resolved, That the conditions recommended by the National Joint Board be accepted.

WILLIAM WELSTEAD, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 23rd December, 1920: Present—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Jamieson, Thomas, Welstead and Whitaker. (Councillor Jamieson in the Chair).

3—Maximum Load—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the highest load obtained during the current winter amounted to 1795 K.V.A. against 1528 K.V.A. last year. Resolved, That this Committee desire to express their appreciation of the services rendered by the Engineering Staff and to congratulate them in having maintained so satisfactory a supply under conditions of considerable anxiety.

4—Public Lighting----Extensions—The Engineer reported that he had received further deliveries of material, and in view of the amount of unemployment existing, he had started an additional 10 men to work. Resolved, That this be approved.

5- —Railway Wagons—The Engineer reported that the 6 railway wagons belonging to the Corporation were insufficient for the requirements of the Dept., and, in view of the increased charge for hire of wagons, he recommended that additional wagons be procured. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase a 10 or 12 ton wagon, and that the cost of same be charged to Revenue Account.

6—Leckhampton Court Cable—"Wayleave"—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement for wayleave in respect of cable laid across land belonging to the Leckhampton Quarries Co.

7—Housing Estate—(a) Charge for Lighting of Houses—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that instead of fixing a meter to each house, a supply be afforded at a flat rate of 1/6 per week for parlour-type houses, and 1/3 for non-parlour type houses. Resolved, That this be approved, subject to revision at the end of three months, if the scale is found unsatisfactory.

(b) Public Lighting—Loan—The Town Clerk reported that sanction had been received from the Electricity Commissioners for a loan of £7,504 for the necessary mains, etc., to afford a supply to the Housing Estate, including public lighting, as follows :—

Purpose.	Amount.	Period.
Buildings (Sub-stations)	£200	thirty years.
Mains	£6,727	twenty-five years.
Sub-station equipment	<u>£577</u>	twenty years.
	£7,504	

The Commissioners intimated that sanctions for loans in respect of expenditure for lamp standards etc., did not come within their jurisdiction and that it would therefore be necessary for application to be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to borrow the sum of £273 for this purpose. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Ministry of Health accordingly.

8--Public Lighting—Analyst's Report—The report of Gas Examiner of test on the 15th inst. showed 367.3 British Thermal Units.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Gas Examiner for further information with regard to this test.

STANLEY W. JAMIESON,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th December, 1920: Present—Alderman Margrett, Councillors Moore, Sawyer, Stewart and Whitaker (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 13th December, 1920.		Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	129,000 gallons	109,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	366,000 "	350,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>50,000 "</u>	<u>43,000 "</u>
	Total 545,000	502,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	13th December, 1920		13th December, 1919.	
Hewletts		7,025,000 gallons		14,058,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	14ft. 2in.	24,634,000 "	11ft. 10in.	18,092,000 "
Leckhampton	7ft. 0in.	<u>945,000 "</u>	6ft. 6in.	<u>877,000 "</u>
		Total Storage 32,604,000 "		33,027,000 "

2-Hewletts Reservoir—No. 3 Reservoir had been thoroughly cleaned out.

3 --Salts Farm—Dilapidations, etc.—The Town Clerk submitted Valuation made by Mr. C. C. Castle and Mr. J. G. Villar. The amount due to Mr. Edwards, the outgoing tenant, after deducting £19 10s. for dilapidations, was £54 1s. 3d.

4—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 21st December, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Griffin reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals. Parasitic Mange—Superintendent Griffin submitted a report of the circumstances attending an outbreak of Parasitic Mange at Elmcourt, Prestbury, on the 29th ult.

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Sheep Scab and Sheep (Double Dipping) Order, 1920—The Town Clerk submitted circular letters (G.A. 9060 and 10573/20) of the 29th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, enclosing copy of an Order dated the 24th ult., revoking as from the 1st prox., the Orders requiring the compulsory general dipping of sheep. The Ministry recognise that some Local Authorities will desire to provide for the continued general dipping of all sheep in their district by means of Regulations under Article 12 (l) (a) of the Sheep Scab Order, 1920, in which case the Ministry urge the importance of requiring double dipping with a maximum interval of fourteen days. Resolved, That regulations be made corresponding with regulations which may be made for the County.

2—Silver Leaf Order, 1919—Read, circular letter (H.D. 1498/20/c.) of the 26th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, enclosing leaflets and posters directing the attention of Fruit Growers to the nature of this disease and their obligations under the Order, and the Town Clerk reported that the leaflets had been distributed amongst fruit growers, and the posters exhibited in places frequented by growers. Resolved, That this be approved.

3—Hereford (Foot and Mouth Disease) Order of 1920 (No. 3.)—The Town Clerk submitted this Order, extending the Area comprised in the Scheduled District to an Area including the Borough. The Town Clerk reported that the Order had been published as required by the Ministry.

4—Veterinary Inspector—Fees—The Committee considered the Scale of Fees payable to Veterinary Inspectors adopted by the County Council. Resolved, That the same Scale be adopted for the Borough so far as applicable.

5—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 9th inst. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at Walsingham, Evesham Road, occupied by Miss Rolles. Damage £400 to £500. Brigade Expenses £7 18s. 6d.

6—Licences to store Petroleum and Carbide of Calcium—(a) Applications were received from Leonard Gridley, 26, Priory Street, to store 500 gallons of Petroleum, and 600 lbs. of Carbide of Calcium at Berkeley Garage, Hewlett Street. The Inspector reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory. Resolved, That licenses be granted accordingly. (b) An application was also received from Alfred A. Williams, 6, Pittville Parade, to store 1,000 gallons of Petroleum in bulk under the Bowser system in a cylindrical steel tank underground in the forecourt of No. 10, Portland Street. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for further enquiry to be made by the Inspector.

7--Light Railway—Fares—The Town Clerk reported that the Tramway's Charges Advisory Committee after hearing the representations made on behalf of the Corporation had asked the Company to consider these with a view to meeting the points raised thereby. Read, letter of the 16th inst., from the General Manager (Mr. McCormick), submitting the following revised Scale of Fares:

REVISED SCALE OF FARES.				
NORTH STREET AND LECKHAMPTON.				
North Street and Thirlestaine Road				
Thirlestaine Road and Leckhampton Station		Either way 1 1/2 d.		
Leckhampton Hill				
WITH THE EXISTING FARES.				
North Street and Norwood Arms		2d		
Norwood Arms and Leckhampton		2d.		
North Street and Leckhampton		1d.		
NORTH STREET AND CHARLTON KINGS.				
North Street and Hales Road				
Hales Road and Ryeworth Road		Either way 1 1/2 d.		
Ryeworth Road and Charlton Kings				
WITH THE EXISTING FARES.				
Street and Holy Apostles	North	2d.		
Apostles and Charlton Kings	Holy	2d.		
Street and Charlton Kings	North	4d.		

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NORTH STREET AND SOUTHAM.	
North Street and Whaddon Lane	}
Whaddon Lane and Seven Post Alley	}
Seven Post Alley and Shaw Green Lane	} Either way 1 1/2 d.
Shaw Green Lane and Southam	}
WITH THE EXISTING FARES.	
North Street and Oaklands	}
Oaklands and Mill Lane	} 2d.
Mill Lane and Southam	}
North Street and Mill Lane	4d.
North Street and Southam	6d.
Southam and Cleeve Hill	3d.
Return Fare, Lansdown and Top of Cleeve Hill, 1s. 6d. Single Fare, 1s. 0d.	
" North Street "	" " " 1s. 2d. " 9d.
Tickets will be issued at North Street Office daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	
" " "	St. Mark's Office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	

(Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted).

Mr. McCormick attended the Meeting and also agreed as a further concession to issue season tickets at a discount of 25 per cent., the charge therefor to be based on the price of 24 journeys per week of 7 days, and to convey all school children at half the ordinary fare. Resolved, That Mr. McCormick's proposals be accepted on the understanding that no further increase of fares shall be made without the consent of the Corporation being first obtained,

8—Taxi-Cab Service—Read, letter of the 20th inst., from Mr. R. P. Maw, stating that a firm contract had been entered into by the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association for the provision of a Central Office, that an order had been given to the Post Office Telephones for the installation of an instrument, and that arrangements were being made by certain members of the Association to take turn in providing a night service.

Read also, letter of the 20th inst., from Messrs. Smith Bros., intimating that they were making the Office which they purposed erecting on the 24th inst., and a letter from the Post Office Telephones, stating that an application for a telephone service had been received, but that owing to the inadequacy of the accommodation of the local switchboard and other causes, the Department were not in a position to negotiate an agreement for the service at the present time, but that as soon as conditions permitted, the service would be provided.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Postmaster-General to press for the installation of a telephone without delay, and that the Motor Hire Owners' Association be asked to make some temporary arrangement pending the installation of the telephone.

9—Vacancies on Committees—Resolved, To recommend the following appointments to fill vacancies on Committees:—Education—Miss E. M. Knollys. Maternity and Child Welfare—Mrs D. H. Willoughby.

10-27, Promenade—Lease—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Alfred Marshall had entered into a lease of these premises for the term of seven years, determinable by either party at the end of the third or fifth year by six months' notice in writing, at an annual exclusive rent of £120. Resolved, That this be approved and the Common Seal affixed to the lease.

11—Police Force—Read, letter of the 6th inst., from the Chief Constable, enclosing a list of the Police now employed in the Borough, making a total of 76, including 4 women, but as 2 of the men included in the list were only partly employed in the Borough and only half their cost was charged, they were equivalent to 1 man, which reduced the total actually paid for by the Borough to 75. The letter explained that 2 of the 4 women would be replaced by men when the question of women police in the County had been settled.

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2-National Relief Fund—Committee Room and Office—Resolved, That Miss Alice Gardner's offer to provide a room as a Committee Room and Office for the National Relief Fund Committee, at a rent of 2/6 per hour with a minimum of 5/- for any one day, be accepted.

13—Special Constables and Demobilised Men—Certificates—(a) Resolved, That The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Yarnold and Mr. T. H. Packer be re-appointed a Sub-Committee (with power to add to their number) to deal with the issue of Certificates.

(b) The Town Clerk reported that the Certificates had been received. Resolved, That they be referred to the Sub-Committee.

(c) Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise in the Press with a view to obtaining particulars of those entitled to a Certificate.

14—Market—Sundry Sales—Read, memorial of the 26th ult., signed by Boot Retailers, and letter of the 15th inst., from the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association, protesting against the use of the Market for the sale of boots and shoes. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform them that the Market is open to all on payment of the prescribed tolls.

Tolls -Resolved, That the offer of the Gloucestershire Fruit & Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society Ltd., to pay 1 per cent. commission in lieu of tolls on Sundry Sales be accepted.

Lighting--Read, letter of the 13th inst.. from the Gloucestershire Fruit & Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society Ltd., asking that the Pot Office and Store recently erected be heated and lighted, and stating that the lighting in the Head Office was inadequate. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of lighting the Pot Office and Store and providing a stove therein at £5, and providing for additional lighting in the Head Office at £5 10s. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work.

15—Employment of ex-Service Men—Read, circular letter of the 10th inst., from the Officers' Association, enclosing a Resolution adopted by the Council of the Royal Borough of Kensington, and asking the Council to pass a similar Resolution.

Resolved, That in the selection of Candidates for appointments under the Council, preference in all cases be given to Candidates possessing the necessary- qualifications who have actually served in the Forces overseas; and that this condition be stated in all advertisements inviting applications.

16—Shops (Early Closing) Act, 1920 Read, circular letter of the 6th inst., from the Home Office, with reference to the Shops (Early Closing) Act, 1920, which received the Royal Assent and came into force on the 3rd inst. The Act continues in force until the end of 1921, the General Early Closing Orders for Shops made under No. 10B of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and provides that the Order in force in England and Wales, as set out in Part I. of the Schedule to the Act, shall cease to be an Order under the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and "shall have effect in the area of any local authority as if it were a Closing Order made and confirmed under the Shops Act, 1912 ; and sub-section (5) of section five and sections thirteen and fourteen of that Act shall apply accordingly." The effect of these provisions is that the duty of enforcing the Order, which has hitherto rested with the Police, is transferred to the Local Authorities under the Shops Act, who are empowered to enforce it in their respective areas in the same way as evening Closing Orders made under Section 5 of the Shops Act, 1912.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th December, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham and Stewart; Dr. R. Davies, and F. B. de Sausmarez (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1-Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,387 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 17th November. (Corresponding period last year 1,141). The sale of Post Cards for the month had realised £2 3s. 10d. and Photogravures of 1/5th Gloucesters at Hebuterne, £14 14s.

The following gifts had been received:—

Captain R. P. Wild, Stone Implements from Obuasi, Ashanti, Minerals from Gold Coast, and Basket Work by Housa people ; Mr. H. H. Knight, Collection of Gloucestershire Mosses (9 vols.)

The following loans had been received :—Miss Armitage, 15 Baxter Prints ; Mr. S. D. Scott, Engravings (in wood), line, stipple, etc.; Mr. R. R. Tomlinson, Etched Plate and Etching ; Mr. C. E. Teal, Engravings from Wood Blocks ; Norman Sawyer & Co, Lithographic Stone, Wood Block, Copper Plate and prints from same.

2—Picture—" First-Fifth Gloucesters at Hebuterne"—Account—Resolved, That the account of Messrs. Grove, Son and Boulton, amounting to £101 8s., for making plate for and supplying 100 copies of Photogravure of this Picture, be passed for payment.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday the 3rd December, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Boulter,

Regan, Sawyer, Stanley and Welstead (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1--Barrett's Mill Recreation Ground—Repairs to House—The Committee viewed these premises. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the repairs and renovations recommended in his Report, with the exception that only one bedroom and sitting room be papered, and the walls of the remaining rooms colour-washed.

2--Trees—The Committee inspected trees, for the removal of which applications had been received. Resolved :—

Albert Road—That the plane tree opposite Southern House be not removed.

Back of No. 2, Berkeley Villas—That the owner of these premises be requested to pollard the trees standing at the rear thereof.

Evesham Road—That the tree opposite Holmdene be not removed, and that the attention of the occupier be directed to the condition of the trees and hedge standing in the front garden of the house.

Pittville Gardens—That the two trees overhanging "St. Aryans" be lopped.

Wellington Square—That the two trees opposite Beckaford House and Daylesford be not removed.

3—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Trees—That the following trees be removed : 2 chestnut, 5 beech, 1 lime, and that the beech tree near the fountain be lopped.

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Shelter—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to examine the condition of this shelter and make recommendations as to putting it into a proper state of repair. Fountain—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the fountain to be painted bronze-green.

Gates—Repairs—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the iron gates, to paint the remaining ornamental ironwork, and to render in cement and generally repair the pillars.

5—Advertisement Boards—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the advertisement boards and that in future no advertisements be exhibited on or near the gate::.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th December, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead, and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

6- Football in Recreation Grounds—Resolved, That the application of the Cheltenham Schools Football League for per-mission to use Agg-Gardner, Naunton Park, and Whaddon Lane Recreation Grounds for organised games be granted subject to the usual conditions.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th December, 1920 : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Jamieson, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Jamieson in the chair).

1—Burial Fees—Resolved, That in view of the further increase in the cost of labour and materials, the Council be recommended to approve the revised table of fees (copy of which accompanies these Minutes). Resolved also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to the proposed revised charges.

2 — Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6331 to 6338 (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 and Kerbing to the grave of Emily Catherine Moore ; Memorial Cross to grave of Rev. E. Cargill; Headstone to graves of Mary and William B. Kendall and another ; Headstone and Kerbing to graves of George Webb and Matilda M. Reading ; Kerbing to grave of Oswald Simpson.

STANLEY W. JAMIESON,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th December, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Stanley and Regan ; Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone; Dr. R. Davies; Messrs. E. Gridley and A. Miles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £7 19s. 9d. ; Presentations: Mrs. Griffiths (3 vols.), Michelin Tyre Company (11 vols.), J. Haigh Smith, Esq. (1 vol) Colonel J. C. Griffith (1 vol.), Rev. A. A. Headley (1 vol.)

The Number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of November last was 3,952; and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 10,985, and from the Children's Library 2,597.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th December: Present—Alderman Green; Councillor Regan ; Messrs. J. R. Claridge and E. C. Rogers. (Alderman Green in the chair).

They recommended:— That " The Covenant," a quarterly review of the League of Nations, be purchased at a cost of 14/- per annum.

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

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th December, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley and Councillor Dicks (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 24th inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £10,713 4s. 5d. Leaving outstanding, £26,608 16s. 0d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 24th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th March next. Amount collected £5,212 8s. 11d. Leaving outstanding, £10,639 2s. 11d.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 29th December, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley, and Taylor, Councillors Dicks, Whitaker and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £7,630 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans. Resolved, also, That the terms arranged for continuance of a Debenture for £2,400 be approved and that the Debenture be endorsed accordingly.

4—Expenditure—Resolved, That the attention of all Committees be directed to the urgent necessity of their expenditure being kept within the limits of their estimates.

5—Orders for Supplies—Resolved, That the Heads of Departments be instructed to provide official order books and that no order be issued for supplies or work of any kind except on the official form.

6—Fidelity Guarantee Insurance Policy— Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to obtain a quotation for a combined Policy to cover the various officials in lieu of the existing individual Policies.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 3rd January, 1921, at 3 p.m. Present : The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel).

Aldermen Green, Horsley, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Edith. Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

1—Taxi-Cab Service—Deputation—Messrs. A. and W. Devereux, G. Gabb, F. Hart, A. Mills, E. Roebuck and E. Turner attended as a deputation on behalf of employees discharged by the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Limited, consequent upon the withdrawal of their taxi-cab service, and urged the Council to reconsider the application made by Company's letter of the 22nd

May last for the adoption of the Scale of Fares contained therein. The Council decided to consider the representations made by the Deputation at the conclusion of the ordinary business.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 6th December and the Special Meeting on the 20th December last, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health ... Meeting held December 13

Housing, Meetings held December 20 & 29

Town Improvement and Spa ••• Meetings held December 17 & 23

Electricity and Lighting ••• Meetings held December 13 & 23

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Water ... Meeting held December 13

General Purposes and Watch ••• Meeting held December 21*

*Subject to the following addendum, viz. :— That Mr. Councillor Stanley be appointed a Member of the Sub-Committee referred to in Minute No. 13 (a) to deal with the issue of Certificates to Special Constables etc., Vacancies on Committees—(a) Education Committee—That Miss M. E. Knollys be re-appointed a Member of the Education Committee, her term of Office to expire on the 3rd January, 1924.

(b) Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—That Mrs. D. H. Willoughby be appointed a Member of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee in place of Miss Hill, resigned.

Art Gallery and Museum ... Meeting held December 15

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments... Meetings held December 3 & 13

Burial Board ... Meeting held December 24

Public Library ••• Meeting held December 14

Finance ... Meetings held December 24 & 29

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed 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.

4—Notice of Motion—With the consent of the Council, the Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr. Councillor Jamieson was adjourned until the next meeting.

5—Taxi-Cab Service—Deputation—The Council went into Committee to consider the representations made by the Deputation on behalf of employees discharged by the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Limited, and it was decided that the previous decision in regard to fares. be adhered to.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

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 7th February, 1921.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th January, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Rogers, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers 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. :-4, Mitre Street; 26, St. Philip's Street ; 22, Rosehill Street ; St. John's Institute ; 6 and 7, Stanhope Street ; and 3 and 4, Orchard Place. 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 Queensholme Stable Cottage ; 20, Townsend Street; 14, Glenfall Street ; 4, Mitre Street ; 24, Bloomsbury Street ; 25, St. Philip's Street ; 16, Winstonian Road ; 2, 3, 4, and 5 Orchard Place ; 1a, Regent Place ; 112, Fairview Road ; 3, Albert Street, Peter's ; 1, Market Parade, Market Street ; and 3, Orchard Place (left hand side). The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 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 20 and 21, Suffolk Parade ; 5, 6, 7, and 21, Commercial Street ; 61, Union Street ; and Angle Stores, Great Norwood 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-1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Orchard Place ; in Regent Place ; 3, Albert Street, St. Peter's ; 6 and 21, Commercial Street ; and Upnor, Pittville Lawn. 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-Surrender of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported surrender of 14 pork pigs; 90 lbs. beef; 24 Ox livers ; 24 Ox hearts ; 18 Ox tails ; 12 skirtings ; 12 sets ox lungs ; and 11 tons of fish and fruit.

6-Station Street -Paving and Surface Water Drainage-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that complaints had been received from time to time of a nuisance arising from the bad condition of the roadway and the want of proper surface water drainage in Station Street. Resolved, That the report be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

7-Sewers-Pembroke Lodge, St George's Road--The Inspector of Nuisances reported that he had inspected the drains of these premises and informed the owner that the only way to obviate the nuisance complained of would be to connect the drains with the new public sewer in St. George's Road.

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St. Margaret's Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the sewer in St. Margaret's Road from its junction with Henrietta Street to a point opposite Monson Avenue, a length of about two yards, was defective and on the point of collapse, and that it was necessary to reconstruct same. He estimated the cost of laying a new 9 inch pipe sewer with requisite manholes at about £150. Resolved, That the work be put in hand forthwith.

8-Royal Sanitary Institute—Annual Congress—Read, letter of the 31st ult., from the Secretary, Royal Sanitary Institute, inviting delegates to attend the 32nd Congress and Exhibition to be held at Folkestone from the 20th-25th June, 1921. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health and Inspector of Nuisances be appointed delegates to attend the Congress.

9-Chief Inspector of Nuisances—Salary—Read, letter of the 8th inst., from Mr. A. E. Hudson, Chief Inspector of Nuisances, intimating that, consequent upon the termination of Food Control, his duties and remuneration as District Food Officer ceased on the 31st ult., and asking the Committee to consider the revision of his salary in accordance with the resolution of the General Purposes and Watch and Finance (Joint) Committees, at their Meeting on the 26th November, 1919. Resolved, That Mr. Hudson's salary be increased to £400 per annum, rising by annual increments of £20 to a maximum of £500.

Food Control—Resolved, also, That this Committee desire to express their appreciation of the efficient services rendered by Mr. Hudson, as Executive Officer, and the Staff of the Food Control Office in the performance, frequently under difficult conditions, of the exacting duties arising out of the Rationing Orders issued from time to time by the Ministry of Food.

10—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—Reported meeting on 10th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the Chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 10th inst. was 5 colts to horses (2 at Depot), 4 calves, 126 head of cattle, 27 lambs, 68 sheep, and 33 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 2 barren cows had been purchased for £60. 3 calves and to pigs had been bred on the Farms. 6 fat heifers, 1 heifer and calf, 1 calf and 10 sheep had been sold for £419 19s. 2d. 1 heifer had been slaughtered owing to illness, and 1 lamb found dead on the Farms.

Osier Bed—Resolved, That a further acre of land on Elm Hill be planted with osiers, and that the Farms Manager be instructed to apply to the Employment Exchange for any additional labour required in connection therewith. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed.

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 6th January, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Regan, Rogers and Whitaker (The Mayor in the chair)

1—Houses—Completion—The Architects reported that ten houses would be completed and ready for occupation on the 24th inst. Selection of Tenants—The Committee considered applications for houses and the ten completed houses were allocated in accordance with the Scheme for the Selection of Tenants approved by the Council on the 9th November last.

Opening Ceremony—Resolved, That The Mayor be invited to perform the ceremony of officially opening the Estate on Tuesday, the 18th inst.

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2-Tenders for Houses—The Committee further considered the tenders received for the erection of 20 pairs of non-parlour type houses. Resolved, That subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health, and to contracts, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into, the following tenders be accepted:—

Name	No. of Houses		Cost. Per House.	
	to be erected.	Description.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Billings, A. C. & Sons, Ltd.	20	Brick Walls	16,386	15 0 819 6 9
Drew, Wm. ..., • • • ..	20	do.	do.	do.

3—Tennyson Road—Widening—The Borough Surveyor reported that as this road connected with No. 1 Arterial Road, Arle, and would be a through road, the Ministry of Transport had approved the widening of the carriageway of Tennyson Road from 16 ft. to 20 ft., and that half the cost of such additional width would be defrayed by the Ministry.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 24th January, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Jamieson, Regan, Rogers and Whitaker (The Mayor in the chair).

4---Trees in Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that it was proposed to plant the following variety of trees in Tennyson Road :-- Acacias, Prunus Pasardi and Acer Nagunda. Resolved, That these be approved.

5—Lay-out—Unemployment—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 6th inst., from the Housing Commissioner, intimating that no objection would be made to additional cost of road work, etc., on the Housing Estate which might be put in hand to provide employment for ex-Service men on the conditions set out in the letter from the Ministry of Health of the 8th November. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to put in hand any suitable work in connection with the lay-out of the Housing Estate to provide employment for ex-Service men.

6—Subsidy House, Alma Road -The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for a bungalow to be erected in Alma Road by Mr. C. Smith, and reported that the plans had been submitted to the Housing Commissioner who would raise no objection to the proposed method of construction (wood framing with metal lathing and rough cast outside, and asbestos sheeting inside) if the specifications for cottages of timber construction issued by the Ministry of Health were adhered to. Resolved, That Mr. Smith be informed that the plans are in order and that Certificate A will be issued if the Council are authorised to do so by further legislation.

7—Selection of Tenants—The Town Clerk submitted additional applications for houses. Resolved, That the houses be allocated according to marks awarded under the Scheme for the Selection of Tenants, irrespective of the date of receipt of applications.

8—Gloucester Road Frontage—Plans for Houses—The Architects submitted plans for the erection of 20 houses on the Gloucester Road frontage. Resolved, That the plans be approved and forwarded to the Housing Commissioner for his approval.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 2nd February, 1921: Present—Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann and Yarnold: Mrs. Booy, Miss Barnard and Miss Foster (Councillor Edith Geddes in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society—Quarterly Report—The Report for the quarter ended December last was read. The attendances had been as follows:-

	Infants. Toddlers.	
At Highbury (12 meetings)	46.6	15.1
At Clare Street (12 meetings)..	22.7	16.1

At Baker Street (11 meetings).. 37 10.5

Mrs. Longridge had resigned the position of Hon. Secretary to the Needlework Guild, and Mrs. Ivelaw Chapman had been appointed to fill the vacancy.

2-Health Visitors—(a) Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work for the quarter ended 31st December last :

Number of Children visited	(a) one year and under	873	
	(b) over one year ..	<u>140</u>	
		Total	1013
Number of Children remaining on Visiting Registers . . .			2165
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors—Miss Elliott ..			846
	Miss Harlock	<u>311</u>	
			1157
Health Visitors' Attendances at Centres—Miss Elliott			34
	Miss Harlock	<u>24</u>	
			58
Children remitted to Hospital . . .			8
Un-notified Births discovered			21

Grants of Milk:

(a) Carried over from previous quarter—

To Nursing or Expectant Mothers..	7	stopped ..	2	continuing ..	5
To Infants and Children under 5 years ..	10	“	3	“	7

(b) New Orders issued—

To Nursing or Expectant Mothers..	8	“	1	“	7
To Infants and Children under 5 years	10	“	3	“	7

(b) Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Ministry of Health, approving the appointment of Miss Helen M. Jordan as Health Visitor and the terms thereof.

3--Lectures on Infant Care—Read, circular letter of the 31st ult., from the National League of Health, Maternity and Child Welfare, enclosing Syllabus of Weekly Lectures on Infant Care to be held at Worcester from the 12th February to 12th March next. Resolved, That the Health Visitors be authorised to attend the Lecture and Demonstration to be held on March 12th, and that they be allowed third-class railway fare, 4/- each for expenses, and 1/6 each, Lecture fee.

4—Ante-natal Work, Measles and Day Nursery—Read, letter of the 14th ult., from the Ministry of Health, with further reference to the provision made for Maternity and Child Welfare in the Borough, and the Resolution of the Committee at their Meeting on the 26th October last in regard thereto. Resolved, That Nurse Hill be asked to arrange for periodical talks to prospective mothers, to be given at Highbury.

5—Accounts—The following Accounts were passed for payment :—

Voluntary Health Society—Half-yearly Grant .. £50 0 0

Milk for Nursing Mothers and Children .. 52 4 2

Messrs. T. Hailing, Ltd. .. 4 11 6

EDITH M. H. GEDDES, Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At 4 Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th January, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Wilkins and Yarnold (The Mayor in the Chair).

1—Street Projections —354, High Street—Resolved, That the application of Messrs. Fredk. Wright, Ltd., for permission to fix an illuminated cigar-shaped sign at these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions. 335, High Street--Resolved, That the application of Mr. A. C. Dunn for permission to fix a sign at the Ambulance Headquarters, 335, High Street, be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

2-- Tenders for Trees—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. A. S. Barradell & Co., Ltd., of £56 13s. 6d. for trees removed from streets, etc., being the highest of two tenders received, be accepted.

3-15, Ambrose Street—Rent—Read, letter from the tenant of this house, Mrs. M. A. Brown, asking that the rent thereof should not be increased to more than 12/- a week. Resolved, That this be agreed to, and that Minute No. 22 of this Committee of the 29th November last be varied accordingly.

4—Arterial Roads—Road No. 1 (Arle Road to Tennyson Road) —The Town Clerk submitted letter of the 7th inst., from the Ministry of Transport, stating that the Authority required under Section 2 (1) of the Unemployment (Relief Works) Act, 1920, for entering and taking the land required for and in connection with this road would be issued as soon as the Certificate of the Minister of Labour was received.

The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. J. G. Villar, as agent for Mr. J. R. Brown, had given authority to enter the land belonging to the Corporation in Mr. Brown's occupation. The work was started on the 22nd ult., and 95 men were now being employed, which number could be increased to 150 as soon as the land owned by Mr. Brown was available. He also reported the terms upon which Mr. Villar had recommended Mr. Brown to give the land required. Resolved, That these be approved.

Resolved, also, That formal notice of intention to enter Mr. Brown's land be given, if necessary, to prevent delay in proceeding with the work.

Road No. 2 (Cleeve View Road to Hewlett Road)—The Borough Surveyor reported his negotiations with Messrs. Bubb & Co. for the land required for this road, and submitted letter from Messrs. Bubb & Co. that their client did not approve of the proposal to construct this road, and had decided not to proceed further with the matter. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for

their sanction to enable the Corporation to enter and take the land required for and in connection with this road.

Workmen—Wages—Messrs. S. Clifford, E. Cotterell, A. Goodhall and F. W. Lane attended as a Deputation on behalf of workmen employed on Road No. 1 (Arle) and urged that in view of the small wages earned since the commencement of the work, owing to bad weather, payment be made at the rate of 1/4½ per hour instead of 1/-.

Resolved, That the rate of pay be increased to 1/3 per hour, and, to afford the men an opportunity of seeking regular employment, that work be suspended altogether on Saturdays.

5—Workmen—Wages—Read, letter of the 17th ult., from the Employers' Secretary, Joint Industrial Council, asking that the recommendation of the Industrial Council as to an interview between Representatives of the Corporation and the local Trade Union Representatives be carried out. Resolved, That the Committee do not consider it necessary at the present time.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 31st January, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

6—Street Projections—Resolved, That the Committee make no objection to the erection of a petroleum distributing pump on the kerb in front of No. 10 Portland Street, as recommended by the General Purposes and Watch Committee at their meeting on the 25th inst.

7—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 25th November last to the 27th January inst., (both dates inclusive). Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 2nd January, 1921, 1,557 loads collected, 1,137 consumed, and 120 tipped away. Weight consumed, 1,855 tons 1 cwt.

8— Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—Deductions—The Borough Surveyor reported that, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, deductions, were being made from the wages of all employees in his department (gardeners and treemen included). Resolved, That this be approved.

9—Classification of Roads—Read letter of 21st inst., from the County Surveyor, giving particulars of the provisional Classification of roads in the Borough received from the Ministry of Transport. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to urge that the suggested classification reported to the Committee at their meeting on the 26th April last (Minute No. 2) be adhered to, and in particular, that Gloucester Road and Leckhampton Road be classified as First and Second-class Roads, respectively.

10—Unemployment—(a) Deputation—Read, letters of the 20th, 24th, and 29th inst., from the Secretary Trades and Labour Council, asking the Committee to receive a Deputation with reference

to unemployment, on a convenient date after 5 p.m. Resolved, That the Deputation be invited to attend a Special Meeting for the purpose on the 9th prox., at 6 p.m.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted circular letter (167) of the 29th ult, from the Ministry of Health, suggesting short time work to provide employment for an increased number of workmen. Resolved, That no action be taken.

11—Advertisement Regulation Act, 1907—Hoarding, Cemetery Road--Read, letter of the 13th inst., from Mr. Shakspeare Shenton, asking for permission to re-erect the existing advertisement hoarding in Cemetery Road on the opposite side of the road. Resolved, That permission be granted.

12-Arterial Road No. 1—(Arle Road to Tennyson Road)—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Brown had refused to agree to the terms arranged by Mr. Villar. The Town Clerk reported that the sanction of the Ministry of Transport had been issued for the Corporation to enter and take possession of the land required for and in connection with this road, and that formal notice of intention to enter had been served on Mr. Brown. Resolved, That the work be proceeded with and that the necessary notices be served on the owners and occupiers of the lands required for and in connection with the road, comprising 22 ½ acres, including a strip of building frontage approximately 150 feet in depth on either side of the road.

Road No. 2—(Cleeve View Road to Hewlett Road)--The Town Clerk reported that the sanction of the Ministry of Transport had been received authorising the Corporation to enter and take possession of the land required for and in connection with this road. Resolved, That Notice of intention to enter and Notice to treat be served on the owners and occupiers of the land required, and that the work be put in hand as soon as the Corporation are in a position to enter.

13—Private Improvement Works —Sandford Mill Road (continuation)--The Borough Surveyor submitted Specifications, Plans and Estimates of the Works required to be done to the above road. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that Notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said road, requiring to be severed, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good ; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

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14—Roads Act, 1920—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of the 25th inst., from the Ministry of Transport, with reference to the provisions of this Act.

15—View Meeting —Councillor Mann attended a Meeting of the View Committee on Wednesday, the 26th inst. He recommended as follows:—

Promenade-----Tree— That the tree opposite Westley's be removed and two others planted.

Tewkesbury Road--Footpaths—That the paths be patched were necessary.

Tewkesbury Road,—Footpath--That the margin of the footpath opposite No. 84 and adjoining houses be re-asphalted.

Tewkesbury Road —Tree—That the tree in front of the approach to the Pin Factory be removed.

Waterloo Street—Footpaths--That the footpaths be re-asphalted were necessary.

Swindon Road—Footpaths—That the margin of the footpaths be asphalted or laid with cement.

Queens Street—Footpath—That the footpath on the east side be paved with slabs out of money provided in the estimate.

St. George's Road (Royal Well Terrace to York Terrace)—Footpath —That about 20 yards of new paving be laid between Nos. 11 and 14, the slabs taken out to be used for repairing the remainder of the footpath.

Montpellier Terrace—Trees—That the trees opposite No. 40 be not removed.

Montpellier Spa Buildings Road—Tree—That the tree opposite No. 3 be not removed.

Passage between Mayfield and Lansdown- Hotel -That the path be repaired where necessary.

Lansdown Road—Tree—That the tree by Fawley Lodge be pruned.

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

16--Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 15th and 31st inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 11th January, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Rogers Whitaker and Wilkins (The Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1406	Housing Association for Officers' Families	Fire Escapes, Evelyn Court, Lansdown Terrace
1518	J. Barrett	Detached House, Charlton Lane
1519	H. Jordan & Co.	Alteration to building (motor garage), Grove Street
1520	David Greig	Alterations and additions to rear of 325, High Street
1521	Dr. Conder	Re-erection of Motor House, Eton Lodge, The Park

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1406, 1518 and 1519 be approved, that Plan No. 1520 be approved, subject to the drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 1521 be approved subject to line of frontage being kept back to line of porch.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 31st January, 1921. Present : The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Rogers (The 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.
1522	C. J. Smith	Detached House, Alma Road.
1523	B. P. Reynolds	Additions to The Holt, Berkeley Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1522 and 1523 be approved. The Building Inspector reported that Mr. Wurtheimer had erected a wooden building at No. 4, Cambridge Villas, Promenade, for use as a motor house in contravention of Bye-law No. 49. Resolved, That notice be given under the provisions of the Bye-laws to shew cause why the building could not be removed pursuant to Bye-law 54.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 21st January, 1921 : Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Medical Baths—Masseuses—Read, letter of the 20th ult., from Miss J. Pearce, intimating that she was unable to accept the appointment of Assistant Masseuse. Resolved, on the recommendation of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee, that Nurse E. Dudley be appointed Assistant Masseuse for one month on trial at a salary of £2 15s. 0d. per week.

Laundry Allowance—Resolved, That a laundry allowance of 3/- per week be granted to the Masseuses.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 28th January, 1921 : Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Pates and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

2—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 28th ult., 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th instant were read. Resolved, That the same be approved. Fancy Dress Ball—Resolved, That a Fancy Dress Ball be held at the Town Hall on the 17th—18th March next, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets 5/6 each (including refreshments).

Municipal Ball—Resolved, That a Municipal Ball be held at the Town Hall on the 16th—17th prox., from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets 5/6 each (including refreshments).

Pittville Gardens—Municipal Fetes—Resolved, That Pittville Gardens be reserved for Municipal Fetes on Whit-Monday and August Bank Holiday next.

Music and Dancing Licenses—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for renewal of the Licenses for the Town Hall (including provisions for Sunday Concerts), Montpellier Gardens, Montpellier Baths, and also for the Winter Garden Bandstand.

3—Summer Orchestra—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for the provision of a Summer Orchestra, and that the Concerts Sub-Committee be authorised to consider tenders received and report thereon to this Committee.

4—Mineral Waters—Sales—Reported the number of Mineral Waters sold as follows :—Central Spa 878; Montpellier Baths 5 ; Pittville Chalet 50; Pittville Pump Room 2.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 27th January, 1921 : Present—Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Moore, Welstead and Whitaker. (Councillor Moore in the Chair).

1—Railway Wagon—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted the following quotations for the supply of a railway wagon :

Name.	10 ton Wagon.	12 ton Wagon.
Gloucester Wagon Co. •	£303	£318
Thomas Hunter, Rugby.	£303	£321

Resolved, That the tender of the Gloucester Wagon Company, to supply a 12 ton wagon for £318, be accepted.

2--Additions to Plant--Switchgear—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the following tenders for switchgear be accepted :—

Name.	Switchgear.	Amount.
Switchgear and Cowan, Manchester ..	600 ampere cubical with control panel, erected complete. ..	£361
Ediswan Electric Co., Ltd.	two oil switches for feeders, Manchester Street Sub-Station	£31 8s.

He also recommended that certain modifications required in the existing panels be made at an estimated cost of £60. Resolved, That the recommendations be adopted and that application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for a loan of £456 to cover the expenditure.

3—National Joint Industrial Council Wages--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted Consolidated Rates of pay as agreed to by the District Council (No. 6). West of England Area which involved slight variations in the present overtime rates, and an increase of about 1d. per hour to labourers, representing a total increase of about £150 a year. Resolved, That the Consolidated Rates of pay be adopted.

4—Housing Estate--Public Lighting—Charges--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he was arranging to light some of the public lamps on the Housing Estate. Resolved, That an inclusive charge of £5 13s. 5d. per annum be made in respect thereof.

Sub-Station—Resolved, That the general design of the Sub-Station to be erected in Tennyson Road (provided for in the Scheme) be left to the Borough Electrical Engineer.

5—Electric Standard, Lower High Street —Damage by Collision—It was reported that a motor-lorry belonging to Messrs. Jordan & Co., Ltd., collided with an electric standard in Lower High Street on the 20th ult., breaking the pillar, lamp and outer globe, and the Town Clerk submitted a letter of the 14th inst., from the Car and General Insurance Co., Ltd., alleging that the collision was due to the greasy state of the road, but offering to pay half the cost of re-erecting the standard. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

6—Public Lighting—Analyst's Report—The report of Gas Examiner of test on the 7th inst. showed 472 British Thermal Units.

7--Gas Regulation Act, 1920— Resolved, That the Chairman and Town Clerk be appointed to attend the enquiry into the application made by the Gas Co. under this Act.

8—Salary of Chief Engineer--The Chairman reported, with reference to Minutes Nos. 4 and 6, respectively, of the proceedings of the Committee at their meetings on the 26th June, 1919 and 19th February, 1920, that the Joint Committee of Representatives of Municipal Undertakings and Engineers had agreed on the extra percentages payable to Engineers, and that the salary of the Borough Electrical Engineer under the Minimum Scale with such percentages, based on the generation of 2,000,000 units per annum, would be £760 as from the 1st June, 1919.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th January, 1921: Present—Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Moore, Pates and Sawyer (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 January, 1921.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	255,000 gallons	265,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,958,000	1,789,000
Leckhampton Springs	72,000	61,000
Total	2,285,000	2,115,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	15th January, 1921.		15th January, 1920.	
Hewletts		16,638,000 gallons		22,396,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	24ft. 5in.	63,109,000 "	19ft. 11in.	45,023,000
Leckhampton	9ft. 0in.	1,215,000 "	4ft. 7in.	607,000
Total Storage		80,962,000		68,026,000

Pumping was discontinued at Tewkesbury and Sandford on the 8th inst.

2—Dowdeswell and Hewletts Reservoirs—Trout—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase 200 two-year Rainbow Trout (7 ins. average) for Dowdeswell and Hewletts Reservoirs, respectively, at a cost of £5 2s. 0d. per 100.

3—Water Inspectors—Resolved, That applications be invited for the following appointments :—

(a) Chief Water Inspector at wages of £4 per week.

(b) Water Inspector at wages of £12 15s. 0d. per week.

Uniform to be provided and an allowance of £3 per annum made for use of bicycle in each case.

4—Land at "The Mythe," Tewkesbury—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from Mr. H. E. Howell, asking on behalf of Mrs. Howell to be released from the tenancy of this land. Resolved, That the agreement be terminated on the 25th March next, and that the Borough Engineer be instructed to obtain offers for the tenancy of the land as from that date.

5—Salts Farm—Read, letter of the 20th ult., from Mr. C. C. Castle, stating that the counter claim allowed in the Valuation, viz.: £19 10s. 0d. was in respect of hedging, cross-cropping, and straw taken off, and recommending that the sum of £10 be allowed out of the first year's rent due from the present tenant, Mr. Dunn, subject to his putting the hedges into proper order. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

6—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 Friday, the 25th January, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Moore, and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1---Diseases amongst Animals-- Superintendent Griffin reported that with the exception of a case of Swine Fever at Holliday's Allotments, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

Hereford (Foot and Mouth Disease) Orders, 1920—Revocation--The Town Clerk reported that an Order had now been made by the Ministry of Agriculture revoking the Foot and Mouth Disease Orders so far as the same affected the Borough.

Foot and Mouth Disease in Ireland—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter (T.A. 7361/21) of the 19th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, intimating that consequent upon outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease in Ireland, the Ministry had made an Order prohibiting the landing of animals from Irish ports otherwise than for slaughter within 4 days, and asking that such animals sent to destinations within the Borough, be examined by the Veterinary Inspector.

Sheep Scab-A circular letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries enclosing copies of Leaflet No. 61 (Revised) dealing with symptoms of sheep scab and preventive measures to be taken, was submitted. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the Veterinary Inspector to the two foregoing.

Inspector under Diseases of Animals Acts—Remuneration—Read, letter of the 22nd November last from the Chief Constable that the allowance of £20 now made to Superintendent Griffin for the inspection of Hackney Carriages should be discontinued, but asking that the same amount might be paid to him as remuneration for his services under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

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.

Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Fire Station on Friday, the 7th January, 1921. Present : The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Stewart.

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

Motor Fire Engine—Illumination and Equipment—The Sub-Committee inspected the motor fire engine. Resolved, (a) That a dynamo and electric lighting set (with spare lamp), be fitted to the motor fire engine at an estimated cost of £9 9s. 0d.

(b) That a cushion covered with leather or other suitable material be provided for the driver's seat.

Electric Arm Lamp--Resolved, -That an additional arm lamp be provided for the purpose of locating hydrants.

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

3—Licences to Store Petroleum--(a) An application was received from Bert Blisset, Lyefield, Naunton Park, to store too gallons of Petroleum at the Norwood Motor and Cycle Works, Norwood Road, and the Inspector reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory. Resolved That a licence be granted accordingly.

(b) The Committee further considered an application from Mr. Alfred A. Williams to store 1000 gallons of petroleum in a cylindrical steel tank underground in the forecourt of No. 10, Portland Street, and to supply the spirit from a distributing pump to be erected on the kerb in front of the premises. A Representative from the Anglo-American Oil Company, Ltd., attended and stated that similar apparatus had been installed in other towns, and tests had proved the method of storage to be a safe one. Resolved, That a Licence be granted subject to the approval of the Street and Highway Committee to the erection of the proposed pump on the kerb, and to the applicant entering into an Undertaking, to prepared by the Town Clerk, to pay an annual acknowledgment of 5/- and to keep the pump illuminated from the hour fixed for the lighting of the street lamps until 11 p.m. each day (Sundays included).

4 --Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cabs —The following applications for Motor Cab licences were received: S. Butt, Ernest T. Fowles, William Waldron, Charles T. Simcox, and Wilcox Bros. Resolved, That licences be granted subject to the receipt of satisfactory reports on the examination of the vehicles.

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Motor Cab—Transfer--Read, application of the 20th inst., from Mr. William F. S. Eddies for licence No 61 held by him in respect of Motor Cab No. AM 1927 to be transferred to No. P 4487, together with a satisfactory report on the examination of the latter vehicle. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the cab being fitted with a luggage rail and speaking tube, and to the provision of other fittings referred to in Messrs. Mill's report.

Pony Carriage Licence—Resolved, That the application of Mr. Alfred Butler for the transfer of pony carriage licence No. 105 to Mr. John E. Greenslade, be granted.

Bath Chair No. 75—Read, application of the 18th inst., from Mr. George H. Bendy, for a licence in respect of Bath Chair No. 15. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

5—Motor Omnibus Drivers' and Conductors' Licences—Read, application of the 7th inst., from the National Omnibus and Transport Company, Ltd., Stroud, for drivers' licences in respect of Herbert W. King and Valder C. M. King, and a conductor's licence in respect of Jack Mills, together with a recommendation from the Inspector that the licences be granted. Resolved, that these be granted.

6—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read, application of the 29th ult., from Mr. Shakspeare Shenton, for a renewal of the licence in respect of the "Palace," High Street. Resolved, That the licence be renewed for one year from the 7th February, 1921, subject to the same conditions as contained in previous licence.

7—Taxi-Cab Service—Complaints—Read, letter of the 21st inst., from the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association, with reference to complaints made as to the alleged mechanical inefficiency of certain taxi-cabs, together with a copy of the Town Clerk's reply of the 24th inst., thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

Telephone—Read, letter of the 12th inst., from the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association, asking the Corporation to agree, as a temporary arrangement, for an extension from the switchboard at the Municipal Offices to the Central Taxi-Cab Office. The Town Clerk reported that the Post Office Telephones Department was prepared to install an instrument, subject to the Corporation agreeing to pay an annual rent of £4 15s in respect of the extension, and such charge for joint user as may be fixed by the revised telephone rates, and that Messrs. C. Thornber and W. J. Houghton had given a written Undertaking on behalf of the Association to repay to the Corporation the whole of such rent and charges, and also for calls originating from the Central Office. Resolved, That this arrangement be approved.

The Town Clerk reported that the fare of 4 ½ d. for a quarter mile journey and for 3 ½ minutes ;waiting time could not be conveniently registered on a taxi-meter and the Taxi-cab proprietors desired that the scale of fees should be amended as follows :—

For every succeeding one-sixth mile or part thereof .. 3d.

Waiting time for 2 ½ minutes • • .. 3d.

Resolved, That the scale of fares be so amended, and that Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting on the 29th October last be varied accordingly

8—Police Force—Read, letter of the 4th inst., from the Clerk of the Standing Joint Committee, stating that the Committee were of opinion that the total number of male members of the Police force must be 75, and that the two women police, if retained, must be additional to this number. The Committee also considered that some addition to the pay of the women police would probably be necessary and had referred this matter for consideration by the Finance Sub-Committee on which the Corporation is represented. Resolved, That the Standing Joint Committee be informed that it is desired to retain the two women police, but the Committee cannot recommend the Council to agree, under present circumstances, to the male members of the Police Force being increased beyond the number of 73 agreed to by the Corporation under the provisions of the agreement with the County for a consolidated force.

9—Provincial Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services—Read, letter of the 24th ult., from the Town Clerk, Bristol, intimating that as a result of the Conference held at Bristol on the 13th idem, it was decided to form a Provincial Council for the Counties of Gloucester, Somerset and Wilts, and that the Boroughs of Cheltenham and Tewkesbury are together entitled to elect one representative upon the Council Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain the views of the Tewkesbury Corporation.

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10- 27, Promenade—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. A. Marshall had been obliged to leave Cheltenham, and had asked to be released from his lease of these premises. Resolved, That in view

of the circumstances of the case this be agreed to, subject to payment by Mr. Marshall of one month's rent, viz. £10

11-Telephones—Revised Tariffs—The Town Clerk submitted circular letters from the District Manager, Post Office Telephones, giving notice determining the several Agreements for telephone facilities as a preliminary to application of a revised telephone tariff.

12-Rats and Mice (Destruction Act), 1919—Report of Executive Officer--The Executive Officer submitted report of work done under this Act for the year 1920. Resolved, That the Committee consider the report very satisfactory.

13 -Contributions to Local Charities and Public Institutions—Read, application of the 26th inst., from the Joint Hon Treasurer, St. John's Ambulance Association and British Red Cross Society for the Ambulance Headquarters to be included in the list of Charities to which subscriptions were made in lieu of the remission of the General District Rate. Resolved, This this be agreed to and that in pursuance of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, and the Cheltenham Order, 1905, the undermentioned subscriptions be made to the Institutions named in lieu of remission of such rate.

General Hospital	46 8 8
Female Refuge	5 0 11
Female Orphan Asylum • •	6 1 2
Blind Asylum	6 1 2
Nazareth House • •	63 11 8
Victoria homer Nurses •	17 3 3
Provident Dispensary ..	6 1 2
Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital • • • •	16 3 0
Boys' Orphan Asylum .. • •	4 0 9
Hospital for Sick Children	12 2 3
Home for Aged Pensioners • • • • •	3 16 0
St. Catherine's Home, Cambray • • • •	<u>6 1 2</u>
	£192 11 2

New Application—

St. John's Ambulance Association from Aug. 15th, 1920 • • 10 1 1
£202 13 1

General Hospital-- Annual Contribution due 1st Jan., 1921 per resolution General Purposes Committee 22nd Sept., 1908 .. £87 12 0

14—Cotswold Convalescent Home--Read, letter of the 11th inst., from the Charity Commission enclosing formal notice of proposed sale of the Convalescent Home and land adjoining.

15—Index to Minutes—Printing—Resolved, That the tender of Mr. G. F. Poole, for printing Index to the minutes for the years 1914-15 to 1919-20 at 10/- per page, being the lowest of two tenders received, be accepted.

16—Pawnbroker's Certificate—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a complaint from the holder of a pawn-ticket that on the redemption of a pledge a charge of 3/3 for storage had been made by H. Higgins & Co., Ltd, in addition to the statutory interest, which appeared to be contrary to the provisions of the Pawnbrokers' Act, 1872. Resolved, That the complaint be referred to the Superintendent of Police with instructions to take proceedings if the necessary evidence is obtainable.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 12th January, 1921 Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,448 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 12th December. (Corresponding period last year 1,707).

The sale of Post Cards for the month had realised £1 4s. 10d. and Photogravures of 1/5th Gloucesters at Hebuterne £27 6s.

The following gift had been received:— Mrs. Beechey, Portrait of Dr. Dalton, Medical Practitioner in Cheltenham, 1840-1869.

The following loan had been received:—Mrs. Angus, New Zealand Trapper's Bag and Stone Pounder.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE. At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday the 10th January, 1921: Present—Councillors Boulter, Regan, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair),

1-Allotments—Hall Road, Nos. 9 & 9 (a)--Resolved, That this allotment, containing 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ chains, be transferred from W. D. Farrar to William Berry as from the 1st instant., at an annual rent of £1 per chain.

Folly Lane, No. 8—Resolved, That this allotment, containing 1 chain be let to W. Timms as from the 1st inst., at an annual rent of £1 per chain.

College Road Tip, No. 10—Resolved, That this allotment, containing if chains, be let to A. G. Gutteridge as from the 1st inst, at an annual rent of £1 per chain.

Land, Hale's Road, adjoining Beechurst Read, letters of the 22nd ult. and 4th inst., from Messrs. Haddock and Pruen, intimating that Mrs. Holborow, who had recently purchased Beech Hurst and

the adjacent land, desired to obtain possession of the land and was prepared to waive any claim for compensation and undertake not to disturb the present allotment holders until the end of 1921, and not to increase the rents of such allotments except where found necessary on the basis of a rent of £1 per chain per annum. Resolved, That the Ministry of Agriculture be recommended to withdraw from possession on these terms.

2- Marle Hill Annexe —Mixed Bathing—The proposals submitted by the Hon Secretary of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for open-air mixed bathing in the lake at Marle Hill Annexe were again considered. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee the lake is unsuitable for bathing, and they therefore recommend that the proposals be not entertained.

3—Recreation Grounds —Grazing—Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for grazing rights in the several Recreation Grounds as from the 1st April next.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on —Friday, the 28th January, 1921 : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Jamieson, Mann, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Jamieson in the chair).

1—Burial Fees—Read, letter of the 11th inst., from the Ministry of Health, -returning the scale of fees provisionally approved subject to an amendment making the fee for the interment of the body of a still-born child the same as that for the interment of the body of a child of one month or under. Resolved, That the Table of Fees as amended be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto.

2-Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6339 to 6360 (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 the grave of Edward Browning, Memorial Cross and Kerbing to the grave of Catherine A. P. Bird ; and Tablet (Book) to the grave of Charles R. W. Booy.

STANLEY W. JAMIESON,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th January, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Pates, Regan and Stanley ; Mr. E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £6 17s. 7d, ; Presentation: Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, M.P., Official Despatches as to the Battle of Jutland, with maps, (2 vols.) The Number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of December last was 3,529; the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 9,692, and from the Children's Library 1,954.

2- Sub- Committee's Report The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th January: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillor Mann; Mr. E. C. Rogers. (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—(a) That books as per list submitted be purchased at a cost not exceeding £10

(b) That the tender of Messrs. Norman Sawyer & Co., Ltd., to supply 25,000 Cataloguing Cards at a cost of £10 5s. be accepted.

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

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 1st February, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor, Councillors Dicks and Moore (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £31,460 13s. 6d. Leaving outstanding, £5,861 6s. 11d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th March next, Amount collected £12,215 0s. 2d. Leaving outstanding, £4,414 6s. 0d.

3—Loans—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £21,975 on loan, and that a further sum of £1,000 would be received on the 8th prox. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued for the same on account of duly authorised loans. Resolved, also, That the terms arranged for the continuance of debentures amounting to £7,514 be approved, and the debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—Town Hall—Air Ministry's Occupation—The Town Clerk reported payment of £274 13s. rd. for Compensation in respect of the occupation of the Town Hall by the Air Ministry.

