

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday the 1st December, 1919, at 3 p.m. Present: The Mayor (Alderman David John Bendall) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel).

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

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

1—Election of Councillor—The Town Clerk reported the election of Albert Edward Stanley on the 28th instant, as a Councillor for the Central Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Councillor Taylor to be an Alderman, and laid before the Council his declaration of acceptance of Office.

2—Vacancies on Committees—Resolved, That the following Members be appointed to fill vacancies on Committees :—

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee—Councillor Stanley in place of Alderman Taylor.

Public Library Committee—Councillor Stanley in place of Councillor Thomas.

Electricity and Lighting Committee—Councillor Thomas in place of Alderman Green.

Burial Board Committee—Councillor Stanley in place of Councillor Geddes,

3—Minutes of Last Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 10th 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.

4—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 17th November last, be approved and confirmed.

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Resolved, also That it appearing to the Council that 13, Grosvenor Street is in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order be now made pursuant to Sect. 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said house, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that notice of the said Order be given to the Owner.

5—Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Resolved, That the Report of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee be approved and confirmed.

6—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 24th November last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Housing Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Housing Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 27th November last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th, 14th, and 20th November last be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment viz.: —

That the use of the Pittville Pump Room for Badminton on two days a week during the winter season be granted at a charge of £20, plus lighting, for the season to the end of April, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 9 be not approved.

9--Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 20th November last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th November last, be approved and confirmed.

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

12—General Purposes and Watch, and Finance (joint) Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes. and Watch, and Finance (joint) Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th November last, be approved and confirmed

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13—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 25th November last, be approved and confirmed.

14—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 19th November last, be approved and confirmed.

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

16—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings of the 14th and 25th November last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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 January, 1920.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th December, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Moore, Rogers, 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.: -34, Hanover Street; 9, Windsor Street; Cleeve Villa, All Saints' Road; 8, Royal Well Terrace; 25, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Lansdown Crescent; and 18, Grosvenor Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation

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2—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 34, Albert Street, St. Peter's; 7 and 9 Windsor Street; 1, Brat's Cottages, Lower Park Street; 94 and 95, Tewkesbury Road; 34, Cleveland Street; and 8 and 9, Larput Place. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3. - Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 6, Nailsworth Terrace; 161 and 152, 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.

4--Insanitary Property-34, Albert Street, St. Peter's; 7 and 9, Windsor Street; 6, 7, 8, 9 and 47, Stanhope Street; 1, Butt's Cottages, Lower Park Street; 94 and 95, Tewkesbury Road; 34, Cleveland Street; and 8 and 9, Larput 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—Notices not Complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances arising from dirty walls and ceilings, leaky roofs, defective ash receptacles, etc., which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

6-Royal Sanitary Institute- -Read a letter from the Secretary, Royal Sanitary Institute, inviting delegates to attend a Conference in Birmingham from the 19th to 24th July, 1920. Resolved. That the Medical Officer of Health and Inspector of Nuisances be appointed delegates to attend the Conference.

7—Measles—Read a circular letter from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of an Order made by them rescinding the Public Health (*Measles and German Measles) Regulations, 1915, which Order would come into force on the 31st December next and asking that public notice of the Order should be given. The withdrawal of the Order of 1915 would not preclude any Local Authority who desired to do so from continuing to require notification, and the Ministry were willing to consider an application for an Order for continuing compulsory notification of cases arising in their district provided that the Local Authority

applying possessed a satisfactory organization for dealing with cases of measles. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry for an Order continuing the compulsory notification of measles and German measles.

8—Pig and Poultry Keeping—Read a circular letter from the Board of Agriculture that they were of opinion that the necessity for encouraging the keeping of pigs and poultry was still very great and would continue to be so for some years, and asking that Local Authorities should continue to refrain from enforcing byelaws with respect to Pig Keeping provided that the interests of public health were not seriously jeopardised. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to continue to act accordingly.

9—Foot and Mouth Disease—Read a circular letter from the Ministry of Health asking Local Authorities to instruct their Medical Officers and Inspectors of Nuisances to exercise the strictest vigilance in the supervision of abattoirs and slaughter-houses and places where meat is deposited, prepared. or exposed for sale, and imported meats. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Inspector of Nuisances.

10—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Whitaker and Yarnold.

Farms Massager's Report—Read the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 8th inst. were 9 horses (2 at Depot), 4 colts, 109 head of cattle, 7 calves, 115 sheep, 30 lambs and 29 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 26 head of cattle had been purchased for £689 0s. 0d. 2 calves had been bred on the Farms. 23 head of cattle, 2 calves and 6 sheep had been sold for £731 18s. 2d.

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

E. C. ROGERS,

Chairman

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 15th December, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Moore, and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Women's Advisory Committee—Read, a circular letter from the Ministry of Health making suggestions for obtaining the views of women in connection with Housing Schemes. Resolved, That a Women's Advisory Committee be appointed to consider and make any suggestions with regard to the Housing Scheme, and that the Women's Co-operative Guild, the National Council of Women, Women's Citizen Association, the British Women's Temperance Association and the District Nursing Association be asked to nominate one member each.

2—Army Huts—Read, a letter from the Housing Commissioner returning the lay-out plans for the Army Huts suggesting certain modifications in the drainage system. Resolved, That the plans be referred to the architects for amendment.

3—Houses—Read, a letter from the Housing Commissioner approving the plans submitted for the 10 houses subject to any modifications required by the Ministry before tenders were issued, and urging, owing to the shortage of stacking space in brickyards throughout the country, the Council to place orders at once for bricks required for the Scheme. It was pointed out that in approving the plans no opinion was expressed as regards the rent proposed to be charged and that this matter would be considered by the Ministry at a later date.

4—Factory Site—Read, a letter from the Ministry of Health consenting to the sale of 9 acres of land to Smiths Systems, Ltd., for the erection of a factory.

5 —Franking Scheme—Read, a letter from the Housing Commissioner stating that he was prepared to "frank" the Council up to 40 houses for the Cheltenham Scheme of the types approved as shown on Plans No. C, C1 and C2 for north-east aspect.

6—Lay-out—The Borough Surveyor submitted a revised estimate of the cost of the lay-out amounting to, £40,482 17s. 2d. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their sanction to a loan for this amount.

7—Wasley's Land—Mr. Villar submitted a claim from Mr. Wasley for compensation for giving up land required for Housing Scheme amounting to £36 10s. 4d. Resolved, That this be paid

8 — Exchange with Col. Churchill—Read, a letter from the District Valuer with revised valuation of the lands to be exchanged. The land of the Corporation was now valued at £140 and the land of Col. Churchill at £280. Resolved, That the Ministry of Health be informed of the revised valuation.

9--Conference with Builders—The Chairman reported Conference between Members of the Committee and the Members of the Master Builders' Association, held on the 10th inst., at which the Housing Commissioner presided and explained the proposals of the Ministry for expediting the erection of houses. Mr. Billings on behalf of the Builders' Association intimated that the Members of his Association were prepared to undertake the erection of the houses at the rate of at least 150 a year provided a satisfactory agreement was arranged as to price per house. It was arranged to send 16 copies of the Bills of Quantities to the Association and to have a Meeting of the Architects and Quantity Surveyors on the 31st inst. to consider the priced quantities, and to have a further Conference on the 7th January next with a view to agreeing on the price to be paid.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th December, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Wilkins and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 21st November to the 18th December, 1919, both dates inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 18th December, 1919, 875 loads collected, 793 consumed, and 82 tipped. Weight consumed, 1243 tons 19 ½ cwts.

Destructor Foreman—Resolved, That the wages of the foreman be increased by 10/- per week as from the 1st January, 1920.

2—Swindon Road—Surface Water Drain—The Borough Surveyor reported that a surface water drain at the North end of Swindon Road, near the railway bridge, was defective, causing the road to be flooded during heavy rains, and he recommended that a new 6 inch drain should be laid, at a cost of about £120. Resolved, That the work be carried out next Autumn.

3-406a High Street—Read, a letter from Messrs. Gough and Edwards stating that they proposed to put a new shop-front to No. 406a High Street, and asking to be allowed to bring forward the frontage. Resolved, That the applicants be asked to submit a plan showing the proposed frontage line.

4—Motor Traffic—Read a letter from the Town Clerk of Morecambe, forwarding copy of a Resolution passed by his Council with reference to a contribution being made to highway authorities in respect of damage done to roads by motor traffic, and asking this Council to support the Resolution.

Resolved, That this Council, having regard to the great and increasing cost of maintenance and repairs of roads, and keeping the same in a fit state owing to the damage caused to them by the use of the roads by private motor omnibus proprietors, urgently recommend that legislation should at once be introduced by the Government to provide for the payment of a fair mileage rate by such owners to the Highway Authority, and desire to emphasize the extreme urgency of such legislation being carried into effect as early as possible, and that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, The Secretary of the Roads Board, and the Borough Member

5—Montpellier Walk Kiosk—The Town Clerk reported that the District Manager of the Post Office Telephones had received notice to remove the Kiosk in Montpellier walk, and a letter was read asking the Corporation to suggest another site. Resolved, That permission be granted for the kiosk to be placed in Spa Road, near the entrance-gates to the Montpellier Gardens, subject to the exact position being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to the kiosk being kept in proper repair.

6—Workmen--Read, a letter from the District Organizer of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers asking for a further increase in the wages of male and female workers of riot less than 5/- per week to those of 18 years and upwards, and of 2/6 per week to those below that age.

A letter was also received from the Society asking that the wages of the stokers at the Destructor should be made the same as the stokers at the Electric Light Works. Resolved, 'That consideration of the applications be adjourned.

7---Footpath along Chelt—The Town Clerk reported that he had received from the Executors of the late Miss A. O. Henry a legacy of £50 bequeathed for securing the river Chelt in Sandford Fields as a public walk forever. Resolved, That the money be applied for maintenance of this footpath.

8—Manure Pit, Regent Street—Read a letter from Messrs. H. E. Steel, Ltd., giving notice to terminate on the 25th March next the tenancy of the manure pit used in connection with the street collection. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain other premises.

9—Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 29th instant.

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, the 29th December, 1919: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Rogers, Wilkins 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.
1448	Mr. J. Halliwell	Alterations and additions to "Eamont," Bay-shill Road
1449	Mr. L. W. Barnard	Proposed War Memorial, corner of Hall Road and Church Road.
1450	Mr. E. Simmonds	Temporary Motor House, adjoining Sudeley Villa, Gloucester Road.
1451	Dr. J. F. Johns	Additions to "Netherleigh," Lansdown Place.
1452	Mr. J. G. Reynolds	Additions to rear of Saxby Lodge, Gloucester Road.
1453	Mr. Selim J. Smith	Setting back front wall of cottage in St. James' Street.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1451 and 1453 be approved, that Plans No. 1448 and 1452 be approved, subject to the drainage and other sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, that plan No. 1449 be approved, subject to the new boundary line being arranged with the Borough Surveyor, and that plan No. 1450 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 12th December, 1919: Present—Councillors Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Promenade Band Stand—Read a letter from the Hennibique Ferro-Concrete Co. stating that a Ferro-concrete band stand could be erected for about £600, and offering to submit a design.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to obtain a design at a cost not exceeding five guineas.

2-Alstone Baths—Badminton—An application was received from the Rev. S. Jackson for the use of the Alstone Baths for badminton from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas school holidays.

Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the payment of 5/- for each morning.

3—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Concert Sub-Committee reported that they had held four Meetings, on the 18th and 25th November, and 2nd and 9th December.

Dance Tea—Resolved, That the sum of £20 be allowed for expenditure for the Special Dance Tea to be held on the 27th December.

Evening Dance—Resolved, That the Municipal Dance Committee be authorised to spend the sum of £21 on the Special Dance to be held on the 31st December.

Frames—Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Higgs to supply 24 frames in oak for containing the two quarto-sized Notices (Baths and Spa and Concerts, &c.) at 10/6 each be accepted.

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

4-Mineral Waters—Sales—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the month was 745 and at Pittville 51.

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5-Montpellier Gardens—Read a letter from Messrs. Charles Heslop & Co. offering to provide concert parties during the summer season, the Corporation to take 40 per cent. of the receipts, and to provide the attendants, etc.

A letter was also received from Mr. Newton stating that he was willing to provide concert parties in the Montpellier Gardens during the summer season and submitting the following alternative offers: —

1. The Corporation to take to per cent. of the gross receipts each week after the first £50; or
2. The Corporation to take 5 per cent. of the gross receipts each week (Programme and refreshment sales, also war taxes not to be included in the receipts) ; or
3. Mr. Newton to pay to the Corporation £5 weekly during the season.
4. Mr. Newton to be responsible for the entire management of the concerts, including the payment of staff, advertisements, billposting, printing, and other local expenses.
5. Mr. Newton to have an option for a further period of five years, such option to be exercised before the 1st December, 1920.

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

6—Medical Baths and Waters—Resolved, That 1,000 Dietary Cards for the use of the Doctors be printed and also 1,000 Tariff Charges for the Baths for distribution.

7—Turkish Baths—Doctors Forster, Johns, Hebblethwaite and Howell attended the Meeting and submitted sketch plans for the erection of Turkish Baths at the corner of Bath and Oriel Roads.

Resolved, That consideration of the plans be adjourned.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th December, 1919: Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

8—Promenade Band Stand—Resolved, That tenders be invited for the erection of a band stand in the space opposite the Municipal Offices.

9—Spa Manager—Resolved, That an advertisement be inserted in the local papers inviting applications for the post of Spa Manager, and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to appoint a suitable applicant at a salary not exceeding £200 per annum.

Resolved, also, That the Schedule of duties now submitted by the Borough Surveyor be approved and that a copy be sent to applicants.

10—Central Spa—Morning Concerts—On the recommendation of the Spa Medical Committee—Resolved, That no charge be made for admission to the Morning Concerts, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee's proceedings on the 19th September last be varied accordingly.

11—Summer Concerts—Mr. Newton attended the Meeting, Resolved, That the following terms be accepted, subject to an Agreement being entered into, to be prepared by the Town Clerk: -

1. Mr. Newton to have the use of the proscenium and auditorium for concerts during the ensuing summer season, and to pay the Corporation 45 per week.

2. Mr. Newton to pay all expenses in connection with the concerts.

3. That no charge be made to persons attending the concerts for admission to the gardens.

4. Mr. Newton to undertake to collect during the season the admission money to the Gardens only and to pay the same to the Corporation.

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5. That an option be given to Mr. Newton to continue the concerts for a period of five years, subject to the proviso that the Corporation shall be at liberty to terminate the option in the event of their deciding to take over the management of the concerts themselves, provided that notice is given to Mr. Newton of their intention to do so before the 31st December in any year.

6. The Corporation to have the option each season of taking a rent of £5 per week or 5 per cent. of the gross takings on giving notice of their intention at the commencement of each season.

12—British Medical Association—Annual Exhibition—The Spa Medical Committee recommended that the Corporation should take a space at the Annual Exhibition to be held at Cambridge from the 29th June to the 2nd July, 1920, for the exhibition of Cheltenham waters, pamphlets, etc. The charge would be about £14, and members of the Spa Medical Committee would attend the Exhibition.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Spa Medical Committee be approved and adopted.

13—Illuminated Signs—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit designs for an illuminated sign to be placed outside the Medical Baths and the Central Spa.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 11th December, 1919: Present— Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Jamieson, Moore, Thomas and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Interruptions of Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer made a report on recent interruptions in the private supply. In order to enable the demand to be more accurately gauged he recommended that Ammeters be provided at the Sub-Stations, at an estimated cost of £200, for measuring the current, and that various short lengths of cable should be laid to connect the distributing mains and to improve the pressure. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved.

2 —Public Lighting—Gas— Read a letter from the General Manager of the Gas Company with reference to the complaints as to non-lighted lamps, and stating that it had been due to difficulty in bringing lamps into use after being so long unlighted, but the unlighted lamps were being brought into use as rapidly as possible.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th December, 1919: Present—Councillors Betteridge, Jamieson, Mann, Moore and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

3—Damage to Lamp Pillar, Gloucester Road—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that an Electric Light Pillar outside the entrance to the Midland Station had been knocked down by a County Council Foden Steam Wagon, Resolved, That a claim be trade in respect of the damage.

4—Direction Notice—Read, a letter from Mr. Hylton Jessop on behalf of the Churchwardens of St. Stephen's Church for permission to place a direction notice to St. Stephen's Church on the electric light standard facing Hatherley Road and Lansdown Road. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the sign being fixed to the satisfaction of the Borough Electrical Engineer.

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5—Stores, St. George's Place—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had arranged with Mr. Freeman for the use of additional land adjoining the premises used as Stores in St. George's Place at an annual rent of £5 including rates. Resolved, That this be approved.

6—Gas Lighting—Read, the report of Mr. George Embrey, Public Analyst, of his test taken on the 12th inst., of the Gas for calorific power which shewed 433.24 British Thermal Units, being 66.76 below the minimum allowed. Resolved, That the attention of the Gas Co., be called to the matter, and also of the Board of Trade.

7—Booster—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Automatic Booster at the Works, used in connection with the traction supply had broken down. The repairs had been carried out, and with the consent of the Chairman, a spare Armature had been ordered at a cost of £122 5s. 0d. Resolved, That this be approved.

8—Destructor—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Street and Highway Committee had decided to install two additional cells at a cost of about £900 and had requested this Committee to pay the annual charges on the loan. When the additions were completed the output of steam would be improved, and he recommended that an additional annual payment of £40 should be made. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

9—Public Lighting—Extensions—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the extension of the public lighting cable was commenced on the 1st inst and that good progress had been made in the Tivoli District

10—National Power Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported a conference at Bristol to consider a proposal for utilizing the existing Government Power Station at Beachley for supplying the Forest of Dean, when it was decided to make a representation that this station should not be disposed of, without giving the authorities in the County, who would probably be included in a District Board to be formed under the Electricity Bill, an opportunity of formulating proposals for acquiring the station. Resolved, That the action taken be approved.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 31st December, 1919: Present—Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Moore and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

11—Additions to Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a further report on the need for extension of plant at the Works. He reported that the load this winter had increased to nearly 1,400 kilo-watts and that the existing effective generating capacity was only 1,500 kilo-watts. The increase in the private supply load during the last 12 months had been 200 kilo-watts, and to provide for the steadily increasing load additional plant was necessary. He recommended the installation of an additional 1,000 kilo-watt Turbo-Generator, equipped with a 300 kilo-watt Traction Generator, together with Boilers, Condensing and Auxiliary Plant, including an extension of the Engine Room. He estimated the cost of the works required at £29,000.

Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan of £29,000 for these extensions.

The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders obtained in accordance with the Council's instructions for Turbo-Generator and Condensing Plant. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. C. A. Parsons & Co., Ltd., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, be accepted for providing Turbo-Generating Plant in accordance with the engineer's specification at a cost of £14,053 subject to a contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

Resolved, That the consideration of the tenders for Condensing Plant be adjourned to the next Meeting.

12—Electricity Supply Act—Resolved, That the Mayor and the Chairman of this Committee with the Town Clerk and Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to attend the Conference called by the Lord Mayor of Bristol on the and January to consider proposals in regard to the Government Power Station at Beachley.

J. MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 11th December, 1919: 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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 8th December, 1919.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	90,000 gallons	543,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	449,000	537,000
Leckhampton Springs	38,000	57,000
Total	577,000	731,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	8th December, 1919.		8th December, 1918.	
Hewletts		13,816,000 gallons		14,431,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	11ft. 6in.	17,237,000	18ft. 0in.	37,206,000
Leckhampton	8ft. 0in.	1,080,000	10ft. 0in.	1,351,000
Total Storage		32,133,000		52,988,000

2-Extensions of Mains—The Borough Engineer reported extensions of mains as follows: -

A length of 33 yards of 2 inch main in new road off Naunton Lane, and a length of 100 yards of 3 inch main in St. Anne's Road.

A length of 230 yards of 4 inch main had been laid, and 3 hydrants fixed as a fire service to the Ucal Works at the cost of the United Chemists Association Ltd.

3—Dowdeswell Reservoir Lodge—Damage to Stone Pillar-The Borough Engineer reported that the stone pillar at entrance gates to the Lodge had been damaged by a motor lorry belonging to Messrs. Foster Bros., of Gloucester. Resolved, That a claim be made against Messrs. Foster Bros. for the cost of making good the damage.

4-Housing Site—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to lay 4 inch water main from Gloucester road along road No. 1, a distance of 1,000 yards, at an estimated cost of £600.

5 Water Works Employees—Read, a letter from the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, that the Joint Industrial Council formed under the Whitley Scheme, had decided that for the time being any question of general advances in wages to casual workers should be relegated to the Authorities, Companies and Trade Unions concerned for settlement, without reference to the Industrial Council, and applying for an increase of 5/- per week for manual workers of 18 years of age and upwards, and 2/6 per week to those below that age. Resolved, That the consideration of the matter be adjourned.

6—Water Fittings—Read, a letter from the Director of Building Materials supply, Ministry of Munitions, asking if the Corporation would adopt in connection with their housing scheme fittings, manufactured in accordance with the I.J.C.W.R. Standard Specification, subject to valves passing the pressure test. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

7—Allotment No. 32 Sandford—Read, a letter from the tenant of No. 32 Allotment, asking that the notice to terminate his tenancy might be withdrawn, as he had paid all arrears of rent and was returning to reside in the Borough. Resolved, That the notice be withdrawn

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8-Liverpool Water Works Bill—Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of Liverpool, enclosing Parliamentary notice of a Bill promoted by the Liverpool Corporation in the present session of Parliament, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain a copy of the Bill.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 16th December, 1919: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Moore, Rogers 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.

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

3 —Rats Order—A letter was received from Councillor Stanley suggesting the appointment of a discharged soldier as official rat catcher. Resolved, That Mr. A. E. Hudson (Inspector under the Order) be asked to report to the next Meeting as to the steps which had been taken under the Order.

4—Bucklehaven Charity—Read, a letter from the Charity Commissioners forwarding copy of an Order amending the Scheme for the Bucklehaven Charity, to enable the Trustees to appoint a gardener and caretaker in connection with the almshouses and grounds at Charlton Kings.

5—Tablets on Historic Houses--The Resolution of the Public Library Committee recommending the placing of tablets on the historic houses of Cheltenham was considered. Resolved, That the Public Library Committee be asked to submit a list of the houses.

6--War Bonus—Read a letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Municipal Officers Guild, expressing their appreciation of the Town Council's action in granting the war bonus upon the principle of the Civil Service Scale (Award 84), and asking that a Sub-Committee might be appointed to confer with members of the Guild to consider cases of hardship consequent upon the decision to deduct from the bonus increases of salary granted since 1914.

Applications were received from the Foreman in charge of the Refuse Destructor and Slab Factory, and Mr. W. H. Watkins, clerk at the destructor, for a bonus. Resolved, That the two applications be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

7— National Vigilance Association—Read, a letter from the Honorary Secretary of the National Vigilance Association (Cheltenham Branch), stating that the Association was anxious to promote a scheme to provide suitable attractions for the young people who congregated in the Streets on Sunday evenings, and asking the Council to appoint representatives on a Joint Committee to consider the matter. Resolved, That Councillors Rogers, Stewart and Clara Winterbotham be appointed to represent the Council on the Joint Committee

8—Leckhampton Depot —Read, letters from Miss Geeves and Mr. W. G. Barrett asking for the use of the room at the Leckhampton Depot, formerly used as the Leckhampton Reading Room, in connection with the Leckhampton troop of Baden-Powell Scouts. Resolved, That the room be let at a rent of £10 per annum on a quarterly tenancy.

9—Fruit Market—Read, a letter from Mr. G. H. Hollingworth asking: (1) that the roof of the new shed be completed as soon as possible. (2) that window panes and a stove be provided for the new but now used cashier's oilier, and (3) that an additional building for use as a basket office and storage of pots be provided.

The Town Clerk reported that the roof of the new shed had now nearly been completed. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have window panes and a stove provided in the office, and to make enquires to the purchase of an Army hut.

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10—Town Clerk's Department—The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the staffing of the Town Clerk's Department reported that they met on the 16th instant: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Margrett (chairman) and Councillor Moore. They recommended that an additional clerk be engaged.

The Town Clerk reported that at present he had to obtain outside assistance, in connection with the preparation of the Register of Electors, etc., and that if an additional clerk was appointed who could undertake this work about £150 per annum could be applied towards his salary out of the Registration Account. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to appoint an additional clerk at a salary of £250 per annum, including war bonus.

11—Household Fuel and Lighting Order -- The Committee considered an application from Mr. W. D. Farrar for an increase of one penny per hundredweight on coal supplied in small quantities in the Parish of Prestbury. The Rev. R. H. M. Bouth, Captain Leschalles and Mr. Green, representing the parishes of Charlton Kings and Prestbury, attended, and objected to the increase. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 12th December, 1919: Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,141 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 12th November. (Corresponding period last year 2,208, including Exhibition by the School of Art).

Captain Wild, now demobilised, is spending much of his time, before taking up his post as Inspector of Mines, in arranging and re-classifying the rock specimens in the Museum.

The following gift had been received: —John M. Davenport, Esq., Briarfield, Charlton Kings. Dated building stone, 1647.

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 17th December, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Sawyer, Stanley and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1-Allotments—Mr. Troughton attended the Meeting on behalf of Mr. Villar and reported the result of his enquiries for land for allotments. He hoped to be able to send in a complete report at an early date.

Resolved, That the Notice to Mr. P. Kaminski to quit his allotment be withdrawn in view of his explanation of the unsatisfactory cultivation of his allotment.

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2-Pittville Gardens—Wild Flower Garden—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Wild Flower Garden had not been kept up and was in an unsatisfactory condition. Resolved, That the Garden be dispensed with and the ground turfed cover.

3-Fish for Pittville Lake—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged with two fishermen to obtain a supply of coarse fish from Witcomb Reservoir, to be conveyed to Pittville in two Corporation Water Carts. The total cost would be £5. Resolved, That this be approved.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th December, 1919: Present—Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann, Rogers, Stanley and Stewart (Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

1—Burial Fees—The Town Clerk reported that the Table of Fees had now been formally approved by the Ministry of Health, and the Home Office had approved of the alteration in the Ministers' fees.

Resolved, That a copy of the Table of Fees be sent to each of the undertakers, and that the increased fees be charged as from the 1st January next.

2—Cemetery Chapel—The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of removing the rostrum and levelling and extending the stone platform, and providing a Communion table and altar rails and refixing radiator at £61 10s. He estimated the cost of recolouring the walls at £100.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to have the work carried out (except the colouring of the walls) on the distinct understanding that the chapel shall only be used for services for actual funerals taking place at the Cemetery, and on condition that the Clergy will arrange to provide a lectern, altar cloth and curtain, and any ornaments required.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces --Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6200 to 6222 (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 Crosses to graves of Mary Elizabeth Stuart, Edward Harry Smith, Thomas John Peatfield, Edwin Charles Goodman, Catherine Evangeline Langdon, Oliver Albert Waller ; Headstones to graves of Julia Anne Collett Mullett, Thomas Sewell, Mary Baker ; Kerbing to graves of Albert Hudson, Fenning August Close, Ann Hyde, Frances Graham, Rita Joyner, Ernest Dudley Smythies, Charles Holland, Herbert and Elizabeth Compton ; Flat Stories to graves of Charles Samuel Holliday, Elizabeth Cunnington, Ann Young.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 9th December, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes: Mann, Moore, Stanley; Messrs. Gridley, Miles and Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read the Monthly Report of the Librarian. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of November was 3,301. The number of volumes issued from the Children's Library 2,481, and 5,945 from the Lending Library since the re-opening on 5th November. Receipts: £13 8s.5d. Presentations: Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P. (4), Mrs. Blyth (13), Messrs. Caudle (1), G. H. Lepper (1), C. T. Woodward (1).

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 4th December. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors A. Mann, J. Moore, and the Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone (Councillor Mann in the chair).

The Monthly Accounts were examined.

3—Honorarium to Librarian —Resolved, That the Committee grant an honorarium of £20 to the Librarian, and record on the Minutes their appreciation of his services in changing the system of the Lending and Reference Libraries to open access.

4—Lighting of Reference Library—Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillor J. Moore confer with the Borough Electrician, with a view to improving the lighting of the Library.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 30th November, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor, Councillors Dicks, Moore, and Whitaker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—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 £9,933 12s. 2d., leaving outstanding £17,986 5s. 2d.

2—Water Rate—Read the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th March next. Amount collected £5,883 0s. 4d., leaving outstanding £7,517 17s. 0d.

3—Loan—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £100 on loan. Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged for the continuance of loans amounting to £3,400. Resolved, That the terms be approved, and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

4—Borough Accountant's Department--Read, an application from Miss Moore, a junior clerk, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That her salary be increased to 27/6 per week.

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

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

Overdrawn on the 25th November last	14,815 9 6
Paid since that date	28,935 12 5
	<u>43,751 1 11</u>
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £600)	19,069 15 6
	Overdrawn <u>24,681 6 5</u>
being General Accounts Overdrawn	30,594 2 0

Less Sinking Fund Accounts	In Hand....	5,661 6 11	
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts do.		189 12 10	
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account do.		<u>61 15 10</u>	
			<u>5,912 15 7</u>
			24,681 6 5

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 January, 1920, at 3 p.m. Present:

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

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel).

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

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

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 1st 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.

2—Sir James Agg-Gardner Testimonial Fund—Read a letter from Sir James Agg-Gardner, M.P., enclosing cheque for £150, out of the amount subscribed for his testimonial, which he proposed should be invested and the income applied in providing a Christmas gift to each of the inmates of the Pate's Almshouses. He also suggested that the Hay Trustees should undertake the administration of the Fund. Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be tendered to Sir James Agg-Gardner for his gift and that the Hay Trustees be asked to administer the Fund as suggested.

3—National Relief Fund—Read a letter from the Secretary of the National Relief Fund, stating that it had been represented to the Committee that distress has arisen in certain urban areas since the discontinuance of the out-of-work donation scheme in the case of unemployed Civilians, and that in the event of distress arising in the Borough a Special Committee should be appointed which should include representatives of the Local Employment Committees of the Ministry of Labour. Grants would be made out of the National Relief Fund to relieve distress which could properly be regarded as the direct result of the War. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration

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4—War Pensions, etc., Committee—Resolved, That Mr. A. H. G. Brooker, of 1, Great Western Terrace, be appointed a Member of the Local War Pensions, etc., Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. G. Blagg.

5—Food Control Committee—Resolved, That Mr. G. Bradfield be appointed a Member of the Food Control Committee in the place of Mr. C. Creek, deceased.

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

7—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th December last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 19th December last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz. :—That the Resolutions to Minutes No. 1 and 8 (Promenade Bandstand) be not approved.

9—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th, 18th and 31st December last, be approved and confirmed.

10 —Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th December last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Housing Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Housing Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th December last, be approved and confirmed.

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

13—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting. of the 16th December last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendments, viz:—

(1) That Councillor Dicks be added as a representative on the Joint Committee suggested by the National Vigilance Association. (Minute No. 7).

(2) That the rent of Leckhampton Reading Room be £6 instead of £10. (Minute No. 8).

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14—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th December last, be approved and confirmed.

15—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th December last, be approved and confirmed.

16—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 9th December last, be approved and confirmed.

17—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 30th December last, be approved and confirmed.

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

18—Sunday Concerts—Read a letter from the Cheltenham Philharmonic Society asking for the use of the Town Hall for four experimental Sunday Evening Concerts. Resolved, That the application be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee with power to act in the matter.

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 February, 1920.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th January, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Moore, Rogers, 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. :-32, Suffolk Parade; King's Head Hotel; 24, Hungerford Street; 14, Gloucester Place; 2, Brockworth Cottages; 21, Queen's Retreat; 7, 8, 12, 14, 17, 30, 31, 32, 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.

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2— Cleansing and Whitewashing at 78, Stanhope Street; 44, Union Street; 24, Hungerford Street; Ye Olde School House, 9 and 14, Gloucester Place; 8, Dagmar Terrace; 32, Selkirk Street; 32, Suffolk Parade. The Medical Officer Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed

3-- Nuisances from Drains, etc., at "Concord," Leckhampton Road; 38, Bloomsbury Street; Wellington Mews; Derham Lodge, Lansdown Road; 45, 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.

4—Insanitary Property-131 and 132, Tewkesbury Road; 9 and 14, Gloucester Place; 8, Dagmar Terrace; 24, Hungerford Street; 32, Suffolk Parade; 78, Stanhope Street; and 44, Union Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 14 cwts. 24 lbs. of Beef and cwt. of Mutton

6—Royal Institute of Public Health—Read a letter from the Secretary inviting delegates to attend a Congress in Brussels from May 20 to May 24th. Resolved, That no delegate be appointed.

7 —Public Health (Acute Encephalitis, Lethargica and Acute Polio-Encephalitis) Regulations, 1918—Read a letter from the Ministry of Health enclosing copy of an Order continuing the Regulations made in 1918 until the Ministry otherwise direct.

8—Notices not Complied with—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of Notices requiring the abatement of nuisances, etc. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to compel compliance.

9 —Fee for Notification of Infectious Disease—Read letter from Ministry of Health stating that the provisions of the Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1916, reducing the Fee of a Medical Practitioner for certificate of notification from 2s. 6d. to 1/- would lapse at date of termination of the war as fixed by Order of the Council.

10—Influenza—Read circular letter from Ministry of Health with Memorandum on prevention of Influenza. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer for consideration and report.

11—Slaughtering on Unlicensed Premises--The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mr. Whitmore, Butcher, Tivoli Place, had slaughtered a calf on the premises of Mr. Jenkins, Old Bath Road, which is not a licensed house.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk inform him that proceedings will be taken if any further offence is reported.

12-Measles-Resolved, That in the event of an epidemic the medical Officer be authorised to engage a temporary nurse to visit cases.

13—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th inst. Present-The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Whitaker and Yarnold.

Farms Manager's Report—The livestock on the Farms on the 12th inst. were 9 horses (2 at Depot), 4 calves. 95 head of cattle, 132 sheep, 1 lamb and to pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting a heifer had been purchased for £10 and one lamb had been bred. 1 bull, 3 cows, 2 heifers, 3 calves, 9 cattle, 19 pigs and 13 sheep had been sold for £70 9s. 9d., also a pig 16 score 5 lbs. at 23s. a score. He had purchased 600 brushwood pickets for fencing from the Disposal Board at 46s. per 100.

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

E. C. ROGERS,

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 14th January, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Moore and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Agreed Price Contract—The Deputy Housing Commissioner and Mr. Roger, the Government Quantity Surveyor, attended to report the result of the investigation of the quantities submitted by the Master Builders' Association and the price at which the Association were willing to undertake the erection of the houses; but, after discussion, it was decided that the price should not be disclosed so that the Committee might be free to invite competitive tenders.

Resolved, That tenders be advertised for in the Building Trade papers inviting tenders for the erection of 250 houses, or more, of various types.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th January, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Betteridge, Dicks, Moore, Rogers and Whitaker (The Mayor in the chair). The Deputy Housing Commissioner also attended,

2—Agreed Price Contract—Read a letter from Mr. F. W. Billings (who also attended) stating that if the Committee decided to limit the number of houses to be allotted to the Master Builders' Association to 50, to be put in hand and completed within, say, five months, or such further time as may be necessary having regard to road construction, his Association would be pleased to undertake these, it being understood that the Council were at liberty to invite competitive tenders for the construction of any number of additional houses beyond the 50. Resolved, That (subject to agreement as to price) the Association be asked to undertake the erection of 50 houses, leaving the Council at liberty to invite competitive tenders for 250 houses as previously decided and such additional number as they may decide.

The Deputy Commissioner then reported that the price at which the Association were prepared to undertake the houses worked out at £970 per house, which was higher than the Ministry were able to accept. Resolved, That the Architects be instructed to re-consider the plans, etc., with a view to a reduction of cost and to report thereon.

Resolved, That in the meantime the advertisement for tenders for the 250 houses be deferred.

3 —Women's Advisory Committee—The Town Clerk submitted report received from this Committee, which met on the 12th January inst., when all the members were present, namely, Councillors E. Geddes and Clara Winterbotham; Mrs. Bartholomew (District Nursing Association), Mrs. J. Lovell (British Women's Temperance Association), Mrs. E. Davis (Women's Co-operative Guild), Miss B. Matthews (Cheltenham Women's Citizens Association) and Miss B. Harrison (National Council of Women).

The Report recommended that (1) the door leading from scullery to living room should not be opposite fire place ; (2) the boiler in living room should not be the only means of heating water ; (3) a lavatory basin should be provided in bathroom ; (4) a cupboard should be fixed in living room ; (5) wire doors should be fixed in larder to form a safe ; (6) a fire place in the third bedroom was unnecessary if a sufficient ventilator was provided; (7) sash windows were preferable to casement windows. Resolved, That the report be referred to the Architects for consideration.

4—Houses—Read a letter from the Housing Commissioner of 5th instant, formally approving the Lay-out Plans.

Read a letter from the Housing Commissioner of 9th inst, approving of House Plans B and E and part Lay-out of No. 1 Road.

Read a letter from the Housing Commissioner of 19th instant, approving of Plans for erecting converted Army Huts, and Lay-out and House Plans for these huts.

5—Financial Regulations--The Town Clerk submitted the new Regulations for Local Authorities (Assisted Housing Schemes).

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th January, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Stewart and Yarnold; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. McArthur, Miss Foster and Dr. Cardew, (Councillor Geddes in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society—The report for the quarter ended December last was read. The return to the Baker Street premises had resulted in a considerable increase in attendance of mothers. No premises had yet in place of No. 2, Bath Street, which the Society were under notice to quit in March next.

	Infants.	Todlers.
At 2, Bath Street, the average attendance was	20	16
At Baker Street	15	9.8
At Clare Street	9	13.5

Two students from St. Mary's Hall were attending each centre to assist in looking after the children.

Miss Seton, the Club Visitor, had paid 541 visits during the quarter. She was now also acting as Secretary in place of Mrs. Mellersh, who had resigned.

2-Health Visitor—The following is a summary of the work for the quarter ended 31st December, 1919: —

No. of Children visited (a) under 1 year	464
“ (b) over 1 year	139

Total 603

No. of Children remaining on Visiting Registers ..	1533
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors (Miss Montagnon)	644
„ (Miss Wood) ..	202
“ “ Voluntary “ (Miss H. Jordan)103	
Health Visitors' attendances at Centres	41
Talks to mothers at these Meetings	22
Children remitted to Hospital .. ••	4
Un-notified births discovered . • ••	15

Grants of Milk.

To Nursing or Expectant Mothers, 11.	Stopped 3.	Continuing 8
“ Infants and Children under 5 years, 21.	“ 9	“ 12
Previous grants .		3
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3—Cheltenham Creche—Resolved, That the grant for the current year for this Creche be increased from £45 to £50

4—Milk—Mothers and Children Order, 1919—A circular letter was received from the Ministry of Health forwarding copies of this Order.

EDITH GEDDES.

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th January, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Pates, Wilkins and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Refuse Destructor—Read, a letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Co., stating, on behalf of Mr. J. T. Smith, that his boundary fence needed repair owing to the Corporation workmen having put ashes against it. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to report thereon.

2 — Land in Bennington Street-- Read, a letter from Mr. A. H. Whitcombe, offering for sale a strip of land running from Bennington Street to Oxford Passage, which he thought would form a useful roadway. Resolved, That the Committee view the land,

3 --Banner across Street—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Church Army, asking for permission to place a banner across the Promenade near the Post Office, from January 30 to February 9 to advertise the Church Army Mission at the Town Hall. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the banner being fixed in such position and manner as approved by the Borough Surveyor.

4 —Workmen —The letters from the District Organizer of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers were further considered. Resolved, That the Destructor stokers be paid at the same rate as the Electricity stokers, except when they are employed on other work in the summer months.

Resolved also, That the wages of the other men over 18 years of age be increased by 2/6 per week and those under 18 by 1/6 per week, such increase to be payable as from the first pay day in January.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th January, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Wilkins and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways —The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 19th December, 1919, to the 22nd January 1920 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 15th January, 1920, 724 loads collected, 504 consumed, and 218 tipped away. Weight consumed, 836 tons 15 ½ cwts.

6—Depot Horse—"Dinger"—The Borough Engineer reported the death of one of the horses, " Dinger," which was about 24 years of age.

7—St. George's Square —The Borough Surveyor submitted alternative sketches for laying out the land in St. George's Square as an ornamental Garden. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting, and in the meantime Councillor Dicks be asked to confer with the owners of the houses in St. George's Square.

8—Refuse Destructor—Read a letter from the Ministry of Health, stating that a visit would be made by one of the Inspectors in regard to the application of the Town Council for sanction to borrow £945 for additions to the Refuse Destructor.

9—School Sign near Holy Apostles Church--Read, a letter from the Correspondent of Holy Apostles Schools, suggesting that a "School" notice should be placed in the London Road. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council.

10—View meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday, the 21st instant: Councillors Mann and Pates (Councillor Mann in the chair).

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Trees—After inspection it was Resolved, to recommend as follows:—

Imperial Square—That the application for the removal of a tree in Imperial Square, opposite the Town Hall, be referred to the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee.

Promenade—That the Plane tree near No. 4, Cambridge Villas be not removed. Bayshill Road—That 2 Sycamore and 1 Lime opposite Curtis's Hotel be removed.

The Park—That the Oak near Ireton House be not removed, and that the attention of the occupier be called to the trees in her garden.

College Road—That the trees near " Vanstone" be pruned.

Sydenham Villas Road—That the alternate trees be removed provided the occupiers of the houses consent to such removal. Hewlett Road—That the tree near Ariel Lodge be pruned.

All Saints' Road--That 1 lime tree be removed.

Resolved, That consideration of the memorial now received from occupiers in Sydenham Villas Road be adjourned, that the trees in the road be again inspected by the Committee, and that with this exception the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

Lypiatt Lane—A complaint was received of the condition of Lypiatt Lane, in which an electric light main has recently been laid. Resolved, That the complaint be referred to the Electricity and Lighting Committee.

Princes Road and St. Stephen's Road—Resolved, That these footpaths be paved with concrete slabs, subject to payment by the Authorities of Stephen's Church of the difference between the cost of concrete slabs and asphalt.

Highbury Lane—Resolved, That the abutting owners be asked to repair this road, and that in default of their doing so, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a plan and estimate of the work to be done by the abutting owners.

Bennington Street—The Committee inspected the land offered for sale by Mr. A. W. Whitcombe. Resolved, That the offer be not accepted.

Libertus Road—Messrs. A. R. Caudle, F. J. Lawson. L. Vizard and F. Dallimore attended as representatives of the owners of the Libertus Estate with reference to the repair of Libertus Road, having regard to the use of same for giving access to the new Housing site.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to agree to the following terms : The carriageway to be maintained by the Council until, in the opinion of the Council, the Housing Scheme is sufficiently advanced to justify having Libertus Road made up under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and that the cost of making up the carriageway (exclusive of kerbing and channelling) shall be apportioned against the frontage to the existing Libertus Road and a length of the Road No. 1 on the Housing site equal to the length of Libertus Road.

11—Private Improvement Works—Eldorado Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted Specification, Plan and Estimates 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, channeled 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.

Montpellier Walk, Inner Road—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 a Notice be given under Section 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be severed, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, or made good; requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days; and that, if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein, and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

12— Plans Sub-Committee —The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting held on the 13th instant.