5—Auditor's Report—The Town Clerk submitted the Report of the Auditor on his audit of the accounts for the year ended 31st March last, and letter from the Education Committee intimating that the requirements of the Auditor were being complied with. The recommendation of the Auditor in regard to the accounts of the Farms, Electricity and Surveyor's Departments had already been dealt with by resolutions passed by the Council. Resolved, That in order to meet the requirements of

the Auditor the Borough Accountant be instructed to include in the Orders on the Borough Treasurer the approximate amounts required for the monthly wages, and to carry out the other recommendations made by the Auditor.

6—Sinking Funds—Read, letter of the 24th inst., from the Ministry of Health that no objection was made to the proposal to establish a Consolidated Loans Cash Account and to apply the accumulations thereon from time to time in repayment of existing loans, or in providing new capital required for purposes chargeable to the same fund, provided proper records were kept of the contributions to be set aside periodically in respect of each Sinking Fund and the sums which should be in each of these Funds at the end of the Financial Year. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to submit a report at the next Meeting with a view to carrying out these proposals.

7—Workmen's Bonus—Resolved, That the Bonus paid to employees be allocated in future to the various departments, instead of being kept as a separate account.

ROBT. STEEL,

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 7th February, 1921, at 3 p.m. Present : The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel) in the chair.

Aldermen Green, Horsley, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas and Yarnold. Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor, Councillors Welstead, Wilkins and Whitaker.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 3rd January last, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health Meeting held January 10

Housing Meetings held January 6 & 24

Maternity and Child Welfare Meeting held February 2

Street and Highway Meetings held January 11 & 31

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held January 21 & 28

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held January 27

Water Meeting held January 17

General Purposes and Watch ... Meeting held January 28*

Cinematograph Act, 1909-Resolved, also, That the applications from Mr. H. G. Beard and Mr. Shakspeare Shenton for the renewal of their Cinematograph Licences in respect of the Coliseum and North Street Picture House and the "Palace," High Street, respectively, be granted for one year from the 7th February, 1921, and that the application from Mrs. N. S. Field for the renewal of her Cinematograph Licence in respect of the Winter Garden be renewed from the 7th February, 1921, until the 28th September, 1921; the Licences to be on the same conditions as contained in previous Licences.

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Art Gallery and Museum ... Meeting held January 12

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Meeting held January 10

Burial Board ●●● Meeting held January 28

Public Library ●●● Meeting held January 17

Finance Meeting held February 1

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed 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.

3—Insurance of Corporate Property--Resolved, That steps be taken to ascertain the present value of all Buildings which are the property of the Corporation, and that they be insured for their full value.

4—Notice of Motion-Alderman Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next monthly meeting of the Council :—

" That no more contracts be entered into for the erection of houses under the Assisted Housing Scheme until tenants have been secured for those now erected and in course of erection, or contracted for."

ROBERT STEEL,

Deputy Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Special Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of February, 1921, at 3 p.m.

Present :

The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel), Aldermen Green, Horsley and Taylor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Yarnold.

Apologies-Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Regan, Sawyer, Stanley and Welstead.

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1—Proceedings of Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee at their Meetings held on the 9th and 16th February inst., be approved and confirmed.

Road No. 2 (Cleeve View Road to Hewlett Road).—Resolved, also, That subject to the necessary Certificate being issued by the Ministry of Labour under Section 1 of the Unemployment (Relief Works) Act, 1920, a Compulsory Order be made under the Common Seal in pursuance of Section 1 of the said Act, and in accordance with the provisions of the Ministry of Transport (Unemployment Relief Works Procedure) Order, 1920, for the acquisition of a piece of land in Hewlett Road containing 5.405 acres and Numbered 280 on the Map of the Ordnance Survey (1903 Edition) required for and in connection with the construction of a road commencing at the southern end of Cleeve View Road, and extending thence to meet Hewlett Road at a point approximately 100 yards east of the junction of Hewlett Road with Pittville Circus Road, and that application be made to the Ministry of Transport for confirmation of the said Order.

2—Housing Estate—Planting of Potatoes—Resolved, That the Scheme for digging up about 20 acres of land on the Housing Estate and planting the same with potatoes, to provide further work for the unemployed, be approved and confirmed.

3—Cheltenham Races—Special Licences and Regulation of Traffic—Resolved, That the Chairman of the General Purposes and Watch Committee (Alderman Margrett) and the Town Clerk be authorised to issue special licences for the 2nd and 3rd March next for carriages and drivers approved by Supt. Griffin, and that the traffic regulations under Section 21 of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, recommended by Supt. Griffin be adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL, 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 7th March, 1921.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th February, 1921: Present-The Deputy Mayor: Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Moore, Rogers, Thomas and Yarnold, (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

2---Houses without proper Ash Receptacles -The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:-2, Naunton Crescent ; 4, St. James' Terrace ; 3, Grove Street; 3, 4, 5 and 6 Old Millbrook Terrace ; 36, Townsend Street ; 42, Sun Street ; 34, Victoria Street ; 31 and 32 Swindon Street ; Queen Street ; 31, Tivoli Street ; and 1 and 2, Elm Gardens. Resolved, That the necessary 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 construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Cleansing and Whitewashing at 60 and 62, Duke Street ; 6 and 7, Old Millbrook Street ; 12, Quern Street ; 25, Lower Park Street ; 33, Waterloo Street ; 55, Worcester Street ; 19, St. George's Street ; 39, Sun Street ; 5, Mitre Street: 19, Granville Street ; 14, Marle Hill Parade ; 7, Dagmar Terrace ; 43, Keynsham Street ; 5, 7, and 8, Orchard Place; 2, Naunton Crescent ; 4, St. James' Terrace ; and 1 Green's Place. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 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, Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and lirnnewashed.

3-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) 1 and 2, Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road; 5, Gloucester Road; 1, 2, 3, aye Fairlight Place, Tivoli ; 252, High. Street ; 6, Nailsworth Terrace ; and 36, Townsend Street. The Inspector 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 Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground. examine the drains, report to the Committee.

(b) 6 and 8 Great Western Terrace ; Tivoli Ale and Porter Stores ; 3, Beaufort Buildings ; and 55, St. George's Place-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 respective owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days.

(c) 1 to 12, Burton Cottages ; and G.W.R. Coal Wharf, New Street-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that as were cases of emergency, he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the to be defective, and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specification at the required to Resolved, That the action of the Inspector of Nuisances be approved, and that notice be given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 31 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act. 1889, to the owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days.

(d) 28, Suffolk Parade-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on the 11th November last (Minute No. 7) the work specified to be done to the drains belonging to the above premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. E. J. Knight & Sons., at an estimated cost of £40. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Order declaring the same to be Private, Improvement Expenses chargeable on the premises, to be repayable by equal instalments within a period not exceeding 10 years with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. until the whole amount is repaid.

4—Insanitary Property—7, Dagmar Terrace ; 43, Keynsham Street ; 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 Orchard Place ; 4, St. James' Terrace ; 36, Townsend Street ; 34, Victoria Street ; Columbia Cottage, Grove Street ; Upnor, Pittville Lawn ; and 2, Butt's Cottages, Lower 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.

5—Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported surrender of 836 lbs. beef; 224 lbs. pork 106 lbs. mutton ; 44 lbs. tripe ; 61 lbs. Ox liver ; 24 lbs. fish ; and 115 tins meat, fish and fruit.

6—Insufficient W.C. Accommodation—Apple Tree Inn, Russell Street —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that these premises were without sufficient W.C. accommodation. Resolved, That Notice be given under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the premises requiring the provision of sufficient W.C. accommodation within 28 days.

7—Sewer—Commercial Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that in accordance with instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on the 15th November last (Minute No. 24) the sewer in Commercial Street had been re-constructed.

8—Housing of the Working Classes Act—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan sheaving his proposals for the improvement of the Stanhope Street area. Resolved, That the plan be forwarded to the Housing Commissioner for his observations.

9—Food Poisoning—Read, circular 165 of the 20th ult., from the Ministry of Health enclosing Memorandum Foods, on procedure to be followed in dealing with outbreaks of illness suspected of having been caused by the consumption of contaminated foods The Memorandum incorporates the substance of that accompanying the Local Government Board's circular of 12th September, 1911, which it is designed to supplement in the light of the most recent experience of the subject. The Town Clerk reported that he had furnished the Medical Officer of Health with a copy of the Memorandum,

10—Abattoir--The Town Clerk reported the receipt of a complaint from the Inspector of the R.S.P.C.A., that it was becoming the practice for cattle to be turned out into the Paddock instead of being tied to the rings in the stalls provided for the purpose, contrary to Bye-Law No. 4, and that he had called the attention of the Butchers' and Farmers' Associations to the complaint.

11—Report of Farms Sub-Committee--Reported meeting on 14th inst. Present —The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Thomas and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the Chair). Farms Manager's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 14th inst. was 5 colts 10 horses (2 at Depot), 3 calves, 115 head of cattle, 27 lambs, 48 sheep, and 60 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 3 barren cows, 1 cow and calf, and 1 bull calf had been purchased for £107 15s. 0d., 1 calf and 37 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 9 heifers, 4 heifers in

calf, 1 cow in calf, 4 calves, 20 fat sheep, 1 fat pig and 9 store pigs had been sold for £860 12s. 9d.
Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st February, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Moore and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair)

1—Rents-- The Regional Finance Officer (Mr. Byron Brown) attended with reference to rents of the houses provisionally fixed at 10/- per week (parlour type), and 8/6 per week (non-parlour type), and urged that the rents should be as follows :—Parlour Type, 11/6 per week ; Non-Parlour Type, 9/- per week. The Committee were of opinion, having regard to the rentals of houses in the Borough comparable with the houses on the Estate, that the rents of parlour type houses should not be more than 10/6 per week, and the Regional Finance Officer intimated that he would recommend the Ministry to approve the following rents :—Parlour Type, 10/6 per week ; Non-Parlour Type, 9/- per week.

2- Selection of Tenants—Resolved, That houses be allocated each month to applicants with the highest number of marks then on the list, and that Minute No. 7 of the proceedings of the Committee at their meeting on the 24th ult. be varied accordingly.

3—Palace Picture House, High Street--Alteration-- Resolved, That no objection be offered to the alteration to the balcony at these premises being proceeded with in accordance with Plan No. 1482 approved by the Council on the 7th June last.

4—Electric Lamps and Cooker-connections—Resolved, That electric lamps and cooker-connections be not provided by the Corporation.

5—Roof Tiles--The Architects reported a shortage of tiles and recommended that certain available second-hand pantiles be procured. Resolved, That Mr. H. Rainger be requested to inspect the pantiles and, subject to a satisfactory report thereon, that the Mayor and Alderman Taylor be empowered to authorise purchase thereof.

6 --Housing Estate— Planting of Potatoes-- Read, letter of the 16th inst, from the Unemployment Grants Committee, stating that the Committee were prepared to make a grant of 60 per cent of the wages bill incurred up the 30th April, 1921, for additional unemployed men taken on for work in connection with the Scheme of digging up about 20 acres of land on the Housing Estate and planting same with potatoes ; the grant in no case to exceed £360, and to be subject to the conditions set out in their letter.

Foreman—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to engage an experienced man as foreman.

Workmen—Wages—Resolved, That the wages of workmen engaged be 1/- per hour.

Alternate Weekly Shifts—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the men to be employed in alternate weekly shifts.

Seed Potatoes—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for the supply of 15 tons of seed potatoes.

Fence—Read, letter of the 28th ult., from Col. M. Churchill asking that a fence be erected along the boundary of his property and that of the Corporation, together with a copy of the Town Clerk's reply of the 29th ult., thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

7 --Contracts for Houses—The following Resolution passed by the Middle Classes Union on the 14th inst. was read, viz. :— That in the opinion of this Branch of the M.C.U. it is imperative that the Borough Council should not commit itself to any further expenditure in connection with the Housing Scheme."

8—National Housing and Town Planning Council—Representative—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be appointed to represent the Corporation on the District Executive Committee of the National Housing and Town Planning Council for the ensuing year.

9 --Non-Parlour Type Houses—Acceptance—Read, letter of the 22nd inst., from the Housing Commissioner, authorising the acceptance of the tenders of Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons, Ltd., and Mr. W. Drew for the erection of 20 houses (non-parlour type) of brick construction, by each firm, at £819 6s. 9d. per house, subject to such modifications as may be required by the Ministry, and intimating that the work could proceed forthwith.

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10—Houses at Refuse Destructor----Read, letter of the 3rd inst., from the Housing Commissioner, with reference to the application by the Corporation for approval of the site near the Refuse Destructor for the erection of two houses, and intimating that it did not appear to him that there was justification for approving a further site as part of the Assisted Scheme. Resolved, That it be referred to the Street and Highway Committee for consideration.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th February, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, and Yarnold (The 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 28th January to the 24th February, 1921 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 17th February, 1921, 707 loads collected, 615 consumed, and 92 tipped away.

2—Slab Factory—Renewal of Plant—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Birmingham and Bristol Corporations had some disused plant for sale which might be suitable for renewals. Resolved, That the Mayor and Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect the same and report thereon.

3—Arterial Road No. 1—Arle Road to Tennyson Road—Read, letter of the 18th inst., from Mr. J. G. Villar, enclosing claim on behalf of Mr. J. R. Brown in respect of the land to be acquired compulsorily from him. Resolved, That the claim be referred to the District Valuer (Mr. H. Ellis Moore) for report.

4—Telegraph Lines—Read, an application of the 22nd inst from the Superintending Engineer of the Post Office Telegraphs, asking for consent to the placing of underground and overhead telegraphic lines in a number of streets set out in the Schedule to the application. A letter of the 25th inst. was also read from the Superintending Engineer that there would be no objection to the Corporation carrying out the permanent reinstatement of the trenches on the basis of actual cost plus 5 per cent. for supervision. Resolved, That the consent be given and that the work of reinstatement of the trenches be undertaken on the basis mentioned, subject to the positions of the poles and lines of cable being approved by the Borough Surveyor.

5—Eldorado Road—Read, letter of the 21st inst., from Colonel Henderson, pointing out that his side frontage had no access to Eldorado Road, and that this should be taken into consideration when the apportionment is made. Resolved, That the letter be considered when the apportionment is made.

6—Tree, Montpellier Drive—Read, letter from Mrs. Meyricke of the 25th inst., asking for removal of a tree in front of the gate of Langstone. Resolved, That this be referred to the View Committee.

7—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. : —The Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows:—

Albion Street (Grosvenor Place South to Grosvenor Terrace)—Footpath—That the pavement be repaired where necessary.

Highbury Lane—Carriageway—That the owners be asked to maintain the road in reasonable condition.

Duke Street—Footpaths—That about 30 to 40 yards of new paving be laid, the slabs taken out to be used for repairing the remainder of the footpaths.

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Hewlett Road—Footpath—That the owner of No. 3 be called upon to repair the footpath opposite the premises, or alternatively, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repave the area subject to the owner agreeing to dedicate this portion of the footpath to the public use.

All Saints' Road—Footpath (West End)—That about 80 yards of paving be laid (fronting residences), and that the remainder of the footpath be gravelled and tar-painted.

Pittville Circus Road—Trees—That the trees remain.

Hewlett Road—Tree—That the tree opposite "Berkhampstead" be removed and two trees planted.

Road from Bath Parade to Barrett's Mill Recreation Ground—That the asphalt road and pavement be repaired and tar-painted.

Kilchberg Villas—Tree—That the tree by No. 4 be pruned.

Suffolk Street—Kerbing—That new kerbing be fixed on the North side, and the existing kerbing on the South side made good.

St. George's Road—Trees—(a) That the tree by "Westholme" be pruned. (b) That the tree at the corner of Western Road be not removed.

Station Street —Footpath and Surface Water Drainage—That this Street be inspected at the next Meeting. Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 28th February, 1921. Present : The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Rogers (The 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.
1525	Mr. C. Smith	Amended Plan for detached house, Pilley.
1526	Mr. J. E. Adey	New Workshop, Rosehill Street.
1527	Mr. Alfred Miles	New Motor Garage, Albion Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1525, 1526, and 1527 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th February, 1921 : Present—Councillors Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Alstone Baths—Badminton—Resolved, That the Baths be let to the Cheltenham Badminton Club at a rent of £80 for the Season 1921-22 subject to Miss Kelley's club being allowed the use of the

premises, if desired, on two days a week. Cottage—Resolved, That the rent of the cottage be increased in accordance with the provisions of the Increase of Rent, etc. Act, 1920.

2-Montpellier Gardens—(a) Archery Ground—Read, application of the 15th ult., from Miss B. Legh, Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Archery Club for the use of the Archery ground at Montpellier Gardens for the 1921 Season. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

(b) Harriers' 2nd Annual Athletic Festival—Read, application of the 9th inst., from the Hon. Sec., Cheltenham and County Harriers A.A. and C.C. Club, for the use of Montpellier Gardens for the 2nd Annual Athletic Festival on August Bank Holiday. Resolved, That the Gardens be let at a charge of £20, subject to an agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

(c) Summer Entertainments— Read, letter of the 9th inst., from E. D. Williams, enquiring the terms for the use of Montpellier Gardens for Summer Entertainments. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to suggest terms.

3—Winter Gardens—Dilapidations—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect these premises and prepare a schedule of dilapidations.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th February, 1921: Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

4—Alstone Baths—Colour Washing—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the Baths to be colour-washed.

Swimming and Water Polo—Read, application of the 22nd inst., from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, for the use of the Swimming Bath on Fridays from 6.30 p.m. to closing time for practice, and on Thursdays from 5.30 to closing time for mixed bathing on the same terms as last year. Resolved, That the application be granted.

5—Town Hall—Annual Root and Grain Show—Read, letter of the 22nd inst., from Mr. C. C. Castle, with reference to an application made by him for the use of the Town Hall for the Annual Root and Grain Show on 3rd November next. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be deferred.

6—Mineral Waters—Sales—Reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold as follows :—
Central Spa 701 ; Montpellier Baths 6 ; Pittville Chalet 47 ; Pittville Pump Room 25.

7—Summer Orchestra—Engagement—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported the receipt of 29 offers to provide a Summer Orchestra. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Leo Dawes to provide an Orchestra of 16 performers (and conductor) in the mornings, and 20 performers (and conductor) in the afternoons and/or evenings at £97 10s. 0d. per week, from the 9th May to the 27th October next, be accepted, subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

8—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 25th inst., were read. Resolved, That the same be approved. Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Boulter be appointed a member of this Sub-Committee. Spa Notice Boards—Resolved, That the sketch of the proposed Spa Notice Boards to be fixed to the Tramway standards in High Street be approved. Tennis Courts—Charges—Resolved, That the charges for tennis courts be the same as last year.

9—Spa Manager—Salary—Read, application of the 24th inst., from Mr. T. Allan-Burns, asking that his salary be increased from £200 to £350, rising by £25 per annum to £450. Resolved, That Mr. Burns' salary be increased to £350 per annum.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 24th February, 1921: Present—Councillors Mann, Moore, and Thomas (Councillor Moore in the Chair).

1—Additions to Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the erection of the condensing plant was in a forward condition, and the boilers, turbine and gearing were being delivered.

2- Public Lighting The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that satisfactory progress was being made, and that a considerable portion of the eastern district and also a portion of the western district would probably be completed by the 30th April. Resolved, That the lamps be not lighted during the months of June and July.

3—Works Records -The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that a distance thermometer be provided at an estimated cost of £62 8s. 6d., for indicating the temperature of the main flue, economiser and several other points, enabling a closer watch to be kept on the general running and efficiency of the various parts of the plant. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted

4—British Industries Fair—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend the British Industries Fair, to be held at Birmingham this month.

5—National Joint Industrial Council—Wages—With reference to Minute No. 3 of this Committee's proceedings of the 27th ult., the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that questions had arisen on the interpretation of the Conditions of Service and Consolidated Rates. He had had two conferences with Mr. Betteridge, and submitted the terms arranged for settlement of these points. Resolved, That the terms be approved.

6—Housing Estate—Public Lighting—Loan, the Town Clerk reported that sanction had been received from the Ministry of Health for a loan of £273 for lamp standards etc., required in connection with the public lighting of the Housing Estate.

7--Overhead Lines—Read, letter of the 10th inst., from the Ministry of Transport consenting to the placing of certain overhead lines for the transmission of energy at low pressure, in connection with the Housing Scheme, subject to Regulations prescribed by the Electricity Commissioners, enclosed

therewith, and reserving the right for the situation to be reviewed by the Ministry of Transport at the expiration of five years.

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Lighting—(a)—Analyst's Report—The report of Gas Examiner of test on the 4th inst. showed 475 British Thermal Units.

(b)—Calorific Power of Gas—The following Resolution passed at a Meeting of the Middle Classes Union on the 2nd inst., was read, viz. :-

“ That the attention of the Town Council be drawn to the low grade of gas at present supplied to the consumer, and requesting the Council to take such steps as within their power to compel the Gas Co. to supply gas of a statutory calorific value.”

9—Next Meeting—Resolved, That the next monthly Meeting of this Committee be held on the 17th March, at 4 p.m.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th February, 1921: Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Moore, Pates and Stewart (Councillor Stewart 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		Average for corresponding period	
14th February, 1921.		during last 3 years.	
Hewletts Springs	316,000 gallons	396,000 gallons	
Dowdeswell Springs	1,103,000	1,754,000	
Leckhampton Springs	137,000	128,000	
Total	1,556,000	2,278,000	

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.			
Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
14th February, 1921		14th February, 1920.	
Hewletts	21,857,000 gallons	25,062,000 gallons	
Dowdeswell	25ft. 9in. 69,100,000	28ft. 6in.	82,135,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in. 1,620,000	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000
Total Storage	92,577,000	108,547,000	

2—Salts Farm—Trees--Resolved, That the request of the tenant (Mr. L. G. Dunn) for the removal of an ash and an elm tree be acceded to.

3—Joint Industrial Council for Water Undertakings (South Midlands District No 6)—Rates of Pay and Conditions—Read, letter of the 29th ult., from the Chairman of the South Midlands District Council

enclosing Decisions of the Council as to Grading Areas (Cheltenham being included with Grade C.— i.e., towns with populations from 40,000 to 100,000), Rates of Pay, Hours and Working Conditions, and recommending the same for adoption by the Corporation. Resolved, That no action be taken.

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

J. STEWART, Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 22nd February, 1921: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Moore, Rogers and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Griffin reported that with the exception of a case of Swine Fever at Holliday's Allotments, reported to the Committee at their last meeting. the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

Exportation and Conveyance of Horses—Read, circular letter (TA7873/21 CL) of the 15th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries enclosing notice directing the attention of horse dealers and exporters to the regulations regarding the conveyance and exportation of horses made under the Diseases of animals Act. 1910, Exportation of Horses Act, 1914, and the Horses (Importation and transit) Order, 1913, and the penalties thereunder. Resolved, That Superintendent Griffin be asked to have the notices published.

2 —Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 12th inst. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at 21, Tivoli place, occupied by Mr. R. Stubbs. Slight damage to roof. Brigade expense £3 5s 6d.

Motor Fire Engine— Illumination and Equipment—The Captain further reported that the motor fire engine had been fitted with a dynamo and electric lighting set and that the cushion for the driver's seat had been supplied in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their last meeting.

Safety Appliances—Demonstration—Read, letters of the 12th and 20th inst., from Siebe Gorman and Co., Ltd., asking for permission to demonstrate to the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee and the Brigade the uses of their safety appliances, smoke helmets, etc., on the 5th or 12th prox. Resolved, That the Company be invited to send a representative on the 5th March at 3 p.m., and that the Sub-Committee be summoned to attend the demonstration.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Omnibus Licence—Read, application of the 1st inst., from the National Omnibus and Transport Company, Ltd., Stroud. for a licence in respect of a single-deck saloon omnibus (ADS461). Resolved, That a licence be granted, subject to the vehicle being approved by the Inspector.

Motor Cab—Read, applications of the 21st inst., from Mr. O. H. Goulding and Mr. R. W. Swift for licences in respect of motor cabs numbered LC6894, and AE2760 respectively. Resolved, That licences be granted subject to the receipt of satisfactory reports on the examination of the vehicles.

Horse Carriage-- Read application of the 14th inst., from Mr. D. Lapper for licence No. 25, held by him in respect of a one-horse fly, to be transferred to Mr. F. E. Eaketts. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Taxi Cab Service— Read, a letter from Mr. R. P. Maw of the 6th inst., that although his Association considered that they were entitled to charge from the Garage or point at which the vehicle was actually hired, they wished to meet the views of the Corporation, and had decided that for the present they would only charge from the point at which the passengers were actually picked up except in cases where they were taken away in a contrary direction to the place from which the car was hired, in which case the charge would be from the Stand, the Midland Railway Stand, or the Garage from which the car was hired, whichever is the nearer to the point of pick up.

5—Public Health Acts Amendment Act. 1907—Read, letter of the 18th inst., from the Home Office, intimating that the Secretary for State was prepared, subject to the consideration of any objections or representations that may be made, to make an Order applying the following Sections of the Act to the Borough, viz.: Part VII . Sections 78 (Regulations as to Street Traffic), 79 (Dangerous Riding and Driving), and Si (Extending Definition of Public Place and Street for Certain Purposes).

Regulations as to Street Traffic—The Town Clerk submitted draft Regulations as to Street Traffic proposed to be made under Section 78 (copy of which accompanies these minutes). Resolved, That the draft Regulations be approved and that the same be submitted to the Home Office for approval.

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High Street—Light Railway—Obstruction—Superintendent Griffin directed the attention of the Committee to the inconvenience, nuisance and obstruction caused by Leckhampton Cars, stopping and setting down passengers and reversing in the High Street opposite the Colonnade and North Street, and suggested that these cars should continue into Clarence Street to set down passenger and reverse instead of in the High Street.

The Committee also considered a complaint as to the obstruction and danger to traffic and pedestrians caused by Leckhampton Cars turning from High Street into Cambay, stopping on the bend of the line. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Manager of the Light Railway Company asking that the Cars should not be stopped at the points referred to, but driven into Clarence Street and Cambay respectively before stopping.

6—Police Force—The Chief Constable (Major J. Stanley Clarke) attended the meeting and urged, that having regard to the depletion of the force consequent upon the restricted hours for police duty, rest days, and sickness, the male force should be 75, the two women police to be additional to this number. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be deferred.

7--Market—Read, letter of the 5th inst., from the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association with reference to market tolls, together with a copy of the Town Clerk's reply of the 7th inst. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

Mops and Fairs—Read, letter of the 17th inst., from Mr. Jacob Studt, offering £50 for the use of the portion of the market usually occupied for the Annual Mops and Fairs, from the 17th September to 15th October next. Resolved, that the offer be not accepted.

8—Provincial Council for Local Authorities, Administrative Technical and Clerical Services—Read, letter of the 31st ult. from the Town Clerk, Tewkesbury, intimating that the Tewkesbury Town Council had decided to take no action in the matter of appointing a representative upon the Provincial Council. Resolved, That no action be taken by the Corporation.

9—Association of Municipal Corporations—Annual Meeting—Resolved, That the Mayor and Alderman Margrett be appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Municipal Corporations to be held in London on the 30th April next.

10—Overseers, 1921-22—It was reported that the Overseers had intimated their willingness to continue in office for the ensuing year. Resolved, To recommend that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Taylor and Councillor Wilkins be appointed Overseers for year the 1921-22.

Cleeve Common Conservators—Resolved, To recommend that Alderman Margrett, Councillor Moore and Mr. John Waghorne be reappointed as Cleeve Common Conservators, their term of office to expire in March, 1924.

12--National Relief Fund—Report—A Report of the National Relief Fund Executive Committee was submitted, shewing that between 11th March, 1920, and 12th February, 1921, the sum of £875 had been received from the London Headquarters of the Fund and had been disbursed by 1,057 payments to 900 persons varying froth 2/6 to £24. The Fund had proved of inestimable service in many cases of emergency and extreme hardship, and the grants had been received with grateful appreciation. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to thank the Committee for their services in connection with the Fund.

13--Shops Act, 1912—Salary of Inspector—Read, application of the 11th inst., from Mr. William Dovey, Inspector under the Shops Act, for an increase of Salary. Resolved, That in view of the tact that Mr. Dovey took over the duties as recently as 30th June last, this Committee are unable to recommend the Council to grant an increase of salary. Resolved, also. that the Inspector be requested to submit a report to this Committee each quarter of the work carried out by him under the Act.

14—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read, letter of the 21st inst., from the Secretary, Ladies' College notifying intention to give a cinematograph entertainment, in the Princess Hall, at the Ladies' College, on the 2Sth inst. Resolved, That no objection be made to the entertainment, subject to the regulations under the Act being complied with to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

15—Expenditure—Read, circular 182 from the Ministry of Health directing attention to the instruction issued to Government Spending Departments as to schemes involving expenditure not yet in operation being allowed to remain in abeyance, having regard to heavy taxation.

16—County Council—Representation—Read, letter of the 21st inst., from the Clerk of the County Council, stating that the County Council had agreed to the recommendation of the Local Areas and Elections Committee that the number of County Councillors representing Cheltenham should be increased from 6 to 9, and that a representation would, in due course be made to the Ministry of Health accordingly.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 16th February, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Clara Winterbotham and Stewart (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,516 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 12th January. (Corresponding period last year 1,331).

The sale of Post Cards for the month had realised £1 3s. 2d. and Photogravures of 1/5th Gloucesters at Hebuterne £5 5s. The following gifts had been received:— Captain R. P. Wild—Stone Implements from Obuasi, Ashanti, and Specimens of Native Mat Work.

2- —School of Art—Annual Exhibition—Resolved, That permission be given, as hitherto, for the Annual Exhibition of the work of Students of the School of Art, to be held in the Art Gallery during the month of March next

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday the 14th February, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor. Councillors Boulter,

Regan, Sawyer, Stanley and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Recreation Grounds —(a) Sheep Grazing—The Committee considered tenders received for sheep grazing at Agg-Gardner, Naunton Park and Whaddon Lane Recreation Grounds for the year ending 25th March, 1922. Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted, subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into in each case :—

Recreation Ground. Name. Address. Annual Rent.

Agg-Gardner Joseph C. Wilcox 44, Tewkesbury Road £12

Naunton Park F. W. Corry Gainsborough House, Bath Road

Whaddon Lane Waghorne Bros. 346, High Street £15

(b) Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Territorial Drills and Recreation—Read, application from Capt. K. Manley Power, M.C., O.C. "C" Company, 5th Gloucester Regiment (T), for permission to use Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Thursdays from 7 until 9 p.m. for purposes of Drill and Recreation. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to the right to withdraw permission if necessary at any time.

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(c) Cricket—The Committee considered applications for permission to play cricket at the several Recreation Grounds during the 1921 season. Resolved, That permission be granted to the undermentioned Clubs as follows :--

Recreation Ground. Name of Club. Day of Play.

Agg-Gardner Baker Street Institute Saturday

“ Junior Imperial League (Cheltenham Branch) Saturday

Whaddon Lane St. John's Parish Church Sports Club Saturday

“ Temple Cricket Club Saturday

2—Pittville Estate—Seats—Painting- Resolved, That with a view to provide employment for painters out of work the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for about 90 seats at Pittville to be painted, and to apply to the Employment Exchange for labour required in connection therewith.

3—Allotments—Nos. 151-153 Folly Lane—Complaints were received that trees on land belonging to Mr. Cox were overgrown and shaded the allotments. Resolved, That Mr. Cox be asked to have the trees lopped.

No. 129, Folly Lane—Broken Fence—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this fence repaired.

No. 18, Folly Lane—A complaint was received that the tenant of this allotment (Mr. C. Halford) had encroached over the roadway and adjoining allotments (Nos. 19 and 22). Resolved, That he be required to keep within the boundary of his allotment and to make good the portion of the roadway broken up by him.

No. 24, Wesley's Field—Damage by Horse—A complaint was received of damage to this allotment by a horse straying thereon from the adjoining field, Resolved, That the owner be requested to prevent his animals straying on to the allotments.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th February, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Rogers, Stanley and Stewart (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6361 to 6374 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEES -

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th February, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green, Councillors Mann, Pates, Stanley and Yarnold: Messrs. E. Gridley, A Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £12 17s. 2d. ; Presentation: Canon J. H. Beck (2 vols.), Councillor Clara Winterbotham (11 vols.), Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P. (5 vols.), Mrs. E. J. Batten (32 vols.), The Town Clerk (R. Owen Seacome, Esq.) (1 vol.), W. R. Carles, Esq., C.M.G. (48 pamphlets). The Number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of January last was 4,345; the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 12,094, and from the Children's Library 2,563.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th February: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Regan; The Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone, Dr. R. Davies, Messrs. J. R. Claridge and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

That the Monthly Accounts, submitted and examined, be passed for payment.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A. MANN, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 1st March, 1921 : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor, Councillors Dicks and Moore (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1--General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st inst. Amount collected £35,041 3s. 2d. Leaving outstanding, £2,280 17s. 3d.

2-Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st inst., for the half-year ending the 25th inst. Amount collected £13,878 9s. 0d. Leaving outstanding, £2,750 17s. 2d.

3—Loan £50,000 from Prudential Assurance Co.--The Town Clerk reported his correspondence with Messrs. Barnard and Taylor, Solicitors for the Prudential Assurance Co., and that he had now received a letter from them that their clients were content to allow this loan to drop subject to the

charges of Messrs. Barnard and Taylor being paid by the Corporation in accordance with the undertaking given. Resolved, That the reasonable costs incurred be paid.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £5,115 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans. Resolved, also, That the terms arranged for continuance of Debentures, amounting to £4,000, be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

5—Housing Bonds—Registrar- Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be paid £100 for the current financial year for his services as Registrar of the Housing Bonds.

6--Insurance of Corporate Property—The Town Clerk submitted Resolution adopted by the Town Council at their last meeting. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to submit a list of the several properties, and the amount for which they are insured, for consideration at the next meeting of this Committee.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 7th March, 1921, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel).

Aldermen Green, Horsley, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Boulter, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Whitaker and Wilkins.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 7th February, and the Special Meeting on the 23rd February last, 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—Albion Street Improvement—Read, letter of the 5th inst., from Mr. Alfred Miles, offering to give a strip of land, about 100 ft. long, on the North-East side of Albion Street for the improvement of the street. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

3—Appointment of Overseers—Resolved, That John David Bendall, of Home Orchard, Leckhampton, Cheltenham ; Robert Steel, of 1, Oriel Terrace, Cheltenham ; Peter Philip Taylor, of Creden, Lansdown Road, Cheltenham ; and Thomas Wilkins, of Sydenham Lawn, Cheltenham, be appointed Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham for the ensuing year. .

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

Public Health ... Meeting held February 14	
Housing ●●● “ “ “	21
Street and Highway ●●● “ “	28

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Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held 18 & 25*

*Subject to the following amendment, viz. :

"That Minute No. 9 of the Committee's proceedings at their Meeting on the 25th ult. be referred back for further consideration."

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held February 24	
Water ●●● “ “	17
General Purposes and Watch ●●● “ “	22

Cleeve Common Conservators

Resolved also, That Alderman Margrett, Councillor Moore and Mr. John Waghorne be re-appointed Cleeve March, 1924. Common Conservators, their term of office to expire in march 1924

Art Gallery and Museum ... Meeting held February 16

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments... Meeting held February 14

Burial Board ●●● Meeting held February 25

Public Library .●● Meeting held February 14

Finance ●●● Meeting held March 1

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed 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.

5—Harriers' Sports—Prize—Resolved, That a prize of the value of £5 be provided for the Cheltenham and County Harriers', etc., Club Sports, to be held on August Bank Holiday next, as on previous occasions.

6—Housing Scheme-- Contracts —Resolved, That no more contracts be entered into for the erection of houses under the Assisted Housing Scheme unless the Housing Committee have made further enquiries as to the demand for more houses, so that the Council may be assured that tenants will be obtainable when the houses are completed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, 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 4th April 1921.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th March, 1921: Present-The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Moore, Rogers, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers 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. 2, and 6, Gordon Terrace ; 42, Sun Street ; 4, and 5, Providence Square; Dunalley Cottage, St. Paul's; 9, Upper Bath Road; 2, Reform Place; 25, St. James' Street; 2, Garden Cottages, Milsom Street; 7, Northfield Terrace; Commercial Cottage ; Gratton Cottage; 6, 7, 13, and 21, Commercial 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 1, 2, 3 and 4, Orchard Cottages ; 2, Butts Cottages, Lower Park Street; 19, Francis Street ; 16, Devonshire Street ; 21, All Saints' Road; 24, 26, and 42, Sun Street ; 1, and 6, Gordon Terrace ; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9, King Street Gardens; 11, Marsh Lane ; and 17, Malvern Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 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 (a) 7, Waterloo Terrace, Hermitage Street ; 1, Dovedale Villas, St. Luke's ; 2, Priory Cottages, Sidney Street ; and 12, 13 and 14, Commercial 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.

(b) 1 and 2, Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road ; 1, 2, 3 and 4, Fairlight Place, Princes Road; and 5, Gloucester 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 respective owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days.

4-Insanitary Property-19, Francis Street ; 16, Devonshire Street ; 24, 26 and 42, Sun Street ; 1, 2 and 6, Gordon Terrace ; 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 King Street Gardens ; 3, Lansdown Parade ; 17, Malvern Parade ; and 11, 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-Surrender of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported surrender of 2h cwts. beef; 2 qrs. 2 lbs. mutton ; 2 qrs. 14lbs pork ; and 28 tins of unsound meat, milk and fish.

6-Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order-Read, application from Miss Mary Vellender, 25, Clarence Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

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7—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, etc., which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

8—Leckhampton Sewage--The Town Clerk reported that the following terms had been provisionally arranged with the Cheltenham Rural District Council:—That the Agreement, dated the 14th February, 1913, between the Corporation and the Rural District Council, for the communication of the Leckhampton Sewers with the Borough Sewers, be renewed for a further term of ten years from the 3rd October, 1921, subject to the payment by the Rural District Council of a sum equal to a rate of 1/6 (instead of 1/1) in the £ on the rateable value for the time being of all houses and premises connected directly or indirectly with the sewers of the Corporation. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement embodying these terms.

9—Sludge Beds—The Borough Surveyor recommended the construction of additional sludge beds at Hayden Farm as suitable work for the unemployed. He estimated the cost of the additional beds which could be usefully made at £450, £400 of which sum would be expended in labour Resolved, That the Council be recommended to make application to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant towards the work. Resolved, also, that the Farms Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the site when visiting the Farms on the 1st April.

10-Sewer-St. Margaret's Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the reconstruction of the sewer in St. Margaret's Road, from Henrietta Street to Monson Avenue, had been completed.

11—Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health, 1920.—The Town Clerk submitted Circular 168 from the Ministry of Health with reference to the compilation of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1920, and enclosing Memorandum for the Guidance of the Medical Officer in the preparation of the Report. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for consideration.

12—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—Reported meeting on 14th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the Chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 14th inst. was 5 colts 10 horses (2 at Depot), 3 calves, 132 head of cattle, 50 lambs, 27 tegs, 47 sheep, and 45 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 27 steers had been purchased

for £877 10s. 0d., 1 calf and 50 lambs had been bred on the Farms. 1 bull, 4 heifers in calf, 5 cows in calf, 1 calf, 3 sheep, 1 ewe in lamb and 14 pigs had been sold for £523 17s. 3d.

Annual Stock-taking—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee meet at the Farms on Friday, 1st April, for the Annual Stock-taking and Valuation.

Farm Cottages—Rents—Resolved, That the rents of the cottages in the occupation of James Davies, Thomas Harper, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Mason, William Mason, Arthur Stevens, and William Wyman be increased in accordance with the Increase of Rent, etc., Act, 1920.

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

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st March, 1921: Present—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Regan, Rogers and Whitaker (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Ash Receptacles—Resolved, That the respective contractors be instructed to provide each house with an ash receptacle in accordance with Clause 148 of the Standard Specification, and that the cost thereof be charged against the sum of £5 per house for contingencies provided for in the several contracts.

2—Spare Land—Offer to Purchase—Read, letter of the 24th ult., from Mr. W. Blakey, offering to purchase a piece of land adjoining "Longmeade." Resolved, That Mr. Blakey be informed that as the land in question will probably be required for allotments, the Committee are unable at present to entertain his offer.

3—Selection of Tenants --Industrial Employees—The Town Clerk submitted representations made by H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd., Smiths Systems Ltd., and other industrial firms, asking that in view of the difficulty in obtaining accommodation for essential "key" men in their service, upon each of whom depended the employment of several unskilled men, that applications for houses received from such "key" men be given special consideration. Resolved, That special consideration be given to applications from "key" men who are able to satisfy the Committee that they are essential to the industry in which they are engaged, and that Minutes Nos. 7 and 2, respectively, of the proceedings of the Committee at their Meetings on the 24th January and 21st February last, be varied accordingly.

4—Houses—Completion—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Architects for an explanation of the delay in the completion of contracts, and urge them to expedite the work as much as possible.

5—Compensation Claims—Read, letter of the and inst., from Mr. H. Ellis Moore, District Valuer, intimating that Mr. J. G. Villar had agreed on behalf of Messrs. A. H. Cox and S. J. Wasley as to compensation to be paid in settlement of all claims as follows

	Amount Claimed.	Amount of Settlement.
Mr. A. H. Cox	£32 10 6	25 0 0
Mr. S. J. Wasley	128 8 9	118 0 0

Resolved, That this be approved and compensation paid accordingly.

6—Dorman Long Houses—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from W. T. Nicholls Ltd., asking the Committee to approve the substitution of 2 ¼ inch clinker blocks, rendered, for metal lathing, which work they were prepared to carry out at the contract price. Resolved, That this be approved, subject to confirmation by the Housing Commissioner.

7--Housing of the Working Classes Act—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—Read, letter of the 16th inst., from the Housing Commissioner, with reference to the Stanhope Street area, stating that owing to the lack of housing accommodation for displaced tenants, and also for financial reasons, the Ministry would prefer that the Scheme be deferred.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th March, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann and Pates (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Tenders for Trees—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 2nd inst., from Messrs. Barradell & Co., with reference to the Committee's decision not to remove certain trees included in their tender, accepted by the Committee at their Meeting on the 11th January last (Minute No. 2) and forwarding an amended offer of £9 for the remaining trees. Resolved, That the matter be left in the hands of the Borough Surveyor.

2---Arterial Roads—Workmen—Resolved, That the workmen be permitted to work on Saturday, the 26th inst., (instead of Good Friday) and also on Easter Monday.

3—Workmen—Wages—Councillor Pates reported that he had attended a Meeting of the Joint Industrial Council at Bristol on the 2nd inst., when it was urged that the Corporation should receive a Deputation of Local Trade Union Representatives as previously recommended by the Industrial Council. Resolved, That a Deputation be invited to attend.

4--Montpellier Walk—Telephone Kiosk—Read, letter of the 11th inst., from the District Manager, Post Office Telephones, intimating that it was proposed to install a telephone kiosk, for public call office purposes, in a position (indicated) in Montpellier Walk. Resolved, That no objection be offered.

5—Banner Across Promenade—Resolved, That permission be granted for a banner to be placed across the Promenade, near the Fountain, in connection with a Scout Jamboree to be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, the 6th April, and on the two preceding days.

6—Arterial Roads—Road No. 1 (Arle Road to Tennyson Road—Lands of Messrs. Boote, Moulder and Sindrey)—The Town Clerk submitted assessment made by Mr. J. G. Villar of the amounts of compensation to be paid to Messrs. Brook Boote, Chas. Moulder, and Geo. T. Sindrey respectively as follows : —

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Brook Boote • • .	29	3	3
Mr. Chas. Moulder .. • • • •	54	10	0
Mr. Geo. T. Sindrey .. • •	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
	88	3	3

Resolved, That the same be paid.

Road No. 2 Cleeve View Road to Hewlett Road—The Town Clerk reported that the necessary Certificate was issued by the Ministry of Labour on the 5th inst., and that Notice of the Compulsory Order having been made under Section I. of the Unemployment (Relief Works) Act, 1920, was served on the owner and occupiers of the land in Hewlett Road on the 8th inst.

He submitted letter of the 10th inst., from Messrs. Bubb & Co., acknowledging receipt of the Notice, and stating that if the Corporation would serve a fresh Notice under Section II. of the said Act, limiting their requirements to the land actually required for the site of the road, their Client would not dispute such Notice or place any difficulty in the way of the acquisition of such strip of land, together with his reply thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

7—Standardisation of Road Direction Posts and Warning Signs—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of the 28th ult., from the Ministry of Transport enclosing recommendations for the Standardisation of Road Direction Posts and Warning Signs.

8-Houses at Refuse Destructor-Resolved, That consideration of the proposed erection of 2 houses be deferred.

9—Andover Road and Park Place Junction--Warning Signs—Read, letter of the 1st inst., from the Secretary, Royal Automobile and Associated Clubs, asking that Warning Signs should be placed at the junction of Andover Road and Park Place. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for view.

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10—Municipal and County Engineers— Annual Conference —Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend the Annual Conference to be held in London on the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th June next.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd March, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Pates and Sawyer (The Mayor in the chair).

11—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 25th February to the 22nd March, 1921 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 17th March, 1921, 730 loads collected, 636 consumed, and 95 tipped away.

12—Arterial Road—(Arle Road to Tennyson Road)—The Borough Surveyor reported that satisfactory progress was being made with this road, and that it was desirable that the road should be named. Resolved, That the question of naming the road be adjourned.

Tenancy of Land—Read, letter from Mr. A Cox, asking that a field adjoining No. 1 Road be let to him. Resolved, That tenders be invited by advertisement for all vacant land not required by the Corporation.

Expenditure—The Town Clerk submitted letter of the 18th inst., from the Ministry of Transport, stating that owing to the estimated amount of the fund available the Minister had found it necessary to definitely restrict his liability in respect of schemes of road improvement for the relief of unemployment, and that if the cost of the works to which assistance had been given be in excess of the estimates he would be unable to contribute to such excess.

13—Clarence Street Improvement—Grant—It was reported that a grant of £3208 had been received in respect of Clarence Street Improvement.

14—Street Projections—Nos. 5-8 Albion Street--Resolved, That the application of Messrs. Bloodworth & Son for permission to fix a sign at these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions

15—Classification of Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their Meeting on the 31st January last (Minute No. 9) he had been in communication with the County Surveyor with regard to the classification of roads, and submitted a plan of the roads as classified. This excluded Leckhampton Road and Old Bath Road, but the County Surveyor was of opinion that the classification would not affect the County contribution as Leckhampton Road and Old Bath Road, being main roads, the County- Council were liable for their maintenance.

16—Promenade —Rooks—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter of the 21st inst., from Mr. W. S. Cooper, of the Promenade, complaining of the nuisance caused by rooks in the trees near his shop. Resolved, That the matter be left in the hands of the Borough Surveyor.

17—Albion Street Improvement--The Committee considered the offer of Mr. Alfred Miles to dedicate a strip of land on the north-east side of Albion Street for the improvement of the street, and the Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Miles was willing to accept the sum of £25 for rebuilding the wall to the new boundary of his premises. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Miles be

accepted, that the sum of £25 for rebuilding the wall be paid, and that the land added to the street be paved, by the Corporation.

18—Private Improvement Works—Normal Terrace—Read, letter of the 15th inst., from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., on behalf of Corpus Christi College, asking that the Private Improvement expenses be apportioned on the basis of degree of benefit, and that the Corporation should take over the road. Resolved, That the cost of the work be apportioned on the basis of degree of benefit, and that the question of taking over the road be deferred for further consideration.

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19—Borough Surveyor--Telephone—The Town Clerk submitted Notice from the District Manager, Post Office Telephone, determining the existing Agreement and enclosing new Agreement providing for a revision of the tariff from £7 5s. 0d. to £7 10s. 0d. per annum, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

20--Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 15th and 23rd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 15th March, 1921. Present : The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors

Mann, Rogers and Whitaker (The 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.
1526	J. E. Adey	Amended plan for new workshop, Rosehill Street
1528	T. J. Brain	Alterations to rear of 5, St. George's Terrace, St. James' Square
1529	F. Stuart Smith	Temporary Motor House, "Strathcona," Moorend Park Road

Resolved, That Plans No. 1526 and 5529 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 requiring removal, and that Plan No. 1528 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd March, 1921 : Present—The Mayor and Councillor Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1527	Mr. Alfred Miles	New Motor Garage, Albion Street

Resolved, That Plan No. 1527 be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th March, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dicks, Pates, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Advertising--(a) Scheme—Mr. E. J. Burrow attended the Meeting and submitted Scheme of Advertising for the ensuing year. Resolved, That the following estimate for Advertising be approved :—

HOLIDAY RESORT ADVERTISEMENTS- £ s. d.

Weekly paragraph in "Daily Telegraph" at £1 10. 0d. per week • • • 78 0 0

In Local newspapers published in other Spas, viz. : Bath, Bournemouth, Buxton, Harrogate, etc. • • 40 0 0

GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS-

In "Times" Travel Pages : Monthly £4 • • • • • .. 48 0 0

In Railway Guides : 4 Main Lines . • • • • • .. 20 0 0

FOR MOTORISTS —

Royal Automobile Club Year Book . . 6 6 0

Road Guides for Motorists • • • • • .. 10 10 0

FOR LONDON-

Exhibition of Spa picture (day and night effects) at Kingsway Information Bureau for three months, including use of Bureau as Cheltenham Enquiry Office .. . 60 0 0

Advertising in London daily newspapers 50 0 0

FOR BRITISH AND FOREIGN TOURISTS-

Cook's "Summer Holidays" List.. 20 0 0

Continental "Daily Mail" .. 25 0 0

"Reuter's Bulletin" : Monthly .. 18 0 0

Contribution to Federated Spa Advertising Scheme (including Exhibition at Kingsway Information Bureau £10) 110 0 0

Total £485 16 0

Less estimated commission to be obtained by Mr. Burrow and refunded to the Corporation 31 10 0

£454 6 0

2-Alstone Baths—(a) Charges Telegraph Boys—Read, application from the Postmaster asking that telegraph boys be granted the use of the Baths at reduced charges. Resolved, That a charge of 3d. per head (instead of 4d.) be made

Electric Lighting—Read, letter of the 15th inst., from the Cheltenham Badminton Club offering a contribution of £35 towards the cost of installing electric light at Alstone Baths, estimated at £135. Resolved, That the offer be not entertained.

3—Montpellier Baths—St. Mary's Hall— Read, application from the Sports Mistress of St. Mary's Hall, for the use of Montpellier Baths during the coming season, and for a reduction in the number of tickets required to be taken. Resolved, That the use of the Baths be granted on the same terms and conditions as in previous seasons, viz. :— the minimum number of tickets taken for each hour the bath is reserved to be 40 at a charge of 5d. per head.

4—Town Hall—Englefontaine Fund Entertainment—Resolved, That the use of the Supper Room be granted to Mrs. Rose for a Dramatic Entertainment on the 2nd prox., in aid of the Englefontaine Fund, at an inclusive charge of £1 5s. 0d.

Hospital Athletic Display—Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall be granted to Major Cavanagh-Mainwaring, Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Eye, Ear and Throat Free Hospital, for an Athletic Display on the 17th November next, in aid of the Hospital, at a charge of £10 10 0d., (plus lighting), including the use of the Hall for a rehearsal on a convenient date to be arranged.

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5—Annual Root and Grain Show--Read, letters of the 22nd ult., and 2nd inst. from the Hon. Secretaries, Cheltenham Root, Fruit, Grain and Chrysanthemum Society, applying for the use of the Town Hall for their Annual Root and Grain Show on the 3rd November next. Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall be granted at a charge of £10 10s. (plus lighting) or, as an alternative, that the Society be granted the use of the Winter Garden (if available) at a charge of £5 5s. (plus lighting).

6— Conference of Health and Pleasure Resorts—Read, Circular letter of the 14th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, enclosing Summary of Proceedings of a Conference of Health and Pleasure Resorts held on the 4th inst., together with the Constitution and Rules of the Standing Joint Committee, and inviting the Corporation to become a Member of the Conference at an annual fee of £1 1s. Resolved, That no action be taken.

7—Federation of British Health and Holiday Resorts—Read, Circular letter of the 4th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Federation of British Health and Holiday Resorts, enclosing Constitution of the Federation and inviting the Corporation to become affiliated thereto at an annual contribution of £21, together with a report from Messrs. E. J. Burrow and Co., Ltd., of a meeting of the Federation, held in London on the 25th ult., which was attended by their representative. Resolved, That no action be taken.

8—Shop next Montpellier Baths—Read, application of the 15th inst., from Mr. F. Farin for the tenancy of these premises for the business of a confectioner and tobacconist. Resolved, That the same be not entertained.

9—Montpellier Gardens—(a) Archery Ground—The Committee further considered the application of the Cheltenham Archery Club for the use of the Archery Ground at Montpellier Gardens for the 1921 Season. Resolved, That the use of the ground be granted to the Archery Club each day until 2 p.m., and also on Thursday afternoons, from the 1st April to the 31st October next, at a charge of £12 12s. for the Season, including the services of a man to put up and take down the targets.

(b) Tennis Courts—Resolved, also, that three new tennis courts be laid out on the Archery Ground and, if let for the season, that the charge thereof be £4 14s. 6d. per court (including the use of net) on the understanding that such courts are not to be used during the hours the ground is let to the Archery Club.

(c) Summer Entertainments—Read, letters of the 1st and 7th inst., from Messrs. E. D. Williams and C. Gillsmith, offering £4 and £5 per week, respectively, for the use of Montpellier Gardens for Summer Entertainments. Resolved, That the offers be not entertained.

10—Pittville Gardens, etc. —National Chamber of Trade—Annual Meetings—Read, letter of the 26th ult., from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association, asking that the free use of the Pittville Gardens and Pump Room be granted on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 24th, for the purposes of a Garden Party to the Delegates of the National Chamber of Trade. Resolved, That the use of the Gardens and Pump Room be granted. Read also, letter of the 3rd inst., from the Association asking that they be allowed to issue a special ticket of admission to Montpellier Gardens and Pittville (to include waters), and Orchestral Concerts, for the use of Delegates during the visit of the National Chamber of Trade. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

it—Winter Garden Bandstand—Read, application of the 17th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham "May Day" Committee for the use of the Bandstand on the afternoon of Sunday, 1st May, in connection with a Demonstration to be held on that day. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the Committee agreeing to indemnify the Corporation against any damage to the Bandstand or Winter Garden.

12—Spa Manager—Salary—The Committee further considered the question of Mr. Burns' salary, referred back by the Council at their last meeting. Resolved, That Mr. Burns' salary be increased from £200 to £250 per annum as from the 25th ult., rising by annual increments of £25 to a maximum of £300.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 24th March, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

12—Montpellier Gardens—Mr. Shakspeare Shenton attended the Committee with reference to his offer of £3 per week for the use of the Proscenium at Montpellier Gardens as a Cinema. Resolved, That the offer be not accepted.

3—Weekly Programme Letter-Card—Read, letter of the 22nd inst., from Mr. E. J. Burrow, stating that the scheme for the issue of a Weekly Programme Letter-Card was one which, in his opinion, would show a good return. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

14—Mineral Waters—Sales—Reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold as follows : --- Central Spa 724; Montpellier Baths 2 ; Pittville Chalet 47 ; Pittville Pump Room 6.

15—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 21st inst., were read. Resolved, That the same be approved. Concerts Attendant—Resolved, That A. Macgregor be appointed Concerts Attendant for the Summer Season at wages of £2 10s. per week, to include the cost of additional labour required in connection with the removal of chairs, band instruments, etc.

Town Hall—Benefit Ball--Resolved, That Mr. Leo Dawes be granted the use of the Town Hall for a Benefit Ball on the 11th—12th prox, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., on payment of out-of-pocket expenses for lighting and heating.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 17th March, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Moore and Thomas (Councillor Moore in the Chair).

1—Plant—Nos. 6 and 7 Alternators—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that it would be necessary to rewind the rotors of Nos. 6 and 7 alternators. As the price quoted by the makers was £560 per machine, he proposed to carry out the greater part of the work with his own staff and thereby effect a considerable saving. Resolved, That this be approved.

2-New Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Messrs. Mather & Platt had received the rotor hub casting Irons the makers and were proceeding with the construction of the alternator, which they hoped to complete in about two months. In the meantime practically the whole of the remainder of the plant under the various contracts had been completed and the erection thereof was progressing satisfactorily.

3—I.M.E.A.—Convention, 1921—Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend the Annual Convention of the I.M.E.A., to be held at Dundee from the 14th to 17th June next.

4—Light Railway—Read, letter of the 16th inst., from the General Manager, Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., with reference to a claim made by him in connection with stoppage of trams. The Town Clerk stated that, in his opinion, the claim was inadmissible, and was instructed to reply accordingly.

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5—Joint Electricity Authority—Read, letter from the Chairman of the Organising Committee, stating that arrangements had been made for a Conference with the Electricity Commissioners in London on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to attend the Conference.

6—Rockholme, Leckhampton Hill—Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the receipt of an application for a supply of electricity to Rockholme, Leckhampton Hill, and that this would require an extension of the main, which ended at Hill Grange, the cost of which extension he estimated would be £81. Resolved, That the extension be made subject to the applicant agreeing to the following terms : (1) To contribute £50 towards the cost of the extension, (2) to guarantee a minimum revenue of £7 for each of the first three years, and (3) to pay the cost of the service cable from the main to the house (estimated at £32 10s.)

7—Tender for Cables—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted an offer from The British Insulated and Helsby Cables, Ltd., to renew their contract for cables on the existing schedule of prices, plus 5 per cent., and recommended that this be accepted. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

8—Public Lighting—Analyst's Report—The report of the Gas Examiner of test on the 14th inst. showed 477 British Thermal Units.

JAMES MOORE,

WATER COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th March, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Moore, Pates, Sawyer and Stewart (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 March, 1921.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	245,000 gallons	352,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	539,000	1,526,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	127,000	133,000

Total 911,000 2,011,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	14th March, 1921		14th March, 1920.	
Hewletts		23,739,000 gallons		22,796,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	22ft. 8in.	55,553,000	29ft. 6in.	87,099,000 "
Leckhampton	8ft. 6in.	1,147,000	12ft. 6in.	1,688,000
Total Storage		80,439,000		111,583,000

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2—Land at "The Mythe" —The Borough Engineer submitted 3 tenders for grazing on land at " The Mythe." Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Chas. Ball of 4'6 per annum be accepted, subject to an agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

3—Water Inspectors—The Borough Engineer reported that he had received 7 applications for the appointment of Chief Water Inspector, and had interviewed 2 of the applicants. Resolved, That Mr. H. G. Bosworth be appointed on the terms and conditions contained in Minute No. 3 of the proceedings of the Committee at their Meeting on the 17th January last.

He also reported that he had received 24 applications for the appointment of Water Inspector and had interviewed 6 of the applicants. Resolved, That Mr. A. F. Waite be appointed on the terms and conditions contained in the Minute before referred to.

4—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, 22nd March, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Griffin reported that there were two cases of contagious diseases amongst animals, viz., a case of Swine Fever at Holliday's Allotments, previously reported to the Committee, and a case of Parasitic Mange at a stable in Swindon Street, in the occupation of Mr. William Pearce.

Sheep Scab and Sheep (Double Dipping) Orders, 1920—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter, of the 3rd inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, as to procedure under these Orders and forwarding suggested Form of Regulations under Art. 12 of the Sheep Scab Order, 1920, as to sheep brought into the district of the Local Authority.

Foot and Mouth Disease—Animals (Landing from Ireland) Order, 1921 (No. 5)—The Town Clerk submitted Circular (T.A. 7361/21) of the 3rd inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, with copy Order (No. 5) revoking existing Orders and prescribing modified restrictions. The Town Clerk reported that he had called the attention of Supt. Griffin and the Veterinary Inspector to the provisions of the Order.

2—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 3rd inst. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at Lewisham House, Suffolk Road, occupied by Mrs. A. Dearden. Damage about £150. Brigade expense £6 12s.

Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Fire Station on Saturday, the 5th inst. Present : The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

Safety Appliances—Demonstration—Mr. C. H. Burwood, representing Messrs. Seibe Gorman & Co., Ltd., attended and demonstrated the uses of the "Proto," "Salvus," and other protective and life-saving appliances. Capt. Johnson, Chief Officer of the Gloucester City Fire Brigade, who was present, stated that two sets of the apparatus were in use at Gloucester and had been the means on several occasions of rescuing persons overcome by fumes, etc.

The Sub-Committee also met on the 22nd inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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Safety Appliances—Quotations--The Town Clerk submitted quotations from Messrs. Seibe, Gorman & Co., Ltd., for supplying "Proto" and other safety appliances. Resolved, That the undermentioned appliances be procured :—

"Proto" Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (one hour type) ..	£27 12 0
Spare Cylinder	<u>3 15 0</u>
	£31 7 0

Challenge Vase—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. S. J. Such (formerly Captain of the Brigade) had retained possession of the Silver Challenge Vase presented to the Cheltenham Fire Brigade by Major E. B. Podmore in January, 1908, to be competed for annually by the two Divisions of the Brigade. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to take proceedings, if necessary, on behalf of the Brigade, to recover possession of the Vase.

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

Royal Commission —Read, circular letter of the 7th inst., from the Home Office, notifying the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the existing provisions for the avoidance of loss from fire and for the extinction of outbreaks, and enclosing copy of a Questionnaire, prepared by the Commission. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to complete and return the Questionnaire.

3—Fire Station—Telephone—The Town Clerk submitted Notice from the District Manager, Post Office Telephones, determining the existing Agreement and enclosing new Agreement providing for

a revision of the Tariff from £5 6s. 0d. to £9 15s 0d. per annum. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cabs—Read, application of the 25th ult., from Mr. C. Thornber, for licences in respect of motor cabs Nos. AD 583 and 1866 respectively. Resolved, That licences be granted, subject to the receipt of satisfactory reports on the examination of the vehicles. Resolved, That the application of Mr. G. W. Bridges for a licence in respect of a motor landaulette, No AD 2898, in respect of which a satisfactory report had been received, be granted.

Resolved, That the application of Mr. W. T. Baggs for a licence in respect of motor cab No. LE 3239 be granted, a satisfactory report having been received on the examination of the vehicle.

Horse Cab—Read, application of the 18th inst., from Mr. James Fletcher. for a licence in respect of a horse cab. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

5—Motor Omnibus Service Cheltenham to Gloucester—Read, letters of the 9th and 14th inst., from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Ltd., applying for licences for 3 motor omnibuses to ply between Cheltenham and Gloucester at the following fares : -

Through Fare	1/-
Intermediate Fares :—	
Gloucester Cross to King Edward Hotel ..	3d.
King Edward Hotel to Hare and Hounds..	3d.
Hare and Hounds to Plough Hotel	2d.
Plough Hotel to Golden Valley Chapel	2d.
Golden Valley Chapel to Cheltenham ..	6d.

Resolved, That licences be granted in respect of 3 omnibuses, subject to the vehicles being approved by the Inspector.

6—Taxi-cab Service—Fares—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had provisionally approved the Bye-laws prescribing revised Scale of Fares. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed thereto, and that application be made to the Ministry for formal approval thereof.

7—Light Railway—Fares—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum of Agreement embodying the terms arranged with regard to the application of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., for an Order under the Tramways (Temporary Increases of Charges) Act, 1920. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

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Condition of Track, etc.—Read, letter of the 17th inst., from the Ministry of Transport, intimating that the Minister had communicated with the Company with reference to the representations made in regard to the unsatisfactory state of the track, rolling stock and overhead equipment, and enclosing copy letter of the 9th inst., to the Ministry from the Secretary of the Company. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Electricity and Lighting Committee for their observations.

8—National Kitchen— Disposal—The Town Clerk submitted recommendation from the Cheltenham Kitchen Committee to accept the offer of the Popular Kitchen and Restaurant Company to purchase, for the sum of £700, the business of the National Kitchen at No. 6, Clarence Street, including an Assignment of the Lease, together with the cooking apparatus and other tenants' fixtures and fittings, furniture, utensils, etc., on the premises (the stock of provisions and groceries in hand to be taken over at a valuation), and reported that he had received the Assent of the Executors of the late H. Merry to the Assignment of the Lease. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement for the sale, and to the Assignment of the Lease.

9—St. John's Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society—Read, letter of the 17th inst., from Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, asking on behalf of St. John's Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society Joint Committee for a grant in aid of the work of the Committee. Resolved, That a contribution of £10 per annum be made to the funds of the Committee, such contribution to cover services rendered in response to calls by the Police,

10—Gloucestershire Insurance Committee —Read, letter of the 21st inst., from the Clerk to the Cheltenham Sub-Committee, intimating that Councillor J. P. Pates had resigned his membership of the Sub-Committee and asking that a successor he nominated. Resolved, That Councillor Mann be nominated for appointment as a member of the Sub-Committee.

11—War Charities Act, 1916—Englefontaine Fund—Read, application of the 22nd inst., from the Englefontaine Fund Committee for the Fund to be registered under the War Charities Act, 1916. Resolved, that the Charity be registered.

12—Leckhampton Reading Room—Repairs—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received a request for certain repairs to be carried out at Leckhampton Reading Room, the cost of which he estimated at £30, and for electric light to be installed. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

13—Licence to Store Petroleum—An application was received from the Cheltenham Cycle Co., for permission to store 25 gallons of petroleum at No. 82, High Street. The Inspector reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be granted accordingly.

14—Local Pension Committee—South, Middle and West Wards Sub-Committee— Vacancy— Resolved, That that Local Branch of the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society be invited to nominate a representative to serve on the South, Middle and West Wards Sub-Committee of the Local Pensions Committee in place of Mr. W. W. Crowther, deceased.

15—Assistant Town Clerk—Salary—Resolved, That the salary of the Assistant Town Clerk (Mr. F. J. R. Mountain) be increased from £275 to £325 per annum.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 16th March, 1921 : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham and Stewart, and Mr. F. B. Sausmarez (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 2,584 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 16th February. (Corresponding period last year 1,964).

The sale of Post Cards for the month had realised £5 4s. 2d. and Photogravures of 1/5th Gloucesters at Hebutterne £3 3s.

The Exhibition of the Cheltenham School of Art Students' Work had aroused considerable attention.

The following gifts had been received:—

Mrs. Stephenson, 2 Deeds and Seals of Winchester ; Mrs. Hugh Jones, 2 Specimens of Coral ; D. W. Honeysett, Esq., Snake captured near the Chelt ; and F. H. Edwards, Esq., German Tank Bullet, found at Cambrai, October, 1918.

2--Woodhouse Bequest—Armour—The Town Clerk submitted letter of the 10th inst., from Messrs. Haddock & Pruen, on behalf of the Executors of the late Colonel Harvey Woodhouse, stating that by his will, Colonel Woodhouse had bequeathed to the Borough, free of all duty, all arms and armour in his residence at the date of his death, and had expressed the wish that such arms and armour should be placed in the Museum. Resolved, That the bequest be accepted.

3--Spring Cleaning—Resolved, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed for cleaning purposes for three weeks from and including the 18th prox.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th March, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor. Councillors Regan,

Sawyer and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Allotments--No. 62, Whaddon Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported serious damage to an oak tree growing on this allotment by its having been lopped and topped by the holder. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

Hale's Road—Fence—It was reported that the fence bounding these allotments was in bad condition. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

Roads—Read, letter of the 12th ult., from Mr. H. C. Grimwade, on behalf of the tenants of the new allotments at Whaddon Lane, asking that the main roadway through the allotments be made up. The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of the cost of repairing the road in question and also the road at Folly Lane allotments. Resolved, That the roads be viewed.

2--No. 2, Langley Cottages—Read, application of the 10th inst., from the Superintendent of Naunton Park Recreation Ground for electric light to be installed at No. 2, Langley Cottages, owned by the Corporation. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report thereon at the next Meeting of this Committee

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3—Albert Road —Trees—Read, application of the 17th inst., from Mr. H. O. Maynard, for the removal of a tree in Albert Road which, he stated, overshadowed his garden next to Rothesay Mansions. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

4—Pittville Gardens —Tree—It was reported that a wych elm tree on the Rockery Gardens near the Evesham Road Bridge was decayed and dangerous. Resolved, That the same be viewed.

5—Recreation Grounds—Cricket--The Committee considered additional applications for permission to play cricket at the several Recreation Grounds during the 1921 season. Resolved, That permission be granted to the under-mentioned Clubs as follows :—

Recreation Ground. Name of Club. Day of Play.

Whaddon Lane All Saints' Old Boys' Cricket Club Wednesday

do. Holy Trinity Church Lads' Athletic Club An evening to be arranged, other than Wednesday or Saturday

Resolved, also, That the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. be informed that no ground is available for the use of the Association.

Organised Games—Read, application of the 11th inst., from the Director, Technical Schools, for permission to use the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Thursdays from 2.15 to 4.30 p.m. for Organised Games. Resolved, That permission be granted.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 23rd March, 1921 : Present—Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Rogers, Stewart and Yarnold (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Burial Fees—The Town Clerk submitted letter of the 22nd inst., from the Ministry of Health, returning the Scale of Fees finally approved. Resolved, That the Scale be put into operation on the 1st prox., and that copies thereof be for-warded to undertakers, monumental masons, and others concerned, with an intimation to this effect.

2-Cemetery Chapel—Read, letter of the 25th ult., from the Rector (Rev. Canon Wilson) asking that the work of removing the Rostrum, levelling and extending the stone platform, and providing a Communion Table and Altar Rails, and refixing radiator, be put in hand. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain a revised estimate of the cost of the work.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6375 to 6385 (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.: Memorial Cross and Kerb to the grave of Betty I. M. Rutland ; Memorial Stone and Kerb to the grave of Arthur W. Pratt ; Headstone and Kerb to the grave of George and Elizabeth Stevens ; Kerbing to the graves of Mary Hailes, Herbert G. Doogood, and William E. Miles.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th March, 1921 : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Pates, and Yarnold ; Canon Johnstone ; Messrs. A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £7 8s. 2d. ; Presentations: Miss Holliday (1 pamphlet), Miss Pratt, in memory of Rev. C. T. Pratt, (97 vols.), R.S.P.C.A. (12 vols.), Serbian Legation (10 vols.), Dr. Van de Wiele (3 vols. and 4 pamphlets), R. S. Watson, Esq. (1 pamphlet), W. F. Rawnsley, Esq. (1 vol.), Lady Lee' (1 vol.), C. J. Sawyer, Esq (1 vol.), and the Editor of "List of Old Cheltonians who Served in the War" (1 vol.)

The Number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of February last was 3,979; the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 10,916, and from the Children's Library 2,243.

Lectures had been given as follows :—

Feb. 2nd, "Poetry of John Masefield," by Mr. H. L. Burrows, M.A.

Feb. 28th, " Wordsworth," by Miss L. M. Faithfull, M.A.

2—Sub-Committee's Report —The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th March: Present—Councillors Mann and Regan ; Mr. E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended:— That books as per list submitted be purchased at a cost not exceeding £25.

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

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd March, 1921 : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor, Councillors Dicks, Moore and Whitaker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Estimate for Rates—The Estimates for the Borough and General District Rates were considered. Resolved, That the same as now settled be approved and submitted to the Council at the Monthly Meeting on the 4th prox., and if the same are approved, that a Special Meeting of the Council be held on the 13th prox. to make the General District Rate and Order for the Borough Rate accordingly.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 30th March, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Taylor, Councillors Dicks and Whitaker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £36,322 17s. 3d. Leaving outstanding, £999 3s. 2d.

3—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., for the half-year ending the 25th inst. Amount collected £14,811 0s. 5d. Leaving outstanding, £2,068 5s. 9d.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £2,170 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans. Resolved, also, That the terms arranged for the continuance of Debentures, amounting to £7,786, be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

5—Rates Office—Staff—Salaries—Read, applications from Messrs. F. H. Harris, E. D. Ricketts and A. Ricketts (Assistant Overseers), and E. J. Cornock (Clerk) for a revision of their salaries. Resolved, That, under present circumstances, the applications be not entertained.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 4th April, 1921, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel).

Aldermen Green, Horsley, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Edith Geddes, Boulter and Regan.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 7th March last, 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—Unemployment--Deputation—Messrs. Oliver J. Williams and T. Lyon (representing the Local Employment Committee) ; George Blagg and A. J. Thompson (representing the Trades and Labour Council) ; L. S. Locke and Hewett attended, and urged the Council to provide additional work to give employment to the large number of men out of employment in the Borough. The Council decided to consider the representations made by the Deputation at the conclusion of the ordinary business.

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

Public Health ... Meeting held March 14

Housing ••• Meeting held March 21*

*Subject to the following amendment, viz. " That Minute No. 3 of the Committee's proceedings be referred back for further consideration."

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Street and Highway Meetings held March 15 & 23

Cleeve View Road—Extension to Hewlett Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Order made by the Corporation, under Section I. of the Unemployment (Relief Works) Act, 1920, for the compulsory acquisition of land in Hewlett Road belonging to Miss E. N. Skillicorne, required for and in connection with the extension of Cleeve View Road, was confirmed by the Minister of Transport on the 24th ult.

He also reported that Miss Skillicorne's solicitors had intimated that Miss Skillicorne was now willing to enter in the Agreement originally arranged by which she was to give the land actually required for the new road and contribute £700 towards the cost of the construction of the road. Resolved, That this offer be accepted, that the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement, and that the acquisition of the land under the provisions of the Compulsory Order be not proceeded with.

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held March 18* 24

*Subject to the following amendment, viz. :

"That Minute No. 1 of the Committee's proceedings at their meeting on the 18th ult., be referred back for further consideration."

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held March 17

Water ••• Meeting held March 17

General Purposes and Watch ••• Meeting held March 22

Art Gallery and Museum ••• Meeting held March 16

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments... Meeting held March 14*

*Subject to the following amendment, viz. :

"That the second resolution to Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of this Committee be referred back for further consideration."

Burial Board ... Meeting held March 23

Public Library Meeting held March 15

Finance Meetings held March 22* & 30

*Subject to the following amendment, viz. : "That Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of the Committee at their Meeting on the 22nd ult., be referred back for further consideration."

Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed 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.

4—Unemployment—Special Distress Committee—The Council went into Committee to consider the representations made by the Deputation referred to in Minute No. 1. Resolved, That a Special Distress Committee be appointed to consider and report upon distress in the Borough, resulting from unemployment, and to

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make any recommendations to the Council they may think proper for the alleviation thereof, and that such Committee be constituted as follows :—

The Mayor (ex-officio) and 6 Representatives of the Town Council ; 6 Representatives of the Board of Guardians ; 2 Representatives of the Local Employment Committee ; 2 Representatives of the Trades and Labour Council ; and 2 Representatives of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers.

Resolved, also, That the undermentioned members be appointed as Representatives of the Town Council :—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Rogers, Welstead and Yarnold.

5—Coal Crisis—Emergency Order—Resolved, That the powers and duties of the Town Council under the Local Authorities (Coal Emergency) Order, 1921, be delegated to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

6—Notice of Motion—Alderman Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—"That the Estimates for Rates be produced each year in time for submission to the March Meeting of the Council."

JOHN D. BENDALL, 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 Tuesday, 12th April, 1921, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel), Aldermen Green, Horsley, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Boulter, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and. Yarnold.

1—Proceedings of Finance Committee—Estimate for Rates—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting of the 6th April inst., 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 10s. 0d., and that such Owners be assessed in respect of tenements, whether occupied or unoccupied, at a reduced estimate of one half.

2—Unemployment—Special Distress Committee—The Mayor reported that at a Meeting of the Special Distress Committee, held on the 8th inst., a Resolution was adopted recommending the Council to appoint two additional members of the Committee, to be nominated by the unemployed. Resolved, that no action be taken.

JOHN D. BENDALL, 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 Wednesday, 20th April, 1921, at 3 p.m. Present : The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel), Aldermen Horsley, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Mann, Pates, Regan, Stanley and Stewart.

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 as may be that the sum of SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND POUNDS will, in addition to the Borough Fund, be sufficient for those purposes (including therein the expenses of carrying 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 Sixty-nine 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 Ten Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of June next, Eleven Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of July next, Eleven Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of August next, Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds on or before the first day of September next, Ten Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of November next, Eleven Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of

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December next, Eleven Thousand. Pounds on or before the first day of January next, and Two Thousand Five Hundred 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 forth with take or cause to be taken such further proceedings as 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 FOUR SHILLINGS AND ELEVEN PENCE in the £ on the property assessable thereto, be now made, and ordered to commence and be payable at the time following, that is to say, one moiety or half part thereof forthwith, and the other moiety or half part 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.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

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 Monday, the 2nd May, 1921.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At is Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th April, 1921; Present—The Deputy linear, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Moore, Rogers, Thomas and Whitaker (Councillor Rogers 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.:—5, Andover Place ; 15, All Saints' Road ; 4, Suffolk Road ; 9, Sandford Street ; 13, Devonshire Street; 1-7, Kew Place ; Stables at 23, Lansdown Place ; 3, 4, 14, 15, and 16, Clare Place ; 5, 12, 14, and 16, St. Paul's Street, South. 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 10-12, Burton Cottages ; Dunalley Cottage; 9, Lansdown Cottages ; 9, Upper Bath Road ; 1, 2, and 5, Reform Place ; 25, St. James' Street; 2 and 3, Garden Cottages,

Milsom Street ; 7, Northfield Terrace ; " Oliveville," Dunalley Street ; 10 and 11, Gratton Street ; Commercial Cottage ; Hilton Cottage, Commercial Street; Gratton Cottage ; 3, Lambs' Cottages ; and 5, and 21, Commercial Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 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 (a) 13, Montpellier Avenue ; 3--14, Montpellier Walk ; Fountain Inn ; 10, 10a, and 11, Commercial Street ; 1 -11, Victoria Place ; and 30, Upper Bath 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.

(b) 3, Beaufort Buildings ; 1 and 2, Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road ; and 1-12, Burton Cottages-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that Notices under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875. to the respective owners of these premises, requiring them to do the specified works, had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take necessary proceedings to compel compliance in the case of 3, Beaufort Buildings, and 1 and 2, Victoria Parade, and that the Inspector of Nuisances obtain estimates for carrying out the work at 1-12, Burton Cottages.

4-Insanitary Property-9, Upper Bath Road; 25, St. James' Street ; 2 and 3, Garden Cottages, Mason Street ; 10 and 11, Gratton Street ; Hilton Cottage, Commercial Street ; 6 and 21, Commercial Street; 13, Naunton Crescent ; 18, Grosvenor Street; and 23, Lansdown Parade. 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-Surrender of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported surrender of 3 cwts. 21 lbs. mutton ; 3 qrs. 18 lbs. beef; 2 cwts. 3 qrs. 5 lbs fish ; and 66 tins of fruit, meat, fish, etc.

6-House unfit for Human Habitation-3, Orchard Place-The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that this dwelling-house was in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and recommended that the same be closed. Mrs. Mills, the owner, attended the Meeting and consented to an Order being made prohibiting the use of the 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 Section 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said premises for human habitation, that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice of such Order be given to the Owner.

7-Medical Officer of Health's Annual Reports-Resolved, That the Annual Reports of the Medical Officer and School Medical Officer be printed and bound in one volume, that three tenders for

printing and binding be obtained, and that the Chairman and Medical Officer of Health be authorised to accept the lowest tender.

8-Grave house-Collapse of Wall-The Town Clerk submitted claim received from Dr. Braine Hartnell for £84 for cost of rebuilding wall at these premises, alleged to have collapsed by reason of excavations in connection with work carried out by the Corporation to the public sewer. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report thereon to the next Meeting of this Committee.

9-Royal Institute of Public Health-Read, letter from the Secretary, inviting delegates to attend a series of Conferences to be held in London from 2nd-4th June next. Resolved, That no delegates be appointed.

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10—Housing of the Working Classes Act—Stanhope Street Improvement Scheme—Read, letter of the 16th ult., from the Housing Commissioner, with reference to the Stanhope Street area, stating that the Ministry desired that the Scheme be deferred.

11—Abattoir—Read, letter of the 30th ult., from the West Midland Farmers' Association, Ltd., notifying arrangements made by them with the Mid-Gloucester Farmers to continue slaughtering at the abattoir in their stead.

12—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Farms on the 1st inst., for the Annual Stock-taking and Valuation. Present—The Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Thomas and Whitaker. (Councillor Whitaker in the Chair).

They submitted the following Summary :—

	£ s. d.
Live Stock.. •••• .	6470 10 0
Hay, Straw, Mangolds, Manure, etc. ..	588 0 0
Acts of Husbandry .. ••••••	616 14 0
Implements, harness, etc. •••••	<u>304 9 0</u>
	7979 13 0
Less 5 per cent. (for depreciation)	<u>398 19 8</u>
	£7580 13 4

Resolved, That in future a Valuer be engaged to make the Annual Valuation. The Sub-Committee also reported that they met on the 11th inst. Present -The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Thomas and Whitaker (Alderman Green in the Chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 11th inst. was 10 horses (2 at Depot), 5 colts, 120 head of cattle, 5 calves, 43 sheep, 27 tegs, 73 lambs, and 35 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 4 heifers had been purchased for £78, 10 calves and 23 lambs had been bred on the Farms. 7 cows, 9 heifers in calf, 2 barren heifers, 8 calves, 11 pigs, 4 lambs and 1 ewe skin had been sold for £860 12s. 2d. 1 ewe had died of appendicitis. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed.

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th April, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Moore, Regan and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Fence between Housing Estate and Longmeade "—The Borough Surveyor reported that the estimated cost of erecting a new fence between the Housing Estate and " Longmeade " would be £30, and submitted a letter of the 2nd inst., from Mr. W. Blakey, agreeing to bear half the cost. Resolved, That Mr. Blakey's offer be accepted and that the fence be erected on the understanding that the same will be maintained by Mr. Blakey.

2-Stable —The Borough Surveyor submitted application of the 1st inst., from Mr. J. Fear, for the tenancy of the stable and coach-house at rear of Benhall Cottage, at an annual rent of £6, plus rates. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, subject to the tenant entering into an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

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3—Houses—Completion —The Architects reported that they had carefully investigated the delay in the completion of contracts and the possibilities of expediting the work. They had written the respective Contractors with reference to the observations of the Committee at their last meeting, and submitted replies stating that the delay had been mainly due to shortage of labour (notably bricklayers and plasterers), and to transport and other difficulties which had retarded the delivery of materials. The following was a summary of the progress on the first 80 houses contracted for:-

Handed over ..	24
Practically completed ..	14
In an advanced stage ..	30
In course of completion	<u>12</u>
	80 (all roofed in).

Excellent progress was being made with the 40 Non-Parlour type houses, although the supply of bricks was limited, and if the industrial crises continued the supply would probably be entirely suspended. In these circumstances they had instructed the Contractors to concentrate on a block of 4 houses, so that any failure in the supply of bricks would not delay the completion of the whole of these houses.

4—Allotments—Rents—The Town Clerk reported that it had been necessary to dispossess 4 holders of allotments in Wasley's Field, and they had been provided with allotments on another part of the Estate. Resolved, That the rent of such allotments be fixed as follows: First year nil.; second year 15/- per chain ; subsequent years per chain.

5—Cox's Orchard Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders by advertisement for the tenancy of this land

6—Gloucester Road Frontage —Read letter of the 11th inst., from the Housing Commissioner, with reference to the proposal to erect 20 parlour type houses of increased capacity on the Gloucester Road frontage, and stating that in view of the present policy of the Ministry in regard to the reduced limit for tenders, and the altered conditions, he was not prepared to recommend the Council to proceed further with the proposal to erect these superior houses

7—Dorman Long Houses-- Clinker Blocks Read, letter of the and inst., from the Housing Commissioner approving the substitution of 2 ¼ inch clinker blocks instead of hyrib and cement, provided the steel work in the cavities was properly covered in accordance with the Ministry's requirements.

Royalty—Read, also, letter of the 6th inst., from the Housing Commissioner, stating that Messrs. Dorman Long were entitled to a royalty payment of £5 per house in respect of the first 100 Dorman Long houses erected by an Authority, and a similar payment of £3 each in respect of any further houses

8—Rents—Read, letter of the 24th ult, from the Ministry of Health, stating that no objection was raised to the Council's proposal to charge an initial rent, exclusive of rates and water charges, of 9/- a week for Non-Parlour type houses, but that the rent of 10/6 per week, exclusive, which the Council proposed for Parlour-type houses, could not be regarded as sufficient for the purposes of the Local Authorities (Assisted Housing Schemes) Regulations, 1919. The Ministry would be prepared to agree to an initial rent of 11/- per week, exclusive, for these houses. Resolved, That the proposed rent of 11/- be not agreed to, and that if necessary the question of the rent be referred to the decision of the Tribunal appointed.

9—Orchard Terrace, Libertus Road—Resolved, That the ten houses fronting Libertus Road be named Libertus Terrace " and numbered 1 to 10.

10—Selection of Tenants—Industrial Employees—The Committee further considered the question of accommodation for industrial men, referred back by the Council at their last Meeting, and the Town Clerk submitted letters of the 9th inst., from W. H. Cole & Co., Ltd., and further letters from H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd., and Smith's Systems, Ltd. Resolved That the Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes and Regan be appointed a Sub-Committee to scrutinise and report on the applications for houses received to date.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 27th April, 1921: Present—Councillors Edith Geddes, Stewart and Yarnold; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. Willoughby, Miss Barnard and Dr. Cardew (Councillor Edith Geddes in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society—(a) Annual Report—Read, the 12th Annual Report (1st April, 1920-31st March, 1921).

The attendances had been as follows :—

	No. of Children		Attendances.	
	Attending.	Infants.	Toddlers	Total.
At Highbury (45 Meetings) ..	398	1723	798	2521
At Baker Street (45 Meetings) ..	421	1555	493	2048
At Clare Street (15 Meetings) ..	<u>244</u>	<u>1006</u>	<u>717</u>	<u>1723</u>
Total ..	1063		Total	6292
Totals for previous year	598			4139

The Visits paid by the Club Visitor had been 1649.

The general standard of health had been good.

Needlework and Mothercraft Competitions were held in July last, and similar Competitions were being organised by the National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare.

Lectures on Simple Cookery, Dressmaking and Mothercraft had been given by the Organising Teacher of Domestic Science.

(b) Quarterly Report--Read, the Report for the Quarter ended 31st March last. The attendances had been as follows:—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Highbury (12 meetings) .. • •	34	26.2
At Baker Street (12 meetings)	34.8	17.5
At Clare Street (12 meetings).. • • • •	22.4	21.2

Arrangements had been made for Miss H. M. Jordan (Health Visitor) to give Lectures at the Centres during the Summer in place of Miss Dawson-Caves.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be accorded the Hon. Secretary of the Society for her services.

2—Health Visitors - (a) Annual Report- -Read, the Annual Report (1st January-31st December, 1920). The following is a summary of the work for the year :—

No. of Children visited (a) one year and under • •	1,059
(b) over one year • • • •	<u>1,242</u>
Total ..	2,301

No. of Home Visits paid by Health Visitors • • 5,670

Health Visitors' Attendances at Centres—

Highbury	67
Clare Street .. • .	54
Baker Street..	<u>54</u>
Total ..	175

Talks to Mothers at these Meetings ..	35
No. of Children remaining on Visiting Register	2,264
“ Un-notified Births Discovered ..	84
“ Children remitted to Hospital .. • •	16
Cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum notified and visited	3
Cases of Whooping Cough visited • • • •	50
Ante-natal Cases visited .. • . • • • • • • • • • •	25

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Grants of Milk :

To Nursing and Expectant Mothers ..	31
To Infants and Children under 5 years ..	<u>33</u>
Total	64

Total quantity of Milk ordered .. 3,798 quarts.
 Cost of Milk paid for during 1920 £181 9 10

Dinners were supplied in the case of one nursing mother for one month.

(b) Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work for the Quarter ended 31st March last :—

No. of Children visited (a) one year and under • •	856
(b) over one year	<u>351</u>
Total .. • •	1,207

No. of Home Visits paid by Health Visitors .. • •	1,999
Health Visitors' Attendances at Centres • • • •	70
No. of Children remaining on Visiting Register • • • •	2,264
“ Un-notified Births discovered .. • • • • • •	20
“ Children remitted to Hospital . • •	8
Cases of Whooping Cough visited • •	20
Ante-natal Cases visited .. . • •	17

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter .. 26 stopped .. 13 continued .. 13
 New Orders issued • • .. 23 stopped 9 continued 14
 To Nursing and Expectant Mothers .. 9
 To Infants and Children under 5 years.. 14
 Amount of Money spent on Milk during quarter • £66 3 2

3—Ante-Natal Lectures—Read, letter of the 7th ult., from the Secretary, District Nursing Association, stating that the Lady Superintendent (Miss Hill) had not time to give Ante-Natal Lectures, as proposed by the Committee at their last Meeting, but the Association would allow the Assistant Superintendent (Miss Perry) to do so at a fee of 5/- per Lecture. Resolved, That one Lecture per month be given at Highbury on these terms.

4—District Nursing Association—Maternity Ward—Fees—Read, letter of the 15th February last, from the Secretary, District Nursing Association, stating that the fees for the Maternity Ward had been increased from £2 2s. 0d. to £2 12 6d. per week.

Grant—Read, copy letter of the 15th ult., from the Ministry of Health to the District Nursing Association, stating that the Ministry had decided to make a grant of £261 in aid of the district midwifery and maternity nursing provided by the Association.

5—Milk for Mothers and Infants—Read, Circular 185 of the 31st ult., from the Ministry of Health, forwarding Orders revoking as from the 14th ult., the Milk (Mothers and Children) Orders, 1919, and stating that Local Authorities must in future obtain the sanction of the Minister, under the Maternity and Child Welfare Act, 1918, for the supply of milk to expectant and nursing mothers and children under 5, which would be given only on the conditions set out in the Circular.

Resolved, That the following Scale of Income for Supply of Milk at less than cost price, for the purpose of determining whether applicants are generally necessitous, be submitted for the approval of the Minister :—

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SCALE.

Numbers in family including parents and other adult members depending on the income stated.		Scale of Income per Family after deducting Rent.		
		For a supply of milk free of cost.		For a supply of milk at half price.
1	(child out at nurse)	12/-	per week	3/- per week more in each case.
2		20/-	“	
3		25/-	“	
4		30/-	“	
5		35/-	“	
6		40/-	“	
7		45/-	“	
8		50/-	“	
9		55/-	“	
10		60/-	“	
11		65/-	“	
12		70/-	“	

Resolved, also, That the Chairman (Councillor Edith Geddes) and Councillors Stewart and Yarnold be appointed a Sub-Committee for dealing with applications for the supply of milk, and to review authorisations for same, and that the Sub-Committee meet on Monday in each week.

6—Bastardy—Captain Bowyer's Bill—Read, letter of the 8th inst., from the National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child, asking that a Resolution be adopted in support of this Bill.

7—Conference on Infant Welfare—Read, letter from the National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare, inviting Representatives to attend a Conference on Infant Welfare to be held in London from the 5th-7th July next. That the Chairman (Councillor Edith Geddes) be appointed to attend the Conference.

8—Accounts—The following accounts were passed for payment :—

	£	s.	d.
District Nursing Association— Half-yearly Grant.. ..	11	16	3
Milk for Nursing Mothers and Children	66	3	2
Messrs. T. Hailing, Ltd., Printing .. . • •	0	12	6

EDITH M. H. GEDDES,

Resolved,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th April, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Tenders for Trees—Read, letter of the 22nd ult., from Messrs. A. S. Barradell & Co., Ltd, withdrawing their original and amended tenders for trees, submitted to the Committee at their meetings on the 11th January and 15th March last, respectively.

2—Arterial Roads—Road No. 1 (Arle Road to Tennyson Road--Land of Mr. J. R. Brown—Valuation)—Read, letter of the 11th inst., from Mr. H. Ellis Moore, District Valuer, that he had provisionally agreed with Mr. J. G. Villar, acting on behalf of Mr. Brown, for the purchase of the land to be acquired, containing 15a. or. 33p., for £1188, subject to the condition that the Corporation should fence off the land from the remainder of Mr. Brown's property and make a new pool and watering place on the land retained by Mr. Brown. Resolved, That these terms be agreed to and that the Common Seal be affixed to a Conveyance of the land.

3—Town Planning Regulations, 1921—Read, Circular 145, of the 30th ult., from the Ministry of Health, enclosing Order No. 66064, containing revised regulations governing the procedure to be adopted in preparing a Town Planning Scheme. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration and report as to the making of a Scheme.

4—Telegraph Lines—Read, letter of the 24th ult., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, making application for consent to the placing of underground and overhead telegraph lines in Albert Road, and also asking, in regard to the conditions made in the Consent authorised by the Committee at their meeting on the 28th February last, that lagging might be dispensed with in the case of poles in back streets, and that in other streets painted poles should be accepted as an alternative to poles with lagging. Resolved, That consent be given to the application and that the modification of the conditions asked for be agreed to.

5—Electric Lorry—Licence—The Town Clerk reported that if this lorry were used for trade purposes the licence duty would be £25, instead of £6. Resolved, That instructions be given that the lorry shall not be used for trade purposes.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 25th April, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

6—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 23rd March to the 21st April, 1921 (both dates inclusive). Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 14th April, 1921, 686 loads collected, 593 consumed, and 93 tipped away. Weight consumed 790 tons 11 ½ cwt.

7—Workmen--Wages—Messrs. J. W. Betteridge and Ed. Willmore attended as a Deputation from the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, and urged that the workmen be paid the minimum rate of wages recommended by the Provincial Joint Industrial Council. Holidays—The Deputation also asked that the decision of the National Joint Industrial Council for Non-Trading Services with regard to holidays be adopted.

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Resolved, That this Committee cannot recommend any further increase at the present time, and therefore recommend that the Council withdraw their membership of the Provincial Industrial Council. Resolved also, That the question of holidays be adjourned for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee,

8—Alstone Wharf—Weighing Machine—The Borough Surveyor reported that for some years the Corporation had used the weighing machine at Alstone Wharf, belonging to the Midland Railway Co., at an annual charge of £10, the arrangement being renewed from year to year by letter, but the Company had now sent a formal Agreement to be entered into by the Corporation. Resolved, That this be referred to the Town Clerk for perusal

9—Arterial Road—Loan—The Town Clerk submitted particulars of the amount to be raised by loan towards the cost of Roads No.1 and 2 as follows :--

Estimated cost ..	£19,628
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Grants from Ministry of Transport—

Road No. 1 (Arle)	£8,032
Road No. 2 (Cleeve View Road) ..	1,338
Contribution by Miss E. N. Skillicorne	700
Contribution by Mr. H. J. Lewis ..	<u>75</u>
	<u>10,145</u>
	£9,483

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan for £9483.

Progress— Road No. 1—The Borough Surveyor reported that the concrete foundation of this road had practically been completed.

Road No. 2—The continuation of this road had been commenced on the 14th inst.

The number of men employed on the two roads was 217.

10—Slab Factory—Plant—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 13th inst., from the City Engineer, Bristol, offering disused slab plant for £150. Resolved, That the plant be purchased, subject to the same being found satisfactory on inspection by the Mayor and Borough Surveyor.

11—Footpath Adjoining Cemetery—Repairs to Bridge—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report as to repairs required to this bridge, and to ascertain if the Rural District Council will contribute half the cost of such repairs.

12—Grove Street Burial Ground--Read, letter of the 19th inst., enclosing complaint signed by fifteen residents in Station Street, as to damage to property and annoyance caused by persons having access to this Ground. The Town Clerk reported that he had communicated with the Superintendent of Police with a view to the abatement of the nuisance. He had also written the Trustees urging the necessity of steps being taken to prevent persons having access to the Ground, and submitted reply stating that this would be done.

13—" Good Intent"—Charity—Direction Sign—Read, application of the 23rd inst., from the Hon. Secretary, "Good Intent" Charity, for permission to fix a direction sign to the railings of the Long Garden, Promenade. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

14—Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings held on the 12th and 25th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, 12th April, 1921. Present: The Mayor, Deputy .Mayor, Councillors Mann, Rogers and Whitaker (The 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.
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1530	C. Bullock & Co.	Alteration of temporary building for Garage and Cycle House, Montpellier Street.
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1531	Trustees, Wesleyan Sunday School.	Additions to rear of Wesleyan Sunday School, Gloucester Road.
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Resolved, That Plan No. 1530 be disapproved, and that Plan No. 1531 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman,

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 25th April, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mann (The Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
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1530	Messrs. C. J. Bullock & Co.	Amended plan for alteration of temporary building for Garage and Cycle House, Montpellier Street.
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Resolved, That Plan No. 1530 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 requiring removal.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th April, 1921: Present—Councillors Boulter, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Medical Baths—Vichy Douche Bath—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs, Shanks & Co., Ltd., would require from four to six weeks for delivery of the fittings for the proposed additional Vichy Douche Bath.

2-Montpellier Baths—Wages of Superintendent—Read, application of the 17th ult., from Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stretton, for an increase in wages. Resolved, That the application be not entertained.

3—Winter Gardens— Dilapidations—Resolved, That Messrs. Healing & Overbury be appointed to assess the dilapidations on behalf of the Corporation.

4—Advertising Scheme—The Committee further considered the Scheme of Advertising referred back by the Council. Mr. Burrow withdrew his offer for the exhibition of the Spa Picture at the Kingsway Information Bureau for three months at a charge of £60.

Resolved, That the item of £20 for advertising in Railway Guides, (4 main lines), be omitted, and that the item of £40 for advertisements in local newspapers published in other Spas be reduced by £10, making, with the omission of the exhibition of the Spa Picture, a total reduction of £90.

5—Posters—Midland Railway Poster—Resolved, That the exhibition of this poster be continued for a further year, in completion of contract, at a cost of £10.

6—Shop next Montpellier Baths -Read, further letter of the 26th ult., from Mr. F. Farin, offering to put these premises in repair at his own expense if a lease for 7 years could be arranged. Resolved, That Mr. Farin be asked what repairs he proposed to carry out, and what rent he would give if a lease for 7 years, determinable by either party at the end of three or five years, were granted.

7—Town Hall—Information Bureau Telephone—The Town Clerk submitted new Agreement providing for a revised Tariff of £7 10s. 0d. per annum in respect of the telephone at the Bureau. Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce be asked if they were prepared to pay the increased charge.

8—Annual Root and Grain Show—Read, further letter of the 29th ult., from the Hon. Secs. Cheltenham Root, Fruit, Grain and Chrysanthemum Society, asking that the charge for the use of the Town Hall on the 3rd November next be reduced to £5 5s. 0d. plus lighting. Resolved, That the Resolution of the Committee at their meeting on the 18th ult., (Minute No. 5) be adhered to.

9—Medical Baths—Dowsing Light and Heat Bath—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee, that notice be given for the removal of this Bath.

10—Concerts and Gardens—Season Tickets—Resolved, That the following Scale of Charges for Season Tickets (commencing on 1st May, 1921, and expiring on 30th April, 1922) be approved and adopted:—

(1) Montpellier and Pittville Gardens—To admit Nurse or Child (not exceeding 12 years of age) at all times, except when the Gardens are let privately, or on special occasions 2/6

(2) Municipal Gardens and Parks -To admit persons at all times, except when the Gardens and Parks are let privately, or on special occasions 6/-

(3) Concerts—To admit persons to Montpellier and Pittville Gardens at all times, except when the Gardens are let privately, or on special occasions, including use of chair at morning, afternoon and evening Concerts by the Municipal Orchestra held therein, or in the Winter Garden Ground 10/6

11—Pittville—Whit-Monday Municipal Fete—Resolved, That the arrangements for the Fête to be held at Pittville on Whit Monday be made by this Committee.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd April, 1921 : Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

12-Town Hall—Information Bureau Telephone—Read, letter of the 20th inst., from the Manageress of the Information Bureau that the Chamber of Commerce had agreed to pay the increased charge in respect of the telephone at the Bureau. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to execute the Agreement in respect thereof on behalf the Corporation.

13—League of Nations—Pilgrimage—Read, letter of the 20th inst., from the Local Hon. Sec. League of Nations Union, asking for the use of Montpellier Gardens, or (if wet), the Town Hall, for the reception of the League's Pilgrimage on the 13th June next. Resolved, That the use of either Pittville Gardens, Montpellier Gardens, or the Winter Garden Ground, or (if wet), the Pump Room or Town Hall, as may be available, be granted, free of charge, except for cost of cleaning, heating and lighting the Pump Room or Town Hall, if used.

14—Town Hall—N.A.L.G.O. Conference, 1922—An application was received from the Local Branch, National Association of Local Government Officers, for the use of the Town Hall for purposes of the Annual Conference of the Association to be held on the 2nd, 3rd and 5th June (Whitsun), 1922. Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall be granted, free of charge.

15—Mineral Waters—Sales—Reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold as follows :—Central Spa 981 ; Montpellier Baths 5 ; Pittville Chalet 54 ; Pittville Pump Room 8.

16—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 29th ult., 5th, 12th, and 19th inst., were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Summer Orchestra—Resolved, That the Summer Orchestra commence performances on the 10th prox., at 7 p.m.

Town Hall—Resolved, That the Town Hall be let to the Lowell Thomas Travelogues from the 19th to 24th September next, at a charge of £50.

Flannel Dances—Resolved, That Flannel Dances be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday evenings, commencing on the 11th May next.

Dickens' Fellowship—Resolved, That the Dickens' Fellowship Society be granted the use of the Supper Room on the evening of the 4th and all day on the 5th June next, free of charge, except for the cost of cleaning, heating and lighting.

Pittville—R.A. Band—Resolved, That the Royal Artillery Band be granted the use of Pittville Gardens on Sunday afternoon, the 24th April.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th April, 1921 : Present—Councillors Mann, Moore, Thomas, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the Chair).

1-Coal Crisis—The Borough Electrical reported the steps he had taken, after consultation with the Chairman, to deal with the position arising out of the coal crisis. The public lighting had been reduced by about 1/3rd and some reduction of cars made in the Light Railway Service. He proposed to make further reductions in the public lighting after consultation with the police, also in the supply to the Light Railway and other large power consumers. He suggested that consideration of the suspension of the supply to radiators be postponed until the next Meeting of the Committee. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved, and that he be authorised, in conjunction with the Chairman, to make such further reduction in supply as may be necessary to conserve the stock of coal at the Electricity Works.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st April, 1921 : Present—Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Moore and Thomas (Councillor Moore in the chair).

2—National Joint Industrial Council (Electricity Supply Industry)—Representation—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be re-nominated as representative of the Corporation on the District Council No. 6 (West of England Area) for the ensuing year.

3—Joint Electricity Authority (Lower Severn Electricity District)—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he attended a Conference called by the Electricity Commissioners in London on the 23rd ult., with reference to the proposed Joint Electricity Authority, and the provision of a supply of electricity in the Forest of Dean. Resolved, In view of the altered circumstances, that the Committee do not consider it desirable to proceed further with the Scheme to set up a Joint Electricity Authority.

4—Lamp Globes—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to accept the offer of Messrs. Chance & Co., Ltd., to supply globes at 4/3 each, and to purchase some second-hand globes he had been offered.

5—Electric Lamp Pillar, Charlton Lane—Damage by Collision—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a lamp pillar in Charlton Lane had been knocked down by a taxi-cab driven by Mr. P. E. Hobbs, of " Hilldale," Pilley. Resolved, That a claim be made for £8 2s. 0d. for the damage caused.

6—Public Lighting—Tewkesbury Road Bridge—Cable—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement for Wayleave in respect of a cable laid over Tewkesbury Road Railway Bridge belonging to the Midland Railway Company.

7—Telephones—Revision of Tariff—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to execute Agreements, on behalf of the Corporation, providing for a revision of tariffs in respect of the following Exchange Line Telephones :—

Electricity Works, Sub-Station, Borough Electrical Engineer's House, Works Superintendent's House, and Mains Superintendent's House.

8—Public Lighting—Analyst's Report—The report of the Gas Examiner of test on the 7th inst. showed 461 British Thermal Units.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Dowdeswell on Thursday, 14th April, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Moore, Pates, Stewart and Whitaker (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 April, 1921.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	209,000 gallons	378,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	4.47,000 "	1,479,000
Leckhampton Springs	82,000	117,000
	Total 738,000	1,974,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	11th April, 1921.		11th April, 1920.
Hewletts	22,564,000 gallons		28,520,000 gallons
Dowdeswell 19ft 6in	42,787,000	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000
Leckhampton 9ft. 9in.	1,215,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
	Total Storage 66,566,000		130,140,000

Pumping commenced at Sandford on the 7th inst., and preparations were being made to start pumping at Tewkesbury in the course of a few days.

2-- Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) London Road--Surface Water Drain—The Borough Engineer reported receipt of letters dated 31st ult., and 1st inst., from the County Surveyor, asking that a

length of about 105 yards of surface water drain should be laid to improve the drainage of this road, and offering, on behalf of the County Council, to pay half the cost of such drain, and also stating that on completion of the work the County Council would undertake all responsibility for the drainage of the road in the future. Resolved, That the Corporation agree to have the work carried out on the terms offered.

(b) Excavation and Landslide—The Borough Engineer recommended that he be authorised to obtain an opinion of a Consulting Engineer as to what extent it would be safe to excavate the Reservoir in order to increase the capacity thereof, and also as to the best method of dealing with the landslide, and for the improvement of the filtration of water. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

(c) Unemployment— Resolved, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant towards the cost of excavating the Reservoir to provide further work for the unemployed.

3—Tewkesbury Waterworks—Telephone—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign new agreement for telephone, providing for a revision of the tariff from £6 5s. 0d. to £7 16s. 0d. per annum.

4—Arrears of Water Rate—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to recover the amounts outstanding and that supplies be discontinued in such cases until the arrears due are paid.

5—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, 19th April, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Moore, Rogers and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals —Supt. Griffin reported that in addition to two cases of contagious diseases amongst animals in the Borough, reported to the Committee at their last Meeting, two cases of Swine Fever had broken out, viz., a case at Hanover Gardens and another at Allen's Field Allotments.

Foot and Mouth Disease—Animals' (Landing from Ireland) Order, 1921 (No. 6) --The Town Clerk submitted Circular T.A. 7361/21, of the 29th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture, with Copy Order (No. 6) prohibiting the landing of all animals from Ireland pending enquiries as to the origin and extent of Foot and Mouth Disease in that Country. Feeding Stuffs and Animal Products from Belgium—The Town Clerk submitted an Order of 31st ult., made by the Minister of Agriculture, revoking, as from the 6th inst., Order 329 of 11th September, 1920, prohibiting the landing in Great Britain of feeding stuffs for animals and animal products from Belgium.

2—American Gooseberry Mildew (Fruit) Order, 1915, and American Gooseberry Mildew Order, 1919—Read, Circular Letter H.D. 429/1921 of the 2nd inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, with Copy Order No. 526 revoking these Orders. The Town Clerk reported that the effect of the Order was that all previous restrictions on the sale of home-grown gooseberries affected with American Gooseberry Mildew were withdrawn, and that notice of this had been advertised.

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

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cabs—Resolved, That a licence be granted to Mr. F. C. Hughes in respect of motor cab No. LU 5391, subject to the fittings specified in the report of Messrs. Mills & Sons being provided.

Motor Cab—Transfer—Read, application of 19th inst., from Mr. W. T. Baggs, for licence No. 33, held by him in respect of motor cab No. LE 3239, to be transferred to Mr. John Oates. Resolved, That the licence be transferred accordingly.

Horse Cab —Resolved, That the application of Mr. Arthur J. R. Jenkins for a licence in respect of a horse landau be granted.

Drivers' Licences—Resolved, That drivers' licences be granted to F. C. Hughes, A. J. R. Jenkins and J. Oates.

Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages, etc. be held at the Central Depot on Tuesday, 3rd May, at 10 a.m.

5—Licence to Store Petroleum—An application was received from Mr. H. Chetwood Aiken for a licence to store 1,000 gallons of petroleum in bulk, under the Bowser System, in a cylindrical steel tank underground in the forecourt of No. 74, Winchcombe Street, adjoining the Victory Garage. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned, and that the Committee view the site.

6—Women Police— Miss A. E. Cole, Miss W. A. Duncan, Mrs. W. G. Gurney, Mrs. M. H. Jordan and Miss V. Murray attended as a Deputation from the various Women's Associations in the Borough and urged the retention of the Women Police. The Committee further considered letter of the 4th January last from the Clerk to the Standing Joint Committee, stating that the Women Police, if retained, must be additional to the 75 male members of the Police Force.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to agree to the retention of the Women Police, at the rates of pay set out in the proceedings of the Committee at their Meeting on the 29th October last (Minute No. 23), and to the addition of one policeman to the present Force of 73 (making a total strength of 76), and that the Agreement with the County be endorsed accordingly.

7—Central and Sub-Police Stations—Telephone—The Town Clerk submitted two new Private Circuit Agreements providing for a revision of the tariffs from £20 10s. 0d. to £45 15s 0d. per annum. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

8—Suffolk Parade—Cinematograph Licence—Messrs. F. Sims and T. F. Brookman, with Mr. A. S. F. Pruen, attended and submitted a ground plan of a proposal to erect a Cinematograph Hall in Suffolk Parade, and applied for a licence under the Cinematograph Act, subject to the Hall being completed in accordance with plans to be submitted to, and approved by, the Council. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Committee to inspect the site.

9—Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907—Traffic Regulations—Read, letters of the 1st and 12th inst., from the Secretary of State, Home Office, provisionally approving the draft Regulations as to Street Traffic proposed to be made under Section 78. Resolved, That the Regulations be approved and made by the Council, that the Common Seal be affixed thereto, and that application be made to the Secretary of State, after due notice, for confirmation thereof.

10—Obstruction by Char-a-bancs— The Town Clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Home Office as to the issue of Bye-laws regulating char-a-bancs in regard to the picking up and setting down of passengers in the principal streets, and the Department had written intimating that this could not be dealt with by Bye-Laws under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882.

11—War Charities' Act, 1916—"The Good Intent" Charity--Read, application of the 16th inst., from the Executive Committee of the " Good Intent" Charity, for the same to be registered under the War Charities' Act, 1916. Resolved, That the Charity be registered.