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, the 13th January, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Rogers, Wilkins and Whitaker (The Mayor is the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1454	Boots Ltd.	Additions to 189, High Street
1455	H. H. Davidson	Scullery, 2, Queen's Road
1456	Gough & Edwards	Line of frontage for shop front, 405, High Street.
1450	E. J. Simmonds	Motor house, Sudeley Villa.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1456 be approved, that Plans No. 1454 and 1455 be approved, subject to the drainage being satisfactory, and that Plan No. 1450 be not approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th January, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Spa Manager—Resolved. That the Concerts Sub-Committee be asked to consider the applications when received and select seven candidates for interview by this Committee.

2—Town Hall—Palms—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. E. J. Burrow of three palms for £5 be accepted.

Compensation--Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to attend before the Defence of the Realm Losses Commission in support of claim for compensation for occupation of building by the Military Authorities.

Read letter from Mrs. Lake on behalf of the Mayoress' Linen League thanking the Council for the use during the war of the room which they were now giving up.

Sunday Concerts—Mr. C. E. Rainger attended, and the letter from the Philharmonic Society was considered. Resolved, That the use of the Large Hall be granted for Sacred Concerts on Sundays (8.15 to 9.30), the 25th inst., and the 15th, 22nd and 29th February on payment of out-of-pocket expenses for lighting, heating, cleaning, etc., the share of profits (if any) made by the Concerts to be settled by the Joint Committee of Management. Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillors Jamieson and Thomas be appointed members of the Joint Committee, comprising, in addition, three members of the Philharmonic Society and two members of the musical profession.

3--Montpellier Gardens—Mr. Newton attended, and the Town Clerk submitted draft agreement for letting the Concert Pavilion to Mr. Newton for the summer season, including exclusive use of the Gardens on not more than six days for Bands and special Entertainments approved by this Committee. Resolved, That the draft as now settled be approved (subject to arrangement as to use of advertisement boards) and the Common Seal be affixed to the agreement, it being agreed that Mr. Newton should pay, in addition, 5 per cent. of the gross receipts in respect of Band Concerts and special Entertainments, and also £5 per season for use of a Box Office to be provided by the Corporation until the cost has been recouped to the Corporation.

The Borough Surveyor reported that Bells Asbestos Co. were unable to supply the Poilite tiles ordered for covering the auditorium, but he had obtained an offer from Messrs. Speaker & Co. to provide tiles and felt at a cost of £165 7s. 6d. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

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The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of laying a slab path from the Spa Pavilion to the Concert Pavilion at £20. Resolved, That this be approved and the work carried out.

The Borough Surveyor reported that on the 10th inst. the room under the Bandstand had been broken into and wilful damage done to the contents. Similar acts of wilful damage were now frequent. He had reported the facts to the Police,

4—Montpellier Spa—Dr. Howell attended on behalf of the Medical Advisory Committee and recommended that this Spa be opened from the 3rd May to the 30th September from 7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. and that the Central Spa be opened during the same period from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Resolved, That this be approved.

5—Central Spa—Resolved, That the Attendant be authorised to keep in hand to provide change.

6—Cheltenham Spa--Read letters from the Railway Companies regretting that they were unable to comply with request to alter name at the Stations to Cheltenham Spa, also letter from Postmaster enquiring if it was intended to use " Cheltenham Spa " as the official designation of the Council.

7—Mineral Waters—Sales—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa since the last Meeting was 940. The number sold at the Pittville Pump and Chalet 44.

8—Medical Baths—Dr. Howell reported that Nurse Addis would require the assistance of another Masseuse in the mornings. Resolved, That an advertisement be issued inviting applications for part time assistance.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd January, 1920: Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

9—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that they had held Meetings on the 30th December, 13th and 20th January.

Dance Teas—Resolved, (a) That two extra Musicians be engaged for the Dance Tea on the 13th inst. at a cost of 52/6 each. (b) That children under 14 years of age be not allowed to dance at these teas.

Municipal Dance—Resolved, To recommend an expenditure of not exceeding £25 for the Municipal Dance on the 28th inst. Spa Manager—Resolved, To recommend that five applicants be selected for interview instead of seven.

Town Hall—Resolved, That it be left to the discretion of the Town Clerk as to booking the Drawing room or Supper room for a letting which would require the Afternoon Court to be cancelled.

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

10—Montpellier Gardens—Archery Ground—Read an application from Miss Legh, Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Archery Club, for the use of the Archery Ground at Montpellier Gardens for the coming season.

Resolved, That the use of the ground be granted to the Archery Club from the 1st April to the 31st October next at a charge of £12 12s. 0d., including the services of a man to put up and take down the targets.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to remove the pay office at the entrance to the Winter Garden and use same for construction of a Pay Box for these gardens.

Resolved, also, That the Concerts Sub-Committee be asked to arrange with Mr. Newton as to posting stations and boards.

In—Advertising—Resolved, That a half-page advertisement be inserted in the annual Spa number of the "Prescriber" at a charge of £3.

12—Town Hall Sunday Concerts—The Town Clerk reported that he had been unable to obtain an alteration of the conditions of the present Music and Dancing Licence, so that a concert could not be given on the 25th instant.

Resolved, That on application for a renewal of the licence, the Town Clerk be instructed to ask for a modification of the conditions to permit sacred concerts being given on Sundays.

13—Bandstand—Read a letter from the Traders' Association suggesting that the new bandstand should be placed in the Winter Garden Grounds, and that the Winter Garden railings should be removed and the grounds thrown open.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a tender from Messrs. MacFarlane & Co., to provide a bandstand in accordance with the design submitted (No. 249), 21 feet in diameter, at a cost of £625, which was exclusive of cost of foundation, scaffolding and painting after erection. The Borough Surveyor estimated the total cost would be about £1,000.

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. MacFarlane & Co. be accepted, subject to a contract being entered into, to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

Resolved, That the Bandstand be erected in the Winter Garden Grounds, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a plan showing site for the stand and lay-out of Gardens with the iron railings removed.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1,000 for the cost of the Bandstand,

14—Municipal Orchestra—Resolved, That the engagement with Mr. Shackleton for provision of orchestra be extended to the end of April, and that Mr. Shackleton be asked to submit proposals for the summer season.

15—Pittville Pump Room—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit an estimate for altering one of the rooms for use as a kitchen.

16—British Medical Association—Annual Exhibition—Resolved, That the Spa Medical Committee be asked to arrange for the Cheltenham exhibit at this Exhibition.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 22nd January, 1920: Present—Councillors Dodwell, Mans and Moore (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Joint Electricity Authority—The Chairman reported that the Conference held at Bristol on the 2nd inst. was attended by him, the Mayor, the Town Clerk and Borough Electrical Engineer. Representatives from most of the Electricity Undertakings (both Municipal and Company) in the County of Gloucester and adjoining areas also attended.

The Conference was called by the Lord Mayor of Bristol to consider proposals for the formation of a Joint Electricity Authority under the new Act. It was suggested by Mr. Faraday Proctor, the Bristol Electrical Engineer, that the Authority might comprise the County of Gloucester and part of the County of Somerset, including Bath, also a small portion of the County of Monmouth, including Chepstow and Monmouth, and that it might also be found desirable to include the Boroughs of Swindon and Newport (Monmouth), but

the exact definition of the district would require careful detailed consideration before any definite conclusion could be arrived at.

The following resolutions were passed: —

- (a) That the Councils of the Counties, Cities, Boroughs and other Local Authorities and the Boards of Directors of Companies, being except as regards the County Councils, Authorised Undertakers operating within the limits of the proposed district, be requested to pass resolutions agreeing to the formation of a Joint Electricity Authority under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, and to forming part of such Authority ; and, in the case of Local Authorities, to authorise their Electricity Committees to take such steps as may be necessary to carry out the arrangements, including the appointment of representatives on the Joint Electricity Authority.
- (b) That the Authorised Undertakers and others affected be requested to pass resolutions agreeing to contribute towards the preliminary expenses on a pro rata basis with other authorities. based upon the number of units sold within their respective supply areas as per the last annual statement of accounts
- (c) That the following gentlemen be appointed an Organising Committee to prepare a draft scheme for submission to future meeting—Alderman Pearson; Mr. H. Faraday Proctor; The Town Clerk, Cheltenham; Mr. J. Edwards; Mr. F. H. Corson; Mr. E. T. Gardom; Mr. Francis Teague; The County Surveyor, Somerset; The Electrical Engineer, Swindon.
- (d) That a Committee should consider the question of requesting the Ministry of Transport to acquire the Generating Station and Electricity Works, etc., at Beachley with all necessary easements, and to lay such Transmission Lines, etc., to the Forest of Dean and Lydney, and elsewhere, as may be found necessary. Also as to the price to be paid there and as to the Authority to operate the Station.
- (e) That such Committee consist of the Members of the Organising Committee, with the addition of Mr. Joynes, of Lydbrook, and that they have power to co-opt other gentlemen at their discretion.

Resolved, That the resolutions passed at the Meeting be approved.

2—Gas Lighting—Read a report from Mr. George Embrey, the Gas Examiner, of his test taken on the 20th instant of the gas for calorific power which showed 436.9 B.T.U.

3—Electricity Charges—The Town Clerk submitted an Order made by the Board of Trade under the Statutory Undertaking (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1918, increasing the maximum price to 10d. per unit to be in force for the continuance of the war, and a period of two years thereafter unless previously revoked by the Board of Trade.

4—Additions to Plant—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to obtain tenders for the extension of the Engine Room to accommodate the additional plant.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th January, 1920: Present--Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell and Moore (Councillor Moore in the chair).

5—Additions to Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders for boilers and condensing plant.

Resolved, That the tender of the Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Company, Ltd., be accepted for providing the condensing plant at a cost of £3,890, subject to a contract being entered into

Resolved also, That the tender of Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox be accepted for providing two 10,000 lb. boilers with mechanical stokers and motor at a cost of £7,004, subject to a contract being entered into.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 10th January, 1920: 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 12th January, 1920.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	171,000 gallons	236,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,038,000 "	1,201,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	40,000 "	55,000 "
Total	1,249,000 "	1,492,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 12th January, 1920.	Contents	Depth	Contents
Hewletts		21,216,000 gallons		20,676,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	19ft. 0in.	40,872,000 "	11ft. 0in.	94,756,000 "
Leckhampton	4ft. 0in.	540,000 "	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000 "
Total Storage		62,628,000 "		116,782,000 "

Pumping was stopped at Sandford on the 12th inst., and also night pumping at Tewkesbury, and day pumping would be discontinued in a day or two.

2 — Severn Navigation Bill—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Clerk of the Severn Commissioners to ascertain the object of the clauses enabling the Commissioners to close the River Locks at night and to make bye-laws prescribing places at which passengers and goods may be embarked or disembarked.

3—Salts Farm --Resolved, That an advertisement be issued inviting applications for the tenancy.

4—Water Accounts—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be asked to submit Statement of Accounts of the undertaking for the last year to the next Meeting.

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 Monday, the 12th January, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer and Stewart. The Rev. R. H. M. Bouth attended as representative of Charlton Kings, (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Household Fuel and Lighting Order, 1919—The Local Fuel Overseer reported that Railway Rates would be increased on January 15th by 25 per cent. and a Flat rate in addition of 3d. per ton. The Licensed Coal Merchants had made an application for a proportionate increase in Retail Prices to cover extra railway charges and increased cost of haulage. He recommended that the present maximum prices be increased by 2s. per ton (made up of 1s. 6d. for extra railway charges and 6d. extra cost of haulage) and in cases of small lots—1d. per cwt.

Resolved, That this increase be approved, to come into operation on the 15th inst.

Resolved, also, That the Council be recommended to delegate to this Committee the powers of the Local Authority under the Order.

2—Municipal Offices—Resolved, That the larger lavatory and cloak room on the second floor be appropriated for women.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 20th January, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Rogers, Stewart and Clara Winterbotham (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

3—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Griffin reported that there was only one case of contagious disease amongst animals, viz.: a case of Parasitic Mange at the Midland Railway Station.

4—Silver Leaf Order, 1919 —Read a letter from the Board of Agriculture forwarding this Order for publication. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to publish the Order by posters.

5--Double Dipping of Sheep—Read a letter from the Board of Agriculture stating that when double dipping with an interval of not more than 14 days between two clippings is prescribed by an Order of the Board, owners should be warned that it is safer to use non-poisonous dips, especially for the second dipping.

6—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to a fire at Stratford, Hatherley Road, on the 3rd instant. Damage very slight. Expenses £2 6s. 0d.

The Brigade was also called to an outbreak of fire on the 10th instant at Messrs. Holliday & Page's shop, Pittville Street. Damage very slight.

7—Hackney Carriage Licences—An application was received from Mr. Jas. Fletcher, of 39, All Saints' Road, for a licence for a carriage which he had purchased from Mr. E. Bishop. Also a letter from Mr. A. F. J. Tombs asking for a transfer of licence No. 13 to Mr. E. Butler, of Tidminton Mews.

Resolved, That the applications be granted (subject in the first case to the carriage being passed by the Superintendent).

8—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Resolved, That a driver's licence be granted to Mr. E. Butler.

9—Rats and Mice Destruction Act—Read a letter from the Clerk to the County Council stating that the County Council at their Meeting on the 12th inst. had delegated their powers under this Act, in respect of the Borough to the Corporation, until the establishment of a County Agricultural Committee under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Act, 1919.

Mr. A. E. Hudson submitted a report of the work done in connection with the destructions of rats since his appointment as Executive Officer under the Rats Order, 1918.

Resolved, That this be approved.

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10—Licence to Store Petroleum—Read an application from Mr. W. T. Tibbles for the transfer of the licence in respect of 27, St. George's Place, for storage of 100 gallons of petroleum to Messrs. Griffith Bros., Crescent Garage, St. George's Place. Also an application from Mr. Chewood-Aiken, of Winchcombe Street, for a licence to store 300 gallons of petroleum at 75 and 76, Winchcombe Street. Also from Mr. S. G. Cox, of 22, High Street, for a licence to store 2 cwt. of carbide at his premises. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

11—Hackney Carriages at Railway Stations—Read a letter from the Secretary, Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council, requesting that the Railway Companies be asked to open their cab stands to all hackney carriage proprietors.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Railway Companies to ascertain the position with regard to hackney carriages.

12—Charlton Park Estate—Read a letter from Mr. R. Gray stating that this estate was for sale and enquiring if the Corporation would like to purchase it.

Resolved, That he be informed that the Corporation are unable to entertain the purchase of the same.

13—Fruit Market—Resolved, That a rent at the rate of 10 per cent. on cost be charged for any additional shed accommodation required by the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society.

14—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read an application from Messrs. Poole and Shenton for a renewal of the licence for the "Palace," High Street. Also from Mr. H. G. Beard for a transfer of the licence from Messrs. Gillsmiths Ltd., in respect of the Hippodrome (now Coliseum) for the remainder of the current year, and for a renewal of the licence for these premises and for the Picture House, North Street. Resolved, That the transfer be made and that the licences be renewed for one year from the 7th February, 1920, subject to the same conditions as contained in the previous licences.

15—War Bonus—Read a circular letter from the Ministry of Health forwarding the new scale of temporary increases and remunerations to civil servants owing to the abnormal conditions resulting from the War. Also a letter from the Ministry of Labour enclosing copy of a letter from the Secretary of the National Association, Local Government Officers for the observations of the Town Council.

An application was also received from Mr. F. A. Jenkins for re-consideration of his case in regard to bonus.

Resolved, That consideration of this application be adjourned until the Coal Control terminates.

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

General Hospital ..	£36 13 2
Female Refuge	3 19 8
Female Orphan Asylum	4 15 8
Blind Asylum • • • •	4 15 8
Nazareth House of Corinth ..	50 4 1
Victoria Home for Nurses	13 11 0
Provident Dispensary	4 15 8
Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital	12 15 0
Boys' Orphan Asylum	3 3 9
Hospital for Sick Children	9 11 3
Home for Aged Pensioners ..	3 0 0
St. Catherine's Home, Cambray	<u>4 15 8</u>
	£152 0 7

17 --Town Clerk's Department—Resolved, That the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Alderman Margrett be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the applications for the appointment of Chief Assistant, and select candidates for interview with this Committee.

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18—National Relief Fund—Read a circular letter from the Secretary of this Fund, also a letter from the Cheltenham Local Employment Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, comprising three members of the Corporation, three members nominated by the Local Employment Committee, two members by the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council, two members by the Local Branch, Amalgamated Society, Gas, Municipal, and General

Workers, two representatives by the Women's Co-operative Guild and one member by the Women's Citizens Association.

Resolved, also, That the Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham and Rogers be the representatives of the Town Council.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 14th January, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Clara Winterbotham and Stewart, Dr. Davies (Councillor Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,707 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 10th December. (Corresponding period last year 1,291).

The following gift had been received: -

Lady Dixon-Hartland, Ashley Manor: Box of Minerals and Fossils collected by the late Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland.

The following loan had been received: -

Lady Dixon-Hartland, Ashley Manor: Oil Painting, "The Death of Adonis," attributed to Paolo Veronese.

2 — Read, a letter from Mr. Bailey, of " Haymesgarth," Cleeve Hill, offering a " Relief Model of Palestine." Resolved, That the offer be accepted with thanks.

3—Rock Specimens—Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given to Capt. R. P. Wild for re-arranging the Rock Specimens

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 21st January, 1920 Present—Councillors Boulter, Sawyer and Nimbi (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—Trees—Read letters from Mrs. Earwaker of 15, Pittville Lawn, and J. H. Eden, of Holmdene, Evesham Road, asking for the removal of trees. Resolved, That the trees be viewed at the next view meeting.

2—Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Trees—Read letters from A. Stevens, of 9, Hill View Terrace, Leckhampton, and A. King for the removal of trees in the Naunton Park Recreation Ground, near their houses. Resolved, That these be viewed.

3—Albert Road—Footpath—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to pave the footpath in front of 2 Albert Road, and the adjoining houses with stabs (4 ft. 6 in. wide) at an estimated cost of £30.

4—Cricket at Recreation Grounds—Read applications for cricket pitches at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground from the Clarence United Cricket Club, Baker Street Institute, and the "Templar" Cricket Club.

Resolved, That consideration of the applications be adjourned.

5—Allotments—All Saints' Road—Read a letter from Messrs. Winterbotham, Gurney & Co., asking that the fence should be repaired. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have this done.

Read a report from Mr. J. G. Villar, giving particulars of various lands in the North, Central, East, South and Middle Wards suitable for allotments, with an estimate of the rent per chain which would be required to cover the outgoings for rent, rates, tenant's compensation, etc., showing that rents from 17s. to £1 9s. 4d. per chain would have to be charged.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to send a circular letter to each applicant, to enquire if he was willing, if necessary, to pay a rent of about 25s. per chain for an allotment.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to select from the list of applicants, tenants for any vacant allotments, preference to be given to ex-service men with families.

Resolved, That on any of the present allotments becoming vacant, an increase of 2s. 6d. per chain be made in the rent on re-letting.

Resolved, That a notice be put up at each of the allotment fields calling attention to the condition prohibiting sub-letting. Resolved, That the Notice to Mr. Cambridge to quit his allotment be withdrawn.

6—Time of Meeting—Resolved, That the Committee meet at 4 p.m. instead of 11 a.m.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd January, 1920: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann, Rogers, Stanley and Stewart (Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

1—Repairs to Road at Cemetery—The Cemetery Superintendent reported that the top road W. in a bad condition. Resolved, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out such repairs as could be done out of the amount provided in the Estimate.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces —Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6223 to 6227 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Public Library on Tuesday, 13th January, 1920 Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes; Mann, Moore, Pates and Stanley; Messrs. Gridley and Miles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £6 15s. 4d. Presentations: Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner (1 vol.), J. Lloyd Oswell, Esq. (10 vols.), Lady Lee (1 pamphlet).

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of December last was 3,285, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 10,010.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th January. Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Mann and Moore, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. Claridge (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended, That an Extension Ladder be purchased at a cost not exceeding 90/-

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

That Mr. T. Packer be asked to co-operate with the Librarian in compiling a list of Historical Houses in Cheltenham.

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, the 27th January, 1919: 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 27th inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £19,902 7s. 7d., leaving outstanding £8,017 9s. 9d.

2—Water Rate—Read the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 31st March next. Amount collected £9,577 3s. 10d. having outstanding £4,247 15s. 7d.

3—Loan—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £2,250 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

He also reported that he had arranged for the continuance of a loan of £100. Resolved. That the Debenture be endorsed accordingly.

Resolved, also, That a Debenture for £2,000 be sealed in favour of the Nottingham Corporation, to replace a Debenture for a like amount for which the term of loan had expired.

4—Education Loan £135—The Borough Accountant reported that the term for the repayment of this loan had expired, and that he hoped to arrange with the lender to continue the same on account of another duly authorised loan.

5...Education Account—Resolved, That the suns of £3,700 be transferred it, the Education committee to meet the additional amount required for teachers' salaries during the current year.

6—Fire Insurance—The Borough Accountant submitted a list of the Corporation Fire insurance. for revision owing to the increased cost of material and labour, in case of damage by tire. Resolved, That Alderman Horsley, with the Borough Accountant and the Borough Surveyor, be asked to submit a report at the nest Meeting.

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7—Steam Wagons—Resolved, That the two Foden Steam Wagons be insured with the Fine Art and General Insurance Co., at a premium of £14 10s.

8—Income Tax Assessments—Read, a letter from the Clerk of the Mountain Ash Urban District Council, forwarding a copy of a Resolution passed by his Council with reference to the Income Tax Assesements, and asking that a similar Resolution be passed by this Council. Resolved: -

(1) That, in the opinion of this Council, local Authorities assessed for the purpose of Income Tax should be placed in precisely the same position as a private individual, so that where the Local Authority own two or more trading undertakings they shall be entitled to set off against the profits of any one or more of those undertakings the losses which they may incur on any of their other undertakings, and be liable to Income Tax upon the net result, and this Council therefore urge the Government to amend the law accordingly.

(2) That copies of the foregoing Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, The President of the Board of Trade, the Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, and the Borough Member.

9—Housing Scheme--The Town Clerk reported that the exchange of land with Colonel Churchill had been completed, and also the purchase of land by Messrs. Smith's System, Ltd. The amount received for the latter was £500, out of which £140 had been paid to Colonel Churchill in respect of the exchange of land, leaving £360. Resolved, That application be made for the consent of the Ministry to the balance being applied in reduction of the loan for purchase of the Housing Site.

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

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

Overdrawn on the 30th December last	24,681 6 5
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £1,300)	<u>40,329 10 7</u>
	65,010 17 0

Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £1,750)			<u>39,645 18 5</u>
	Overdrawn		25,364 18 7
being General Accounts Overdrawn			31,881 11 0
Less Sinking Fund Accounts	In Hand....	6,217 3 10	
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	do.	200 5 5	
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account	do. ..	<u>99 3 2</u>	
			<u>6,516 12 5</u>
			25,364 18 7

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman

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Municipal Offices,

Cheltenham,

29th January, 1920.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the Municipal Offices, Promenade, on Monday, the 2nd day of February, 1920, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. Communications by the Mayor.
3. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

HOUSING COMMITTEE

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

WATER COMMITTEE

THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

4. Notices of Motion.

5. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours Faithfully

Town Clerk

To each member of the Council

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 22nd and February, 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 and Clara Winterbotham, Betteridge, Dicks, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

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

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 5th 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—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th January last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Housing Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Housing Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 19th January last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz :—

That Minutes Nos. 1 and 2 (Agreed Price Contract) be referred back for further consideration and that the Committee be asked to inspect Concrete Houses and report thereon.

4—Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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6—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 16th and 23rd January last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 22nd and 28th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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

9—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 20th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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

11--Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st January last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz :-

That the Committee be authorised to take suitable land for Allotments and to let it to applicants at a rental of not exceeding £1 5s. per chain.

12-Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd January last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

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

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st March, 1920.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 9th February, 1920: Present-The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Moore, Rogers, 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 and 12, Sherborne Street; 58, Upper Park Street; 21, Exmouth Street; 135, Tewkesbury Road; 3, Higgs Cottages; Tufelburg Villa, Shunting ton Road; 25, Albert Street, St. Peter's; and 85, Stanhope 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 2, Casino Place and Old School House, Arle. 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 19, Hermitage Street; 19a and 21, Exmouth Street; 58, Upper Park Street; 2, Clare Garden Cottages; 2 and 4, St. Anne's Terrace 133,134 and 135, Tewkesbury Road; 10, Sherborne Street; and 2 and 3, Garden Cottages. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4- Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Leamington Mews, Wellington Street; 11, Lansdown Place; and 5, Warwick Place. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5-Insanitary Property-19, Hermitage Street; 21 and 19a, Exmouth Street; 58, upper Park Street; 2, Clare Garden Cottages; 2, St. Anne's Terrace; 135 and 133, Tewkesbury Road; and 10, Sherborne Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved. That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6-Destruction of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 16 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs. of Beef, cwt. 42 lbs. of Mutton, 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lbs. of Edible Offal, 4 cwt. of Herrings. (Total weight destroyed, 29 cwt.)

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, defective ash receptacles, etc., which had been served but not complied with.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

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8--Sewer- West side of Park—The Borough Engineer reported that he had had this sewer cleared of tree roots.

9—Flooding at Heyden—Read a complaint from Mrs. Hyett of flooding. Resolved, That Alderman Green and Councillors Whitaker and Yarnold be asked to inspect and report,

10—Association of Managers of Sewage Disposal Works—Read a letter from the Secretary of the Association that it was desired to hold their Annual Conference at Cheltenham next July, and asking that the necessary facilities might be granted, Resolved, That these be given.

11—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report--Read the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 9th inst. was 4 colts, 9 horses (2 at Depot), 4 calves, 95 head of cattle, 1 lamb, 30 tegs, 102 sheep and 19 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 1 cow in calf had been purchased for £35 and 1 cow in calf had been sold for £37 2s. 2d.; 9 pigs had been bred on the Farms.

Army Huts—The Farms Manager recommended the purchase of an Army Hut to provide accommodation for farm implements.

Resolved. That the Chairman, Alderman Green, and Councillors Whitaker and Yarnold be asked to inspect and report.

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

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 3rd February, 1920: Present—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Rogers and Whitaker (Alderman Taylor in the chair).

1—Agreed Price Contract—The Architects and Borough Surveyor submitted report of an interview with the Housing Commissioner, and containing suggestions for reducing the cost to a sum which the Ministry could approve. A letter was received from the Secretary of the Master Builders' Association withdrawing their offer to undertake the erection of 50 houses.

2 --Competitive Tenders--Resolved, That alternative tenders be invited for the erection of 200 houses in accordance with the plans approved, constructed of brick or concrete.

Resolved also, That tenders be invited for the erections of 30 houses in accordance with the approved plans by any special method of construction approved by the Ministry.

3-Concrete Construction—Resolved, That Mr. Calway be invited to give a demonstration at Cheltenham of his method of construction, and that local Builders be invited to attend the demonstration.

Resolved, That the following members be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the concrete houses erected by the Waller Construction Co., Ltd., and also on the Calway system of construction, namely: The Mayor, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Moore and Whitaker.

4 - House Plans --Read, letter of 23rd instant from the Housing Commissioner approving of house plans Type F.

5-Army Huts-The Architects reported that as no tenders had been received for the conversion of the huts a price had been obtained from the Master Builders' Association which, including purchase price of huts, worked out at £920 per house.

Resolved, That the scheme be not proceeded with, and that one hut be erected on the site as a mess wont for the men employed, and that the other huts be disposed of.

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6-Sale of Turf—Resolved, That the offer of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co. of £30 for the turf on an acre of the site be accepted.

7 —Allotments—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for some of the land on the site to be used for

allotments, provided that the appropriation of land for this purpose will not interfere with the Building scheme.

8— Cox's Tenancy—Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Cox to terminate his tenancy of the land purchased from Col. Churchill.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 16th February, 1920: Present--The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clam. Winterbotham, Betteridge, Dicks, Moore, Rogers and Whitaker (The Mayor in the chair).

9—Unemployment--Messrs. O. J. Williams, T. Lyon, F. J. Caudle and J. H. Powell attended as a deputation from the Cheltenham Local Employment Committee, and stated that there were 1,080 men on the register at the Exchange out of work, and urged the importance of pushing on with the Housing Scheme with the least possible delay. They also suggested the desirability of considering concrete construction of houses with a view to providing employment for unskilled labour. The deputation were informed that the Committee had already advertised inviting tenders for 250 houses either of brick or concrete, and a Sub-Committee had been appointed to inspect concrete houses,

10—Housing Committee —Read, a letter from the Secretary of the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives asking the Committee to co-opt one or more of its Members on the Housing Committee. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

11—Housing Finance—Read, a circular letter inviting the Committee to appoint two delegates to attend a Conference called by some of the Metropolitan Boroughs, to be held in London on the 23rd and 24th April, on Finance and Housing. Resolved, That delegates be not appointed.

12—Concrete Houses—Read, a letter from Messrs. W. T. Nicholls, Ltd., giving particulars of the Dorman Long system of steel frame construction. Read, also, letters from the Waller Housing Corporation, Ltd., stating that houses constructed by them could be seen at Poole, and stating that the minimum number of houses they were prepared to construct in any one area was 250. Resolved. That the Sub-Committee appointed be asked to inspect the houses at Poole.

13—Agreed Price Contract--Read, a letter from the Housing Commissioner suggesting that the Master Builders' Association should be approached and asked to give an alternative price of 50 houses in brick or

concrete on the amended plans. This suggestion would not interfere with the advertisement already issued inviting tenders for 250 houses, and if the amended price was reasonable it would enable 50 houses to be started at once. Resolved. That the Commissioner be informed that it will be open to the Association to send in a tender for the houses as advertised.

JOHN BENDALL.

Chairman

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 23rd February, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Wilkins and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1--Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that an advertisement board placed outside No. 83, Winchcombe Street projected over the footpath.

Resolved, That notice be given for the removal of the board.

2—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 23rd January to the 19th February, 1920 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 12th February, 1920, 743 loads collected, 610 consumed, and 133 tipped away. Weight consumed, 922 tons 2 cwts.

3—Tenders for Trees—The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders received for 18 trees to be removed from the public streets. Resolved. That the tender of Messrs. Smith Bros. of £18 12s 0d. be accepted.

4 Classification of Roads--Read a letter from the Ministry of Transport, stating that under the provisions of Section 17 (2) of the Ministry of Transport Act, 1919, the classification of roads within the administrative Counties of England and Wales would now be proceeded with, and asking for a renewal of the assistance rendered by the Authority in response to the request made by the Road Board in April, 1914, and forwarding directions as to the preparation of proposals.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a return to be forwarded to the Ministry.

5 — Transportation and Development—Read a letter from the Ministry of Transport, stating that it was desired that the Library of the Ministry, which was in course of formation as a part of the Intelligence Service, should be as representative as possible of all branches of transportation, as well as of power, industry, and other related subjects, and asking to be furnished with copies of any reports or other publications of interest to the Ministry.

6—Tank — Read a letter from Mrs. Gwatkin Williams, complaining of the nuisance caused by children climbing on to the tank. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate for providing a fence round the tank.

7 — View Meeting—The following members attended a View Meeting on Wednesday, the 18th February: —The Mayor, Councillors Mann, Pates, Wilkins and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows: -

Montpellier Terrace—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate for providing surface water drainage.

Shurdington Road—That the tariff paving be removed and the footpath gravelled.

Trees--Montpellier Drive—That the applications of Major Iredell for a tree in Montpellier Drive to remain be granted.

Vittoria Walk—That the projecting tree be removed.

All Saints' Road—That the tree near Rossmoyne be removed and that the tree near 6, Glenfall Terrace be riot removed.

Sydenham Villas Road—That alternate trees be removed where these are in front of houses and that the tree at the corner of Sydenham Lawn be also removed.

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

Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 10th and 23rd February.

Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday. the 10th February, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Rogers and Wilkins (Councillor Wilkins 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.
1450	E J. Simmonds Sudeley Villa, Gloucester Road.	Amended Plan for a temporary Motor House,
1457	Gloucestershire Aircraft Company	New Foundry, Sunningend Works.
1458	L. Gridley	New Garage, 26, Priory Street.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1450 be approved, that Plans No. 1457 and 1458 be disapproved, and that Notice be given to the Gloucestershire Aircraft Co., under bye-law No 54, to show cause why the New Foundry which had already been erected should not be removed.

T. WILKINS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 23rd February, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, 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.
1458	L. Gridley	New Garage, Berkeley Lodge, Hewlett Street.
1459	Cheltenham College Council	Temporary Shed, College Ground Bath Road.
1460	T. S. Shill	New Saw Mill, Arlof, Naunton Lane.
1461	T. L. Bence	New Motor Garage, Sherborne Street.
1462	A. Williams	Alterations and additions to 11 Portland Street.
1463	W. J. Bache	Temporary Shed, Eythorne. All Saints Road.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1459 be approved, that 1460 and 1463 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after Notice is given requiring such removal, that plans No. 1462 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the Satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, that plans No. 1458 be approved, subject to 110 part of the ground floor of Berkeley Lodge being used for domestic purposes, and to the drainage and Sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that plans No 1461 be approved subject to the drainage of the cottage to be removed being disconnected from the Sewer and a proper footpath crossing provided.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 13th February, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boater, Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Stewart, Sawyer and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1--Spa Manager—The following candidates selected by the Concerts Sub-Committee attended for interview: —Mr. T. Allan Burns, of Glengyle, London Road, Major J. S. Iredell, Fairholm, Montpellier Drive, Mr. W. S. Knott, Cleeve Hill, Mr. H. E. C. Townley, South View, St. Stephen's, and Mr. B. J. Wood, Laurel Villa, Charlton Kings.

Resolved, That Mr. T. Allan Burns be appointed Spa Manager at a salary of £200 per annum as from 1st March next, the engagement to be terminable by either party at any time by one month's notice.

2--Medical Baths—Resolved, That the Spa Medical Advisory Committee be authorised to engage an assistant Masseuse to give part-time assistance at a salary not exceeding 2 guineas a week.

3—Winter Garden—Bandstand—The Borough Surveyor submitted lay-out plan of the Winter Garden Grounds showing site for Bandstand, and layout of Gardens with the iron railings removed. Resolved, That the plan be approved and the Bandstand erected on the site shown, and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of the lay-out.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 20th February, 1920: Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

4—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that they had held 5 Meetings. Town Hall—Resolved, That the Scale of Charges for the Town Hall be amended as follows

	Present Charges.	Revised Charges.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Lectures or Concerts.		
Large Hall, afternoon or evening	8 8 0	10 0 0
“ “ afternoon and evening ..	10 10 0	14 0 0
Supper Room, afternoon or evening	2 2 0	2 10 0
“ “ afternoon and evening	3 3 0	4 4 0
Drawing Room, afternoon or evening	2 2 0	2 10 0
“ “ afternoon and evening	3 3 0	4 4 0
Card Room, afternoon or evening .	15 0	1 0 0
Dances.		
Large Hall, up till 11 o'clock ..	10 10 0	12 12 0
£1 1s. 0d. per hour afterwards.		
Supper Room, till 11 o'clock ..	3 3 0	3 15 0
10/- per hour afterwards.		
Drawing Room, up till 11 o'clock	3 3 0	3 15 0
10/- per hour afterwards.		
Refreshment Room	---	2 2 0
Card Room	1 1 0	1 5 0
Kitchen	---	2 2 0

All plus lighting.

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Resolved, That any bookings, either definite or provisional, for dates more than two months in advance be made subject to confirmation by the Sub-Committee, and that the Large Hall be reserved for next season from the 19th October the end of March on Tuesday and Friday afternoons and Wednesday evenings for Municipal Dances.

Concerts—Resolved, That Mr. Shackleton, in consultation with Mrs. Bisset, be authorised to arrange a Special Concert on Easter Monday morning—the charge for admission to be 8d., including tax, and that an artist be engaged at a fee not exceeding £2 2s. 0d

Orchestra—The following alternative offer was received from Mr. Shackleton to provide an orchestra for the Summer Season (May to September): —

(1) Band of 24 performers (including Mr. Shackleton as conductor) mornings and afternoons £100 0s. 0d. per week, If two evenings in lieu of afternoons £110 0s. 0d.

(2) Band of 20 performers (including Conductor) mornings and afternoons £84 per week, If two evenings £88 per week

(3) Band of 15 performers (including Conductor) mornings and afternoons £65 per week, If two evenings £70.

Resolved, That the Committee be recommended to engage an Orchestra of 20, including conductor, for the Summer Season and 3 performers for the early morning Concerts at a charge of £90 per week, the Orchestra to play each week as follows:

6 early morning performances (3 performers)

6 morning performances (full orchestra)

4 afternoon “ “

2 evening “ “

A letter was received from Mr. Horace Teague stating that the Cheltenham Military Band would be prepared to accept either permanent or occasional engagements each week.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved except as to the Orchestra, in regard to which the Sub-Committee be asked to ascertain the terms for 3 afternoon and 3 evening performances, and also terms for a shorter season.

5—Film Advertisements--Read a letter from the Traders' Association stating that they had arranged with the Gaumont Company for taking a cinematograph film of Cheltenham Spa, and enclosing a list of the places to be included in the film, and asking the Corporation to contribute towards the cost, which would be approximately £100. Resolved. That the list of places be approved, but that the questions of making a contribution towards the cost be adjourned until the estimates for the ensuing year are made.

6—Medical Baths—Read, an application from Nurse Addis for an increase of salary. On the recommendation of the Spa Medical Committee, Resolved, That her salary be increased to £3 3s. per week.

Resolved, also, That Miss E. D. Ticehurst be appointed Assistant Masseuse, to attend at the Montpellier Baths each morning, at a salary of £1 11s. 6d. per week.

7—Mineral Waters-The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of mineral waters sold at the Central Spa since the last Meeting was 580, and the number sold at the Pittville Chalet and Pittville Pump Room was 34.

8—Winter Garden Grounds—The Borough Surveyor submitted a lay-out plan showing the Bandstand in the Central Walk which was to be widened to run on each side of the Bandstand. The lay-out provided for the removal of the existing railings along the front to the Promenade and back to the line of frontage of the building, and for beds of shrubs or flowers to be made along the Promenade frontage enclosed with a light ornamental iron railing with entrances to the Grounds at several points.

His estimate was: —

Bandstand as already approved. ••••••••••	£1000
Lay-out of Grounds, including gravel walks, turfing, shrubs, ornamental railings and flower beds, and after allowing £1 per yd. for existing railings	2102
Lighting on estimate of Electrical Engineer	<u>281</u>
	£3383

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He had also obtained a quotation for an ornamental shelter to accommodate 185 persons at a cost of £2,500 to which would have to be added £500 for cost of foundation.

Resolved, That the Bandstand be erected on the site shown on the plan, and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit a revised estimate of the cost of the lay-out for the Central Walk.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 23rd February, 1920. Present Councillors Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

9—Winter Garden Grounds—The Borough Surveyor submitted revised estimate as follows: —

For Bandstand already approved	£1000 0 0
For lay-out of central walk, including drainage, etc.	516 8 0
For verge rail	50 0 0
Electric Light installation	220 0 0
Wind screen for Bandstand ••	161 13 0
Canopied chairs .. ••	<u>100 0 0</u>
	£2048 1 0

Resolved, That the estimate be approved, and that the scheme for removal of railings be deferred for the present. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan of £2000 for the Bandstand and lay-out. Resolved, That tenders be obtained for 100 chairs.

10-Orchestra—The Sub-committee reported that three afternoon and evening concerts (instead of four afternoon and two evening) would increase the cost to £94 per week.

Resolved, That Mr. Shackleton's offer to provide an orchestra at £94 a week from 1st May to 30th September be accepted, subject to his entering into an agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee- held on Thursday, the 19th February, 1920: Present—Councillors Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Taylor and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1-Loan for Mains-The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in view of the increased load it was necessary to lay an additional cable from the Works to Manchester Street Sub Station at an estimated cost of £2400, and also that the loan of £2000 for general extensions of mains, granted in September, 1914, was nearly exhausted. Resolved. That application be made to the Electricity commissioners for a loan of £4400 for cost of the new train feeder and for mains extensions.

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2-New Boilers—Resolved, That the offer of the Vulcan Boiler Insurance Company, for examining during construction the various parts of the new boilers and superheaters ordered from Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox, and supervising tests of same, at a charge of £12 12s. per boiler and Superheater be accepted.

3—Junior Mains Assistant—Resolved, That Mr. C. Honor, Charge Engineer, be transferred to the Mains Department and that the Engineer be instructed to advertise for another Charge Engineer.

4—Gas Lighting—Mr. G. Embrey reported that a test taken on the 18th instant, for calorific power, gave a result of 471 B.T.U.

5—Joint Electricity Authority—The Town Clerk gave a general report as to the proceedings of the Organising Committee for the Establishment of a Joint Electricity Authority and for the purchase of the Works at Beachley.

6—Salaries of Chief Engineer—With reference to Minute No. 4 of this Committee of 26th June last, the Chairman reported that the joint Committee of representatives of Municipal Undertakings and Engineers were agreed on a minimum scale of salaries based on units sold, but extra percentages claimed by the Engineers were still under discussion. On the scale so far agreed the Engineer's salary for Cheltenham would be £670. Resolved, That this sum be paid as from 1st June last.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 25th February, 1920 Present—Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

7—Additions to Plant—Tenders for pipe work in connection with installation of additional plant were received. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Stewart & Lloyd of £1,729 be accepted, subject to a contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

8—Public Lighting—Electricity—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Lucy & Co. for supplying 33 switch pillars required for the public lighting installation, at £19 10s.- each, be accepted.

J. MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 12th February, 1920: 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 9th February, 1920.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	349,000 gallons	348,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,817,000 "	2,044,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	85,000 "	94,000 "
Total	2,251,000 "	2,486,000 "

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents 9th February, 1920.	Depth	Contents 9th February, 1919.
Hewletts		25,011,000 gallons		31,088,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	28ft. 0in.	79,684,000 "	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 "
Leckhampton	8ft. 0in.	1,080,000 "	12ft. 0in.	1,621,000 "
Total Storage		105,775,000 "		132,709,000 "

2-Severn Navigation Bill—Read, a letter from the Clerk of the Severn Commission stating that the Commissioners were willing to limit the powers under the Bill as to closing the locks at night so as not to apply to pleasure boats, between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. from 1st May to 30th September, and also stating that Clause 9 was not intended to enable a Bye-law to be made which would prevent the Corporation from unloading coal directly into their works. The Clerk also promised to send in due course a copy of the amendments to Clauses 9 and 11 of the Bill so as to make these points clear.

3—Water Charges—Resolved, That in view of the increase in the cost of labour, coal, etc., application be made to the Board of Trade for an order under the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act 1918, increasing the maximum charges for the supply of water for domestic purposes from 6 per cent. to 7 per cent. where the annual value of premises does not exceed £20, and from 5 to 6 per cent. where the annual value exceeds £20, with a minimum charge of 10/- in respect of any dwelling house or part of a dwelling house.