12—Salaries and War Bonus—Read, letter of the 15th inst., from the General Secretary, National Association of Local Government Officers, asking the Committee to receive a Deputation from the Local Branch, with a representative from the National Association, with a view to the adoption of the Civil Service War Bonus Award No. 102. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

13—Light Railway—Fares—The Town Clerk submitted copy of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway (Temporary Increase of Charges) Order, 1921, made by the Minister of Transport on the 13th inst., under the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1920, prescribing the fares, rates and charges to be made by the Company, and revoking the Cheltenham and District Light Railway (Temporary Increase of Charges) Interim Order, 1920, as from the 12th inst.

14—Municipal Offices—Telephone--Revision of Tariff's—The Town Clerk submitted new Agreement received from the District Manager, Post Office Telephones, providing for a revision of the tariffs in respect of the Private Branch Exchange Telephone at the Municipal Offices and external and internal extension lines connected therewith. Resolved, That the Chairman be asked to consider and decide as to a reduction in the number of extension lines, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the Agreement as revised.

15—Market—Mops and Fairs—The Town Clerk reported that the Market had been let to Mr. Marshall Hill for his roundabouts, etc., from the 20th to the 25th inst., at a rent of £20. Resolved, That this be approved.

Office Accommodation—Read, letter of the 18th inst., from the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society, asking for further office accommodation. Resolved, That the application be not entertained at present.

Pig Sales—The Society further stated that, subject to the approval of the Corporation, they were desirous of holding Pig Sales at the Market, if the Corporation would put the existing pens in good order, on the same terms on which they held the Fruit and Vegetable Market or on terms to be mutually arranged. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of the repairs required.

Extension of Shed—Account—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of an account from Messrs. Collins & Godfrey, amounting to £212, for the extension of the Shed at the Market in 1918, and that no provision had been made in the Estimates for the current financial year to meet this expenditure. Resolved, That the payment of the account be deferred.

16—Hawking in Streets—Read, Memorial signed by 49 Tradesmen directing attention to sales by hawkers in the main thoroughfares of the Borough. Resolved, That no action be taken at present.

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17—Leckhampton Reading Room Repairs—The Committee further considered the request for certain repairs to be carried out at Leckhampton Reading Room, and for electric to be installed thereat, reported to the Committee at their last Meeting, (Minute No. 12), and the Town Clerk reported the terms of the tenancy Agreement. Resolved, That the request be not entertained

18—Coal Crisis—The Town Clerk reported that in order to ensure that the existing stocks of fuel of all descriptions in the Borough should last as long as possible and to reduce the risk of hardship which would result from the exhaustion of these stocks, an advertisement had been published in the local Press asking householders to reduce the use of fuel, to buy wood or coke in preference to coal, and to curtail the use of artificial light. Resolved, That this be approved.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th April, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

The following Representatives of the Local Coal Merchants' Committee attended, Messrs. E. Keen (Critchley & Keen); C. Barrett, (Jordan & Co.) ; J. P. Pates (Pates & Co.) ; R. J. Webb (Webb Bros.) ; and H. G. Butler (J. Williams and Son).

19—Coal Crisis—Emergency Order —Read, circular letter of the 6th inst., from the Prime Minister, with reference to the enrolment of volunteers for the maintenance of food supplies, etc.

Read, the Local Authorities' (Coal Emergency) Order, No. 2, 1921, dated the 14th inst.

Read, the following Circular letters from the Mines Department, Board of Trade: dated the 4th inst., re control of consumption of coal ; dated the 14th inst., re lighting restrictions ; and, dated the 14th inst, re coal for household purposes.

Read, circular letter of the 14th inst., from the Civil Commissioner for the South Western Area, Bristol, with reference to Memorandum for the guidance of Local Authorities (Divisional and Area

Organisation), notifying the appointment of Major-General Sir Francis Howard, K.C.B., of Castle Godwin, Painswick, as the Chairman of the Gloucestershire Volunteer Service Committee.

20—Cheltenham Rural District—Read letter of the 8th inst., from the Clerk to the Rural Council, asking the Town Council to carry out the powers under the Emergency Regulations for the area of the Rural District Council, as well as the Borough. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

21 —Coal Emergency Committee--Representatives--Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Margrett, and Councillor Moore be appointed Representatives of the Corporation on the Coal Emergency Committee.

22—Special Emergency Committee —Resolved, That The Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Moore and Pates ; The Hon. J. S. Clemons ; Mr. W. J. Bache ; Superintendent Griffin; Messrs. A. E. Hudson, H. J. McCormick, J. Paterson, J. S. Pickering, R. Owen Seacome. and G. L. Searight be appointed a General Emergency Committee.

23—Executive Officers—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be appointed Executive Officer for the purposes of Local Authorities' (Coal Emergency) Orders, Nos. 1 and 2, in regard to Fuel Supplies, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed Executive Officer for the purposes of the said Orders so far as they relate to supplies of electricity.

24—National Service Volunteers--Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange for the enlistment of Volunteers, and that No. 27, Promenade be used for the purposes of a recruiting office.

25—Street and Shop Lighting- Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Superintendent of Police as to the reduction of outside lighting of business premises.

26-Coal Supplies---The Executive Officer reported that the stock of coal in the Borough amounted to 18 ½ tons which was in the hands of six coal merchants. He further reported that under the Coal Emergency Directions, Industries were not allowed to consume more than fifty per cent. of their normal consumption without a permit.

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Voluntary Release—Resolved, That the Executive Officer be instructed to advertise for the voluntary release of surplus coal.

Order to Commandeer—Resolved, That, if necessary, the Executive Officer be authorised to make application to the Mines Department, Board of Trade, for an Order to commandeer coal.

27—Bake Houses—General User—Resolved, That a Meeting of the Bakers in the Borough be convened to consider the possibility of the general use of certain bakehouses with a view to conserving coal.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 27th April, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

28—Suffolk Parade—Cinematograph Hall—The Committee inspected the site and it was Resolved, That the Committee are of opinion that the site is suitable for a Cinematograph Hall, and that the applicant be informed that an application for a licence will be favourably considered, subject to the building being erected in accordance with detailed plans to be first submitted to and approved by the Council, and provided that the erection of the building is begun within six months and completed within a reasonable time thereafter.

29—Licence to Store Petroleum—The Committee further considered an application from Mr. H. Chetwood Aiken for a licence to store 1000 gallons of petroleum in a cylindrical steel tank underground, in the forecourt of No. 74 Winchcomb Street, and inspected the site of the distributing pump proposed to be erected on the kerb in front of the Victory Garage, adjoining the premises. Resolved, That a licence be granted, subject to the approval of the Street and Highway Committee to the erection of the proposed pump on the kerb, and to the applicant entering into an undertaking, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, to pay an annual acknowledgment of five shillings, to keep the pump illuminated from the hour fixed for the lighting of the street lamps until 11 p.m. each day (Sundays included), and to remove such pump within three months, upon notice being given requiring him so to do.

30—Hackney Carriage Licence—Motor Cab—Resolved, That a licence be granted to Mr. A. G. Biggs, in respect of a motor landaulette. No. A.D. 7430, subject to the fittings specified in the report of Messrs. Mills & Sons being provided.

31—Market—Mops and Fairs—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. Studt had made a further offer of £60 for the use of the portion of the market usually occupied for the annual Mops and Fairs, to be held next Autumn. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 13th April, 1921 present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Winterbotham and Stewart ; Dr. R. Davies and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 2,296 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 16th March, (Corresponding period last year 2,014).

The sale of Post Cards for the month had realised £1 4s. 8d. and Photogravures of 1/5th Gloucesters at Hebuterne £1 1s.

2-Woodhouse Bequest Armour—It was reported that the arms and armour referred to in Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of the Committee at their Meeting on the 16th ult., had been received.

Show-case--Resolved, That the offer of Barnby Bendall and Co., Ltd., to supply a mahogany show-case for £6 be accepted, and that the Chairman and Curator be authorised to arrange for a back to be fitted thereto at a cost not exceeding

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE. At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th April, 1921 : Present—The Deputy Mayor. Councillors Sawyer, Stanley,

Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Allotments—Land, Hale's Road, adjoining Beechhurst—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Agriculture had now arranged with Mrs. Holborow to retain possession of this land until the 25th March, 1923, at a compensation rent of £30 per annum, provided that if any of the allotments should become vacant before the expiration of the said period, Mrs. Holborow should be entitled to take possession thereof subject to a proportionate abatement of rent.

Hale's Road—Fence—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the fence adjoining these Allotments.

2-Pittville Gardens—Picking of Flowers—Read, Report of Park Constable as to flowers picked by children in Pittville Gardens, together with a letter from the parent stating that the children had been punished and offering to pay for the damage done. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that, in the circumstances, no proceedings be taken.

3—Recreation Grounds--Cricket—The Committee considered additional applications for permission to play cricket at the several Recreation Grounds during the 1921 season. Resolved, That permission be granted to the undermentioned Clubs as follows, and that Minutes Nos. 1 and 5 of the proceedings of the Committee at their meetings on 14th February and 14th March last, respectively, be varied accordingly :—

Recreation Ground. Name of Club. Day of Play.

Agg-Gardner Co-operative Young People's Circle Club Wednesday

Naunton Park Emmanuel Cricket Club Saturday

do. Templar Cricket Club do.

Whaddon Lane All Saints' Old Boys Cricket Club Saturday

do. Y.M.C.A. Cricket Club Wednesday

Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground— Levelling—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to proceed with the work of levelling Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground with the surplus soil removed from Cleeve View Road Extension.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd April, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Cemetery Chapel --The Committee further considered the proposed improvements in the Church of England Chapel, asked for by the Clergy. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Rector that it is desired to postpone the work until next year.

2 —Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6385 to 6395 (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 and Kerbing to the graves of Charles E. Champney, Rev. James Grasett and Captain Elliott B. Grasett, and Anne J. Jones; Headstone and Kerbing to the grave of Mary H. Jeffry; Headstone to the grave of L. F. Adams; Kerbing, Corner-posts and Shield to the grave of John H. R. Sperry; Kerbing to the graves of Mary A. Iles, Mary A. Wiggett, and Ellen W. Patterson.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th April, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green Councillors Mann and Regan ; Messrs. E. C. Rogers and E. Gridley (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report---Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £6 18s. 8d. ; Presentations: Michelin Tyre Company, Ltd. (4 vols.), Editor of " Daily Telegraph" (1 vol.), J. A. Homer, Esq. (1 vol.)

The Number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of March last was 4,236 ; the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 51,622, and from the Children's Library 2,081.

2- Sub- Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th April: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillor Mann; Canon Johnstone, Messrs. W. R. Carles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair)

They recommended :— That the Monthly Accounts, submitted and examined, be passed for payment.

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

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on 26th April, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor, Councillors Dicks and Moore (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate. Amount collected £72,860 4s. 5d. Void, excused, and irrecoverable. £1,741 1s. 10d. Leaving outstanding, £279 0s. 2d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £24 6s. 9d. Leaving outstanding, £13,030 9s. 7d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £3,460 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans. Resolved, also, That the terms arranged for the continuance of Debentures, amounting to £5,000, be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—Debenture 716—Part repayment—Read, letter of the 23rd inst., from Mr. F. A. Whittaker, applying for repayment of £50, part of a loan of £150. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

5—Insurance of Corporate Property—The Borough Accountant submitted Schedule of Corporate Property showing the amount covered in respect of each building by the existing insurance policies. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until the next meeting.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, 2nd May, 1921, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel).

Aldermen Green, Horsley, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Wilkins and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Boulter and Welstead.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 4th April last, and the Special Meetings on the 12th and 20th April last, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health ...	Meeting held April 11		
Housing	“ “	18	
Maternity and Child Welfare	“ “	27	
Street and Highway ...	Meetings held	12	25
Town Improvement and Spa	“ “	15	22*

*Subject to the following amendment, viz. That the figures and words " 13th to 17th April (Easter)," be substituted for "2nd, 3rd and 5th June (Whitsun.)," in Minute No. 14 of the Committee's proceedings at their meeting on the 22nd ult.

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Electricity and Lighting ... Meetings held April 15 & 21
Water ... Meeting held April 14
General Purposes and Watch ... Meetings held April 15, 19 & 27
Art Gallery and Museum ... Meeting held April 13
Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments... Meeting held April 11
Burial Board • • • Meeting held April 2
Public Library Meeting held April 12
Finance • • • Meeting held April 26*

*Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed 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.

3—Notice of Motion—Estimates for Rates—The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Alderman Green, having been formally moved was not seconded, and Alderman Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly meeting of the Council :—

" That the Estimates for Rates be produced each year in time for submission to the April meeting of the Council."

4—Unemployment—Special Distress Committee—Read, letter of the 28th ult., from the Secretary, Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council, asking that six representatives of that body be appointed members of the Special Distress Committee. Resolved, That no action be taken.

5—Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Councillor Rogers intimated his desire to retire from this Committee, and it was Resolved, That Councillor Stanley be appointed to fill the vacancy.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

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 6th June, 1921.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th May, 1921: Present-The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Moore, Rogers, Thomas, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers 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.: -14, St. Paul's Street, South ; 6, Albion Square ; 10, Sherborne Street ; 1, 2, 3, 10, 10 ½, 11, 13, and 17, Grove Street ; Back of 1, Grove Street ; .5, Barnard's Yard; Cumberland House, Grove Street ; Rose Cottage, Grove Street ; 1, Devonshire Street ; 32, Duke Street; 18, Grosvenor Street ; 33, 35, 37, 39, and 41, Bath Terrace ; 21 and 22, Albert Street, St. Paul's ; and 7, Rutland 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 1 and 10, St. Paul's Street, South ; 6, Albion Square; 10 and 12, Sherborne Street; 1, 1, 2, 3, 8, 13, 13, 15, and 16, Grove Street ; Back of 1, Grove Street; Cumberland House and Rose Cottage, Grove Street; "Clarebad" and "Graven," Tewkesbury Road ; 1, Devonshire Street ; 47b, 51, and 77, Duke Street ; 3 and 5, Princes' Place; 18, Grosvenor Street; 16, Worcester Street; 21 and 22, Albert Street, St. Paul's. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 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 (a) Riland, Moorend Road ; and 49, 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, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee,

(b) 1-12, Burton Cottages-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the owners of these premises had not complied with the Notice to carry out the drainage works required. He submitted the following tenders for works specified to be done at these premises :-Mark Williams & Co. £301 4s. 6d.; Eggleton & Co. £167 13s. 6d. Resolved, That the works be executed and the expenses recovered from the owners, and that the tender of Messrs. Eggleton & Co. be accepted, subject to their entering into a Contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

(c) Fountain Cottage and Fountain Inn, Upper Bath Road ; 10, 10 ½, and 11, Commercial Street ; 1-11, Victoria Place, Bath Road ; and 30, Upper Bath 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 respective owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days.

4-Insanitary Property-(a) 2, 3, 13, 15, and 16, Grove Street ; "Craven," Tewkesbury Road ; 1, Devonshire Street ; 5, 6, 7, and 8, Barnard's Row, New Street ; 1, St. Paul's Street, South ; and 6, Albion Square, Albion 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.

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5—Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported surrender of 2 cwts. 1 lb. beef ; 3 cwts. 1 qr. 14 lbs. pork ; 3 cwts. 1 qr. fish ; 49 lbs. tripe ; 42 lbs. ox liver ; and 46 tins of meat, fish, fruit, etc.

6—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Little's Court, New Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises, in respect of which a Closing Order was made by the Council on the 1st October, 1917, had not been made fit for habitation, and he recommended that an Order be made for the demolition of the premises. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners of the premises of the intention of the Council to consider on the 11th July next the question of making an Order for the demolition of the premises.

7—Pig Keeping—Resolved, That Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of this Committee at their Meeting on the 8th January, 1917, authorising the Inspector of Nuisances to give permission for the keeping of pigs, either generally or in particular cases, notwithstanding the provisions of any bye-law to the contrary, be rescinded.

8—Sludge Beds--The Borough Surveyor reported that additional sludge beds at Hayden Farm referred to in Minute No. 9 of the proceedings of the Committee at their Meeting on the 14th March last, were nearing completion and that it was desirable to construct additional beds which would provide suitable work for some 60 men for two or three months. He estimated the cost of such additional beds at £1,000. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to make application to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant towards the work, and that the remainder of the cost be defrayed out of a balance of £655 of the Loans sanctioned for Sewage Works.

9--Abattoir—(a) Singeing Building—The Borough Surveyor reported that the roof of the building used for singeing pigs at the Abattoir had collapsed and that the cost of repairing same would be about £30. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until September next.

(b) Telephone—The Town Clerk submitted new Agreement providing for a revised tariff of £7 16s. 0d. per annum in respect of the telephone at the Abattoir. Resolved, That the telephone be dispensed with.

10 - Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1921—Read, Circular 196 of the 21st ult., from the Ministry of Health enclosing copies of the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1921, amending the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1912. Resolved, That these be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

11—Medical Officers of Health and Inspectors of Nuisances—Tenure of Office—Read, Circular 153 of the 14th ult., from the Ministry of Health forwarding copies of the Sanitary Officers (Tenure of Office) Order, 1921, which provided that Medical Officers of Health and Inspectors of Nuisances appointed after the 1st inst., as whole time Officers should hold office without limit of time, with a proviso that for the first twelve months of appointment, they should be deemed to be on probation and the appointment should expire unless confirmed by the Minister of Health, Article 4 provided that every actual or impending vacancy in the aforesaid office, should be reported to the Minister with the cause of the vacancy.

12 —Report of Farms Sub-Committee—Reported Meeting on 9th May. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Thomas and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the Chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 9th inst. was 5 colts, 10 horses (2 at Depot), 109 head of cattle, 8 calves, 42 sheep, 73 lambs, 27 tegs, and 24 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 2 calves had been purchased for £7 14s. Od., 3 calves had been bred on the Farms. 11 heifers in calf, 1 heifer, 10 store pigs, and 1 fat sow had been sold for £572 16s. 10d. 1 ewe and 2 calves had died.

Valuer—Read, letter of the 3rd inst., from Mr. C. C. Castle, offering his services as valuer. Resolved, That the appointment of a valuer be deferred until the monthly Meeting of this Committee in February next.

Nuisance at Lakestone Bridge—The Town Clerk submitted Notice from the Tewkesbury R.D.C. of the existence of a nuisance at Lakestone Bridge, Elmstone Hardwicke, arising from sewage disposal into a stream, and requiring the abatement of same, together with a report from the Farms Manager that the flow had been stopped and instructions given for the bed of the stream to be cleared.

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

E. ROGERS, Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd May, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Moore, Regan and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Building Guild--Deputation—Messrs. G. Blagg, W. Bushell and J. Sage attended as a Deputation from the Cheltenham Trades and Labour Council and the Building Guild with reference to contracts for further houses, and were informed that in the event of tenders being invited for the erection of further houses, any tender submitted by the Building Guild would be duly considered.

2—Cox's Orchard—The Committee considered six tenders for the tenancy of this land. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. W. J. Flook of £9 per annum, being the highest, be accepted, subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

3—Rents—Read, letter of the 18th inst., from the Ministry of Health, stating that the question of the rents to be charged had been further considered, and under all the circumstances, no objection was raised to the Council's proposal to charge the following initial rents, exclusive of rates and water charges, viz. :—Parlour type houses 10/6 per week ; Non-parlour type 9/- per week. Resolved, That notice be given to the tenants of the Council's intention to increase the rents of Parlour type houses from 10/- to 10/6 per week accordingly, and that the rents of Non-Parlour type houses, when completed, be 9/- per week.

4—Employment of ex-Service Men on Housing Schemes—Read, Circular 197 of the 12th inst., from the Ministry of Health with reference to the Scheme for employment of ex-Service men to be trained in the building industry, which had been adopted at the request of the Government by the National Federation of Building Trades Employers, and enclosing detailed particulars of the Scheme.

5—Subsidy Houses - Read, General Housing Memorandum No. 49, of the 28th ult., from the Ministry of Health, stating that a Bill had been introduced providing for payment of a subsidy to persons completing houses between 23rd December, 1920, and the date of the Bill becoming law, and that Local Authorities should examine applications for subsidies and, if they were in order, inform the applicants accordingly.

6—Stable—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Fear had not completed the Agreement for the tenancy of the Stable and Coachhouse at the rear of Benhall Cottage, and that the same had been let to Mr. H. J. Nethercott, of Bearswood, Glencairn Park Road, on a quarterly tenancy at a rent of £1 10s. per quarter, plus rates and taxes. Resolved, That this be approved.

7—Building Contracts— Form No. 3—Read, circular letter of the 7th inst., from the Royal Institute of British Architects, stating that the Council of the Institute had had under consideration the Form of Contract No. 3 issued by the Ministry of Health, which they considered mainly protected the contractor, and that in their opinion, the ordinary lump sum contract was preferable from the employer's point of view and in the interests of the ratepayer.

8-Lay-out—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to complete the Lay-Out of the Estate as approved by the Ministry.

9—Potato Planting—Read, Resolution adopted by the Special Distress Committee at their meeting on the 20th inst., recommending that instructions be given for the ground already dug to be planted with potatoes. The Borough Surveyor reported that the digging and planting of so acres of land had not yet been completed and that the cost would be at least £700, or £70 per acre. Resolved, That the ground already dug be planted.

10—Further Houses—Read, Resolution adopted by the Special Distress Committee at their meeting on the 20th inst. recommending the erection of further houses. Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the "Echo" inviting applications for houses with a view to ascertaining the number of Parlour and Non-Parlour type houses necessary to meet the needs of the Borough.

11—Fence between Housing Estate and "The Granleys"—The Committee considered Col. Churchill's complaint regarding the fence between the Housing Estate and Granleys." Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to Prepare an estimate of the cost of providing wire netting and barbed wire fence.

12-Selection of Tenants—Read, letter of the 21st from Mr. Arthur Carey, with reference to his application for a house, together with the Town Clerk's reply thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved. Read, also, letter of the 20th inst., from Mr. A. Whiting, with reference to his application for a house. Resolved, That Mr. Whiting be informed that his application will be considered with others in due course.

13—No. 36, Tennyson Road—It was reported that the tenant was not occupying this house and that he had invited offers for unfurnished rooms thereat by advertisement. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to terminate the tenancy forthwith.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 30th May, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Wilkins and Yarnold (The 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 22nd April to the 26th May, 1921 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 19th May, 1921, 861 loads collected, 807 consumed, and 54 tipped away. Weight consumed 1,030 tons 13 cwt.

2--Street Projections—11, Winchcombe Street—Resolved, That the application of Mr. H. Lapper of the 17th inst., for per-mission to fix a sign at these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions,

3—Diversion of Footpaths, Leckhampton—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Leckhampton Quarries Co., Ltd., desired to make a slight diversion of two footpaths at Leckhampton (as shewn on plan submitted), in connection with a proposed branch railway from Charlton Kings to the quarries. Resolved, That no objection be made to the proposed diversions, subject to swing gates being provided at the crossings over the railway to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

4—Brooklyn Road—Resolved, That arterial road No. 1 (Arle Road to Tennyson Road) be named Brooklyn Road.

Tenancy of Land—(a) Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Brooke Boote of £6 per acre per annum for the land on the S.E. side of Brooklyn Road, containing 5 acres or thereabouts, being the highest of

seven tenders received, be accepted, subject to the terms of an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

(b) Resolved, That the land on the opposite side of the road be retained for the use of the Corporation. Progress—The Borough Surveyor reported that the carriageway of Brooklyn Road had been completed and that the footpaths were in course of formation.

5--Cleeve View Road—(Extension)—Resolved, That this road, as extended, be named "Cleeve View Road."

6---Sandford Mill Road --(Continuation)—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the kerbing and channelling had been practically completed, and the carriageway was ready for the formation to be commenced.

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7—Eldorado Road—Footpaths--Private Improvement Works—Apportionment—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works ordered in this street had been carried out at a cost (including supervision) of £1,133 9s. 1d., and submitted alternative provisional apportionments, one upon benefit derived and the other upon frontage. Resolved, That regard be had to the greater or less degree of benefit to be derived from the Works, that the apportionment as now settled upon this basis be approved, and that Notices thereof and of demand for payment be served upon the owners of the premises mentioned therein.

8—Leckhampton Road Footpath—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the raising and improvement of a further portion of the footpath in Leckhampton Road.

9---horse Hire—Resolved, That a horse be hired from the farms in place of one hired from Mr. Newman, and on the same terms and conditions.

10—Workmen—Holidays-- The Committee further considered the question of granting an annual holiday to workmen. Resolved, That three consecutive days annual holiday be granted to all men in receipt of a weekly wage who have been in the service of the Corporation for at least twelve months.

11—Footpath adjoining Cemetery—Repairs to Bridge—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter from the Surveyor to the Rural District Council agreeing to pay half the cost of repairing this bridge, estimated at, C3. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the repairs accordingly.

12—Classification of Roads--Read, circular letter (116) of the 9th inst., from the Ministry of Transport (Roads Department) stating that, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Transport of the works proposed, grants from the Road Fund during the financial year 1921-22 towards the improvement and maintenance of Classified Roads and Bridges would be 50 per cent. of the actual expenditure in the case of Class I. and 25 per cent. in the case of Class II., Roads and Bridges. The grants during subsequent years would be fixed in the light of experience of expenditure and the probable revenue to be derived from motor taxation under Section 13 of the Finance Act, 1920. The classification of roads would be subject to revision from the beginning of the financial year 1922-23, The grants to be

made would be formally intimated to the Council upon receipt of estimates, and payment made quarterly on certificates submitted by Local Authorities, on the basis of 45 per cent. of expenditure in the case of Class I., and 22 ½ per cent. in the case of Class II., Roads and Bridges, the total of the four quarterly advances in no case to exceed 50 per cent. of the grant, The final settlement would be made for the year upon receipt of expenditure returns. Under Section 17 (2) of the Ministry of Transport Act, 1919, the Minister might by agreement with the Local Authority defray half the salary and establishment charges of the Engineer or Surveyor. Highway Authorities desirous of participating in such grants should submit forthwith for approval estimates of expenditure proposed to be incurred and charged to Highway Account under the headings (1) Salary of Engineer or Surveyor, (2) Salary of Engineer's or Surveyor's Staff, and (3) Travelling Expenses of Engineer or Surveyor and his Staff.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a Statement of Expenditure for submission to the Ministry.

13—Road and Sewer Work—Wages of Unskilled Men —Read, General Housing Memorandum No. 47, of the 21st inst., from the Ministry of Health, with reference to wages to be paid to labourers engaged on road making and similar work in connection with Housing Schemes.

14—Telegraph Lines—Read, circular letter of the 27th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, making application for consent to the placing of an overhead telegraph line along the lane at the rear of and adjoining Portland Street. Resolved, That consent be given.

15—Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 30th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 30th May, 1921. Present : The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Wilkins (The 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.

1532	C. Webb	New Motor House, Jersey Avenue
1533	R. E. Steel	New Motor House, Victoria Terrace
1534	Mrs. Kanpatrick	Additions to Bryn Hyffryd, Keynsham Road
1535	Mrs. Atkins	New Bathroom, 5, Paragon Terrace
1536	C. H. James	Temporary Workshop, rear 23, Dunalley Parade
1537	Miss A. E. Coates	Additions to Toronto Cottage, Old Bath Road
1538	R. Sanders	Temporary Motor House, Old Bath Road

1539	C. C. Savage	New Bungalow, off Hatherley Road	1540 F. Sims New Cinema and Lock-up Shops, Suffolk Parade
1541	H. Davis	Detached House, Gloucester Road (near Arle Court)	
1542	David Greig	Amended plan for alterations to No. 325, High Street	
1543	Colonel Strachan	New Bay Window at side of "Clareville," Lansdown Parade	

Resolved, That Plans No. 1532, 1533, 1536, 1538 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 requiring removal ; that Plans No. 1534, 1539, 1540, 1541, and 1543 be approved ; that Plans No. 1535 and 1537 be approved subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 1542 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th May, 1921: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Shop next Montpellier Baths --(a) Read, application of the 3rd inst. from Mr. H. Fry, for the tenancy of these premises, together with a copy of the Town Clerk's reply thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

(b) Read, letter of the 18th inst., from Mr. F. Farin, offering an inclusive annual rent of £15 for the tenancy of the shop only. Resolved, That the offer be not entertained.

2 —Medical Baths—(a) Treatment of A. Moulder--Read letter of the 27th ult., from the County Fire Office, Ltd., asking that a course of 6 Paraffin Baths and Massage be afforded Mr. A. Moulder, a Corporation employee injured while at work, at a reduced charge. Resolved, That no reduction be made.

(b)—Coal (Emergency) Directions, 1921—Read, circular letter (S.58) of the 10th inst., from the Mines Department, Board of Trade, stating that in view of the prolongation of the coal emergency, the heating of swimming baths and water used therein should be discontinued, and that private baths should be available on one day per week only. The Borough Surveyor reported that the slipper baths at Alstone were opened on one day a week only, and that those at Montpellier were heated in conjunction with the Medical Baths.

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3—Town Hall--(a) Ladies' Lavatories—Resolved, That in view of complaints in regard to these premises a prepayment lock be fitted to the door leading thereto.

(b) Post Office Workers, 1922 Conference—Read, letter of the 17th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Branch Union of Post Office Workers, asking for the use of the Town Hall (all rooms), for

purposes of the Annual Conference to be held during the week ending 13th May, 1922. Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall be granted at a charge of £30.

4—Winter Gardens Bandstand—Read, letter of the 17th inst., from the Hon. Secretary. Cheltenham May Day Committee, thanking the Council for granting the Committee the use of the Bandstand on the afternoon of Sunday, 1st inst.

5—Pittville Gardens—(a) Read, application of the 16th inst., from the County Secretary, Navy League, for the use of Pittville Gardens on the afternoon and evening of the 28th July next, for two performances by the Band of the Royal Marines (Plymouth Division) and a display by the 1st Gloucester Sea Cadet Corps, and for permission to charge for admission thereto, the balance of the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the League, Sea Training of Gloucestershire Lads and the relief of dependents of naval men who lost their lives during the War. Resolved, That the use of the Gardens be granted free of charge, subject to an undertaking being given to make good any damage done to the Gardens.

(b) Philharmonic Society's Garden Fete—Read application of the 20th inst., from Mr. C. E. Rainger, Hon. Secretary Cheltenham Philharmonic Society, for the use of Montpellier Gardens on a Thursday afternoon and evening in June, at a nominal fee, for purposes of a Garden Fete with pastoral plays, etc., in aid of the funds of the Society. Resolved, That the Society be offered the use of Pittville Gardens at a charge of £3 3s., subject to an undertaking being given to make good any damage done to the Gardens.

6—Alstone Baths- --(a) Swimming Gala—Read letter of the 19th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, asking that in the event of the Swimming Bath being unavailable on the 9th prox., that the Club be granted permission to hold their Gala in the outdoor Bath. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

(b) Season Tickets—Resolved, That season tickets for the open-air Bath be issued for 10/16 instead of 12/6.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 27th May, 1921: Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Pates, and Thomas (Councillor Pates in the chair).

7—Pittville Gardens—Key--Read, letter of the 23rd inst., from Mr. Albert Gibson, asking that his nurse and child be allowed the use of a key to Pittville Gardens. Resolved, That in consideration of an annual payment of £1 1s. a key be granted for the use of the nurse and child only, subject to season tickets being taken out on their behalf.

8—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 26th ult., 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th inst., were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That Montpellier Gardens remain open until 8-30 p.m. during May, and until 9-30 during the remainder of the Season.

Town Hall—Concert Attendant—Resolved, That Miss Summers be paid at the rate of £1 10s. per week during the Summer Season.

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Montpellier and Pittville Gardens—Resolved, That Members of this Sub-Committee be provided with keys to Montpellier and Pittville Gardens.

Montpellier Gardens—Concerts —Resolved, That the price of admission to Montpellier Gardens during Orchestral performances be 3d. (including tax) and for seats in the proscenium 9d, 6d. and 3d. (including tax).

Spa Programmes—Posting—Resolved, That the offer of Shakespere Shenton to post Spa Programmes and keep boards tidy at the price of 11/3 per week be accepted. Tennis Courts—Sub-Letting—Resolved, That the Principal of the Training College be granted permission to sub-let Tennis Courts hired by him during the Summer Vacation.

Montpellier Gardens and Winter Garden—(1) Orchestral Performances and Admission to Cinematograph Hall. Resolved, that the offer of Mrs. N. S. Field to admit holders of chair tickets for the Orchestral performances at Montpellier Gardens and Winter Garden to the Cinematograph performances at the Winter Garden at the following reduced rates, viz.: 1/6 seats for 9d.; and 1/- or 9d. seats for 6d.; the Corporation to receive 1d. in respect of each ticket presented, be accepted, such arrangement not to apply to holders of season tickets.

(2) Refreshment Van—Resolved, That one month's trial be given to Messrs. Coleworth's proposal for a motor refreshment van to stand in Montpellier Gardens and the Winter Garden, during Orchestral performances, and at Montpellier Gardens in the evenings when the Orchestra is not performing at either place; 7 ½ per cent of the gross receipts to be paid to the Corporation.

9—Orchestral Performances Receipts—Resolved, That the Spa Manager be instructed to submit monthly statements of receipts from Orchestral performances for the purposes of comparison with receipts in previous years.

10—Mineral Waters—Sales -Reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold as follows :— Central Spa 1058; Montpellier Baths 2 ; Pittville Chalet 43 ; Pittville Pump Room 21 ; Montpellier Gardens 81.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 28th May, 1921 : Present—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes and Moore (Councillor Moore in the Chair).

1—Coal Crisis—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had purchased a quantity of pit bank slack which was being sprayed with oil to facilitate combustion. He was arranging for the conversion of one or two of the boilers to burn oil exclusively which would involve the purchase of

burners, a storage tank or tanks and a pump for maintaining the necessary supply of oil. 40 new consumers and extensions to existing installations were awaiting connection (including 5 motors and 2 or 3 cookers) altogether 60 or 70 kilowatts, but these could not be connected until normal deliveries of coal had been resumed. Resolved, That these arrangements be approved. Resolved, also, That this Committee desire to express their appreciation of the services rendered by the Engineering staff and workmen in maintaining the supply under difficult conditions resulting from the coal crisis.

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2—Sandhurst Road, Charlton Kings—supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the receipt of an application by 4 residents in this road for a supply of electricity. He estimated the cost of extending the cable at £60. Resolved, That the cable be laid subject to the usual guarantee of revenue.

3—Leckhampton Court Cable—Wayleave—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement between Mrs. M. E. Elwes and the Corporation in respect of a supply of electricity to Leckhampton Court through a cable to be laid across land belonging to the Leckhampton Quarries Co., Ltd., and Mrs. Elwes by which Mrs. Elwes, agreed to contribute £273 towards the cost of the cable. Resolved, That the same be approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

4—Public Lighting—Analyst's Report—The report of the Gas Examiner of test on the 2nd inst. showed 462 British Thermal Units.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 19th May, 1921: Present—Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Moore, Pates and Stewart (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 May, 1921.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	151,000 gallons	334,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	324,000	1,079,000
Leckhampton Springs	53,000	111,000
Total	528,000	1,524,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	16th May, 1921		16th May, 1920.	
Hewletts		18,237,000 gallons		30,876,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	16ft. 6in.	32,025,000	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 „

Leckhampton 7ft. 0in. 945,000
Total Storage 51,207,000

Empty.
130,876,000 "

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2—Inspections—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of April had been as follows :—

No. of house-to-house inspections • 1,100

" taps found leaking ..	260
" defective flushing boxes	86
" defective stop taps ..	20
" draw taps repaired ..	206
" notices served re fittings	130
" meters changed	32
" houses connected	50

3---Infringement of Water Acts—It was reported that a cottage at Lower Alstone owned by Mr. W. C. Prude, had been connected to the service in contravention of the Water Acts which required a separate service, no application for a supply had been made and no notice of the extension given. The Borough Engineer submitted letters from Mr. Prude and Mr. H. Eager (the Plumber who made the connection) dated respectively the 5th and 13th inst., neither of which gave a satisfactory explanation. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings.

4—Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) Excavation and Landslide—Read, letter of the nth inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that they were prepared to make a grant of 60 per cent of the wages bill incurred up to the 31st July next, for additional unemployed men taken on for excavation work in Dowdeswell Reservoir, the grant in no case to exceed £620.

(b) The Borough Engineer recommended that Mr. E. Sandeman be engaged as Consulting Engineer. His fees would be £12 12s. 0d. a day plus out of pocket expenses. Resolved, That this be agreed to. Resolved, also, That, subject to the opinion of the Consulting Engineer, the work of excavation be put in hand.

5—Extension of Mains—Loan—The Town Clerk reported the receipt from the Ministry of Health of Sanction to a loan of £4,000 for extensions of water mains.

6—Hewletts Reservoir (No. 3)-- Resolved, That fishing be not allowed during the present year in this Reservoir.

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

CHAS. B. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Central Depot on Tuesday, 3rd May, 1921. Present :—
The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Rogers, Sawyer and Stewart (The Mayor
in the chair).

1—Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages, etc.—The Committee inspected the Hackney Carriages,
Wheel Chairs, etc. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to renew the licences for one year
from the 6th prox., subject to the repairs required by the Committee being carried out, and also
subject to the Carriages not submitted, being approved by the Inspector.

2-Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Landalette—Resolved, That a licence be granted to Mr. G. W.
Wallis in respect of Motor Landalette No. LW 6586, subject to the fittings specified in the report of
Messrs. Mills & Sons, being provided.

Motor Cab—Transfer—Read, application of the 26th ult., from Mr. W. T. Baggs, for licence No. 51,
held by him in respect of Motor-cab No. AD 3789, to be transferred to Mr. Geo. W. Hawker.
Resolved, That the licence be transferred accordingly.

3—Hackney Carriages and Wheel Chairs—Numbering—The Inspector submitted the following
particulars of the existing numbers allocated to Hackney Carriages and Wheel Chairs, compared with
the number of Carriages, etc., actually licenced : -

	Number Allocated.	Number Actually Licensed.
Motor Carriages • • • • 77		31
Horse Carriages • • • • 100		28
Pony Carriages • • 13		5
Wheel Chairs • • 27		7

Resolved, That Motor, Horse and Pony Carriages and Wheel Chairs, respectively, be numbered from
1 upwards as from the 6th prox., and that the Owners of Carriages, etc., be requested to have their
vehicles re-numbered accordingly.

4—Motor Hackney Carriages—Exhibition of Fares—Resolved, That the Revised Table of Fares for
Motor Hackney Carriages be printed on varnished cards, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to
notify owners that the Table must be affixed in a conspicuous position in each licensed carriage
Resolved, also, That a charge of 9d. per copy be made for the Table of Fares.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 24th May, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor,
Alderman Margrett, Councillor Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Rogers and Stewart (Alderman Margrett
in the chair).

5—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Supt. Griffin reported that with the exception of two cases of Swine Fever, viz., on 4 Hanover Gardens and another at Allen's Field Allotments, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Swine Fever—Illegal Movement of Pigs—It was reported that George Price had removed 5 pigs from Holliday's Allotments to Gloucester Market while the premises were under restrictions, and letters of the 20th ult. and 3rd inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture, and reports received from Supt. Griffin with reference thereto, were read. Resolved That proceedings be taken for the breach of provisions of the Order.

(c) Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules (Great Britain) Order, 1921—Read, copy of this Order regulating the importation of horses, asses and mules into Great Britain.

(d) Foot and Mouth Disease (Animals Landing from Ireland) Order, 1921 (Nos. 7-12)—Letters of the 7th and 21st inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture, with copy Orders (Nos. 7-12) as to the conditions governing the importation of animals from Ireland, were submitted, and the Town Clerk reported that the attention of Supt. Griffin and the Veterinary Inspector had been directed thereto.

(e) Feeding Stuffs and Animal Products from Brazil—The Town Clerk submitted an Order of the 7th inst. from the Minister of Agriculture prohibiting the landing in Great Britain of the feeding stuffs and animal products specified, except when accompanied by a licence, authorising landing, from the British Consul at the port of shipment.

(f) Sheep Scab Order, 1920—The Town Clerk submitted Draft Regulations (1) as to the dipping of sheep, and (2) as to the keeping of registers by sheep dealers, which corresponded with the Regulations made for the County Resolved, That the same be adopted and forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture for formal approval.

6—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 26th ult. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at 10, Regent Street, occupied by Mr. Smith. Damage about £50. Brigade expense £3 5s. 6d.

Fire Engine—Examination—Read, report of Inspecting Engineer of the National Boiler and General Insurance Co., Ltd., on an examination of No. 1 Fire Engine boiler. No defects were found.

7—Licences to Store Petroleum—Applications were received from Mr. Fredk. A. Tovey, the Malvern Inn, and Wm. Palmer, the Belle Vue Hotel, to store 24 and 50 gallons of petroleum at their respective premises. The Inspector reported that a storehouse would be constructed at the rear of the Malvern Inn, and that the proposed place of storage at the Belle Vue Hotel was satisfactory. Resolved, That licences be granted, subject, in the case of Mr. Tovey's application, to the proposed place of storage being completed to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

8—Taxi-Cab Service—Read, letter of the 18th inst., from R. P. Maw, on behalf of the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners. Association, with reference to (s) the point from which fares should commence, and (2) as to charges to be made where it was desired to engage by time. With regard to (t) the Association at a General Meeting held on the 15th inst. passed the following Resolution, viz. :—

"Every driver shall, as soon as he is hired by distance, and no sooner, set his taxi-meter in motion, and upon the termination of the hiring shall forthwith stop the same."

In the case of hiring from Garages, the charge would commence from the Garage or from the Central Stand, whichever is the nearer to the point of pick up. In the case of the Midland and Great Western Railway Stations no empty running would be charged.

With regard to (2) the Association at the Meeting above referred to, adopted the following rule :—

"In the case of hiring by time, which method of hiring must be disclosed at the time of hiring, and be for not less period than one hour, time shall be charged at the rate of 4/- per hour, to commence from the time of the hiring and continue till its termination, in addition to which the Scale of Fares as authorised by the Cheltenham Town Council, for distance and extras, other than for time, shall be applicable."

A copy of the Rules of the Association amended in accordance with the above Resolutions was enclosed with the letter.

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9—Hackney Carriage Licences—Races—The Town Clerk reported that by the authority of the Chairman he had six omnibus and one Taxi-cab licences for the 21st inst. in connection with the Races. Resolved, That this be approved.

10—Motor Omnibus Service—Cheltenham to Gloucester—Read, letter of the 20th inst., from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Ltd., applying for licences for two additional omnibuses to ply between Cheltenham and Gloucester. Resolved, That licences be granted, subject to the vehicles being approved by the Inspector.

11-27, Promenade—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lowe had entered into a lease of these premises for a term of seven years determinable by either party at the end of the fifth year, by six months notice in writing, at an annual exclusive rent of £120. Resolved, That this be approved, and the Common Seal affixed to the lease,

12-Market — Pig Pens—In accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their last meeting, the Borough Surveyor reported that twelve pens could be put in order at an estimated cost of £5, and that if more pens were required, the cost of putting the same in order and providing proper drainage would necessitate further expenditure. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the twelve pens repaired and the pens generally cleaned out.

13—Coal Crisis (Emergency Order)—The following communications were submitted:—

(a) Emergency Kitchens and Distributing Depots—Circular 199 of the 19th ult., from the Ministry of Health with reference to the establishment of Emergency Kitchens or Distributing Depots.

(b) National Kitchens and Restaurants, etc.—Circular letter of the 20th ult., from the Board of Trade (Food Dept.) with reference to National Kitchens and Restaurants, etc.,

(c) Coal (Emergency) Supplementary (No 2) Directions, 1921--A copy of these Directions dated the 25th ult.,

(d) Stocks from Industries--Circular 47 of the 26th ult., from the Mines Department, Board of Trade, with reference to obtaining stocks from industries and private holders.

(e) Gas Manufacture and Public Lighting—Circular 56 of the 5th inst. from the Mines Dept., enclosing copy Orders issued under the Emergency Regulations with reference (1) to the use of coal for gas manufacture and (2) consumption of gas for electricity and public Lighting.

(f) Coke—Circular 8 of the 12th inst., from the Mines Dept., stating that in view of the limited supplies available it was considered essential that permits for the issue of coke to industries should not be granted.

The Town Clerk reported that all necessary steps had been taken in connection with the above communications.

Gas—Reduction of Pressure--Read, letter of the 13th inst., from the Gas Company, enclosing copy of press notice as to the reduction of pressure.

Charlton Kings U.D.C.--Read, letter of the 4th inst., from the Clerk of the Charlton Kings U.D.C. stating that the Council had decided to combine with the Corporation under the Coal (Emergency) Directions. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

14—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—Report of Executive Officer—The Executive Officer submitted Report of work done under this Act since his last Report.

15—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—The Town Clerk reported that under the terms of the Unemployment Insurance (Amendment) Act, 1921 the Minister of Health was authorised to issue a Certificate of Exception in respect of Employment under a Local Authority where the employment is, in his opinion, having regard to the normal practice of the employer, permanent in character and the employed person had completed three years' service. Resolved, That application be made for a Certificate of Exception from the provisions of the Act in respect of the Administrative and Office Staffs of the Corporation.

16—Special Distress Committee—It was reported that at a meeting of the Special Distress Committee, held on the 6th inst., a Resolution was adopted again recommending the Council to appoint two additional members of the Committee, to be nominated by the unemployed. Read Letters of the 5th and 11th inst., from the Cheltenham Labour Party (Men's Section) and the Cheltenham Women's Co-operative Guild, respectively, demanding representation of the unemployed on the Special Distress Committee. Resolved, That no action be taken.

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17—Light Railway—Read, letter of the 22nd ult., from the Ministry of Transport, with reference to the complaints made by the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association, relative to infrequent, unpunctual and limited services of the trams, and asking for the observations of the Corporation thereon, together with a letter of the 4th inst., from the Chamber of Commerce, stating

that considerable improvements in the service had been made since the complaint referred to was forwarded. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply to the Ministry accordingly.

18—Municipal Offices- Telephone—Revision of Tariff—The Chairman reported that in accordance with the decision of the Committee at their last meeting he had given instructions for the following external and internal extension lines to be dispensed with :—

Internal Extensions—Mayor's Parlour, Borough Accountant's Clerks ; Borough Surveyor's Department 3 (Stores' Clerks, Water Office and Building Inspector) ; Public Health Department (1), and Rates Office (1).

External Extensions— Public Library.

Council Chamber—Clock—Resolved, That the clock which formerly stood in the Council Chamber at the old Municipal Offices be fixed in the Council Chamber.

CHAS. II. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th May, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor.
Councillors Boulter and

Welstead (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Allotments—Land, Hale's Road, adjoining "Beechurst"—The Town Clerk reported the completion of the Agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture and Mrs. Holborow for the retention of this land until the 25th March, 1923. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give the tenants notice terminating their tenancies on the 25th March, 1923, and that Mr. J. G. Villar be asked to report as to suitable land to replace these allotments.

"Creamery and Gapper's Fields"—Read, letter of the 5th inst., from Mr. E. L. Baylis, offering to let these lands on lease to the Corporation for a term of five years at rents of £34 10s. and £10 respectively. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to approve draft lease on behalf of the Corporation.

Cultivation of Lands Orders and Small Holdings Acts, 1908-1919—Read, Circular Letter L.A. 353/1921/C.L. of the 30th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture, setting out shortly the powers under which allotments provided in pursuance of the Cultivation of Lands Orders could be retained, and that the Ministry was strongly of opinion that wherever possible the Corporation should take immediate steps to negotiate for the acquisition under the Small Holdings and Allotments Acts, 1908-1919, of land entered on under the Cultivation of Lands Orders, in order that the land might continue to be used for allotments until it was required for building or other industrial purposes.

ROBERT STEEL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 27th May, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann and Rogers (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Cemetery Chapel—Read, letter of the 27th ult., from the Rector agreeing on behalf of the Clergy to the postponement of the proposed improvements in the Cemetery Chapel until next year.

2 —Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6396 to 6410 (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 and Kerbing to grave of William Henry Walton ; Headstone and Kerbing to grave of William and Henry and Kezia Townshend ; Headstone to grave of Laura Emily Glanville ; Kerbing to graves of Mary Ann Herrington and Private John Walter Hack, and Edward Wornum Tarver.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th May, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Pates, Regan and Yarnold ; and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1--Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £10 15s. 11d. ; Presentation: Colonel Reed (1 vol.)

The Number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of April last was 5,099 ; the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 11,249, and from the Children's Library 1,924.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 5th May: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Regan; and Dr. R. Davies (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That the Monthly Accounts, submitted and examined, be passed for payment.

(b) That books as per list submitted, be purchased at a cost not exceeding £25. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Porter's Uniform—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Knight & Hutchings to supply a uniform suit for the porter for £6 6s. 0d., being the lowest of three tenders received, be accepted, and that a cap be purchased at a cost of 12/6.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting Committee held on Tuesday, 31st May, 1921: Present--The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor, Councillors Dicks and Moore (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 31st inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £3,961 16s. 2d. Leaving outstanding, £35,143 14s. 1d.

2—Water Rate Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 31st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £1,993 13s. 4d. Leaving outstanding, £14,933 13s. 1d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £840 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans. Resolved, also, That the terms arranged for the continuance of Debentures, amounting to £1,800, be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—Expenditure---Monthly Financial Statement—The Borough Accountant submitted Financial Statement for the month of April and reported that a copy of the same had been sent to each member of the Council.

5—Insurance of Corporate Property—The Committee further considered the Schedule of Corporate Property and the several insurances in respect thereof. Resolved, That as the insurances were revised as recently as March, 1920, the Committee are of opinion that there is no necessity for further revision at present.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 6th June, 1921, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel).

Aldermen Green, Horsley, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

Apology—An apology for absence was received from Councillor Boulter.

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

2—Investiture—Read, letter of the 26th ult., from the Clerk of the Lieutenancy, stating that the Right Hon. Earl Beauchamp, K.G., (Lord Lieutenant) would hold an Investiture of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, at the Shire Hall, Gloucester, on Tuesday, the 28th inst., and inviting the Corporation to attend. Resolved, That the invitation be accepted.

3—National Chamber of Trade—Read, letter of the 3rd inst. from the General Secretary, National Chamber of Trade, thanking the Mayor, the Mayoress, and the Corporation for the welcome and hospitality extended to the Chamber in connection with their recent Annual Meeting and Conference in Cheltenham.

4—Education Accounts—Audit—Read, Preliminary Report of the 13th ult., from the Assistant District Auditor as to his examination of the Education Accounts, the result of which appeared entirely satisfactory. 5—Proceedings of Committees— Resolved, That the proceedings of the under-mentioned Committees, at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing, be approved and confirmed :—

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Public Health		Meeting held May 9
Housing		Meeting held May 23
Street and Highway		Meeting held May 30
Town Improvement and Spa.		Meetings held 20 and 27
Electricity and Lighting		Meeting held 28
Water		Meeting held May 19
General Purposes and Watch		Meetings held May 3 and 24
Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments...		Meeting held May 9
Burial Board		Meeting held May 27
Public Library		Meeting held May 10
Finance		Meeting held May 31*

*Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed 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.

6—County Council Electoral Divisions—The Town Clerk submitted the following Schedule of the proposed alteration of the County Council Electoral Divisions to provide for nine representatives:—

POLLING DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF ELECTORS	PROPOSED NAME	NUMBER OF VOTERS
	ON	OF	IN
	SPRING	ELECTORAL	ELECTORAL

	REGISTER, 1921.	DIVISION.	DIVISION.
(1) A (North Ward)	1377		
B(do.)	1129	St. Peter's	2506
(2) C (North Ward)	911		
O(West Ward)	1345	Christ Church	2256
(3)D (Central Ward)	1586	Marle Hill	1586
(4)E (Central Ward)	1207		
L(Middle Ward)	844	Spa	2051
(5) (East Ward)	1807	All Saints'	1807
(6)G (East Ward)	942		
(do.)	799	Battledown	1741
(South Ward)	1328		
(do.)	1324	College	2652

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(8) K (South Ward) 1051

M (Middle Ward) 1336 ••• Leckhampton ••• 2387

(9) N (Middle Ward) 1155

P (West Ward) ••• 1024 ••• Hatherley ••• 2179
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Resolved, That the same be approved.

7-Estimates for Rates -Resolved, That the Estimates for Rates be produced each year in time for submission to the April Meeting of the Council.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

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 4th July, 1921.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th June, 1921: Present-The Deputy Motor. Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Moore, Rogers, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers 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. :-4 and 37, Albert Street ; 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17a, 18, 19, 24, 27, 28, 30, 44, 47,51, and 53, Burton Street ; 2 and 3, Trent Cottages, Gloucester Place ; 49, Francis Street ; 17, St. James' Street; 1, Garden Cottages, High Street ; 30, 31 and 32, Sidney 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 3, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 31, 31a, 41, 43, 44, 46, 47 and 51 Burton Street ; 15 17, and 51 St. James' Street; and 40, Worcester Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 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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3-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at (a) Lamb Cottage ; and 1, 2, 3, and 4, Lamb's Retreat, Commercial Street ; 5, Commercial Street, and 19, 20, 21, and 22, Stanhope Street. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application Lind," Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses work in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

(b) 13 and 21, Commercial Street; 4, Waterloo Terrace, Bath Road ; and 19, 20, 21, and 22, Stanhope Street. 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 respective owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days.

(c) 1 and 2, Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road-Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances be instructed to obtain estimates for carrying out the specified work required to be done at these premises,

(d) 53, St. George's Place. The Inspector of Nuisances reported that notice under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owner of these premises requiring her to do the specified works, had been served but not complied with, Resolved, That the Tow: Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred for default in complying with the notice.

4--Insanitary Property---(a) 10, 14, 16, 17,18, 23, 27, 43, 44, and 46, Burton Street; 17 and 51, St. James' Street ; and 11; and 40, 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.

(b) Tewkesbury Road District-Read, letter of the 21st ult., from the Housing Commissioner with reference to an anonymous complaint made as to the insanitary condition of certain property in the Tewkesbury Road district, and the Medical Officer of Health reported that he and the Inspector of Nuisances had an interview with Colonel Hunter, representing the Housing Commissioner, on the 23rd ult., with reference thereto.

5--Surrender of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 15 cwts. 2 qrs. beef ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs. mutton ; 40 lbs. pork ; 4 cwts. 12 lbs. fish ; 1 cwt. 4 lbs. tripe ; 27 lbs. bacon ; 27 lbs. veal; 99 tins of meat, milk and fish. 6-Notices not Complied with-The Medical Officer of Health submitted list of notices requiring the abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, etc., served, but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

7-House Unfit for Human Habitation-House over Stable, 9, Lansdown Terrace-The Medical Officer of Health reported that the tenant had not vacated these premises, in respect of which a Closing Order had been made, notice that such Order had become operative having been served on the tenant, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for an Order against the tenant to quit the premises.

8 -Sludge Beds--Read, letter of the 12th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that they were prepared to make a grant of 60 per cent. of the wages bill incurred up to the 31st July next, for additional unemployed men taken on in connection with the construction of additional sludge beds at the Sewage Disposal Works, such grant in no case to exceed £600. Resolved, That the work be carried out.

9--Sanitary Inspectors' Association-Annual Conference-Read, circular letter of the 14th ult., from the Hon. Secretary of this Association inviting the attendance of delegates at this Conference. Resolved, That delegates be not appointed.