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 Friday, the 30th January, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Moore and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1-Town Clerk's Department-49 applications were received for the post of Chief Assistant in the Town Clerk's Department, and the following candidates were selected by the Sub-Committee for interview, —

C. E. Bradbury, Town Clerk's Office, St. Helen's.

B. H. Farrand, Town Clerk's Office, Rhondda.

F. J. R. Mountain, Town Clerk's Office, Coventry.

A. A. Pike, 20, Bell Lane, Gloucester. H. Stark, Town Clerk's Office, Bury.

Resolved, That Mr. F. J. R. Mountain be appointed at the salary and on the terms set out in the advertisement inviting applications for the post.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 17th February, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Rogers and Stewart. (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

2-Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Griffin reported that the premises at the Midland Railway Station, at which an outbreak of Parasitic Mange had occurred. were still under quarantine, and that since the last Meeting of the Committee an outbreak of Swine Fever had occurred at Hanover Gardens, St. Paul's, in the occupation of Mr. Ernest Hodges.

3—Gloucestershire and District— Foot and Mouth Disease—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a notification from the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease at Leckhampton, and submitted an Order made by the Minister restricting the movement into, out of, or within the scheduled district, and also containing power to restrict the movement of persons, dogs and other animals in certain cases. He also submitted the Gloucester. shire and District Foot and Mouth Disease Order No. 2, made by the Ministry, which contained provisions as to the granting of movement licences. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to publish the Order as required by the Minister of Agriculture.

4—Epizootic Abortion Order, 1920—Read, a letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that the Minister had had under consideration various representations suggesting that Epizootic Abortion in cattle should be made a notifiable disease with penal conditions for trading with cows and heifers which had been aborted, and forwarding an Order empowering the Local Authority to make regulations prohibiting in any market the exposure of cattle which have been aborted.

5—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire on the 16th instant at the Works of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd, St. James' Square. Damage, about £200; Brigade Expenses, £3 17s. 0d.

6—Hackney Carriage Licences—Read, a letter from Mr. A. Webb, of 1, All Saints' Road, who, before joining the Army, held a taxi-cab licence, applying for a licence for a hackney carriage until he was able to purchase another taxi-cab. Resolved, That a licence be granted subject to the vehicle being approved by the Inspector.

Read, letters from Mr. C. Burrows, of 23, Marle Hill Parade, and Mr. George Harding, of 83, Marle Hill Parade, for the transfer of hackney carriage licence No. 97 from the former to the latter. Resolved, That the application be granted.

7—Motor Cab Licence—Read, a letter from Mr. D. Whaley, of Drumholme, Pittville Gates, for a motor cab licence. Resolved, That the application be adjourned to the next Meeting for the applicant to attend.

8—Motor Omnibus Licence—Read, a letter from Mr. M. E. Ireland, asking for the transfer of the licence granted for the motor omnibus plying for hire between Cheltenham and Painswick, to the National Steam Car Co., Ltd., Locking Hill, Stroud. Resolved, That the application be granted.

9—Local War Pensions, etc., Committee—Resolved, That Mr. H. H. Peat be appointed a Member of the Local War Pensions, etc., Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Jamieson.

10—National Register—Read, a letter (N.R. 64) from the Registrar-General with reference to the disposal of the National Register, and stating that it would be open to the Local Registration Authority to retain all or any of the documents if their retention would be of value for the purposes of local administration, and that further communication would be sent to the Authority after this matter had been considered by Parliament.

11—Employment of Children Act, 1903—At the request of the Education Committee, Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the bye-Laws recently adopted under the Employment of Children Act, 1903, and the Education Act, 1918.

12—Appointment of Overseers—The Town Clerk reported that the present Overseers had intimated their willingness to serve as Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Cheltenham for the ensuing year.

Resolved, T. recommend that The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Taylor and Councillor Wilkins be re-appointed.

13 —Town Clerk's Department—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to purchase a new typewriter and to have the present typewriter, which has been in use for about 10 years, overhauled and repaired.

14—Fruit Market—Read, a letter from the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd., with reference to the further accommodation required.

Resolved, That the Society be informed that the Council will provide additional accommodation subject to an annual payment of 7 ½ per cent. on the outlay, and that the Minute passed at the last Meeting be varied accordingly.

Resolved, also, That The Mayor, Alderman Margrett and Councillor Stewart be appointed a Sub Committee to consider and arrange as to the additional accommodation required.

15—War Bonus--Read, a letter from the National Association of Local Government Officers asking that consideration may be given to the payment of the full scale of War Bonus when the estimates for the ensuing year are prepared, and pointing out that the present bonus was based on the 1914 salaries instead of the 1919 salaries, and that increases of salaries granted for merit had been deducted. 21 Members of the Staff were not receiving the minimum bonus on the 1914 salaries even including the increases granted. The Association also reminded the Council that under the further Award No. tot an additional to per cent. had been granted to the Civil Service to meet the increased cost of living.

16-27, Promenade—Resolved, That a contract be entered into for purchase of this house at £1,275 subject to the sanction of the Ministry to a loan for this sum.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1,275 for the purchase of this property.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 11th February, 1920 Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Stewart, and Yarnold (Councillor Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,331 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 14th January. (Corresponding period last year 1,721).

Cavendish House had almost completed the work in connection with the extension of the Museum, and the new rooms had been re-arranged. " A fellow Townsman" had kindly lent additional specimens of Pewter, which are being labelled and arranged, and when finished would prove of great interest to Collectors of Pewter.

The Relief Model of Palestine had been received from Charles Bailey, Esq., M.Sc., and is a handsome as well as a useful contribution to the Museum.

The following gift had been received: -

Colonel Duke, Gwynfa, Moorend Park Road—Minerals and Rock Specimens

The following loans had been received: —

Staff-Sergeant R. Davis (R.A.O.C.), 7, Priory Terrace—Portion of Zeppelin brought down in flames at Billericay, Essex, on 24 September, 1916.

Leaflet dropped by British Airmen behind German lines, announcing death of Baron Richthoven, the famous German airman.

Lieutenant Pearce (Royal Engineers) The Homestead, St. Marks—Worked Flints which had been collected by the Germans; captured by the British in Palestine.

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2—Loan of Objects—Read, letter from the Secretary Victoria and Albert Museum with reference to the proposed removal of objects now on loan at Cheltenham Museum, and offering to loan other objects if desired. Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to visit the Circulation Department to select fresh specimens.

3— Rock Specimens—Resolved, That the estimate of Messrs. Norman, Sawyer and Co., for printing 500 copies of " Museum Publication on Rock Specimens," by Captain Wild, be accepted at a cost of £41.

4—Spring Cleaning—Resolved, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed, for cleaning purposes, on Easter Tuesday for the remainder of April, and that the Curator be authorised to employ additional assistance for cleaning, if necessary.

5—Museum—Resolved that an order be given to the Cheltenham Window Cleaning Company to clean the Windows on the top floor.

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 24th February, 1920: Present—Councillors Betteridge, Sawyer, Stanley and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—Sundial—Mr. W. L. Mellersh applied for permission to remove the Sundial, presented by him, from the site of the Wild Flower Garden to the Wild Flower Garden at the Ladies' College. Resolved, That this be given.

Boats—Resolved, That the next meeting be held at Pittville and that the boats be inspected.

Wilful Damage—The Borough Surveyor reported wilful damage had been done to the Bridge by boys. Resolved, That Supt. Griffin be asked to prosecute.

2—Allotments—Alma Road—Resolved, That a piece of arable land in Alma Road at rear of Coulter, containing 3a. 0r. 20p., be purchased for allotments at the price of £280 (with vacant possession), and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan for the purchase money and costs.

Whaddon Lane—Resolved, That an agreement be entered into for a lease of a piece of arable land, containing about 4 acres, adjoining the present allotments in Whaddon Lane for a term of years at the same rent as the present allotments (subject to compensation to present tenant).

Resolved, That the lease of the present allotments be renewed for a term to run concurrent with the term for the new ground.

Folly Lane—Resolved, That an agreement be entered into for a lease of a piece of pasture land, including stable and shed in Folly Lane, containing 3a. 1r. Op., for a term of 5 or 10 years at a rent of £30 (subject to compensation to present tenant).

Resolved also, That the land be ploughed up.

" Rainbow Field"— Resolved, That an agreement be entered into for a lease for 5 years of a piece of arable land, containing about 4 acres, at rear of Naunton Park Schools at a rent of £5 an acre (subject to compensation to the present tenant and to satisfactory arrangements being made as to fencing).

Resolved, That the above-mentioned lands be let as allotments at the rate of £1 per chain.

Wasley's Field—The Town Clerk reported that the Board of Agriculture had agreed to the Corporation having possession of this land on their own account as from the 29th September last

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Alstone Lawn Estate—Real letter from Mr. J. G. Villar applying for this land to be restored to the possession of the owner, who would agree to make no claim for compensation, and to continue to use the land for allotments be disturbed, until end of 1921 unless required for building or industrial purposes, and that none of the present tenants would be disturbed, or the present rents increased, except that the land would be remeasured at end of 1920 and the rent adjusted at present rate to the area actually cultivated.

Resolved, That subject to approval of the Board of Agriculture possession be restored on these terms.

All Saints' Road—The Town Clerk reported that the Board of Agriculture had approved of this land being restored to the owners, subject to the owners agreeing that the land should be cultivated until end of 1921 unless required for building, etc., and that the present tenants should not be disturbed, and that no claim for compensation should be made.

Resolved, That possession be restored on these terms.

3—Cricket at Recreation Grounds—Read applications from the Whaddon United Club (Saturdays) and the Y.M.C.A. (Wednesdays) to play at Whaddon Lane, and from Baker Street Institute, Clarence United, Templar Cricket Club and the Templar Wednesday Cricket Club to play at Agg-Gardner Ground.

Resolved, That the applications be granted (subject to the usual conditions).

4—Recreation Grounds—Grazing—Resolved, That notice be given terminating the agreements for grazing.

5—Local Lawn Tennis Competition—Read letter from the " Daily Sketch" giving particulars of this competition, which would be open to clubs playing in parks and open spaces. Resolved, That the attention of local clubs be called to same.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 20th February, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Betteridge, Vann, Rogers, Stanley and Stewart (Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

1—Advance to Superintendent—Resolved, That the amount of the advance to the Superintendent for the payment of wages and Minister's Fees, be increased from £100 to £110 and that the Resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings of the 25th July, 1919, be varied accordingly.

2 —Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6228 to 6233 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein. which had been purchased.

3 —Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved. viz.: Headstones to graves of Edward Morris, Caroline, Frances, Elsie, and Edgar Allen Gater. Memorial Crosses to graves of John J. Hayward, Arthur Lyon Bellhouse, William Walter, and Walter Landale. Kerbing to graves of William and Mary Chapman, Fenning Augusta Close. Richard and Mary Green, and Oliphant Arth Brown.

F. C. DODWELL

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

At a meeting of this Committee held at the Public Library on Tuesday, 10th February, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes Mann, Moore, Pates and Stanley; Rev, P. M. C. Johnstone and Mr. E. Gridley Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £9 9s. 1d. Presentations Mrs. Stephens (1 vol.), Mrs. Daubeny (8 vols.), Messrs. Barnheld (3 vols.), Charles Bailey (8 vols.), and F. C. Wellstood (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of January last was 3,799, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 9,809, and from the Children's Library 2,245.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 5th February. Present—Aldermen Green and Steel, Councillor Mann, Dr. R. Davis and Mr. J. Claridge (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended: -

That the tender of Messrs. J. J. Banks for supplying new literature should be accepted, it being the lowest.

That £30 should be expended on replacements for the Lending and Children's Libraries.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, except that the tender for the supply of new literature be adjourned for further information.

3—Lighting of Reference Library—The Committee inspected the experimental alterations for improving the lighting of the Reference Library, temporarily installed under directions from the Borough Electrical Engineer, and suggested that five 100-volt half-watt lamps with holophane shades be suspended from the centre of the room for one month as an experiment.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 24th February, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Dicks, Moore and Whitaker (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 £25,465 5s. 2d., leaving outstanding £2,454 12s. 2d.

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 £11,286 2s. 4d., leaving outstanding £2,278 17s. 1d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £2,050 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged for the continuance of loans amounting to £970. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

4—Gloucester Road and Naunton Park Council Schools—At the request of the Education Committee, Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £1,000 for the additional lavatory accommodation required at the Gloucester Road and Naunton Park Schools.

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5—Housing Loans—Read, letters from the Town Clerk of Rochdale and the Erith Urban District Council, forwarding resolutions passed with reference to the loans required for housing purposes, and asking that similar resolutions be passed by this Corporation. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council, the cost of Housing Schemes should be defrayed out of moneys raised by a National Loan instead of out of moneys secured on the local rates, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Borough Member of Parliament.

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

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

Overdrawn on the 27th January last	25,364 18 7
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £4,800)	<u>25,881 9 3</u>
	51,246 7 10
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £22,050)	<u>49,734 14 4</u>
Overdrawn	1,511 13 6
being General Accounts Overdrawn	7,969 1 8
Less Sinking Fund Accounts In Hand....	6,119 9 3
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts do.	100 5 5
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account do.	<u>137 13 6</u>
	<u>6,457 8 2</u>
	1,511 13 6

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 1st March, 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 and Clara Winterbotham, Boulter, Dicks, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 2nd 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—Appointment of Overseers—Resolved, That John David Bendall, of Home Orchard, Leckhampton, Cheltenham; Robert Steel, of 1, Oriel Terrace; Peter Philip Taylor, of 9, Lansdown Crescent; and Thomas Wilkins, of Sydenham Lawn, be appointed Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Cheltenham for the ensuing year.

3—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 9th February last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Housing Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Housing Committee, at their Meetings of the 3rd and 10th February last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd February last, be approved and confirmed.

6---Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th, 20th, and 23rd February last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 19th and 25th February last, be approved and confirmed.

Electricity Mains—Resolved also, That the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement with the Great Western Railway Company with regard to electric mains over the bridges in Moorend Park Road and Moorend Street.

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

9—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 30th January and 17th February last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Cheltenham Races—Special Licences and Regulation of Traffic—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue special licences for 10th and 11th March for carriages and drivers approved by Supt. Griffin, and that the traffic regulations recommended by Supt. Griffin be adopted.

11—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th February last, be approved and confirmed.

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

13--Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th February last, be approved and confirmed.

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

15---Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th February last, be approved and confirmed.

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

16—Municipal Band—Read letter, dated the 29th ultimo, from the Secretary Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council with reference to the proposed payment of £94 per week for the provision of a Municipal Band and other matters incidental thereto.

Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 22nd March, 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 and Clara Winterbotham, Betteridge, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

Apology—An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Sawyer.

1—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th March instant, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: —That the names of Councillor Jamieson and Mr. J. E. Bullock be added to the Publicity Committee referred to in the fifth Resolution of the Committee's proceedings.

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 Tuesday, the 6th April, 1920.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th March, 1920: 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.: -Cumberland Villa, Grove Street; 4, Waterloo Place, Bath Road; 8, Selby Cottages; Beaufort Hunt Inn, Union Street; 19, 20 and 27, Union Street; Cottage rear of 28, Union Street; 36, 39, 53, 55, 57, and 67, Union 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 14, Columbia Street; 24, Victoria Terrace; Mulberry Villa, London Road; 8, Belmore Place; 26, Fairview Road; 92, Upper Bath Road; 8, Selby Cottages, Swindon Road; 32, Naunton Crescent; 5, Warwick Place; and 20, Sandford Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3- Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Stables in Belmore Place; 5, Blenheim Parade; 2, Suffolk Place; Hampton Villa, Gloucester Road; Angle Villa; 2, Fairmeade, Hall 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 -Mulberry Villa, London Road; 8, Belmore Place; 92, Upper Bath Road; 26, Fairview Road; 8, Selby Cottage's, Swindon Road 32, Nano. Crescent; 5, Warwick Place; 20, Sandford 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-Heydon Villa-Resolved. That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Clerk to the Rural District Council, calling attention to the pollution of the brook by the drainage from this property.

6 Surrender of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 30 cwt. 2 qrs. of Mutton 1 cwt. 8 lbs. of beef; 12 cwt. of pork; 2 qrs. 15 lbs. mutton; 37 tins of tomatoes, fish and milk. (Total weight surrendered, 2 tons, 4 cwt., 23 lbs.)

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, defective ash receptacles, etc., which had been served but not come with.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instituted to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance

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8—Measles—The Town Clerk submitted Regulations, dated the 3rd instant, made by the Minister of Health, on the application of the Corporation and nine other Local Authorities, making measles or German measles notifiable in their several districts, and the Medical Officer of Health reported that the requirements as to notification being slightly different to those contained in previous Orders, he had advertised the terms of the Regulations in the local press.

9—Influenza—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the Ministry of Health had issued a circular embodying advice as to the prevention and treatment of influenza, and reported that 2,000 circulars had been printed, but as the prevalence of the disease is reported to be abating, he did not propose to circulate the remainder immediately.

10—Health Week—Read, circular letter, dated the 16th ultimo, from the Health Week Committee, suggesting the promotion of a Health Week in the Borough, and the Medical Officer of Health reported thereon Resolved, That no action be taken.

11—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 8th inst. was 4 colts, 9 horses (2 at Depot), 8 calves, 106 head of cattle, at lambs, 30 tegs, 126

sheep and 56 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 2 fat pigs had been sold for £22 8s. 4d. and £19 19s. 6d. respectively, also 3 cows, 4 calves, 20 lambs, and 39 pigs had been bred on the farms.

Annual Stock-taking and Valuation—Resolved. That the Sub-Committee meet at the farms on Wednesday, the 31st March, for the Annual Stock-taking and Valuation.

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

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th March, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Tenders for Houses—Tenders for the erection of houses were received from the undermentioned firms:—

Name.	One pair houses. Drains, Water and			Cost per house.	
	Brick walls. £ s. d.	Concrete walls £ s. d.	Gas services.* £ s. d.	Brick. £ s. d.	Concrete. £ s. d.
Billings, A. C. & Sons, Ltd.	1887 0 0	1782	560	999 10 0	947 0 0
		(Calway system)			
Collins & Godfrey..	1887 0 0	1782	560	999 10 0	947 0 0
		(Calway system)			
Drew, Wm. ..	1887 0 0	-----	560	999 10 0	-----
Drew, W.. F., Ltd. ..	1990 0 0	2028	720	1067 0 0	1086 0 0
Rainger, Chas. H. ..	1887 0 0	-----	560	999 10 0	-----

* Per 10 houses.

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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 to be erected.	Description.	Cost.	Per house.
Billings, A. C. & Sons, Ltd.	10	Concrete walls	£ 9470	£947
Collins & Godfrey. • •	10	do.	9470	947

2-Concrete Houses—The Sub-Committee reported on their inspection of houses at Parkstone, near Poole. Resolved. That a copy of the Report be sent to each member of the Council.

3—Temporary Buildings—Smiths Systems Ltd.—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter, of 25th ult., from Smiths Systems Ltd., requesting permission to erect wooden huts on the site of their proposed factory for a

term of at least five years, and copy of his reply thereto. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor's reply be approved.

4—Building Materials Supply—Read, letter, of 19th ult., from the Ministry of Munitions of War with regard to arrangements made for supplying Contractors for Housing Schemes with building materials. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor, Messrs. Herbert T. Rainger and Alfred H. Smithson (Architects) be appointed the accredited representatives for the Council for certifying supplies required by Contractors.

5--Cottage and Land—Gloucester Road—Read, letter, of 19th ult., from Mr. J. G. Villar offering on behalf of Mr. S. J. Wasley £200 for the cottage and garden in Gloucester Road. Resolved. That the District Valuer be asked to value the property.

6-Housing Bonds—The Town Clerk submitted Memorandum 21 from the Ministry as to issue of Housing Bonds under the Housing (Additional Powers) Act, 1919. It was estimated that the amount required to provide for purchase of site, lay-out and the erection of 250 houses, proposed to be erected this year, would be 4290,500. Resolved, That the Finance Committee be recommended to apply for the consent of the Ministry for issue of Housing Bonds bearing interest at 6 per cent. per annum repayable within a period of not less than seven years after date of issue.

7- Army Huts—Read, letter, of 2nd inst., from the Housing Commissioner intimating that if the Council abandon their scheme of but conversion they will be required to refund the 33 1/3 discount. Resolved. That offers be invited by advertisement for all the huts, and that Minute 5 of the meeting of this Committee on the 3rd February last be varied accordingly.

8-Houses for Police - The Town Clerk submitted a letter, dated the 9th inst., from the Clerk of the County Council inquiring as to the likelihood of the Corporation building houses in other parts of the town, together with copy of his reply thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved,

9—Advisory Committee—Read, letters, of 24th and 28th ult., from the Secretary, National Federation of Building Trades Operatives, suggesting the formation of an Advisory Committee in order that the Housing Committee might have the service of the practical experience of representatives of the Federation in building matter, Resolved, That the Federation be invited to nominate an Advisory Committee, consisting of use members, as proposed.

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10—Methods of Special Construction—Read, letter, from the Housing Commissioner, of 5th inst., recommending that to pee cent, of the Housing Scheme be reserved for buildings on new methods of construction. This proportion might he increased in cases where difficulty was experienced in obtaining acceptable tenders for brick construction.

JOHN D. BENDALL.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday. the 22nd March, 1920 Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Betteridge, Moore, Rogers and Whitaker (The Mayor in the chair).

11—Tenders for Houses—Tenders for the erection of houses were received from the undermentioned firms

Name.	Description.	Per House.
Unit Construction Company.	Concrete Blocks.	£1,005 0 0
Nicholls, W. T., Ltd.	do.	947 10 0

The Borough Surveyor reported that the tender of Mr. William Drew had now been revised and reduced from £999 10s. 0d. to £949 per house to meet the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

Resolved, That, subject to a contract approved by the Ministry of Health being entered into, the tender of Mr. Drew be accepted for 20 houses of brick construction. and that the tenders of Messrs. Billings & Sons, Collins & Godfrey, and C. H. Rainger & Son be accepted for 20 houses each (of brick construction) if they are willing to agree to a similar revision and reduction of their tenders.

Resolved, also, That Messrs. Dorman Long, & Co. be asked to tender for the erection of 50 houses.

12-- Housing Site—Purchase from J. Smith—Read, a letter of the 19th instant, from Mr. J. G. Villar, claiming on behalf of Mr. John Smith for compensation for giving up land required for the Housing Scheme, amounting to £20; no rent to be claimed from Mr. Smith subsequent to 29th September last. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to deal. with the matter.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th March, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Rogers, Whitaker and Wilkins (Tire 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 20th February, to the 25th March 1920 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 18th March, 1920, 916 loads collected, 680 consumed, and 236 tipped away. Weight consumed, 1079 tons 3 cwts.

Destructor Foreman—Wages—Resolved, That the wages of the foreman be increased by 5/- per week.

Engineer's Assistant—Read. application from Mr. H. P. Morgan, Engineer's Assistant for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased from £150 to £175 per annum.

2-Workmen—Wages—Read, letter from the Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, stating that a provisional settlement had been made in the rate of labourers wages, under which an increase of 1 ½ d. is payable from 1st March and an additional ½ d. from 1st April, and ½ d.

from 1st May, making a total rate of 1/6 ½ per hour. Resolved, That this increase be accepted for casual labourers employed by the Corporations.

3—Streamers across Promenade—Read, letter of the 10th instant from Mr. Councillor Rogers for permission to place streamers across the Promenade in connection with the Sale of Work in aid of Christ Church Vicarage Fund, on May 19th and 20th. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to the streamers being fixed in such positions and manner as approved by the Borough Surveyor.

4—Aged Sweeper—Resolved, That the Trustees of the Baker Memorial Fund be recommended to make a grant to Thomas A Morris, aged sweeper, of 5/- per week for a further two months.

5—Refuse Destructor—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. J. C. Dawes, one of the Inspectors of the Ministry of Health, had paid a visit in connection with the application of the Town Council for sanction to borrow £945 for additions to the Refuse Destructor.

6-- Scrap Metal—Resolved, That notice be given to Messrs. Thomas W. Ward, Ltd., to terminate their contract for the purchase of scrap metal.

7—Road and Bridge Programme for 1919-20—Read, letter of the 28th February from the Ministry of Transport, Roads Department, with reference to grants, and the Borough Surveyor reported thereon.

8—Bath Road—Seat—Read, letters from Mrs. A. E. Brydges and Councillor Edith Geddes with reference to the need of a seat for tram passengers in Bath Road, near the corner of Suffolk Road. Resolved, That a seat be provided and placed near North Devon Lodge.

9 -Trees--Resolved, To recommend as follows: -

Moorend Park Road That the chestnut tree opposite "Beckford" be pruned.

All Saints' Road—That 2 lime trees opposite the Church be removed

10-Provincial Industrial council for Local Authorities—Resolved, (a) That a contribution of kw be made towards the expenses of the Joint Council. (b) Grading—Read, Circular letter of the 26th ultimo, with reference to grading of the various areas for the purpose of Wage Regulation. Resolved, That representation be made to the Executive Committee of the Coursed that the Urban District of Charlton Kings and the Parishes of Leckhampton and Prestbury should be included in Grade B with Cheltenham.

11-Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 9th and 29th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved confirmed.

JOHN D. BENDALL, Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday. the 9th March, 1920: Present Thu. Deputy Mayor and Councillor Rogers (Tire Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1464	Cheltenham Education Committee	New Manual Instruction Room, Housewifery Room and Lavatory, Gloucester Road Schools.
1465	W. H. Cole & Co., Ltd.	New Hairpin Factory, Russell Place.
1457	Gloucestershire Aircraft Company	New Foundry, Sunningend Works.
1466	United Chemists Association, Ltd.,	New Building for boiler and evaporating plant, Ucal Works, Priory Court, High Street.
1467	Cheltenham College Council	New temporary Store Building, Paragon Terrace, Bath Road.
1468	Lieutenant H. G. Wright	New Garage corner of Gloucester and Granley Roads.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1464 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector. That plans Nos. 1466 and 1467 be approved as temporary buildings under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, subject to the condition that they shall be removed within three months after notice is given requiring such removal. That plans Nos. 1465, 1457, and 1468 be disapproved. The Building Inspector reported that Mr. Prude was erecting a building to be used as a dwelling-house at the rear of his house in Six-Chimney Lane, in contravention of the Bye-Law No. 49 Resolved, That the building be inspected.

ROBT. STEEL.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 29th March, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, 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.
1465	W. H. Cole & Co., Ltd.	New Hairpin Factory, Russell Place.
1457	Gloucestershire Aircraft Company	New Foundry, Sunningend Works.
1469	Mr. F. F. Leaver	New Motor House at Lisnamoe, Lansdown Road.
1470	Mr. W. J. Cock	New Cowshed, Fiddlers Green Farm.
1471	Mr. W. M. Alford	Temporary Motor House. Dromoland, St. Anne's Road.
1472	Waite and Son	New Office addition, 349, High Street.

Resolved, That Plans 1465, 1457, and 1472 be approved. That Plan 1469 be approved subject to the floor of the building being reinforced. That Plan 1470 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector. That Plan 1471 be approved as a temporary

building under Section 2 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment Act), 1907, subject to the condition that this shall be removed within three months after notice is given requiring such removal.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman,

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of 'Isis Committee held on Friday, the 19th March, 1920: Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1--Deputy Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Pates be appointed Deputy Chairman of this Committee for the remainder of the year.

2--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: —

GENERAL ADVERTISING.

£ s. d.

In Birmingham papers. • • • • •	20 0 0
Weekly paragraph in " Daily Telegraph"	25 0 0
Times " Travel Pages: Monthly, £4 .. • •	48 0 0
In Railway Guides, 4 Main Lines	20 0 0

FOR MOTORISTS.

Royal Automobile Club Year Book : " The Car " 25 0 0

BRITISH AND FOREIGN TOURISTS.

Cook's Summer Holidays list .	20 0 0
Cook's Traveller's Gazette • • • •	18 15 0

FOR LONDON.

In London Dailies and Weeklies • • • •	50 0 0
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Coupled with occupation of Kingsway Information Bureau for three months, August, September, October, and exclusive use of Bureau as the Cheltenham Enquiry Office. Half cost (£40) is guaranteed by the Advertisement Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, forming a complete scheme with striking

window exhibit and special electric effects 40 0 0

FOR AMERICAN TOURISTS.

Advertisements in "Town and County"
Magazine, including special write-up,
"The American in Great Britain"
special Touring Guide, and in
"American on Tour" 46 6 0

FOR MEDICAL MEN,

Advertisements in
Medical Papers (under direction of Spa
Medical Committee) 30 0 0
For extra advertising that may
arise during the year, say .. 25 0 0
Contribution to Federated Spa
Advertising Scheme 100 0 0
£468 1 0

Less estimated commission to be obtained
by Mr. Burrow and refunded to the Corporation 30 0 0
£438 1 0

(b) Commission refunded—Read, letter of 17th inst., from Mr. Burrow enclosing cheque for £15 10s. 8d., commission allowed to him on advertisements inserted in various newspapers for the Corporation.

Resolved, That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Mr. Burrow for his honorary services as Advertisement Contractor.

3—Medical Baths —General Hospital Patients—Resolved, That patients from the General Hospital recommended by the Medical Advisory Committee be afforded treatment (excluding massage) at the Medical Baths at a flat rate of 2/- per patient.

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4--Deck Chairs—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Drake & Co. to supply deck chairs at 14s. 2 ½ d. per chair be accepted, and that an order be issued for 140 chairs—total cost £99 9s. d.

5--Winter Garden Grounds—William IV. Statue—Resolved, That this be removed and re-fixed at the end of the Long Walk, Montpellier Gardens, and that the tender of Messrs. Collins & Godfrey to carry out the work at a cost of £28 10s. 0d. (excluding the re-building of the pedestal) be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put in hand the work in connection with the pedestal.

6—Alstone Mill Premises—Lease—Resolved, That these premises, with the exception of the cottage, be let to Mr. Stephen Wilson, of Bradley Villa, Hewlett Road, on a repairing lease for 3, 5 or 7 years, subject to sooner determination by six months' notice if same are required for purposes in connection with the Baths, at an annual rent of £50, tenant paying rates and taxes.

7—Medical Baths—Brochure—Resolved, That the Medical Advisory Committee be authorised to have 5,000 copies of an Illustrated Brochure on the Medical Baths, prepared by them, printed at an estimated cost of £505 7s. 6d. for circulation among the Medical profession.

8—Montpellier Gardens—Ladies' Cloakroom—Resolved, That the proposal to provide a Ladies' Cloakroom at Montpellier Gardens be approved.

9—Spa Manager's Office -Typewriter—Resolved. That a typewriter be purchased at a cost not exceeding £14. Telephone—Resolved, That the Spa Manager's Office be connected with the public telephone.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th March, 1920: Present—Councillors Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Thomas and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

10—Alstone Baths—Central School Children—Resolved, That the application of the Education Committee for the use of Alstone Baths for children attending the new Central School, on Thursdays from 4.30 to 5 p.m. (boys), and Fridays from 4 to 5 p.m. (girls), be granted.

11-Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that they had held meetings on the 24th February; 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March.

Town Hall Bookings—Resolved, That no definite bookings be accepted more than two months prior to the date on which the Hall is required.

Pittville Gardens—Traders' Association Fete—Resolved, That the use of Pittville Gardens and Pump Room be granted to the 'readers' Association for a Fete to be held on August Bank Holiday, on payment to the Corporation of 7 ½ per cent. on gross receipts, and subject to the condition (a) that the Association accept responsibility for any damage to the Pump Room or Gardens, and (b) that the programme be approved by this Committee.

Petty Cash—Resolved, That the Spa Manager be provided with the sum of £5 to cover petty cash payments.

Monthly Programme-- Resolved, That the preparation of the Monthly Programme be undertaken by the Spa Manager as from the 1st April.

Band Uniforms—Resolved, That ten uniforms be procured at a cost not exceeding £35 (this sum to include hats and alterations to existing uniforms).

Orchestra—Resolved, That the orchestra commence performances on the evening of May 3rd.

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

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12—Swimming Display, etc.--Pittville Annexe—Read, letter of 19th inst., from Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club applying for the use of Pittville Annexe—Lake and Grounds—for July 31st. Resolved, That

the use of the Annexe be granted, if required, at a fee of £5 5s., The Club undertaking to make good any damage.

13—Spa Manager's Office—Typewriter—The Committee inspected typewriter offered for sale at £14. Resolved, That a typewriter be purchased at a cost not exceeding £28, and that Minute No. 9 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting be varied accordingly.

14—Copyright Music—Resolved, That an agreement be entered into with the Performing Right Society for the use of copyright music.

15—Summer Concerts—Resolved, That the following scale of charges for season tickets be approved and adopted: -

Season Tickets—(a) That Season Tickets be issued at 10/6 to cover admission at all times to Montpellier and Pittville Gardens (except when let privately or on special occasions). Including admission to all morning and afternoon performances by the Municipal Orchestra at the above Gardens and Winter Garden Grounds, including chair.

(b) That season tickets be issued at 17/6 to cover admission at all times to the Montpellier and Pittville Gardens (except when let privately or on special occasions), including medicinal waters and chair, at all early morning, morning and afternoon performances by the Municipal Orchestra at the above Gardens and Winter Garden Grounds.

(c) That season tickets be issued at 5/- entitling the holder to admission at all times to the Pittville and Montpellier Gardens (except when let privately or on special occasions).

(d) That monthly tickets be issued at 10/- entitling the holder to the same privileges as in paragraph (b) above.

(e) That a nurse's or child's ticket be issued for 2/6 entitling a nurse in charge of a child or a child under 12 to admission to Montpellier Gardens or Pittville Gardens from 1st May to 30th April, at all times (except when let privately or on special occasions).

The above tickets are not transferable and must be produced on request.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 22th March, 1920: Present—Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Mann, Moore and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1-Additions to Plant—(a) Feed pump—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. G. & J. Weir, Ltd., for the supply of a feed pump in connection with the additional new plant at £140 be accepted, subject to a contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

(b) Rubber Cables—Resolved, That the tender of the British Insulated and Helsby Cables, Ltd., for the supply of rubber cables required to connect various details of new plant at £320 2s. 9d. be accepted, subject to a contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

(c) Extensions to Buildings—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., for the extension of the Engine Room, etc., to accommodate additional plant, at £2,406 7s. 7d. be accepted, subject to a contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

2—Electric Lorry—The Borough, Electrical Engineer reported that owing to the increased cost of labour and materials, some adjustment of the charge made to the Street and Highway Department, for the Electric lorry would be required. Resolved, That the Borough, Electrical Engineer be instructed to confer with the Borough Surveyor in the matter.

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3—Wages of Employees—(a) Charge Engineers—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from the Electrical Power Engineers' Association on behalf of the Technical Staff, for the payment of a further bonus of £30 per annum, together with a recommendation of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Engineers' Association that such further bonus should be paid as from the 1st January last. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted and that any increase in war bonus granted to the Charge Engineers over and above that made under the last Award (No. 9281), be made up to 30 per annum as from the 1st January last.

(b) Lamp Inspection—Read, letter from the District Secretary, Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, of the 16th instant, claiming in view of the 47 hour week an adjustment in wages in regard to lamp inspection which had recently been reduced from 6 hours weekly per man to 2 hours. Resolved, That the lamp inspection be discontinued altogether, and, in view of the reductions of earnings on this account, an adjustment be made in the wages of the men affected by increasing their wages by the equivalent of one penny per hour (including 12 ½ per cent.), such increase to be merged in any general advance in wages or bonus which may hereafter be granted.

4—Manchester Street Sub-Station—An application was received from the Recruiting Officer for the use of the ground floor at Manchester Street Sub-Station as a Recruiting Office. Resolved, That the same be let on a monthly tenancy at a rent of £25 per annum inclusive, the War Department to make good any dilapidations, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare the necessary agreement.

5—Coal Rebate—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had ascertained the amount of rebate to be allowed to consumers under the Coal (Pits Mouth) Prices Order, 1919, and that this would amount for the current quarter to ¼ d. per unit. Resolved, That this allowance be made in the accounts of consumers affected, for the quarter ending March instant.

6—Gas Lighting—Analyst's Report—Read, a report from Mr. George Embrey, Gas Examiner, of his test taken on the 18th instant of the gas for calorific power which shewed 458.5 B.T.U.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th March, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margret, 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 15th March, 1920.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	270,000 gallons	331,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,157,000 "	1,612,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	124,000 "	113,000 "
Total	1,551,000 "	2,056,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	15th March, 1920.		15th March, 1919.	
Hewletts		22,861,000 gallons		31,276,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	30ft. 0in.	89,612,000 "	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,621,000 "	12ft. 0in.	1,621,000 "
Total Storage		114,094,000 "		132,897,000 "

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2—Chief Water Inspector —Illness—The Borough Engineer reported that Mr. A. D. Middleton—Chief Water Inspector) had been absent from duty through illness since 25th December last.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to make a further report next month, and that in the meantime payment of his full wages be continued.

3—Salts Farm—Fifteen offers were received for the tenancy of Salts Farm, which becomes vacant on 29th September next.

Resolved, That the offer of Mr. L. G. Dunn, of 1, Wells Close, Church Street, Charlton Kings, at a rent of £120 per annum be accepted, subject to his entering into an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

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 23rd March, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Rogers and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Griffin reported that the Borough was now free from diseases of animals with the exception of a case of Swine Fever at Hanover Gardens, St. Paul's, in the occupation of Mr. Ernest Hodges.

2— Gloucestershire and District (Foot and Mouth Disease) Order, 1920—The Town Clerk reported that the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries had issued an Order withdrawing, as from the 15th instant, the restrictions on the movement of animals imposed by the Gloucestershire and District (Foot and Mouth Disease) Order, 1920, from an area which includes the Borough.

3—Epizootic Abortion Order, 1920 -The Town Clerk submitted regulations under this order for the Borough corresponding with the regulations made for the County. Resolved, That the regulations be made and published.

4—Crown Animals—Read, a circular letter of the 10th ultimo, from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries with reference to a circular addressed to Local Authorities on the 24th February, 1913 (A.220/C) describing the procedure to be followed in dealing with cases of diseases under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894-1914, occurring in crown animals or animals on crown premises.

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

Firemen's Tunics—The Captain reported the receipt of Firemen's tunics and was authorised to have any necessary alterations thereto made locally.

Fire at Road Transport Board Depot—Resolved, That the reports with regard to this fire be sent to the Board of Trade, and that their attention be called to the unsuitability of the premises for storage of petrol.

6 --Motor Omnibus Licences -Read, letter of the 26th ultimo, from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Ltd., applying for three omnibus licences in connection with a new service between Cheltenham and Nailsworth, at a through fare of 2/-, a fare of 4d. being charged for the first Section to the New Inn. Shurdington. Resolved, That the application be granted

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7—Fruit Market—Mr. Bruce Swanwick attended the meeting on behalf of the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society Ltd. with reference to the further accommodation required. Resolved, That the additional accommodation required be provided by the Corporation at an estimated cost of £800, subject to the Society agreeing to pay 6 ½ per cent. on the outlay, and that Minute No. 14 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting be varied accordingly.

8—Household Fuel and Lighting Order, 1919—The Local Fuel Overseer reported that the Gas Co. had made application for an increase of 2/- in the price of coke. Resolved, That an increase of 1/- be approved.

9—National Relief Fund Committee—Resolved, That the following be appointed the National Relief Fund Committee for the Borough: —

(Representatives of Local Employment Committee)

Mr. C. E. Cook, 58, Marle Hill Parade, Cheltenham ; Mr. T. Lyon, 42, Clarence Square, Cheltenham ; Mr. A. Philips, c/o Messrs. Shirer & Haddon, Promenade, Cheltenham.

(Representatives of Women's Co-operative Guild)

Mrs. A. Cooke, 58, Marle Hill Parade, Cheltenham ; Mrs. Herbert, St. Albans, Prestbury Road, Cheltenham.

(Representatives of Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council)

Mr. W. S. Butler, Daisyville, Sandhurst Road, Cheltenham; Mr. A. E. Hunt, Sandfield Place, Arle Road, Cheltenham.

(Representatives of Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers)

Councillor J. W. Betteridge, Melville, Swindon Road, Cheltenham; Mr. D. Regan, 5, Cleaveland Terrace, Cheltenham;

and (Representative of Women's Citizen Association)

Mrs. Togwell Jackson, 38, Clarence Square, Cheltenham.

10—Local War Pensions Committee—Resolved, That Mr. A. E. Hunt, of Sandfield Place, Arle Road. be appointed a member of the Local War Pensions Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Brooker.

11—Profiteering Tribunal -Resolved, That Mr. George Blagg, of Vera House, Victoria Terrace, be appointed a member of the Profiteering Tribunal, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. J. T. James.

12 --Council Meeting—Read, a letter from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council, protesting against letters relating to matters before the Council not being read until the end of the meeting.

13—Contracts with Foreign Manufacturers— Read, circular letters of 26th February and 7th instant, from the British Empire Union, forwarding Standing Order adopted by the Manchester City Council with reference to contracts with subjects of late enemy powers and suggesting that a resolution on the same lines be adopted. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee the resolution passed by the Council on the 3rd April, 1916, meets the case.

14--Association of Municipal Corporations— Annual Meeting—Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Margrett, and the Town Clerk be appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Municipal Corporations, to be held in London on the 11th May.

15—Mayoral Roll—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain an estimate for the renovation of the boards bearing the names of past Mayors and fixing the same in suitable positions in the Municipal Offices, and that the choice of position be left to the Mayor and Town Clerk.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th March, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, and Dr. Davies (Councillor Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,964 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 10th February. (Corresponding period last year 3,525—Naval Exhibition).

The School of Art Exhibition opened on the 1st March, and will remain open until the end of the month. Visits to the Exhibition had been made by teachers and their scholars from the Elementary Schools, and such visits, which help to bring the schools into close co-operation with the Art Gallery and Museum, can but have beneficial educational effects.

The picture post-cards of the three pictures in the Art Gallery, viz., "A Libation to Olympus" by Hugh Riviers, "The Coming Storm" by Koekkoek, and "A Woman filling an Old Man's Glass" by Metsu, had been received, and should prove a means of advertising the Art Gallery. They had been beautifully reproduced by Mr. Pitcher.

The Victoria and Albert Museum had changed the four cases, which had been at the Museum since the beginning of the war, for four other cases containing Ecclesiastical Embroideries, Old Glass, Japanese Lecquerwork, and Ancient Woodwork, and had also lent eight Oil Paintings for exhibition. The Chief of the Circulations Department (Mr. J. Bailey) paid a visit, and expressed himself as highly satisfied with the arrangement of the Art Gallery and Museum.

The following loans had been received :—

Lady Dixon Hartland, Ashley Manor, Charlton Kings. Fifteen Sketches of Heads, and other Studies, by Sir E. J. Poynter (President of the Royal Academy 1896-1919).

Captain R. P. Wild, Ariel Lodge, Cheltenham. Mammoth's tooth, found at Barnwood 1920. Eighteenth Century Safety Stirrup found at Swindon 1919.

2-Picture Postcards— Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to make a charge of two pence each for the postcards referred to in paragraph 3 of his report.

3—Estimates for Rates — Resolved, That the Finance Committee be requested to make provision in the Estimates for an amount equal to the product of a full halfpenny rate.

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th March, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Stanley and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1--Pittville Estate— Tennis etc., charges—Resolved, That a charge of £2 2s. 0d. be made for the season, to cover the cost of preparing, marking, etc., tennis or croquet Courts in Clarence and Wellington Squares and Pittville Crescent Gardens, if required by the owner or tenant taking a court.

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2-Allotments-(a) Whaddon Lane—Resolved, That an additional 2 acres of land be included in the lease from Miss Skillicorne if this can be arranged.

(b) Rainbow Field—Resolved, That an additional 2 acres of land be included in the lease from Mr. Jordan if this can be arranged.

3—Cricket at Recreation Grounds-- Read, applications from the "Silver Badge" Club and the Director, Technical Schools, for permission to play cricket at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That permission be granted (subject to the usual conditions).

4—Recreation Grounds—Grazing—The Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to tenants holding grazing rights in the several Recreation Grounds to terminate their tenancies on 25th March, 1920.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th March, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Rogers, and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6234 to 6255 (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 grave of Ellen Davies. Headstone and Kerbing to the grave of Joseph Edmund Davies. Headstone to the grave of Emma I. W. Brown. Memorial Crosses to graves of Ellen Meredith Nicholson and C. N. Nevins. Kerbing to grave of Helen M. J. Turner.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th March, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Mann, Moore, and Wilkins; Messrs. E. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mass in the chair),

1—Librarian's Report—Read the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £6 11s. 2d. Presentations: Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P. (1 vol.), Captain R. P. Wild (1 vol.), per W. St. Clair Baddeley, Esq. (1 vol.), Carnegie United Kingdom Trust (1 vol.), Anonymous (2 vols.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of February last was 3,406, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 9,200, and from the Children's Library 2,024.

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2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 11th March. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mann, Mr. W. R. Carles and Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone, (Councillor Mann in the chair).

The Monthly Accounts were examined.

They recommended :—That the tender of Messrs. J. J. Banks & Sons for Newspapers and Periodicals be accepted, it being the lowest.

That books for the blind be received from the National Lending Library for the Blind, and that a subscription of £2 10s. be granted to that Library.

That in reply to the communication from the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, the Library Committee agree to accept £75 for Establishment Charges, instead of £100 as hitherto.

3-- Caretaker—Wages—Read letter of the 11th inst., from J. C. O'Brien (Caretaker) applying for an increase of wages. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 30th March, 1920: Present—Tire Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor, Councillors Dicks, Whitaker and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—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 £26,730 4s. 6d., leaving outstanding £1,189 12s. 10d.

2-Water Rate—Read the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended the 25th inst. Amount collected £12,782 4s. 3d., leaving outstanding £1,532 15s. 2d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £1,200 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued accordingly on account of the Street Improvement (£9,500) loan.

4—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £167 Corporation Stock at 58 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. and £300 at 55 per cent., which, with previous purchases amounting to £599 11s. 2d., made a total of £1,066 11s. 2d. Resolved, That the sum of £1,066 11s. 2d. 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 Bank of England, 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-Housing Bonds—The Tow., Clerk reported the receipt of consent of the Ministry of Health under Section 7 of the Housing (Additional Powers) Act, 1919, to the issue of Housing Bonds and Sanctions for loans of £44,000 and £237,500, repay-able in 25 years and 60 years respectively.

6—Insurances—increases—The Borough Accountant reported that, having regard to the increased cost of building, etc., he had conferred with the Surveyor as to increasing the insurances of the several Corporation, and submitted schedule sing the suggested revision. Resolved, That the schedule as altered by this Committee be approved. • properties belonging to the sheaving.

7—Police --Increase in Contribution- Read, letter of the 2nd instant, from the Clerk of the County Council suggesting that in. view of the large increase in the cost of Police the quarterly instalment under the Agreement should be increased. Resolved, That the quarterly instalment be increased from £500. to £2,000 for the ensuing year.

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

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

Overdrawn on the 24th February last	1,511 13 6
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £120)	<u>29,818 8 6</u>
	31,330 2 0
Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £1,200)	<u>19,107 8 8</u>
Overdrawn	12,222 13 4
being General Accounts Overdrawn	20,943 16 0
Less Sinking Fund Accounts In Hand. • • .	8,424 2 1
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts.... do.	209 12 7
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account do.	<u>87 8 0</u>
	<u>8,721 2 8</u>
	12,222 13 4

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Tuesday the 6th April, 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 and Clara Winterbotham, Betteridge, Boulter, Dicks, Dodwell, Mann, Pates, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jamieson, Moore and Sawyer.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 1st March last, and the Special Meeting on the 22nd March, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

3—Housing Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Housing Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 22nd March last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th March last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 19th and 26th March last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment:-

"That the words 'the Council' be substituted for 'this Committee' in the resolution of the Concerts Sub-Committee with reference to Pittville Gardens—Traders' Association Fete."

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6—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Committee, at their Meeting of the 23th March last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Water Committee -Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting or the 18th March last, be approved and confirmed.

8—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd March last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

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

12—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at hair Meeting of the 16th March last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 30th March last, be approved and confirmed.

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

14—Notices of motion—with the consent of the Council the Notices of Motion standing in the names of Councillors Jamieson and Moore were adjourned until the next Meeting.

15—Commission of the peace- - Resolved, That the names of Miss Winterbotham, Mrs. Atwell Lake and Mrs. Lock Mellersh, be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee to consider whether the Council should support the recommendation that they be appointed to the Commission of the Peace.

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 Monday, the 26th April, 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, Dicks, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

1—Death of Mr. G. H. Davis—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be requested to convey to Mrs. Davis an expression of the Council's sympathy with her in the loss sustained by the tragic death of her son.

2—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting of the 20th April, instant, 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 10d., and that such Owners shall be assessed in respect of tenements, whether occupied or unoccupied, at a reduced estimate of one-half.

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 3rd May, 1920.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th April, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Rogers, 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. :—Rose and Crown Cottages; 54, 60 and 61, Upper

Park Street; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Old Millbrook Terrace. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

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2—Overcrowding at 7, Old Millbrook Terrace. The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so over-crowded 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 Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Old Millbrook Terrace; 5, Witcombe Place; 61, Upper Park Street; 19, St. Paul's Parade ; and 20, Tivoli Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Tivoli Ale and Porter Stores; 1, Gloucester Road; and The Hawthorns, Christ Church Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5—Insanitary Property—2, 5 and 6, Old Millbrook Terrace ; 41, Burton Street; 61, Upper Park Street; 5, Witcombe Place ; and 25, Exmouth 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 in put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat—(a) The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 15 cwt. 16 lbs. of beef; 42 lbs. of Mutton; 6 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. of fish; 30 lbs. of tripe; and 35 tins of salmon, tomatoes, etc. (Total weight surrendered 1 ton, 2 cwt., 2 qrs., 8 lbs.)

(b) The Inspector of Nuisances also reported that on the 8th and 9th ultimo, 955 carcasses of unsound mutton were removed from the Cold Stores, Henrietta Street, and returned to London to be disposed of by the Associated Meat Importers Committee.

7—Assistant Inspectors of Nuisances—(a) Salaries—Read, letter of the 12th inst. from Messrs. C. W. Clifford, F. R. Jefford, and J. Jacket, Assistant Inspectors of Nuisances, applying for increases in their salaries. Resolved, That the salaries be increased as follows:--

Messrs. Clifford and Jefford—from £150 to £170 per annum (plus £30 war bonus as at present). Mr. Jacket— from £130 to £150 per annum (plus £30 war bonus as at present).

(b) Scale of Salaries—Read, letter of the 26th ultimo from the Sanitary Inspectors' Association, enclosing Scale of Salaries for Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors of Nuisances, approved by the General Council of the Association.

8—Medical Officer's Annual Report. Resolved. That the Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer be bound in one volume, and that the Medical Officer of Health obtain three tenders for printing and binding 100 copies, and he authorised to accept the lowest.

9—Rose and Crown Passage-Sewer-, Resolved, That the sewer in the Rose and Crown Passage be re-laid at an estimated cost of £200.

10-Montpellier Gardens-Ladies Lavatory-Resolved, That the plan for the provision of a ladies' lavatory at Montpellier Gardens, at an estimated cost of £170, now submitted, be approved, and the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work.

11 -Report, of Farms Sub-Committee-The Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Farms on the 31st ultimo for the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation. Present-The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker the chair). They submitted the following summary:

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Live Stock .. •	5,306 5 6
Hay, Straw, Mangels, Manure, etc.	939 2 0
Acts of Husbandry ..	354 17 9
Implements, Harness, etc.	331 15 7
Shedding, etc. ..	<u>76 4 0</u>
Total .	£7,008 4 10

The Sub-Committee also met on the 12th instant. Present : The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 12th instant was 14 horses (2 at Depot), 9 calves, 83 head of cattle, 75 lambs, 30 tegs, 110 sheep, and 63 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting of the Committee 2 cows had been purchased for £76; 12 calves and 54 lambs had been bred on the Farms. One ewe had died. Nine cows and 4 calves, 16 heifers and 7 calves, 7 store pigs, 15 fat ewes, cart mare, 15 sheep skins, and 1 ewe skin had been sold for £1,203 8s. 8d.

Barbed Wire—Resolved, That 10 cwt. of bitumen-coated barbed wire be purchased from Messrs. A. & E. Pettifer, of Bromyard, at £1 8s. per cwt.

Horse Hire—Resolved, That the Street and Highway Committee be offered horses on hire from the Farms on the same terms and conditions as those supplied by Mr. Newman.

Farm Labourer's Cottage—Resolved, That the Council be recommended to retain the Army Hut No. 586 purchased for £262, less 33 ½ per cent discount, for use as a farm labourer's cottage at Barn Farm.

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

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th April, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Dicks, Moore and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1-178, High Street—Read, letter of the 15th instant from Messrs. Young and Gilling, offering to sell No. 178, High Street, to the Corporation for conversion into artisan flats. Resolved, That the purchase be not entertained

2—Cottage and Land—Gloucester Road—Read, letter of the 26th ultimo from the District Valuer as to the value of this property. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the property.

3—Advisory Committee—Read, letter from the Secretary of the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives, nominating the following for appointment as an Advisory Committee:—

W. Biddle, 3, Grange Crescent, Gloucester Road; M. Browning, 55, Roman Road; W. Bushell, Rose Dene, The Reddings; F. Hopkins, 1, Brooksdale Cottages, Leckhampton ; J. Sage, 2, Crescent Parade.

Resolved, That they be appointed an Advisory Committee.

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4—Housing Survey—Read, letter of the 16th ultimo from the Housing Commissioner, provisionally approving on behalf of the Ministry of Health, the Scheme, D. 89, adopted by the Committee on the 'nth November last to meet the housing needs of the Borough as an instalment of a "complete" scheme, and intimating that this approval is subject to reconsideration on points of detail.

5--Clerk of Works—Resolved, That applications for the appointment of Clerk of Works be invited by advertisements in the "Building News" and "Contract Journal."

6— Tenders for Houses—Read, letter of the 14th instant from Messrs. C. H. Rainger & Son, intimating their inability to undertake the erection of the houses. and asking to be released from their tender. Resolved, That that this be agreed to.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received the following tenders

Name.	Description.	Per House.
Nicholls, W. T., Ltd.	Wingate Concrete Blocks	£940
do. (as Agents for Dorman Long & Co.)	Dorman Long	£947

Resolved, That subject to contracts, approved by the Ministry of Health, being entered into, tenders be accepted for 20 houses of each description.

7—Concrete Houses—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence received from Calway's Concrete Walling, Ltd., with regard to sureties, and reported that the Company were not prepared to provide sureties, but would enter into their usual contract to guarantee the stability of the walling, and maintain it watertight and free from defects for a period of twelve months from the date of completion. Resolved, That this be agreed to,

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on the Housing site on Tuesday, the 27th April, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor Councillors Edith Geddes, Dicks, Moore and Whitaker (The Mayor in the chair).

8-- New Houses—The Mayor cut the first sod of the houses contracted for by Messrs. Billings & Sons, Collins & Godfrey, and Mr. W. Drew, and planted an oak tree to commemorate the occasion.

9-- Dorman, Long & Co.—Mr. Nicholls attended as agent for Messrs. Dorman, Long & Co., and stated that they would not be prepared to undertake less than 40 houses. Resolved, That the number of houses to be erected by Messrs. Dorman, Long & Co. be increased to 40 houses, and that the Minutes passed at the previous meeting be varied accordingly.

10-Army Huts--Resolved, That this Committee approve of Hut No. 586 being taken for conversion into a cottage at the Barn Farm and to Hut No. 589 being used for additional accommodation at the Fruit Market, and that the latrine but he retained for Housing scheme and the remaining but be offered to the County Council at the purchase price.

11-Subsidy Houses —The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for a pair of semi-detached villas to be erected in Naunton Lane by Mr. L. K. Bendall, and reported that same complied with the conditions presented by the Ministry of Health under Section of the Housing (Additional Powers) Act, 1919. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue Certificate A of approval of the plans.

12- Housing inspector--Read letter from the Housing Commissioner that Captain Yates had now been appointed Inspector for the Council's Housing scheme, and would be prepared to give advice and assistance in regard to any questions and difficulties which might arise in the execution of the Housing scheme.

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13—Pise-de-terre Construction—Read letter from Mr. R. S. Watson asking the Council to arrange for a demonstration of this method of construction. Resolved, That his proposal be referred to the Architects for consideration.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th April, 1920 Present—Councillors Edith Geddes and Stewart; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. McArthur and Miss Foster (Councillor Geddes in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society—The Annual Report and the Report for the quarter ending 31st March were read. The Annual Report showed progress in the work of the Society, the number of attendances being 4,139 as against 2,502 in the previous year. New premises had not yet been obtained for the Bath Street Centre, but temporary accommodation had been found in the Highbury Schools, Grosvenor Street. Application was made by the Society for an increased grant. Resolved, That the grant for the current year be increased from £30 to £100.

2-Health Visitors—The following is a summary of the work for the quarter ended 31st March last :—

Number of Children visited (a) one year and under	683
(b) over one year	230
Total ..	913
Number of Children remaining on Visiting Registers .. • •	1739
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors—Miss Montagnon	810
Miss Wood	868
Total	1678
Health Visitors' Attendances at Centres—Miss Montagnon	25
Miss Wood ..	26
Talks to Mothers at these Meetings—Miss Montagnon	6
Miss Wood	5
Number of on-notified Births discovered .. • •	20
Children remitted to Hospital	2
Infants remitted to V.D. Clinic	3
Grants of Milk	
Carried over from 1919 • • • • •	16
To Nursing and Expectant Mothers, 1920 –8. Stopped-7. Continuing	1
To Infants and Children under 5	14. “ 11” 3
Total	20

Dinners were supplied in the case of one Nursing Mother for one month.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that Miss Wood had left, and Miss Montagnon had obtained another appointment and would be leaving shortly. He had already advertised to fill Miss Wood's place at the same salary, but had not received any satisfactory applications.

Resolved, That application be invited by advertisement in the Nursing Times and Nursing Mirror for 2 Health Visitors at a salary of £170 each, rising by annual increments of £10 to £200.

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3—Bastardy Bill—Resolved, That this Committee are in favour of the passing of this Bill and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the President of the Ministry of Health.

4—District Nursing Association—Read, memorandum from the Ministry of Health stating that a grant of £98 had been made to this Institution on the understanding that the Midwifery Work of the Institution is carried on in co-ordination with the Child Welfare Work of the Local Authority.

5—Sailors' and Soldiers' Children—Read, circular letter (72) from the Ministry of Health asking for assistance of Health Visitors to be given, if required, by Local War Pensions Committees for inspection of homes, etc., of children under care of the War Pensions Committee.

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

Milk for Nursing Mothers .. • •	63 12 4
Advertisement—Nursing Mirror	1 6 0
Balance of Grant to Creche for last year ..	5 0 0
Half-year grant to District Nursing Association	<u>11 16 3</u>
	£81 14 7

EDITH GEDDES.

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th April, 1920: 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 25th March to the 22nd April, 1920 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 15th April, 1920, 707 loads collected, 454 consumed, and 253 tipped away. Weight consumed, 726 tons 9 ½ cwts.

Veterinary Attendance on Horses—Resolved, That Mr. T. J. Brain be called in as and when required for attendance on horses.

Slab Factory—Reported that the mould and dies for making concrete blocks had been delivered to the Slab Factory and were being fixed in position.

2—Classification of Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had met the County Surveyor and Representatives of Charlton Kings and the Rural District Councils, in order to discuss the classification of roads under the scheme of grants to be said by the Ministry of Transport, and that the following were suggested as thoroughfares as coming under the category of :—

First-Class Roads: —Tewkesbury Road, High Street, London Road, Lansdown Road, Lansdown Place, Montpellier Walk and Promenade; Portland Street and Evesham Road; Winchcomb Street and Prestbury Road; Bath Road and Shurdington Road; Gloucester Road.

Second-Class Roads: —Old Bath Road, Hales Road and Cemetery Road; Leckhampton Road; Church Road and Charlton Lane.

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3-Electrical Vehicle—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had interviewed the Borough Electrical Engineer with regard to the Electrical Vehicle. Resolved, That the charge of ninepence per mile for the use

of the Electric Vehicle be continued with a minimum annual payment of £250, and that Minute No. 14 of this Committee's proceedings at its Meeting on the 22nd December, 1916, be varied accordingly.

4—Municipal and County Engineers—Annual Conference—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend the Annual Conference, to be held at Dundee, on the 17th, 18th and 20th June next.

5—Provincial Industrial Council for Local Authorities—Read, letter of the 8th inst. with reference to grading, overtime, holidays, etc.

6—Workmen—Wages—Read, a letter of the 13th inst. from the Secretary, Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, applying on behalf of the Corporation employees, who are members of this Society, for a further all round advance in wages of 10/- per week, to take effect on the 1st May next, and that the wages of paviors be increased to 1/8 per hour, also intimating that, if desired, a deputation would be prepared to attend before the Committee. Resolved, That a deputation be received at the next meeting.

6—Building Lines on Main Roads—Read, circular letter of the 12th inst., from the Clerk of the County Council, enquiring whether the Corporation would communicate with the County Surveyor before settling buildings lines on main roads in the Borough. Resolved, That this be done.

7—Plans Sub-Committee —Resolved, That the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 26th inst. be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday. the 26th April, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor Councillors Mann, Rogers, Whitaker and Wilkins. (Tire Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1473	Cheltenham Education Committee	New Lavatory, Naunton Park Council Schools.
1474	J. Halliwell	New wing addition to Eamont, Bayshill Road.
1475	W. G. Tibbles	Addition to Workshop, 28, St. George's Place.
1476	Mrs. Walker	New Scullery, 7, Queen's Parade

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1473 and 1476 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plans Nos. 1474 and 1475 be approved.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th April, 1920: Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Whit Monday Fête Day at Pittville—Resolved, That the suggestion of the Concerts Sub-Committee that a Fete held at Pittville on Whit Monday, be approved.

2—Pittville Gardens—Traders' Association Fete—Read, letter of the 15th instant from Mr. E. J. Gibbins with reference the Fete to be held at Pittville Gardens on August Bank Holiday.

3—Shop next Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported an application from Mr. A. E. Stanley to rent shop next Montpellier Baths. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 23rd April, 1920 Present—Councillors Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

4—Shop next Montpellier Baths—Mr. A. E. Stanley attended and offered a rent of £25 for these premises on a tenancy for use as a lock-up shop, the tenant paying rates and taxes. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, to a formal agreement being entered into.

5—Montpellier Baths—Calorifier—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Shanks & Co. to provide and fix a 200-gallon storage calorifier at an estimated cost of £200 be accepted.

6—Alstone Baths—Mixed Bathing—Mr. Councillor Pates reported that he had met representatives of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club at Alstone Baths on the 19th instant, with reference to the suggestion of the Club that mixed bathing be allowed. Resolved, That the use of the Baths be granted to the Club for mixed bathing on Tuesday evenings from 5 p.m. until closing time, at a charge of 4d. per member, and that the washing baths be used as a ladies' dressing room, the gentlemen to use the existing dressing boxes.

7—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee--The reports of the Concerts Sub-Committee of their meetings on the 30th March, 6th, 13th, and 20th April, were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Band Performances in Wet Weather—Resolved, That the Band give evening performances (dance music only) in the Town Hall during wet weather, that dancing be allowed in the Supper Room at a charge of 1/- per person, and that a charge of 8d. be made for onlookers.

Band at Pittville—Resolved, That the Band play at Pittville on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings during month of May, the first performance to be held on the 5th.

8—Dog Show at Winter Garden Grounds—Resolved, That permission be given to the Cheltenham Dog Club for erection of a marquee at the rear of the Winter Garden to be used in connection with a Dog Show on the 26th June, a charge of £2 2s., the Club undertaking to make good any damage done.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th April, 1920: Present—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—re J. Bullock—Mr. Bullock attended, and also Messrs. Booth, Galloway and Hodson as a deputation from the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal, and General Workers, and asked that Mr. Bullock be found other employment at the Electricity Works. It was reported that Bullock had already been offered employment in connection with the Housing Scheme.

Resolved, That, as an alternative, Bullock be offered employment on the work of the public lighting installation, and that in the event of a vacancy occurring on the permanent staff of the Corporation suitable for him, he be offered the post.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 22nd April, 1920: Present—Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Jamieson, Moore and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

2-Additions to Plant—Switchgear—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Crompton & Co., Ltd., for the supply of switchgear in connection with the additional new plant, at £74 10s. 0d., be accepted.

3—Gas Lighting—Analyst's Report—Read, the report of Mr. George Embrey, Gas Examiner, of his test on the 14th April, of the gas for calorific power, which shewed 441 B.T U.

4—Manchester Street Sub-Station—Read, letter of the 9th instant from the Recruiting Sergeant stating that these premises would not be required for a Recruiting Office.

5—Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association---Subscription--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted communication from the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association, intimating that owing to increased expenses it had become necessary to increase the Annual Subscription. Under the new scale adopted the subscription payable by the Corporation would be increased from £2 2s. to £5 5s per annum. Resolved, That this be agreed to. National Joint Board of Employers and Staff Associations--The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted letters from the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association, stating that a National Joint Board of Employers and Staff Associations had been established by the Ministry of Labour to deal with questions affecting staff employees other than those dealt with by the Joint Industrial Council, which deals exclusively with manual workers. Resolved, That this be approved.

Annual Convention--Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to attend the Annual Convention, to be held at Bradford from the 21st to 25th June next, and that the June meeting of the Committee be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, the 16th June.

6—Apprentices—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a letter from the Cheltenham Advisory Committee for Juvenile Employment, enclosing particulars of a scheme for training apprentices in Electricity

Works, and asking if this could be adopted for Cheltenham. Resolved, That the proposal be not entertained at present.

7—Staff—Salaries. An application was submitted from Mr. C. T. Bastin, Accountant in the Electricity Department, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That Mr. Bastin's salary be increased from £169 to £195 (plus £93 16s. war bonus as at present).

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8—Employees' Wages— Read, letter of the 19th instant, from the Secretary National Joint Industrial Council Electricity Supply Industry, recommending that the following increases be paid to manual workers whose wages it has not been the practice hitherto to regulate by the movements of wages of similar workers in other trades by 3/- per week from the beginning of the pay period immediately following 31st March, 1920, and 3/- per week from the beginning of the pay period immediately following 31st May, 1920. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 15th April, 1920 Present—Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors 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 12th April, 1920.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	410,000 gallons	334,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,888,000 "	1,471,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	144,000 "	125,000 "
Total	2,442,000 "	1,930,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents 12th April, 1920.	Depth	Contents 12th April, 1919.
Hewletts		29,255,000 gallons		31,221,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 "	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 6in.	1,688,000 "	12ft. 0in.	1,621,000 "
Total Storage		130,943,000 "		132,842,000 "

The 3-inch main had been extended for a length of 88 yards in Shaw Green Lane, Prestbury, for the purpose of supplying "The Hayes," Prestbury—the revenue will be £11 16s. 0d., which figure will be on the premises becoming occupied.

2—Chief Water Inspector—Illness—The Borough Engineer reported that the condition of MR. A. D. Middleton was unchanged, Resolved, That payment of full wages be continued for another month.

3—Arrears of Water Rate—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceeding to recover the amounts outstanding, and that the supply be discontinued in such cases until the arrears due are paid.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 20th April, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Dodwell, Mann, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Household Fuel and Lighting Order.—The Local Fuel Overseer reported that the Gas Co. had renewed their application for an increase of 2/- in the price of coke. Resolved, That such increase be approved, and Minute No. 8 of this Committee's proceedings at its last meeting be varied accordingly.

2—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Griffin reported that there had been no fresh outbreak of disease amongst animals since his last report. The restrictions had not yet been taken off in the case of Swine Fever at Hanover Gardens in the occupation of Mr. Mark Kent.

3—Licences to store Carbide—Read, applications from Messrs. Griffiths Bros., 27 and 28, St. George's Place; Alfred Miles, Ltd., 117 ½ High Street; and A. Williams & Co., 19, Portland Street, for licences to store carbide of calcium at the premises respectively mentioned. Resolved, That licences be granted to store 1 cwt. of carbide to Messrs. Griffiths Bros. and Alfred Miles, Ltd., and a licence to store 2 cwt. to Messrs. Williams & Co.

4—Motor Cab Licences—An application was received from Mr. W. J. Martin, of 4, Courtenay Villas, St. Paul's, for a Motor Hackney Carriage licence, together with a letter from Mr. F. J. Lane stating that he had arranged to surrender his motor cab licence No. 53. Resolved, That a licence be granted to Mr. Martin, subject to the vehicle being approved by the Inspector.

An application was also received from Mr. H. II. Sumner and Mr. H. Wootton for the transfer of Hackney Carriage licence No. 12 from the former to the latter. Resolved, That the application be granted.

5—Motor Omnibus Drivers and Conductors' Licences—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the National Omnibus and Transport Co., Ltd., Stroud, applying for licences for their employees, viz.:—Drivers—T. Musgrove, New Street, Painswick; Joseph Henry Lester, 148, Locking Hill, Stroud; Thomas Stafford, 33, Parliament Street, Stroud; Walter Alfred Cunningham, 24, Middle Street, Stroud; and Arthur H. Bailey, 2, Upper Dorrington Terrace, Stroud. Conductors—Minnie Mills, St. Mary's St., Painswick; Clarence Gatty and Harold Taylor, both of 148, Locking Hill, Stroud.

Resolved, That licences be granted.

6—Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of the Hackney Carriages, etc., be held at the Central Depot on Friday, the 28th May, at 10 a.m.

7—Fire Brigade—(a) Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 14th inst. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at Osborne Lodge, The Park, occupied by caretakers for Messrs. Young & Gilling. Damage about £200. Brigade expenses £6 11s. 6d. Also, on the 16th inst., to a fire at No. 32, St. James' Street, occupied by Mrs. M. Finnemore. Damage about £100. Expenses £4 18s. 6d.

(b) Old Firemen's Tunics—Resolved, That a quotation be obtained for the purchase of old tunics.

(c) Presentation of Medals, etc.—Resolved, That a meeting of the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee be held at the Fire Station on Saturday, the 1st May, at 3 p.m., for the presentation of medals, issue of new uniforms, etc.

(d) Fire at Road Transport Board Depot—Read, letter of the 15th inst., from the Board of Trade, that instructions were being issued immediately with regard to the storage of petrol.

8—Rats Order, 1918—The Executive Officer submitted report of work done since his previous report made in January last.

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9—Food Control—The Food Control Committee reported that the control of sugar, and probably butter also, would continue for a few months after the 30th June next, and that Mr. Hudson had been asked to continue to act as Executive Officer for an area which would include Cheltenham, Charlton Kings, the Cheltenham Rural District, and probably the Rural Districts of Winchcombe, Stow-on-the-Wold and Northleach. They recommended the Council to agree to Mr. Hudson acting as Executive Officer for the Borough, including the Cheltenham Rural District and Charlton Kings, and also to undertake the supervision of the Officer appointed for the other outlying districts.

Resolved, That this be agreed to.

10—National Relief Fund—Resolved, That the following be added to the National Relief Fund Committee for the Borough:— Councillor A. E. Stanley, Hebuterne, Bath Road (representing National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers) and Mr. Frederick Smith, 7, St. Paul's Street South (representing Local War Pensions Committee).

11—Shops Act, 1912—Read, letter of the 31st ult., from Mr. F. Taylor, giving three months' notice to terminate his appointment as Inspector under the Shops Act, 1912.

12—Tramway Service—Read, letter of the 26th ult., from the Traders' Association with reference to the condition of the tram track and cars and inadequacy of the tram service. Resolved, That the Town Clerk communicate with the Tramway Company on the matter, and also draw the attention of the Company to the inconvenience caused to the public by the non-provision of Route Indicators.

13—Fruit Market—(a) Additional Accommodation—Read, letter of the 15th inst., from the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd., agreeing to pay 6} per cent. per annum on an

outlay of not exceeding £800 for additional accommodation required at the Fruit Market, being a limit of £52 per annum. The Borough Surveyor reported that Army Hut No. 589, purchased for £225, would be suitable for an additional pot store and pot office, and estimated the cost of the necessary alterations at £100. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the removal and alteration of the Hut accordingly.

14—War Bonus—It was reported that 23 members of the Administrative Staff were not receiving the minimum bonus on 1914 salaries under Award No. 84, and a statement was submitted by the Borough Accountant showing the amounts due to the respective members to make up the bonus paid to the minimum sum, making a total of £271 7s. 8d. Resolved, That the bonus of these members be increased accordingly.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting held on Wednesday, the 11th April, 1920: Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Stewart and Mr. G. Dimmer (Councillor Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 2,014 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 10th March (Corresponding period last year 784—closed for cleaning during most of the period).

The sale of Post Cards had realised £3 2s. 2d.

The Turner Oils and Water Colours, which had been on loan from the National Gallery of British Art for safety during the War, had been packed ready for return to the Tate Gallery.

The following gift had been received: — Mrs. Rose Montpellier Spa Hotel, Cheltenham—Oil Painting by Claude Calthrop 1869), an exhibitor in the R.A. for many years, entitled " In Church."

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The following loan had been received:-

E. Courtney Gardner, Esq., R.G.A.-3 Light Pistols (2 German, 1 British). Found in advance with Canadian Corps, August, 1918.

2—British Strata—Resolved, That a Table of British Strata be purchased at a cost of one guinea.

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Pittville on Wednesday, the 14th April, 1920: Present —The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Sawyer, Stanley and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Naunton Park—Resolved, That the beds in Naunton Park be planted with vegetables this year.

2—Marle Hill Annexe—(a) Boating Rights—Resolved, That the boating rights on the Lake be granted to Mr. C. Healey for a payment of £20, subject to the condition that the charges for boating shall not exceed the following :—9d. per hour for canoes, 9d. per head per hour for the single sculling boats (with a minimum charge 2/-) and 6d. per head per hour for the family boat (with a minimum charge of 3/-).

(b) Fishing Charges—Resolved, That the following revised charges for fishing be approved, viz..-1/- a day ; season tickets 10/-.

3—Pittville Estate—Trees—Read, letters from Mrs. Earwaker, of 15, Pittville Lawn, and Mr. J. H. Eden, of Holmdene, Evesham Road, asking for the removal of trees. Resolved, That the trees be not removed. Resolved, That the following trees be removed :—Wych Elm tree by Dorset Villa reported by treeman as being dangerous, to be substituted by a Silver Birch tree. Yew trees at the edge of the Lake near Evesham Road Bridge.

4—Pump Room—Kitchen—Resolved, That this Committee agree to the room on the right of the Pump Room being converted into a kitchen for use in connection with the letting of the Pump Room if required by the Town Improvement Committee.

5—Cricket at Recreation Grounds—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Rev. G. Warner, asking for permission for St. Peter's Cricket Club to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Saturdays. Resolved, That the application be granted, and that the Town Clerk make arrangements for the Clarence United Cricket Club to play at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground instead of Agg-Gardner Ground.

6—Naunton Park--Resolved, That 4 lime trees near Asquith Road be removed.

7—Agg-Gardner Ground—Resolved, That a maple and a plane tree be removed.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 21st April, 1920. Present; The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Stanley and Yarnold (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

8—Marle Hill Annexe—Boating—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Salter Bros, Oxford, for the supply of 14 pairs of sculls at £24 4s. 6d., and that of Messrs. Shirer & Haddon for eight boat cushions at £8 5s., be accepted.

9—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Band and Sports—Read, letter of the 20th inst., from Mr. Councillor Pates, intimating that the Concerts Sub-Committee had arranged for the Orchestra to play at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground on the 26th June, that it was proposed to arrange sports for the children residing in the Ward, and that the Caretaker and others were prepared to collect donations towards a prize fund. Resolved, That this be approved.

ROBERT STEEL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd April, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart and Yarnold (Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6256 to 6260 (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 grave of Cyril Douglas Wilcox; Headstone and Kerbing to the grave of Julia Amelia Kirkham; Memorial Crosses to graves of George and Frank William Pugh; Headstone to the grave of Gideon Wicksey; Kerbing to graves of Elizabeth Sophia Bradshaw, Elizabeth Jane Johnsey, George and Ann Elizabeth Houghton, and John T. and Ann and Joseph Beardmore.

3—Deceased Soldiers—Memorial Crosses—Read, letter of the 10th instant from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Remembrance Day Committee, applying for permission to erect in the Cemetery Memorial Crosses sent home from graves of deceased soldiers. Resolved, That a site be allocated for the erection of these Memorial Crosses, and that a meeting of this Committee be held at the Cemetery on the 29th instant for the purpose of selecting a site.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th April, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Mann, Pates and Stanley ; Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone ; 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 £7 2s. 6d. Presentations Mrs. F. Swiney (1 vol.), per Colonel J. C. Griffith (1 vol.), Mrs. Lockhead (Atlantic Monthly—as issued).

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of March last was 3,246, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 9,961, and from the Children's Library 2,136.

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2—Sub-committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they had met on the 8th April. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillor Mann, Dr. R. Davies, and Mr. J. R. Claridge (Councillor Mann in the chair).

The Monthly Accounts were examined.

They recommended :—That the list of books submitted by the Librarian be purchased at a cost of £20.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 27th April, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor, Councillors Moore and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate. Amount collected £53,065 15s. 4d. Void, excused and irrecoverable, £2,519 1s. 2d. Leaving outstanding, £589 12s. 11d.

2-Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected, £12 17s. 8d. Leaving outstanding, £13,781 16s. 11d.

3—Accounts—

Overdrawn on the 30th March last	12,222 13 4
Paid since that date...	<u>20,519 19 1</u>
	32,742 12 5
Received since that date (including Housing Bonds, £16,865)	<u>23,198 4 3</u>
	<u>9,544 8 2</u>
being General Accounts—Overdrawn	34,491 7 1
Less Housing Bond Account	In Hand.... 16,865 0 0
Sinking Funds Accounts	do. 7,820 4 5
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	do. 209 12 7
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account do. • • ..	<u>52 1 11</u>
	<u>24,946 18 11</u>
	9,544 8 2

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th April, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Dicks, Moore, Whitaker and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

4—Corporation 3 per cent. Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £2,000 Corporation Stock at 54 ¼ per cent. Resolved, That the sum of £2,000 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 Bank of England, 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—Housing Accounts—The Town Clerk submitted circular (42) of the 31st ultimo, from the Ministry of Health, together with enclosures therein referred to, with reference to books and accounts to be kept by a

Local Authority in connection with an Assisted Housing Scheme under the Housing Acts Order (Local Authorities) 1920.

6—County Rate—Read, letter of the 27th instant, from the Clerk of the County Council, that it was proposed to include in the Special Purposes Rate, in addition to the cost of the Police and Education, the cost of Diseases of Animals, Maternity and Child Welfare, and Registration. As Charlton Kings was included in the Parliamentary Borough the cost of Registration contributed by them to the Special Account would be refunded to the Overseers. Resolved, That this proposal be approved.

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 3rd May, 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 and Clara Winterbotham, Betteridge, Boulter, Dicks, Dodwell, Jamieson, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Thomas, Wilkins and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mann, Stewart and Whitaker.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 6th April last, and the Special Meeting on the 26th April, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th April last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Housing Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Housing Committee, at their Meetings of the 19th and 27th April last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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

6—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 16th and 23rd April last, be approved and confirmed.

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7—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 16th and 22nd April last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

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

11—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 21st April last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz. :—

" That the figure and words 6d. for school boys ' be inserted after '1/-' in Minute No. 2 (b) of the proceedings of the Committee, at their Meeting on the 14th April last."

12—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd April last, be approved and confirmed.

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

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meetings of the 27th and 28th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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

15—Education Committee—Resolved, That Mr. W. Welstead be re-appointed a member of the Education Committee, his term of office having expired on the 5th ult.

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16—Housing Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Jamieson be appointed a member of the Housing Committee.

17—Contract for Stationery, etc.—Resolved, That this Council give instructions that tenders be obtained and a contract entered into for all supplies of stationery and other necessary office supplies in bulk.

18—Standing Order No. 31—Resolved, That the following be added to Standing Order No. 31 .—

" or such day, as may be selected by the Mayor, not later than seven days subsequent to the date the Meeting should have been held."

Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Wednesday, the 5th day of May, 1920, at 3 p.m. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel), Alderman Horsley, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Stanley and Yarnold.

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 Seventy-Five 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

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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 Seventy-Five Thousand Pounds, and it is further ordered by the said Council in pursuance of the said Statute that the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Cheltenham do, and they are hereby required to, pay the said sum of money assessed upon the said Parish out of the Poor Rate made and collected, or to be made and collected, within the said Parish, and it is further ordered that the said Overseers shall pay the said sum assessed upon the said Parish in manner following, that is to say, by eight instalments, viz., the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of June next, Twelve Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of July next, Twelve Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of August next, Three 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, Twelve Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of December next, Twelve Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of January next, and Three 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 forthwith 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 Ninepence 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 clay of October next, and that the same be collected accordingly, and that the Town Clerk do publish such rate according to law.

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 7th June, 1920.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th May, 1920; Present-The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Green; Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, 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. Whitecross Square; 1 to 4, Richmond Cottages, Sherborne Street; 12, Queen Street; 5, 6, 9, 14, 16, 17, 18, Lower Park Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Sections 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, Whitecross Square; 22, Sidney Terrace; 55, Rutland Street; 4, Richmond Cottages; 12, Queen Street; 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, Lower Park Street; Hope Cottage, Lower Park Street; and Park Cottage, Lower Park Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3- Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 15, 19, Lower Park Street, and 10, Clarence Square. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Sections 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, Whitecross Square; 55, Rutland Street; 4, Richmond Cottages, Sherborne Street; 22, Sidney Street; 12, Queen Street; 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15 and 19, Park Street; Park Cottage and Hope Cottage, 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 the surrender of 3 cwt.. 2 qrs. 17 lbs. of beef; 3 tons 1 cwt. 11lbs of mutton and lamb; 4 cwt. 1 qr. 54 lbs. of fish; and 27 tins of condensed milk, etc. (Total weight surrendered: 3 tons 9 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs.)

6-Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order-Read, applications from Miss Julia Cole, 227, Lower High Street, and the Gloucester Co-operative Society, to be registered as purveyors of milk. Resolved, That the applications be acceded to.

7-Exposure of Person suffering from Infectious Disease-The Medical Officer of Health reported that Mrs. West, of 4, Hatherley Place, had removed a boy (James Bowers) from the address stated, to Worcester by train on the 26th ult., while he was suffering from scarlet fever. The boy was admitted to the Worcester City Hospital, and the Worcester Health Committee had called his attention to the matter. Resolved, That the

Town Clerk be instructed to point out to Mrs. West the danger caused to the public by her action, and that she had rendered herself liable to prosecution.

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8-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., etc., which had been served but not complied with.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

9—Sanitary Inspectors' Association—Annual Conference—Read, circular letter of the 16th ult., inviting the attendance of delegates to this Conference. Resolved, That delegates be not appointed.

10-Venereal Disease—The Town Clerk submitted letter of the 20th ult. from the Society for the Prevention of Venereal Disease.

11—Charlton Kings Sewage—Read, letter of the 6th inst. from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, intimating that this Council had appointed Councillors Routh, Harris and Ward to meet representatives of this Committee. Resolved, That the deputation be invited to meet the full Committee at an early date.

12—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th instant. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 10th instant was 14 horses (2 at Depot), 8 calves, 59 head of cattle, 75 lambs, 30 tegs, 82 sheep, and 19 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting of the Committee 1 cow (barren), 1 cow in calf and 1 heifer and calf had been purchased for £101. Eight calves had been bred on the Farms. Seven cows, 2 cows in calf, 11 heifers, 6 heifers in calf, 10 calves, 43 pigs, 1 bull, 28 ewes, and 28 skins had been sold for £1,393 16s. 0d.

Harthursfield Farm, Arle—Read, letter of the 5th inst. from Messrs. Bruton, Knowles & Co., enclosing particulars of this farm which was to be sold by auction on the 5th prox.

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

13—Sanitary Inspectorships—Ex-Service Men—Read, circular letter (84) of the 23rd ult. from the Ministry of Health with reference to the employment by Local Authorities of discharged and disabled officers and men, and suggesting that Local Authorities, where possible, should appoint men trained under the scheme of the Ministry of Labour, as Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances, and intimating that the Ministry of Labour would furnish periodically to Local Authorities a list of locally available qualified candidates.

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 2nd June, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Greets, Councillors Thomas and Yarnold (Alderman Green in the chair).

14—Farm Labourer's Cottage—Resolved, That the tender of Mr. E. J. Welch, of 88, Tewkesbury Road, to remove Army Hut No. 986 from Slimbridge and re-erect the same at Barn Farm for the sum of £180 be accepted.

E. C. GREEN.

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 7th May, 1920 Present—The Mayor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Betteridge, Dicks and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Clerk of Works—21 applications were received for this appointment, and the following candidates were selected for interview by the Committee: C. F. Bennett, Clerk of Works, Brockworth, near Gloucester; B. Lodge, Clerk of Works, Epsom; E. F. Margetson, Joinery Foreman, Cheltenham and G. Trevena, Clerk of Works, Taunton.

2—National Housing and Town Planning Council—Regional Conference and Inter-Allied Congress—Read, letters of the 1st and 13th ultimo, from the National Housing and Town Planning Council, inviting the attendance of representatives at a Regional Conference to be held at Bristol on the 13th and 14th instant, and an inter-Allied Congress to be held in London from June 3rd to 11th next, respectively.

Resolved, That representatives be not appointed.

3—Houses—Applications—Read, letters each of the 30th ultimo, from Mr. W. Blakey and Smith's Systems Limited, applying for certain houses to be allocated for their employees. Resolved, That the applications be considered with others in due course

4—Housing Site—Possession—Resolved, That notice be given to Mr. Wasley of the intention of the Corporation to take possession, at the expiration of fourteen days, of further land containing 4a. 3r. 13p. or thereabouts, for the purposes of Part 3 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held out Wednesday, the 12th May, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks and Whitaker (The Mayor in the Chair).

5—Clerk of Works—A telegram was received from Mr. C. F. Bennett intimating that he was unable to attend, and the Committee interviewed the three remaining candidates. Resolved That, Mr. George Trevena be appointed at a salary of £6 6s, per week, duties to commence on the 19th instant.

6—Houses at the Refuse Destructor—Resolved, That the Street and Highways Committee be recommended to consider the question of the erection, by direct labour, of a pair of houses of concrete blocks made at the Refuse Destructor, subject to the issue of a subsidy certificate.

7—Gas Mains—Read, letters of the 6th and 8th instant, from the Cheltenham Gas Light and Coke Company, pointing out that the revenue which may be expected from gas-cooker consumption alone would not appear to justify the expenditure of providing and laying mains on the Housing Estate, having regard to the present cost of materials and labour. Resolved, That the Company's Manager be invited to attend the next Meeting to discuss the matter.