10-Health Week-Read, circular letter of the 10th inst., from the Secretary, Health Week Committee, asking that a Health Week should be held from October 9th to 15th next. Resolved, That no action be taken.

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10--Report of Farms Sub-Committee--Reported Meeting on 13th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report--Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 13th inst. was 5 colts, 10 horses (2 at Depot), 107 head of cattle, 11 calves, 42 sheep, 73 lambs, 27 tegs, and 41 pigs, all doing very well, Since the last meeting 20 heifers, 3 heifers in calf, 4 cows in calf, 1 cow (barren), 2 bullocks, 4 calves and 1 sow had been purchased for £1101 10s. 0d. 3 calves and 21 pigs had been bred on the Farms, 24 heifers in calf, 2 cows in calf, 6 heifers, 4 calves, 4 pigs and one sow had been sold for £1591 18s. 2d.

Nuisance at Lakestone Bridge —Read, letter of the 11th ult., from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury R.D.C., stating that the nuisance complained of in the notice submitted to the Sub-Committee at their last meeting had not been abated. Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to have the stream thoroughly cleaned out from Lakestone Bridge to Slad Mill, and that he be authorised to engage any additional labour required for the purpose.

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

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 20th June, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Dicks, Moore and Regan (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Width of Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Mayor and he interviewed the Housing Commissioner and Regional Surveyor at Bristol on the 31st ult., with reference to widening of roads on the Estate, when it was agreed that the Corporation might proceed to widen all 13 ft. roads to 16 ft., (except the Central Road, No. 2, which would remain at 13 ft., unless there were reasonable prospects of building thereon before July 31st, 1922) ; the cost to be deducted from the provisional item of £3,400 in the original estimate for the lay-out, in lieu of the Committee providing the material.

2- Roof Tiles —The Borough Surveyor also reported that the Ministry had authorised the purchase of sufficient tiles at the increased price of £19 14s. 0d. per thousand for the 16 houses in course of erection by Messrs, W. T. Nicholls, Ltd., and submitted letter of the 1st inst., from the Housing Commissioner confirming this.

3—Fence Between Housing Estate and "The Granleys"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the estimated cost of providing a fence between the Housing Estate at the rear of Milton Road and "The Granleys," would be £31 10s 0d. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect the fence.

4—Grass—The Borough Surveyor reported that only one tender had been received for mowing grass, viz. £12 from Mr. C. Harris. Resolved, That this be accepted.

5—Subsidy House, Hatherley Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of a bungalow to be erected in Hatherley Road by Mr. C. C. Savage and reported that the same were in order Resolved, That Mr. Savage be informed accordingly, and that Certificate "A" will be issued if the Council are authorised to do so by further legislation.

6--Naming of Roads--Resolved, That Road No. 3 on the Lay-out Plan be named Milton Road," and that Roads Nos. 9 and 10 be regarded as one road and named Byron Road."

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7--Vacated Houses—Repairs—Resolved, That on notice being given of intention to terminate tenancies, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the inspection of the premises with a view to ascertaining whether any damage (other than fair wear and tear) had accrued, and what repairs, if any, were required to put houses into good order and condition.

8—Potato Planting—Read, letter of the 11th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee stating that they could not see their way to extend the financial limit attached to the grant authorised in respect of this work.

9—National Housing, and Town Planning Council— Read, letter of the 31st ult., from the Secretary, National Housing and Town Planning Council, with reference to a Conference to be held at Bristol early in July. Resolved, That no action be taken.

10—Further Houses—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Health had reduced the number of houses to be erected under the Assisted Housing Scheme to 300,000, and that, if the Corporation desired to provide additional houses under the Scheme it would be necessary to make application at once so that the further houses required might be allocated to the Cheltenham Scheme. Having regard to the number of applications already received for houses and that further applications are being constantly received (the number of applications for parlour-type houses being considerably in excess of the number contracted for), and also to the number of insanitary properties which will have to be demolished under the Improvement Scheme, it was Resolved, That the Ministry be informed that 140 additional houses will be required to provide for the needs of the Borough and a request made that this number should be allocated for the Borough Scheme.

11 —Housing Memoranda—Housing Memoranda No. 46, 47, 51 and 52 were submitted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th June, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates and Yarnold (The 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 27th May to the 23rd June, 1921 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 16th June, 1921, 691 loads collected, 681 consumed, and 10 tipped away. Weight consumed 754 tons 18 cwts.

2— Slab Factory—Plant —The Borough Surveyor reported that the Slab Plant purchased from the Bristol Corporation had been delivered and that £13 had been obtained for scrap metal not required.

Housing Blocks—The Borough Surveyor reported that sufficient concrete blocks had been delivered at the Housing Estate for ten houses, and that it was hoped to continue the supply until bricks were available. The blocks were being supplied at the cost of bricks.

3—Street Projections-20, Winchcomb Street—Resolved, That the application of the 20th inst., from the Cheltenham Shop Fitting Company, for permission to fix a sign at these premises, be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

198, High Street—Read, application of the 24th inst., from Mr. E. Kirkham for permission to fix a show-case at these premises. Resolved, That the position be viewed.

4--Stable Manure—Tenders—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders received for stable manure during the year ending 30th June, 1922. Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted:—

From Central Depot—Mr. G. Thorndale 10/3 per ton;

From Leckhampton Depot—Messrs Foote & Bunting 8/- per ton.

5---Purchase of Horses Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase 2 horses on behalf of the Corporation.

6--Libertus Road—Private Improvement Works —Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan, specification and estimate of the work required to be done in Libertus Road by the abutting owners,

7--Cleeve View Road—Fencing--The Borough Surveyor reported that a fence was required for the allotments belonging to Mr. H. J. Lewis, abutting on the new portion of Cleeve View Road. He estimated the cost of the fencing together with two small hand-gates, at £18 (£9 of which would be payable by the Ministry of Transport), and submitted a letter of the 15th inst., from Mr. Lewis, offering £6 (one-third the total cost) leaving £3 to be paid by the Corporation. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the fence erected.

8—Russell Street—Private Improvement Works—Apportionment--- The Borough Surveyor reported that Private Improvement Works ordered in this Street had been carried out at a cost (including supervision) of £93 19s. 6d., and submitted apportionment based upon frontage. Resolved, That the apportionment, as submitted, be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand for payment be served upon the owners of the premises mentioned therein.

9—St. James' Street—Footpath—Read, letter of the 25th inst., from Mr. Selim Smith, agreeing to pay £10 towards the cost of extending the footpath crossing and paving fronting his premises in St. James' Street. Resolved, That this offer be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to proceed with the work on the payment of this sum.

10-Motor Vehicles—Speed—Read, letter of the 17th inst., from Mr. E. M. L. Ryves, protesting against the speed of motor vehicles Resolved, That the same be referred to the Superintendent of Police.

11—Motor Signs---Read, letter, of the 13th inst.. from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association, asking permission for motor signs to be fixed as follows:—(1) Corner of Winchcomb Street and High Street, (2) Corner of Pittville Street and High Street, (3) Corner of Colonnade and High Street, (4) Lansdown Fountain, (5) The "Island" in front of Messrs. Dicks & Sons, High Street. Resolved, That permission be given subject to the signs being approved.

12 —Brooklyn Road—Fences— Resolved, That the fences and hedges surrounding the land tenanted by Mr. Brooke Boote be-put in good order at an estimated cost of £15.

13—Classification of Roads—Expenditure—Resolved, That the following Estimate of Expenditure in respect of the Salaries and establishment charges of the Borough Surveyor's Department to be charged to Highway Account be submitted to the Ministry of Transport for a grant to be made under section 17 (2) of the Ministry of Transport Act, 1919, namely:—

Salary of Borough Engineer (proportion) • • • • •	£375
Salaries of Technical and Clerical Staff (Proportion) (25 per cent.).	£364
Travelling expenses of Engineer and Staff • • • •	<u>£150</u>
Total • •	£889

14—Road Improvements—Grants from Road Fund—Read, circular letter 127 (Roads) of the 22nd inst., from the Ministry of Transport intimating that grants could be made towards expenditure incurred in : —

(1) The widening of roads, and improvement of corners, curves and gradients,

(a) on roads provisionally classified in Classes I. and II., and,

(b) on roads not so classified.

(2) The acquisition of vacant land required, or likely to be required, for widening important roads or for the construction of new arterial roads, in cases where it can be shown that there is an imminent prospect of building operations being put in hand unless the land is acquired at once.

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(3) The reconstruction or strengthening of important roads not ranking as Class I. or Class II

(4) The surface tarring of roads not ranking as Class I. or Class II.

Applications for grants for any such schemes should be sent in by the 31st July next

In view of the limited sum available it was suggested that applications should be confined to Schemes of an urgent character desired to be carried out during the current year, and that Schemes in respect of the widening of streets in built-up areas should not for the present be included. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Borough Surveyor for report.

15--Waste Paper—Read, letter of the 23rd inst., from Meadow Mills, Limited, giving notice to terminate the Agreement for the purchase of waste paper at the end of July. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders for waste paper.

16 --Telegraph Lines—Rowanfield, St. Stephen's and Albany Roads--Read, circular letters of the 13th and 16th inst, from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, making application for consent to the placing of overhead telegraph lines along these roads. Resolved, That consent be given, subject to the positions of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to painted lagging being affixed to such poles as may be required.

17—Provincial Industrial Council—(a) Wages Minimum Rates—Read, letters from the Secretary of the Provincial Industrial Council, asking the Corporation to reconsider their decision to withdraw their membership, and stating that a Sub-Committee to consider a revision of the minimum rates had been appointed. Resolved, That the decision be adhered to.

18 --Workmen—Wages--General Housing Memorandum, No. 50, directing attention to an interim Award of the National Wages and Conditions Council for the Building Industry, was submitted.

19-Road from Sandford Mill Road to Old Bath Road—Read letter of the 11th inst., from Messrs. Steel & Broom, applying on behalf of Messrs. J. H. Hanson Powell and L. G. G. Hanson Powell for the road from Sandford Mill Road to Old Bath Road to be stopped up as being unnecessary. Resolved, That the application be adjourned for consideration when the extension of Sandford Mill Road has been completed and the apportioned expenses paid.

20---View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday, the 22nd June :--The Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham and Pates (The Mayor in the chair).

They recommended as follows :—

Dunalley Parade--Roadway -That road repairs be carried out in due course.

Grove Street Burial Ground—That no objection be offered to the proposal to erect a wood and iron building on this ground.

Station Street—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan, specification and estimate of the work required to be done in Station Street by the abutting owners.

Andover Road (Junction with Park Place)—Motor Signs—That the owners of Bunwell House and Tunstall Lodge be asked to allow the Corporation to round off the corners of their respective properties, and, in the latter case, to replace upper part of wall with open iron fence.

Parabola Road—Tree—That the tree by "Overtonlea" be not removed, but that a tree on the N.E. side be removed instead.

The Park— Tree by Pembridge House—That 2 Hornbeam trees and 1 Silver Birch tree be removed.

Montpellier Drive—Tree by "Westhorpe"—That the tree by "Westhorpe" be not removed, but that a tree on the opposite side of the road be removed instead, and a lime tree planted.

Montpellier Drive—Tree by "Longstone"—That the tree by "Langstone- be not removed.

St. James' Street—Dangerous Building—late Maltsters' Arms—That proceedings be taken with a view to having the building demolished.

High Street—Hewlett Street (Dangerous Corner)--That, with Dr. Powell's consent, the Treeman be instructed to cut down the shrubs at corner in garden of Belle Vue House.

High Street—Hale's Road (Dangerous Corner)—That the owner of Mona House be again asked to allow corner to be rounded off and open iron fence substituted for upper part of wall.

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Sydenham Road—Tree by ' Hayes Lodge '—That this tree be not removed.

All Saints' Road--Paving—That the margins on both sides of All Saints' Road be renewed and paving repaired where necessary.

Whaddon Lane—Roadway--That consideration be adjourned.

Carlton Street—Trees—That trees be planted in this road.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

21— Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 27th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN 1). BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 27th June, 1921. Present : The Mayor. Deputy Mayor and Councillor Mann (The 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.
1544	Oriental Cafe Company, Ltd.	New window on front floor and new pavement light, at 395, High Street.
1545	The Committee of the General Hospital	New wing for Nurses sleeping quarters.
1546	Mr. Kanpatrick	New bay window, Bryn Hyffryd, Keynsham Road.
1547	Mr. Wyndham Petty	New motor house, " Graystones," Sydenham Rd., N.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1544 be approved, subject to the strip of pavement in front of the premises being given up to the Corporation that Plan No. 1545 be approved, subject to the provision of .in emergency exit at the north en] of building and that Plans Nos. 15.16 and 1547 be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 17th June, 1921: Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Pates and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1-Advertising—Chamber of Commerce Scheme—Read, letter of the 10th inst., from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association, stating that it was proposed to augment the advertising of the Town by an extensive scheme, and asking the Corporation to agree to advertisements being drawn with a view to replies relating to Spa treatment and Baths being directed to the Spa Manager, and enquiries relative to Hotel accommodation and social amenities being directed to the Manager, Town Hall Bureau. Resolved, That this he agreed to

2-Cradley Heath S. A. Band—Resolved, That the Cradley Heath Salvation Army Band be granted permission to play in the Bandstand at the Winter Garden on Saturday afternoon, 30th prox., and

also in the Bandstand at Pittville Gardens on Sunday afternoon and evening, 31st July. Resolved, Also, That the use of chairs, if required, be granted in connection with the Saturday afternoon performance at the Winter Garden at a charge of £1 1s.

3 --Pittville Gardens—Whit Monday Fete—(a) Balance Sheet A financial statement was submitted shewing:—

	£ s. d.
Receipts	336 17 6
Expenses	<u>214 6 0</u>
Surplus	122 11 6

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Fete Committee that £10 to be paid to Mr. Allan-Burns for his services as Organising Secretary of the Fete Committee be approved.

(b) Miners' Choir Concert—Read, letter of the 11th inst., from Mrs. E. Burge with reference to the complaints made in regard to speeches made on the occasion of the Miners' Choir Concert in Pittville Gardens on Whit Monday. Resolved, That no action be taken thereon.

(c) August Bank Holiday —Juvenile Entertainment—Resolved, That the Junior Branch, Primrose League, be granted the use of Pittville Gardens and Pump Room on the afternoon and evening of August Bank Holiday, for the purposes of a Juvenile Entertainment at a charge of £10 10s., subject to an undertaking being given to make good any damage done to the Gardens.

J. STEWART,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 24th June, : Present --Councillors Dicks, Pates, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

4—Alstone Baths-- Cottage—Resolved, That notice be given to the tenant to quit these premises by August 29th next.

5—Advertising—Times of India —Read, letter of the 20th inst., from the Times of India, asking that advertisements be inserted in that paper. Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association be recommended to include this paper in their Advertising Scheme.

6—Holmquist Electric Light Bath-- The Spa Medical Advisory Committee recommended the purchase from the Medical Supply Association of a Holmquist Electric Light Bath, which had been dispensed with by the Army Medical Authorities and reconditioned, at the price of £40, the original price of the bath being £115. Resolved, That Dr. Kirkland and the Spa Manager be authorised to inspect the bath, in London, and, subject to their being satisfied therewith, that the bath be purchased at the price quoted.

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7—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee---The Reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 31st ult., 7th, 14th, and 21st inst., were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Montpellier Gardens—Proscenium—Resolved, That two drop screens and one border for use at the Proscenium be purchased from Mrs. N. S. Field for £10.

St. Gregory's .School--Resolved, That St. Gregory's School be granted the use of the Proscenium on the 13th and 14th July, free of charge, for a production of "The Merchant of Venice."

Charity Organisation Society —Resolved, That the Charity Organisation Society be granted the use of the Proscenium and a portion of the Gardens on the 20th and 21st July, at a charge of £15 15s., subject to an undertaking being given to make good any damage done thereto.

Merry and Bright Concert Party—Resolved, That the Merry and Bright Concert Party be engaged for a two-hour performance at Montpellier Gardens on August Bank Holiday for £6 6s.

Town Hall—Electric Lighting—Charge for—Resolved, That the charge for electric lighting be increased from 9d. to 10d. per unit.

8—Mineral Waters—Sales—Reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold as follows :--
Central Spa 727; Montpellier Baths 0 ; Pittville Chalet 25 ; Pittville Pump Room 27 ; Montpellier Gardens 103.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 23rd June, 1921: Present—Councillors Mann, Moore, Thomas, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Electricity (Supply) Bill, 1921—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received a letter from the Secretary, I.M.E.A., as to the importance to Municipalities of the passage of the Electricity (Supply) Bill, 1921, through Parliament. Resolved, That the Borough Member be asked to support the Bill.

2-Electric Cookers—Quotations—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that applications had been received for the electric cookers recently purchased, and submitted quotations from the Jackson Electric Stove Co., for additional cookers. Resolved, That 12 additional cookers be purchased as per quotation submitted.

Hire Agreement—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement for the hire of electrical apparatus. Resolved, That the same be approved.

3—Mains--Loan £2,500—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that £137 18s. 5d. had been expended to the 1st inst., of the loan of £4,400 sanctioned by the Electricity Commissioners on the 23rd July, 1920, and as the balance would shortly be expended he recommended that application be made for a further loan of £2,500. Resolved, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for a further loan accordingly.

4—British Engineering Standards Association—Resolved, That the subscription of £2 2s. 0d. to the British Engineering Standards Association be renewed.

5—New Consumers--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that better deliveries of fuel were being obtained, and, after consultation with the Chairman, he had connected all the lighting consumers who were awaiting supply, and also some of the smaller motors, a course which had been much appreciated by the consumers concerned.

6—Electric Light Standard, Pilley Lane—Damage by Collision—The Town Clerk reported that he had applied to Mr. P. E. Hobbs for payment of £8 1s. 8d., the cost of making good damage caused by him to an electric lamp standard in Pilley Lane on the 9th April last, but payment had not been made. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings under the provisions of the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847.

7—Ryeworth Road District Sub-Station—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the load in the Ryeworth District was developing considerably and that as this district was only fed by a small low pressure main, it was desirable to erect a high pressure Sub-Station there. He estimated the cost, including the necessary cable alterations, at £496, which expenditure would be covered by existing loans. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to proceed with the erection of a Sub-Station.

8—Public Lighting —Analyst's Report—The report of the Gas Examiner of test on the 14th inst. showed 457 British Thermal Units.

9--Next Meeting Resolved, That the next monthly meeting of this Committee be held on the 14th prox, at 4 p.m.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th June, 1921: Present—Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Moore, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

10—Fuel Oil --Contract—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the receipt of a letter dated the 24th inst., from the Anglo American Oil Co., stating that owing to heavy commitments elsewhere they were obliged to discontinue deliveries of fuel oil. He submitted a tender from Shell-Mex, Ltd., London, to supply 500 tons of fuel oil at £5 5s. 0d. per ton., deliveries to be at the rate of about 20 tons weekly. The Borough Electrical Engineer stated that he had endeavoured to arrange for a three months' contract, but in view of the heavy expenditure they were incurring in providing plant and appliances, the Company were not willing to contract for a shorter period than six months. Resolved, That the tender be accepted.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 13th June, 1921.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	129,000 gallons	225,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	248,000	445,000 „
Leckhampton Springs	43,000	79,000
Total	420,000	749,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		13th June, 1921.		13th June, 1920.
Hewletts		15,849,000 gallons		26,261,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	12ft. 6in.	19,884,000 "		82,135,000
Leckhampton	7ft. 0in.	945,000.	9ft. 0in.	1,215,000
Total Storage		36,678,000 "		109,611,000

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 16th June, 1921: Present—Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Moore, Stewart and Whitaker (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

Pumping had been continued daily at Tewkesbury and Sandford during the month.

A depth of three feet of water had been pumped into Leckhampton Reservoir from the Sandford Well.

2-Inspections The Borough Surveyor reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of May had been as follows:—

	During May.	Total for past 2 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections • •	950	2,050
“ “ taps found leaking . . .	235	495
“ “ defective flushing boxes ..	65	151
“ “ defective stop taps .. • •	10	30
“ “ draw taps repaired .. • • .	211	417
“ “ notices served re fittings	65	195
“ “ meters changed . • •	18	50
“ “ houses connected	35	85

3—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Excavation and Landslide—The Committee considered a report by the Borough Engineer of the 16th inst., on the inspection of the Reservoir and Works at Dowdeswell by the Consulting Engineer (Mr. E. Sandeman) in company with the Medical Officer and himself.

The Consulting Engineer had asked for an analysis of the water, and for plans, sections and levels in connection with the Reservoir.

Mr. Sandeman agreed that further excavation could be carried out within limits which Mr. Sandeman would probably prescribe in his report.

It would be necessary to have some mechanical means of hauling the wagons up the embankment, and a quotation of the 11th inst. was submitted from Messrs. Henry Sykes, Ltd., to hire to the Corporation a hoisting engine at £3 10s. per week.

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He had obtained the consent of the tenant of Salts Farm for the material from the Reservoir to be deposited on land adjoining the embankment at the north western end of the Reservoir.

Resolved, (1) That the Borough Engineer be authorised to obtain an analysis of the water, and furnish Mr. Sandeman with the plans, sections and levels required. (2) That the quotation of Messrs. Sykes be accepted, and (3) That the work of excavation be put in hand as soon as practicable,

London Road--Surface Water Drain Read, letter of the 4th inst., from the County Surveyor forwarding copy of a Resolution of the Highways Committee of the County Council accepting responsibility for the new surface water drain adjoining the Reservoir.

Fishing Rights—Key—Read, letter of the 6th inst., from Mr. F. Probyn Dighton, asking to be allowed the use of a key. Resolved, That the request be not acceded to.

3---Salts Farm—Hedges—The Borough Engineer reported that further work was required to make good the hedges at Salts Farm, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the tenant accordingly.

4—Infringement of Water Acts—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. W. U. Prude had undertaken to provide a separate service pipe to the cottage at Lower Alstone so as to give a direct connection with the main, and had paid the water charges from the 1st April, 1920, the date on which the cottage was occupied, and that he did not therefore propose to take proceedings. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

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, 21st June, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Moore and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Supt. Griffin reported that with the exception of two cases of Swine Fever at Hanover Gardens the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Sheep Scab—Its Cure and Prevention—Read, circular, letter (TA/7874/21/CL) of the 3rd inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture asking that copies of a placard "Sheep Scab- Its Cure and Prevention," directing the attention of farmers and graziers to the necessity of dipping being properly carried out, be posted and the Clerk reported that copies of the placard had been posted.

(c) Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules (Great Britain) Order, 1921—Read Circular letter (TA/8579/21/CL) of the 10th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, enclosing copy of this Order, which will take effect on the 1st August next, and supersede the provisions of Chapter 1 of the Horses (importation and Transit) Order, 1913.

Under Article 4 of the Order the Ministry may require imported animals to be tested with mallein by a Veterinary Inspector and, where the test results in evidence of glanders, the animal shall be dealt with under and in accordance with the Glanders and Farcy Order, 1920. Resolved, That a copy of the circular letter and Order be forwarded to the Veterinary Inspector.

(d) Foot and Mouth Disease (Animals Landing from Ireland) Order, 1921 (nos. 13-15)—Copies of these Orders were submitted.

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2—Wart Disease of Potatoes (Imported Irish Seed Potatoes) Order, 1921—Read, circular letter (H D/612/21/CL) of the 6th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, enclosing copy of this Order, which will come into operation on 1st September next, and is designed to control the importation of seed potatoes from Ireland, and asking that the notice enclosed therewith should be published. Resolved, That the notice be posted outside the Municipal Offices.

3—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Fire Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire, viz.:—

30th May, at Messrs. Barradell and Company's Timber Yard, Albion Street. Damage slight. Brigade expenses £4 12s.; 18th June, at Maud's Elm Cottage, Swindon Road, occupied by Mr. G. Mabson. Damage £250-300 Brigade expenses £5 0s. 6d.

4—Licence to Store Petroleum—An application was received from Mr. H. G. Swift, Lansdown Hotel, to store 60 gallons of petroleum at these premises. The Inspector reported that a proper store had been provided in the ground at the rear of the Hotel. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

5— Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cabs—Read, applications of the 6th, 20th and 21st inst., from Messrs. R. J. Payne, C. Thornber, and E. M. Bishop for licences in respect of motor cabs numbered LD 1758, AD 8950, and BK 2388, respectively. Resolved, That licences be granted subject to the receipt of satisfactory reports on the examination of the vehicles.

Horse Cab --Transfer—Read, application of the 20th inst., from Mr. Wm. Wiggett for licence No. 27, held by him in respect of a one horse fly No. 27, to be transferred to Mr. C. F. Andrews. Resolved, That the licence be transferred accordingly.

Driver's Licence—Resolved, That a driver's licence be granted to Mr. Job Taylor.

6— Market —The Sub-Committee reported that they inspected the Market on the 16th inst. Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett and Councillor Stewart. (Alderman Margrett in the chair). They recommended that the Co-opera-Marketing Society be asked to keep their poultry pens on the ground leased to the Society. Resolved, That this be approved.

Resolved, Also, That the use of the Market be granted to Mr. H. Studt for a pleasure fair, from 1st July to 11th July, at a rent of £25, subject to the usual conditions and to the consent of the Co-operative Marketing Society.

7—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—The Town Clerk submitted the application to be made for a Certificate of Exception from the provisions of this Act, and the list of the Administrative and Clerical Staff to be included. Resolved, That the same be approved.

8—National Kitchen—Repayment of Loan—Read, letter of the 6th inst., from the Board of Trade (Food Dept.) offering to accept £360 10s. in settlement of the eight outstanding instalments of £54 19s., if payment were made by the end of the month. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

9—Special Distress Committee—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Branch, National Union of Railwaymen, asking that unemployed persons be allowed to serve on the Special Distress Committee Resolved, That no action be taken.

10—Visit of National Chamber of Trade—Read, letter of the 13th inst., from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association thanking the Corporation for assistance given on the occasion of the visit of the National Chamber of Trade.

11—Emergency Powers Act, 1920—Read, circular letter of the 10th inst., from the Town Clerk, Islington, forwarding, resolution passed by the Council of that Borough, calling for the repeal of the Regulations issued under this Act. Resolved, That no action be taken.

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12-Local Rates (Increase Prevention) Bill, 1921—Read, di ruin;, letter of the 24th ult., from the Town Clerk, Hornsey, enclosing extract from a report of a Committee of the Council of that Borough referring to this Bill. Resolved, that no action be taken.

13—Trowscoed Lodge—Read, letter of the 30th ult., irons the Secretary, Charity Commission, enclosing notice of the proposed sale of Trowscoed Lodge.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th June, 1921: Present—Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham and Yarnold (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 2,274 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 14th June. (Corresponding period last year 2,073).

Sale of Post Cards for month realised £2 35s. 2d.

Miss Vyvyan's Exhibition of Water-Colour Drawings of Natal and Zululand, on view since the 7th inst., had attracted considerable attention.

The four cases from the Victoria and Albert Museum had been exchanged and specimens of Majolica, Bookbinding and Leather-work, Enamels and Jewellery, and Embroidery were now on exhibition.

The following gifts had been received : ---

Mrs. Friskney, case of Butterflies: Captain R. P. Wild, Gold Butterfly and three Brass Ornaments (made by natives of Gold Coast) and two Executioners' Knives; Dr. A. McAlldowie, Contour Model of Leckhampton Hill, Maps Of Cleeve and Leckhampton Hills; A W. Newport, Esq., Turtle; Mrs. Courroux, Two Bristol Bottles, (1820).

2—Woodhouse Bequest—Armour—The Committee inspected the Exhibition of the arms and armour bequeathed by the late Colonel Harvey Woodhouse.

3—Annual Report—The Curator submitted his Annual Report for the year ended 31st March last. Resolved, That copies of the Report be duplicated and sent to each Member of the Council and Art Gallery and Museum Committee.

4—Museums Conference—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to attend a Conference of the Museums Association, to be held in Paris from July 11th to 18th.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th June, 1921: Present—The Mayor," Deputy Mayor. Councillors

Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate--Gardens and Roadways—Read, Memorial of the 26th ult., from residents complaining of the condition of the gardens and roadways. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to enable the Committee to view.

Catch-Pit—Read, resolution of the Special Distress Committee at their meeting on the 10th inst., recommending that the catch-pit at Pittville Gardens be cleaned out to provide work for unemployed, and that application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant towards the cost of the work. It was reported that no provision had been made in the current year's estimates to meet the expenditure, which the Borough Surveyor estimated at £100. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

2—Allotments—Land, Hale's Road, adjoining Beechhurst Road, letter of the 7th inst., from Mr. J. G. Villar, who attended the meeting, with reference to the provision of suitable land for allotments to replace this land.

3—Recreation Grounds—Whaddon Lane—Orchestra—Resolved, That permission be given for the Orchestra to play at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground on the 18th inst.

Agg-Gardner— Memorial as to Reserved Ground—Read, Memorial of the 21st ult., protesting against the reservation of portions of the Recreation Ground for cricket pitches. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to enable the Committee to view the reserved portions.

4—View Meeting Resolved, That a View Meeting be held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 2-30 p.m.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Pittville Chalet on Tuesday, 14th June, 1921; Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Sawyer, Stanley, and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

5—Pittville Estate—Gardens and Roadways—The Memorial referred to in Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings on the 13th inst., was further considered, and the Committee inspected the gardens and roadways. The attention of the Head Gardener was directed to the matters complained of, to which he undertook to give immediate attention. He was also instructed to have the lake cleared of fungus.

6—Pittville Gates—Repairs—The Borough Surveyor reported that the removal of the iron gates, the renovation of the remaining ornamental ironwork, and the repair of the pillars would be proceeded with at an early date.

Advertisement Boards—The Committee considered complaints received as to the exhibition of advertisement boards on or near the gates. On inspection, these were found to have been removed.

7-Recreation Grounds—Agg-Gardner—Memorial as to Reserved Ground—The Superintendent was interviewed with reference to the Memorial referred to in Minute No. 3 of this Committee's meeting on the 13th inst., and explained that it was necessary, in order to preserve pitches granted to the several Cricket Clubs in good condition, to prevent unauthorised persons using them. Resolved, That the Memorialists be informed accordingly,

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8—Trees—The Committee inspected trees for the removal of which applications had been received. Resolved,

Pittville Gardens—(1) That an ilex oak tree by the three corner beds and a wych elm tree (decayed) in the rockery by Evesham Road Bridge be removed.

(2) That a tree in the broad walk be not removed.

Albert Road --That the tree opposite garden next Rothesay Mansions be not removed.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting this Committee held on Friday, 24th June, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, and Stewart (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6410 to 6420 (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 Cross and Kerbing to graves of Colonel Woodhouse and Edith Wathen; Headstone to grave of Margaret Hayward; Kerbing to the graves of Uriah Barter and Walter Webb Crowther.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th June, 1921: Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann and Regan ; Canon Johnstone ; Messrs. W. R. Carles and A. Miles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report--Read, Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £9 Ss. 7d. ; Presentations: Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P. (7 vols.) ; Lady Lee (3 vols.); Publishers of Town and County Directory (1 vol.) ; Capt. F. C. Palmer (1 vol., 3 pamphlets); H. M. Stationery Office (3 vols.) ; Mr. J. A. Round (1 vol.); Publishers of Stubb's Directory (1 vol.).

Number of volumes consulted in Reference Library during the month of May last 4,112 ; number of volumes issued from Lending Library 10,518, and from Children's Library 1,691.

2---Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th inst: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillor Mann; Messrs. E. C. Rogers and J. R. Claridge (Councillor Mann in the chair). They recommended (a) That copies of the Annual Report be typed and sent to each Member of the Council and Library Committee.

(b) That the wages of the undermentioned members of the staff be increased as follows :—

Miss M. Browning Reference Library Assistant	from 30/- to 35/- weekly.
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Miss A. E. Wright Typist and Lending Library Assistant	from 30/- to 35/- "
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Miss E. M. Clark Lending Library Assistant	" 22/6 to 25/- "
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Miss L. Mason Children's Library Assistant	" 22/6 to 25/- "
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Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

A. MANN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 29th June, 1921 : Present—The Deputy Mayor. Aldermen Horsley and Taylor (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £13,023 18s. 0d. Leaving outstanding, £26,081 12s. 3d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £5,260 3s. 8d. Leaving outstanding, £11,667 3s. 7d.

3—Loans—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £8,635 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans. Resolved, also, That the terms arranged for the continuance of Debentures, amounting to £15,250, be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted letter of the 9th inst., from Messrs. W. E. Wimpenny & Co., offering on behalf of Mrs. M. A. Jagger to loan £1,000 from the 1st prox. Resolved, That a debenture be issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

4—Audit of Corporation Stock Accounts—The Borough Accountant reported that on the 15th, 16th and 17th inst., he audited the 3 per cent. stock ledger and transfer books, at the National Provincial and Union Bank of England, London, and found the same in order.

5—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £362 4s. 4d. Corporation Stock at 54 per cent. Resolved, That the sum of £362 4s. 4d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Limited, the Registrars of the said Stock, be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this. Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars

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 4th July, 1921, at 3 p.m. Present:

The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel).

Aldermen Horsley, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Boulter, Dicks, Mann, Pates, Regan, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Welstead, Wilkins and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Rogers and Whitaker.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 6th June last, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Proceedings of Committees—Resolved, That the proceedings of the undermentioned Committees, at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing, be approved and confirmed :—

Public Health ... Meeting held June 13

Housing ... Meeting held June 20

Street and Highway ... Meeting held June 27

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held June 17 and 24

Electricity and Lighting ... Meetings held June 23 and 27

Water ... Meeting held June 16

General Purposes and Watch ... Meeting held June 21*

*Resolved also, That renewal of Game Licences be granted to the following applicants as from the 1st July :—Messrs. H. F. Barnett, C. Barnett & Son, W. Hall & Sons, Olive & Olive, W. T. Morris, MacFisheries Limited (G. N. Crisford, General Manager), Bowles & Dymond, and Miss M. F. Woodard.

Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—Resolved also, That renewal of licences under this Act be granted to the following applicants as from the 9th June :—Messrs. J. J. Cypher, A. Drakeford (new licence), G. E. Pates, P. C. A. Wiggall, and W. Yates.

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Art Gallery and Museum • • • Meeting held June 15

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments... Meetings held June 13 and 14

Burial Board • • • Meeting held June 24

Public Library Meeting held June 14

Finance Meeting held June 29*

*Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed 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.

3—Unemployment—Potato Planting—Read, letter of the 18th ult., from the Secretary, Local Employment Committee, with reference to potato planting, selection of men for employment, and the discharge of married men from Relief Works, together with a copy of the Town Clerk's reply thereto of the 28th June.

4—Special Distress Committee—Read, letter of the 30th ult., from the Secretary, Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council, stating that Mr. A. E. South had been nominated to serve on the Distress Committee in place of Mr. A. J. Thompson, resigned. Resolved, That Mr. South be appointed a member of the Committee

5—Grammar School—Playing Field—Levelling—Read, letter of the 17th ult., from the Headmaster, Cheltenham Grammar School, asking the Council to consider the levelling of the Grammar School Playing Field to provide work for the unemployed. Resolved, That the same be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, the 29th July, 1921.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th July, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Moore, Rogers, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers 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.:—10, Fairhaven Road; 19, Morley Terrace ; 3, Fairhaven Cottages ; 2 and 5, Upper Bath Street ; Flats, 2, Wolseley Terrace ; 33, Hanover Street ; 2, 4 and 8, Devonshire Street; 21, Queen's Retreat; 2 and 3, Victoria Cottages, Bath Parade ; and Claremont Cottage, Back of Montpellier 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-Cleansing and Whitewashing at 1a, Normal Terrace ; 28, Sun Street ; 5, Grove Street ; 1, 2 and 6, Portland Cottages; 2, Upper Bath Street ; Oakville, Naunton Parade ; Limbrick Cottage, Waterloo Street ; 6, St. Margaret's Cottages; 1, 2, 3 and 4, Hanover Parade ; 1, 2, 3 and 4, Whaddon Terrace, Malvern Street ; Claremont, Hayward's Road ; Saltford House, Hewlett Street ; and 13, Spa Buildings. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 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 3 and 4, Harp Hill Villas ; and 1, 2, and 3, 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.

4--Insanitary Property-(a) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Portland Cottages; 28, Sun Street; Tallow Factory, Sherborne Street ; Claremont, Haywards Road ; 1 to 4, Whaddon Terrace, Malvern Street ; Edward Villa, King's Road ; 1 to 4 Hanover Parade ; 6, St. Margaret's Terrace ; Limbrick Cottage, Waterloo Street ; and 13, Spa Buildings. 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-Surrender of Diseased Meat-The Medical of Officer Health reported the surrender of 2 cwts. 19 lbs. beef ; 3 qrs. 6 lbs.. mutton ; 30 lbs. suet ; 18 lbs. bacon; 2 cwts. 3 qrs. 21 lbs. fish ; 46 tins of fish, fruit, meat and milk. 6-Notices not Complied with-The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, etc., served but not complied with Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to compel compliance.

7-Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Little's Court, New Street-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 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 an Order be now made under the Common Seal pursuant to Sub-Section 2, 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.

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8—Sludge Beds--Grant—Read Circular letter of the 27th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee, notifying payment of the sum of £225, being 90 per cent. of the grant of £250 payable prior to audit.

9--- Royal Sanitary Institute—Annual Congress—A Report by the Inspector of Nuisances on the 23rd Annual Congress and Exhibition of the Royal Sanitary Institute held at Folkestone from 18th to 25th ult., was submitted.

10—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—Reported Meeting on 14th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 11th inst. was 5 colts, 10 horses (2 at Depot), 107 head of cattle, 8 calves, 41 sheep, 73 lambs, 27 tegs, and 49 pigs, all doing very well, Since the last meeting 2 cows in calf, 1 bull and 1

bullock, had been purchased for £123. 12 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 2 heifers, 2 heifers in calf, 3 calves, 1 ewe and 14 fat pigs had been sold for £224 5s. 11d

Sale of Fruit--Resolved, That the fruit in the orchards be included in an auction sale to be held by Mr. C. C. Castle, at Bishop's Cleeve in August next. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed.

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 18th July, 1921 Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Moore Regan and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Fencing between Housing Estate and 'The Granleys"—The Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate from Messrs. Billings and Sons, Ltd., for this fence, amounting to £39. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to see Messrs. Billings with a view to obtaining a reduction of the estimate.

2--119, Tennyson Road—Resolved, That notice be given to the tenant of this house in view of the complaints of nuisance caused to the adjoining occupiers.

3—Further Houses—Read, letters dated 9th and 16th inst, from the Housing Commissioner with regard to additional houses, and enquiring if there was overcrowding in the existing houses. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply thereto.

Read, also, letters from Messrs. H. H. Martyn & Co., Ltd., that fifteen of their men, who were important in connection with their sheet metal works, were in urgent need of houses, and from Messrs. Thomas Hartley and J. R. Richardson, complaining of delay in obtaining houses.

4—Nicholls' Contract—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Messrs. Nicholls, Ltd., complaining of the slow progress of the contract for the houses being erected by them.

5—Housing Memoranda—Housing Memoranda Nos. 53, 54 and 55 were submitted.

6—Architects' Fees—Resolved, That the Architects (Messrs. Chatters, Smithson & Rainger) be paid a further sum of £900 on account of fees.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th July, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham; Dr. Cardew, Miss Barnard and Miss Foster (Councillor Edith Geddes in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society--Quarterly Report—Read, the Report for the Quarter ended 30th June last. The attendances had been as follows :---

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Highbury (12 meetings) .. . • • •	39.6	33.3
At Baker Street (is meetings) • • .	33.1	20.2
At Clare Street (12 meetings). • • •	20	18

60 of the mothers attending the Centres had entered for the Competitions organised by the National League of Maternity and Child Welfare.

The Highbury and Baker Street Centres would only be open twice, and Clare Street once, during August.

Grant—Read, copy letter of the 2nd ult., from the Ministry of Health to the Voluntary Health Society, stating that the Ministry had decided to make a grant of £104 11s. 6d. based on the expenditure during the year ended 31st March, 1921.

2-Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work for the Quarter ended 28th June last :—

No. of Children visited (a) one year and under 861
(b) over one year • 354
Total .. • • • • 1,215

No. of Home Visits paid by Health Visitors . • • 2,040
Health Visitors' Attendances at Centres . • • • • 72
No. of Children remaining on Visiting Register • • 2,294
“ Un-notified Births discovered • • • • • 14
“ Children remitted to Hospital .. . 9
“ Cases of Whooping Cough visited .. • • 16
“ Measles visited .. • • • • • 10
“ Chicken Pox visited • • • • • 8
Ante-natal Cases visited .. • • • • • — 29

Grants of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter 33 stopped .. 15 continued .. 18
New Orders issued 24
To Nursing and Expectant Mothers. 12
To Infants and Children under 3 years.. 12
Amount of Money spent on Milk during quarter £37 1 3

3—Milk for Mothers and Infants—Read, letter of the 20th May last, from the Ministry of Health, approving of Scale of Income for the supply of milk submitted by the Town Council subject to compliance with all the requirements of Circular 185.

1--Grant—Read, letter of 4th inst., from the Ministry of Health, stating that the Ministry had decided to make a grant of £160, representing the first instalment of the grant payable in respect of the approved estimate for the year 1921-22.

5—Expenditure -Read, Memorandum from the Ministry of Health informing Local Authorities that the Ministry may not be in a position to pay grants on any services, extension of services or increased payment for services, other than those specifically approved by the Minister of Health.

6--Conference on Infant Welfare—The Chairman (Councillor Edith Geddes) submitted a report of the Conference held in London from the 5th to 7th July, 1921.

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7—Epidemic Diarrhoea—Read, circular 217 of the 15th inst., from the Ministry of Health, containing suggestions of precautions to be taken in the event of Epidemic Diarrhoea occurring. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health. Resolved, also, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to issue 2,000 leaflets containing advice to parents on this matter,

EDITH M. H. GEDDES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd July, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Pates, Sawyer and Wilkins (The 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 24th June to the 21st July, 1921 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 14th July, 1921, 679 loads collected, 669 consumed, and 10 tipped away. Weight consumed 649 tons 14 cwts.

2-Street Projections-367, High Street—Resolved, That the application of Messrs. Georges Ltd., of the 18th inst., for permission to fix a sign to an existing bracket at these premises, be granted, subject to the sign not extending beyond the limit of the existing bracket, and to its being at least 15 feet clear of the pavement.

Georgina House, Bath Road—Resolved, That permission be given to the Wycliffe Motor Co. to erect a new sign at these premises subject to compliance with the usual conditions.

Streamers across Roads—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Cheltenham & County Harriers and the Cheltenham Swimming Club that streamers across the streets are not allowed except where the permission of the Corporation has been obtained. Resolved, also, That permission be not given for such streamers except in special cases.

3—Arterial Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Cleeve View and Sandford Mill Road extensions had been completed, and that the carriageway at Brooklyn Road was nearing completion.

Grant—The Town Clerk reported receipt of £1,380 from Ministry of Transport on account of Grants to be made in respect of these roads.

4—Manure Sweepings—Central Depot—Resolved, That the tender of Mr. George Thorndale, of 1/6 per load for these sweepings, be accepted,

Destructor—Resolved, That the tender of Mr. G. Sindrey, of 11/6 per ton for the manure at the Destructor, be accepted.

5- Sandford Mill Road—Watercourse—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Hanson Powell had blocked up the end of the culvert which discharges into a watercourse adjoining Sandford Mill Road and which receives the drainage from the new extension of this Road. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Mr. Powell.

6—Sydenham Road N.—Footpath—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan, specification and estimate of the work required to be done to the footpath in this road by the abutting owners.

7— Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor submitted a tender from Messrs. Meadow Mills Ltd., of £2 per ton for waste paper. Resolved, That this be accepted on monthly contract. Resolved, also, That the ashmen be paid 50 per cent, of any profit made.

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8—Dangerous Corners—Hale's Road—High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the owner of Mona House was willing to allow the Corporation to lower the wall at the side of her premises-- substituting an iron fence for the upper portion. He submitted sketch plan showing proposed alterations.

High Street and College Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the shrubs in the garden of Belle Vue House had been reduced in height, but that this did not make any appreciable improvement as regards motor traffic. He recommended that the owner should be approached with a view to the corner being rounded off.

Bunwell House, Park Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that a plan had been submitted for rounding off this corner. and that he was awaiting the consent of the owners.

Resolved, That subject to the owners' consent being obtained, the schemes be laid before the Ministry of Transport for their approval with a view to a grant being made.

Warwick Place and Portland Street—The Committee considered the question of rounding off this corner, but it was decided to do nothing in the matter at present.

9— Tivoli Road—Damage to Entrance Crossing at "Pentland"—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings against Messrs. Thos. Whiteside & Sons, Ltd., for the recovery of the costs of making good damage done to this crossing by one of their traction engines.

10—Tarring of Roads—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant under Item 4 of Circular No. 127 for the surface tarring of roads not ranking as Class I. or II.

11--Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 22nd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, 22nd July, 1921. Present The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Wilkins (The 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.
1542	David Greig	Amended plan for alterations to No. 325, High Street
1548	F. Waite	New Motor House, Rossmund Lawn, Sydenham Road, N.
1549	Miss L. Green	Detached House, Hatherley Road
1550	London, County, Westminster & Parr's Bank, Ltd.	Alterations to convert No. 6, Promenade into Bank

Resolved, .That Plans No. 1542 and 1550 be disapproved, that Plan No. 1548 be approved subject to a proper crossing over the footpath being provided, and that Plan No. 1549 be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th July, 1921 : Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Pales, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1----Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Custodian—Resolved, That Ex-Police-Constable George Wilks be re-appointed Custodian of Montpellier and Winter Gardens at a wage of £2 per week as from the 25th inst., and that the present Custodian be given one week's notice terminating his engagement.

2 - Montpellier Gardens—Salvation Army Band—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from Adj. R. Jones, stating that the Cradley Heath Salvation Army Band would be unable to attend on August Bank Holiday as arranged, and asking permission for the local Band to play instead. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

3 -- Cadet Camp—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Camp Secretary, Public Secondary Schools Cadet Association, asking permission for the Cadets attending the Camp at Leckhampton from the

27th inst. to 12th prox. to visit Montpellier and Pittville Gardens, and for the use of Alstone Baths for their Annual Aquatic Sports. Resolved, That Cadets in uniform be admitted free to Montpellier and Pittville Gardens, and that the use of Alstone Baths be granted on an afternoon in each week during the period mentioned.

g -Montpellier Baths --Resolved, That the Baths open at 7 a.m. during the Summer Season.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 21st July, 1921; Present—Councillors Boulter, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

5- -Winter Garden—The Committee considered an offer from Mrs. Field to take the building (excluding the northern transept) on lease for 5, 7, or 24 years, at a rent of £600 and 5 per cent. of the receipts of the Picture House, and to redecorate the portion of this building and convert it as shewn on the plan submitted by her.

The Committee also considered the modifications which the local Syndicate were willing to accept in the terms upon which the Town Council had (subject to being able to obtain possession and determine the existing lease) agreed to lease the building in 1916.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to authorise the Common Seal to be affixed to a lease of the building to the Syndicate for a term of 21 years from the 29th September next, to include the following terms :—

1. Rent £500 plus 10 per cent. of net profits, lessees also to pay rates and taxes. Accounts to be Audited by professional Accountants approved by the lessors. No deduction to be made for directors' fees in ascertaining net profits.
2. Power to Corporation to terminate lease at end of tenth or any subsequent year if building require; spa or town development, compensation being paid for value at the time of any improvements or alteration made by lessees, lessees to take Corporation electrical supply.
3. Building only to be used for high-class entertainments, including Pictures, Vaudeville, Skating and other indoor amusements.
4. Power for lessees to terminate lease if licenses for Cinematograph and Music and Dancing refused, if not due to default of lessees.

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5. Building not to be sub-let for concerts or other entertainments usually held at Town Hall at less than the scale of charges at Town Hall for similar accommodation

6, Lessees to have use of north transept for Municipal Orchestra when required free of charge (except for heating, cleaning and lighting), from 10-30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (except Bank Holidays), with use of such chairs, etc., as are available for that part of building.

7. Lessees to expend £3,000 on improvement and decoration of the building within first two or three years (exclusive of furniture and moveable effects).

8. Lessees to maintain premises in good and substantial repair (except roofs and main walls and fair wear and tear), and to paint with two coats at least of good oil colour outside and inside at least once in every seven years, last painting to be in year immediately preceding termination of lease.

9. Lessees not to assign lease without consent, but consent not to be withheld in case of a satisfactory and substantial person or company, and lessors to consent to an assignment to a company if formed by Syndicate with capital of not less than £5,000, of which £3,000 at least paid up, and in such case to release Syndicate from further liability under lease other than under covenant to expend £3,000 as before mentioned.

10. No advertisement other than the two fixed advertisement boards and two moveable boards to be placed outside building without consent of lessors, but lessees at liberty to put up illuminated sign letters over main entrance.

11. Lessors to keep roofs and main walls in repair.

6—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 28th ult., 5th, 12th, and 19th inst., were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Winter Garden Chairs—Resolved, That 30 chairs be purchased from Messrs. J. Romans & Co., Ltd., of Gloucester, at a cost of 6/- each.

Montpellier Gardens—Band Concerts—Resolved, That the Massed Bands of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars and the Spa Military Band play in these Gardens on the 30th inst., from 8--10 p.m., the charge for admission to be 6d., including tax, the Gloucestershire Hussars Band to receive 50 per cent. of the net takings.

Montpellier Baths—Dances—(a) Resolved, That the Baths be let to Mr. H. Jones on Saturday evenings and Mrs. Camden on Wednesday evenings, at a cost of 10/- each per hour, including light, with a minimum of £1 for each letting.

(b) Resolved, That the charge for occasional lettings be 12/6 per hour, including light, with a minimum of 5s. for each letting.

Pittville Gardens—Resolved, That Mr. Dawes be granted the use of these Gardens on Sunday, 21st August, for an afternoon concert by the Spa Military Band, on payment of out-of-pocket expenses.

Catering—Resolved, That Messrs. Coleworth's offer of 7 ½ per cent. of the gross takings for the right of catering at the Band Concerts at Montpellier and Winter Gardens during next Summer Season be accepted.

7—Mineral Waters—Sales—Reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold as follows :—
Central Spa 930 ; Montpellier Gardens 90 ; Montpellier Baths 17 ; Pittville Chalet 27 ; Pittville Pump Room 23.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th July, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Mann, Moore, Thomas and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Wages of Employees—Engineers—The Chairman reported receipt of a notification from the National Joint Board of Employers and Staff Members that as the cost of living on the 1st June, 1921 was declared by the Ministry of Labour to 119 per cent. above July, 1914, the salaries of Technical Staffs for the quarter ending 30th September next would be payable on the schedule rates without adjustments ; the effect of this notification was to cancel two additions to the schedule rates which had hitherto been payable.

Workmen—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the receipt of a letter from the Secretary, District Industrial Council No. 6 (West of England Area) enclosing resolution of the National Joint Industrial Council, notifying a reduction in wages of $3/4 \frac{1}{2}$ per man per week from the 15th inst., and a similar reduction from the 16th September next.

2-New Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he visited the works of Messrs. Mather & Platt on the 6th inst., to inspect and test the new alternator and traction generator. The plant ran well and complied with the tests which he witnessed. He hoped to obtain delivery of the plant within the next two or three days and it would be subject to further tests on completion.

3--Electric Light Standard, Pilley Lane—Damage by Collision—The Town Clerk reported that the Magistrates had made an Order for payment of £5 by Mr. P. E. Hobbs in respect of damage caused to an electric light standard in Pilley Lane.

4—Electricity (Supply) Bill, 1921—Read, letter of the 30th ult., from the Borough Member acknowledging resolution adopted by the Committee at their last meeting in favour of the passage of this Bill, and stating that he was quite in accord therewith.

5--Public Lighting—(a) Analysis of Gas Report—Read, Report of the 2nd inst., from the Gas Examiner of analysis made by him on the 24th ult., in which he pointed out that the amount of nitrogen and oxygen was very considerable but that carbonic oxide (an extremely poisonous gas) existed in normal quantity. He was of opinion that the sample consisted of very poor gas, and this was consistent with his periodical determinations of Calorific Power, the average of which during the period July, 1920 to June, 1921, was equal to only 465 British Thermal Units.

(b) Thermal Value—The Monthly Report of the Gas Examiner of test on the 13th inst. showed 645 British Thermal Units.

6—Next Meeting-- Resolved, That no meeting be held during August except for the purpose of passing accounts.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 14th July, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Moore, Pates, Stewart and Whitaker (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 July, 1921.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	to 6,000 gallons	174,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	182,000	246,000
Leckhampton Springs	30,000	67,000
Total	318,000	487,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		14th July, 1921		14th July, 1920.
Hewletts		14,378,000 gallons		23,009,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	9ft. 9in.	12,470,000 „	25ft. 0in.	65,692,000 „
Leckhampton	8ft. 0in.	1,080,000	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000 „
Total Storage		27,928,000		90,186,000

Notwithstanding the drought, the water supply to the town and district was being fully maintained, The yield of the springs had greatly diminished, and the supply was almost entirely dependent upon pumping from Tewkesbury and Sandford.

2—Inspections—The Borough Surveyor reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of June had been as follows :—

	During June.	Total for past 3 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	950	3,000
“ “taps found leaking ..	241	736
“ “ defective flushing boxes ••	57	208
“ “ defective stop taps ..	14	44
“ “ draw taps repaired ..	194	611
“ “ notices served re fittings	93	293
“ “ meters changed .	30	80
“ “ houses connected .	34	119

3—Nos. 1 and 3, Ferndale Terrace—Read, letter of the 23rd inst., from Mr. A. J. Betteridge enclosing notice of his intention to increase the rent of these houses by 30 per cent as from the 24th ult.

4—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Excavation of Landslide-- The Committee considered a Report of the 27th ult., from the Consulting Engineer (Mr. E. Sandeman), as to his examination of the Reservoir and Works at Dowdeswell on the 25th May last.

The Borough Engineer reported that the work of excavation had been commenced and that 16 men were employed thereon. The haulage plant had been obtained on hire and was found to be suitable for the work.

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5- Salts Farm —Hedges----Read, letter of the 6th inst., from Mr. L. G. Dunn, with reference to the Borough Engineer's report as to further work required to make good the hedges at Salts Farm, and asking the Committee to meet him on the Farm at an early date for the purpose of inspecting the hedges.

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

7—Next Meeting —Resolved, That the next Meeting of this Committee be held at Dowdeswell.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 19th July, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Moore and Sawyer (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Griffin reported that with the exception of one case of Swine Fever at Hanover Allotments the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2- Sale of Diseased Plants Order 1921 —Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, with copy of this order, and notice of same for publication. Resolved, That the notice be published as required.

3—Fire Brigade -Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Fire Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire, viz.:—

On the 26th June, at shop, Tivoli Road. Damage slight. Brigade expenses £4 7s. 6d.

On 2nd July to a fire at Shrubbery Cottage. Damage about £50.

16th July—Rick fire at Swindon Hall Farm. Damage about £75.

He also reported that the fire escape had been damaged while being used by the Electric Light Dept. Resolved, That he be instructed to have this repaired.