8—Dorman Long Houses—Resolved, That the 40 houses, to be erected by Dorman Long & Co., be not put in hand pending the receipt of an assurance from the Ministry of Health that, if necessary, advances will be made to meet the Corporation's liabilities on account of the Housing scheme, in the event of the funds received for Housing Bonds being insufficient to meet payments as they become due.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 17th May 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Jamieson and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

9- Gas Mains—Read, further letter of the 13th instant, from the Gas Company, with reference to the laying of Gas Mains. Mr. J. Paterson (Manager) and Mr. H. J. Humphris (Distribution Superintendent) attended and submitted details of the estimated cost of mains and services, and consideration of the matter was adjourned to enable the Company to submit revised estimates.

10—Army Hut—Read, letter of the 13th instant, from the County Medical Officer of Health, confirming purchase of Hut No. 587 at the purchase price, viz., £343, less 33 1/3 per cent discount allowed.

11 —Width of Roads—Resolved, That in the opinion of this Council the width of the roads, viz., 13 feet, proposed by the Ministry is inadequate and should be increased, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to communicate with the Housing Commissioner accordingly.

12-Increase in Cost of Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of roadwork had increased by 25 per cent. and was instructed to draw the attention of the Housing Commissioner to the matter.

13 -Tenders for Houses—Read, letter of the 10th instant from the Housing Commissioner, intimating that the tenders of the several contractors were favourable to the Ministry, provided the standard specifications were adhered to, and that contracts and schedules of prices were found by him to be in order and tenders were for parlour type houses, and requesting that the tender, with priced bill of quantities, etc., for Dorman Long houses should be forwarded to him before the contract is prepared.

14—Architects' Fees—Resolved, That the Architects (Messrs. Chatters, Smithson & Rainger) be paid £1500 on account of fees.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 20th May, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Jamieson, Stewart and Yarnold; Mrs. Booy, Misses Foster and Barnard, and Dr. Cardew (Councillor Geddes in the chair).

1-- Health visitors —21 applications were received for the two vacant appointments of Health Visitors, and the following candidates were selected for interview by the Committee at a Meeting to be held on Wednesday, the 26th instant: Ash, Mary A. (Mrs.), Morecambe; Harlock, Mary L. (Miss), Royal Infirmary, Gloucester; Dominy, A. L. (Mrs.), Epsom; Jolley, Esther A., (Miss), St. Helens; Wickens, Norah (Miss), St. Helens; and Loveday, Beatrice (Miss), Weymouth.

EDITH GEDDES.

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, Wednesday, the 26th May, 1920: Present—Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Jamieson, Rogers and Yarnold; Miss Barnard, Misses Foster and Hill and Dr. Cardew (Dr. Cardew in the Chair)

2—Health visitors—The Committee interviewed the six selected candidates for the two vacant appointments of Health Visitors. Resolved, That Mrs. A. L. Dominey of Epsom, and Miss M. L. Harlock of the Royal Infirmary, Gloucester, be appointed at an inclusive salary of £170 each, rising by annual increments of £10 to £200, the appointment to be terminable by one month's notice on either side.

G. A. CARDEW,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th May, 1920: Present—Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Wilkins and Yarnold (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Street Projections—The Street Inspector reported that the advertisement board had been removed from the outside of No. 83, Winchcombe Street.

Pawnbrokers' Sign—Resolved, That the application of Messrs. H. Higgins, Ltd., to remove their pawnbroker's sign from High Street and refix in New Street, be granted.

Montpellier Garage—Resolved, That the application of Mr. C. Thornber to fix a sign outside Montpellier Garage, Suffolk Road, be granted.

2 —Workmen--Wages—Messrs. Bridgeman, Cook, Hawker, and Reed, attended as a deputation from the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, with reference to the application for a further advance in wages, reported at the last meeting- Resolved, That consideration of the application be deferred until the next meeting.

3—Aged Sweeper—Resolved, That the Trustees of the Baker Memorial Fund be recommended to continue the grants of 3/-per week to Thomas Moulder, employed by the Corporation for twenty years and now incapacitated, for a further nine weeks.

4—Horse Hire--A resolution of the Public Health Committee at its meeting on the 12th ultimo, offering horses on hire from the farms on the same terms and conditions as those supplied by Mr. Newman, was submitted.

5—Refuse Destructor—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the sanction of the Ministry of Health to borrow £945 for additional cells at the Refuse Destructor.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 21st May 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Wilkins 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 April, to the 20th May, 1920 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal--During the four weeks ended 13th May, 1920, 722 loads collected, 484 consumed, and 238 tipped away. Weight consumed, 778 tons 2 qrs.

7--Tip for Refuse—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. T. W. Smith was willing to let a piece of his ground off Naunton Lane as a tip for house refuse, etc., for a term of 6 years subject to the adjoining ditch being piped and filled in, the cost of which he estimated at £50. Resolved, That an agreement be entered into with Mr. Smith subject to the owner of the ditch agreeing to its being filled in.

8 -Materials for Road Repairs—Resolved, That owing to the difficulty of obtaining tar macadam, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate for providing a tar macadam mixing plant at the Destructor.

9---Workmen—Wages—The Committee further considered the application from the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers for a further advance in wages. Resolved, That a further advance of 5/- per week be granted as from the 1st inst. to all workmen (except the Electricity Workmen and Destructor Stokers) of 18 years of age and over, and 2/6 per week to those under 18 years of age. Resolved also, That the wages of two paviors (Harding and Lippert) be increased as from the same date to t/8 per hour, the remaining five paviors to be paid 1/7 per hour.

Destructor Stokers—Read, letter of the 8th inst. from the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers asking that the advance in wages of 3/- per week granted to the Electricity Stokers on the 1st ult. should apply to the Destructor Stokers, and also calling attention to a further advance of 3/- per week from the 1st proximo. Resolved, That the application be not acceded to-

10—Private Improvement Works--Sandford Mill Road (continuation)—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan and specification of the work required to be done in Sandford Mill Road (continuation) by the abutting owners.

11—All Saints' Road—Footpath—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the footpath in All Saints' Road, opposite the Church, gravelled.

12-Territorial Forces and Corporation Employees—Resolved, That employees on the permanent staff of the Corporation (both clerical and manual) having not less than six months' service who may be or become members of the Territorial Forces, and attend the annual training in camp for at least a fortnight, be granted, one week of the period as special leave on full pay, the second week to be reckoned as ordinary leave, or deducted from annual holiday as the case may be.

13—Houses at Refuse Destructor—A recommendation was received from the Housing Committee that the question of the erection, by direct labour, of a pair of houses of concrete blocks made at the Refuse Destructor, be considered. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and estimate for two non-parlour type houses and submit same at the next meeting.

14—Main Roads--The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with the County Council providing for the payment by the County Council to the Corporation of the annual sum of £5,100 for a period of three years from the 31st March, 1920, towards the cost of maintenance, repairs and reasonable improvement of main roads within the borough. Resolved. That this be approved and the Common Seal be affixed thereto

15--Old Bath Road—Seat—Resolved, That a seat be provided and placed in Old Bath Road, at its junction with High Street, and that Mr. Councillor Pates be asked to select a site for same.

16 -- Contract for Stationery, etc.,—Resolved, That advertisements be issued inviting tenders for stationery and office requisites in accordance with the resolution of the Council at its last Meeting.

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17--Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 19th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

18—View Meeting—The following members attended a View Meeting on Wednesday, the 19th May :—
Councillors Mann, Wilkins and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows:—

Imperial Square—That the dangerous tree by New Club entrance be removed.

Tivoli Place—That a new footpath be laid from Tivoli Street to Mr. Sadler's premises.

Pittville Circus—That a Plane tree be removed, and four other trees pruned.

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

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday. the 19th May, 1920: Present The Deputy Mayor Councillors Mann, Whitaker and Wilkins. (Councillor Wilkins 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.
1477	Dale Forty & Co.	Extension of Showroom, 24, Promenade Villas.
1478	Cadena Café Co., Ltd.	Alterations and additions to 395, High Street.
1479	Mr. R. W. Pearson	New Outside Staircase, Pengwern College, Pittville Circus Road.
1480	Mills & Co., Ltd.	New Workshop, Berkeley Avenue.
1481	Gloucester Co-operative and Industrial Society.	Preliminary Plan shewing frontage line, 433, High Street.
1482	Mr. Shakespear Shenton.	Alteration to Balcony, Palace Picture House, High Street.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1477, 1478, and 148. be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector; that Plan No. 1481 be approved; that Plan No. 1482 be not approved in view of the representations of the Ministry of Health as to luxury buildings; and that Plan No. 1479 be disapproved pending the receipt of further particulars.

T. WILKINS,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 14th May, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Alstone Baths—Swimming Club—Read, application of the 30th ultimo, from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for the use of the Swimming Baths on Fridays, from 7 to 9 p.m., guaranteeing a minimum attendance of 40 persons at 3d. per head. Resolved, That the application be granted.

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2 —Alstone and Montpellier Baths—Season Tickets—Resolved, That the following revised scale of charges for season tickets for the use of the Baths be approved and adopted:—

	Present Charges.	Revised Charges
Monthly ticket (Montpellier only)	4/-	4/6
Combined Monthly ticket (Alstone and Montpellier)	5/-	6/-
Half-Season ticket (3 months—Montpellier only)	--	10/-

3—Montpellier Baths—Naunton Park Girls' School--- Read, application of the 12th instant, from the Secretary, Education Committee, for the use of Montpellier Baths for swimming instruction for girls attending Naunton Park Council School. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Shop adjoining Montpellier Baths—Read, letter of the 1st. instant from Mr. A. E. Stanley withdrawing his application for the tenancy of this shop.

5—Mineral Waters—Sales—The Borough Surveyor reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows: Central Spa 880; Montpellier Baths 1; Montpellier Gardens (re-opened) 29; Pittville Chalet 54; and Pittville Pump Room 3.

6—Copyright Music—The Town Clerk submitted licence received from the Performing Right Society, Limited, for the use of copyright music for the year ending 5th May, 1921. Resolved, That the same be approved.

7—Medical Baths—(a) Nurses Uniforms—Resolved, That the two senior masseuses be required to provide and wear uniform, and that they be granted an allowance of 4.2 Los. each per annum towards the cost of same.

(b) Weighing Machine—Resolved, That a weighing machine be purchased at a cost not exceeding £4 7s. 6d.

8—British Medical Exhibition—Cambridge— Resolved, That the Medical Advisory Committee be authorised to procure the following photographs, etc., for inclusion for this Exhibition, viz., large photograph of Pittville (£4 4s.); small photographs of Baths (16/-) and urns (£5 5s.)

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 21st May, 1920: Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

9- Winter Garden--Corporation v. Field—The Town Clerk reported result of negotiations on the offer made by Mrs. Field, and submitted agreement which provided for the settlement of the action on the following terms: —

(1) Mrs. Field to pay £700 (by quarterly instalments) in settlement of the amount due from Mr. Field up to the 25th March last.

(2) The Corporation to assent to the assignment of the lease to Mrs. Field for remainder of term; Mrs. Field to be liable for dilapidations from date of the assignment.

(3) Mrs. Field to give up possession on the 28th September, 1921, and in the meantime to pay rent at the rate of £450 per annum by weekly instalments, together with weekly instalments, in respect of rates, electricity, and water.

(4) Corporation to have the right to proceed with action on failure to carry out any of the terms of settlement. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement.

10-Winter Garden Ground--Bowling Green—Read, letter of the 18th instant., from Mr. Alderman Horsley, suggesting that in-- the Bowling Green should be put into order and used for bowling. Resolved, That Mr. Alderman Horsley be informed that as the green will be required for accommodating the audience attending the concerts, the Committee are unable to entertain his suggestion.

11—Bandstand—Cheltenham Military Band-Read, letter of the 4th instant, from Mr. Horace Teague, applying for permission for the Cheltenham Military Band to give a concert in the new bandstand on Wednesday evening, June 16th or 23rd., the services of the band to be free, subject to the Corporation undertaking to advertise the concert. Resolved, That Mr. Teague be offered the use of the bandstand on the terms suggested if he can arrange the concert for Saturday, the 5th June, when the bandstand will be unoccupied.

12—British Medical Exhibition—Resolved, That the Spa Manager be instructed to attend this Exhibition, to be held at Cambridge from the 29th June to 2nd July.

13—Report of Concerts Sub—Committee -The report of the Concerts Sub-Committee, at their meetings on the 27th April, 4th, 11th and 18th May, were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Flannel Dances--Resolved, That Flannel Dances be held at Pittville on Wednesdays from 7-30 to 9-30 p.m.

Band Performances in Wet Weather—Resolved, That the Band give morning performances in the Town Hall during wet weather and that a charge of 2d. per seat be made (all Hall to be open).

Chairs—Resolved, that fifty ordinary deck chairs be transferred to Pittville, the canopy chairs to be retained at the Winter Garden.

Pittville Gardens—Band of Hope—Resolved, That a charge. of £3 3s. be made to the Band of Hope for the use of Pittville Gardens (exclusive of the Pump Room) if the Gardens remain open to the public, and £10 10s. if Gardens are required exclusively.

Montpellier Gardens--Canvas--Resolved, That the offer of the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company, Limited, to supply canvas for the Proscenium at Montpellier Gardens at 45 be accepted, and that the canvas be fitted to wooden frames, Mr. Newton to pay half the total cost, the canvas and frames to remain the property of the Corporation.

4—Pittville Pump Room Terrace— Electric Lights—Resolved, That five electric lights be fitted to the exterior of the Pump Room Terrace at an estimated cost of £17 10s. subject to the approval of the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee.

15--Pittville Gardens —Fireworks Display—Mr. Councillor Pates submitted an offer from Messrs. Wm. D. Penley & Son to provide a Fireworks Display on Wednesday, June 16th. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, a charge of Sd. per head to be made for admission to the Gardens, and 33 1/3 per cent. of gate receipts to be paid to Messrs. Penley & Son.

J. STEWART, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 20th May, 1920: Present—Councillors Betteridge, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Thomas and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—National Joint Industrial Council—Representative—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be re-nominated as the representative of the Corporation on the District Council (No. 5), Western Area for the ensuing year.

2—Tender for Cables—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an offer from The British Insulated & Helsby Cables, Ltd., to renew their contract for Cables on a revised schedule of prices, which showed an increase varying from a per cent. to 7 per cent. over last year's prices, and comprised a basis price with variations for a rise or fall in the prices of copper, lead, and steel tape, and he recommended that this be accepted. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

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3—Service Cable—Revised Scale of Charges —Resolved, That the following revised Scale of Charges for service cable be approved and adopted :—

	PRESENT CHARGES.	REVISED CHARGES.
7/16 service cable	7/6	10/- per yard including laying.
.06 “ “	9/6	12/6 “ “ “
.1 “ “	11/6	15/- “ “ “

4—Transformers—Tenders—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Johnson & Phillips, Ltd., for the supply of 50 K.V.A. Transformers at £122 10s. Od. each be accepted.

5—Coal—Prices—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Park Colliery Co., Ltd., had advised that in accordance with instructions issued by the Coal Mines Department the allowance of 10/- per ton in the price of coal for domestic purposes had been discontinued and that the price of all their coals would be advanced 4/2 per ton, as from the 12th inst. Resolved, That the Engineer be authorised to obtain coal for stock.

6—Delivery of Supplies—Invoices—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that owing to transport difficulties portions of goods ordered were often delivered some time before the remainder Hitherto it had been the practice not to pass the account until completion of delivery, but under present circumstances this frequently resulted in loss of discount. Resolved, That in order to secure discount, the Engineer be authorised to pass invoices as received, payment to be made when consignments are actually delivered.

7—Public Lighting —Extensions—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the work was proceeding satisfactorily, the total length of cable laid up to the 13th inst., was 24,896 yards, 6,485 yards having been laid during the month preceding that date. The whole of the work of laying cables in the Southern section had been completed, and the work was proceeding in the Eastern section.

8—Electrical Cooking Stove—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase an electrical cooking stove for exhibition in the Show Room at an estimated cost of £20.

9—Gas Lighting—Analyst's Report—Read, the report of Mr. Geo. Embrey, Gas Examiner, of his test on the 3rd May, of the gas for calorific power, which showed 447.5 B.T.U.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Dowdeswell on Thursday, the 13th May, 1920 : Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Moore, Pates, 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 10th May, 1920.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	527,000 gallons	399,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,543,000 “	1,470,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	122,000 “	111,000 “
Total	3,189,000 “	1,980,000 “

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		10th May, 1920.		10th May, 1919.
Hewletts		30,898,000 gallons		30,235,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 “	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 “
Leckhampton	Empty		11ft. 0in.	1,486,000 “
Total Storage		130,898,000 “		131,721,000 “

2—Chief Water Inspector—Illness--The Borough Engineer reported that while Mr. A. D. Middleton hoped to be able to resume duties, there was no immediate prospect of his doing so. Resolved, That payment of half wages be made for two months.

3—Annual Conference of Water Engineers—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of the Institution of Water Engineers, to be held in Birmingham on the 10th—12th June next.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 18th May, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Rogers and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals- - Supt. Griffin reported that swine fever movement restrictions were in force in respect of three premises in the Borough.

2— Exportation and Conveyance of Horses--Read, circular letter of the 14th inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture, with notices 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, 1914, and the penalties thereunder. Resolved, That Supt. Griffin be asked to have the notices published.

3—Foot-and-Mouth Disease—Read, circular (7709/20) of the 3rd inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture, with notices with reference to the risk of Foot-and-Mouth Disease being introduced into Great Britain by means of hay and straw used for packing imported goods, and the Town Clerk reported that Supt. Griffin had already arranged for posting same.

4—American Gooseberry Mildew (Fruit) Order, 1915—Read, circular letter (1507/20) from the Ministry of Agriculture, asking that special precaution should be taken during the coming season to ensure that the provisions of the Order are rigidly complied with.

5—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 13th inst. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at St. Stephen's Manor, occupied by Mrs. M. F. Palmer. Damage about £100. Brigade expenses £4 14s. 0d.

6—Motor Omnibus Licences--Read, letter of the 15th inst. from the National Omnibus and Transport Co., Ltd., Stroud, applying for licences for two additional motor omnibuses, plying for hire between Cheltenham and Painswick. Resolved, That licences be granted, subject to the vehicles being approved by the Inspector.

7—Motor Cab Licence—Read, letter of the 5th inst. from Mr. Leonard Gridley, applying for a licence to drive a taxi-cab. Resolved, That the licence be granted, subject to a satisfactory report from Messrs. Mills & Co. Fares—Read, application of the 15th inst. from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Ltd., asking that the present scale of motor cab charges should be increased. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

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8—Shops Act, 1912—Applications for the appointment of Inspector under this Act were received from the following :—Thomas Cooper, 2, Grinter Villas, Copt Elm Road (ex-Police Sergeant) and William Dovey, 9, Gloucester Crescent (ex-School Attendance Officer). Resolved, That Mr. Wm. Dovey be appointed Inspector at a salary of £20 per annum.

9- -War Charities Act, 1916--Read, application dated the 10th inst. from the Cheltenham Cripples' Aid Association to be registered under the War Charities Act, 1916. Resolved, That the charity be registered.

10 —Food Control—Read, circular letter (90) of the 3rd inst. from the Food Controller, expressing his cordial appreciation of the valuable work performed by Food Control Committees.

11—Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association—Read, circular letter of the 11th inst. from this Association, asking the Corporation to prohibit the exhibition for profit of propaganda films. Resolved, That no action be taken.

12—Pawnbroker's Licence—Read, application of the 27th ult. from Messrs. H. Higgins Ltd., for a renewal of their Pawnbroker's Licence which expired on the 9th November last. Resolved, That a certificate of renewal for one year from the 9th November, 1919, be granted.

13—War Bonus—The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the Joint Secretaries of the National Joint Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services, forwarding the following resolution passed by their Council, and expressing the hope that the recommendation contained in the resolution would be adopted by Local Authorities who had not already done so :—"That pending the consideration by this (National Whitley) Council of a new salaries' scale for Local Government Officers, this Council recommend all Local Authorities who have not already granted scales of war bonus equivalent to the Civil Service scales to adopt the Civil Service scales of war bonus, and all future alterations to these scales as they become operative."

14—Tramway Service—(a) Read, letter of the 26th ult. from the General Manager, Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co., adverting to the letter received from the Traders' Association with reference to the condition of the tram track and cars and inadequacy of the tram service, and inviting a small committee to meet here in the matter. Resolved, That Councillors Dodwell, Moore and Rogers be appointed a Sub-Committee to interview the Manager and report.

(b) Read, letter of the 12th inst. from Mr. R. H. Shipley, requesting the Council to urge the Tramway Co. to improve their Leckhampton service as there are tedious and unnecessary " waits " at the College and Leckhampton Street crossings, and suggesting that either the number of crossings should be doubled or a better arrangement of timing made. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the above-mentioned Sub-Committee.

15—Market—Additional Accommodation—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Marketing Society, Limited, now asked that the Dutch Barn should be ten feet high, instead of fourteen feet as previously arranged. Resolved, That, as the iron-work has already been cut to provide a barn fourteen feet high, no alteration can be made.

16—County Council—Representation--Resolved, That the attention of the County Council be called to the inadequate representation of the Borough on the County Council, having regard to the population and assessable value, the latter being nearly one fifth of the whole County and that the County Council be asked to take steps to give the Borough additional representation.

17—Plough Hotel—Cinema—Messrs. W. G. Gurney, A. A. Lawson, H. Miller, and F. Norman attended as a deputation on behalf of the owners of the Plough Hotel and submitted ground plan of a proposal to convert a portion of these premises into a Cinematograph Hall to seat 1000, with main entrance from the High Street, and asked whether a licence would be granted under the Cinematograph Act, in the event of the Hall being completed in accordance with plans to be submitted to and approved by the Council. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned for the Committee to inspect the site.

18-21 and 27 Promenade —Loan—Read, letter of the 29th ult., from the Ministry of Health intimating that before deciding upon the application of the Corporation for this loan, the Ministry will direct a local enquiry to be held by one of their Inspectors.

19—Time of Meeting—Resolved, 'That future meetings of this Committee be held at 3 o'clock

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Central Depot on Friday, the 28th May, 1920. Present : The Deputy Mayor, At a Councillors Clara Winterbotham Mann, Rogers, Sawyer and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

20—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 7th proximo, subject to the pairs required by the Committee being carried out, and also subject to the carriages not submitted for inspection being approved by the Inspector.

21—Licences Surrendered—Read, report of the 21st instant, from the Inspector, that Mr. S. A. Sperry of 236, High Street, did not intend to renew licences in respect of motor cabs numbered 48 and 49.

22—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences.- Applications were received from N. Evans, 7, Pittville Terrace, and Charles Wm. Taylor for Hackney Carriage Drivers' licences. Resolved. That licences be granted.

23—Motor Omnibus Conductors' Licences—Applications were received from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Limited, for licences for their conductors, viz., G. H. W. Burrough, 4, Magenta Place, St. Luke's; R. E. Williams, 78, Duke Street; L. Toms, 12, Fairhaven Road; and Charles Birt, 22, Upper Norwood Street. Resolved, That licences be granted.

ROBERT STEEL,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 12th May, 1920: Present—Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham and Stewart, and Mr. R. Davies (Councillor Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 350 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the last meeting (9 days). (Corresponding period last year 2,178).

The sale of Post Cards had realised 14s. 2d.

The Art Gallery and Museum had been closed for annual cleaning from April 7th---29th, when all the pictures were carefully examined and found in good condition.

The Worcester Naturalists' Club had visited the Museum and Art Gallery on April 22nd, and expressed themselves as highly delighted with the arrangement of the objects.

The following gift had been received :— H. F. Bing, Esq., Douglas School, pot boilers from North Downs, Surrey.

The following loans had been received :—From Mrs. J. 13. Winterbotham, oil paintings by the following artists—A. M. Talmage, J. Noble Barlow, C. H. Eastlake (2), Edward G. Fuller (2), D. Bates, J. Callowhill, H. H. Blackdoff; water colours by J. M. Macintosh and L. White (2) ; and from Mrs. Lidderdale, glass ball from submarine net.

2—Engraving—Read, letter from Mr. F. Parker offering an engraving of the picture by Briton Riviere, entitled "Circe and the Friends of Ulysses," as a gift to the Art Gallery. Resolved, That the engraving be accepted with thanks.

3 —Joint Sub-Committee re Finance—Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor Clara Winterbotham) and the Deputy Mayor confer with two members of the Public Library Committee as to the finances of the institution, and report to a joint meeting of the two Committees.

4—Hours of Opening—Resolved, That the Museum and Art Gallery remain open to the public continuously from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

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5—Custodian—Resolved, That the wages of the custodian (W. Addis) be increased to £2 per week, and that he be responsible for the cleaning of the Art Gallery and Museum.

6—Museum Conference—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to attend a Conference of the Museums Association, to be held at Winchester from July 6th to 8th.

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 19th May, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Sawyer, Stanley and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Allotments—Messrs. Bradfield and Jones attended as a deputation from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council, and asked that rents should be reduced and that applicants who have no garden should be given preference. The deputation were informed that no reduction of rent could be made. Resolved, That in future applicants for allotments be required to give particulars of any garden or allotment held by them.

Nos. 80 and 81 Whaddon Lane—It was reported that these allotments were in a bad state of cultivation. Resolved, That notice be given forthwith to terminate the tenancy of one of the allotments in question.

Folly Lane—The Town Clerk submitted draft lease from Mr. Baylis. Resolved, That the same be approved, and the Common Seal affixed to an engrossment thereof.

2—Marle Hill Annexe—Hospitals' Carnival—Messrs. H. H. Peet and H. F. Midwinter attended as a deputation from the Traders' Association with reference to an application made by the Association for the

use of Marle Hill Annexe, and the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for a Hospitals' Carnival to be held on the 14th-17th July next. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the following terms and conditions

(1) The Association to make good all damage to the grounds. (2) No steam-driven music to be allowed after 10 p.m. (3) The grounds not to be kept open after 11 p.m. on any of the evenings. (4) No licence for the sale of intoxicating liquors to be obtained. (5) Full detailed programme of the Carnival to be submitted for the approval of the Committee at its next meeting. (6) The Association to obtain Mr. J. Maby's sanction to the gate between Annexe and the Recreation Ground being open to the public for the Carnival, and to arrange with the various cricket clubs who have been granted permission to play in the Recreation Ground on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Gate—Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor Sawyer) and Councillors Stanley and Yarnold be appointed a deputation to interview Mr. J. Maby with a view to arranging for the gate between the Annexe and the Recreation Ground being opened to the public on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons.

3-No. 2, Langley Cottages, Naunton Lane—Resolved, That this house be purchased for the sum of £475. .

4---National Union of Horticultural Workers—Standard Wages and Hours—Read, letter of the 9th inst., from the Local Secretary, enclosing copy of revised Standard of Wages and Hours for Gardeners.

5 - Cricket at Recreation Grounds —Read, applications from the Girls' Patriotic Club ; St. John's Scouts, and the Y.M.C.A., for permission to play cricket at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground. Resolved, That permission to play on Thursday evenings be granted to the Girls' Patriotic Club (subject to the usual conditions), and that the other applicants be informed that there are no pitches available on the days the snore are required by them.

W. SAWYER, Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Cemetery on Thursday, the 29th April, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor Councillors Dodwell, Rogers, Stanley, Wilkins and Yarnold (Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

1—Deceased Soldiers—Memorial Crosses—The Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Remembrance Day Committee (Mr. T. H. Packer) attended with reference to the proposed erection in the Cemetery of Memorial Crosses sent home from graves of deceased soldiers. Resolved, That a site sufficiently large to accommodate the number of crosses received be allocated for the purpose in Section 1 (E.C), grave spaces numbered 156 to 284, inclusive, on plan.

F. C. DODWELL, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 21st May, 1920 Present-- The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann, Stewart and Rogers (Councillor Dodwell in the Chair).

2-Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6261 to 6271 (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.: Headstone to grave of Ellen G. Poulton ; Cross to grave of Henry Neville Larden.

4—Deceased Soldiers—Memorial (Red Cross Patients)—Read, letter of the 10th inst., from the Commandant, St. Martin's Home, Cheltenham, asking for the fees to be remitted in respect of a stone kerbing with concrete inset and granite chips which the Red Cross Society intend to provide for the graves of 12 Australian Soldiers who died in the Red Cross Hospitals in Cheltenham. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to remit the fees.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th May, 1920: Present--The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Edith Geddes and Betteridge ; Messrs. E. Gridley and A. Miles (The Deputy Mayor in the chair). .

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £9 4s. 7d.

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of April last was 3,029, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 9,025, and from the Children's Library 1,859.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th May. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman E. C. Green, Councillor A. Mann, Messrs. J. R. Claridge, and W.R. Caries (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :—

(a) That tenders be invited for the restoration of the Library building, in accordance with the specification prepared by the Borough Surveyor in 1917.

(b) That the Committee subscribe one guinea per annum to the Worcester Historical Society, entitling them to the publications of the Society.

(c) That the porter be supplied with a pair of trousers, at a cost not exceeding £2 2s.

(d) That the list of new books, submitted by the Librarian, be purchased at a cost not exceeding £20.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted with the exception of paragraph (a), which was deferred until the next meeting.

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3—Joint Sub-Committee re Finance—Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor A. Mann) and Councillor Edith Geddes confer with two members of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee as to the finances of the Institution, and report to a joint meeting of the two Committees.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 1st June, 1920: Present--The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Dicks and Whitaker (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 first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £3,299 14s. 3d. Leaving outstanding, £34,182 17s. 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 29th September next. Amount collected £1,404 19s. 11d. Leaving outstanding, £12,389 14s. 8d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received sums amounting to £1,500 on loan.

Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

Resolved, That the terms arranged for continuance of debentures amounting to £3,617 be approved, and that the debentures be endorsed accordingly.

He further reported that Lloyds Bank had agreed to make an additional advance of £30,000 on the terms submitted.

Resolved, That debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

4—Reciprocal Investments—Housing Bonds—The Borough Accountant reported that the Reading Corporation would invest £7,000 in Cheltenham Housing Bonds if a similar amount were advanced to them for the same purpose, the period in each case to be 10 years.

Resolved, That the sum of £7,000 be invested in Housing Bonds of the Reading Corporation out of the Consolidated Loan Fund and that Housing Bonds be issued for a like amount to be advanced by the Reading Corporation.

5—Time of Meeting—Resolved, That future meetings of this Committee be held at 3 o'clock.

6—Institution of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants—Resolved. That the Borough Accountant be authorised to attend the Annual Conference of this Institution to be held at Folkestone, June 30th—July 2nd.

7—Accounts—

Overdrawn on the 29th April last ...	9,544 8 2
Paid since that date ..	<u>41,127 9 8</u>
	50,671 17 10
Received since that date	<u>41,573 12 11</u>
	Overdrawn 9,098 4 11
being General Accounts—	31,220 11 2
Less Credits :—Sinking Funds and other Accounts	<u>22,122 6 3</u>
	9,098 4 11

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 7th June, 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 Clara Winterbotham, Betteridge, Boulter, Dicks, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Thomas, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Edith Geddes, Stanley and Stewart.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 3rd May, and the Special Meeting on the 5th May 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—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th May and 2nd June last, be approved and confirmed.

3—Housing Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Housing Committee, at their Meetings of the 7th, 12th, and 17th May last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, at their Meetings of the 20th and 26th May last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 21st May last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz. :

"That Plan No. 1482 be approved subject to the condition that the work be not commenced until sanction has been given by the Housing Committee of the Cheltenham Borough Council."

6—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 21st May last, be approved and confirmed.

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

8 —Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th May last, be approved and confirmed. —General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 18th and 28th May last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the amendment :—"That Councillor Dicks be appointed a Member of the Sub-Committee referred to in Minute No. 14 (a) of the Committee's proceedings in the place of Councillor Rogers."

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

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

12--Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meetings of the 29th April and 21st May last, be approved and confirmed.

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

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 1st June last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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15—Notice of Motion—Councillor Whitaker gave notice of his intention to move the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—

"That on and after this date any employee after faithfully serving our Corporation for ten years and over shall not be dismissed by any Manager of any Department without first reporting the matter to the particular Committee that they serve in, that the Committee may go fully into the pros and cons of the case."

16—Motor Omnibus Licences—Read, letter of the 5th instant, from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Ltd.

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 July, 1920.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th June, 1920: Present— The Deputy Mayor; Alderman Green and Margrett; Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Moore, Whitaker and Yarnold (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:—5, Andover Street; 36, Townsend Street; 24, Francis Street; 70, Fairview Street; and 27, North 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 —Overcrowding at 1, Fairlight Place, Tivoli. The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so over-crowded 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 15, Tivoli Street; 19, St. George's Street; 5, Brighton Cottages; 6 and Francis Street; 70, Fairview Street; and 5, Andover Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 6, Francis Street; 3, Beaufort Buildings; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Brooklyn Bank, Millbrook Street; and 1, Gt. Western Terrace. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 4t of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5-Insanitary Property-15 and 16, Tivoli Street; 5, Brighton Cottages, Millbrook Street; 36, Townsend Street; 70, Fairview Street; 6, Francis Street; 5, Andover Street; 15, Cleveland Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6-Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported surrender of 40 lbs. beef; 4 cwts. mutton; 72 lbs. offal ; 2 cwts. 2 qrs. 18 lbs. fish ; and 24 tins meat, milk, etc. (Total weight surrendered : 7 cwts. 3 qrs. 8 lbs.)

7—Tanyard—Skin Dealers—Read, application of the 8th instant, from the Co-operative Wholesale Society, Beeston, Notts., to be allowed to establish the trade of a dealer in hides and skins at the Old Tanyard, Millbrook Street. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

8—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., etc., which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

9-Charlton Kings Sewage—Read, letter of the meth instant, from the Clerk to the Charlton Kings Urban District Council, stating that the Council had agreed to the following terms :—

That the Agreement dated the 21st December, 1908, between the Corporation and the Urban District Council for the communication of the Charlton Kings Sewers with the Borough Sewers be renewed for a further term of ten years from the 1st April, 1920, subject to the payment by the Urban District Council of £850, for the year ending 31st March, 1921, and £1,000 per annum for each of the remaining nine years of the term, with a proviso that in the event of the sub-coil water being excluded from the Charlton Sewers, so as to reduce the average dry-weather flow, an abatement of £35 be made from the said sum for every

10,000 gallons reduction per day in the dry-weather flow, provided that in no case shall the annual payment be reduced below the sum of £715.

Resolved. That the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement embodying these terms.

10-People's League of Health—Read, circular of the 19th ult., from the Hon. Organiser, People's League of Health, asking that a Mass Meeting be called with a view to establishing a branch of the League in the Borough. Resolved, That no action be taken.

11-Unhealthy Areas--Housing Survey—Read, letter of the 19th ult., from the Housing Commissioner, referring to the Form of survey, D.89, adopted by the Council, and asking what action had been taken regarding the areas scheduled under Section III of the Form. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be asked to submit a further report on the matter.

12-Venereal Diseases—Read, circular letter of the 7th ult., from the Town Clerk, East Ham, inviting approval of a resolution passed by East Ham Council in favour of compulsory notification and treatment of Venereal Diseases. Resolved that no action be taken.

13-Abattoir-Read, letter of the 5th ult., from the Director of Meat Supplies, Ministry of Food, giving notice to terminate the tenancy of the Abattoir on the 3rd prox.

Resolved, That Deputations from the West Midland Farmers' Association and the Cheltenham and District Beef and Pork Butchers' Association be invited to attend and lay their proposals before the next meeting of the Committee.

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14—Report of Farms Sub-Committee--The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 14th instant. Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Alderman Green ; Councillors Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 10th instant was 13 horses (2 at Depot), 9 calves, 104 head of cattle, 75 lambs, 29 tegs, 81 sheep, and 31 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting of the Committee 44 heifers, 7 cows, and 2 calves had been purchased for £1,597 10s. Five calves and 12 pigs had been bred on the Farms. Two heifers, 4 cows (1 barren), 6 calves, 2 lambs, 1 cart horse, 1 teg sheep, and two sheep skins had been sold for £430 12s. 11d. One ewe had died.

Orchard, Hayden Green—Resolved, That the Orchard containing half-an-acre or thereabouts at Hayden Green, be let to Mr. William Mason until the 25th March, 1921, at a rent of £5 for the period, subject to his entering into an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 21st June, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Betteridge and Jamieson (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Gas Mains—The Town Clerk submitted letter of the 22nd ult. from the Gas Co. requiring a subsidy towards cost of laying gas main of (1) £10 15s. 0d. for each of the 140 houses if provision made for gas cooker, (2) £6 15s. 0d. if provision made for gas cooker and lighting, (3) £5 15s. 0d. if provision made for gas heated wash boiler in addition to cooker and lighting. A letter was also read from the Housing Commissioner intimating that the Ministry would not agree to payment of a subsidy, and that he thought that as a matter of business the Gas Co. should lay the main required.

Resolved, That the roads and houses be lighted by electricity.

2—Sewers—Amended Plan—The Borough Surveyor submitted an amended plan of sewer construction, giving effect to certain recommendations of the Housing Commissioner. Resolved, That the plan be approved.

3—Houses—Application—Read, letter of the 9th inst. from Smiths Systems Ltd., with reference to their recent application for certain houses to be allocated for their employees.

4—Advisory Committee—Resolved, That the Advisory Committee nominated by the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives be invited to attend a meeting of this Committee on Wednesday, the 30th inst., at 7 p.m.

5—Compensation Claims—Read, letter of the 25th ult. from Mr. J. G. Villar, intimating that he had been instructed to act for Messrs. C. Harris, S. J. Wasley and A. Cox in connection with their claims for compensation, and the Town Clerk reported that he had arranged with Mr. H. Ellis Moore, District Valuer, to examine and report upon the claims. Resolved, That this be approved.

6—Subsidy Houses—(a) Old Bath Road—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for a house to be erected in Old Bath Road by Mr. C. Smith, and reported that the same complied with the conditions of the Ministry of Health under Section 1 of the Housing (Additional Powers) Act, 1919. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue Certificate A of approval of the plans.

(b) Trowscoed Avenue—Read, letter of the 4th inst. from Mr. J. L. Bendall, applying for subsidy in respect of Nos. 3 and 4, Trowscoed Avenue, together with report of the Borough Surveyor that the houses were practically completed. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue Certificate B of completion.

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7—Tenders for Houses—Approval—Read, letter of the 5th inst, from the Housing Commissioner, authorising the acceptance of the following revised tenders :—

BILLINGS, A. C. & SONS, LTD.

10 concrete houses on Calway system, and 20 of brick construction £28,375 3 6

COLLINS & GODFREY.

10 concrete houses on Calway system, and 20 of brick construction 28,375 1 2

Wm. DREW.

20 houses of brick construction 19,080 12 6

NICHOLLS, W. T., LTD.

20 concrete houses of Wingate Block construction 18,800 0 0

The foregoing tenders to be subject to such omissions and modifications as may be required by the Housing Commissioner.

8—Progress Report—Read. Architects' report as to progress dated the 21st inst.

9—Type Plans, etc.—The Town Clerk submitted Manual issued by the Ministry of Health containing 34 type plans of houses for which bills of quantities had been prepared by the Ministry. Full sheet working drawings could be obtained from the Ministry and the quantities for each type could be purchased at 3d. per copy. Many of these types had been adopted in various parts of the country, and the houses erected at satisfactory prices. The Ministry express the hope that more extended use will be made of the plans.

JOIN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 30th June, 1920: Present—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Betteridge and Moore (Councillor Moore in the chair).

10- Advisory Committee, National Federation Building Trades Operatives—Contracts—The Advisory Committee consisting of Messrs. W. F. Biddle, W. Bushell and J. E. Sage, with Mr. G. Blackwell, attended and gave details of contracts entered into by the Federation for the erection of houses at Irlam and elsewhere, and it was arranged that the Advisory Committee should confer with the Architects and submit any proposal they may have to make at a further Meeting. Constitution—Resolved, That Mr. G. Blackwell be appointed a Member of the Advisory Committee in place of Mr. M. Browning, resigned, and that the Trades and Labour Council be invited to nominate two members to serve on the Advisory Committee.

11- Dorman Long Houses--Steel—Mr. Wine H. Nicholls attended with reference to 27 tons 18 cwts. of steel purchased by his firm for the erection of "Dorman Long" houses. Mr. Nicholls intimated that his firm would be prepared to erect 20 of the houses tendered for by them. Resolved, That the steel be purchased by the Corporation at cost price, viz., £1213 13s.

12- Compensation Claims—Read, letter of the 25th instant from Mr. W. Ellis Moore, District Valuer, intimating that Mr. Villar had agreed on behalf of Messrs. C. Harris and S. J. Wasley as to compensation to be paid in settlement of all claims as follows:—

	Amount Claimed.	Amount of Settlement.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
C. Harris	298 6 10	260 8 0
S. J. Wasley	151 0 2	140 0 0

Resolved, That this be approved.

13—Crops—Tenders were received for the grass on the pasture land taken over from Mr. Harris, and for the vegetable crops on the land taken over from Mr. Wasley. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. Harris to take over the remainder of the crop of grass for the sum of £30, be accepted, and that the question of disposing; of the vegetable crop be deferred.

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14—Gloucester Road Sewer—Loan £1,254— The Town Clerk reported the receipt of sanction of the Ministry of Health for a loan of £1,254 for laying the sewer in Gloucester Road in connection with the Housing Scheme.

15—No. 2, Bath Street—Read, letter of the 28th inst., from Mr. C. J. Watkins, offering to sell this property to the Corporation for the sum of £660. Resolved, That the offer be not entertained.

16—Army Huts—Read, letter of the 21st instant, from the Controller, Ministry of Munitions, intimating that before the discount of 33 1/3 per cent could be allowed in respect of huts Nos. 586, now being converted into a cottage at Barn Farm, and 588, in use as a Clerk of the Works Office, etc., on the Housing Estate, it would be necessary to obtain the sanction of the Ministry of Health. Resolved, That application be made accordingly.

17—Electricity—Lighting and Cooking—Resolved, That the houses be provided with "points" for lighting and cooking, and that the Electricity Committee be asked to give instructions for the laying of the necessary mains.

JAMES MOORE, Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 10th June, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stewart, Dr. G. A. Cardew, Mrs. Buoy, Misses Barnard and Hill (The Deputy Mayor in the Chair)

1--Health Visitors—Read, letter dated the 4th instant, from Mrs. Dominey, declining the appointment of Health Visitor. Resolved, That the following candidates be interviewed by the Committee at a meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 15th instant:- Montgomery, H. N. (Miss), Ongar, Essex ; Elliott, E. E. (Miss), Royal Infirmary, Bristol ; Mead, D. (Miss). Royal Infirmary, Bristol ; Williams, E. S. (Miss), Birmingham.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th June, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham and Stewart; Dr. Cardew ; Mrs. Booy, Misses Foster and Hill (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2-Health Visitors--Communications were received from Miss Mead and Miss Williams that they had accepted other appointments, and from Miss Montgomery that she was unable to attend, and the Committee interviewed the remaining selected candidate, Miss Elliott. Resolved, That Miss E. E. Elliott, of the Bristol Infirmary, be appointed at an inclusive salary of £170 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £200, the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice on either side.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th June, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley', Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Street Projections-75 and 76, Winchcombe Street—Resolved, That the application of Mr. Chetwood Aiken for permission to fix a sign in front of these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

3. North Street— Resolved, That the application of the Halford Cycle Co. for permission to fix a sign at these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

2—Contract for Stationery, etc —The Town Clerk reported that owing to the continually increasing cost of materials it was unlikely that tenders would be obtained for the supply of stationery and office requisites as and when required. Resolved, That the Heads of Departments be instructed to inform the Town Clerk as to their probable requirements during the ensuing twelve months, and that quotations be invited and an order immediately issued for supplies in bulk. Resolved also, That Mr. Wm. Russell (Manager, Burrow's Press, Ltd.) be asked to advise as to the most economical papers, etc., to be ordered, and that he be paid a fee of £2 2s. 0d. for his services.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th June, 1920 Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Wilkins and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

3—Street Projections-42, Upper Bath Road—Resolved, That the application of Mr. C. J. Lord for permission to fix two signs at these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

4—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 21st May to the 24th June, 1920 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 17th June, 1920, 854 loads collected, 725 consumed, and 129 tipped away. Weight consumed, 905 tons, 4 ½ cwts.

5 Tenders for Coal—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders received for the supply of coal during the ensuing year. Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted

Crook & Greenway House Coal at 51/2 per ton.

“ “ Bakers' nuts for Abattoir at 51/2 per ton.

Stockwell, A. G. Welsh Coal for Fire Engine, Rollers, etc., at 51/11 per ton.

Sheppard, E. H. & Son Rough small steam coal for Baths, etc., at 40/- per ton.

Crook & Greenway Rough small steam coal for Tewkesbury at 41/- per ton.

6 -Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 15th and 28th instant.

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, the 15th June, 1920: 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.
1483	Cadena Café Co.	Additions to Bakery, Cosy Corner, Promenade.
1484	Committee of Victoria Nursing Home.	New Lavatory, Victoria Nursing Home, St. James' Square.
1485	Mr. W. C. Prude	Dwelling House, Six Chimney Lane.
1486	Mr. G. Freeman	New Motor Garage at rear of No. 4, North Parade, Winchcombe Street.
1487	Cheltenham Education Committee	New Classrooms, Central School, Gloucester Road.
1488	Miss Worthington	Alterations and additions to Lauriston House, Montpellier Street.

Resolved, That Plans No. 1483, 1484, 1487 and 1488 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; that Plan No. 1486 be approved; that Plan No. 1485 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 28th June, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, 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.
1489	Mr. C. Smith	Detached House, Old Bath Road (Pilley).
1490	Miss F. Tapp	Dwelling House, (timber construction), Alma Road.

1491 Trustees, Walker Memorial Church Additions to Walker Memorial Church, Whaddon Lane.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1489 be approved; that Plan No. 1490 be approved subject to the cesspool being made water-tight; and that Plan No. 1491 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th June, 1920: Present—Councillors Boulter, Jamieson, Pates, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—"Delamere" and "Lorraine," Wellington Street—Read, letter of the 15th inst., from Messrs. G. H. Bayley and Sons, enclosing particulars of these properties which they are offering for sale by private treaty.

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2.-Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at their meetings on the 25th May, 1st, 8th and 15th June, were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Concerts Attendant—Resolved, That A. McGregor, concerts attendant, be allowed 10/- in respect of any assistance he may require in connection with the removal of chairs, band instruments, etc.

Gloucestershire Hussars—Band—Resolved, That the offer of the Band of the Gloucestershire Hussars to play at the Winter Garden on the 25th instant, on payment of out of pocket expenses, be accepted subject to expenses not exceeding £5

Pittville Gardens—Fete and Fireworks—Resolved, That the Fete and Fireworks Display, arranged for the 16th instant, be postponed until the 7th proximo.

Traders' Association Fete—Orchestra—Resolved. That the Orchestra play in Pittville Gardens on August Bank Holiday from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m., receipts from chairs to be payable to the Corporation.

Resolved, also, That the use of the chairs be allowed for another Band, engaged for the fete, subject to payment by the Traders' Association of 50 per cent. of the chair receipts.

Entertainment Accounts—Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor Stewart) and Councillors Pates and Thomas be appointed a Sub-Committee to confer with the Finance Committee at its next meeting with reference to the payment of entertainment accounts.

3 —Alstone Baths —"Swimming Club Gala--Resolved, That a charge of £1 1s., plus cost of lighting and cartage of chairs, be made in respect of the use of the Swimming Bath by the Cheltenham Swimming and water Polo Clubs Gala on the 10th inst.

4 - Mineral Waters—Sales—The Borough Surveyor reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows: Central Spa 1032; Montpellier Baths 11; Montpellier Gardens 283; Pittville Chalet 62; and Pittville Pump Room 19.

5 —Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Damage, etc.—It was reported that complaints had been received from residents near Montpellier Gardens of the rowdy behaviour in the Gardens on Sundays, and that wilful damage had been done in the Gardens and at the winter Garden. Resolved, That the Superintendent of Police be requested to provide additional police supervision, and that offenders be prosecuted.

Custodian -Resolved, That ex-Police Constable George Wilks be appointed Custodian of Montpellier Gardens and Winter Garden at a wage of 30/- per week, as from the 9th inst.

Folding Canvas Chairs -Resolved, That the tender of Mr. J. Senior to supply one dozen folding deck chairs as per sample, at £1 2s 6d. each, be accepted.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th June, 1920: Present—Councillors Boulter, Pates and Thomas (Councillor Pates in the chair).

6- Winter Garden Ground Seats—Resolved, That six additional seats (making ten in all) be placed in the Winter Garden

7-Official Guide- The Town Clerk reported that the stock of official illustrated guides was almost exhausted. Read, letters of the 18th and 24th inst., from E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., offering to publish a new guide, and to present free of charge to the Corporation on the same conditions as before, viz.: that a limited number of advertisements be allowed, and that the guide is "issued with the sanction of the Corporation." Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

8 --Montpellier Gardens-Early Morning Orchestra—Resolved, That the Conductor be asked to substitute a harp for the planets celestial performances at Montpellier Gardens.

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9—Cricket Week Festival—Resolved. That, in connection with the Cricket Week Festival, a dance be held at the Town Hall on August 18th from 8 -12, the charge for tickets to be 5/6, inclusive of light refreshments, and that free tickets be issued to the 22 members of the competing teams.

10—Pittville Pump Room—Evesham Road Sign--Resolved, That the tender of Mr. F. J. King to provide a sign board indicating Pittville Pump Room, to be erected in Evesham Road, at a cost of £8 16s. 0d. be accepted.

11—Pittville Pump Room Terrace—Electric Lights—It was reported that the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments

Committee offered no objection to the fitting of five electric lights to the exterior of the Pump Room Terrace.

12-Pittville Gardens—Resolved, That the Maestag Welsh Band of the Salvation Army be granted permission to play in Pittville Gardens on the 7th and 8th August next.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the .16th June, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Moore, and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Tenders for Meters—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported an offer from the Electrical Apparatus Company, Ltd., to renew their contract for meters on a revised schedule of prices, submitted. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

2—Wages of Employees—Technical and Commercial Staffs—Read, letters of the 21st and 22nd ultimo, from the Electrical Power Engineers Association and Electricity Supply Commercial Association, enclosing Conditions of Employment and Schedule of Salaries for Technical Engineers and Commercial and Clerical Staffs (as agreed by the National Joint Board) respectively, and asking that the same be adopted.

The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the effect of the proposed Schedule of Salaries would be to increase the salaries now paid by about it per cent. Resolved, That the conditions of employment be agreed to, excepting those relative to sick leave and holidays (Sections 3 and 4), the usual conditions applying to the Corporation Staffs in these matters to remain unaltered, and that the Schedule of Salaries be accepted.

3—National Joint Board of Employers and Staff Members (Electricity Supply Industry)—Read, letter of the 17th ultimo, from the Secretary, enclosing copy of the Constitution of the National Joint Board of Employers and Staff Members (Electricity Supply Industry), intimating that the Ministry of Labour having formally recognised the Board, it was recommended that all undertakings should agree to accept the findings of the Board on all questions affecting Staff Members. Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted.

4—Loan for Mains—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Electricity Commissioners had intimated that certain expenditure for Sub-Station Switchgear and Transformers, which it was proposed to include in the new loan for, £2,000 for mains recently applied for, could not be included under the heading of "Mains." Resolved, That application be made to the Commissioners for a loan of £2,200 to cover this expenditure.

5—Additions to Plant—Loan £29,000—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of sanction of the Electricity Commissioners for a loan of £29,000, for Generating Plant, etc., the loan to be repayable within a period of 15 years. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Commissioners to extend the period of the loan to at least 21 years.

6—Joint Electricity Authority—Lower Severn Electricity District—The Town Clerk submitted Notice of the 30th April last from the Secretary to the Electricity Commissioners that the Commissioners had provisionally determined that the area as set out therein, should be constituted a separate Electricity District for the purpose of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, and that a Public Inquiry would be held, of which due Notice would be given.

The area includes Bath, Bristol, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Swindon, and the County of Gloucester, and parts of the counties of Worcester, Somerset, Wilts, Monmouth and Hereford. Resolved, That no objection be offered to the proposed area.

General Meeting—Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor Moore), the Town Clerk and the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed representatives of the Corporation at a General Meeting of the Joint Electricity Authority to be held at Bristol on the nth proximo.

7—Gas Lighting—Contract—Read, letter of the 7th instant, from the General Manager of the Gas Company, submitting the following alternative estimates for lighting gas lamps up to 11 p.m. each night (allowing 60 minutes after that hour for extinguishing), from the 1st October, 1920, to the 30th April, 1921:-

(1) For lighting the whole of the lamps in the Eastern and Western Sections, (including lamps temporarily suspended during the war period).

Eastern Section .. 294 lamps

Western “ 505 “

799 lamps at £3 8s 10d. per lamp (9/10 per month)

(2) For lighting the whole of the lamps in the Eastern and Western Sections, (excluding the lamps temporarily suspended during the war period)

Eastern Section 272 lamps

Western “ 449 “

721 lamps at £3 9s. 5d. per lamp (9/11 per month.)

The prices quoted included 16/11 3/10 as the charge for gas, but if the price of gas to private consumers were raised or reduced below 4/- per thousand cubic feet the sum included for gas would be increased or reduced accordingly, and if the wages of the lamplighters were increased or reduced below the rate current on the 1st December last, then the price per lamp per month would be increased or reduced by 1 1/10 penny for every shilling increase or reduction of wages. Resolved, That Estimate No. 2 be accepted.

Analysts' Report—Mr. Geo. Embrey, Gas Examiner, reports that on his test, on the 15th June, of the gas for calorific power, it shewed 458.1 B.T.U.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 17th June, 1920: Present—Aldermen Green and Margrett, and Councillor Moore (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 14th June, 1920.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	285,000 gallons	310,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	519,000 “	338,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	102,000 “	86,000 “
Total	906,000 “	734,000 “

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		14th June, 1920.		14th June, 1919.
Hewletts		26,235,000 gallons		27,008,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	28ft. 0in.	79,684,000 “	28ft. 0in.	79,684,000 “
Leckhampton	9ft. 0in.	1,215,000 “	12ft. 0in.	1,621,000 “
Total Storage		107,134,000 “		108,313,000 “

2-Salts Farm---Dilapidations, etc.--Resolved, That Mr. C. C. Castle be instructed to report and advise as to dilapidations and valuation of tenant's fixtures, etc.

Lease—The Town Clerk submitted draft lease to Mr. L. G. Dunn. Resolved, That the same be approved and the Common Seal affixed to an engrossment thereof.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Plough Hotel on Thursday, the 17th June, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Mann, Moore, Sawyer and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair). Messrs. W. G. Gurney, V. A. Lawson, and F. Norman were also present.

1—Plough Hotel—Cinema—The Committee inspected the premises proposed to be converted into a Cinema Hall.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 22nd June, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann and Sawyer (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

2—Diseases Amongst Animals—Inspector Bunker reported that the Borough was free from diseases amongst animals, with the exception of two cases of swine fever, at South Court Cottage and Aliens Fields Allotments.

3—Swine Fever Order, 1919—Registers—Read, circular letter of the 4th instant, from the Ministry of Agriculture, asking that registers, kept by pig dealers and others, be periodically inspected, and Inspector Bunker reported that this was already being done.

4—Plough Hotel—Cinema—Resolved, That the Committee are of opinion that the alteration and conversion of a portion of these premises, as shewn on the ground plan submitted, would provide a building suitable for a licence under the Cinematograph Act, provided that the detailed plans to be submitted for approval in the ordinary course are satisfactory, but that it be referred to the Housing Committee to consider whether alterations should be postponed for the present under Section 5 of the Housing (Additional Powers) Act, 1919.

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5—Household Fuel and Lighting Order —Read, letter of the 4th inst., from the Coal Mines Department intimating that in view of the suspension of this Order as from the 7th inst., the appointment of Local Fuel Overseer should be terminated as speedily as possible. Resolved. That the appointment be terminated as from the 30th instant.

6—War Bonus—Read, letter of the 17th instant, from the Municipal Officers' Guild, with reference to the adoption of the recommendations made by the Whitley Council appointed for Local Authorities Administrative Technical and Clerical Services, and also two letters of the 19th instant, from the Borough Surveyor applying for the payment of a retrospective bonus to himself and Mr. F. A. Jenkins. Resolved, That the letters be referred to a joint meeting of the General Purposes and Watch and Finance Committees.

7—Weighbridge Clerk—Wages—Resolved, That the wages of J. Pounsett, Weighbridge Clerk, be increased from 33/- to 42/-per week, plus commission on allotment rents collected, which approximately averaged 3/6 a week.

8—Game Licences—Read, applications from Messrs. H. F. Barnett; C. Barnett & Sons; Bowles & Dymond; M. C. Fisher ; W. Hall & Sons; J. Maxwell; Olive & Olive; and Miss M. F. Woodward, for renewal of their Game licences for one year from the 1st proximo. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

9—Poisons and Pharmacy Act. 1908—Read, applications from Messrs. J. J. Cypher; G. E. Pates; P. C. A. Wiggall; P.P.S. Wiggall; and W. Yates for renewal of their licences under this Act for one year from the 2nd instant. Resolved. That licences be granted.

10—Motor Omnibus Licence --Read, letter of the 19th instant, from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Limited, applying for a licence for a motor omnibus to carry 28 persons to ply for hire between Cheltenham and Winchcombe, with a starting point and terminus outside 116, High Street, the route to be via Pittville Street, Portland Street and Evesham Road. Resolved, That the licence be granted subject to the vehicle being approved by the Inspector.

11—Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, application of the 31st ultimo, from W. Elliott, 1, Coltham Fields, Hales Road, for a Hackney Carriage Licence. Resolved, That the licence be granted subject to the vehicle being approved by the Inspector.

12—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Resolved, That W. Elliott be granted a Driver's Licence.

13—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 31st ultimo the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at the Bell Hotel, Tewkesbury. Damage about £1,000. Brigade expenses £10 9s. Also, on the 19th instant, to a fire at the Cosy Corner Cafe, Promenade, occupied by the Cadena Café Company, Ltd. Damage slight. Expenses £4 2s. 6d.

Old Tunics—Resolved, That the old firemen's tunics be disposed of for the highest offer.

14—War Damage—Subscription—Read, circular letter of the 5th instant, from Sir Forster Todd, President, Committee on War Damage, applying for a subscription of 10/6 to meet the liabilities of the Committee, amounting to £369 9s. 7d. Resolved, That a subscription of 10/6 be granted.

15—War Trophies—Read, letter of 15th instant, from the Secretary, War Trophies Committee, War Office, offering two 75 M/M Trench Mortars to the Borough. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

16—Local Government Service—Education Qualifications —Read, circular letter from the General Secretary, National Association of Local Government officers, submitting a scheme of education for junior entrants into the Local Government Service. Resolved, That the Scheme be approved in principle.

17—Light Railway—Southam and Cleeve Hill Service—Head, letters from Dr. J. Garrett complaining of the irregularity of the service to Southam and Cleeve Hill and the annoyance of passengers at the extra charge made when the cars do not run through. Resolved, That the attention of the Company be called to the matter and that they be again asked to provide route indicators sheaving the destination of the cars.

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18—Special Constables and Demobilised Men—Certificates—Resolved, that Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., be requested to submit completed drawing of Certificates to be presented to those who served in the War, including Volunteers and Special Constables.

19—Mayoral Roll—Resolved, That the quotation of Mr. F. J. King, to re-write and complete the Mayoral Roll and renovate the two other Boards for £10, be accepted.

20—Leckhampton Hill—Blasting—Read, letter of the 10th instant, from Lieut-Colonel C. Berkeley Calcott, complaining of the early morning explosions at Leckhampton Hill. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Cheltenham Rural District Council, as the Local Authority concerned.

21-27, Promenade—Resolved, That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and the Chairman (Alderman Margrett) be appointed a Sub-Committee to give any necessary instructions in matters of urgency in connection with 27, Promenade.

22—Police Force—Resolved, That the Chief Constable be invited to attend the next meeting of this Committee to consider the possibility of effecting any economy in regard to the Police Force.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th June, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Clara Winterbotham and Stewart, and Dr. R. Davies (Councillor Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,723 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 12th May (Corresponding period last year 744).

The sale of Post Cards had realised £3 145. 2d.

The following gifts had been received:—

Miss E. Austin, Egyptian Pottery, figures, etc.; Miss Austin, New Zealand Sea Horses (2); A. A. Hunter, Esq., Mulready Envelopes (2) framed, Oil Painting by J. Howe " Hawking" (with engraving), Engravings of W. G. Grace, Catherine Parr, Archbishop Laud and Gloucester Cathedral, by Coney; Mrs. J. B. Winterbotham, Oil Painting by John Barlow, R.W.A., R.O.I. (presented in Memory of Alderman J. B. Winterbotham, First Chairman of Art Gallery and Museum Committee, 1899-1914); Sydney A. Pitcher, Esq., Photographs of Bronze Mirror and Crickley Hill Skull ; Robert Duncan, Esq., Letter from Colonel J. G. Burns (elder son of Robert Burns, Poet), to James Ballantine re Burns' Relics; E. Parker, Esq., Photograph of print of Cheltenham Club Members (early 19th century); Rev. J. Foster, Mosses and Seaweed; Colonel Hutton Dawson, Sambhur Head; and War Office, Turkish Rifle.

2—Annual Report—The Curator submitted his Annual Report for the year ended 31st March last.

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

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PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 23rd June, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell, Sawyer and Stanley (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Band and Sports—Read, application on the 22nd instant from Mr. A. E. Miller for permission to sell ice cream and mineral waters in Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground on the occasion of the Orchestral Performance and Sports on the 26th instant. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to payment of 2/6.

2—Marle Hill Annexe—Hospitals' Carnival—Resolved, That the programme submitted of the Carnival on the 14th—17th prox., be approved, and that permission be given for a length of railing between the Annexe and the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground to be taken down for the occasion.

Gate—The Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting, reported that Mr. Maby had agreed to allow the Gate between the Annexe and the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground to be open on Wednesdays and

Sundays from 2 p.m., on the understanding that it should be closed if any nuisance or damage is caused to his property as a result of this concession, and without prejudice to his right under the covenant.

Mud Deposits—Planting—The Borough Surveyor reported that the mud deposits from the lake had been levelled and soiled. Resolved, That the same be planted with vegetables.

3—Pittville Estate—Damage to Bridge—Read, report from the Superintendent of Police that three boys had been fined 7/8 each, including costs, for wilful damage to the West Bridge, on the 8th February last.

4—Pittville Pump Room Terrace—Electric Lights—Resolved, That that the proposal of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee to have five electric lights fitted to the exterior of the Pump Room Terrace, be approved.

5—Land In Alma Road—Loan—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of sanction of the Ministry of Health for a loan of £280, purchase money and costs, the loan to be repayable within a period of 60 years.

6 —National Union of Horticultural Workers—National Standard of Hours and Wages—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the General Secretary, enclosing copies of the National Standard of Hours and Wages for Gardners.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th June, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann and Stanley (Councillor Dodwell in the Chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6272 to 6284 (both inclusive) of the reclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased

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2-Designs-Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial ;Crosses and Kerbing to the graves of Edith L. Morecroft, Walter E. Jessie, Percy J. M. Yaldwyn, John J. Cuddon, Alice Cowdell, Maud Whitham, and John R. Hurd; Headstones and Kerbing to the graves of Julia E. Anderton, Lucy S. E. Hill, and Julia A., and John Kirkham; Kerbing to graves of Anthony A. Westborough, James Baldwin, John Cawood, Frederick D. Campbell, Evelyn J. Beckingsale, and ten Australian soldiers.

3—Advance to Superintendent—Resolved, That the mount of the advance to the Superintendent for the payment of wages and Ministers' Fees be increased from £110 to £120, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings of the 20th February, 1920, be varied accordingly.

4—Superintendent—Wages—The Superintendent asked that the advance of 5/- in wages recently granted to workmen be extended to himself. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

5—Next Meeting—Resolved, That the next Monthly Meeting of this Committee be held at the Cemetery.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th June, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Mann, Pates and Stanley, and Mr. A. Miles. (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £10 16s. 5d. Presentations: Miss Austin (20 vols.), Canon Beck (1 vol.), A. A. Hunter, Esq. (440 vols.), Miss Johnson (1 vol.), Library of Congress (1 vol.), Publishers Stubbs' Directory (1 vol.), J. B. Millott Severn, Esq. (1 vol.), and H. B. Wethered, Esq. (187 vols.)

Number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of May last, 3,033; number issued from the Lending Library 9,569, and from the Children's Library 1,760:

2.—Annual Report—The Librarian presented the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March, 1920. The issues were as follows:—

Lending Library	• •	• •	62,386
Children's Library		• •	• •	• •	• •	23,375
Reference Library		• •	• •			39,751
Receipts	• •	• •	• •	£86 9s.

Number of Borrowers (including 894 students' tickets and 1192 children's tickets) 4,404

3—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported, meeting on the 10th June—Present: The Deputy Mayor,

Alderman Green, Councillors Mann and Moore (Councillor Mann in the chair)—They recommended:—

(a) That the stonework of the Library building be brushed off and treated with preservative solution, in accordance with the specification prepared by the Borough Surveyor in April, 1917.

(b) That the thanks of the Committee be offered to Mr. A. A. Hunter for his valuable gift of some four hundred volumes for the Reference Library'.

(c) That the Librarian be instructed to fill the post of Junior assistant, which has become vacant owing to the resignation of Leonard Powles.

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(d) That Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall prepare the boiler for inspection by the Vulcan Boiler and General Insurance Company

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

4—Caretaker—Wages—Read, letter of the 15th inst., from Mr. J. C. O'Brien (Caretaker) asking that the recent advance of 5/- per week in wages, granted to Corporation workmen, be extended to him. Resolved, that the application be granted.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29th June, 1920 Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor, and Councillor Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate. Amount collected £8,807 12s. 7d. Leaving outstanding, £28,674 19s. 7d.

2—Water Rate--Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £4,374 11s. 5d. Leaving outstanding, £9,869 7s. 4d.

3—Loans--The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £1,020 on loan. Resolved, That

Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

Resolved, That the terms arranged for continuance of a Debenture for £400 be approved, and that the Debenture be endorsed accordingly.

4—Housing Bonds—Stamp Duty Composition— Resolved, That an Agreement be entered into with the Inland Revenue Commissioners for composition for stamp duty.

5—War Bonus—Resolved, That this Committee agree to a Joint Meeting with the General Purposes and Watch Committee to consider application from the Administrative and Clerical Staff for increased War Bonus.

6—National Health Insurance Act, 1920- Read, letter of the 15th inst., from the Controller, Insurance Department, Ministry of Health, enclosing Memorandum explaining the effect of the National Health Insurance Act, 1920, on the Certificate of Exception issued to the Corporation on 15th July, 1912. Resolved, That application be made for a further Certificate of Exception from the provisions of the Acts in respect of the Administrative and Office Staffs of the Corporation in consideration of the Corporation undertaking to allow three months' leave on full pay in each case of illness, and such further period on full pay or half-pay as the Finance Committee may decide in any particular case as hitherto, and also a disablement allowance of 7/6 a week (men and women) after the determination of full pay or half-pay.

7—Central School-At the request of the Education Committee, Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £4,500 for providing four additional classrooms at the Central School (including Architects' commission).

8—Boiler Insurance—The Borough Accountant submitted correspondence with the Vulcan Boiler and General Insurance Co., Ltd., with reference to increasing the insurance of boilers to £1,000 in every case for an additional premium of 7/6 per item. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

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9—Accounts—

Overdrawn on the 1st June last	9098 4 11
Paid since that date.	<u>24,785 10 2</u>
	33,883 15 1
Received since that date	<u>27,018 9 7</u>
	Overdrawn £6,865 5 6
being General Accounts— Overdrawn	30,409 16 0
Less Credits :—Sinking Funds and other Accounts	<u>23,544 10 6</u>
	6,865 5 6

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 July, 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 Betteridge, Boulter, Dicks, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Stanley, Thomas, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

Apology—An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Sawyer.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 7th 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—Harriers' Sports—Prize—Read, letter from the Cheltenham and County Harriers, etc., Club, with reference to the provision of a Corporation Prize in connection with Sports to be held on August Bank Holiday next.

Resolved, That a prize of the value of £5 be provided as on previous occasions.

3—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 14

Housing	“	“	21	30
Maternity and Child Welfare	“	“	10	15
Street and Highway ●●●	“	“	15	28
Town Improvement and Spa	“	“	18*	25

*Subject to the following amendment, viz. :— "That the Resolution contained in Minute No. 5 with reference to the appointment of Custodian at Montpellier Gardens and Winter Garden be referred back for further consideration

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Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held June 16			
Water	“	“	17	
General Purposes and Watch	“	“	17	22*

*With the following additions, viz. :—

"And that Licences to deal in Game be granted accordingly."

Cinematograph Act, 1909—Resolved also, That the application of Mrs. N. S. Field for the renewal of her Cinematograph Licence in respect of the Winter Garden be granted for one year as from the 7th February, 1920, on the same conditions as contained in the previous Licence.

Art Gallery and Museum ●●●	Meeting held June 16			
Parks, Recreation Ground and Allotments...	“	“	23	
Burial Board ●●●	“	“	25	
Public Library ●●●	“	“	15	
Finance ●●●	“	“	29	

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

4—Education Committee—Resolved, That Mr. A. Miles be re-appointed a member of the Education Committee, his term of office having expired on the 2nd inst. Resolved also, That Councillor Yarnold be appointed a member of the Committee for the remainder of the current Municipal Year in place of Councillor Thomas, resigned.

5—Notice of Motion—The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Whitaker, having been formally moved, was, with the consent of the Council, withdrawn.

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 30th July, 1920.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 12th July, 1920: Present---Alderman Margrett, Councillors Dicks, 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, Naunton Crescent; 3, Magenta Place, St. Luke's; 35, Keynsham Street; 15, Upper Bath Road; 34, Victoria Street, St. Paul's; and Highbury Villa, Grosvenor 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 1, Douro Cottages, Sherborne Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3 - Cleansing and Whitewashing at 29, Glenfall Street; 24, York Street; 56, Upper Park Street; 26, Brunswick Street; and 12, Gloucester Place. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved. That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 3 and 4, Naunton Crescent; 24, 25 and 26, Francis Street; 18, 18a, 19 and 19a, Exmouth Street; 19, St. George's Street; 6, Cambay ; 5 and 8, Pittville Villas; and Roseland, Leckhampton Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 40 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5-Insanitary Property-12, Gloucester Place ; 26, Brunswick Street;; 13, Naunton Crescent; 34, Victoria Street, St. Paul's; 29, Fairfield Parade ; 56, Upper Park Street; 24, York Street; and 29, Glenfall Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6--Surrender of Diseased Meat--The Medical Officer of Health reported surrender of 5 cwts. 2 qrs. 2 lbs. beef; 5 cwts. 1 qr. 8 lbs. mutton; 1 qr. 18 lbs. pork; 4 cwts. 2 lbs. fish; 44 tins meat, milk, etc., and 220 eggs. (Total weight surrendered: cwts. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.)

7-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., etc., served but not complied with.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

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8-Abattoir—The following deputations attended :-

From Cheltenham & District Butchers' Association—Messrs. Leigh James, W. H. Jester, and D. Waghorne (Hon. Sec.)

From West Midland Farmers' Association—Messrs. R. G. Hanks, N. Harris, E. G. H. Maddy, W. H. T. Hearle (Sec.) and S. E. Rogers (Manager).

The last-named deputation requested (1) allocation of one or more slaughtering chambers for exclusive use of their Association, (2) provision of additional office accommodation, (3) provision of dead-weight scales, and (4) permission to install telephone instrument for use and at cost of their Association.

Resolved, That requests (1) and (2) be not entertained, that quotations be obtained for a pair of dead-weight scales, and that no objection be offered to the proposed installation of a telephone instrument.

9—County Voluntary Aid Organisations—Scheme—Read, Circular 101 of 23rd ult. from Ministry of Health, inviting attention to a scheme formulated by the Joint Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John with the object of utilising County Voluntary Aid Organisations as auxiliary and supplementary to trained workers in public and voluntary health services.

Resolved, That same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for consideration and report.

10—Smoke, etc., Nuisances—Read, letter of 26th ult. from Mr. W. M. Alford, complaining of nuisance caused by smoke emitted by an engine in Messrs. Barradell & Co.'s timber yard in Albion Street, together with a letter of 29th ult. from the firm, in reply to a representation by the Town Clerk, intimating that they were expecting the delivery of a consignment of steam coal by use of which they hoped to abate the nuisance.

Also read, Memorial signed by 21 residents in Marle Hill Road, complaining of disturbance occasioned by traction engines in Messrs. Mark Williams & Co.'s yard and nuisance caused by smoke therefrom, etc.

Resolved, That the attention of the firm be directed to the complaint with a view to nuisance being abated.

11—Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Act, 1920-Certificates—Resolved, That in pursuance of Section 2 of this Act the Inspector of Nuisances be authorised to issue certificates as to condition of premises at a fee of 1/- and report to this Committee from time to time as to certificates issued.

12-Report of Farms Sub-Committee--Reported meeting on 12th inst. Present—Councillors Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, monthly report of Farms Manager. Number of livestock on Farms on 12th inst. was 13 horses (2 at Depot), 7 calves, 119 head of cattle, 69 lambs, 98 sheep, and 28 pigs, all doing very well. Since last meeting 20 head of cattle and 2 calves had been purchased for £648 17s. 0d. Four cows (2 barren and 2 in calf), 7 calves, 11 sheep, 1 ram, 6 lambs, and 3 store pigs had been sold for £378 13s. 5d. One heifer in calf had been killed by lightning.

Heifer Killed by Lightning—The Town Clerk reported receipt of cheque for £47 10s. 0d. from the County Fire Office, Ltd., in settlement of claim made in respect of heifer killed by lightning.

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 the Housing Site on Wednesday, the 14th July, 1920: Present--The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Betteridge, Dicks and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Dorman Long Houses—Resolved, That the offer of W. T. Nicholls, Ltd., as Agents for Messrs. Dorman Long & Co., to erect 20 (instead of 40) of the houses tendered for by them, be accepted, subject to a contract, approved by the Ministry of Health, being entered into.

2—Advisory Committee N.F.B.T.O.--Constitution—Resolved, That the following nominees of the Trades and Labour Council be appointed Members of the Advisory Committee: Mrs. N. Burge, 4, Roman Road, and Mr. A. T. Quelch, 12, Fairview Road.

3—Workmen—Wages— Read, letter of the 9th inst., from Mr. W. Bushell, asking the Committee to receive a deputation of four workmen with reference to compensation for lost time during wet weather. Resolved, That a deputation be invited to attend the next meeting.

4—Housing Site—Admittance—Resolved. That the public be not admitted to the Housing Site except during working hours, and that notices be exhibited to this effect.

5—Trees—Resolved, That 3 Elm trees, on the land adjoining Longmead Garden, be removed.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

Ala Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th July 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Dicks and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

6—Wages during Wet Weather--A Deputation from the Bricklayers and Bricklayers' Labourers engaged on the Housing Scheme, consisting of Messrs. W. Bushell and J. Tomkins (representing Bricklayers), and J.

Stevens and C. Mitchell (representing Labourers), attended with reference to an application made to the Contractors for compensation for time lost through stress of weather. Resolved, That the representations made by the Deputation be forwarded to the Housing Commissioner for his consideration.

7—Architects' Fees—The Town Clerk submitted General Housing Memorandum No. 31, revising in certain respects the scales of fees payable to Architects and the arrangements laid down in Memorandum No. 4. Mr. Rainger attended the Meeting and expressed his firm's willingness to accept the fees originally agreed to.

8— Rents, Selection of Tenants, etc.—The Town Clerk submitted replies received from eight towns as to conditions laid down for guidance in selecting tenants, and also as to rents to be charged. Resolved, That in selecting tenants preference be given to ex-service men, priority being given to men with large families, and that the Town Clerk communicate with the Housing Commissioner as to rents.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th July, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Wilkins (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Hired Team Labour—The Borough Surveyor reported the receipt of an application from the Contractors for an increase of price for hired team labour.

Resolved, That the application be not acceded to.

2—Railway Wagons—Read, letter of 5th instant, from Wagon Repairs, Ltd., applying for an increase in price for maintenance of ten Corporation railway wagons.

Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

3—Advertisement Hoarding, Ambrose Street—Read, letter of 9th instant, from Mr. C. W. McVitie, complaining of damage caused to his property by this hoarding.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd July, 1920: Present —The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Pates and Wilkins (The Mayor in the chair).

4—Street Projection. Norwood Road Motor Works—Resolved. That the application of Messrs. Evans and Watts for permission to fix a sign at these premises be granted, subject to the same being fixed not less than 25 feet above the ground, and not to project more than 4 feet from the face of the wall.

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 25th June to the 22nd July, 1920 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 15th July, 1920, 676 loads collected, 656 consumed, and 20 tipped away. Weight consumed, 711 tons, 14 cwts.

6—St. George's Square—Councillor Dicks attended and said he believed all the owners were willing for this land to be taken over by the Corporation as an open space," and asked the Corporation to submit definite proposals for their approval. Resolved, That this Committee view the land at their next siew Meeting.

7—Contract for Stationery, etc.—Read letter of 17th instant, from the Cheltenham Master Printers' Association. complaining of the engagement of Mr. William Russell to advise as to effecting economies in connection with the supply of stationery in bulk and regretting that the President or Secretary of the Association had not been consulted in the matter. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk thereto be approved.

8—Workmen-Holidays-Read, letter of 21st instant from the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, enclosing of the Nation.il Joint Industrial Council for Non-Trading Services with regard to holidays.

9—Hired Team Labour --Read further letter of 20th instant asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to increase the price paid for hired team labour. Resolved, That the previous decision be adhered to.

10—Clarence and Manchester Streets- Wood Paving—The Borough Engineer reported the receipt of a letter of the 20th instant, from the County pointing out that the work in Clarence and Manchester Streets should be completed by the 31st March next in order to obtain the grant from the Road Board. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work.

JOHN D. BENDALL,,

Chairman

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sob-Committee held on Tuesday, 13th July, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Mann, 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.
1492	Mr. F. P. Parry	New Saw Mills, Ashford Road.

1493 Vicar and Churchwardens of Emmanuel Church Alterations to Emmanuel Church, Naunton Crescent.

1494 Mr. L. S. Wood New kitchen and scullery addition to Stanley Villa, Christ Church Road.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1492 be approved as a temporary building under Sec. 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, and that Plans Nos. 1493 and 1494 be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Friday, the 23rd July, 1920. Present: The Mayor, Councillors Rogers 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
1479	Mr. R. W. Pearson	Outside staircase and covered way, Pengwern College, Pittville Circus Road (amended plan).
1495	Messrs. Haines & Strange	New roof over entrance to ground adjoining premises in Albion Street.
1496	Madame Helene Gransden	New bathroom, 3, Bayshill Lawn, Parabola Road.
1497	Messrs. Meats & Co.	New shed, Keynsham Street.
1498	Mr. W. Tayler	Addition to Oberlin Lodge, Hatherley.
1499	Mr. W. Hopkins	Additional bedroom to 38, Naunton Crescent.
1500	Mr. J. L. E. Bendall	New road off Naunton Lane (Trowscoed Avenue).

Resolved, That Plans No. 1479, 1495, 1497, 1498, 0499, and 1500 be approved, and that Plan No. 1496 be approved subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th July, 1920 : Present—Councillors Dicks, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer and Thomas (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1--Montpellier Gardens--(a) Remembrance Day Service—Read, letter of 29th ult. from National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised and Soldiers, applying for use of Montpellier Gardens on Sunday afternoon, 1st prox., for Memorial Service. Resolved, That the application be granted.

(b) Entertainments—Read, letter of 13th inst., from Mr. A. W. Newton, intimating that he would probably be unable to continue entertainments, beyond 14th prox. Resolved, That Mr. Newton be released from his obligations under the Agreement on the date mentioned, if he so desires.

(c) Custodian—Resolved, That an advertisement be issued inviting applications for the position of Custodian at these Gardens and the Winter Garden, and also that the Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers Association be invited to submit names of suitable applicants. Housing Bonds—Resolved, That permission be granted for a skeleton-letter notice, advertising Housing Bonds, to be erected in the Montpellier and Pittville Gardens.

2—Factory Sites—The Town Clerk reported that he had advertised for particulars of available factory sites and had only received particulars of five sites. Resolved, That the Traders' Association be asked to co-operate with the Corporation in obtaining particulars of sites.

3-Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at meetings on 22nd ult., 6th and 13th inst., were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

4—Pittville Pageant--Resolved, That the Pump Room and Gardens be let to Mrs. Rose for a Pageant on the 22nd and 23rd September next, at a rent of £25 for the two days.

5---Spa Attendants—Resolved, That the Spa Attendants be provided with new caps, cuffs, aprons and belts.

6—Winter Orchestra--Resolved, That advertisements be issued in the " Era " and " Echo " for a Winter Orchestra of eight players, to be engaged from 1st October to 30th April next.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committer, held on the 22nd July, 1920 Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Dicks and Pates (Councillor Pates in the chair).

7---Band-Resolved, That the Cheltenham Orpheus Male Voice Choir be granted the use of the Bandstand during the interval at the evening performance on Saturday, 7th prox.

8-Town Hall Boilers- The Borough Surveyor reported that he had obtained quotations for one, or alternatively, two, boilers from Messrs. G. N. Haden & Sons Ltd., Trowbridge and R. E. & C. Marshall Ltd., Cheltenham. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor obtain further tenders, and that it be left to him in consultation with the Chairman to accept the lowest tender received.

9-Mineral Waters- Sales- The Spa Manager reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows: Central Spa 1094, Montpellier Baths 6: Montpellier Gardens 410: Pittville Chalet 81; and Pittville Pump Room 33.

J. P. PATES, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 22nd July, 1920 : Present—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Mann, Moore and Thomas (Councillor Moore in the chair).

Lighting—(a) Contract—The Town Clerk submitted draft Contract with the Gas Company for Public Lighting from 1st October, 1920 to the 30th April, 1921. Resolved, That the terms contained therein be approved and the Common Seal affixed to an engrossment thereof.

(b) Analyst's Report—Read report of Gas Examiner of his test on 16th instant, of gas calorific power, which shewed 491 B.T.U.

2—Statutory Undertakings (Temporary increase of Charges) Act, 1918—Application—Read letter of 16th instant from the Gas Company, submitting notice of application to Board of Trade for Order enabling the Company temporarily to increase the price of gas beyond the maximum statutory limit by an amount not exceeding 2/- per 1000 cubic feet, viz.: an immediate increase to 4/11 per 1000 cubic feet within the parish of Cheltenham and adjacent outparishes, and 5/7 per 1000 cubic feet elsewhere, the existing maximum price being 4/- per 1000 cubic feet within the Parish, and 5/- in the added area. Also read letter of the 17th instant from Clerk of the County Council with reference to the application, and asking to be furnished with the views of the Corporation in the matter. Resolved, That no objection to the application be offered, and that the Clerk of the County Council be informed accordingly.

3—Additions to Plant. Loan £29,000—Read, letter of the 30th ult. from Electricity Commissioners, intimating that they could not extend the period of 15 years as the period for the repayment of the loan.

4-- Death of Mr. W. J. Mills—Resolved, that the Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the 22 years' service rendered by the late Mr. W. J. Mills, principal Meter Inspector, and to express to his widow their sympathy with her in the loss she has sustained by his death.

5—Chelt Water Supply Pump-- Resolved, That the offer of the Pulsometer Engineering Company, to supply a motor driven centrifugal pump at an estimated cost of £90 be accepted.

6—Battery Inspection—The Contract with the Tudor Accumulator Company for maintenance of exciter battery having expired it was Resolved, That the offer of the Company to enter into an Agreement for inspection and reports on the battery at an annual cost of £13 13s. (including expenses and to cover a minimum of four inspections a year) be accepted.

7—Railway Wagons—Read, letter of 5th instant from Wagon Repairs, Ltd., applying for an increase in price for maintenance of six Corporation railway wagons. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned.

8—Public Lighting—Extension—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that a further length of 6,126 yards of cable had been laid since his last report, the total length laid to date being 35,893 yards. Owing to non-delivery of materials, however, he had reduced the number of men employed on this work.

9 I.M.E.A. Convention—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that with the Chairman he attended the Annual Convention of the I.M.E.A. last month. He had acquired a considerable amount of information with respect to the supply of electricity to Housing Estates and as to the methods of charging usually adopted.

He further reported that the Electricity (Supply) Bill, 1920, was considered and the necessity urged for the retention of the financial clauses which had been deleted from the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919.

Resolved, That this Council is of opinion that no efficient progress can be made by Joint Electricity Authorities formed under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, unless there are incorporated in the scheme or orders confirming the same, satisfactory financial arrangements, and that it is therefore of paramount importance that the financial clauses (Clauses 12, 13, 14 and 15) of the Electricity (Supply) Bill, 1920, be passed into law at the earliest possible date.

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And also, That this Council hereby places on record its opinion that in connection with any schemes which may be put into operation as a result of the Electricity (Supply) Act of 1919, and any amending Acts, the ownership of the various works and the control of the generation and main transmission of electricity should, as a general principle, be placed in the hands of duly elected public representatives of the district in which the electricity generated and transmitted is to be used, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister and the Electricity Commissioners.

10—Joint Electricity Authority—Read, letter from the Chairman, Organising Committee for the proposed West of England area, enclosing copy of correspondence from the Electricity Commission with reference to the financial liability of the Undertakings comprising the proposed new area and also respecting the acquisition of the Beachley Generating Station, and asking for a special resolution to be passed by the several Authorities agreeing to join in the formation of a Joint Electricity Authority.

Resolved, That this Council approves of the submission of a Scheme for the constitution of a Joint Electricity Authority for the area Group E8, which has been generally referred to as the West of England Electricity Authority or the Lower Severn Electricity District, and agrees to join in the formation of such Joint Electricity Authority generally on the lines of the Scheme submitted to the Electricity Commissioners on July 7th, 1920, by the General Meeting held at Bristol on July 6th, 1920, and is cognisant of the fact that the Minister of Transport has provisionally consented to carry out certain interim works subject to the terms and conditions of the letter of the Secretary to the Electricity Commission dated Tuesday, 13th July, 1920, addressed to Mr. H. Faraday Proctor, Chairman of the Organising Committee, Lower Severn Electricity District.