4—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cabs—Resolved, That the applications of the following for hackney carriage licences, be granted:

J. A. Birt, 22 Upper Norwood Street (Car No. AD2772); J. C. F. Birt, Tenby Cottage (AD2361) ; G. W. Bridges (AD6327) L. Davis (AE2377); A. J. Harvey (AD2775) ; F. E. Herbert (E3111) C. Holtam (FH 1186) ; L. Leach (AE1506) A. Salter (AE1494) ; F. W. Roberts (AD6106) and H. Bishop (AD9752); subject, as to the two latter, to satisfactory reports on the examination of the vehicles.

Wheel Chair—Resolved, That the licence for Wheel Chair No. 5 be transferred from Mr. G. H. Bendy to Mr. Wm. Berry of 3, Gratton Street.

Resolved, also, That the application of Mr. G. H. Bendy for a pony carriage licence be granted.

Drivers' Licences—Resolved, That Drivers' licences be granted to the following ; J. C. F. Birt ; L. Davis ; C. Holtam ; G. T. Holborow ; F. W. Roberts and A. Salter.

Conductor's Licence—Resolved, That a conductor's licence be granted to H. Fryer.

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5--Police Force—Read, letter of the 30th inst., from the Clerk of the County Council, stating that the establishment of the Force for the Borough was now as follows ;—Superintendent, 1; Inspectors 2 ; Sergeants, 9 ; Constables, 62 ; together with one woman Police Sergeant and one woman Police Constable. The actual cost of the women police would be charged, pay being as arranged

6—Street Trading—Read, letter from the National Federation of Retail Fruiterers, Florists, and Fishmongers asking for the support of the Council with a view to obtaining a National Government Bill for bringing trading in the Streets under national control.

7—Coal Emergency, Directions, 1921--Read, letter of the 16th inst., from the Mines Department, Board of Trade, with Form of Claim for the recovery of any expenses incurred by the Local Authority. The Borough Surveyor reported that the expenses amounted to £57 3s. 6d. Resolved, That a claim for this amount be made.

8-27, Promenade—The Borough Surveyor reported that the verandah floor on these premises had given way owing to the perishing of the timbers, and that he was having the floor reconstructed. Resolved, That this be approved.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 7th July, 1921 Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham and Yarnold (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,438 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since 15th June. (Corresponding period last year 1,467).

Sale of Post Cards during this period realised 13s. 8d., and photogravure of 1/5th Gloucesters at Hebuterne £1 1s.

The following gift had been received:—

Kington Baker, Esq., Portrait of Thomas Henny (1782-1851).

The following loans had been received :—

E. C. Sewell, Esq., Collection of Cirencester Photographs, Water-Colours, Prints, etc.; Mrs. Harold Webb, Zulu Spears, Shields, etc.; R. R. Tomlinson, Esq., Painted Casket and Collection of Pottery.

2-Children's Art Exhibition—The Committee considered a recommendation from the Education Committee that an Exhibition of Paintings, Wood Cuts, etc., by children in the Municipal School of Arts and Crafts, Vienna be held at the Art Gallery. Resolved, That an exhibition be held about the end of September, on condition that the expenses incurred by this Committee be a first charge upon any subscriptions received in respect of the exhibition.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th July, 1921: Present—Councillors Boulter, Regan, Sawyer, Stanley,

Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Allotments—Albert Road—Nos, 29 and 30—It was reported that part of this allotment had not been cultivated. Resolved, That notice be given terminating the tenancy on the 25th December next.

Whaddon Lane—No. 13--It was reported that this allotment had not been cultivated. Resolved, That notice be given terminating the tenancy on the 25th December next.

Creamery and Gapper's Fields--The Town Clerk submitted draft lease of these lands, and reported thereon. Resolved, That the same, as amended, be approved.

Hall Road—Fence—Read, letter of the 17th ult., from the Diocesan Registrar with reference to repair of fence and the condition of the land restored to the cricket field. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to supply soil for the improvement of the cricket field in the Autumn.

Arrears of Rent—The Town Clerk reported that in one or two cases payment of rent was seriously in arrear. Resolved, That failing prompt payment of such arrears, the Town Clerk be authorised to give notice terminating the tenancies.

2-Pittville Estate—Closing Time— Resolved, That the Gardens remain open until half an hour after sunset.

Wilful Damage Read, letter of the 8th inst., from the Superintendent of Police stating that Albert Hall was on that date fined 2/6, and ordered to pay 5/- to cover damage caused by him at Pittville Gardens.

Pittville Gardens—Greenhouses, etc.—The Borough Surveyor pointed out that the estimates for ordinary maintenance at Pittville had been reduced by the Finance Committee in making the Rates for the current year, by £1,500. The item of £140 for the repair and painting of the greenhouses, garden frames, etc., which this Committee had inspected and which work they considered necessary had also been struck out of the estimates. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to authorise this work to be carried out.

Pittville Gates—Repairs—Resolved, That as no provision is made in the current year's estimates for the repair of pillars, the work be postponed until next year.

3— Recreation Grounds—Agg-Gardner--Shelter—The Borough Surveyor reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their meeting on 3rd December last, the shelter at Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground had been examined and the woodwork found to be in a decayed condition. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the same repaired.

Football—Read, applications from the following clubs : —All Saints' Old Boys ; Dale, Forty & Co., Ltd. ; Emmanuel ; St. Paul's United Football Clubs. Resolved, That the same be considered with other applications when received.

Barrett's Mill—Cricket--Read, letter of the 1st inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Advisory Committee for Juvenile Employment, asking that the ground might be utilised for cricket by boys attending the Play Centres. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee the ground is unsuitable for the purpose.

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd July, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6420 to 6430 (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 Cross and Kerbing to graves of Mary Florence and Louisa Georgina Mary Campbell and Katherine Richardson ; Headstone and Kerbing to grave of Richard Thomas John Price ; Kerbing to graves of Eleanor and Clara Morgan, Reggie Ayers, Chas. Tiplady and Mary Anne Pratt.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd July, 1921 : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor, Councillor Whitaker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 22nd inst, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £26,770 12s 11d. Leaving outstanding, £12,334 17s. 4d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 22nd inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £10,636 16s. 2d. Leaving outstanding, £6,724 8s. 7d.

3—Loans—(a) The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £36,325 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans. Resolved, also, That the terms arranged for the continuance of Debentures, amounting to £2,000, be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

(b) The Town Clerk submitted letter of the 1st inst., from Messrs. W. E. Wimpenny & Co., offering on behalf of Mr. S. Haigh to loan £500 from the 1st inst. Resolved, That a Debenture be issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

(c) Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to take up loans required for completion of the Housing Contracts.

ROBT. STEEL

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 Friday, the 29th July, 1921, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel).

Aldermen Green, Horsley, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Boulter and Welstead.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 4th July last, 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—British Legion—Resolved, That the Officers' Association, and National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers be granted the use of the Town Hall for a Meeting, on a date to be arranged, to consider the formation of the British Legion, subject to payment of out of pocket expenses.

3—War Pensions, etc., Committee—Resolved, That Mr. B. J. Greening of 26, Cambray, be appointed a member of the Local War Pensions, etc., Committee in place of Councillor A. E. Stanley, resigned.

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

Public Health Meeting held July 11

Housing ••• Meeting held July 18

Maternity and Child Welfare • • Meeting held July 20

Street and Highway ••• Meeting held July 22

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held July 15* and 21*

*Subject to the following amendments, viz.:—

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That the Resolution to Minute No. 1 of the Committee's proceedings of the 15th inst., be not approved and that an ex-service man be appointed. That a Special Meeting of the Council be called for the 4th August, 1921, to consider the matter of the Winter Garden, and that the members of the Local Syndicate be invited to meet the Council.

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held July 14

Water Meeting held July 14

General Purposes and Watch ... ••• •• • Meeting held July 19

Art Gallery and Museum ••• Meeting held July 7

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments... Meeting held July 11

Burial Board... Meeting held July 22

Finance••• Meeting held July 29*

*Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed 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.

5—Cheltenham Shopping Week—Read a letter of the 20th inst. from Mr. E. J. Burrow, with reference to the Shops Carnival to be held at Cheltenham in October. Resolved, That the same be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL, 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, 4th August, 1921, at 3 p.m. Present : The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair,

Aldermen Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Regan, Rogers, Stanley, Welstead, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Green and Horsley, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, and Sawyer.

1—Winter Garden—The Council further considered the recommendation of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee that a lease be granted to the Local Syndicate on the terms set out in Minute No. 5 of the proceedings of the Committee at their meeting on the 21st ult. Messrs. E. Baring, H. Miller and F. Norman, with Mr. H. F. Midwinter (Solicitor), representing the Syndicate, attended the Meeting. Resolved, That a lease be granted to the Local Syndicate on the terms set out in the Minutes, except that the term be seven years and the rent £500 per annum, plus 15 per cent. of profits, with a guarantee that the share of profits shall not be less than £100 in any year Clause 3 to be omitted, and the portion of Clause 10 as to expenditure of £3,000.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

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 5th September, 1921.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th August, 1921: Present—Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Moore, Rogers, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Rogers 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. :-9, Windsor Street ; 4, Mitre Street ; 39, Clarence Square ; 4, St. James' Terrace ; 2, Naunton Crescent ; 36, Swindon Street 7, Weston Cottages, Russell 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 42, Sun Street and 7, Old Millbrook Terrace. 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 9, Windsor Street ; 4, St. James' Terrace ; 4, Mitre Street ; 9, Sandford Street; 2, 3 and 36, Swindon Street ; 34, Great Western Terrace ; and 27, Clarence Parade. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 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 (a) King's Head Hotel, High Street ; 16, Andover Street ; 26, Brunswick Street ; 4, Fairhaven Street ; 2, Swindon Street ; and 7, Waterloo Terrace, Hermitage 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.

(b) Nos. 1, 2, 3, Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road, and 61, Union Street, Fairview. 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 respective owners of the premises requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days.

(c) 1 to 12, Burton Cottages. The Inspector of Nuisances reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their meeting on the 9th May (Minute No 3. (b)) the work specified to be done to the drains belonging to the above premises had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. Eggleton & Co. at a cost of £166 5s. 0d. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an Order declaring the same to be Private Improvement Expenses chargeable on the premises, to be repayable within one month, and failing payment within this period, that interest be charged at the rate of £5 per centum per annum on the amount or any balance thereof outstanding until the whole amount is repaid.

5-Insanitary Property-4, Mitre Street ; 4, St. James' Terrace, Painswick Road ; 3 and 36, Swindon Street ; 14, Whitehart Street ; Cottage rear of No. 1, Grove Street ; 39, Clarence Square ; 9, Windsor Street ; and 27, Stoneville 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.

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6—Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical of Officer Health reported the surrender of 10 cwts. 2 qrs. 18 lbs. beef 12 cwts. 1 qr. 14 lbs. mutton ; 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs. fish ; 98 lbs. tripe ; 54 lbs. bacon; 81 tins fruit ; 19 tins meat ; 4 tins milk, and 2 tins fish.

7—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation-2 and 5 Orchard Place ; rooms over stable at rear of 14, Lansdown Crescent ; 5, 6, 7, and 9, King Street Gardens—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these dwelling houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and he recommended that the same be closed. Resolved, That further consideration be adjourned to the next meeting, and that notice be given to the respective owners of the intention of the Council to make Closing Orders.

8—Notices not Complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, etc., served but not complied with, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to compel compliance.

9—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Order—Read, application from Mr. Ernest King, of 427, High Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be acceded to.

10—Common Lodging Houses—Read, application from Mr. Michele Fortucci of Well Street, Coventry, to be registered as the keeper of the following Common Lodging Houses, viz.:—Nos. 20 and 21 Stanhope Street and Cottage at rear of No. 21 Stanhope Street.

11—Sludge Beds—Read, letter of the 30th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee extending the time limit attached to the grant for work on the Sludge Beds to the 30th September next.

12—Epidemic Diarrhoea, etc.—Precautions--The Town Clerk submitted Circular 217 of the 15th ult., from the Ministry of Health (herein). Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for consideration.

13—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—Reported Meeting on 8th inst. Present—Alderman Green and Councillor Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the chair). Farms Manager's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 8th inst. was 8 horses (4 at Depot), 5 colts, 131 head of cattle, 12 calves, 41 sheep, 27 tegs, 73 lambs, and 76 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 29 heifers (barren), 2 heifers and 1 calf had been purchased for £79. 30 pigs and 3 calves had been bred on the Farms. 2 heifers in calf, 3 fat cows, and 3 store pigs had been sold for £204 13s. 9d. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed.

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd August, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Dicks and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Applications for Land—Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Dicks and Rogers be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider applications for land on the Housing Estate, and that the

application of Mrs. McMinn and General Thomas, submitted by the Borough Surveyor, be referred to the Sub-Committee.

2-Telegraph Lines— Read, letter of the 5th inst., from the Sectional Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, making application for consent to the placing of overhead telegraph lines on the Estate. Resolved, That consent be given subject to the positions of the five poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to painted lagging being fixed to such poles as may be required.

3—Government Housing Policy—Read, Circular 222, of the 25th ult., from the Ministry of Health, with reference to Local Authorities' Assisted Housing Schemes, Subsidy to Private Builders, Insanitary Areas, etc.

4—Further Houses—Read, letter of the 2nd inst., from the Housing Commissioner, stating that the Ministry of Health had decided that no further houses could be allotted to the Borough.

5—Subsidy Houses—(a) Gloucester Road, (b) Hatherley Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of a house to be erected in Gloucester Road by Mr. H. Davis, and of another to be erected in Hatherley Road by the Misses Green, and the Town Clerk reported that the same had been approved by the Housing Commissioner, subject, in the latter case, to certain amendments. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue Certificate "A" of approval of the plans subject to the conditions prescribed by the Ministry (Circular 222).

6—Nicholls' Contract—The Town Clerk reported an interview which he had with a representative of Messrs. Nicholls Ltd. on the 23rd ult., regarding the delay in the progress of their Contract, when he was informed that a number of houses would be completed within a month.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th August, 1921 . Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Pates and Wilkins (The 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 22nd July to the 25th August, 1921 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 18th August, 1921, 803 loads collected, 795 consumed, and 8 tipped away. Weight consumed 788 tons 10 ½ cwts.

2-Street Projections—College Ironmongery Stores, Suffolk Road—Resolved, That the application of Messrs. Llewellyn & Son, of the 25th ult., for permission to fix a sign at these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions.

27, Clarence Street—Resolved, That the application of Messrs. Jacobs & D'rane, Ltd., for permission to fix a sign at these premises be granted subject to the usual conditions.

3—Brooklyn Road—Tenancy of Land—Resolved, That the tender of Mr. G. Shephard, "Lyndhurst," Leckhampton, of a rent of £24 per annum for the tenancy of 2 ¼ acres of arable land in Brooklyn Road, being the highest of three tenders received, be accepted, subject to the receipt of satisfactory references, and to the terms of an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

4 —Leckhampton Road—Footpath—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan and estimate for the raising, paving, etc., of a further portion of the footpath in Leckhampton Road, viz. :--from Croft Street to Moorend Road. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to enable the Committee to view the footpath.

5—Street Name Plates--Design—The Borough Surveyor submitted design for street name plates which Messrs. Catchlite, Ltd. were prepared to supply at £2 per plate. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be deferred until further name plates are required.

6—Purchase of Horses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Farms Manager had purchased 2 horses from Mr. E. Harvey, of Minsterworth, for £130. Resolved, That this be approved.

7—Dangerous Corners—London Road -Hale's Road— The Borough Surveyor reported that he had provisionally arranged with Messrs. Young & Gilling, acting on behalf of the owner of Mona House, to lower the wall at the side of these premises, substituting an iron fence for the upper portion. He estimated the cost of the work at £30. Resolved, That the improvement be carried out.

High Street—College Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the owner of Belle Vue House had been approached with a view to the corner of his premises being rounded off, and submitted a letter of the moth inst. from Messrs. Ticehurst, McIlquham and Wyatt setting out the terms on which the owner was prepared to allow the improvement to be made. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of the improvement at £182, Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

Suffolk Road—Park Place—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter of the 21st ult., from the Secretary, Ladies' College, setting out the conditions upon which the College Authorities were prepared to agree to the proposed improvement. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of this improvement at £315. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

Warwick Place—Portland Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that a scheme for the improvement of the corner at the junction of these roads had been submitted to the Ministry of Transport for approval, with a view to a grant being obtained. He estimated the cost of the improvement at £181. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending the decision of the Ministry.

8—Junction of Lansdown and Queen's Roads—Refuge—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of proposed refuge at the junction of Lansdown and Queen's Roads. Resolved, That no action be taken.

9—Swindon Road—Improvement Borough Surveyor submitted plan for proposed improvement of Swindon Road. Resolved, That no action be taken.

10 -Streamer across Colonnade—Read, application of the 21st inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, for permission to place a streamer, advertising the

Club's Swimming Galas, across the Colonnade, on the 8th and 9th prox. Resolved, That permission be granted.

11—Sandford Mill Road—Watercourse—The Town Clerk submitted copies of letters of the 2nd and 4th inst., which he had addressed to Mr. J. H. Hanson Powell in this matter, in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their last meeting. Resolved, That the same be approved.

12—Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress (1921)—Read, circular letter of the 28th ult., from the Organising Committee of this Congress, to be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, from the 17th to 25th November next, inviting the attendance of Delegates. Resolved, That no action be taken.

1— Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 29th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 29th August, 1921. Present : The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Rogers, Whitaker and Wilkins (The 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.
1542	David Greig	Amended plan for alterations to No. 325 High Street.
1549	The Misses Green	Amended Plan for detached house, Hatherley Road.
1550	London County Westminster and Parr's Bank, Ltd.	Alterations for conversion of No. 6, Promenade into Bank
1551	W. T. Baggs	Extension of Garage, 4, St. Luke's Road
1552	Gloucester Cinemas (1920) Ltd.	New Cinema, Regent Street
1553	Governors, General Hospital	Alterations to General Hospital, Sandford Road.
1554	J. Crisp	Proposed additions to house, Hester's Way
1555	Mr. Hitchman	New Motor House, rear 11, Clarence Square (Northfield Terrace)

Resolved, That Plans No. 1542, 1549, 1550, 1551, 1552 and 1554 be approved, that Plan No. 1553 be approved, subject to the sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 1555 be approved, subject to a proper crossing over the footpath being provided.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th August, 1921 : Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Pates, Rogers and Thomas (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Medical Baths—(a) Vichy Douche Bath—The Borough Surveyor reported that the additional Vichy Douche Bath and Needle Spray had been fitted and were working satisfactorily. (b) Portable Electric Fan—Resolved, That the offer of Messrs. Dunn & Co., Bath Road, to supply a portable electric fan at the Medical Baths, at a cost of £6 6s., be accepted.

2—Shop next Montpellier Baths—An application was received from Mr. Henry Bellamy, of 45 Forester Street, Netherfield, Notts, for a seven years' lease of these premises for the business of a confectioner and tobacconist, at an annual rent of £20, plus rates and taxes. Resolved, That a lease be granted for a term of seven years, determinable by either party at the end of the third or fifth year, 50 per cent. of any actual expenditure incurred by the lessee in necessary and reasonable repairs to be repaid by the Corporation in the event of the lease being determined by them at the end of the third year.

3—Alstone Baths—Swimming Galas—Read, application of the 16th inst., from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for the use of the Swimming Bath for the purposes of a Galas, to be held on September 9th and 23rd, respectively. and asking for a reduction in the usual charges for the hire of the Bath. Resolved, That the use of the Bath be granted on the usual terms, viz: £1 1s. for each hiring.

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4—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee--The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 26th ult., 2nd and 23rd inst., were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Flannel Dances—Resolved, That Flannel Dances at the Town Hall be continued on Wednesday evenings during August and September, until the conclusion of performances of the Summer Orchestra.

Spa Attendants—Resolved, That Miss P. Summers, Assistant Attendant, be promoted Head Attendant in the place of Miss Bastin, resigned, at a weekly wage of £1 13s. 6d., and that Mrs. C. M. Jeffries be appointed Assistant Attendant at a weekly wage of £1 5s. in place of Miss Summers, as from the 28th inst., in each case.

Town Hall Attendant --Resolved, That A. McGregor be engaged for the Winter Season to assist at the Town Hall and attend at door during Dance Teas, at a weekly wage of £1, overtime to be paid at the rate of 1/3 per hour.

5—Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Custodian—Resolved, That Mr. E. E. Woodward, of 34, Tennyson Road, an ex-soldier and ex-policeman, be appointed Custodian of Montpellier and Winter Gardens at a weekly wage of £2, as from the 12th inst.

6—Mineral Waters—Sales—Reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold as follows :—
Central Spa 1,340; Montpellier Gardens 230 ; Montpellier Baths 10 ; Pittville Chalet 39 ; Pittville Pump Room 29.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 29th August, 1921; Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Pates, and Thomas (Councillor Pates in the chair).

7—Winter Orchestra—(a) Engagement—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Leo Dawes to provide an Orchestra of 8 musicians (including himself as conductor and performer), from the 17th October to the 22nd April next, at the same price as for the last Winter Season, be accepted, subject to the terms of an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

(b) Season Tickets—Resolved, That the following tickets be issued for the Winter Season :—

Municipal Concerts 7/6 (Tax 1/-) .. 8/6

Spa Waters—Resident's Ticket .. 10/6

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 25th August, 1921: Present—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Mann, Moore, Whitaker and Welstead (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1-Winter Garden—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the sum of £58 15s. 6d. was due from Mrs. N. S. Field in respect of electric energy supplied to the Winter Garden, up to and including the 22nd inst, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give Mrs. Field seven days' notice requiring her to give security for the payment of all monies which may from time to time become due to the Corporation in respect of the supply of electric energy, and, failing satisfactory security being given, that the supply be discontinued.

2 — Main s—Loan £2,500,---The Town Clerk reported that sanction had been received from the Electricity Commissioners to a loan of £2,500 for extension of mains, repayable in 25 years.

3—Public Lighting—Analyst's Report—The report of the Gas Examiner of test on the 2nd inst., showed 462 British Thermal Units.

JAMES MOORE,

WATER COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committer held at Dowdeswell on Thursday, 11th August, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Moore, Sawyer and Whitaker (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 8th August, 1921.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	92,000 gallons	142,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	142,000	318,000 „
Leckhampton Springs	26,000	60,000
Total	260,000	520,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	8th August, 1921.		8th August, 1920.	
Hewletts		14,763,000 gallons		20,149,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	9ft 0in.	11,367,000	21ft. 6in.	50,714,000
Leckhampton	3ft. 0in.	405,000	12ft. 0in.	1,620,000
Total Storage		26,535,000		72,483,000

Pumping had been continued during the month at Tewkesbury and Sandford.

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2-Inspections-The Borough Surveyor reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of July had been as follows:-

	During July.	Total for past 4 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections • •	594	3,594
“ taps found leaking .. • •	145	881
“ defective flushing boxes • • • •	45	253
“ defective stop taps .. • • • • •	14	58
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) • • 120 (special repairs during drought) <u>204</u>	324	935
“ notices served re fittings • • • •	337	630
“ meters changed .. • • • • •	15	95
“ houses connected • • • • •	30	149

3—Salts Farm—Hedges—The Committee inspected the hedges at Salts Farm. Resolved, That the tenant (Mr. L. G. Dunn), be allowed the sum of £10 out of the first year's rent for work done to the hedges, in accordance with the Resolution of the Committee at their Meeting on the 17th January last (Minute No. 5).

4—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Embankment—The Committee further considered the report dated the 27th June last, of the Consulting Engineer (Mr. E. Sandeman) with reference to the settlement of the Embankment which was inspected by the Committee. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be

deferred, and that the Borough Accountant be instructed to report at the next Meeting of the Committee as to the financial position of the undertaking.

5—Excavation Work—Read, letter of the 21st ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee extending the time limit attached to the grant for work at Dowdeswell to the 31st October next. The Borough Engineer reported that the work of excavation was progressing satisfactorily, and that 25 men were employed thereon (making 50 in alternate weekly shifts).

6—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, 23rd August, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Mann, Moore and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1— Diseases amongst Animals--(a) Supt. Griffin reported that with the exception of one case of Swine Fever at Hanover Allotments the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order, 1921—Regulations—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of the 29th ult., from the Ministry of Agriculture enclosing copies of this Order, of the same date, adding to the powers of Local Authorities, contained in Article 12 of the Sheep Scab Order, 1920, a paragraph empowering them to make Regulations prohibiting the exposure of sheep at a market, etc., unless they have been dipped within the previous fourteen days and are accompanied by a Declaration to that effect Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

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(c) Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement) Orders—Collective Sale of Pigs at Gloucester—The Town Clerk submitted copy of an Order of the 11th inst., made by the Minister of Agriculture relative to a collective sale of pigs to be held at Gloucester Market on the 20th October next. Resolved, That a copy of the Order be forwarded to Superintendent Griffin and the Veterinary Inspector, respectively.

(d) Swine Fever—Illegal Movement of Pigs—Prosecution—It was reported that on the list ult., the Magistrates fined George Price £5 for removing pigs from premises subject to restrictions, on the 21st February last.

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.

3-27, Promenade--The Borough Surveyor reported that the repairs necessitated by the decay of a beam under the floor of the verandah at these premises had been carried out.

4—Motor Omnibus Service—Cheltenham to (a) Winchcombe and Broadway (b) Cirencester and (c) Northleach and Burford. Read, letters of the 10th and 20th inst., from the Bristol Tramways and

Carriage Company, Ltd., applying for licences for two omnibuses to ply for hire on each of these new services, and enclosing time-tables and table of proposed fares. Resolved, That licences be granted, subject to the vehicles being approved by the Inspector, and that the proposed stages and fares be approved.

5—Motor Omnibus Licence --Read, letter of the 10th inst., from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Ltd., applying for a licence for an additional spare omnibus for the Cheltenham routes. Resolved, That a licence be granted, subject to the vehicle being approved by the inspector.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cabs--Resolved, That the following applications for hackney carriage licences be granted: P. A. Camm (car number AD8570) ; F. C. Martin (AE1424) ; and T. G. Brunskill (AD2776).

Motor Cab—Transfer--Read, application of the 3rd inst., from Mr. J. H. Williams for licence number 18, held by him in respect of motor cab number BL2896 to be transferred to number AE3158, together with a report from the Inspector on the examination of the latter vehicle. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the vehicle being fitted with a satisfactory under-shield, speaking tube and leather head, and to the cab being repainted.

Horse Cab--Transfer—Read, application of the 19th ult, from Mr. Thomas Margetts for the licence held by him in respect of horse cab number 2, to be transferred to Mr. F. Newman. Resolved, that the application be granted.

Drivers' Licences—Resolved, That drivers' licences be granted to the following: W. B. Aston ; H. S. Bishop ; P. A. Camm; D. Copestake; A. C. G. King; W. H. Matthews; M. J. McHale; E. C. Martin; and A. A. Stevens.

Conductors' Licences—Resolved, That conductors' licences be granted to the following: T. S. Brownett; T. E. Child; A. W. Gibbons; T. Mace; G. H. Palfrey; A. J. Pinchin; W. F. Pitman; and B. Webb.

7—Shops Acts. 1912 to 1920—Inspector—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. W. H. Dovey, Inspector under these Acts, had gone into business and had asked to be relieved of his duties. Resolved, That Mr. Dovey's appointment be terminated, and the Town Clerk instructed to invite applications for the post by advertisement.

8—Special Distress Committee—Read, letter of the 30th ult., from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council, asking the Town Council to receive a deputation from that body re the Special Distress Committee, and the provision of further work for the unemployed. Resolved, That no action be taken.

9—Shopping Week—Read, letter of the 20th ult., from Mr E. J. Burrow, Secretary of the Cheltenham Shopping Week and Shops' Carnival Joint Committee, asking if the Corporation would offer a prize to be awarded in connection with Shopping Week. Resolved, That no action be taken.

10—Post Mortem Examinations—The Town Clerk reported that he had conferred with the Medical Officer of Health as to the provision of suitable accommodation for post mortem examinations, and submitted letters of the 11th and 18th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham General Hospital, stating that the Board had agreed to the use of the Hospital Post Mortem Room by the Corporation

for town cases on conditions therein mentioned, one of which required payment by the Corporation of a fee of 25/- for each post mortem examination held. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

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11—Speed Limits on Motor Vehicles—Read, circular letter from the Town Clerk, Worcester, forwarding Resolution passed by the Council of that City on the 15th ult., asking that a protest be forwarded to the Ministry of Transport and the Borough Member against the speed at which heavy motor vehicles and light motor cars are driven through populous towns, and requesting the imposition of suitable speed limits. Resolved, That no action be taken.

12—Leckhampton Reading Room—Repairs— Read, letter of the 16th inst., from Mr. W. G. Barrett, Scout Master, Leckhampton B.P. Scouts, asking for certain repairs to be carried out at Leckhampton Reading Room. Resolved, That Mr. Barrett's attention be drawn to the terms of the tenancy agreement which provide that the premises shall be kept in good repair and condition by the tenants.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 8th August, 1921 : Present—Councillors Regan, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Welstead in the chair).

1—Football in Recreation Grounds -The Committee considered applications received for permission to play football at the several Recreation grounds during the 1921-22 Season. Resolved, That permission be granted to the undermentioned Clubs as follows:—

Recreation Ground. Name of Club. Day of Play.

Agg-Gardner . Baker Street Institute F.C. & St. Paul's United F.C. (Association Football) Alternate Saturdays

“ St. Gregory's A.C. & St. Paul's Old Boys' R.F.C. (Rugby Football) Alternate Saturdays

“ Technical Schools (Organised Games) Thursdays

Naunton Park. St. James' F.C. & Emmanuel F.C. (Association Football) Alternate Saturdays

“ Naunton Park R.F.C. (Rugby Football) Saturdays

Whaddon Lane • All Saints' Old Boys' F.C. & Dale, Forty & Co., Ltd., A.F.C. (Association Football) Alternate Saturdays

“ Cheltenham Wednesday A.F.C. & Y.M.C.A. F.C. (Association Football) Alternate Wednesdays

Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to notify Secretaries of the several Clubs that future applications for the use of Recreation Grounds for cricket and football will be considered by

the Committee in the months of February and July, respectively, and that to ensure consideration, applications should be received by the Town Clerk not later than the first day of the said months in each year.

2-Telegraph Lines—Lane between Western Drive and Evesham Road—Read, letter of the 22nd ult., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, making application for consent to the placing of overhead telegraph lines along the Lane between Western Drive and Evesham Road. Resolved, That consent be given, subject to the positions of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to painted lagging being affixed to such poles as may be required.

WILLIAM WELSTEAD,

Chairman

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th August, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Rogers (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6431 to 6454 (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 Cross and Kerb to the grave of P. S. Gordon Lillingston ; Headstone and Kerbing to the grave of J. Beale Ransford; Kerbing to the graves of Clara Jane Browning and Alfred Drinkwater.

ROBT. STEEL,

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th August, 1921: Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Mann, Pates, Regan and Yarnold (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report--Read, the Reports of the Librarian for the months of June and July. Receipts (June) £7 14s. 7d., (July) £9 13s. 10d. Presentations: (June) Miss Cocks-Johnston (5 vols.); A. Betts-Taplin, Esq. (1 vol.); (July) E. J. M. Morris, Esq. (1 vol.); Miss Pratt (2 vols.) ; Col. J. C. Griffith (9 vols.) ; Rev. T. S. Tonkinson (1 vol.) ; High Commissioner for South Africa (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library was (June) 2,974, (July) 2,861, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was (June) 10,218, (July) 10,464, and from the Children's Library (June) 1,616, (July) 1,593.

The Monthly Accounts were examined.

2—Encyclopaedia Britannica—Resolved, That £10 be subscribed for three new volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

3—Children's Library—Repair and Colouring of Walls— Resolved, That the tender of Mr. R. S. Heale to whiten the ceiling of the Children's Library, and repair and colour walls with Walpamur, 2 coats, at a cost of £5, be accepted.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 30th August, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor and Councillor Moore (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £37,313 14s. 2d. Leaving outstanding, £1,791 16s. 1d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September next. Amount collected £15,803 13s. 2d. Leaving outstanding, £1,557 1s. 7d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £15,200 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

4—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £250 Corporation Stock at 54 per cent. Resolved, That the sum of £250 Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Limited, the Registrars of the said Stock, be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars,

5—Fire Insurance—The Borough Accountant submitted letter of the 22nd inst., from the County Fire Office, Ltd., advising that the discount allowed on premiums would be increased from 15 per cent., to 25 per cent., in respect of fire policies for which a five years' undertaking had been given, such increase to date from the next renewal of the Policies.

6—Fidelity Guarantee Insurance Policy—The Borough Accountant submitted three quotations for a combined Policy to cover the various officials in lieu of the existing individual Policies. Resolved, That the offer of the County Fire Office, Ltd., to issue a combined Policy at a premium of 4/- per cent. be accepted, and the Borough Accountant instructed to arrange accordingly.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 5th September, 1921, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel).

Aldermen Green, Horsley, and Taylor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Boulter Dicks, Mann Moore, Pates, Regan, Rogers, Stewart, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Margrett Councillors Edith Geddes, Sawyer and Stanley.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 29th July, and the Special Meeting on the 4th August last, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken :t read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—War Pensions, etc., Committee—Read, letter of the 18th ult., from Miss M. E. Roberts, resigning her Membership of the Local War Pensions, etc., Committee. Resolved, That no action be taken.

3—Unemployment, etc.—Read letters of the 28th and 30th July last., from the Secretary, Local Employment Committee re nominations for membership of Unemployment Insurance Committee and unemployment, respectively. Resolved, That the same be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

4—Winter Garden—Read letter of the 4th inst., from the Assistant Secretary, British Legion. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

5—Sunday Orchestral Concerts—Read, letter of the 1st inst., from Mr. Leo Dawes, applying for the use of the Town Hall for Sunday Orchestral Concerts on the 11th and 18th inst. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

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6—Banners—Englefontaine Flag Day—Resolved, That the application from Mrs. Ernest Rogers for permission to place banners across two streets (Montpellier Walk and London Road, by Holy Apostles' Church), on the first proximo, in in connection with Englefontaine Flag Day, be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

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

Public Health ... Meeting held August 8*

*Subject to the following amendment, viz.:—That Minute No. 4 (c), relating to Nos. 1-12 Burton Cottages, be referred back for further consideration.

Housing • • • Meeting held August 22

Street and Highway • • • Meeting held August 29

Town Improvement and Spa Meetings held August 26 and 29

Electricity and Lighting Meeting held July 25

Water Meeting held July 11

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held July 23

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments... Meeting held July 8

Burial Board Meeting held July 26

Public Library Meeting held July 16

Finance Meeting held July 30*

*Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed 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.

8—Education Committee—Resolved, That the Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Miss E. M. H. Geddes and Mr. E. Bourne be re-appointed members of the Education Committee, their terms of office having expired.

JOHN D. BENDALL, 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 3rd October, 1921.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th September, 1921: Present-The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Moore, Rogers and Whitaker (Councillor Rogers 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. :-3 and 4, Orchard Place ; 3, Grove Street ; 31, Tivoli Street ; Stables, 23 Lansdown. Place ; 2, 4, and 8, Devonshire Street ; 21, Queen's Retreat ; 37, Bloomsbury Street ; and 12, Swindon 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, Selby Collages ; 2, 3, and 4, St. Paul's Terrace ; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, Devonshire Street ; 7, St. George's Street ; 2, 3, 6, and 7, Naunton Parade. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 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 (a) 1, 2, and 3, Vernon Place ; 1-10, Edward Street ; 13, Fairhaven Street ; The Noake, Sydenham Road, 1 and 2, Victoria Cottages, Tewkesbury Road ; and 331, High 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.

(b) 1-12 Burton Cottages--The Inspector of Nuisances reported that in accordance with instructions of the Committee at their meeting on 9th May (Minute No. 3 (b)) the work specified to be done to the drains belonging to these premises, had been carried out to his satisfaction by Messrs. Eggleton & Co. The Borough Surveyor submitted apportionment of the expenses incurred, amounting to £166 5s. 0d., between the Owners. Resolved, That the same be approved, that notice thereof and of demand for repayment be given to the respective Owners.

4-Insanitary Property-8, Selby Cottages ; 2, St Paul's Terrace ; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, Devonshire Street ; 7, St. George's Street ; 49, Waterloo Street ; 2, 3, and 7, Naunton Parade ; and 25, 27, and 29, Jersey 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-Surrender of Diseased Meat-The Medical of Officer Health reported the surrender of cwts. beef ; 1 ton 2 cwts. 17 lbs. mutton 3 cwts. 1 qr. fish ; 1 ton 3 cwts. 1 qr. potatoes ; 54 tins beef ; 9 tins fruit ; and 2 tins fish.

6-Notices not complied with-The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, etc., served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary steps to compel compliance.

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7---Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Order—Read, application from Mr. Wm. Young, of 5, Arle End Cottages, Arle, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the application be granted.

8—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-2 and 5 Orchard Place ; Rooms over Stable at rear of 14, Lansdown Crescent ; 5,6, 7, and 9, King Street Gardens--With reference to the Representation made by the Medical Officer of Health at the last meeting (Minute No. 7), the Town Clerk reported that notice had been given to the respective Owners of these premises. Letters of the 8th and 10th inst., were received from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., and Mr. Fitzroy Fowles, consenting on

behalf of the Owners of the rooms over stable at rear of 14, Lansdown Crescent, and Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 9, King Street Gardens, respectively, to Closing Orders being made. 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, Orders be now made pursuant to Section 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, that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Orders and that Notice of such Orders be given to the respective Owners.

9—Abattoir -Humane Killing—Bye-Laws—Read, letter of the 7th inst., from the Council of Justice to animals, enclosing copy of Clause 9 (b) of the Model Bye-Laws, and asking the Council to adopt the Clause. Resolved, That no action be taken.

10—Fresh Milk Supply--Read, letter of the 8th inst., from the Town Clerk, Middlesbrough, stating that the Council of that Borough had decided to urge the Government to reconsider their decision to withdraw the Milk Bill, and to introduce legislation for securing more hygienic methods of milking and delivering milk. Resolved, That no action be taken.

11--Town Hall--Men's Convenience—It was reported that the Committee had inspected the outside convenience at the Town Hall which was in an unsatisfactory condition, and the Borough Surveyor, in accordance with instructions, submitted plans for erecting a new convenience in the S.W. corner of the Court Yard at a cost of £170. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to approve of this work being carried out and that tenders be obtained for the same.

12-Report of Farms Sub-Committee—Reported Meeting on 12th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green and Councillor Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 12th inst. was 8 horses (4 at Depot), 5 colts, 544 head of cattle, 11 calves, 61 sheep, 51 lambs, and 76 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 1 cow, (barren), 2 heifer calves, 4 heifers and 25 bullocks had been purchased for £1,117. 2 calves, had been bred on the Farms. 11 cows, 5 heifers, 5 calves, 28 lambs, 7 ewes and 2 lamb skins had been sold for £716 6s. 3d. 2 lambs and 1 heifer had died.

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

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th. September, 1921 Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Moore and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1-Lay-Out—Unemployment—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to continue suitable work in connection with the Lay-Out of the Housing Estate to provide employment for ex-Service men.

2-Telephone Poles—Read, application from the Post Office Telegraphs for permission to fix two telephone poles on the Housing Estate, to afford a connection with No. 119, Tennyson Road. Resolved, That consent be given subject to the positions of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor, to painted lagging being fixed to the poles, it required, and to the payment of an annual way leave rent of 10/- per pole.

3—Brown's Tenancy—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. J. R. Brown's tenancy of fields 395, 396, and 440 would expire on the 29th inst. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to invite tenders by advertisement for the tenancy of the land.

4—Wasley's Tenancy— Read, letter of the 15th inst., from Mr. S. J. Wasley, asking that the rent of £45 per annum payable by him in respect of field 442 be reduced to £35 per annum. Resolved, That the application be not entertained.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 26th September, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Pates, Wilkins and Yarnold (The 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 26th August to the 22nd September, 1921 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 15th September, 1921, 657 loads collected, 650 consumed, and 7 tipped away. Weight consumed 638 tons 8 ½ cwts.

2-Sydenham Road, North (Footpath, North Side)--Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plan, and estimate of the works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852 to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good; requiring them to do the specified works within 28 days; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the works mentioned or referred to therein; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the said Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

3—Normal Terrace—Private Improvement Works—Apportionment—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works ordered in this street had been carried out at a cost (including supervision) of £109 16s. 1d., and submitted apportionment based upon benefit derived. Resolved, That the apportionment as submitted be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand for payment be served upon the Owners of the premises mentioned therein.

4--St. George's Road (Footpath, South Side), from Lane near Bayshill Road to "Donabate"—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works ordered in this road had been carried out at a cost (including supervision) of £161 13s. 6d. and submitted apportionment based upon frontage. Resolved, That the apportionment as submitted be approved, and that notices thereof and of demand for payment be served upon the owners of the premises mentioned therein.

5—Street Projections-15, North Street—Resolved, That the application of the 6th inst., from the All Wool Stores, Ltd., for permission to fix a sign at these premises, be granted on the usual conditions.

Banners across London Road and Montpellier Walk--Resolved, That the application of Mrs. Ernest Rogers, for permission to place banners across London Road (near Holy Apostles Church) and Montpellier Walk, in connection with Englefontaine Flag Day, on the 1st proximo, be granted.

6-6, Rowanfield Road—Repairs—The Borough Surveyor reported the receipt of £1 from the abutting owners to cover the cost of certain repairs to this road. Resolved, That the repairs be carried out.

7—Tenders for Coal—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders received for the supply of coal during the ensuing year. Resolved, That the following prices be accepted, subject to market fluctuations at time of order :—

John Williams & Co., Ltd. House coal at 48/- per ton

do do Bakers' Nuts for Abattoir at 44/6 per ton

Stockwell & Son Welsh coal for Fire Engine, Foden Wagons, and Rollers, at 44/6 per ton

Dean Forest Coal Co. Rough small steam coal (Princess Royal) for Tewkesbury, at 31/10 per ton

Resolved, also, That in view of the stock of coal on hand at the Baths, no tender be accepted.

8-Hatherley Lane—Motorists' Warning Sign—Read, letter of the 19th inst., from the Head Mistress, Hatherley Lane School, asking for a warning sign to be fixed near the School. Resolved, That a sign be fixed.

9-Church Direction Sign—Read, application of the 26th inst., from the Rev. J. Greeves, Superintending Wesleyan Minister, for permission to fix a sign directing visitors and others to Wesley Church, St. George's Street, on the lamp standard in High Street opposite St. George's Street. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to a sketch of the proposed sign being submitted to, and approved by, the Borough Surveyor.

10—Refuse Destructor—Boundary Hedge—Read, letter of the 23rd inst., from Mr. A. V. Sindrey, complaining of the gaps in the hedge between his land and the approach road at the rear of the Destructor. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned for the Committee to view.

11—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday, 21st September :—The Mayor, Councillors Mann, Pates and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

They recommended as follows :—

Street Projection-198, High Street—That the application of Mr. E. Kirkham for permission to fix a show-case outside these premises, in accordance with sketch submitted, be granted, subject to Mr. Kirkham removing the same at any time on notice from the Corporation.

St. George's Road—Tree--That the tree opposite "Garron Dene" be pruned.

Brooklyn Road—Trees—That trees in stock at Nurseries be planted by unemployed labour.

Lypiatt Road—Passage to Tivoli Place—Posts—That one of the two posts at the Tivoli Place end of this passage be removed.

Leckhampton Road—Footpath—That the raising, paving, etc., of a further portion of the footpath in Leckhampton Road, viz., from Croft Street to Moorend Road, be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a scheme for providing a surface water drain and gullies to remedy flooding of this portion of the footpath.

London Road—Section Pillar—That the Electricity and Lighting Committee be asked to remove this section pillar to a position to be approved by the Borough Surveyor.

Princes Street—That the carriageway be tar sprayed and gritted. Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

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12--Central Depot—Mess Room--Resolved, That the use of the Mess Room be granted to a Committee of the unemployed for rehearsals in connection with an entertainment to be given at the Town Hall in aid of the funds for relieving the distress of the unemployed.

13—Expenditure—The Mayor submitted letter of the 6th inst., from the Town Clerk, stating that the Finance Committee had drawn attention to the fact that the expenditure of this Committee for the four months ended the 31st July last amounted to £16,991 7s. 10d.; whereas the estimated expenditure for the whole year was £38309. Resolved, That the Finance Committee be informed that the Borough Surveyor has given an assurance that at the end of the year the estimate of the Committee's expenditure would not be exceeded.

14—Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 26th inst. 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, 26th September, 1921.: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Mann, Rogers. Whitaker and Wilkins (The 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.

1556	Montague Burton, Ltd.	Alterations and New Front to 375, High Street.
1557	Mrs. McMinn	New Bay Window and Balcony at Hill View, London Road.
1558	Harvey & Healing	Alteration at rear of Printing Works in Manchester Street.
1559	Gloucestershire Aircraft Co.	New Boiler House, Sunningend Works.
1560	Pearce & Bunclark	Extension of Workshop, St. Philip's Street.
1561	H. Eager	Additions to Nibley House, North Place.
1562	E. Francis	New W.C. and Cycle House, Westcote, Charlton Lane.
1563	F. West	Temporary Fruit Store, 85, Upper Bath Road.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1556, 1557, 1558, 1559 and 1560 be approved, that Plans Nos. 1561 and 1562 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 1563 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 requiring removal.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 16th September, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1---Winter Orchestra—Wages of Musicians—Read, letter of the 5th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council, requesting that a Clause be inserted in the Agreement between the Corporation and Mr. Leo Dawes stipulating that Trade Union wages be paid to Musicians employed in connection with the Winter Orchestra. Resolved, That the letter be on the table.

2--Town Hall—Sunday Orchestral Concerts—(a) Read, letter of the 15th inst., from Mr. Lyn Rainger, applying for the use of the Town Hall for Sunday Orchestral Concerts during the Winter Season, commencing on the 16th prox. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

(b) The Committee considered letter of the 1st inst., from Mr. Leo Dawes, referred to them by the Town Council at their last meeting, applying for the use of the Town Hall for Sunday Orchestral Concerts on the 11th and 18th inst. Resolved, That no action be taken.

(c) The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that Mr. Leo Dawes had applied for the use of the Town Hall for Sunday Orchestral Concerts during the ensuing Winter Season, and recommended that the same be accepted upon the under-mentioned terms and conditions:-

- (a) The minimum and maximum number of Concerts to be 7 and a1, respectively, including Good Friday.
- (b) Charges for seats to be 4d., 8d., 1/3 and (reserved seats) 2/4.
- (c) The usual number of free seats to be provided.
- (d) 5 per cent. of the gross receipts (inclusive of Entertainments Tax) to be paid to the Corporation.
- (e) The Borough Accountant to be furnished with a certified Return of gross receipts each week.
- (f) Charges for electric light and all out-of-pocket expenses to be paid by Mr. Dawes.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Concerts Sub-Committee be approved and confirmed, subject to the following further conditions, viz. :- --

- (g) The Concert programme to be submitted to and approved by the Concerts Sub-Committee during the week preceding the Sunday on which the Concert is proposed to be held.
- (h) The Town Council to reserve the right to terminate the Concerts at any time.

3--Winter Garden—The Committee considered letter of the 4th inst., from the Assistant Secretary, British Legion, referred to them by the Town Council at their last meeting, with reference to Mrs. Field's offer for a renewed lease of the Winter Garden, together with the Town Clerk's draft reply thereto. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the Town Clerk's return.

4 -Medical Baths—Masseuse—Wages—The Spa Medical Advisory Committee recommended that the wages of Sister Godecharle, Masseuse, be increased from £3 3s. to £3 10s. per week. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending the receipt of a Return showing receipts and expenditure in connection with the Medical Baths.

5 - Tennis Courts—Re-Turfing--Resolved, That a Joint Meeting of the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee and this Committee be held at an early date to view the several Tennis Courts.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 19th September, 1921; Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

6—Winter Garden--The Committee further considered letter of the 4th inst., from the Assistant Secretary, British Legion, and the Town Clerk's draft reply thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply, as now settled, be approved.

7—Town Hall—Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall be granted (on a date early in October, to be arranged) for an amateur play, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to relieve distress resulting from unemployment, subject to payment of heating, lighting and other out-of-pocket expenses.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd September, 1921 Present—Councillors Boulter, Pates, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

8—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee--The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 30th ult., 6th, 13th and 20th inst., were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Flannel Dance—Resolved, That the Flannel Dance to be held on the 14th September be from 7.30 to 11 p.m., that the Band be increased in numbers, and that the Musical Director (Mr. Leo Dawes) be permitted to receive 50 per cent of the nett takings.

Pittville Pump Room—(a) Resolved, That Mr. W. J. Maby be granted the use of the Pump Room for badminton on Mondays and Thursdays from October, 1921, to March, 1922, for the sum of £20, inclusive of lighting and heating.

(b) Resolved, That a charge of 10/6 per afternoon or evening, inclusive of lighting but not heating, be made for the use of the Pump Room for badminton.

Alstone Baths—Central School Aquatic Sports—Resolved, That the use of the Alstone Baths be granted to the Central School for their Annual Aquatic Sports on a date to be fixed during the last week in September, subject to the payment of the usual admission fees.

9—Mineral Waters—Sales—Reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold as follows : --
Central Spa 1,153 ; Montpellier Gardens 169 ; Montpellier Baths 8 ; Pittville Chalet 49 ; Pittville Pump Room 21.

so—Town Hall—Trafalgar Day—head, letter of the 22nd inst., from Mrs. Jeremy Thomas, asking that the charge for the use of the Town Hall for a Naval Dance on October 21st, be reduced. Resolved, That this Committee are unable to recommend the Town Council to accede to the request.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday. 22nd September, 1921 : Present--The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Moore and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1--Public Lighting--(a) Report--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the lighting of the public lamps was resumed on the 1st inst. 764 of the lamps erected in connection with the New Scheme were now in use ; the approximate number of lamps to complete the Scheme was 76.

(b) Hatherley District—The Committee considered Memorial signed by Residents in the Hatherley District, asking for the electric light to be extended along the Hatherley Road to the Borough Boundary, and also letter from Mr. J. H. Evans supporting application and also asking for a lamp to be placed in the footpath leading from Granley Road to the Railway crossing. Resolved, That the request for a lamp in the footpath leading from Granley Road be not acceded to. and that in view of the heavy expenditure which would be involved, and the present need for economy, the extension of the lighting in the Hatherley District be deferred.

(c) St. James' Square—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement with the Great Western Railway Company granting permission to the Corporation to lay cables and attach a lamp bracket to Tydville House, St. James' Square.

(d) Wilful Damage—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that considerable trouble had been occasioned owing to the wilful breakage of new lamps by mischievous persons, mainly in the neighbourhood of St. Stephen's, The Park, and in and near Arle Road. He had reported the cases to Superintendent Griffin. The Town Clerk submitted a report from Superintendent Griffin, stating that he had obtained the names of three boys who had been seen to throw stones at the various standards, and break a lamp and reflector in Six Chimney Lane. Resolved, That Superintendent Griffin be requested to take proceedings for wilful damage against these and any other similar offenders.

2 —New Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the erection of the new plant had been completed, and that it had been in use for about a week. It appeared to be giving satisfactory service. The official trials for steam consumption would not be taken for some weeks, but there was already a noticeable reduction in the use of fuel.

3—National Joint Industrial Council (Electricity Supply Industry) —Representation—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the constitution of the National Industrial Council had been altered to give direct representation on the National Council to Municipal Employers in each of the 13 districts, and that he had been appointed as the Municipal Representative of the Employers in the No. 6 (West of England) Area. Resolved, That he be authorised to under-take this

4—Gas Regulation Act, 1920--Order—The Town Clerk submitted copy of an Order dated the 8th ult., made by the Board of Trade under this Act, authorising maximum prices of 17.2 pence and 19.6 pence per therm, in substitution for the prices of 4/- and 5/- per 1,000 cubic feet respectively, mentioned in Section 5 (Price of Gas) of the Cheltenham Gas Act, 1872.

Gas Examinations----Read, letter of the 19th inst., from the Gas Referees drawing attention to Section 4 (3) and (4) of the Gas Regulation Act under which a Gas Examiner may be appointed jointly by Local Authorities within the area of supply. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to confer with the County Council and the Charlton Kings Urban District Council with a view to the joint appointment of a Gas Examiner.

5—Gas Supply—Analyst's Report—The report of the Gas Examiner on test made on the 12th inst., showed 500 British Thermal Units.

6—Electricity Works —Purchase of Land—The Committee further considered an offer dated the 6th July last, from Mr. J. T. Smith for the sale of 2 ¼ acres of land, including a 16 feet entrance from the Tewkesbury Road, for £500, subject to the Corporation agreeing to erect and maintain an unclimbable fence along the new boundary. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to sign a Contract accordingly on behalf of the Corporation. Resolved, also, That application be made to the Electricity Commissioners for a loan of £650 to cover the purchase price of the land, erection of fence, etc,

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting- of this Committee held on Thursday, 15th September, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Moore, Pates, Sawyer and Whitaker (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 September, 1921,	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	82,000 gallons	115,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	156,000	219,000
Leckhampton Springs	25,000	52,000
Total	263,000	386,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	12th September, 1921.		12th September, 1920.	
Hewletts		15,537,000 gallons		15,424,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	8ft. 3in.	9,839,000	14ft. 6in.	25,643,000
Leckhampton	5ft. 9in,	776,000	11ft. 0in.	1,485,000
Total Storage		26,152,000		42,552,000

Pumping had been continued during the month at Tewkesbury and Sandford.

2-Inspections-The Borough Surveyor reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of August had been as follows :—

	During August.	Total for past 5 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	425	4,019
“ taps found leaking	59	940
“ defective flushing boxes	27	0
“ defective stop taps	6	64
“ draw taps repaired (in ordinary course)	55	
(special repairs during drought)	<u>139</u>	
	194	1,129
“ notices served re fittings	84	714
“ meters changed	22	117
“ houses connected	36	185

3---Dowdeswell Reservoir—(a) Embankment—The Committee considered report from the Borough Accountant as to the financial position of the undertaking at 31st March last. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Committee as to the financial position of the undertaking at the 30th inst., and that consideration of the report of the Consulting Engineer (Mr. E. Sandeman) with reference to the settlement of the embankment be then further considered.

(b) Excavation Work—The Borough Engineer reported that the excavation work at Dowdeswell Reservoir was proceeding satisfactorily, and that 28 men were employed thereon (making 56 in alternate weeks). The expenditure to date, including plant, was about £1,100, leaving a balance to be spent of £300.

4—Tewkesbury Water Works—Coal Supply—The Borough Engineer reported that tenders for the supply of coal for the various departments of the Corporation, had been invited by advertisement. Resolved, That the Street and Highway Committee be authorised to accept a tender on behalf of this Committee for the supply of coal for Tewkesbury.

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5—Charlton Kings Street Watering Supply—The Borough Engineer reported that the charge payable by the Charlton Kings Urban District Council for the supply of water for street watering purposes under an Agreement dated the 12th June, 1888, was £7 10s. 0d. per half-year, and that it would be necessary to terminate the Agreement before the increased charge of 20 per cent. authorised by the Cheltenham Water (Temporary Increase of Charges) Order, 1920, could be made. Resolved, That three months' notice be given to terminate the Agreement on the 25th December next.