11—Housing Estate--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had prepared estimates for the necessary cables to supply the Housing Estate, including public lighting. In laying out the scheme and deciding as to cables it would be necessary to make provision for the future developments, but only a proportion of the total expense need be immediately incurred. He estimated that the total cost for the cables, transformers and apparatus in connection therewith would be £11,549 0 0, and for public lighting, £2,078 0 0.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Dowdeswell, on Thursday, the 15th July, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Margret', and Councillor Moore (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

	For 30 days, ended 12th July, 1920.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	210,000 gallons	185,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	291,000 “	269,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	92,000 “	58,000 “
Total	593,000 “	412,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		12th July, 1920.		12th July 1919.
Hewletts		22,971,000 gallons		21,681,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	25ft. 0in.	65,692,000 “	23ft. 0in.	56,953,000 “
Leckhampton	11ft 0in.	1,486,000 “	12ft. 0in.	1,621,000 “
Total Storage		90,149,000 “		80,255,000 “

2—Salts Farm--The Committee inspected the farmhouse and premises and decided to take certain Tenant's fixtures at valuation.

3—Tredington Water Supply—Read letter, of the 22nd ultimo, from the Clerk to the County Council, with regard to a supply in bulk to the Parish of Tredington. Resolved, That the County Council be informed that in view of the increased cost it will be necessary to make a charge of 1/3 per 1000 gallons.

4—Water Charges--The Town Clerk submitted a financial statement showing an estimated deficit in the revenue of the Under-taking, for year ending 31st March next, of £6703. Resolved, That application be made to the Board of Trade for an Order under the Statutory undertakings (Increase of Charges) Act, 1918, increasing the maximum charges authorised by the Corporation Water Acts as follows :--

By increasing the charge for the supply of water for domestic purposes from six to seven per cent, where the gross estimated rental does not exceed £20, and from five to six per cent. where the gross estimated rental exceeds £20, with a minimum charge of 10/- in respect of any dwelling house or part of a dwelling house. By increasing the charge to be made in the cost of laying additional mains and pipes, hydrants, etc., under Sections 59 and 85 to £10 per cent. By increasing the price paid by Tewkesbury for bulk supply, under Section 85, from 7 ¾d. to 10d. per 1000.

Resolved, also, That the charge for domestic supply for houses not exceeding £20 gross estimated rental be increased to £6 per cent. as from 1st October next, and that the charges for meter supplies, and supplies for other than domestic purposes be increased by 20 per cent. as from the same date, and that notice of such increase be given to consumers.

5—Waste—The Borough Engineer reported that waste of water had been detected at 25, Jersey Street, and 3, New's Cottages, Alstone. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings unless the waste is at once stopped.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 20th July, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Rogers and Sawyer (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1-Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Griffin reported that with the exception of two cases of Swine Fever reported at last Meeting, the Borough was free from diseases amongst animals.

Sheep Scab and Sheep (Double Dipping) Orders, 1920—The Town Clerk submitted circular letter of 23rd ult. from Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries together with copies of these Orders. The Sheep Scab Order revokes and supersedes the Sheep Scab Orders of 1905 and 1910, and provides for notification of cases of disease by the Veterinary Surgeon at a fee of 2/6 for each notification. Resolved. That the Town Clerk publish the Sheep Scab Order by posters.

Veterinary Inspector—Resolved also. That Mr. T. J. Brain be appointed Veterinary Inspector under the Order.

2—Hackney Carriages--Read, letter of the 13th inst. from H. Winters & Son, asking that they be allowed to substitute a brougham for the pony carriage in respect of which Licence No. 81 was issued. Resolved. That this be agreed to.

3—Police Force—Read, statement received from the Chief Constable giving particulars of the number and duties of Police in the Borough. Chief Superintendent Cooke attended in the absence of the Chief Constable with reference thereto. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee no reduction in the number of Police engaged in the Borough can be made.

4—County Constabulary Headquarters —The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with the Clerk of the County Council and reported that the Standing Joint Committee had purchased Holland House as the Headquarters for the County Constabulary.

5--County Council—Representation—Read, letter of the 14th instant, from the Clerk of the County Council, stating that at the last meeting of the County Council a resolution moved by Mr. David Lewis had been passed in favour of increasing the representation of the Borough, and the matter had been referred to the Local Areas and Elections Committee.

6—Census, 1921—Read, circular letter of 30th ult., from the Registrar-General, asking the Council to consider whether any streets or houses required naming and numbering so as to facilitate the taking of the Census.

7—Minutes—Printing—Read, letter of 13th inst., from Mr. G. F. Poole, intimating that owing to increase in wages he was compelled to ask for an increase in the price paid for printing Agendas and Minutes, which, after carefully considering the cost, he found he could not produce at less than 12/- per page. Resolved, That this price be agreed to.

8-27, Promenade—Fittings—Resolved, That certain fittings in these premises be taken to at the price agreed to with the late occupier, viz.,

9—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on 24th ult. the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at Weston Lodge, Albert Road, occupied by Rev. Baker. Damage about £150. Brigade expenses, £4 0s. 6d.

10—Licences : Petroleum and Carbide—Read, applications from Messrs. Evans and Watts, Norwood Road Motor Garage. t" store 400 gallons petroleum and 200 lbs. carbide of calcium at the premises mentioned. Resolved, That licences be granted accordingly.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of this Committee was duly convened to be held on Wednesday, 14th July, 1920 Present—Councillor Yarnold.

"In the absence of a quorum no business was transacted."

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 21st July, 1920: Present—Councillors Boulter, Sawyer and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Football—Read, applications from the Cambray Institute A.F.C., and Whaddon United Cricket and Football Club for Pitches in Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground during the coming season.

Resolved, That the same be considered with other applications when received.

2 —Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground Lodge—Drainage—The Borough Surveyor reported that the drainage of these premises which had been undermined by rats had been condemned by the Sanitary Inspector who had asked for them to be reconstructed forthwith.

Resolved, That cast iron drain pipes be substituted for the present drains at an estimated cost of £50.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd July, 1920, at the Cemetery : Present—Councillors Dodwell, Rogers and Stanley (Councillor Dodwell in the Chair).

1--Repairs, Painting, etc.—The Committee inspected the shelters, seats, etc. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare estimates of the cost of repairing and painting the public and attendants' shelters, mortuary, conveniences, and seats, and for replacing the existing iron cycle stand with a wooden structure. Also Resolved, That estimates be obtained for new blinds for the office and lodge.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6285 to 6292 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased

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3—Designs.—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses and Kerbing to the graves of Catherine McLennan, Mary Johnston, Arthur Edward Chandler. Headstones and Kerbing to graves of Esther Ann Davis, Marjorie Lawson, Margaret Jane Horsbrugh, Honoria Pollock, Frederick William Taylor. Flatstone to grave of Sarah Eliza and Elijah Henry Sumner.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 13th July, 1920: Present—Councillors Mann, Moore and Pates; Messrs. W. R. Carles, E. Gridley, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, Report of Librarian for Month of June. Receipts £7 4s. 7d. Presentations: Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P. (5 vols.), Mrs. Larden (355 vols.), Mr. Yarnold (3 vols.), Mr. J. Browning (1 vol.), and Mr. R. Duncan (1 vol.) Number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library 2,971; number issued from Lending Library 8,708, and from Children's Library 1,717.

2--Joint Sub-Committee—re Finance—Report—At a Meeting on the 25th ultimo: Present—The Deputy Mayor ; Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham and Mann (Councillor Winterbotham in the chair). It was Resolved, That the sum of £75 paid by the Art Gallery and Museum Committee to the Library Committee for establishment charges be remitted. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3 --Staff--Salaries--Read, application from Mr. H. G. Massey for an increase of salary.

Resolved, That the salaries of the staff be increased as follows :—

Massey, H. G. ... from £104 to £130 per annum.

Browning, Miss M. “ £65 to £78 “
Wright, Miss A. E. “ £65 to £78 “
Mason, Miss E. L. „ £52 to £58 10s. “
Clark, Miss E. M. £52 to £58 10s. “

4-Library Association—Annual Meeting—Resolved, That the Librarian attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association at Norwich, in week commencing 6th September.

5-Building—Stonework—Resolved, That the Mayor and Chairman (Councillor Mann) be appointed a Sub-Committee to deal -pith matters relating to the renovation of the stonework.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd July, 1920: Present—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Dicks and Moore (Alderman Taylor in the chair),

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of first instalment. Amount collected £21,047 13s. 5d. Leaving outstanding, £16,434 18s. 9d.

2-Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £8,322 17s. 3d. Leaving outstanding, £5,920 2s. 1d.

3-21 and 27 Promenade—The Town Clerk reported receipt of sanction of Ministry of Health for loan of £2,500 for purchase of 21 and 27 Promenade.

4—Resolved, That a Debenture be issued and sealed for £300 received on loan.

5- Loans—Resolved, That the terms arranged for continuance of debentures, amounting to 415,200, be approved, and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

6—Staff—The Borough Accountant reported that he had temporarily engaged S. Harris, a disabled Ex-service man, on trial, as junior clerk at 30/- a week, and, also, F. Walters as office Boy at 10/- a week. Resolved, That these arrangements be approved.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

(JOINT MEETING).

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Friday, the 23rd July, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Dicks, Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Rogers and Wilkins (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Salaries and War Bonus—The following were laid before the Meeting :— Circular roe from Ministry of Health giving revised scale of Bonus for Civil Service. Letter from the Whitley Council for Local Authorities, Administrative, Technical and Clerical services, forwarding scale of salaries adopted for Local Government officers. Letter from Municipal Officers' Guild, urging adoption of the scale recommended by the Whitley Council. Also letters from the Town Clerk, the Borough Surveyor, the Librarian, the Spa Manager, and Mr. F. A. Jenkins.

Resolved, That the scale recommended by the Whitley Council be not adopted.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be granted a bonus of £180 from 1st July inst.

Resolved, That Mr. Jenkins be granted a bonus of £88 8s. 0d. from 1st July inst. making with his salary £237 8s. 0d.

Resolved, That the salary of the Librarian be increased to £335, including bonus.

Resolved, That the salary of the Town Clerk be increased to £880.

Resolved, That consideration of the remaining salaries be adjourned to a Meeting to be held on the 27th inst. at 4 p.m.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of these Committees held on Tuesday, 27th July, 1920 : Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Dicks, Dint sell, Mann, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer and Wilkins (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

2 -- Salaries and Bonus — Resolved, That, having regard to the fact that only four months have elapsed since the whole question of salaries was raised and considerable advances made all round, the Committee are unable to entertain the present application.

Resolved also, That a maximum and minimum scale of salaries be fixed, and that a further Meeting to consider this be held on Friday, the 6th August, at 3 p.m.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

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 30th July, 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 and Clara Winterbotham, Betteridge, Boulter, Dicks, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Stanley, Thomas, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

Apology—An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Sawyer.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 5th July, having been printed and circulated, 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 July 12		
Housing	•••	“	“ 14	19
Street and Highway		“	“ 13	23
Town Improvement and Spa		“	“ 16	22
Electricity and Lighting	•••	“	“ 22*	

*It was also Resolved, That Councillor Moore be appointed a representative on the National Joint Industrial Council, Electricity Supply Industry.

Water		Meeting held July 15		
General Purposes and Watch	•••	“	“ 20	
Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments...		“	“ 21	
Public Library		“	“ 13	
Burial Board	•••	“	“ 23	
Finance	•••	“	“ 23	

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

General Purposes and Watch Committee and Finance Committee (Joint Meeting) •• Meeting held July 23*
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*Subject to the following amendment, viz. :—

" That the Resolution contained in Minute No. authorising payment of bonus to the Borough Surveyor be referred back for further consideration."

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 6th September, 1920.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 9th August, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Rogers, 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.:—1 to 7, Kew Place ; 39, Clarence Square ; 9, Windsor Street; 12, Wilford Terrace 34, Victoria Street; 3 and 27, 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- Cleansing and Whitewashing at 1, 2, and 4 to 7, Kew Place ; 20, Bath Terrace ; 31, Dunalley Parade ; 47 and 47a, Duke Street. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3--Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 23 to 2N inclusive, Great Norwood Street; 7, Waterloo Terrace; and 63, Tewkesbury 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—1 to 7, Kite Place ; :19, Clarence Square; 7, Windsor Street; 31, Dunalley Parade ; 20, Bath Terrace ; 47 and 47a, Duke 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 2 cwts. 1 qr. 6 lbs. beef; 5 cwts. 1 qr. 21 lbs. mutton ; 3 qrs. 1 lb. pork; 3 qrs. tripe ; 4 cwts. 2 qrs. pigs' fry ; 2 cwts. 2 qrs. fish; 39 tins meat, milk, etc., qr. 20 lbs. (Total weight surrendered: 16 cwts. 2 qrs. 20 lbs.).

6—County Voluntary Aid Organizations—Scheme—The Medical Officer of Health reported that there was little opportunity at present of utilizing the County Voluntary Aid Organizations as recommended by the Ministry of Health.

7—Plas Trevor Hospital—Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to have the disinfection of clothes required on the discharge of patients from this Hospital carried out by his Department at a charge of £1 5s. 0d. in each case. Resolved also, That the charge for disinfections done for the Charlton Kings and the Rural District be increased to £1 16s. 0d. per case.

8—Abattoir—Scales—Resolved, That a dead weight machine with weights be purchased from Messrs. W. & T. Avery, Ltd., at a cost of about £42.

9—Sewer—Alstone Lane—The Borough Surveyor reported that a length of sewer in this road had collapsed. Resolved, That he be instructed to have this repaired.

10—Sewer—Rear of Suffolk Lawn—Resolved, That the portion of this sewer which is defective be reconstructed with 9 inch and 6 inch stoneware pipes at an estimated cost of £200.

11—Sewer—Great Western Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that a sewer running under the premises of 2, Great Western Terrace had fallen in. Resolved. That he be instructed to have the sewer repaired.

12—Army Hut—Barn Farm—Resolved, That spouting be fixed, and the interior of but creosoted and varnished.

13—Charlton Kings Sewage—Read, letter from Clerk to Charlton Kings Urban District Council, asking that the term for the agreement to be entered into between the Corporation and Urban District Council should be it years as from the 1st April, 1920. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

14—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—Reported meeting on 9th inst. Present—The Mayor, 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 Farms on 9th inst. was 11 horses (2 at Depot), 143 head of cattle, 6 calves, 83 sheep, 69 lambs, and 22 pigs, all doing very well. Since last meeting 22 head of cattle had been purchased for £689 0s. 0d. Four calves and 9 pigs had been bred on the Farms. Six cows, 2 calves, 15 sheep, and 15 pigs had been sold for £449 5s. 9d.

Visit to Farms—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee visit the Farms on the 25th inst.

Fruit at Farms—Resolved, That the fruit be sold by auction.

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

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 16th August, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Jamieson, Moore and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Wasley's Tenancy—Read, letter of the 9th inst. from Mr. J. G. Villar, offering on behalf of Mr. S. J. Wasley the following terms as to his continuing as tenant of portion of land now in his occupation after the 29th September next when notice to quit from the Corporation expires, viz. :—

FILED No. 442 House and Garden 5a. 1r. 27p. on a yearly tenancy at a rental of £30 per annum, subject to the same terms as to compensation on quitting for trees, crops, etc.

FIELD No. 441 Pasture 6a. 1r. 20p. at the same rent as at present, viz. :—£13 7s. 6d. on a temporary tenancy, subject to one month's notice at any time should possession be required.

Resolved, That Mr. Villar be informed that the Corporation are prepared to agree to the continuation of Mr. Wasley's tenancy on the following terms, viz. :—

FIELD No. 442. House and Garden for one year certain, subject thereafter to a quarter's notice on either side, at a rent of £50 per annum, plus usual rates and taxes.

FIELD No. 441. Pasture Field on a monthly tenancy at a rent of £1 13s. 4d. per month, plus usual rates and taxes.

2—Housing Bonds—Publicity—Resolved, That Alderman Taylor, Councillors Jamieson and Moore be appointed a Sub-Committee to deal with all matters of publicity in connection with Housing Bonds, and that meetings of the Publicity Committee be discontinued.

Press Article re Subsidy—Read, circular letter from the Local Housing Bonds Branch, Ministry of Health, enclosing article as to the terms and purpose of the Government subsidy for houses built by private builders for insertion in the local press. Resolved, That the Committee think it best to leave it to the Ministry to make arrangements with the press direct for the insertion of the article.

3—Strike of Operatives—The Borough Surveyor reported that the bricklayers and skilled labourers declared a strike on Saturday, the 14th inst. An arrangement having been arrived at between the master builders and the men's representatives under which the wages of the men would be increased from 1/10 ½ d. to 2/- per hour, the men returned to work on the 30th inst.

4—Width of Roads—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had forwarded to the Housing Commissioner copy of the resolution passed by the Committee at their meeting on 17th May last, expressing the opinion that the width of the roads, viz.:—13 feet proposed by the Ministry is inadequate and should be increased, and submitted a reply from the Commissioner of the 13th inst., intimating that he would be glad to do all he could to make the width of the carriageways larger, but that having regard to the fact that the final cost of the lay-out would be from 30 to 40 per cent. above the original estimate, it was doubtful if the Ministry or Treasury would consent to an increase of what is already an unusually high charge per house. Resolved,

That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to forward copy correspondence to the Ministry of Health drawing attention to the paragraph in the Manual, issued by the Ministry, urging the construction of roads 16 feet wide.

5—Libertus Road—Proposed improvement Line—Read, letter of the 15th inst. from Mr. W. Blakey, of Longmeade, Libertus Road, setting out the terms upon which he was prepared to agree to the proposed improvement at the Libertus Road entrance to the Housing Estate. Resolved, That, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Health being obtained, the improvement be carried out on the terms stated.

6—Further Contracts for Houses—The Town Clerk reported that as two of the contractors will soon have so far advanced with the brickwork of the houses in course of erection that they will have to dispense with bricklayers unless further contracts are arranged, he had enquired of the Housing Commissioner whether the Ministry would agree to the Corporation extending the existing contracts, and submitted a letter from the Commissioner of 14th inst., intimating that unless the present contractors were prepared to undertake the erection of additional houses at the original contract price, to include present-day rates of wages and materials, fresh tenders would be necessary. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be deferred.

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7—Houses—Applications—Read, letter of 27th ult. from Smiths Systems Ltd., asking that they be given a definite assurance that certain houses will be allocated for their employees. Read also, letter of 11th inst. from the Gloucestershire Aircraft Co., Ltd., pointing out that as they have to obtain skilled artisans from elsewhere and were unable to offer them houses, they could not procure labour, and asking if the Corporation were prepared to allocate a given number of houses for their employees. Resolved, That both firms be informed that the Corporation cannot allocate houses specially for their employees, but applications from their employees will receive due consideration with other applications.

8—Subsidy House --The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for a bungalow to be erected in Cook's Lane, Arle, by Mr. G. Woodward, and reported that same complied with the conditions presented by the Ministry of Health under Section 1 of the Housing (Additional Powers) Act, 1919. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to issue Certificate A of approval of the plans.

9—Rents—The Town Clerk submitted letter of 26th ult. from the Housing Commissioner, intimating that before he could consider the Corporation's proposal he would require further information as to rents and accommodation of approximately similar existing houses and class and wages of prospective tenants, together with a letter from the Assistant Overseers giving particulars of existing houses of similar accommodation and rents paid for same. Resolved. That the Town Clerk reply to the Housing Commissioner accordingly

10—Gas Mains--The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of 24th ult. from the Engineer to the Gas Co., stating that he had ascertained that there are a number of towns where an actual contribution from the Housing Authority had been sanctioned towards the cost of mains, etc., and that the smallest subsidy, viz., £5 15s. 0d. per house, asked for in his letter of 22nd May last, is practically equal to the cost of service pipes. Resolved, That no action be taken.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 23rd August, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, 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 July to the 19th August, 1920 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 19th August, 1920, 827 loads collected, 770 consumed, and 57 tipped away. Weight consumed, 860 tons, 17 cwt.

2--Coal Supply—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. A. G. Stockwell had made an extra charge of 8 ½ d. per ton in his account for Welsh coal for extra cost incurred in respect of special wagon hire to expedite delivery. Resolved, That Mr. Stockwell be offered an extra 4id. per ton.

3--Automobile Direction Signs—The Boroughs Surveyor submitted an application from the Automobile Association That no to fix direction signs on roads at the Borough boundary, together with sketch of proposed signs. Resolved, That no objection be offered to the erection of the signs.

4--Workmen—Wages—The Borough Surveyor reported that the wages of skilled workmen in the building trade had been advanced to 2/- per hour and the wages of labourers to 1/9 per hour, retrospectively from the 25th July last Resolved, That the wages of labourers employed in the construction of roads and sewers on the housing estate be increased accordingly.

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5-Materials for Road Repairs—The Borough Surveyor reported that the difficulty in obtaining tar macadam had been overcome for the time being. Resolved, That the proposed provision of a tar macadam mixing plant at the Destructor be deferred.

6—Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 23rd inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

7—Stationery Contract—Resolved, That the Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann and Yarnold be appointed a Sub-Committee to receive and determine upon tenders for stationery and office requisites.

8- Private Improvement Works—Russell Street—The Borough Surveyor submitted Specification, Plan and Estimates 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 Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 23rd August, 1920: Present-----The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, 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.
1501	Mr. F. B. Judge Baldwin	Motor-house. "Cawdor," Eldorado Crescent.
1502	Mr. G. Woodwards	Detached House, Cooks Lane, Arle.
1503	Madame Helene	New kitchen and bathroom to "Oakhurst" Parabola Road.
1504	Madame Helene	New kitchen, bedroom and bathroom to Wilton House, Lansdown Road.
1505	Miss A. Bedell	New bedroom addition to 7 and 8 Selby Cottages, Swindon Road.
1506	Mr. T. R. Edwards	Additions to 11 Hanover Street.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1501 be approved as a temporary building under Sec. 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; that Plan No. 1502 be approved subject to the cesspool being made watertight; that Plans Nos. 1503 and 1504 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector ; and that Plans Nos. 1505 and 1506 be disapproved.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Montpellier Baths on Friday, the 13th August, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer and Thomas (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Winter Orchestra—Engagement—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported the receipt of 250 offers to provide a Winter Orchestra. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Leo Dawes to provide an Orchestra of 8 musicians (including himself as Conductor and performer) at £31 0s. 0d. per week from the 11th October to 23rd April next be accepted, subject to the terms of an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

Tickets—Resolved, That the following tickets be issued for the Winter Season (1st October to 30th April):—
Concerts and Gardens only (Spa Concerts)

Resident's Season Ticket-7/6 (Tax 1/-) .. 8/6

Visitor's Monthly Ticket (with Waters)-7/6 (Tax 1/-) .. 8/6

These tickets to admit holders to Montpellier and Pittville Gardens (except when let privately or on special occasions, of which due notice will be given) also to Concerts by Municipal Orchestra at the Town Hall, but excluding Dance Teas and Skating.

Resident's Ticket (Waters only--no Concerts) .. 10/6 for Season

2—Town Hall--Boilers—The Borough Surveyor reported that the tender of Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd., Cheltenham, to provide and fix two boilers for the sum of £335 had been accepted by him in consultation with the Deputy Chairman in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their last Meeting. The other tenders received were from Messrs. Stephens & Finch and G. N. Haden & Sons, Ltd., for £337 18s. 0d. and £399 10s. 0d. respectively. Resolved, That this be approved.

Mr. Shackleton's Benefit—Resolved, That Mr. Shackleton be granted the use of the Town Hall for a Benefit Concert during September on payment of out-of-pocket expenses for lighting and heating.

3—Alstone Baths—Badminton —Resolved, That the first refusal of the Baths be offered to the Badminton Club, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made by the Club for the use of the premises by Miss Kelly.

Central School Swimming Gala—Resolved, That the application of the Headmaster of the Central School for the use of the Swimming Bath for mixed bathing in connection with the School Swimming Gala on 8th September from 3 to 5 p.m. be granted.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Read, letter of the 10th inst. from Mr. A. W. Newton stating that he was unable to use the Gardens during the week commencing 19th July, asking the Corporation to forego the rent for that week, and intimating that his entertainments would be continued until the first week in September only. Resolved, That the request be not granted, and that it be pointed out to Mr. Newton that under the terms of his Agreement he undertook to provide entertainments up to and including the 25th September next, and is liable for payment of rent for that period.

5—Official Guide— Read, letter of the 10th inst. from Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., intimating that if copies of the Official Guide (additional to the 2,500 on order) were required it would be advisable to order them before going to press otherwise it would not be possible to supply at the price quoted. Resolved, That additional copies be not ordered at present.

6—Medical Baths—The Committee inspected the Medical Baths. Resolved, That the words "Spa Medical Baths- be painted on either side of the entrance.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th August, 1920: Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Jamieson in the chair).

7—Alstone Baths—Electric Lighting—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, asking for the provision of temporary lighting at Alstone Baths, and the Committee considered the installation of electric light. Resolved, That electric lighting be installed at a cost not exceeding £100.

8—Montpellier Gardens—Read, further letter of the 19th inst. from Mr. A. W. Newton, stating that he would definitely conclude his season on the 5th September and that it was his intention only to pay for the weeks he had used the Gardens. Mr. Newton expressed surprise that Vocal Concerts had been given in the

Bandstand in addition to band performances, and stated that these had adversely affected the results of his entertainments. Resolved, That the Resolution of the Committee at their last meeting be adhered to.

9—Montpellier and Winter Gardens—Custodian—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that they had interviewed five applicants for the post of Custodian at Montpellier and Winter Gardens, at a wage of 30/- per week, and had selected Mr. H. G. Burton (ex-service man) who commenced duty on the 6th inst. Resolved, That this be approved.

10—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee— The report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at meetings on 20th and 27th ult., 3rd, 10th, and 17th inst. were read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Town Hall Stage—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to put the stage in proper repair.

Flannel Dance—Orchestra —Resolved, That Miss Alice Gardner's offer for the use of her Orchestra be accepted—expenses not to exceed £1 1s., plus half cost of hiring piano.

Cricket Week Festival—Orchestra—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. J. H. Shackleton to provide an Orchestra of twelve performers for the Cricket Festival Dance on the 18th inst., at £7 10s., be accepted.

Bandstand—Orpheus Male Voice Choir—Resolved, That the Cheltenham Orpheus Male Voice Choir be granted the use of the Bandstand during the interval of the evening performance on Saturday, the 21st instant, the Corporation to receive the chair money, less £2 to be paid to the Choir to defray expenses.

11--Town Hall---Piano—It was reported that advertisements had been inserted in the press inviting quotations for the provision of a piano for the Town Hall, and the Committee considered the offers received. Resolved. That the sum of 100 guineas be expended in the purchase of a piano, or pianos.

12—" Mileometer "—Read, letter of the 18th inst. from Road Guides Ltd., submitting particulars of the "Mileometer," (an instrument for the automatic direction of motorists) and suggesting that it would be in the interest of Cheltenham to extend publicity to announcements on the instrument. Resolved, That no action be taken.

13—Medical Baths—Ventilation—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be requested to submit to the next meeting an estimate of the cost of providing a ventilating fan.

14—Mineral Waters—Sales—Reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold was as follows: Central Spa 7399; Montpellier Baths 15; Montpellier Gardens 312; Pittville Chalet 76; and Pittville Pump Room 17.

15--Next Meeting—Resolved, That the next meeting of this Committee be held at Alstone Baths.

STANLEY W. JAMIESON,

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 26th August, 1920: Present—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Dot well, Jamieson and Moore (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1—Connection of New Consumers—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had again received a large number of applications for supply by new consumers, and that the continual delay in the construction of the new generating plant, due to difficulties with regard to labour and raw materials, rendered it doubtful whether this plant would be delivered in time to take the load during the coming winter; in which case the existing plant would be very heavily loaded. He further stated that a considerable part of the additions was due to heating, cooking and power consumers, and a smaller proportion to lighting consumers. Resolved, That notice be given to applicants for supply for heating, cooking and power, that such supply can only be given subject to the undertaking that it may be have to be restricted during the months of November, December and January between the hours of 2 and 8 p.m., or discontinued entirely if this should be rendered necessary by circumstances.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 12th August, 1920: Present—Councillor; Pates, Sawyer and Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

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

	For 30 days, ended 9th August, 1920.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	172,000 gallons	158,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	517,000 “	323,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	96,000 “	52,000 “
Total	785,000 “	734,000 “

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	9th August, 1920.		9th August, 1919.	
Hewletts		20,109,000 gallons		15,750,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	21ft. 0in.	48,674,000 “	17ft. 0in.	33,700,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	1,621,000 “	11ft. 0in.	1,486,000 “
Total Storage		70,404,000 “		50,936,000 “

2-Tredington Water Supply—Read letter of the 30th ultimo, from Clerk to Tewkesbury Rural District Council, agreeing to a charge of 1/3 per 1000 gallons for a bulk supply of water to the Parish of Tredington. Resolved, That a supply be afforded at this charge subject to an agreement, containing similar provisions as in the Agreement for the supply to the Parishes of Aston, Pamington and Fiddington, being entered into.

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3—Extension of Mains- Off Prestbury Road—The Borough Engineer reported receipt of application from the Cheltenham Rural District Council for a main to be laid in a new road off Prestbury Road, where fourteen

houses are to be erected. Length of main 200 yards—estimated cost £160—approximate annual revenue £23 16s. Resolved, that the extension be made.

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

T. E. WHITAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 31st August, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Moore and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

5—Water Charges—Read, letter of the 21st inst. from the Ministry of Health with reference to the application of the Corporation for an Order under the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1918, increasing the maximum charge authorised by the Corporation Water Acts. The Ministry suggested, for the consideration of the Corporation, whether it would not be advisable to take power to increase the domestic charges by more than 1 per cent. in order to provide for future contingencies.

Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for an Order under the Statutory Undertakings (Increase of Charges) Act, 1918, as follows, and that the resolution of the Committee in Minute No. 4 at their meeting on the 15th ult. Be varied accordingly :--

By increasing the charge for the supply of water for domestic purposes to any dwelling house or part of a dwelling house from 6 per cent. to 8 per cent., where the gross estimated rental does not exceed £20, and from 5 per cent. to 7 per cent. where the gross estimated rental exceeds £20, with a minimum charge of 10/- . By increasing the charge to be made in the cost of laying additional mains and pipes, hydrants, etc., under Sections 59 (b) and 59 (c) and 85 to £9 per cent. By increasing the price paid by Tewkesbury for bulk supply, under Section 85, from 7 ¼ d. to 10d. per 1,000 gallons.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 17th August, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Moore, Rogers and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals--Supt. Griffin reported that the Borough was free from diseases amongst animals, with the exception of one case of Swine Fever at South Court Cottage, previously reported.

Sheep (Double Dipping) Order, 1920—Exemptions—Read, Memorandum (G.A. 8902/20) of the 27th ult. front the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, containing General Rules as to cases in which it is contemplated that Exemptions should be granted under Article 17 of this Order, and asking that instructions be given for their observance in any area to which the provisions of the Order are, or may be, applied

Cattle Plague—Read, Circular (G.A. (6372/20) of the 10th inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, intimating that the Ministry had received information that Cattle Plague had broken out in Belgium, and asking that immediate effect be given to the provisions of the Cattle Plague Order, 1895. The Town Clerk reported that Supt. Griffin had a copy of the Order and would give immediate effect to the provisions thereof, if required, and would also arrange for the posting of placards referred to by the Ministry when received.

Sheep scab Order, 1920—Veterinary Inspector—Read, letter of the 10th inst. from Mr. T. J. Brain accepting the appointment of Veterinary Inspector under this Order.

Orders—Charges—Read, circular (G.A. 88420) from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, giving particulars of future charges to be made by H.M. Stationery Office for additional copies of Orders made under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

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

3—Motor Cab Licence—Read, application of the 13th inst. from Mr. Wm. S. F. Eddels for a motor cab licence, together with a Memorandum from the Inspector offering no objection. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

4—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read, application of the 30th ult. from the National Omnibus and Transport Co., Ltd., Stroud, for a driver's licence in respect of Harold J. Gerrist, together with a recommendation from the Inspector that the same be granted. Resolved, accordingly.

5-21 and 27, Promenade—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of the Sanction of the Ministry of Health to the borrowing of £2,500 for the purchase of Nos 21 and 27, Promenade, that he had completed the purchase of No. 27, and that he proposed to exercise the option held by the Corporation to purchase No. 21, at the price of £1,200 forthwith. Resolved, That this be approved.

6—Ministry of Transport—Railway Fares, etc.—Read, circular letter of the 30th ult. from the Town Clerk, Ramsgate, asking the Council to support a Resolution passed by the Council of that Borough to the following effect :-

"That the Council of this Borough, deploring the large increase in the price of railway travelling, and believing the Ministry of Transport serves no useful purpose and does not justify its existence, call upon the Government to abolish the Ministry forthwith. Further that many new Ministries and newly-created Departments are beyond the country's means to support and should be abolished, the Council being of opinion that if these courses were adopted the rising cost of living would be stayed."

Resolved, That no action be taken.

Area Transport Commissioners—Read, circular letter from the Clerk of the County Council forwarding Memorandum intimating the appointment of Area Transport Commissioners, and giving an outline of their functions.

7—War Trophies—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of two 75 M/M Trench Mortars from the War Trophies Committee. Resolved, That the same be placed in the Ornamental Gardens at the junction of Manchester Street and St. George's Place.

8—Mops and Fairs—Read, letter of the 11th inst. from Messrs. White Bros., Cardiff, offering £70 for the use of the portion of the Market usually occupied for the Annual Mops and Fairs. Resolved, That the offer be accepted subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the Co-operative Marketing Society.

9--Coal Supplies---Read, circular (110) of the 29th ult. from the Ministry of Health intimating that the Controller of Coal Mines had informed the Ministry that in order to avoid the possibility of a shortage in coal at Hospitals, Workhouses, etc., during the coming winter months, it was very desirable that authorities of these Institutions should endeavour during the summer to stock as much coal as possible. The Town Clerk reported that he had forwarded a copy of the circular to the several Colleges and Hospitals in the Borough and to the Clerk to the Guardians.

10—National and Public Expenditure—Read, circular letter of the 16th ult. from the Town Clerk, Newcastle-under-Lyme forwarding copy of a Resolution passed by the Council of that Borough and asking the Council, if in agreement therewith, to co-operate in the matter.

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Resolved, That the Council of the Borough of Cheltenham views with alarm the ever-increasing burden of taxation and extent, by the spirit of extravagance that pervades all departments of Public Service, and calls upon the Council to take immediate steps to put an end to the extravagance and waste so prevalent in their own services. The Council also urge the necessity for retrenchment in Public Expenditure, and of a reduction of the financial burden thrust upon Local Authorities by continuous additional legislation.

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Resolved all, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Member for the Borough, and the Association of Municipal Corporations.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

(JOINT MEETING).

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Tuesday, the 27th July, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Dicks, Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer and Wilkins (Alderman Margrett in the chair),

1-Salaries and War Bonus-- This matter was further considered and it was Resolved, That a minimum and maximum Scale of Salaries be fixed.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Friday, the 6th August, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Rogers, Whitaker and Wilkins (Alderman Margrett in the choir).

2-Scale of Salaries-The Borough Surveyor attended and the Committee considered the Scale for his Department.

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Chairman.

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At a joint Meeting of these Committees held on Tuesday, the 17th August, 1920: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett and Taylor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Dodwell, Moore, Rogers, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

3—National Minimum Salaries and Grading Scheme-Read, letter of the 12th instant, from the General Secretary of the National Association of Local Government Officers, drawing attention to the fact that the Corporation had only granted Award 84 on the 1914 salaries, whereas this should have applied on the salaries on 1st April 1919, and that the subsequent amendments of the scale operating from the 17th November, 1919, and 1st March, 1920, had not been applied in spite of the decision of the National Whitley Council, the recommendations of the Ministry of Health and the custom of other authorities, and asking the Committee to receive a representative of the Association with one or two local members at its next Meeting. Resolved, That, a minimum and maximum Scale of Salaries having already been decided upon by the Committee, no purpose would be served by their receiving the proposed Deputation.

4—Scale of Salaries—The Committee considered the Scale for the Health Department. The Medical Officer of Health attended and submitted a Memorandum calling attention to the fact that the National Whitley Council for Local Authorities were taking evidence as to salaries that should be paid to the higher Officials of Municipal Authorities, having already issued a scale for second grade and minor officials, and that the British Medical Association were doing the same for Medical Officers of Municipalities and had already fixed a minimum for assistant Officers and caused it to be adopted in all new appointments. It was likely that these two bodies would concur in regard to the salaries required to be paid to Medical Officers, and the result was likely to be adopted by the Government. He submitted further reasons for the matter being referred to the Whitley Council, the adoption of whose recommendations had been advised by the Government, together with particulars as to salaries at present paid to Medical Officers of Health and Sanitary Inspectors in towns comparable with Cheltenham.

A letter was also submitted from the Chief Inspector of Nuisances intimating that the Sanitary Inspectors' Association were prepared to accept on behalf of their members the decision of the National Whitley Council and suggesting that the matter of the salaries of the Inspectors be deferred until the National Whitley Council had given their decision.

The Borough Accountant attended the Meeting and the Committee considered the Scale for his Department.

Resolved, That the following minimum and maximum Scale of Salaries be adopted, and that the first annual increments payable thereunder be granted as from the 1st October, 1920.

SCALE OF SALARIES.

TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT.

Description of Office.	Min. & Max, Present Official, Present Salaries, Remarks	Scale	including any Bonus £ s. d.	
Chief Assistant	F. J. R. Mountain	250-350	250 0 0	Annual increments of £25
Second Assistant	M. C. Taylor	250-250	168 12 0	Annual increments of £10 Mr. Taylor's salary to be increased to £200 as fro 1st Oct. next.
	Miss Richards		97 12 0	3 months' notice to be given.
Third Assistant	Miss Bradshaw	91-104	91 0 0	Annual increments of £13.
	Miss May		91 0 0	3 months' notice to be given.
Fourth (Junior) Assistant	(Youth to be appointed)	52-104	-----	Annual increments of £13.

BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Assistant Surveyor	E. Earp	250-350	332 0 0	Annual increments of £10
Draughtsman	B. Nation	150 -200	208 12 0	Annual increments of £10. Mr. Nation's salary to remain as at present
Building Inspector	H. J. Holbourne	150- -200	253 12 0	Annual increments of £10. Mr. Holbourne's salary to remain as at present
Second Surveyor's Assistant	H. P. Morgan		175 0 0	3 months' notice to be given.
Chief Clerk	F. A. Jenkins	150-200	237 18 0	Annual increments of £10. Mr. Holbourne's salary to remain as at present

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Office Boy	W. A. Woodward	10/- to £1 per week		
Chief Stores Clerk	J. E. Ponting (senr.)	150---200	223 12 0	Annual increments of £10. Mr. Ponting's salary to remain as at present
Stores Clerk	T. McMillan	75-150	171 12 12	Annual increments of £10. Salaries of McMillan and Savory to remain as at present
"	E. Savory	75 -150	171 12 0	
T. Day		171 12 0}		3 month's notice to be given to these and a Junior appointed at £52 with annual increases of £5 rising to £104 (To be appointed)
J. E. Ponting (junr.)		145 12 0}		
Junior Stores Clerk		52-104		

WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT.

Chief Clerk	175-250	W. J. Mullins	223 12 0	Annual increments of £10.
Second Clerk	100-175	C. E. Tippetts	152 2 0	Annual increments of £10.
Outdoor Superintendent	200-250	T. W. Halliwell	257 8 0	Annual increments of £10. Mr. Halliwell's salary to remain as at present
Storekeeper	130-170	H. W. Harris	171 12 0	Annual increments of £5. Mr. Harris' salary to remain as at present
Junior Stores Clerk	52-104	M. Goode	119 12 0	Annual increments of £5. Mr. Goode's salary to remain as at present

BATHS.

Superintendent (Alstone)	130--170	H. W. Pilkington	193 12 0	Annual increments of £5. Messrs. Pilkington and Stretton's salaries to remain as at present.
" (Montpellier)	130-170	G. H. Stretton	193 12 0	
Cemetery Superintendent	104-170	A. C. Amery	166 8 0	Annual increments of £5. Mr. Amery's salary to remain as at present.

RATES DEPARTMENT.

Assistant Overseers	250-350	F. H. Harris	390 0 0	Annual increments of £10. Salaries of existing staff to remain as at present.
	250-350	E. D. Ricketts	390 0 0	" " " "
First Assistant	150-200	A. Ricketts	243 12 0	" " " "
Junior Clerk	75--100	E. J. Cornock	145 12 0	Annual increments of £5.

LIBRARY.

Librarian	275-375	S.E. Harrison	335 0 0	Annual increments of £10.
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health	600—800	Dr. J. H. Garrett	780 0 0	Annual increments of £20.
Farms Manager	300--400	G. E. Sharpe	420 0 0	Annual increments of £20. Mr. Sharpe's salary to remain as at present.
Assistant Sanitary Inspector	175-225	C. Clifford	200 0 0	Annual increments of £10.
ditto	175-225	F. R. Jefford	200 0 0	ditto
ditto	150—200	F. Jackett	180 0 0	The necessity of this office to be considered by the Health Committee on a vacancy occurring.

Assistant (Disinfecting) 140 —180 W. Townsend 166 8 0 Annual increments of £5

Shorthand-Typist 78-104 Miss Lewis 78 0 0 do. £13

BOROUGH ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENT.

Borough Accountant 500-700 R. Minett 660 0 0 Annual increments of £20.

Assistant do. 250-300 E. W. Deacon 276 0 0 do. £10

Cashier 200-250 A. Lewis 208 12 0 do. £10

Clerk 150-225 G. B. Pearce 203 12 0 do. £10

do. 100-150 J. Midwinter 156 0 0 do. £5 Mr. Midwinters salary to remain as at present

Shorthand-Typist 78-104 Miss Moore 78 0 0 Annual increments of £13.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 26th August, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor, Councillors Moore and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair),

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of first instalment. Amount collected £33,471 19s. 6d. Leaving outstanding, £4,010 12s. 6d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £11,958 17s. 3d. Leaving outstanding, £2,484 2s. 1d.

3—Housing Loan—£70,500--The Town Clerk reported that the Directors of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity Friendly Society, had offered to invest the following sums for ten years, on terms authorised by the

Ministry of Health, for Housing;-

Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity Friendly Society	£65,000
Ditto Ditto (Orphan Gift Fund)	5,000
Manchester Unity Life Insurance Collecting Society	<u>500</u>
Total	£70,500

Resolved, That the offer he accepted, and Debentures sealed and issued accordingly.

4—Loans—Resolved, That the terms arranged for continuance of debentures, amounting to £29,367, be approved, and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

5—Interest Cheques- Receipt Stamps—Read, letter, of the 2nd ultimo, from Messrs. Rickerby & Co. with reference to the receipt form attached to cheques issued by the Corporation for interest on Loans, which requires a receipt stamp where the amount is over £2, and suggesting that, it being unusual in the case of dividends for anything beyond the endorsement of the cheque to be required, investors in Corporation securities should not be put to the trouble and expense (although very trifling) which the receipt involves. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant ascertain from other Corporations what form of receipt is issued, and whether a receipt stamp is required by the Auditor.