6—Arrears of Water Rate—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to recover the amounts outstanding, and that supplies be discontinued in such cases until the arrears due are paid.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held at Dowdeswell on Wednesday, 21st September, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Green and Margrett, Councillors Moore, Pates, Stewart and Whitaker (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

8—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Excavation—The Committee inspected the work of excavation at the Reservoir. Resolved, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a further grant to enable additional work of excavation to be carried out, in relief of unemployment, at an estimated cost of £1,000, and that, subject to the receipt of a grant, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 20th September 1921: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1---Diseases amongst Animals—(a) Superintendent Griffin reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

(b) Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order, 1921— Regulations—Read, letter of 17th inst. from the Clerk of the County Council, with copy of Regulation made by the County Diseases of Animals Committee which had been submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture for confirmation. Resolved, That the question of making a similar Regulation for the Borough be adjourned pending the Ministry's decision as to the Regulation made by the County Committee,

(c) Epizootic Abortion Order, 1921—Read Circular letter of the 1st inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, enclosing copies of this Order, dated the 25th ult., which will come into force on the 1st prox., from which date the Order now in force and all regulations made thereunder will be revoked. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to publish the Order as required by the Ministry.

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

(b) Suction Hose --Resolved, That a 12ft. length of vulcanized rubber suction hose be ordered from Messrs. Merryweather and Sons, Ltd, at price quoted, viz.—£11 5s.

(c) Challenge Cup—The Mayor reported that he had received £15 for the provision of a Challenge Cup to be competed for annually with the Hose Cart, by the two divisions of the Brigade. Resolved, That the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee, together with the Mayor, Chairman (Alderman Margrett) and the Captain be authorised to select a Challenge Cup, and that the same be suitably inscribed and deposited for safe custody at the Museum.

3—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cab—Resolved, That the application of A. N. Wiggett for a licence in respect of motor cab No. AD2701 be granted, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory report on the examination of the vehicle.

Wheel Chair—Resolved, That the application of W. A. Berry for a licence in respect of a Wheel Chair be granted, subject to the vehicle being approved by the Inspector.

Drivers' Licences—Resolved, That drivers' licences be granted to the following: A. O. Devereaux and F. L. Sparrow.

Conductors' Licences—Resolved, That conductors' licences be granted to the following: H. J. Bassett and A. S. J. Holt.

4—Licences to Store Petroleum, etc.—Renewals—Resolved, That the following applications for renewal of licences to store petroleum and carbide of calcium be granted for one year from the 5th prox:---

Name.	Place of Storage.	Petroleum.	Carbide.
Messrs. Haines & Strange	19, Albion Street	250	112 lbs.
The British Petroleum Co.	Albion Street	3000	
The British Petroleum Co.	Leckhampton Station	41,000	
G. Bence & Sons	Sherborne Street	500	
Powell Gwinnell & Co.	34, Promenade	200	5 cwt.
The Queen's Hotel Co, Ltd.	Promenade	200	
A. Hughes & Co.	21, Pittville Street	50	
The Halford Cycle Co. H.E. Steel, Ltd.	North Street 105, High Street	400	300 lbs, 200 "
H.E. Steel, Ltd.	Plough Yard	1000	60 "
H. G. Norton & Co.	416, High Street	300	280 "
H. G. Norton & Co.	Regent Street	400	
H. G. Norton & Co.	Ormond Place	60	
Mr. E. B. Hennell	Napier Yard	300	
Messrs, Jacobs, Smith & Co.	104a, High Street	50	
" D. Davies & Co.	149, High Street	50	
" T. W. Harvey, Ltd.	180, High Street	100	
Mr. L. Lusty	196, High Street	50	
"S. A. Sperry	235, High Street	40	
" F. Martin	11, Oxford Place	300	
Mrs. J. Wardman	299, High Street	150	2 cwt.
Messrs. Butler & Wilson, Ltd., Mr. A. H. Hamlen	334. High Street 201, High Street		1 cwt. 150 lbs
" P. E. Pugh	153, High Street		144 lbs.
Cheltenham Cycle Company	82, High Street	25	224 lbs.
Mr. W. Palmer	Belle Vue Hotel, High Street	50	
Messrs. The Wicliffe Cycle Co.	88, High Street		2 cwt.
The Wicliffe Motor Co.	Bath Road	1000	3 "

Mr. C. J. Lord	29, Upper Bath Road	52	72 lbs.
" C. Giles	18, Upper Bath Road	106	150 "
Messrs. F. J. Mills Halliday & Maisey	8, Pittville Street Ormond Place		112 " 112 "

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Messrs. J. Fisher & Sons	34 Winchcombe Street	100	
W. Mills & Sons	38 "	350	112
Tarr & Forge	50 "	500	
A. C. Billings & Sons	54 "	100	
Mr. Chetwood Aiken	75-76 "	1200	
"L. Gridley	Hewlett Street	500	600
Messrs. A. Miles & Co.	117, High Street	500	112
R, E. & C. Marshall	St. James' Square Works	450	224
Mr. E. S. Hollaway	3, St. Mark's Emporium	100	
Mrs. Shewell	Cotswold Thirlestaine Road	500	
Mr. C. Thornber	Suffolk Mews	500	
" H. G. Swift	Lansdown Hotel	60	
" W. T. Baggs	4, St. Luke's Road	20	
" B. Blissett	Norwood Road	100	56
Messrs. A. Williams & Co.	10, Portland Street	120	224
" The Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co.	Spa Road	2250	112
" Shell-Mex, Ltd.	Garage, Regent Street	1500	
Mr. W. G. Tibbles	27 & 28, St. George's Place	100	112
Messrs. The Cheltenham & District Light Railway	St. Mark's Depot	250	
The Gas Lighting Improvement Co.	Great Western Railway Yard, St. James' Square	2500	
„ The Anglo-American Oil Co.. Ltd	Land adjoining Great Western Railway	3500	
Mr. C. H. Reason	25, Lansdown Crescent	150	
Messrs. The Gloucestershire Aircraft Co.	Sunningend Works, St. Marks	300	
Mr. G. W. Midwinter	Beaufort Garage, London Road	150	60
" J. A. Gilchrist	19-20 Great Norwood Street		112
" C. J. Bullock	Montpellier Street	250	
Messrs. Evans and Watts	Norwood Garage	400	200
Mr. F. A. Tovey	Malvern Inn, Leckhampton	24	

Resolved, That Licences be granted accordingly.

New Applications—(a) The following applications for licences were received :--

Name. Place of Storage. Petroleum.

Dale Marshall (on behalf of New Sultan Engineering Co.) .. 30 and 30 ½ Winchcomb Street .. 150
P W. Vincent ... St. Phillip's Cottage, Grafton Road .. 20

The Inspector reported that the proposed places of storage were satisfactory. Resolved, That licences be granted accordingly.

(b) An application was received from R. C. Hall for a licence to store 40 gallons of petroleum and 112 lbs. of carbide of calcium at Lansdown Cycle Repair Depot, Gloucester Road, Resolved, That licences be granted, subject to the stores being constructed to the satisfaction of the Inspector

5—Shops Act—(a) Read circular letter of the 22nd ult., from the Home Office, stating that by the provisions of the Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1921, the Shops (Early Closing) Act, 1920, which would otherwise have lapsed on the 31st December next, is continued in force until the 31st December 1922.

(b) Inspector-13 applications were received for the appointment of Inspector under the Shops Acts. Resolved, That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Stewart be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications and select three candidates for interview with this Committee at their next meeting.

6—Shopping Week and Shops' Carnival—Prize—It was reported that subscriptions amounting to £13 7s. had been received from Members of the Council towards a Prize to be given in the name of the Mayor and Corporation in connection with the Shopping Week and Shops' Carnival. Resolved, That the prize take the form of a Silver Challenge Cup, and that the Sub-Committee referred to in Minute No. 5. (b) be authorised to obtain a Cup, and to have the Cup suitably inscribed.

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7-27, Promenade—Resolved, That a gas radiator be fitted in the front room on the first floor at these premises, at an estimated cost of £23.

8—Street Trading—Read, letter of the 8th inst., from the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association, complaining of the increase of street trading and asking that steps should be taken with a view to restricting this. Resolved, That the Committee do not think it desirable to take any action under present conditions of employment.

9—Unemployment—The Committee considered letter of the 30th July last, from the Local Employment Committee re unemployment referred to them by the Town Council at their last meeting. Resolved, That the Local Employment Committee be informed that the several Committees of the Town Council are endeavouring to find additional work to mitigate existing unemployment.

10—Local Employment Committee—Nominations—Read letter of the 28th July last, from the Secretary, Local Employment Committee, stating that in order to carry out the necessary work of interviewing claimants to unemployment benefit under the Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1921, it had become necessary to increase the membership of the Committee, and asking the Town Council to submit nominations. Resolved, That Messrs. J. W. Betteridge and H. R. Sims be nominated for appointment as members of the Committee.

11—Expenditure—Read Circular 244 of the 15th inst., from the Ministry of Health with regard to economy in public expenditure, referred to in Circular No. 182 of the 15th February last. In view of the continuance of serious unemployment the Minister of Health was prepared to consider applications for Sanction to loans for necessary work giving a relatively large amount of employment, even though a case for extreme urgency could not be made out, and the inception of the work was not primarily for the purpose of relieving unemployment. Such works should be carried out on recognised economic lines, and the Minister would have to be satisfied that there would be no undue extravagance through the employment of uneconomic labour, the aim in view being not the direct relief of the unemployed, but the indirect benefit obtained by the absorption of so much labour as could profitably be employed by Local Authorities in the execution of the duties imposed upon them by law.

12--Post Mortem Examinations—The Committee further considered the proposed use of the Hospital Post Mortem Room by the Corporation for town cases. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Town Clerk.

13—Police Force—Read, letter of the 19th inst., from the Clerk of the Standing Joint Committee, stating that the County Finance Committee had had under consideration a letter from the Home Secretary as to effecting economy in the administration of the Police Force, and the Chief Constable's observations on the same. The Chief Constable considered that, amongst other economies, the services of the Women Police (whose appointment had not yet been approved by the Home Secretary) could be dispensed with. The County Finance Committee decided to recommend the Standing Joint Committee to dispense with the services of the Women Police and desired to know whether, in view of the Home Secretary's letter, the Corporation still wished to retain the services of the two Women Police in the Borough, in which case the whole of the cost of their services must be borne by the Borough. The Chief Constable also proposed to effect further economy in the Police Force by reducing the number of men, where possible, and the number of drills, etc, and the County Finance Committee decided to recommend the Standing Joint Committee to adopt these proposals. Resolved, To recommend that the Clerk of the Standing Joint Committee be informed that the Corporation desire to retain the services of the two Women Police.

14— Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—National Rat Week—Read. Memorandum 2386/1922XL, of the 20th inst., from the Ministry of Agriculture, with reference to the organisation of a National Rat Week, and stating that the week commencing Monday, 31st October, had been selected as likely to be satisfactory. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Executive Officer.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 14th September, 1921 : Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Clara Winterbotham and Edith Geddes ; Sir James T. Agg-Gardner and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 6,167 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since 7th July. (Corresponding period last year 5,074).

Sale of Post Cards during this period realised £5 19s. 4d.

The Exhibition of Paintings, Woodcuts, etc., by children in the Municipal School of Arts and Crafts, Vienna, was opened on Saturday, September 10th.

The following gifts had been received :—

Rev. A. A. Headley, beaver top hat (1820) ; E. P. Brassey, Esq., shoes belonging to skeleton found in Roman coffin discovered at Lower Slaughter ; J. Ebdon, Esq., elephants' teeth ; Kington Baker, Esq., water colour drawing of Thomas Henney (1782-1851) ; L. V. Grimes, Esq., harness made by the natives of Chile ; Capt. R. P. Wild, ethnographical exhibits from West Africa, etc.

The following loans had been received :—

Mrs. Crofton, four cases birds, one case butterflies, one case beetles ; Mrs. Preston, case of Indian embroidery.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th September, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Boulter and Regan (Councillor Regan in the chair).

1—No. 2, Langley Cottages—Lighting—A further application of the 7th inst., was received from the Superintendent of Naunton Park Recreation Ground for electric light to be installed at No. 2, Langley Cottages, or, for payment by the Corporation of accounts for gas consumed thereat. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to, but that no objection be offered to the installation of an ordinary gas meter, subject to any expenditure incurred in connection therewith, and in the consumption of gas, being borne by the Superintendent.

-Recreation Grounds—Naunton Park—Trees—The Superintendent reported that the trees on the North side of the Recreation Ground were overcrowded and suggested the removal of alternate trees. Resolved, That the trees be inspected by the Visitors (The Mayor and Deputy Mayor), and that they be authorised to give instructions for the removal of any trees they may consider superfluous.

3—Football in Recreation Grounds—The Committee considered two additional applications for permission to play football at Recreation Grounds during the 1921-22 Season. Resolved, That permission be granted to the undermentioned club as follows :—

Recreation Ground. Name of Club. Day of Play.

Agg-Gardner Cheltenham Co-operative A.F.C., Association football Wednesdays

Resolved also, That the Hon. Secretary "Pals" A.F.C. be informed that the various football pitches have already been allocated for the use of other clubs on Saturdays, but that the Committee will endeavour to arrange for the Club to have the use of a pitch at Naunton Park Recreation Ground on Wednesdays if the Club can arrange their matches for that day.

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4—The Boroughs Lawn Tennis Championship—Read, letters of the 5th and 8th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, St. Dunstan's Lawn Tennis Fund, with reference to this Championship. Resolved, That the same be forwarded to the Manageress, Town Hall Information Bureau, with a view to their being brought to the notice of Secretaries of the several local Lawn Tennis Clubs.

5—Pittville Estate—Read, Report of the Head Gardener, of the 8th inst., with reference to cycling over the tennis courts and walks in the Long Garden by the son of Mr. F. F. Pilliner, of 14, Pittville Parade. The Town Clerk reported that he had written Mr. Pilliner in the matter but had received no reply. Resolved, That Mr. Pilliner be informed that unless an explanation of his son's conduct, together with an assurance that there shall be no recurrence thereof, is received forthwith, the matter will be again considered with a view to proceedings being taken.

DANIEL BEGAN, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 23rd September, 1921: Present —The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6454 to 6464 (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 Cross to the grave of Lieut.-Col. Alexander B. Simpson ; Memorial Cross and Kerbing to graves of Alice M. Hamilton, Margaret C. Knox, Helen V. Matthieu, Anne Vizard, and Fredk. E. Horton ; Headstone and Kerbing to graves of Harold E. Fogerty, and Jeanne Coxon ; Tombs to graves of North C. Davidson, and Louisa F. Willoughby ; Kerbing to graves of Blanche Weston, Mary Cooper, Esther J. Blakey, and Tomima A. McRae.

ROUT. STEEL, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th September, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann and Pates ; Messrs. E. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £7 10s. 2d. Presentations: L. Richardson, Esq. (2 pamphlets); Mrs. R. Dobbs (1 vol.); Capt. R. P. Wild (2 vols.); Mrs. Bourne (1 vol.) ; Publishers of Kemp's Directory (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of August was 3,532, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 10,500, and from the Children's Library 1,485.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported meeting on the 8th inst : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Mann and Regan; Mr. J. R. Claridge (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

That the Librarian be instructed to appoint an Assistant to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Browning, appointed as Librarian at Thornaby-on-Tees.

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

A. MANN, Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

It a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 27th September, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £38,171 13s. 5d. Leaving outstanding, £933 16s. 10d.

2-Water Rate - Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 29th September inst. Amount collected £16,218 7s. 6d. Leaving outstanding, £1,692 17s. 3d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £3,200 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

4—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £372 6s. 4d. Corporation Stock at 54 per cent. Resolved, That the sum of £372 6s. 4d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Limited, the Registrars of the said Stock, be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars

5—Rates Department—Staff—Read, letter of the 24th inst., from the Assistant Overseers, asking that an additional Junior Assistant be appointed. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

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 3rd October, 1921, at 3 p.m. Present

The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair.

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel). Aldermen Green, Horsley, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Moore, Pates, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Boulter, Dicks and Stewart.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 5th September last, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

Public Health • • • Meeting held September 12

Housing • • • Meeting held September 19

Street and Highway • • • Meeting held September 26

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held September 16, 19, 23

Electricity and Lighting • • • Meeting held September 22

Water • • • Meetings held September 15, 21

General Purposes and Watch ... Meeting held September 20

Art Gallery and Museum • • • Meeting held September 14

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments... Meeting held September 12

Burial Board • Meeting held September 23

Public Library • • • Meeting held September 13

Finance ... Meeting held September 27*

*Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed 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.

3—Notice of Motion—Alderman Taylor gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—

"That the Mayor be asked to call together the General Purposes and Watch and Finance Committees to consider the Salaries and Bonus of the Officials and Employees."

4—Speed Limit—Alderman Taylor submitted Memorial, dated the 3rd inst., signed by residents in Lansdown Road, directing attention to the danger and inconvenience caused by recent increase of traffic, asking that supervision be exercised over traffic along the road, and that a speed limit from Lansdown Castle be put into force. Resolved, That the Memorial be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

5—Unemployment—Read, letter from the Secretary, Amalgamated Unemployed Committee, asking that a Special Meeting of the Council be held for the purpose of discussing the question of unemployment, and to enable the Committee to put forward schemes of work. Resolved, That as the subject of unemployment was to be considered by the Council in Committee at the close of the Council, a Special Meeting of the Council was unnecessary, but that the Unemployed Committee be asked to send in particulars of the schemes of work referred to. At the conclusion of the Meeting of the Council on the 3rd October, 1921, the Council went into Committee.

1—Unemployment—The Borough Surveyor submitted for the consideration of the Council particulars of works which might be put in hand to provide employment. Drainage of Sludge Beds, Haydon Farm—Resolved, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant of 60 per cent, for carrying out the drainage of the Sludge Beds at Haydon Farm, at an estimated cost of £450, and that, subject to a grant being obtained, this work be put in hand.

Cleansing of River Chelt—Resolved, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant of 60 per cent. for the cleansing of the Chelt, at an estimated cost of £400, and that, subject to a grant being obtained, this work be also put in hand.

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Storm Water Filtration, Haydon Farm—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £2,000 for the under-drainage of "Great Stockings" field to convert the same into a storm water filtration area. Resolved, also, That application be made for a grant towards the payment of interest and sinking fund charges on the loan for a term of 15 years in accordance with the terms offered by the Cabinet Committee on Unemployment.

Electric Lamp Standards—Resolved, That the Electricity and Lighting Committee be asked to put in hand the painting of the electric lamp standards.

2—Winter Garden- Rent-The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham Winter Garden Co., Ltd., had been urged to put in hand renovations, etc., at the Winter Garden, so as to provide immediate employment, instead of deferring the work until next Summer. The estimated cost of the work was over £3,000, and the Company asked the Council to suspend payment of rent by them until the 1st November, 1921. Resolved, That this be agreed to, provided the work is put in hand forthwith.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Meeting of the Council in Committee held on Friday, the 4th November, 1921, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel), Aldermen Horsley, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Bastin, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

1—Unemployment— Cleansing of River Chelt—The Town Clerk reported that the Unemployment Grants Committee had agreed to make a grant of 60 per cent. of the Wages Bill incurred up to the 31st January, 1922, in respect of the scheme for cleansing the Chelt. The following was one of the conditions upon which the grant was made, viz. :—

"Where a Local Authority undertakes the work by direct labour the rate of wages for unskilled labour should for a probationary period of six months not exceed 75 per cent. of the Local Authority's rate for unskilled labour."

Resolved, That the work be put in hand ; that the men be employed in alternative weekly shifts of 42 ½ hours per week ; and that the rate of pay be 1/0 ¼ per hour.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Mayor.

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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 Wednesday, the 9th November, 1921.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th October, 1921: Present-The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Moore, Rogers, Thomas, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

I-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles -The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:—21, Albert Street, St. Peters ; " Anversville," Naunton Lane; 3 and 6, Fairfield Parade; 2, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 56, Sherborne Street ; and 1 to 4 Richmond Cottages, Sherborne 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 (a) 41, St. James' Street; 2, Brandon Cottages, Ashford Road; 4, Andover Terrace ; 56, Sherborne Street ; 56, Tewkesbury Road ; 1 and 2, Naunton Terrace, Exmouth Street ; 34, Portland Square ; and Cottages Nos. 1, 2, and 3, at rear of 34, Portland Square. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 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.

(b) 1, 2, and 3, Grove Street-Read, letter of the 17th ult., from Messrs. Powell, Gwinnell & Co., Ltd., referring to notices requiring abatement of nuisances at these premises, served but not complied with, and stating that they had no objection to a Closing Order being made in respect thereof, Resolved, That they be informed that the Notices must be complied with.

3-Nuisances from Drains, etc.,--at (a) 11, Sidney Street ; 35 and 37, Sherborne Street ; 103, 105, and 107 Upper Bath Road; 45, Leighton Road; and 75, 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 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.

(b) Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the Owners of these premises had not complied with the Notices to carry out the drainage works required, and submitted the following tenders for works specified to be done to these premises:-

£ s. d.

Amos Wilson and Sons .. •••• 84 10 0

Eggleton & Co. .. •••••••• 69 5 0

Mark Williams & Co. ...•••• 63 10 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. be accepted.

(c) Fountain Cottage and Fountain Inn, Upper Bath Road ; 10, 10a, and 11, Commercial Street ; 1 to 11 Victoria Place, Bath Road ; and 30 Upper Bath Road-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that notices under Section 45 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the respective owners of these premises, requiring them to do the specified works, had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances obtain estimates for carrying out the work.

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4—Insanitary Property-41, St. James' Street ; 2, Brandon Cottages, Ashford Road ; 4, Andover Terrace ; " Anversville," Naunton Lane ; 56, Sherborne Street ; 56, Tewkesbury Road ; 2, Lacey's Cottages, Exmouth Street ; 34, Portland Square ; and Cottages, 1, 2, and 3, at rear of 34, Portland Square. 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—Surrender of Diseased Meat -The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 11 cwts. 2 qrs. 9 lbs. beef; 17 cwts. 1 qr. 3 lbs. mutton ; 2 qrs. 7 lbs. pork ; and 27 tins fish, meat, milk, etc.

6—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, etc., served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

7—Common Lodging Houses—Applications were received from Mrs. Alice A. Evans in respect of the Nelson Inn, High Street, and Cumberland House, Grove Street ; and from Mr. Michele Fortucci in respect of Nos. 20 and 21 Stanhope Street and Cottage at rear of No. 21 Stanhope Street, for renewal of their registration as keepers of these Common Lodging Houses. Resolved, That the registration be renewed from one year, from the 9th prox.

8—Insufficient W.C. Accommodation —1, 2, and 3, Brighton Cottages, Millbrook Street ; 34, Portland Square, and Cottages Nos. 1, 2 and 3, at rear of 34, Portland Square. —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that these premises were without sufficient W.C. accommodation. Resolved, That Notice be given under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the respective Owners of these premises requiring the provision of sufficient W.C. accommodation within 28 days.

9—Sewer--Sherborne Street to Winchcomb Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the old sewer from Sherborne Street to Winchcomb Street was defective and recommended that the properties served thereby be re-drained into the adjoining main sewer, and the old sewer abandoned, and estimated the cost of the work (including bricking up the old sewer) at £200. Resolved, That the work be put in hand to—Town Hall—Men's Convenience—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work of erecting proposed new convenience at the Town Hall, by direct labour and that Minute No. 11 of the Committee's proceedings on the 12th ult., be varied accordingly.

11—Abattoir—Singeing Building—Resolved, That the roof of the building used for singeing pigs at the abattoir be repaired at an estimated cost of £30

12 —Delancey Hospital--(a) Combined Drain—Read, letter of the 6th inst., from Mr. W. M. Cross, of the Ministry of Health, asking if the Corporation would have any objection to the construction of a combined drain in connection with the proposed Smallpox Hospital. Resolved, That no objection be made.

(b) Fees--Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to submit monthly statements skewing fees outstanding and those recovered.

13—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—Reported Meeting on 10th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Thomas and Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report--Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 10th inst. was 8 horses (4 at Depot), 5 colts, 140 head of cattle, 10 calves, 63 sheep, 41

lambs, and 61 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 2 cows in calf, 1 calf and 40 ewes had been purchased for £245 14s. 1 calf, and 4 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 1 heifer, 3 heifers in calf, 1 cow, 3 calves, 18 ewes, 10 lambs, 20 store theaves and 19 pigs had been sold for £433 0s. 6d.

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Cattle Purchases and Expenditure—The Chairman submitted letter of the 8th inst., from the Town Clerk, stating that the Finance Committee had drawn attention to the question of cattle purchases and the general expenditure of the Sub-Committee, and had invited him to attend the next meeting of the Finance Committee in company with the Farms Manager, when the matter would be considered.

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

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 17th October, 1921: Present—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Regan and Rogers. (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Telephone Poles—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 7th inst., from the Sectional Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, stating that he could not agree to pay an annual wayleave in respect of the two telephone poles on the Housing Estate. Resolved, That the condition requiring payment of a wayleave of 10/- a pole be waived.

2—Potato Planting—Crop—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the crop of potatoes on the Housing Estate to be disposed of at the Market.

3—Housing Scheme—Progress—Read letter, of the 4th inst. from the Architects stating that better progress was being made with the Scheme. The first 80 houses were nearly completed ; the 40 non-parlour houses were progressing very well, and Messrs. Nicholls' contracts were also proceeding more satisfactorily.

4—Fencing between the Housing Estate and "The Granleys"—An application was received from Colonel Churchill for a fence to be erected between the Housing Estate at the rear of Orchard Terrace and " The Granleys." Resolved, That as the existing hedge belongs to Colonel Churchill the application be not acceded to.

5—Turf—Resolved, That no objection be offered to turf, being taken from the Estate for repair of Tennis Courts in the several Gardens belonging to the Corporation.

6—Nonalike Concrete Blocks—Read, circular letter of the 27th ult., from the Housing Commissioner, enclosing copy letter from the Director of Housing, Liverpool, containing a description of these blocks.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 20th October, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Stanley, Stewart and Yarnold ; Dr. Cardew, Miss Barnard, Mrs. Booy, Miss Foster and Mrs. Willoughby (Councillor Edith Geddes in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society—Quarterly Report—Read, the Report for the Quarter ended 29th September last. The attendances had been as follows :—

	Infants.	Toddlers.
At Highbury (10 meetings) • •	37.2	38
At Baker Street (or meetings) • •	36.4	33
At Clare Street (9 meetings) .. • • • •	17	18

Four First Class and one Second Class Certificates had been awarded to Cheltenham mothers in the competitions organised by the National League of Maternity and Child Welfare.

2-Health Visitors—Quarterly Report—The following is a summary of the work for the Quarter ended 29th September last:—

No. of Children visited (a) one year and under • • • • • 854
(b) over one year • • • • • 406
No. of Home Visits paid by Health Visitors . • • • • 1,849
Health Visitors' Attendances at Centres • • • • • 48
No. of Children remaining on Visiting Register • • • 2,279
Un-notified Births discovered • • • • • 18
Children remitted to Hospital • • • • • 14
Ante-natal Cases visited .. • • • • • 19
Ophthalmia Neonatorum — • • • 2

Many extra visits were paid to infants and children suffering from Infantile Summer Diarrhoea or other illness, and over two advisory leaflets were distributed.

Grants. of Milk :

Carried over from previous quarter • • • • 33
New Orders in June to September • • • • 24
Stopped • • • 17
Continuing 40
Nursing and Expectant Mothers. 28
Infants and Children • • • • 29

3 -Creche—Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to write Mrs. McArthur to ascertain if her Committee were willing to carry on a Creche if suitable premises could be obtained.

Resolved, also, That enquiry be made of the house agents for premises.

EDITH M. H. GEDDES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 24th October, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Pates, Sawyer, Wilkins and Yarnold (The 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 September, to the 20th October, 1921 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal---During the four weeks ended 13th October, 1921, 665 loads collected, 659 consumed, and 6 tipped away. Weight consumed 690 tons 17 ½ cwts.

2---Street Projections --Imperial Rooms, Promenade—Read, application of the 9th inst., from Miss Macdonald Morris, for permission to fix a sign at these premises.

No. 15, North Street--Read, application of the 16th inst., from Miss M. Wilde, for permission to fix a sign at these premises.

Resolved, That the applicants be asked to submit sketches of the proposed signs.

3--Dangerous Corners—(a) Warwick Place and Portland Street --The Borough Surveyor reported that the Trustees of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion were willing for this corner to be rounded off, subject to the price to be paid for the land being arranged.

(b) Montpellier Spa Road— Mirror—Read, letter of the 31st August, from the Rev. Kenneth D. Keay, suggesting that a traffic mirror be fixed at the corner of Montpellier Spa Road. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had made enquiries and ascertained that the manufacture of such mirrors had been discontinued- Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained.

4—Concrete Block Machine—The Borough Surveyor reported that concrete block making would provide suitable work for a number of unemployed, and that Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons, Ltd., were willing to hire a machine to the Corporation for the purpose. Resolved, That the machine be hired on terms to be arranged by the Borough Surveyor.

5—Borough Surveyor's Department—Temporary Staff—The Borough Surveyor reported that in view of the work in hand and likely to be carried out during the Winter, particularly in relief of unemployment, and also having regard to Mr. Holbourn's accident, which would deprive the Department of his services for some time to come, it was desirable to obtain extra technical assistance. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to advertise for temporary assistance.

6—Leckhampton Road—Footpath—In accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their last meeting (Minute No. 11) the Borough Surveyor submitted alternative scheme for improving the footpath in Leckhampton Road, from Croft Street to Halland Road, providing for necessary gullies in carriageway and footpath, a kerb, relaying verge and asphaltting footpath margins, at an estimated cost of £982 15s. 6d. ; by omitting kerb the cost would be reduced to £776 4s. 9d. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for a small section of the margins to the footpath to be paved with asphalte for the Committee's inspection.

7—Purchase of Macadam— Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase from the Board of Guardians the stone broken by relief labour.

8—Widening of Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the widening of Gloucester Road from near Granley Road to the Borough boundary would provide suitable work for unemployed labour, and at the same time effect a desirable improvement. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Transport for a grant towards the cost of the work.

9—Cheltenham Master Builders' Association—Read, letters of the 15th and 18th inst., from the Cheltenham Master Builders' Association, asking the Corporation to subscribe to their funds. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

10—Gordon Lamp and King Edward Statue,—Read letter of 30th ult., from the Chamber of Commerce, stating that the King Edward Statue and Gordon Lamp were considered dangerous for traffic after the public lamps had been extinguished. Resolved, That the Town Clerk and the Borough Surveyor consult the Superintendent of Police in the matter with a view to traffic direction notices being provided, and that the letter be referred to the Lighting Committee.

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11—Evesham Road—Read, letter of the 10th inst., from Mr. W. J. Oldacre, complaining of the slippery condition of Evesham Road. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor.

12—Passage between Malvern Road and Parabola Road—Cycling—Read, letter of the 21st inst., from Mrs. L. E. Goodlake, complaining of cycle riding in this passage. Resolved, That the attention of the Police be drawn to the complaint.

13—View Meeting -The following members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday, 19th October, 1921 :—Councillors Mann, Pates and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows :—

Church Street—Telephone Kiosk—That no objection be offered to the proposal of the District Manager, Post Office Telephones, to remove the public telephone kiosk from the "Eight Bells" Passage to a position on the footpath in Church Street near High Street.

St. George's Place and St. George's Road Junction—Traffic—That no action be taken on the complaint of Mr. J. Playle, on behalf of the owner of No. 1, Bayshill Terrace, with regard to the noise from traffic over the granite sett roadway at this point. Refuse Destructor Boundary Hedge—That the necessary repairs be carried out to the hedge.

Eldorado Road—Footpath, Private Improvement Works—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan, specification and estimate of the work required to be done to the footpath in Eldorado Road adjoining houses on the west side leading from Eldorado Crescent to Queen's Road, by abutting Owners.

Queen Street—Footpath, West Side—That this footpath be paved.

Elm Street—Carriageway—That the necessary repairs be effected.

Nos. 8 and 29, Park Place -Trees—That the Owners of these houses be asked to remove trees and bushes in their gardens which obstruct view of traffic. Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

14—Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 24th inst. 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, 24th October, 1921.: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Rogers and Wilkins (The 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.

1564	G. H. Watts	Additions to Kitchen, "Langdene," Leckhampton Road
1565	Mr. Tuck	Additions to Dining room, Somerton Villa, St. George's Road
1566	J. F. Hoare	Temporary stabling, etc., at rear of No. 16, Naunton Crescent
1567	C. J. Purser	Temporary stabling, etc., at rear of 22, Naunton Crescent
1568	S. T. Walford	Temporary Motor-house on land at end of Gordon Road (off Moorend Road)

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1564 and 1565 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector; that Plan No. 1568 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, and that Plans Nos. 1566 and 1567 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Pittville Chalet on Friday, 14th October, 1921. Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates. Rogers, Sawyer, and Thomas (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Winter Garden—(a) Possession—The Town Clerk reported that possession was taken on the 4th inst. Mr. Field had since handed over the keys and expressed the hope that the Committee would

not press any further claims. The Town Clerk had informed him that any representations made by him in writing would be laid before the Committee, or he could attend to interview the Committee, but no further communication had been received. Resolved, That a claim be made for the arrears of rent and electric energy.

(b) Dilapidations—The Borough Surveyor submitted schedule of dilapidations. Resolved, That Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Sawyer and Thomas be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the building and go through the schedule.

(c) Assignment of Lease—Read, letters of the 3rd ult. and 7th inst., from Mr. H. F. Midwinter, enclosing draft Assignment of the Lease of the Winter Garden from Messrs. Baring, Miller and Norman to the Cheltenham Winter Garden Co., Ltd., and stating that the Company had issued over three thousand £1 shares, payable in cash. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to consent to the Assignment on behalf of the Corporation.

(d) Notice Boards—Read, letter of the 4th inst., from Mr. F. W. Billings, asking that the notice boards should be limited to the height of the railings. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

2—Town Hall—(a) Root, Fruit and Grain Show—Read, letter of the 26th ult., from the hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Root, Fruit, Grain and Chrysanthemum Society, asking that the proposed charge of £10 10s. 0d. for the use of the Town Hall for this Show on the 3rd prox., be reduced. Resolved, That the charge be reduced to £7 10s. 0d. (plus lighting).

(b) Hospital Ball —Read, letter of the 24th ult., from Miss M. B. Kelley, asking for a reduction of the charge for the use of Town Hall on the 30th December next in connection with the Hospital Ball. Resolved, That the full charge be made, and that a donation of £10 be made to the funds of the General Hospital.

3--Montpellier Gardens —Concert Pavilion—Tenders—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Concerts Sub-Committee, That tenders for the hire of the Concert Pavilion for the Summer Season, 1922, be invited by advertisement in the "Era."

4—Pittville Estate—Croquet Court—Read, letter of the 13th inst., from Miss C. Whateley and Mrs. G. M. Pratt, applying, on behalf of several residents on the Estate, for the use of a croquet court in the Long Garden next Season. Resolved, That a croquet court be provided at a fee of £10 10s. 0d.

5—Tennis Courts—The Committee conferred with the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Stanley (Members of the Parks Committee) as to the repair of the tennis courts in the several gardens belonging to the Corporation. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the courts repaired with turf taken from Pittville Estate and the Housing Estate.

WM. SAWYER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st October, 1921: Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

6—Winter Garden—(a) Dilapidations—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 20th inst. ; inspected the Building and went through the Schedule of Dilapidations. Resolved, That a claim be made against Mr. and Mrs. Field and the Gloucestershire Aircraft Co. for the amount of the dilapidations.

(b) Roof and Boilers—Read, letters of the 14th and 17th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co., Ltd., asking that the glass in the roof be put in order while their renovations were being carried out, and that the boilers be attended to. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to give the matters attention.

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(c) Shrubbery—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for shrubs to be planted along the West front of the Winter Garden Ground (adjoining the New Club) at an estimated cost of £20.

7—Alstone Baths—Read, letter of the 13th inst., from Councillor Yarnold, asking the Committee to consider opening the washing baths on Sunday mornings for the convenience of working people and to relieve the pressure experienced on Saturdays. Resolved, That the hours of opening be extended to 9 p.m. on Saturdays, and that the Borough Surveyor report on the matter next month.

8—Town Hall—(a)—Scale of Charges— Resolved, That the following Scale of Charges for the Town Hall be substituted for the existing Scale :—

SCALE OF CHARGES FOR TOWN HALL. LECTURES OR CONCERTS.

SCALE OF CHARGES FOR TOWN HALL.		
LECTURES OR CONCERTS.		£ s. d.
Large Hall. Morning, Afternoon or Evening • • •		10 0 0
Afternoon and Evening .. • • • •		14 0 0
Morning, Afternoon and Evening • • • •		17 0 0
Rehearsals .. • • • • • •		1 1 0 per hour
Supper Room. Morning, Afternoon or Evening • •		2 10 0
Afternoon and Evening ..		4 4 0
Morning, Afternoon and Evening		5 10 0
Rehearsals, .		0 10 6 per hour
Drawing Room. Morning, Afternoon or Evening		2 10 0
Afternoon and Evening ..		4 4 0
Morning, Afternoon and Evening		5 10 0
Rehearsals		0 10 6 per hour
Refreshment Room. Morning, Afternoon or Evening		2 2 0
Afternoon and Evening ..		3 3 0
Morning, Afternoon and Evening		4 4 0
Card Room. Morning, Afternoon or Evening		1 1 0
Afternoon and Evening ..		10 10 0
Morning, Afternoon and Evening		1 17 6
DANCES.		

Large Hall. Afternoon .			10 10 0
Evening, up to 11 p.m.			12 12 0
per hour afterwards			1 1 0
Supper Room, Afternoon ..			3 15 0
Evening, up to 11 p.m.			3 15 0
per hour afterwards			0 10 0
Drawing Room. Afternoon			3 15 0
Evening, up to 11 p.m. • •			3 15 0
per hour afterwards			0 10 0
Smoking Room. Evening ..			1 1 0
Refreshment Room. Afternoon			2 2 0
Evening, up to 11 p.m.			2 2 0
per hour afterwards			0 7 6
Afternoon .			1 10 6
Evening, up to 11 p.m. • •			1 10 0
per hour afterwards			0 5 0
Kitchen			2 2 0

(b) Lowell Thomas Travelogues—Read, letter of the 20th inst., from the Manager, Lowell Thomas Travelogues, asking for the charge of £5 5s. for the hire of the Town Hall on the morning of the 15th inst., to be reduced. Resolved, That the charge be reduced to £3 3s.

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9—Reduction for Series of Lettings—The Chairman submitted letting of the 21st inst., from Dale, Forty & Co., Ltd., asking that they be allowed a reduction of 10 per cent. on each booking if they engage the Large Hall for not less than ten occasions in one Season. Resolved, That 10 per cent. reduction be allowed to all applicants booking the Large Hall for ten occasions, or guaranteeing not less than ten bookings, during the Season from the 1st October to the end of April.

10—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee--The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 11th and 18th inst., were read.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

Winter Orchestra—The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with Mr. Leo Daws for the provision of a Winter Orchestra. Resolved, That the terms thereof, as now settled, be approved.

Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That Mrs. McLellan be granted the use of Montpellier Baths for dancing on Monday and Saturday afternoons during the Winter Season at a charge of 12/6 per week.

Concert Artistes—Resolved, That the Spa Manager be allowed to pay for Concert Artistes a sum not exceeding £2 2s. in any month.

St. Dunstan's and St. Martin's Homes Patients—Resolved, That patients from St. Dunstan's and St. Martin's Homes be admitted to all Municipal Concerts free of charge.

11—Summer Orchestra--The following statement, chewing the Receipts and Expenditure in connection with the Summer Orchestra was submitted

ORCHESTRA SUMMER SEASON, 1921.				
Chair Tickets Sold :	•	•	£	s. d.
Chairs at 2d.-45,200	•	•	376	13 4
3d.--1,195	•	•	14	18 2
6d --1,515	•	•	37	17 6
9d.-942	•	•	35	6 6
11.-100	•	•	5	0 0
			469	16
Admissions at 6d.- 3,078	76	19 0		
3d.-14,693	183	13 3		
Flannel and other Dances	180	12 0		
Programmes Sold..	7	17 4		
Fete Receipts	<u>330</u>	<u>5</u>		
Less Government Tax Nett Receipts			1,249 2 9	
			140 14 5	
			£1,108 8 4	
Cost of Band for 19 weeks. £1,852 10 0				

12-Mineral Waters-Sales-Reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold as follows :—
Central Spa 939; Montpellier Baths 25 ; Pittville Chalet 45; Pittville Pump Room 18.

13—Expenditure—The Chairman submitted letter of the 8th inst., from the Town Clerk, stating that the Finance Committee had drawn attention to the fact that the expenditure of this Committee for the five months ended 31st August last amounted to, approximately, £3,998 16s. 7d., whereas the estimated expenditure for the whole financial year was £8,800 10s Resolved, That the Finance Committee be informed that at the end of the year the estimate of the Committee's expenditure would not be exceeded.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, 22nd October, 1921; Present--Councillors Dicks, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

14-Town Hall Lettings, etc.--The District Auditor (Mr. W. F. M. Provis) and the Assistant District Auditor (Mr. A. R. H. Hobbs) attended and made representations as to methods of procedure which, in their opinion, should be adopted in letting the Town Hall and other matters incidental thereto. Resolved, as follows :—

TOWN HALL—(a) Reductions in Scale Charges—That no reduction be made in the Scale Charges for the Town Hall except with the approval of this Committee.

(b) Tickets and Programmes for Concerts, etc.—That tickets and programmes for all Concerts, etc., be ordered by the Borough Accountant (or obtained on his order) and accounted for to him.

(c) Complimentary Tickets- —That complimentary tickets be not issued except by direction of this Committee, or the Concerts Sub-Committee.

15—Requisitions for Supplies—Resolved, That requisitions for supplies required by the Spa Manager be submitted to and approved by this Committee before orders are issued therefor, except in case of urgency when they may be ordered on the written authority of the Chairman.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 20th October, 1921 : Present—Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Moore and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Extension of Mains (a) Cirencester Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a number of bungalows were to be erected in Cirencester Road, and that application had been received for a supply of current thereto. He estimated the cost of extending the cable at £392, and reported that the extension of this main would facilitate future supplies to Charlton Kings for which applications were frequently received. Resolved, That the extension be made, and that the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised, at the same time, to lay a high pressure cable in the same trench.

(b) Sherborne Street—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Messrs. G. Bence & Sons had made application for a supply to their premises in Sherborne Street, which would involve an extension of the high pressure main at a cost of £120. Resolved, That the extension be made subject to the usual guarantee of 33 per cent. on the outlay.

2—Boiler Insurance—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, That the 2 new boilers be insured with the Vulcan Insurance Co., Ltd., at an annual premium of £7 5s.

3—Public Lighting—Read, letter of the 5th inst., from Superintendent Griffin, asking that the lighting at the junction of Colonnade and High Street be improved as drivers of vehicles could not see the signals of policemen on point duty. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that this could be effected by the provision of a larger lamp. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to provide a larger lamp accordingly. Resolved, also, That it be suggested that the policemen on point duty be provided with white gauntlets.

4—Engineer's Supply—Resolved, That in view of the valuable information and data obtained with regard to electrical appliances, the Council be recommended to confirm the custom which has been in practice since the early days of the Electricity Undertaking, that the Engineer should have the supply of current at his house for testing and other purposes without charge, provided that the Engineer supplies and maintains at his own cost all necessary apparatus.

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5—Gas Regulation Act, 1920—(a) Gas Examiner—Read, letters from the Gas Referees and Memorandum by the Gas Referees as to the appointment, qualifications and duties of Gas Examiners. Resolved, That subject to the approval of the County Council and the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, Mr. Geo. Embrey be appointed Gas Examiner for one year the joint area at a salary of £75 to make 1 test per week of calorific power with all necessary reports as prescribed by the Gas Referees.

(b) Tests—Read, letter of the 4th inst., from the Gas Examiner enclosing a letter from the Manager of the Gas Co., as to the notice he required of the Examiner's intention to make a test. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain the view of the Gas Referees as to what was reasonable notice.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 13th October, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Moore, Pates and Sawyer (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 October, 1921.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	75,000 gallons	107,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	142,000 "	275,000
Leckhampton Springs	21,000 "	43,000
Total	238,000	425,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		10th October, 1921		10th October, 1920.
Hewletts		13,055,000 gallons		11,634,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	6ft. 9in.	7,097,000	13ft. 8in.	21,976,000
Leckhampton		Empty	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000
Total Storage		20,152,000		34,960,000

Pumping had been continued during the month at Tewkesbury and Sandford. 2-Inspections-The Borough Surveyor reported that the work carried out by the Water, Inspectors during the month of September had been as follows

of house-to-house inspections.	No.	During September. 398	Total for past 6 months. 4,417
" taps found leaking .. .		53	993
"defective flushing boxes		42	322
" defective stop taps .. .		8	72
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) ..	43		
(special repairs during drought)	<u>72</u>		
		115	1,244
" notices served re fittings		145	859
" meters changed .		8	125
" houses connected .		48	233

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3--Dowdeswell Reservoir —(a) Embankment--The Borough Accountant submitted a report as to the financial position of the Undertaking on the 30th ult. Resolved, That in view of the present financial position, consideration of the report of the Consulting Engineer (Mr. E. Sandeman) with reference to the settlement of the embankment be adjourned.

(b) Excavation Work—Read, letter of the 28th ult., from the Unemployment Grants Committee, further extending the time limit attached to the grant for work at Dowdeswell to the 31st December next, and also extending the financial limit of the grant towards the cost of the scheme from £620 to £1,240.

4—Waste—(a) The Borough Engineer reported that the consumption of water was greatly in excess of actual requirements, and that the reports of the Water Inspectors shewed a large proportion of the taps inspected by them to be out of repair. The daily supply averaged over too gallons per house, and it was estimated that at least half this consumption was probably due to waste. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to insert a letter in the Press directing the attention of the public to the waste resulting from defective taps, with a view to leaky taps being notified to the Water Department, and that proceedings be taken under the Water Acts in future cases where taps, which have not been notified as defective, are found to be leaking.

(b) 28, Hanover Street and 38, Brunswick Street—The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. T. White, the owner of these premises, had failed to have defective flush boxes repaired, notwithstanding the service of several Notices calling his attention to the serious waste of water resulting therefrom.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of the penalties under the Water Acts.

5—British Waterworks Association— Read, letter of the 28th ult., from the British Waterworks Association, inviting the Corporation to join the Association. Resolved, That the invitation be not accepted.

6—Tewkesbury Waterworks —Coal Supply The Borough Engineer reported that the Street and Highway Committee had accepted, on behalf of this Committee, a tender from the Dean Forest Coal Co, for the supply of 450 tons of Princess Royal coal for Tewkesbury at 31s. 10d. per ton. Resolved, That this be approved.

7—Extension of Main—Cirencester Road—The Borough Engineer submitted application of the 11th inst., from Messrs. Eggleton & Co, for about 160 yards of main to be laid in Brookway Road to afford a supply to 8 bungalows to be erected in Cirencester Road, the cost of which he estimated would be £120. Resolved, That the main be laid, subject to the statutory guarantee for payment of interest on outlay, etc., being received from the Charlton Kings Urban District Council.

8—Water Charges-- Resolved, That the Scale of Charges for water be revised as undermentioned, and that the increased charges come into force on the 1st April next :—

DOMESTIC SUPPLY- Inside Borough-47 per cent. on gross estimated rental (minimum charge 8/8). Licensed premises 48 per cent. on gross estimated rental. Fitted Baths on premises of £19 gross value and under 7/6 per annum. Tip-up Baths 5/- per annum.

Outside Borough-£8 per cent. on gross estimated rental on premises not exceeding £20 per annum (minimum charge 10/-). £7 per cent. on gross estimated rental on premises exceeding £20 per annum. Licensed premises £8 per cent. on gross estimated rental. Fitted Baths 41 each per annum. Supplies by meter 1/9 per 1,000 gallons.

9—Charlton Kings Street Watering Supply—Read, letter of the 12th inst., from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, asking what charges the Corporation proposed to make for the water supplied to the Urban District for street watering purposes on the termination of the existing agreement on the 25th December next. Resolved, That the charge be increased to 1/6 per 1,000 gallons up to 31st March next and thereafter to 1/9 per 1,000 gallons, with a dead rent at rate of 49 per half year up to the 31st March and thereafter at rate of £10 10s. 0d. per half year, and that the interest on cost of hydrants, etc., be increased from 6 per cent. to 9 per cent.

10—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, 18th October, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

2-Superintendent Griffin—Retirement— It was reported that Superintendent Thomas Griffin would retire from the Police Force on the 15th prox. Resolved, That this Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the courteous and efficient manner in which Superintendent Griffin has filled the office of Superintendent of the Cheltenham Petty Sessional Division, and carried out the duties of the several Inspectorships held by him under the Corporation.

3--Fire Brigade--Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 27th ult., the Brigade had been called to an outbreak of fire at No. 88, High Street, occupied by the Wycliffe Motor Co. Damage slight. Brigade Expenses £4 3s. 0d.

Challenge Cup—The Sub-Committee appointed at the last Meeting (Minute No. 2 (C)) reported that they had selected a Challenge Cup the price of which was £15 15s. 0d., plus cost of engraving inscription. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—Shops Acts—Inspector—The following selected candidates for this appointment were interviewed :—J. Bradley, E. E. Woodward, and E. W. Dean. Resolved, That Mr. E. E. Woodward of 34, Tennyson Road, Cheltenham, be appointed Shops Acts Inspector at a salary of £20 per annum., the appointment to be determinable by three months' notice in writing on either side.

5—Hackney Carriage Licences—Motor Cabs—Resolved, That the following applications for Hackney Carriage Licences be granted :--O. J. Goulding (Car No. MD 2532), A. Jones (No. AE 1380), R. H. Jones (AR 8792) and E. W. Mace (No. AE 2585).

Horse Cab—Resolved, That the application of F. Newman for a licence in respect of horse cab No. 29 be granted.

Drivers' Licences—Resolved, That drivers' licences be granted to the following: —R. H. Joyner, and A. E. Smith.

Conductors' Licences—Resolved, That conductors' licences be granted the following:—G. Bennett, and R. W. J. Neale.

6—Licences to Store Carbide of Calcium—Resolved, That Licences be granted to E. Viall, of No. 1a Hewlett Road and The Montpellier Motor and Garage Co., of Suffolk Road to Store 112 lbs. of Carbide of Calcium in each case.

7-21, Promenade—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Hon. Secretary, Promenade Club, directing attention to the outside paintwork of these premises. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the front door and railings repainted.

8—Market—Pig Sales—Read, letter of 28th August and Report of 21st September from Superintendent Griffin with reference to the inspection of pigs, and letter of the 8th inst., from Mr.

C. C. Castle as to fortnightly sales and cleansing the Market. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

9—Corporation Year Book 1921-22— Resolved, That the undermentioned revised quotation of Messrs. J. J. Gillham & Son (being the lowest of four quotations received) for printing the Corporation Year Book for 1921-22 be accepted, viz.:—50 copies (insets for leather cases), and 60 copies (cloth binding) £46 10s. 6d. Additional matter (if required) 5/6 per page.

10--Ex-Service Men—Certificates--The Town Clerk submitted draft advertisement inviting applications from ex-Service men for illuminated certificates to be presented by the Corporation Resolved, That the same be approved. Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be authorised to engage such additional clerical assistance as may be necessary for the issue of the Certificates.

11—Unemployment Insurance Acts, 1920 and 1921 —The Town Clerk submitted letters of the 29th ult., and 5th inst., from the Ministry of Labour with Certificate of Exception under Paragraph (d) of Part II. of the First Schedule to the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, excepting certain members of the Administrative and Clerical Staff from liability to be insured under these Acts. He also submitted Register of names of the members of the Staff proposed to be covered by the Certificate. Resolved, That the list be approved.

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12--Town Hall Lettings, etc.--The District Auditor (Mr. W. F. M. Provis) and the Assistant District Auditor (Mr. A. R. H. Hobbs) attended and made representations as to methods of procedure which, in their opinion, should be adopted in letting the Town Hall and other matters incidental thereto, and the Committee suggested that the Auditors should lay their views before the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

13—Light Railway—Inspection—Read, letter of the 10th inst., from the General Manager, Cheltenham and District Light Railway, inviting the Committee to make an inspection. Resolved, That the invitation be accepted and an inspection made on the 28th inst.

14—Speed Limit—(a) Read, letter of the 15th inst., from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, forwarding the following Resolution adopted by the Chamber:-

"That the Town Council be requested to put into force a ten mile speed limit for all vehicular traffic within the Borough."

(b) Read, letter of the 6th inst., from Mr. Duncan Webb to the like effect.

(c) Read, Memorial dated the 3rd inst., signed by Residents in Lansdown Road, directing attention to the danger and inconvenience caused by recent increase of traffic, asking that supervision be exercised over traffic along the road, and that a speed limit from Lansdown Castle be put into force. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain particulars of speed limits in force in other towns.

15—Non-County Boroughs Association—Read, circular letter of the 29th ult., from the Secretary, Non-County Boroughs Association inviting the Corporation to become a member. Resolved, That no action be taken.

16—Soup Kitchen—Read, offer of the 24th ult., from Messrs. A. H. Nottingham and A. Edwards for the tenancy of the Soup Kitchen, New Street. Resolved, That the same be not entertained.

17—Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919—National Rat Week— The Committee considered suggestions of the Executive Officer as to local organisation in connection with the National Rat Week. Resolved, That the same be approved.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 12th October, 1921 : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham and Yarnold ; Dr. R. Davies (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 5,675 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since September 14th. (Corresponding period last year 1,726).

The Children's Art Exhibition was visited by most of the Schools and Colleges and accounted for the large attendance reported.

The Sale of Post Cards during this period realised 12s. 2d.

The following gifts had been received:—

Mrs. Sidney Jermyn, Two Buzzard Hawks (shot near Cheltenham) ; G. W. S. Brewer, Esq., Fossils and Bones (from Cleeve Hill); E. Courtney Gardner, Esq., Pair of Iron Hinges (discovered at Deerhurst), 17th Century Wine Bottle (dug up at Cross Key Lane, Gloucester, at a depth of 16 feet) ; Miss Austin, Articles for War Museum, Postcards and Maps.

Resolved, That the two Buzzard Hawks referred to be mounted and put in a case at a cost not exceeding £3.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

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PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 10th October, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Regan, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Allotments—The Quarterly Report of the Head Gardener on the cultivation of the several allotments was submitted, and the Borough Surveyor reported that the matters referred to therein as requiring attention had been dealt with since the receipt of the report.

2----Pittville Estate—Read, letter of the 14th ult., from Mr. F. F. Pilliner, with reference to the Head Gardener's report as to his son cycling over the tennis courts and walks in the Long Garden, submitted to the Committee at their last meeting (Minute No. 5). Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings if there is any further breach of the Bye-laws by Mr. Pilliner's son.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 21st October, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6465 to 6478 (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 Cross and Kerbing to the graves of Emma Ligo, Geo. P. Legard, Geo. Hemmings and Georgiana A. Lacy ; Headstone to the grave of Ellen Guy ; Kerbing to the grave of Stephen Norris.

3—Deceased Soldiers, etc. -Care of Graves—Read, letter of the 12th inst., from the Imperial War Graves Commission, asking if the Corporation would undertake the maintenance of War Graves in the Cemetery at a small charge. The Superintendent reported that there were 90 War Graves, including those of 10 Australians (being maintained by the Australian Government) and of 5 Officers (being maintained by relatives), leaving 75 to be maintained. Resolved, That the Corporation undertake to maintain the 75 graves at an annual charge of 5/- per grave.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM, Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th October, 1921: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Mann, Stanley and Yarnold ; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Messrs. J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Mr. Gridley in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £6 19s. 0d. Presentations: Cunard Steamship Company (2 vols.), H. H. Martyn, Esq. (2 vols.), Mrs. Flavel (1 vol.), Mrs. C. Bingham (43 vols.), J. Cuthbert Scott, Esq. (2 pamphlets).

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The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of September was 2,996, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 10,326, and from the Children's Library 1,533.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported meeting on the 6th inst : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Regan; Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Dr. R. Davies and Mr. E. C. Rogers (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

They recommended:—

(a) That three rubber mats be purchased for the Library at a cost of £7

(b) That 116 books, as per list submitted, be purchased at a cost not exceeding £30

(c) That 14 new books be purchased out of the Leslie Young Bequest at a cost of £40.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except that the recommendation (a) be referred back for further consideration.

E. GRIDLEY,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th October, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor, Councillors Dicks and Whitaker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, of 25th inst., on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £38,257 10s. 1d. Excused, void, and irrecoverable £861 7s. 7d. Leaving outstanding, £90 16s. 0d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, of 23th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended 29th ult. Amount collected £16,267 18s. 4d. Void and abatement £166 10s. 1d. Leaving outstanding, £3,430 0s. 11d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £4,730 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

Resolved also, That the terms arranged for the continuance of a debenture amounting to £4,100 be approved, and the debenture endorsed accordingly.

4— Education Act, 1918—Scholarships—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Clerk of the County Council, stating that it was proposed to charge on the Parish of Cheltenham during the current half-year the sum of £661 17s., in connection with the instruction of scholars at the Cheltenham Grammar School. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

5—Farms Sub-Committee—Cattle Purchases and Expenditure -The Committee interviewed the Chairman of the Farms Sub-Committee (Councillor Whitaker) and the Farms Manager with reference to cattle purchases and the general expenditure of the Sub-Committee. It was explained to the satisfaction of the Committee that only necessary expenditure had been incurred, and the Farms Manager reported that he did not anticipate that the purchase of further cattle would be necessary in the near future.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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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 Wednesday, the 9th November, 1921, at 12 noon. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel).

Aldermen Horsley, Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Dicks, Mann, Moore, Pates, Pruén, Regan, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Capt. Trye, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

1—Election of Councillors—The Town Clerk reported the election on the 1st inst. of the following as Councillors :—Frank Harry Bastin for the North Ward ; Albert Edward Stanley for the Central Ward ; John Poytress Pates for the East Ward ; Arthur Sidney Fitzgerald Pruén for the South Ward ; Capt. John Henry Trye, C.B.E., for the Middle Ward ; Thomas Elsum Whitaker for the West Ward ; and laid before the Council their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

2—Election of Mayor—It was unanimously Resolved, That Councillor Clara Frances Winterbotham M.B.E., be and she is hereby elected Mayor of the Borough of Cheltenham for the ensuing year. The Mayor then made the declaration of acceptance of office and took the oath of allegiance and judicial oath. The Mayor thereupon took the chair.

3—Appointment of Deputy Mayor—The Mayor signified in writing that she had appointed Alderman Charles Henry Margrett, J.P., to be her Deputy, and it was Resolved, That such appointment be recorded upon the Minutes of the Council.

4—Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor—Resolved, That the warmest thanks of the Council be given to John David Bendall, Esq., J.P., for the able and impartial manner in which he has carried out the duties of Mayor for the past three years, and also to him and the Mayoress for their kind hospitality.

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5—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

“ Green ••• Central Ward

“ Taylor ••• East Ward

“ Horsley ••• South Ward

“ Bendall ••• Middle Ward

“ Steel .. West Ward

6—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 3rd October last, and the Meetings of the Council in Committee on the 3rd October last and the 4th instant, 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.

7—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 :—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Steel, Councillors Edith Geddes, Moore, Rogers, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to Public Health or concerning the duties of the Medical Officer of Health and 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 1919, so far as regards insanitary houses, 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 Bye-laws made by the Council with regard thereto, so far only as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

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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 thy 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.

Housing 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 Housing Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Bendall and Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin. Dicks, Moore, Regan, Rogers and Whitaker, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the provision of new houses for the working classes.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Resolved, That the following be appointed the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Bendall and Steel, Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Regan, Stanley. Stewart, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold Dr. G. A. Cardew, Mrs. E. Booy, Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. D. H. Willoughby, Miss C. S. Barnard and Miss H. Foster.

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, Aldermen Bendall Horsley, Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold, 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 Bye-laws made by the Council with regard thereto (with

the exception of drainage and others 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 Bye-laws 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., there ; any matters in connection with the Borough Surveyor's Department and of any properties acquired by the Corporation in respect of street improvements. To deal with matters in connection with Street Projections. To 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 Town Planning scheme under the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Acts, 1909 and 1919.

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 :—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead, 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 Bye-laws 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 the letting of the Pittville Gardens and the Pump Room.

To manage and control Entertainments undertaken by the Council and to consider and report upon all matters in connection with the advertising of the Town and the provision of a Band.

To consider and report upon any matters in connection with the Spa development. Electricity and Lighting Committee Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Electricity and Lighting Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Mann-, Moore, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Whitaker, 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 Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Bendall and Green,. Councillors Moore, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Whitaker, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Water Undertaking of the Corporation, and to manage all properties acquired by the Corporation in connection with their Water Undertaking. To carry into effect the provisions of the

Cheltenham Corporation Water Acts, 1878 and 1881, and the Provisional Orders amending the same.

General Purposes and Watch Committee—(Chairmen of the several Standing Committees, when appointed). 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 Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in relation thereto. To consider and report to the Council upon the numbering and re-numbering of houses in, and the naming and re-naming of, streets in the Borough. To regulate and manage all matters in connection with the Fire Brigade and Fire Extinguishing Appliances.

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:—Aldermen Bendall and Steel, Councillors Pruen, Regan, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To have the control and management of the Pittville Park and Estate (except the letting of Pittville Gardens and Pump Room), 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.

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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 Acts.

Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Burial Board Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas and Yarnold, 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 :—Aldermen Horsley, Steel and Taylor, Councillors Dicks, Moore, Pruen, Welstead and Whitaker, 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 do form the Public Library Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Green and Steel, Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Pates, Regan, Stanley, Capt. Trye and Yarnold ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone, Dr. R. Davies, Messrs. W. R. Carles, C.M.G., F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, W. G. Gurney, A. Miles, W. J. Moore and E. C. Rogers, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Public Library and all matters relating thereto, subject to the proceedings 'of the Committee being submitted from time to time for confirmation by the Council.

Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the following do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Green and Steel, Councillors Edith Geddes, Stewart, Capt. Trye, Whitaker and Yarnold ; with Sir J. T. Agg- Gardner, M.P., Dr. R. Davies, -Messrs. G. Dimmer and F. B. de Sausmarez 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 Bendall, Horsley, Steel and Taylor, Councillors Mann, Moore, Regan, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Capt. Trye, Welstead and Yarnold.

Resolved also, That Mr. W. Gerald Gurney be re-appointed a member of the Education Committee, as a Representative of the Governors of Cheltenham Grammar School, his term of office having expired, and that Mr. A. C. White be appointed a member of the Committee, as a Representative of the Cheltenham Teachers' Association, in place of Mr. A. G. Wheeler whose term of office has expired, the appointments to expire on 9th November, 1924, in each case.

Distress Committee—Resolved, That the following be appointed members of the Distress Committee as representatives of the Council, namely : The Mayor, Aldermen Bendall, Green and Steel, Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Mann, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart and Welstead, and that the following be re-appointed for the ensuing year as persons experienced in Relief of Distress, namely : Mrs. Jordan, Messrs. J. W. Betteridge, E. Bourne, W. R. Carles, C.M.G., and A. Miles.

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, 1922, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

8—Appointment of Delancey Trustees —Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillor Stewart Drs. G. A. Cardew and R. Davies be re-appointed Representative Trustees of Delancey Hospital for a further term of three years.

9—Appointment of Representative Grammar School Governors—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor (Alderman Margrett) ; Messrs. J. Waghorne and H. N. Winterbotham be re-appointed Representative Governors of the Grammar School, for a further term of three years from the 6th December, 1921.

10—Leckhampton Quarries Co., Ltd. --Loan for Mineral Railway, etc.—Read, letter of the 7th inst., from Mr. W. H. Russell, Solicitor to the Leckhampton Quarries Co., Ltd., asking the Corporation to

signify its approval of an application to be made by the Company for a Loan under the Trade Facilities Bill in respect of the works set out in the letter.

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Resolved, That this Council desire to support the application intended to be made by the Leckhampton Quarries Co., Ltd., for financial assistance under the Trade Facilities Bill in respect of the cost of the following works : (1) a Mineral Railway from tit' Company's Quarries at Leckhampton to the Great Western Line at Charlton Kings at an estimated cost of £25,000 ; (2) Haulage power for the Railway at an estimated cost of £5,000 ; (3) Lime Kilns and Plant at an estimated cost of £20,000, as the construction of such works will provide much needed work for the unemployed who now number nearly 1,400 men including about 900 Ex-Service men.

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

Public Health ... Meeting held October 10

Housing ... Meeting held October 17

Maternity and Child Welfare ... Meeting held October 26

Street and Highway ... Meeting held October 24

Town Improvement and Spa ... Meetings held October 14, 21*, 22

*Subject to the following addendum to Resolution No. 5 of Minute No. 10 of the proceedings of the Committee at their meeting on October 21st, viz. :—

"That Ex-Service men who are patients in the General Hospital be also admitted to all Municipal Concerts free of charge."

Electricity and Lighting ... Meeting held October 20

Water Meeting held October 13

General Purposes and Watch Meeting held October 18

Art Gallery and Museum Meeting held October 12

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments... Meeting held October 10

Burial Board Meeting held October 21

Public Library Meeting held October 11

Finance meeting held October 25*

* Resolved That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed 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.

12 -Notices of Motion—(a) With the consent of the Council, the Notice of Motion standing in the name of Alderman Taylor was adjourned until the next meeting.

(b) The Deputy Mayor gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—

" That a Special Meeting of the Council be convened to make the necessary arrangements for conferring the Honorary Freedom of the Borough on W. F. Hicks Beach, Esq., J.P., (Chairman of the Board of Guardians, and formerly M.P. for the Tewkesbury Division)."

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

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 5th December, 1921

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 10th November, 1921: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Rogers, 1Velstead and Whitaker.

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

2—Farms Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Rogers, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold be appointed the Farms Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Steel, Councillors Rogers and Whitaker be appointed Representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee, for the ensuing year.

4-- - Sludge Beds—Drainage—Read letter of the 9th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee, stating that they were prepared to make a grant of 60 per cent. of the wages bill incurred up to the 31st January next, in respect of unemployed men taken on for work of draining sludge beds at Hayden Farm, subject to a maximum grant of £180, and to the conditions set out in the revised Form of Particulars (U.G.C.I.)

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th November, 1921 : Present-The Mayor, Aldermen Green and Steel; Councillors Edith Geddes, Moore, Rogers, Thomas, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

5-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles -The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-9, Columbia Street ; 1, 2 and 3, Lacey's

Cottages, Organ Cottage, Park Cottage and Nos. 9, 11, 21, 22 and 23, Exmouth Street ; 6, Gratton Street ; 33, Hanover Street ; 26a, 26 ½ and 28, York Street; 5, Upper Bath Street ; 2 and 3, Garden Cottages, High Street ; and 4, 10, 14 and 18, Burton 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.

6-Cleansing and Whitewashing at Limbrick Cottage, Waterloo Street ; Oak Cottage, Lower Mill Street; 16, Nailsworth Terrace; 10, Glenfall Street ; and 4, 14, 15, 16 and 20, Hertford Place. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Sec. 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.

7- Nuisances from Drains, etc.,-at (a) 10, Gloucester Place ; 98, 102, 110 and 124, Naunton Crescent; 39, All Saints' Terrace ; 15, Rosehill Street ; 65, Leighton Road ; 7, 8, and 9, Bloomsbury Street ; 8, Sidney Street; and 14 Commercial 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.

(b) Fountain Cottage and Fountain Inn, Upper Bath Road ; 10, 10a and 11, Commercial Street ; 1 to 11, Victoria Place, Bath Road; and 30, Upper Bath. Road-The Inspector of Nuisances submitted the following tenders for works specified to be done to these premises:-

E. W. & W. J. Moore	£252 7 9
S. C. Morris & Son	185 0 0
Mark Williams & Co.	176 5 0

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

(c) 35 and 37, Sherborne Street,--The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the Owners of these premises had not complied with the Notices to carry out the drainage work required, and submitted the following tenders for work specified to be done to these premises :-

Eggleton & Co., ..	£69 8 6
Mark Williams and Co.	56 10 0
H. Eager..	52 16 10

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. H. Eager be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

(d) 1-12 Burton Cottages-Resolved, That an Order be made under the Common Seal declaring the expenses of the drainage and sanitary work executed at these premises, amounting to £166 5s. 6d.,

to be private improvement expenses, and that notice of the apportionment made by the Borough Surveyor be served on the owners and demand for repayment of the sum apportioned against them.

(e) 16, 17, 17a, 25 and 26, Exmouth Street-Read, letter of the 7th ult., from Messrs. Byrch, Cox & Sons, Solicitors, acting for the respective Owners of these properties on whom Notices had been served under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring them to do certain drainage works, stating that the Owners had no funds to carry out the works. Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances obtain estimates to carry out the work.

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8—Insanitary Property—W, Glenfall Street ; 25, St. Janus' Street ; Limbrick Cottage, Waterloo Street ; Oak Cottage, Lower Mill Street ; 16, Nailsworth Terrace ; 60 and 62, Stanhope Street ; and 4, 14, 15 and 16, Hereford 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 satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices wider 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.

9--Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—(a) 2, 3, 4, .5 and 6, Little's Court, New Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these houses, in respect of which a Demolition Order was made by the Council on the 29th July last, pursuant to Sub-Section 2, Section 15 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, Notice of which Order had been served on the Owner, had not been rendered fit for human habitation. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the demolition of the premises in pursuance of the said Order.

(b) 3, Orchard Place—The Town Clerk reported that on the 10th inst. the Magistrates made an Order requiring the occupier to quit these premises in pursuance of the Order prohibiting the use thereof for human habitation, made by the Council on the 2nd May last, under Section 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909.

(c) 8 and 9, Rutland Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises, in respect of which a Closing Order was made by the Council on the 4th December, 1916, had not been rendered fit for human habitation and he recommended that an Order be made for the demolition of the premises. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owner of the premises of the intention of the Council to consider on the 9th January next the question of making an Order for the demolition of the premises.

(d) 141 and 142 Tewkesbury Road--The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these dwelling houses were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and he recommended that the same be closed. Resolved, That further consideration be adjourned to the next meeting, and that notice be given to the respective Owners of the intention of the Council to make Closing Orders.

10—Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 cwts. 1 qr. 16 lbs. beef; 2 cwts. 9 lbs. mutton ; 2 qrs. 8 lbs. pork ; 2 cwts. 1 qr. 12 lbs fish ; so tins meat, milk and fruit, and 46 rabbits,

11—Notices not complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted List of Notices requiring abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, etc., served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

12-Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops Order--Read, application from William Thomas Allen of 3, Brandon Terrace, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned.

13—Delancey Hospital—Sewage Disposal—Read, letter of the 1st inst., from the Ministry of Health, asking the Corporation to undertake to provide adequate treatment of the tank effluent from the proposed Smallpox Hospital. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

14—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—Reported Meeting on 14th inst. Present—Aldermen Green and Steel ; Councillors Rogers, Thomas Whitaker and Yarnold.

Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Whitaker be appointed Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

Farms Manager's Report—Read, Monthly Report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on the Farms on 14th inst. was 8 horses (4 at Depot), 5 colts, 125 head of cattle, 11 calves, 54 sheep, 31 lambs, and 33 pigs. all doing very well. Since the last meeting 4 calves had been bred on the Farms. 6 bullocks, 1 heifer in calf, 8 cows, 3 calves, 6 sheep. 3 ewes, 10 lambs, 28 pigs and 69 fleeces of wool had been sold for £682 15 8.

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

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 21st November, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Bendall, Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Dicks, Moore and Whitaker.

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

2-Meetings —Resolved, That the monthly meeting of this Committee be held on the second Tuesday after the Council Meeting, at 3-30 p.m.

3—Brown's Tenancy—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. J. R. Brown of £100 per annum for the tenancy of fields 395, 396 and 440, containing 39 acres, 3 roods and 14 perches, or thereabouts, being the most advantageous of three offers received, be accepted, subject to the terms of an Agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

4—Spare Land—Allotments—Resolved, That land not immediately required in connection with the Housing Scheme be let for allotments, and the Borough Surveyor authorised to invite applications therefor by advertisement.

5—Nuisance by Fowls—Read, complaint of damage to gardens and nuisance caused by fowls. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to furnish each tenant with a copy of the Conditions of Tenancy, and to direct attention to Condition number 8, prohibiting the erection of buildings, including fowlhouses, without the previous consent of the Borough Surveyor. Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed, in giving his consent to the erection of a fowl-house, to stipulate for the provision of a closed run.

6—Potato Planting—Grant—Read, letter of the 11th inst., from the Unemployment Grants Committee, declining to extend the financial limit of the grant towards this scheme.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 15th November, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Bendall and Horsley. Councillors Dicks, Mann and Pates.

1—Chairman —Resolved, That Alderman Bendall be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. 2-Sub -Committees- Resolved, That the following Sub-Committees be appointed for the ensuing year :—

Plans-Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Dicks and Mann.

Requisitions (Stationery, etc.)—The Mayor, Aldermen Bendall and Horsley ; Councillor Mann.

Stores—Alderman Bendall ; Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold.

Trees—Aldermen Bendall and Horsley ; Councillors Dicks, Mann and Sawyer.

3—Meetings— Resolved, That the Monthly (View) Meeting of this Committee be held on the second Wednesday after the Council Meeting at 2.45 p.m., during the Winter months, and 3 p.m. during the remaining months of the year, and that the ordinary Monthly Meeting be held on the second Monday after the Council Meeting.

4—Street Projections (a) Imperial Rooms, Promenade--Read, letter of the 5th inst., from Miss MacDonald Morris, forwarding sketch of sign proposed to be fixed at these premises. Resolved, That her application be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

(b) Royal Hotel—Resolved, That the application of Messrs. J. M. Smith & Sons (on behalf of Trust Houses, Ltd.), for permission to fix a sign at these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

5—Streamer across High Street—Resolved, That the application of the Cheltenham Operatic and Dramatic Society for permission to place a streamer, advertising "The Gondoliers," across High Street on the 23rd inst. be granted.

6—Station Street—Private Improvement Works—Read, Memorial of the 4th inst., signed by Owners of houses in Station Street, protesting against the proposed Improvement Works being carried out under present conditions. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

7—Sandford Mill Road—Private Improvement Works—Apportionment—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Private-Improvement Works ordered to be done in this road had been carried out at a cost (including supervision) of £1,130 0s. 7d., towards which the Ministry of Transport had paid £538. Resolved, That the apportionment of the balance, viz., £592 0s. 7d., as submitted, be approved, and that notice thereof and of demand for payment be served upon the Owners of the premises mentioned therein.

8—Dangerous Corners—(a) Battledown Approach—Hale's Road—Read, letter of the 7th inst., from Mr. G. A. Hawkins, offering to give a piece of land at the junction of Battledown Approach and Hale's Road, to enable the corner to be improved, subject to any expenditure incurred in connection therewith being borne by the Corporation. Resolved, That the corner be viewed.

(b) Nos. 8 and 29, Park Place—Trees—The Borough Surveyor reported that the trees and bushes in the gardens of these premises had been removed with the Owners' consent.

(c) Montpellier—Barclay's Bank Corner—Read, letter of the 12th inst., from Mr. T. Wilkins, offering no objection to the proposed improvement of this corner by setting back the footpath, subject to the provision and maintenance by the Corporation of Hayward's lights in the pavement over his cellars. Resolved, That this be agreed to and the Borough Surveyor instructed to put the work in hand.

9—Brooklyn Road—Football Field—Resolved, That the application of the Rev. C. Headley Scott for the use of the five-acre field on the north-west side of Brooklyn Road as a football ground be granted for the remainder of the present Season, subject to the payment of a rent of £3 3s. 0d., and to the condition that any damage caused to the fences shall be made good.

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10—Borough Surveyor's Department—Temporary Staff—The Borough Surveyor reported that in accordance with instructions he had advertised for a temporary Technical Assistant. Resolved, That he be instructed to appoint a Technical Assistant at a salary of £6 6s. 0d. per week, the appointment to be for three months certain, and afterwards subject to a month's notice in writing on either side.

11—Telegraph Lines—Read, application of the 14th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of underground telegraphs in Imperial Square, Montpellier Street, Lansdown Road, Gloucester Road, Christ Church Road, Queen's Road and Glencairn Park Road. Resolved, That the application be granted, and that the reinstatement of the trenches be undertaken by the Corporation, subject to the cost of the work being paid by the Post Office Telegraphs Department.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 28th November, 1921: Present—The Mayor; Aldermen Bendall and Horsley ; Councillors Dicks, Mann, Pates and Yarnold (Alderman Bendall in the chair).

12 Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 21st October, to the 24th November, instant (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 17th November, inst., 854 loads collected, 846 consumed, and 8 tipped away. Weight consumed 1031 tons 4 cwts.

13—Dangerous Corners—Hale's Road High Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that this improvement had been carried out by lowering the wall at Mona House and substituting an iron fence for the upper portion.

14—Eldorado Road and Crescent—Footpath—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plan and estimate of the works required to be done to the footpath in Eldorado Road. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned and the Borough Surveyor instructed to prepare and submit an amended plan with a view to the work being extended to Queen's Road.

15— Providence Cottages—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works in this Road had been carried out at a cost (including supervision) of £39 7s. 4d., and submitted apportionment based on degree of benefit derived. Resolved, That the apportionment, as submitted, be approved and that notice thereof and of demand for payment be served upon the Owners of the premises mentioned therein.

16—Montpellier Walk—Inner Road--Resolved, That notice be given declaring this road a public highway as soon as the amount outstanding for Private Improvement Works is paid.

17—Purchase of Horses--Read, letter of the 25th inst., from Mr. James Harris, of Congresbury, offering to sell three horses at an average price of £60 each. Resolved, That the Chairman of this Committee and the Chairman of the Farms Sub-Committee (Councillor Whitaker) be appointed a Sub-Committee, with power to act (in conjunction with the Farms Manager), in the purchase of horses, and that Mr. Harris' offer be referred to this Sub-Committee.

18—Public Lighting—Island Lamps—The Committee considered proposals of the Electricity and Lighting Committee for fixing posts and kerbing round each of the lamps in the following positions, viz. : (a) Top Montpellier Street, at junction with Parabola Road, (b) Top Bayshill Road, at junction with Parabola Road, and (c) Ashford Road, at junction with Great Norwood Street. Resolved, That the Electricity Committee be recommended to consider the removal of the lamps to the footways.

19—Telegraph Lines —Read, application of the 6th inst., from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for consent to the placing of overhead telegraph lines along Hatherley Lane and Reddings Road to the Borough Boundary. Resolved, That consent be given, subject to the positions

of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to painted lagging being fixed to such poles, if required.

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20-Old Bath Road—Dangerous Trees—Read, report from Supt. Hopkins as to the alleged dangerous condition of several trees in Old Bath Road. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the owners with a view to the removal of any dangerous trees.

21-View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday, 23rd November, 1921 :-Alderman Bendall (chairman); Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows:—

Dangerous Corners—Promenade—That the kerbing at the corner of Promenade and the road leading therefrom to Clarence Street be set back for a depth of ten feet (at the widest point) and one tree felled.

Gardner's Lane and Swindon Road—Footpath—That the footpath in Gardner's Lane and Swindon Road, adjoining the site of the proposed new Schools, be kerbed and gravelled, subject to half the cost being borne by the Education Committee.

King Edward Statute—That consideration of this matter be adjourned.

Leckhampton Road—Footpath—That the footpath from Croft Street to Halland Road be drained, margins asphalted, new turf verge laid and necessary gulleys fixed at a total estimated cost of £776 4s. 9d.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

22-Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 28th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

Plough Hotel Canopy—Resolved, also, That consent be given to the proposed iron and glass canopy at the Plough Hotel as a street projection, subject to the usual conditions.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman,

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, 28th November, 1921.: Present—Aldermen Bendall and Steel, Councillors Mann and Rogers

1—Chairman—,Resolved, That Alderman Bendall be appointed Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

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

No. of Plan. Name. Description.

1569 Gloucester Cinemas (1920), Ltd. Iron and glass canopy over entrance to Plough Hotel, High Street.

1570 E. W. & W. J. Moore. New office, Bath Road.

1571 C. D. Wilson. New bakehouse, 25, Winchcomb Street.

1572 The Trustees, Cheltenham Bowling Club. New pavilion, Ashburne Bowling Green, Suffolk Square.

1573 J. B. Lutman Temporary motor house at rear of Tivoli Lawn, Tivoli Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1569, 1570, and 1572 be approved ; that 1573 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 ; and that Plan No. 1571 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman,

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 11th November, 1921 : Present—Councillors Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas.

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

2—Concerts Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Pates, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead be appointed the Concerts Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Visitors —Resolved, That the following Members of the Committee be appointed Visitors for the ensuing year, viz. :—

Montpellier Baths—Councillors Sawyer and Thomas.

Montpellier Gardens—Councillors Pruen and Rogers.

Town Hall and Winter Garden—Councillors Pates and Stewart.

Alstone Baths—Councillors Dicks and Stewart.

4—Montpellier Baths—Marble Figure—Damage—The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 22nd ult. the marble figure at the entrance to Montpellier Baths was damaged by persons attending a dance, and submitted report of the 1st inst., from the Superintendent of Police, stating that the persons concerned had offered to defray the cost of repairing the figure. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a claim for £3 in respect of damage and depreciation, and, failing payment of this sum forthwith, that he be instructed to take proceedings for the damage.

5 —Tennis Courts—Re-Turfing—It. was reported that the turf on the Housing Estate was unsuitable for re-turfing tennis courts. Resolved, That a small section of the turf be laid in Montpellier Gardens for inspection by the Committee.

6--Winter Garden-- (a) Cinematograph Operating Box—Read, letter of the 10th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co., Ltd., applying for permission to transfer the cinematograph operating box from the Winter Garden to the Town Hall side of the wall between the two buildings, in a position partly in the Music Room and partly in the room below. Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be convened for Tuesday, 15th inst., to enable them to view the premises.

(b) Advertisement Boards—Read, letter of the 27th ult., from the Manager, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co., Ltd., directing attention to the existence of advertisement boards on the railings of the Winter Garden displaying advertisements other than those announcing performances in the Winter Garden, and asking for their removal.

Read also, letter of the 2nd inst., from Miss A. M. Gooding, asking for the removal of advertisement boards from the railings.

Resolved, That in future no boards be placed on the railings of the Winter Garden except by express instructions of this Committee, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the billposting companies accordingly.

Resolved, also, That the attention of the Winter Garden Co. be drawn to the existence of two advertisement boards on the railings, additional to the two circular boards authorised by their lease, and that the Company be asked to remove same.

7—Advertising—"Daily Telegraph"—Read, letter, of the 7th inst., from Mr. E. J. Burrow, recommending that, in order to secure the publication of a special editorial article as to Cheltenham in the "Daily Telegraph," a small advertisement be inserted in that newspaper at a cost of £27 10s. 0d., to be defrayed out of the amount voted by the Council for the Scheme of Advertising. Resolved, That this be agreed to and that the draft advertisement, submitted, be approved.

8—Town Hall—Salem Sale of Work—Read, letters of the 2nd and 9th inst., from Mr. C. C. Castle, enclosing accounts in respect of additional expenditure incurred by the Salem Sale of Work Committee in advertisements, etc., necessitated by an alteration of the date of the Sale to avoid interfering with the Root, Fruit and Grain Show. Resolved, That the charge for the use of the Town Hall by the Sale of Work Committee be reduced to £10 0s. 0d.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Special Meeting of this Committee held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, 15th November, 1921 :
Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruen, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Thomas and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

9—Winter Garden—Cinematograph Operating Box—The Committee inspected the premises. and it was Resolved, That the application of the Winter Garden Company be granted, subject to the Company undertaking:—

(1) To erect a partition to prevent access to the Town Hall and provide a doorway in the partition, with lock on the Town Hall side.

(2) To remove and refix radiator in the Music Noon) on the end wall.

(3) To pay any additional premium for fire insurance in respect of the Town Hall, due to the installation therein of the operating box.

(4) To pay an annual acknowledgment of 2/6.

(5) To remove the operating box and reinstate the premises, if required by the Corporation, at end of tenancy.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th November, 1921; Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Pruett, Rogers, Stewart and Welstead (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

10—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that there had only been four additional bathers since the extension to 9 p.m. on Saturdays. Resolved, That the Baths be kept open to 9 p.m. on Saturdays for a further period, and that the Borough Surveyor report on the matter again.

11—Winter Garden—(a)—Roof—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had executed necessary repairs to the northern section of the roof at a cost of £45. Further repairs and painting were required to put the roof and exterior of the building in order, which he estimated would cost £395. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to execute any further repairs urgently needed at an estimated cost of £80, and that provision be made in the next estimates for any additional work required to put the building in repair.

(b) Floor under Dome—Winter Tennis—Read, letter of the 23rd inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co., Ltd., applying for permission to remove a section of the maple wood flooring under the dome to provide a space for a Winter Tennis Court. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to the Company undertaking (1) To take up and carefully preserve the flooring, (2) To reinstate the same, if required by the Corporation, at any time, and (3) To make good any damage to the flooring, building, or other property of the Corporation, caused by the removal or reinstatement of the flooring.

(c) Sub-letting to the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company—The Town Clerk submitted draft agreement received from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Company, Ltd.. for sub-letting the south transept to the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company, Ltd. Resolved, That the Agreement as settled by the Town Clerk be approved and the Common Seal affixed thereto.

(d) Advertisement Boards—Resolved, That double-crown hoards be substituted for the existing large boards, and that the latter be used only when it is necessary to display large advertisements.

12-Tennis Courts—Re-turfing—The Visitors of Montpellier Gardens reported that they had inspected the section of turf from the Housing Estate laid in the Gardens, and were of opinion that the same was quite unsuitable for re-turfing tennis courts. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase 400 yards of turf at 8d. per yard, delivered, from Messrs. Mark Williams and Co.

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13—Montpellier Gardens—Concert Pavilion—Season 1922—The Town Clerk submitted draft Particulars and Conditions for letting the Concert Pavilion, Bandstand, etc., for the Summer Season, 1922, Resolved, That the same, as now settled, be approved.

14—Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Painting—Read, letter of the 22nd ult., from the Secretary, Local Branch, National Amalgamated Society of Painters and Decorators, asking that any necessary painting work be put in hand at once, with a view to relieving unemployment amongst painters. Resolved, That application be made to the Unemployment Grants Committee for a grant towards painting work at Montpellier Gardens and the Winter Garden at an estimated cost of £170.

15—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on the 8th, 15th and 22nd inst., were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Town Hall—(a) Long Night Ball—Resolved, That arrangements be made for a Long Night Ball on the 7th-8th, December next, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

(b) Hospitals Ball—Resolved, That the application of Miss M. B. Kelley for the use of the Town Hall in connection with the Hospitals Ball, free of charge or, alternatively, that a larger donation than £10 (as approved by the Council) be made to the funds of the Hospital, be not entertained.

(c) Cinematograph Exhibitions—Resolved, To recommend that when the Town Hall or supplementary rooms are let for a cinematograph exhibition an extra charge of £2 2s. 0d. be made in respect of the Large Hall, and £1 1s. 0d. in respect of the other rooms, and that Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee at their meeting on the 21st ult., be varied accordingly.

(d) Children's The Dansants—Resolved, That arrangements be made for Children's The Dansants to be held on the 22nd and 28th prox. ; that the charge for admission thereto (inclusive of dancing and tea) be 2/6 for children or adults, subject to the usual condition that no two adults be allowed to dance together ; and that 8d. be charged for admission of spectators to the Balcony.

(e) Thé Dansants—The Sub-Committee had considered the charges for admission to Thé Dansants with a view to making them more popular. The Local Manager of the Cadena Café Co., Ltd., had attended and agreed to supply teas on the following scale (instead of at the charge hitherto made, viz., 1/6 per head) :—

If persons attending do not exceed 100.. • • 1/2 per head

“ “ “ exceed 100 but do not exceed 125 • • • • 1/- per head

“ “ “ exceed 125 • • • • • 1/- per head

Resolved, That this scale be accepted, and that the charge for admission to The Dansants (including tea) be reduced forthwith from 3/6 to 2/6, and for tea only from 2/- to 1/6.

Resolved, also, That the Drawing Room be used for The Dansants when the Large Hall is let, provided that such use does not interfere with the purposes for which the Large Hall is let.

16—Town Hall--(a) Spotlight Projector—A quotation was received from the British Thomson Houston Co., Ltd., for supplying two Spotlight Projectors at £3 14s. 2d. each, and it was reported that the same had been tested and approved by the Borough Electrical Engineer. Resolved, That the quotation be accepted and the Borough Surveyor authorised to issue the necessary order.

(b) Mrs. Burge and Mr. Alfred Miles attended the meeting and made application for the use of the Town Hall, free of charge, for an entertainment in aid of the children of the unemployed and aged people Resolved, That the use of the Town Hall be granted on the evening of Monday, 19th prox., from 5.30 p.m., subject to payment in respect of cleaning, lighting and heating.

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17—Orchestra—Resolved, That the Chairman be authorised to certify accounts for payment due to Mr. Leo Dawes each week, and the Borough Accountant instructed to pay the accounts immediately on receipt of the Chairman's certificate.

18—Mineral Waters—Sales—Reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold as follows :—
Central Spa 966; Montpellier Baths 21 ; Pittville Chalet 70 ; Pittville Pump Room 30.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday 18th November, 1921 : Present—The Mayor, Councillors, Bastin, Mann, Captain Trye and Welstead.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 24th November, 1921: Present—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Bastin, Moore, Captain Trye, Welstead and Whitaker. (Councillor Moore in the chair).

2— Public Lighting—(a) Island Lamps—Read, letter of the 30th ult., from the Chamber of Commerce, stating that the Gordon Lamp was considered dangerous to traffic after the public lamps had been extinguished. The Electrical Engineer reported, that as the whole of the public lighting was discontinued after midnight, there were a number of other island lamps which might be considered

at the same time. He submitted plans and detailed estimates for (a) changing the lamps from the public to the private supply and (b) removing the lamps from the carriageways to the footways. Resolved, That the following lamps be connected to the private supply, at an estimated cost of £118, and controlled by automatic time switches: Gas Works Lamp, Gloucester Road ; All Saints' Lamp, Hewlett Street; Clarence Lamp; Midland Lamp, outside Midland Railway Station ; Leamington Place Lamp, corner of Pittville Circus; Gordon Lamp; and Montpellier Lamp, behind King Edward Statue.

(ii.) That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to confer with the Borough Surveyor with a view to posts and kerbing being fixed round each of the lamps in the following positions, viz: (a) top of Montpellier Street, at junction with Parabola Road; (b) top of Bayshill Road, at junction with Parabola Road ; and (c) Ashford Road, at junction with Great Norwood Street.

(iii.) That no change be made in regard to Tivoli Lamp, Andover Road.

(iv.) That consideration of alterations to Lansdown Lamp be adjourned to enable the members of the Committee to view the same.

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(b) Chelt Bridge, Arle—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted Memorial signed by residents in Arle, asking for a lamp to be fixed near the Chelt Bridge, Arle Road, and reported that the position in which a lamp ought to be placed to be of any service, was outside the Borough. Resolved, That no action be taken.

(c) Gordon Terrace, back of Fairview Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that, in the re-arrangement of the lighting of this district, no lamp had been placed in Gordon Terrace. He had received a request for a lamp, and recommended that a bracket lamp be fixed at an estimated cost of £31 10s. Resolved, That the recommendation he adopted.

(d) Green's Place—With reference to Councillor Regan's request at the last Council Meeting that a lamp be placed in Green's Place, the Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the only main in the vicinity was a high pressure main, and that the cost of extending this main and fixing a special transformer, would be considerable. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

(e) St. Mark's Emporium, Gloucester Road—Read, Memorial signed by shopkeepers at Nos. 1 to 5 St. Mark's Emporium, Gloucester Road, asking that a lamp be placed outside their premises. Resolved, That the same be handed to the Borough Electrical Engineer for consideration and report.

(f) Wilful Damage—Read, report of the 3rd inst., from Superintendent Hopkins as to wilful damage to a lamp in Hall Road, by William Clift, aged 12, and the Town Clerk reported, that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee, he had requested Superintendent Hopkins to take proceedings for wilful damage.

3—Gas Regulations Act, 1920 (a) Gas Examiner—Read, letters of the 12th and 26th ult., from the Clerks of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, and County Council, agreeing to the appointment, by their respective Authorities and the Corporation jointly, of Mr. George Embrey as Gas Examiner, Read, Resolution of the Cheltenham Rural District Council of the 3rd inst., disapproving of the appointment of a Gas Examiner, together with a letter of the 22nd inst., from

the Clerk of the County Council asking if, in the circumstances, the Corporation would be satisfied to appoint a Gas Examiner jointly with the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, and for the whole cost to be borne proportionately by these two Authorities. The Town Clerk submitted draft reply, stating that the examination of gas was of equal importance to consumers generally, and that there appeared to be no reason why the parishes in the Rural District should not pay their proper proportion of expenses for which they were legally liable. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

(b) Tests—Read, Letter of the 29th ult., from the Gas Referees, conveying their view as to what would be reasonable notice of tests to be given to the Gas Company by the Gas Examiner. Resolved, That Mr. Embrey be informed accordingly.

4—Electricity Works—Purchase of Land—Loan £650-- The Town Clerk reported receipt of sanction from the Electricity Commissioners to a loan of £650 for the purchase of land, erection of fence, etc., at the electricity works, repayable as to £502 in 60 years, and as to £148 in 10 years.

5—Additions to Plant —Switchgear—Loan-£456—The Town Clerk reported receipt of sanction from the Electricity Commissioners to a loan of £456 for switchgear, repayable in 20 years.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 17th November, 1921 : Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Pates and Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor (Alderman Margrett) be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 14th November, 1921.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	67,000 gallons	99,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	187,000	281,000
Leckhampton Springs	18,000	33,000
Total	272,000	413,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents 14th November, 1921	Depth	Contents 14th November, 1920.
Hewletts		12,198,000 gallons		10,196,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	6ft. 0in.	5,900,000	13ft. 0in.	21,250,000

Leckhampton	2ft. 4in.	304,000 "	8ft. 6in.	1,147,000 "
Total Storage		18,402,000		32,593,000

Pumping had been continued during the month at Tewkesbury and Sandford.

3—Inspections—The Borough Engineer reported that the work carried out by the Water Inspectors during the month of October had been as follows :—

	During October.	Total for past 7 months.
No. of house-to-house inspections	531	4,948
" taps found leaking ..	71	1,064
" defective flushing boxes	47	369
" defective stop taps ..	15	87
" draw taps repaired (in ordinary course) 61 (special repairs during drought) <u>128</u>	189	1,433
" " notices served re fittings	109	968
" " meters changed .	15	140
" " houses connected .	74	307

4—Extension of Main—Cirencester Road—The Borough Engineer reported that 165 yards of 3 inch main had been laid in Brookway Road, to afford a supply to bungalows in Cirencester Road, the Charlton Kings Urban District Council having given the statutory guarantee for payment of interest on outlay, etc. Resolved, That this be approved.

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

T. E. WHITAKER,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd November, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steely Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer and Yarnold.

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

2-Diseases of Animals Acts—Resolved, That Supt. R. H. Hopkins be appointed Inspector for the Borough under these Acts and the Orders made thereunder, in place of Supt. Griffin, at a salary of £20 per annum.

3—Hackney Carriage and Street Inspector and Inspector of Places of Entertainment—Resolved, That Supt. Hopkins be appointed Hackney Carriage and Street Inspector and Inspector of Places of Entertainment.

4—Diseases amongst Animals, Superintendent Hopkins reported that there were two cases of contagious diseases amongst animals in the Borough, viz. :—a case of Swine Fever at North Ward Allotments, and a case of Parasitic Mange at Stables in Sun Street, in the occupation of H. Packer & Co., Ltd.

5—Fire Brigade Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Stewart be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Fire Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire, viz. :— on the 26th October at Swindon Manor—Damage about £50, Brigade Expenses £5 1s. 6d. ; on the 22nd inst. at Builder's Yard and Store in Swindon Road, occupied by Messrs. Mark Williams & Co.—Damage slight, Brigade Expenses £4 4s. 0d.

6--Factories and Workshops Act, 1901—Escape from Fire—Read, letter of the 26th ult., from H.M. District Inspector of Factories, as to the regular inspection of factories and workshops with reference to means of escape in case of fire. Resolved, That the Inspector of Nuisances be asked to have the means of escape from fire inspected when the half-yearly inspections of factories and workshops are made, to report to this Committee all cases where means of escape appear to be insufficient, and to report cases in which a Certificate is required under Section 14 (1) of the Factories and Workshops Act, 1901.

7—Speed Limit and Motor Traffic Control—The Town Clerk reported that he had ascertained that the question of speed limits for mechanically propelled vehicles was under the consideration of a Departmental Committee of the Ministry of Transport with a view to legislation, and that, unless circumstances were exceptional, the Department were not prepared to entertain any application for a speed limit until the Minister had had an opportunity of reconsidering the question as a whole. The Chief Constable attended and submitted suggestions for the better regulation and control of motor traffic. Resolved, That the Chief Constable's suggestions be forwarded for the consideration of the Departmental Committee. Resolved, also, That he be asked to recommend points at which he considered warning notices to drive slowly, etc., should be erected.

8—Women Police—Read, letter of the 17th inst., from the Clerk of the Standing Joint Committee, notifying the approval of the Home Secretary to the appointment of Women Police, and stating that the Secretary of State had intimated that if they were engaged solely on duties covered by the grant in aid of Police Expenditure, the remaining half of the cost of the Women Police would be met from the Exchequer.

9—Hackney Carriage Licences —Motor Cab—Read, application of the 15th inst., from G. W. Bridges, for a licence in respect of motor cab No. XC 5186. Resolved, That a licence be granted subject to a steel studded cover being fitted to one of the back wheels.

Horse Cab—Transfer—Read, application of the 17th inst., from J. E. Greenslade, for the licence held by him in respect of pony carriage No. 2 to be transferred to F. Hall. Resolved, That the application be granted.

Driver's Licence—Resolved, That a driver's licence be granted to F. Hall.

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10—Cinematograph Act, 1909—(a) Winter Garden—Licence—Read, application of the 7th inst., from the Secretary, Cheltenham Winter Garden Co., Ltd., for a cinematograph licence in respect of the Winter Garden. Resolved, That a licence be granted such licence to expire on the 6th February, 1922.

(b) Suffolk Parade—Cinematograph Hall—Read, letter of the 26th ult., from Messrs. Haddock & Pruen, applying, on behalf of Mr. F. Sims, for an extension of the time stipulated by the Committee at their meeting on the 27th April last (Minute No. 28) within which the erection of this building should be commenced. Resolved, That the time be extended from six to twelve months.

11—Representation of the People Acts, 1918 to 1921—College and Park County Electoral Divisions—Alteration of Boundary Read, letter of the 10th inst., from the Home Office, with reference to the representation of the County Council in favour of increasing the number of County Electoral Divisions within the Borough, and stating that the boundary between the proposed College and Park Electoral Divisions, which in certain cases followed the backs of houses, was unsatisfactory, and that the usual practice was to adopt the centre of a road as a boundary wherever practicable. The Town Clerk recommended that the boundary between these Electoral Divisions should follow a line drawn from Leckhampton Road along the centre of Langdon Road, thence northwards along the centre of Fairfield Walk, thence eastward along the centre of Naunton Crescent, thence northwards along the centre of Naunton Lane and along the centre of Naunton Park Road to the Borough Boundary. He reported that this alteration would effect a more equal distribution between the two Electoral Divisions. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted, and that the boundaries of the proposed Electoral Divisions be amended accordingly.

Polling Districts J and K— Resolved, That if the proposed amended boundary for the two Electoral Divisions, as set out in the preceding paragraph, be approved by the Home Office, the boundary of the existing Polling Districts "J" and "K" be altered to correspond therewith for Municipal and Parliamentary Elections, that such alteration of the boundary take effect from the date on which the Spring Register, 1922, is published, viz., 15th April, and that Notice of the alteration be given in accordance with the provisions of Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1918.

12-Local Employment Committee—Read, letter of the 19th inst, from the Ministry of Labour, inviting the Corporation to nominate a Representative to serve on the Local Employment Committee. Resolved, That Councillor Sawyer be nominated.

13—Local Pension Committee—North, Central and East Wards Sub-Committee--Read, letter of the 8th inst., from Mr. A. Butler, resigning his membership of this Sub-Committee. Resolved, That Mr. Butler be asked to reconsider his decision.

14—Committee Fixtures, 1922-- Resolved, That meetings of the Council for 1922 be fixed as last year, except that the monthly meeting of the Housing Committee be held on the second Tuesday after the Council Meeting at 3.30 p.m., that meetings of the Street and Highway Committee be held on the second Wednesday and second Monday after the Council Meeting at 3 p.m., and that any

necessary alteration of dates be made for meetings which would otherwise fall on or near a Bank Holiday.

15—Market—Read, letter of the 18th inst., from Mr. C. C. Castle, complaining of the occupation of spaces, usually allotted to him, by various salesmen, and of inconvenience caused by producers and others leaving carts and wagons in the market. Resolved, That the Supt. be instructed to take such steps as are possible to remedy the causes of complaint, and to report thereon to the next meeting of the Committee.

16-Post-Mortem Examinations—Read, letter of the 29th ult., from the Chairman, Cheltenham General Hospital, stating that the Board of Management had agreed to the use of the Hospital Mortuary and Post-Mortem Room by the Corporation for town cases at a fee of 25/- per case, inclusive of the use of light and water. Resolved, That arrangements be made for future post-mortem examinations to be made at the Hospital on these terms.

17—Soup Kitchen The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate for general repairs at the Soup Kitchen and adjunct, amounting to £43. Resolved, That the estimate be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work by direct unemployed labour as soon as the adjoining derelict property has been demolished in accordance with instructions issued by the Public Health Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 16th November, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Edith Geddes, Captain Trye and Yarnold ; and Mr. F. B. de Sausmarez.

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

2-Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 2,097 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since October 11th. (Corresponding period last year 3,391).

The Sale of Post Cards during this period realised 12s. 2d., and Photogravure of 1/5th Gloucesters at Hebuterne £1 1s.

The following loans had been received:—

Capt. R. P. Wild, F.G.S., 2 teeth of rhinoceros tichorhinus found 10ft. below surface (in conjunction with mammoth's teeth) by Mrs. Clifford, Road Pit, Barnwood.

3 —Children's Art Exhibition--Read, letter of the 31st ult., from the Secretary, Children's Art Exhibition Fund, acknowledging receipt of £47 9s., being the proceeds of this Exhibition, less expenses, and stating that Cheltenham had done extremely well, having regard to present circumstances.

4—Art Exhibition —It was reported that the Annual Exhibition of the Cheltenham Group of Artists opened on the 14th inst., when there was an attendance of nearly 300.

5—Jacomb-Hood Exhibition—Read, letter of the 13th inst., from Mrs. H. K. Jacomb-Hood, asking if it would be possible for her late husband's works to be exhibited at the Art Gallery in the early Spring or the Autumn of 1922, and upon what terms. Resolved, That the use of the Art Gallery be granted for the Exhibition, subject to Mrs. Jacomb-Hood under-taking to pay all expenses connected therewith.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 14th November, 1921: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Sawyer, Welstead and Yarnold

1—Chairman----Resolved, That Councillor Sawyer be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

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

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground; Agg-Gardner, Alma Road, Folly Lane, Gapper's Field and Wasley's Field Allotments—Councillors Regan and Yarnold.

Barrett's Mill Recreation Ground; College Road Tip, Orrisdale Terrace, Sandford Mead and Turner's Field Allotments—Councillors Pruen and Welstead.

Naunton Park Recreation Ground; Asquith Road, Hall Road, and Naunton Park Allotments—Aldermen Bendall and Steel.

Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground; Albert Road, Hale's Road, and Whaddon Lane Allotments—Councillors Sawyer and Stanley.

3--Pittville Estate—Tennis Courts—Re-turfing—It was reported that the turf on the Housing Estate was unsuitable for re-turfing tennis courts. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned pending receipt of report of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee on similar turf laid for experimental purposes at Montpellier Gardens.

Pump Room—Marble Figure-----The Borough Surveyor reported that a marble figure had become cracked owing to vibration during dancing, and submitted tender from Messrs. R. L. Boulton & Sons for repairing same, amounting to Resolved, That the tender be accepted and the work put in hand.

4—War Memorial—The Borough Surveyor submitted plan for providing two openings in the balustrading behind the War Memorial, to correspond with the openings in front of the Memorial, instead of the existing opening. He also submitted proposals for planting shrubs in the circular

recesses and at the back and front of the Memorial. Resolved, That the plan and proposals as to shrubs be approved, and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare an estimate of cost for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

Resolved, also, That, when the alterations are completed, the Street and Highway Committee be asked to undertake the maintenance of the footpaths and enclosure.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th November, 1921: Present—The Mayor ; Alderman Steel; Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stewart and Yarnold.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th November, 1921: Present--The Mayor, Aldermen Steel, Councillors Mann, Rogers, Stewart and Yarnold (Councillor Yarnold in the chair).

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6479 to 6490 (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.: Tomb and Kerbing to the grave of Arthur P. Fry ; Memorial Cross and Kerbing to the grave of Elizabeth M. Laughlin ; Memorial Cross to the grave of Henry N. Curtis ; Headstone to the grave of Mary A. Cook ; Kerbing to the graves of Julia Foster and Barbara Mayo.

4—Deceased Soldiers, etc.—Care of Graves—The Town Clerk reported that on behalf of the Corporation he had executed an Agreement with the Imperial War Graves Commission, undertaking to maintain 78 War Graves in the Cemetery clear of all weeds, stones, loose soil and rubbish, to keep turf mown, and to fill up, level and re-turf holes and bare places, in consideration of payment by the Commission at rate of 5/- per annum for each grave. Resolved, That the Superintendent be instructed to arrange for the maintenance of the graves in accordance with the Agreement.

HENRY T. YARNOLD,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 15th November, 1921: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel, Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Pates and Captain Trye ; Messrs. J. R. Claridge and E. Gridley.

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

2—Appointment of Sub-Committee —Resolved, That Aldermen Green and Steel, Councillors Mann and Regan ; Rev. Canon P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. R. Davies; Messrs. W. R. Carles, C.M.G., J. R. Claridge and E. C. Rogers, be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £10 11s. 11d. Presentations: The late J. T. Presley, Esq. (11 vols.), W. St. Clair Baddeley, Esq. (18 pamphlets), Miss Saunders (1 vol.), and the Directors of the British Museum (1 vol.).

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of October was 3,566, the number issued from the Lending Library 12,109, and the Children's Library 1,949.

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4—Shorthand Typist—The Librarian reported that Miss Winifred Constable had been appointed Shorthand-Typist at wages of 25/- per week in place of Miss A. E. Wright, resigned.

5—Rubber Mats—The Librarian submitted quotations for the supply of three rubber mats. Resolved, That the Librarian be instructed to order one " Magnet" rubber mat of the required size, and that the purchase of further mats be deferred pending its receipt and examination.

6 —Books—Replacements—Resolved, That the worn out standard books as per list submitted, be replaced at a cost not exceeding £20.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 18th November, 1921: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Steel, Councillors Pruen and Welstead.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 29th November, 1921 : Present—Aldermen Steel and Taylor, Councillors Dicks Moore, Pruen, Welstead and Whitaker (Alderman Steel in the chair).

2—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, of 29th inst., on the collection of the Second Instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £5,514 11s. 4d. Leaving outstanding, £33,374 6s. 9d.

3—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, of 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending 23th March next. Amount collected £2,330 12s. 10d. Leaving outstanding, £14,242 13s. 2d.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £1,140 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

5—Reciprocal Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged with various Local Authorities for mutual withdrawal of Reciprocal Loans, whereby the total amounts receivable and payable by the Corporation (with interest in each case to date of withdrawal) would be : Receivable £147,122 2s. 7d. Payable £137,038 17 9d. Resolved, That this be approved.

6—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock--The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased Corporation Stock as follows:—£50 at 53 1/2 per cent. ; £1,000 at 53 5/8 per cent. ; £2,500 at 53 7/8 per cent. ; and £100 at 53 per cent. Total Stock purchased £3650 for £1972 18s. 6d. Resolved, That the sum of £3650 Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council, and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham, be extinguished, and that the National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Limited, the Registrars of the said Stock, be and they are hereby authorised and requested to cancel and extinguish the same in the books kept by them relating to the said Stock, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a duplicate of this Order, and that such duplicate be forwarded to the said Registrars

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7 —Bank Rate--Read 4 the 4th inst., from the Manager, Lloyd's Bank, Ltd., that interest on Deposit Account had been reduced from 3 1/2 to 3 per cent. as from the 3rd inst.

8—Housing Loan—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for a Recommendation to the Public Works Loan Board to grant a loan, under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts in respect of the Housing Scheme, for £30,000, or such less sum as the Corporation may be entitled to on account of the local sales of National Savings Certificates, and that authority be given for the Common Seal to be affixed to a mortgage for securing the loan and interest.

9—Elmstone Hardwicke Tithe Read, letters from Messrs. Bubb & Co., pointing out that the application of the Corporation to redeem the tithe payable to the Impropiators by an amount spread over 50 years would create serious hardship and difficulty to their clients owing to the numerous interests in the tithe payable, and they were prepared to recommend the parties to accept a cash payment of 15 years' purchase on the gross commuted yearly value. The Town Clerk pointed out that this would amount to £445 12s. 6d., as against about £545, the approximate sum at which the tithes would be valued for the purpose of the redemption annuity. Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained.

10—Prestbury Tithe—Read, letter from the Ministry of Agriculture pointing out that the tithe on Nos. 350, 362, and 363 (Marle Hill Annexe), and 483 (Cemetery), had not been legally apportioned, and an application for redemption could not be entertained until this was done, and suggesting that an application for apportionment should be made. Resolved, That no further steps be taken in the matter.

Next Meeting--Resolved, That the next Monthly Meeting of this Committee be held on Friday, 23rd December, at 3 p.m.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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