6—Audit of Corporation Stock Accounts- The Borough Accountant reported that on the 4th inst. he audited the 3 per cent. Stock Ledger and Transfer Book, at the National Provincial and Union Bank of England, London, and found same in order.

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 September, 1920, at 3 p.m. Present ..

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

Aldermen Horsley and Taylor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Boulter, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Thomas, Wilkins and Yarnold.

Apologies—Letters, apologising for absence, from Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Betteridge, Dicks, Stanley and Stewart, were read.

1—Presentation of Military Medal—The Mayor presented to No. 199319 Gunner H. C. Evans, R.F.A., T.F., the Military Medal for bravery in the Field.

2—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 30th 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.

3—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 August	9
Housing	“ “	16
Street and Highway	“ “	23*

*Subject to the following addendum, viz:—

That Mr. Councillor Jamieson be appointed a member of the Sub-Committee referred to in Minute No. 7.

Town Improvement and Spa ●●● Meetings held August 13* 20*

*Subject to the following amendment, viz.:—

That the portion of Minute No. 4 relating to the cancellation of Mr. A. W. Newton's Agreement as to provision of entertainments at Montpellier Gardens, be referred back for further consideration.

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Electricity and Lighting	Meeting held August 26			
Water	“	“	12	31
General Purposes and Watch ●●	“	“	17	
General Purposes and Watch Committee and				
Finance Committee (Joint Meeting) ●●●	“	“	6	17
Finance	“	“	26	

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

4—Notice of Motion--Councillor Jamieson gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :-

That this Council take steps to introduce Bye-Laws to prevent motor char-a-bancs or similar vehicles setting down passengers in the Town at any place that is likely to hinder traffic or constitute a danger to ratepayers. Further, that a Bye-Law be introduced to prohibit large motor vehicles stopping or picking up passengers in certain streets, subsequently to be scheduled, where the narrowness of the road renders such a practice jeopardous to the public.

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 October, 1920.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 13th September, 1920 Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green.

Councillors Clara Winterbotham, 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 props ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :--58, Upper Park Street; 17, Granville Street; 1, Keynsham Street; 1, Brighton Road: 12, Wilford Terrace ; 69, Queen Street; 31 and 32, 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.

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2--Cleaving and Whitewashing at 1, Brighton Road; 6, Victoria Place ; 9, Russell Place ; 24, Hungerford Street; 19, Granville Street; 58, Upper Park Street 7, Weston Cottages, Russell Place. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved. That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 2, 4, 6 and 8, Great Western Terrace. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, Ac., 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-7, Weston Cottages, Russell Place; 58, Upper Park Street; 24, Hungerford Street; 9, Russell Place; 6, Victoria Place, Bath Road; 1, Bright. Road; and 438, High Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of 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 10 cwts. 1 qr. 7 lbs. of beef; 12 cwts. of mutton; 74 lbs. fish; 17 lbs. bacon ; 16 rabbits and 26 tins meat, fish, etc.

6—Sewers—Great Western Terrace--The Borough Surveyor reported that the sewer running under the premises of 2, Great Western Terrace had been repaired at a cost of £14 18s. 0d. Resolved, That this be approved.

Alstone Lane—The Borough Surveyor also reported that a length of about 30 yds. of the sewer in this road had been re-laid:

7—Army Hut—Barn Farm—Resolved, That the tender of Mr. E. J. Welch to clean down and stain the interior of but at the price of £26 be accepted.

Resolved also, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to insure the hut against fire for £500,

8—Leslie Young Ambulance—Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to have blankets used in connection with infectious cases by the Leslie Young Ambulance disinfected free of charge.

9—Health Department—Clerk—Read, letter of the 7th ult. from Miss M. J. Lewis, resigning her appointment as Clerk in the Health Department, to take effect on the 11th inst. Resolved. That Miss B. A. Richards, General Clerk in the Town Clerk's Department, be transferred to fill the vacancy at her present salary

10—Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—(a) Resignation—Read, letter of the 1st inst. from Mr. F. Jackett, Assistant Inspector of Nuisances, resigning his appointment. Resolved, That advertisements be issued inviting applications to fill the vacancy at a salary of £150, rising to £200 by annual increments of £10.

(b) W. E. St. John—Read, circular of the 1st inst. from the Ministry of Labour, Training Department, enclosing application from Mr. W. E. St. John (disabled soldier) for an appointment as Inspector of Nuisances. Resolved, That the application be considered with others when received.

1—Sanitary Condition of Theatres, etc.—Read, circular letters of the 25th ult. from the Home Office and the Ministry of Health, intimating that complaints had been received as to the unsatisfactory sanitary conditions which obtain in theatres and music halls in different parts of the country, and asking that arrangements be made for theatres, music halls and other places of public entertainment to be periodically visited by Inspectors of Nuisances, and that they report to the local authority and the licensing authority, any cases in which the conditions are found to be unsatisfactory.

Resolved, That the Chief Inspector of Nuisances be instructed accordingly.

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2—Housing of Working Classes Act —Improvement Scheme—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a further report with reference to the houses included in the representation made by him under Part I. He thought that for the present action might be limited to the Stanhope Street area, where the preparation of a Scheme would be assisted by the demolition of houses for which Closing Orders had already been made or could be made. He also advised that steps should also be taken under Part II. for the closing and demolition of the houses which he had already represented as being unfit for habitation. Resolved, That in the opinion of the Council the Stanhope Street area is an unhealthy area and an Improvement Scheme ought to be made in respect thereof, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare and submit a Scheme accordingly.

Resolved also, That Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Moore, Rogers and Yarnold be appointed a Sub-Committee for the purpose of the preparation of such Scheme.

Resolved also, That the question of proceeding with the closing and demolition of the houses under Part II. Be adjourned pending the completion of some of the houses now being erected under the Housing Scheme.

3—Report of Farms Sub-Committee--Reported meeting on 13th inst. Present —The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Thomas. Whitaker, and Yarnold (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Forms Manager's Report--Read, Monthly Report of the Farms Manager. Number of livestock on Farms on 13th inst. was 11 horses (2 at Depot), 4 calves, 164 head of cattle, 50 lambs, 70 sheep, and 29 pigs, all doing very well. Since last meeting 44 heifers and 4 cows in calf had been purchased for £1555 10s. 0d. Eight pigs

had been bred on the Farms. 19 lambs, 12 sheep, 5 heifers, 8 heifers in calf, 5 calves, 14 fat cows, 1 sow in farrow and 646 lbs. wool had been sold for £1657 10s. 4d.

Land at Elmstone Hardwicke—Read, letter of the 6th inst. from the Charity Commission, enclosing notice of proposed sale of land adjoining Copse Green Farm, Elmstone Hardwicke, etc.

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

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th September, 1920 Present The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Jamieson, Moore, Rogers and Whitaker (The Mayor in the chair).

1-Lay-out —The Borough Surveyor reported that the principal road, No. 1; the roads to the east thereof, and also No. 4 road, would be completed approximately within three weeks and would provide accommodation for at least 300 houses. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to complete only the roads coloured red on the Lay-out Plan submitted

2-Width of Roads—The Borough Surveyor submitted copy of a letter from the Housing Commissioner of the 2nd inst., that the Ministry of Health could not agree to the width of the roads being increased to 16 feet. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to write again to the Housing Commissioner urging that this width should be allowed.

3—Corporation Concrete Blocks—The Borough Surveyor reported that, subject to the approval of the Committee, he had arranged with Messrs. Collins & Godfrey for the erection of a pair of houses with concrete blocks made at the Slab Factory ; Messrs. Collins & Godfrey to pay £250 for the blocks. Resolved, That this be approved.

1—Application for Subsidy—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans for a house in Six Chimney Lane for Mr. W. Prude, and reported that they did not comply with the Regulations of the Ministry of Health. Resolved, That a Certificate be not issued.

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5— Spare Land—Temporary Letting—Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Taylor, and Councillor Whitaker be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report upon the question of letting temporarily land not immediately required in connection with the Housing Scheme.

6—Housing Bonds Notice—Damage—Superintendent Griffin reported that at 9.45 .m., on the 7th inst., C. F. Pilliner, of Pittville Parade, had been found damaging the Notice at Pittville, advertising Housing Bonds. Resolved, That Superintendent Griffin be asked to take proceedings against him for wilful damage.

7—Wingate Block Houses—Tender—Read, letter of the 18th inst., from W. T. Nicholls, Ltd., offering to erect on the Gloucester Road frontage 20 Wingate Block parlour-type houses of increased capacity, similar to houses in course of erection by them at Gloucester and in accordance with the same plan, at a cost of

£1,090 per house. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health, and to a contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk. being entered into.

8—Competitive Tenders—Non-Parlour Type Houses—Resolved, That tenders be invited for the erection of 10 pairs of non-parlour type houses in accordance with plans approved, constructed of brick or concrete.

9—Building Guild, Ltd.--Contracts—Messrs. S. G. Hobson, W. Bushell and J. E. Hopkins attended as a Deputation from the Building Guild, Ltd., and submitted particulars of a Scheme under which the Guild would be prepared to enter into a Contract for the erection of houses. Resolved, That the Guild be furnished with plans, bills of quantities, etc., of the proposed to pairs of non-parlour type houses referred to in the preceding paragraph, to enable them to submit a tender.

10—Gas Mains --Read, letter of the 27th ult., from the Housing Commissioner, with reference to a proposal received by him from the Gas Co., to lay a gas main in No. 1 road provided that a contribution of £5 7s. 3d. is made towards the cost of the necessary services from the mains to the meter inlet for each of 140 houses. Resolved, That as the Council have made arrangements for the houses to be provided with "points" for electric lighting and cooking, no action be taken.

11—Type Plans G.H. and K.L.--Approval—Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Housing Commissioner, approving of type plans G.H. and K.L., subject to any modifications that may be required by the Ministry of Health before tenders are finally accepted.

12-Dorman Long Houses --Read, letter of the 14th inst., from the Housing Commissioner, intimating that the tender of VV. T. Nicholls, Ltd., for the erection of 20 Dorman Long houses had been forwarded to the Ministry of Health for decision, and that he hoped to be able to communicate the decision of the Ministry shortly.

13—Wasley's Tenancy—Read, letter of the 23rd ult., from Mr. J. G. Villar, offering, on behalf of Mr. S. J. Wasley, an annual rent of £40 for Field 442, and a rent of £5 (Winter half-year) and £15 (Summer half-year) for Field 441.

Resolved, That the Corporation are prepared to agree to the continuance of Mr. Wasley's tenancy on the following terms, viz. :—Field 442 at annual rent of £45, and Field 441 at rent of £1 13s. 4d. per month (plus rates and taxes in each case), and that the Resolution contained in Minute No. 1 of the Committee's proceedings at their Meeting on the 16th ult., be varied accordingly.

14 -National Savings Certificates and Housing Bonds—Read, circular 116, of the 16th ult. from the Ministry of Health, stating that a scheme whereby 10 per cent. of the proceeds of gross sales of National Savings Certificates would become available for loans to Local Authorities had received legislative sanction, and would become operative from the 1st prox. Primarily the loans would be restricted to Housing purposes, but it was hoped that later the Scheme would be given a more general application, and become a permanent feature of Local Finance. At the invitation of the Ministry, the National Savings Committee would in October inaugurate a National Campaign and-Local Authorities were asked to actively co-operate in the undertaking, and also with Local Savings Committees in an effort to increase the number of Savings Associations. It was suggested that co-operation could take the form of office accommodation, clerical assistance, or financial grants towards administrative expenses.

15—Report of Housing Bonds Sub-Committee—The Housing Bonds Sub-Committee reported meeting on the 15th inst. Present Alderman Taylor, Councillors Jamieson and Moore.

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Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Jamieson be appointed Chairman of this Sub-Committee.

Advertisements—Resolved, That a quotation be obtained for a 3 inch advertisement in the "Echo" weekly, for 12 months, Resolved, also, That an estimate be obtained for three-ply letters to be attached to a rope or net-work for display across a street.

Ward Meetings--Resolved, That representatives of each ward be asked to arrange for a Meeting in their ward in support of the issue of Housing Bonds.

Resolved, That the Report be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 27th September, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Street Projections—Resolved, That the following applications for permission to fix signs outside the premises named be granted, subject to the usual conditions :-

Address.	Name of Applicant.	Description of Sign.
Gratton Road.	Mr. W. Selley.	V. shaped.
2, St. George's Place.	Mr. A. G. Holtam.	Electric V. shaped.
Rathbone House, Bath Road.	Messrs. J. M. Smith & Sons.	V. shaped.

2-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 20th August to the 23rd September, 1920 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 16th September, 1920, 688 loads collected, 611 consumed, and 77 tipped away. Weight consumed, 666 tons 8 cwt.

3-Borough Surveyor's Department—Accommodation--Resolved, That the partition wall dividing the Stores Clerks' Room front the School Attendance Officers' Room be removed at an estimated cost of £8, and the enlarged room allocated to the use of the Stores Clerks.

Junior Assistant The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. H. P. Morgan, Junior Assistant, had obtained an appointment as Assistant to the Borough Engineer of Tunbridge Wells, at a commencing salary of £245.

4 —Spa Sign near New Club—Resolved, That permission 1, given for a direction sign and bracket to be affixed to the electric lamp standard near the New Club.

5—Cellar Opening at 119 ½ High Street—Read, application if the 15th inst from the maypole Dairy Co. for permission to make an opening into their cellar at 119 ½, High street. Resolved. That permission be granted, subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

6—Houses at Refuse Destructor—Land—Read, letter of the 25th inst. from the Senior Bursar of Jesus College, Oxford, offering to sell to the Corporation ¼ acre of land near the Refuse Destructor for £100 as a site for two cottages. Resolved. That the offer he accepted.

7—Footpath adjoining St. Stephen's Church—Resolved. That the footpath adjoining St. Stephen's Church be paved with slabs, subject to a contribution of £15 being made by the Church Authorities towards the cost of the work.

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8—Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 27th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

9—Coal Supply—Read, letter of the 13th inst. from Messrs. Crook & Greenway, suggesting that, as several colliery owners had almost withdrawn supplies owing to the strike menace and would not give any assurance of delivery, the execution of their contract be deferred.

10—Fuel from House Refuse—Read, circular letter from The Commercial Products Syndicate Ltd., offering to contract with the Council for the erection of necessary plant, to include the right of manufacture of fuel from refuse, or to enter into a contract for the disposal of refuse.

11—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday, the 22nd inst. : —
Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Pates and Sawyer.

They recommended as follows:—

Normal Terrace—Paving---That the owners be called upon to relay this road with asphalte.

Ambrose Street Hoarding—That this hoarding remain, the Committee being of opinion that no damage is caused thereby to the adjoining property.

St. George's Square—That the Town Clerk draft an Agreement for the approval of the abutting owners providing for the whole of this land (excluding footpath) to be appropriated by the Corporation on condition that no buildings be erected thereon, that the public be not admitted thereto and that the garden be kept in good order and condition by the Corporation.

St. James' Square—That the offer of the Rector of Cheltenham to give up a strip of land adjoining the Parish Room be not accepted.

Gloucester Road—That the tree by " Thornhill " be pruned.

Eldorado Road—(a) Private Improvement Verbs —That the footpath margins be gravelled instead of asphalted, and that the Specification, Plan and Estimates of works required to be done, be amended

accordingly. (b) Footpath—That the owners of " Coniston " and " Montgomery " be called upon to repair the footpath adjoining their houses. (c) Tires-That the trees marked (numbering about 33) be removed

Lansdown Place—That 3 trees in front of " Netherleigh " be pruned

Providence Cottages Lane—That the owners be called upon to repair this road with macadam or old road metal. Suffolk Street—That the grass and weeds be removed from old kerbing.

College Road--That the tree by " Meadowlands " be pruned.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the View Committee 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, the 27th September, 1920: 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.
1506	T. R. Edwards	Additions to 11, Hanover Street.
1507	Miss Beaumont	Additions to Vittoria House, Vittoria Walk.
1508	Messrs. Norman Bros.	Alterations and additions to No. 11, Bennington Street.
1509	Colonel Fenwick	New Motor House at 4, College Lawn.
1510	Dr. J. Halliwell	New bedroom additions (temporary), Tudor Hotel, Bayshill Road.

Resolved. That Plans No. 1506, 1507, 1508, and 1509, be approved, and that Plan No. 1510 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Alstone Baths on Friday, the 17th September, 1920 Present—Councillors Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1-Montpellier Gardens—The committee further considered the question of the termination of Mr. Newton's tenancy, referred back by the Council at their last meeting. Resolved, That Mr. Newton be released from obligations under his Agreement as from the 5th inst.

2-Winter Orchestra—Resolved, That the Agreement submitted by the Town Clerk be approved.

3-Spa Sign near New Club—Resolved, That the quotation of the Royal Label Factory to provide a white metal direction sign and bracket at a cost of £5 be accepted, and that, subject to the approval of the Electricity and Street and Highway Committees, the same be affixed to the electric lamp standard near the New Club.

4-Spa Notice Boards—High Street—Resolved, That the Street and Highway and Electricity Committees be asked to give permission for Spa notice boards to be fixed on certain electric lamp standards in High Street so as not to project over the carriageway.

5-Pittville Pump Room—Badminton—Resolved, That the Pump Room be let to Mr. J. Maby for badminton on three days a week at a rent of £20 (plus light and heating) for the season.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th September 1920, Present-Councillors Pates, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

6—Alstone Baths-Badminton—Resolved, That the Baths be let to the Cheltenham Badminton Club at a rent of £75 for the season, subject to satisfactory arrangement, being made by the Club for the use of the premises by Miss Kelley on two days each week for three months.

Resolved also, That the use of the Baths be granted to the Club for the Christmas and Easter school holidays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at a rent of 36/- per week.

Electric Lighting—Resolved. That the proposal to install electric lighting be not proceeded with at present.

Slipper Baths--Charge—Resolved. That the charge for slipper baths on Saturdays and Sundays be increased from 6d. to 7d., the charge on other days to remain at 6d.

7—Spa Federation Conference, Harrogate—Resolved, That Dr. Kirkland and the Spa Manager be authorised to attend a Conference of the Spa Federation to be held at Harrogate on 30th September and 1st October.

8—Medical Baths— Lamp—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to provide a lamp, to be fixed outside the Medical Baths, at a cost not exceeding £7 10s. 0d.

9—Mineral Waters--Sales—Reported the number of glasses, of Mineral Waters sold as follows, Central Spa 1246, Montpellier Baths 20, Montpellier Gardens 272; Pittville Chalet 72; and Pittville Pump Room 33.

10—Advertising - Kingsway Information Bureau-- Exhibit Read, letter of the 21st inst. from E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., offering to continue the Cheltenham Spa exhibit and exclusive use of the Bureau as a London Enquiry Office for a further period at a charge of £20 per month. Resolved. That the exhibit be continued for a further month, subject to the Chamber of Commerce agreeing to defray half the cost as under the present arrangement.

Official Guide—Read. letter of the 21st inst. from E. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., offering to insert photographs of the new band-stand and the Cheltenham Bureau exhibits in the Official Guide now in course of preparation,

subject to the Corporation defraying the cost of the necessary blocks, viz., £5 1s. 0d., the blocks to remain the property of the Corporation. Resolved. That this be agreed to.

11—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at meetings held on the 25th and 31st ult., 7th. 14th and 21st inst. was read. Resolved. That the same be approved.

Town Wall Attendant—Resolved. That A. McGregor be engaged for the winter to assist at the Town Hall and attend at door during Dance Teas, at wages of £1 per week. overtime to be paid at the rate of 1/3 per hour.

Town Hall—R.A.O.B. Conference, 1922—Read, letter of the 14th inst. from Mr. W. H. Rose, Grand Secretary, R.A.O.B., intimating that it had been suggested that the next Triennial Convention should be held at Cheltenham if suitable arrangements as to accommodation could be made. Resolved, That the free use of the Town Hall be granted, subject to payment by the Order of the cost of heating and lighting and out-of-pocket expenses.

Chairs—Resolved. That the use of the tip-up chairs at Montpellier Gardens be granted to Mrs. N. S. Field, Winter Gardens, until the 31st March next at 4/6 per doz. per week, subject to an Agreement being entered into providing, inter alia, that any damage to the chairs shall be made good by Mrs. Field.

Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That the use of Montpellier 'laths be granted for dances for the winter season as follows:—Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday—Mr. Harry Jones, at 10/- per hour (including light), minimum charge £1. Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon —Mrs. McLellan. at 10/ per hour (including light).

Afternoon Concerts—Resolved. That the price charged for admission to Afternoon Concerts by the Municipal Orchestra be 8d.. including tax.

Badminton Courts—Resolved, That badminton courts be let oil non-club slays at the following charges :—Members 1/--per hour, non-members 1/6 per hour.

Sunday Concerts—Resolved, That in the event of Sunday Concerts being held during the winter season, the net profits be handed to the Corporation.

Dance Teas, etc.—Resolved, That arrangements for Dance Teas and evening dances (including catering) be dealt with by this Sub-Committee.

J. STEWART, Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 23rd September, 1920: Present—Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

1— Additions to Plant--Delays—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received unfavourable reports of the progress on two important sections of the new plant, viz., the alternator and traction generator, and that it was unlikely that these would be delivered before Christmas. The boilers were also delayed, and the makers did not give much hope of early completion.

2-Public Lighting---Extension—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the total length of cable laid to date was 39,764 yards, 150 lamp standards had been erected, and he hoped to have this number of lamps lighted within two or three weeks.

3—High Street—Fatal Accident—Read, letter of the 30th ult., from Dr. Hugh Powell, Deputy Coroner, forwarding copy of a rider added by the Jury to their verdict at an inquest into the circumstances attending the death of Betty I. M. Rutland, who was killed by a falling electric lamp standard in High Street on the 27th ult. The rider suggested the substitution of some form of support for the electric lamps other than the present standards. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had examined the standard, and it was quite clear that the fracture was due to the exceptional weight of the motor lorry which collided with it. Resolved, That a claim be made on the owners of the motor lorry in respect of the standard.

4 - National Joint Industrial Council —The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Conditions of Employment had been settled, and suggested that consideration thereof by the Corporation be deferred until the question of wages and grading, still under discussion, had been agreed to. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting.

5-Spa Sign near New Club—Resolved, That permission be given for a direction sign and bracket to be affixed to the electric light standard near the New Club.

6—I.M.E.A. -Special General Meeting—Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to attend a Special General Meeting of the I.M.E.A., to be held in London on the 15th prox.

7- America Passage, High Street -Read, letter of the 6th inst., from John Lance & Co., Ltd., suggesting that two lamps be placed in this passage. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to fix an additional lamp, subject to Messrs. Lance & Co. agreeing to supply the current for this lamp and one of their existing lamps during the hours of public lighting.

8-Mains--Loan £4,400—The Town Clerk reported the receipt of sanction of the Electricity Commissioners for a loan of £4,400 for extension of mains.

9 Gas Lighting -- Analyst's Report—Read, report of Gas Examiner of his test on the 17th inst, of gas for calorific power, which shewed 519 B.T.U.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 16th September, 1920: Present Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Moore, Pates, Sawyer and Stewart (AN(coma Margret in the chair).

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

	For 30 days, ended 13th September, 1920.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	132,000 gallons	124,000 gallons

Dowdeswell Springs	279,000 "	240,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	93,000 "	60,000 "
Total	504,000 "	424,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	13th September, 1920.		13th September, 1919.	
Hewletts		15,217,000 gallons		16,186,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	14ft. 0in.	24,130,000 "	10ft. 0in.	13,574,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft 0in.	1,486,000 "	8ft. 0in.	1,080,000 "
Total Storage		40,833,000 "		30,840,000 "

Pumping was commenced at Sandford on the 30th ult., and at Tewkesbury on the 6th inst.

2-Tewkesbury Water Works—Economiser—The following tenders were received for renewing the 72 tubes of the Economiser at Tewkesbury :—

E Green & Son, Ltd., £475 ; A. Lowcock, Ltd., £442 ; Clay Cross Co., Ltd., £421 5s. 0d; and Goodbrand & Co., Ltd., £405. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Goodbrand & Co., Ltd., be accepted, subject to a Contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

Resolved, also, That a hot water circulator be provided at an estimated cost of £20.

3—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 October next, or in the case of supply by meter on the date of reading the meter for the current half-year :-

Domestic Supply--£6 per cent. on gross estimated rental (minimum charge 8s. 8d.) Licensed premises £7 per cent. on gross estimated rental. Fitted Baths (in area outside the Borough) 15/- each per annum.

Garden Hose-15/- per annum in addition to the ordinary charge for Gardens.

Laundries-12/- per annum for each woman (the first woman free).

Supplies by Meter—To be increased by 20 per cent, and that the resolution of the Committee in Minute No. 4 at their Meeting on the 15th July last, be varied accordingly.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th September, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman-Margrett. Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann and Rogers (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Market—Resolved. That the offer of £25 made by Mr. Jacob Studt for the use of the portion of the Market usually occupied for Fairs, from the 18th to the 26th inst., he accepted

2—Taxi-Cab Service -The following Deputations attended : —

Front the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association—Mr. Councillor Jamieson, Messrs. W. Welstead and

R. Sanders, with Mr. J. D. Howell (Local Manager of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Ltd.)

From the Cheltenham and District Taxi-Cab Owners— Messrs. L. Gridley, R. A. Griffiths and C. Thornber, with Mr. R. P. Maw (Solicitor).

The first-named Deputation urged the Committee to re-consider the application of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Ltd., for an increase of fares. It was understood the Company would be satisfied with the following scale :-

By Distance —For the first mile or any part thereof (one or two persons) ..	2 0
For every succeeding mile, or any part thereof ..	0 6
Midnight—Fare and a half to be charged between twelve midnight and six a m.	
Luggage—For each article of luggage carried outside.. -	0 6
Waiting—For every 3 ¼ minutes (or 8/- per hour) .. .	0 6

The second-named Deputation submitted the following resolution unanimously adopted at a Meeting of the Cheltenham and District Taxi-Cab Owners, held on the 10th inst. :—

"That the Town Council be respectfully requested not to grant the increase of taxi-cab fares to 2/- a mile and 1/- for each additional passenger over two, as proposed by the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., such charges being considered both excessive as against the public, and fatal to the carrying on of the taxi-cab business, in the town. But, in view of increased costs all round since the last revision of fares in May, 1918, and on the assumption that the Stations will be open to all licensed taxi-cabs, to revise them as follows :—

For distance not exceeding one mile .	1 6
If distance exceeds one mile, for first mile..	1 6
For every succeeding mile, or part thereof	0 4 ½
For each additional passenger over two ..	0 6
For each package carried outside .	0 3
For cycles and perambulators	0 6

Empty running to be charged for from the Borough Boundary Between the hours of midnight and six a.m. the above-mentioned fares shall be increased by half the amount.

Also that the Council be further requested not to grant licences to any Company or private owner who has a monopoly or receives preferential treatment in Station Stands in the town, so that equal opportunities be given to all."

The Deputation intimated that 8 of the 14 taxi-cab owners present at the Meeting were connected with the telephone, and 2 others had applied for connection. They were prepared to provide a night service and to establish a Central Office connected with the public telephone, subject to the railway stations being open to all licensed taxi-cabs.

It was pointed out to the Deputation that the cab stands at the railway stations were private property, over which the Corporation had no control.

Resolved, That bye-laws be made substituting the undermentioned scale of fares for hire of motor carriages by distance for the scale of fares prescribed by the bye-laws now in force, and that notice be given of the intention of the Council to. apply to the Ministry of Health for confirmation of the same.

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SCALE OF FARES.

For not more than 3 passengers

If the distance does not exceed one mile .. 1 9

If the distance exceeds one mile—for the first mile .. 1 9

“ “ for every succeeding mile or part thereof 0 4½

For every passenger exceeding 3 :

For the whole distance of the journey (in addition to the foregoing fares) 1 0

For each package carried outside .. 0 3

For each bicycle or perambulator .. 0 6

Waiting time for 3 ¾ minutes.. 0 3

Between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m. the foregoing fares to be increased by 50 per cent.

3—Motor Cab Licence—Read, application of the 10th inst. from Mr. H. Malsom for a motor cab licence.

Resolved, That a licence be granted, subject to the vehicle being approved by the Inspector

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

5— Unemployment—Messrs. O. J. Williams (Chairman). T. Lyon, G. W. Peat and A. J. Thompson, Representatives of the Cheltenham Local Employment Committee, with Mr. J. H. Powell (Secretary), attended and urged the necessity of special employment being found before the winter for the large number of men out of employment. The Deputation were informed that their representations would receive careful consideration, and that as much work as possible would be put in hand in connection with the Housing Scheme and otherwise.

6—Winter Garden—Film "Salome" —The Town Clerk reported that Mr. Lyon had inspected a film representing the story of "Salome" which he considered would be offensive to public feeling. Resolved, That notice be given to the licensee that the film must not be shown on the grounds aforesaid.

7- 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	
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.	North Street		300 lbs.
H. E. Steel, Ltd.	105, High Street	400	200 "
" "	Plough Yard	1000	60 "
H. G. Norton & Co.	416, High Street	300	280 "
" "	Regent Street	400	
Mr. E. B. Hennell	Napier Yard	300	
Messrs. Jacob 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	264, High Street	40	
" F. Martin	Motor Garage, Upper Park Street		50
" "	11, Oxford Place	300	
Mrs. I. Wardman	299, High Street	150	2 cwt.

Messrs. The Wicliffe Cycle Co.	88, High Street		2 "
" The Wicliffe Motor Co.	Bath Road	1000	3 "
Mr. C. J. Lord	22, Upper Bath Road	52	72 lbs.
"C. Giles	18, Upper Bath Road	100	
Messrs. J. Fisher & Sons	34, Winchcombe Street	100	
" W. Mills & Sons	38, "	350	112 lbs.
" Tarr & Forge	50 "	500	
" A C. Billings & Sons	54 "	100	
Mr. Chetwood Aiken	75-76 "	500	
Messrs. A. Miles & Co.	117, High Street	500	112 "
" R. E. & C. Marshall	St. James' Square Works	450	
Mr. E. S. Holloway	St. Mark's Emporium	100	
Mrs. Shewell	Cotswold, Thirlestaine Road	500	
Mr. C. Thornber	Suffolk Mews	500	
" W. T. Baggs	4 St. Luke's Road	20	
Messrs. A. Williams & Co.	10, Portland Street	400	2cwt.
" The Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co.	Spa Road	2250	112 lbs.
" The Shell Marketing Co.	Garage, Regent Street	1500	
" Griffiths Bros.	27 and 28, St. George's Place	100	112 "
" 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. Mark's	300	
Mr. G. W. Midwinter	9, Charlton Place	150	
" C. J. Bullock	Montpellier Street	250	

Messrs. Evans & Watts	Norwood Garage	400	200 "
"	The Bristol Tramways & Carriage Co.	Lamb Yard	30
Mr. S. G. Cox	82, High Street		2 cwt.

New Applications—Applications were received from Messrs. Geo. Bence & Sons, Ltd., 43, Fairview Road, for a licence to store 500 gallons of petroleum at New Garage, Sherborne Street, and Messrs. Butler & Wilson, 334, High Street, to store 112 lbs. carbide at 334, High Street. The Inspector reported that the proposed places of storage were satisfactory. Resolved, That licences be granted accordingly.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 21st September, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann, Moore. Rogers and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

9--Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had been called to the following outbreaks of fire:-25th August at Home Farm, Churchdown ; Damage about £1,000. 4th September at Messrs. A. C. Billings. Ltd., builders' yard and stores, Selkirk Street; Damage about £350. 12th September at 11, Pittville Street; Damage slight.

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10-Horse-Drawn Hackney Carriages--A Deputation consisting of Messrs. G. Clifford, C. Webb, and W. Wiggett, attended on behalf of the owners of horse-drawn vehicles, and urged, in view of the proposed withdrawal of the Blue Taxi-cabs that applications for licences for additional horse-drawn vehicles should not be granted in substitution for any Taxi-cab licences Which may be given up, as they considered there were already sufficient horse-drawn vehicles to meet the requirements of the public.

11- Motor Omnibuses—Overcrowding—Read, letter of the 26th ult., from the Local Manager, Bristol Tramways & Carriage co., Ltd., for permission for a maximum of six passengers to stand in the gangways of their motor omnibuses, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Company that the Committee have no power to authorise a contravention of the byelaws.

High Street—Obstruction—Supt. Griffin called attention to the obstruction to traffic caused by the Motor Omnibuses standing to take up passengers in High Street. Resolved, That the Company be asked to arrange for the Tewkesbury Motor Omnibuses to start from Clarence Street.

12-Licences to store Carbide of Calcium—Applications were received from blesses. C. Giles, 18, Upper Bath Road; J. A. Gilchrist, 19 and 20 Great Norwood Street; and G. W. Midwinter, Beaufort Garage, to store 150 lbs., 112 lbs., and 60 lbs. of carbide of calcium, respectively, at their premises. The Inspector reported that the proposed places of storage were satisfactory. Resolved, That licences be granted accordingly.

13—Game Licence—Read, application from Mr. W. T. Morris for a licence to deal in game. Resolved, That the application be granted.

14-National Relief Fund—The Town Clerk reported that Messrs. C. E. Cooke, T. Lyon and A. Philips (Representatives of the Local Employment Committee) had resigned their membership of the National Relief Fund Committee. he also submitted a letter of the 16th inst., from the Secretary of the National Relief Fund, enclosing copy of a letter received from Mr. Cooke, with reference to the management of the local Fund, together with a draft of his reply thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's reply be approved.

15—Winter Garden —Film "Salome" Read, letter of the 16th inst., from Mrs. N. S. Field, intimating that she had no intention of sheaving this film, which had been booked by her before it had been shown to the trade.

16—Mops and Fairs—Read, letter of the 18th inst., from Messrs. White Bros., asking that they be allowed to continue their amusements and performances each evening until 11 o'clock instead of 10 o'clock as stipulated in the Agreement. Resolved, That permission be given for the amusements to remain open until 10.30 p.m.

17—Assistant Town Clerk—Resolved, That Mr. F. J. R. Mountain, Chief Assistant to the Town Clerk, be given the official designation of "Assistant Town Clerk."

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 15th September, present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, and Councillor Clara Winterbotham (Councillor Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 5,074 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum from the 14th July to the 14th September, (Corresponding period last year 4.493). The sale of Post Cards to date had realised £25 1s. 2d.

The following gifts had been received:—

Earl Beauchamp, Medal commemorating George the Third's Visit to Cheltenham, etc., 1788; A. E. Dangerfield, Esq., Aerial Post Cards of Cheltenham ; War Office, German haversack, empty cartridge cases, Granatenwerfer, bed for Granatenwerfer, Trench Mortar, with carriage and mountings; Councillor Edith Geddes, Heads of Wild Beasts, Afridi rifles (2), Flintlock pistols (2), Models of Indian Temples (2); A. C. Green, Esq., Box of Shells; Capt. R. P. Wild, Gold Coast native basket and mat; C. W. Aylmer, Esq., Albatross Skulls and Saw Fish ; Col. Longridge, Framed Sketches by Fraccasini (2).

The following pictures had been received on loan Longridge, Roman Peasants, by Indoni, and copy of Murillo's Madonna and Child.

Read, letter from Mrs. Briton Riviere, intimating that her late husband's executors had decided to give one of his works to the Art Gallery, and that one of Mr. William Riviere's works would also be presented.

It was reported that "Notes on the Rock Specimens in the Museum.- by Capt. R. P. Wild (Museum Publication No. 1), was on sale at the Museum.

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd September, 1920: Present---Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, and Sawyer (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Football in Recreation Grounds—The Committee considered applications for permission to play football at the several Recreation Grounds. Resolved, That permission be granted to the undermentioned Clubs for the 1920.21 season as follows

Ground.	Name of Club.	Day for Play.
Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground	Co-operative Employees	Wednesday
“	Technical Schools (Organised Games)	Thursday
“	Baker Street Institute	Saturday
“	Crosby House	“
“	Salem Institute	“
“	St Peter’s	“
Naunton Park	St James’	“
“	Emmanuel	“
Whaddon Lane	Y.M.C.A.	Wednesday
“	All Saints, Old Boys	Saturday
“	Cambray Institute	“

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

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

1-Care of Graves -Nos. Xx5164 and 5165-- Resolved, That quotations be obtained for cleaning and repairing the memorial stones on these graves.

2- Repairs, Painting. etc.—The Borough Surveyor submitted estimate of cost of painting and repairs. Resolved, That tenders be obtained for the several items, excepting painting of seats, and that it be left to the Borough Surveyor in consultations with the Chairman, to accept the lowest tender received, and put the work in hand.

3-Blinds--Resolved, That the tender of John Lance & Co., Ltd., to provide new blinds for the Office and Lodge for £7 7s. 11d. (being the lowest of five tenders received), be accepted.

4---Boiler— Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to order two new sections for the boiler at a cost not exceeding £30, to replace defective sections.

5—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6293 to 6307 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

6Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses and Kerbing to the graves of Robert Rowland Skemp, James Morris, Agnes Dunbar Jourdan, Playford Reynolds, Mary Mushet. Headstones and Kerbing to graves of Charlotte Rebecca Tyler, Charles Lowis Raikes, and Alfred Ernest Spencer. Kerbing to graves of A. H. B. Bennett, and Laura Stopford.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 14th September, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Pates; Messrs. W. R. Carles, E. Claridge, E. Gridley, and A. Miles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Reports of the Librarian for July and August. Receipts (July) £8 3s. 2d. ; (August) £7 7s. 8d. Presentations: (July) Canon Beck (2 vols.), Miss Jackson (1 vol), Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P. (4 vols.), per Sir J. L. Green (1 vol.), Councillor Edith Geddes (10 vols.), Lady Lee (3 vols.) ; (August) Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Keir 1 vol.)

The Number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library was (July) 3,296, (August) 2,972, number issued from the Lending Library (July) 9,818, (August) 8,601, and from the Children's Library (July) 1,984, (August) 1,426.

The Librarian gave a Report of the Library Associations Conference held at Norwich, Sept. 6th to 10th.

2-Lectures—Resolved, That arrangements be made for a lecture to be given at the Library by Dr. G. F. Edwards on October 4th.

3-New Rooks—Resolved, That the list of new books submitted by the Librarian be purchased at a cost not exceeding £35.

A. MANN,

Chairman

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 28th September, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley. Councillors Dicks and Whitaker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair),

1—General District Rate Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th inst, on the collection of this Rate. Amount collected £36,398 14s. 8d. Leaving outstanding, £1,083 17s. 6d.

2 —Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September inst. Amount collected £53,720 0s. 1d. Leaving outstanding, £859 12s. 3d.

3-- Borough Treasurer—Resignation and Appointment—Read, letter of the 17th inst., from Mr. F. F. Leaver, resigning his appointment as Borough Treasurer consequent upon his retirement from the Managership of Lloyds Bank on the 2nd prox., together with a letter of the same date from Mr. W. M. Alford, the newly-appointed Manager at the Bank, applying for the appointment. Resolved, That Mr. William Montagu Alford be appointed Borough Treasurer as from the 2nd October next.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received 450 on loan. Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

5—Housing Loan—£50,000—The Town Clerk reported that the Prudential Assurance Co., Ltd., had offered a loan of £50,000 for 60 years on terms authorised by the Ministry of Health, for Housing. On the recommendation of the Housing Committee it was Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to a Mortgage to the Prudential Assurance Co., Ltd., for securing repayment of the said sum and interest, the loan to be advanced by five instalments of £10,000 each in the months of May, July, September, November and December, 1921.

6—Reciprocal Investment of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported that he had provisionally arranged with the Bath Corporation to invest £18,000 if a similar amount were advanced to them, the period of loan, length of notice, and rate of interest to be the same in each case. Resolved, That, subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £18,000 (£15,000 part of Sinking Funds accumulations and £3,000 Education Sinking Funds) be advanced to the Bath Corporation, and that debentures be issued for a like amount to be advanced by the Bath Corporation.

7—Interest Cheques—Receipt Stamps- The Borough Accountant submitted replies received from 14 towns to an enquiry as to the form of receipt issued in respect of interest on loans. In the majority of cases a formal receipt was not required, the cheque being merely endorsed by the payee. Resolved. That the present form of receipt attached to cheques issued by the Corporation for interest on loans be dispensed with.

8—Houses —Fire Insurance—The Town Clerk reported that the Prudential Assurance Co., Ltd., had quoted a special rate of 1/3 per cent. for the insurance of the whole of the houses on the Housing Estate, less 15 per cent. agency commission. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and the Borough Accountant instructed to effect insurances accordingly.

9— Audit of Accounts—The Town Clerk reported that the District Auditor had appointed the audit of the accounts for the year ended 31st March last, to commence on the 5th prox.

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 4th October, 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, Betteridge, . Boulter, Dicks, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Thomas, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

Apology—An apology for absence was received from Councillor Clara Winterbotham.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the title 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, undermentioned Committees, at their Meetings held on the dates respectively appearing, be approved and confirmed :-

Public Health	...	Meeting held	September 13	
Housing	•••	"		20
Street and Highway	••	"		27
Town Improvement and Spa	..	Meetings held	17	24
Electricity and Lighting	...	Meeting held		23
Water		"		16
General Purposes and Watch	...	Meetings held	14*	21

*Subject to the following amendment, viz. :—

"That the proposed charges of 4d. per $\frac{3}{4}$ mile exceeding the first mile, and 3d. for waiting time for 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ minutes, contained in the proposed Scale of Fares for hire of motor carriages in Minute No. 2 of the Committee's proceedings at their Meeting on the 14th ult., be referred back for further consideration."

Art Gallery and Museum	...	Meeting held September 15
Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments...	" "	22
Burial Board	" "	24

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Public Library	...	Meeting held September 14
Finance ●●●	" "	28

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

3—Sunday Concerts—The Standing Orders having, with the consent of the Council, been suspended, it was Resolved, That the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be authorised to arrange for a series of Sunday Concerts at the Town Hall during the winter season.

4—National Relief Fund Committee—Resolved, That Messrs. F. J. Caudle, C. E. Cooke, T. Lyon, G. W. Peat and A. J. Thompson be appointed representatives of the Local Employment Committee on the National Relief Fund Committee, and that Councillors Dicks and Rogers be also added to the Committee.

5—Regulation of Traffic—Resolved, That this Council take steps to introduce Bye-laws to prevent motor char-a-bancs or similar vehicles setting down passengers in the Town at any place that is likely to hinder traffic or constitute a danger to ratepayers. Further, that a Bye-law be introduced to prohibit large motor vehicles stopping or picking up passengers in certain streets, subsequently to be scheduled, where the narrowness of the road renders such a practice jeopardous to the public.

6—Strike of Gas Operatives—The Town Clerk read letter of the 1st inst. from the Board of Trade (Power Transport and Economic Department) stating that the attention of the Board had been drawn to a report which appeared in the Gas Journal of the 15th ult., of a discussion at the last Meeting of the Council in which it appeared to have been suggested that to some extent the responsibility for the recent strike rested with the Board on account of their alleged delay in dealing with the application by the Company for power to increase the price of gas, and giving an epitome of the correspondence between the Board and the Gas Co., from which it appeared that the granting of the Order was deferred at the request of the Company.

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 Tuesday, the 9th November, 1920.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 11th October, 1920: Present-The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, 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.: -1, S, Grosvenor Street; 7, Rutland Street; 9, Windsor Street; Otley House, Bath Road; 20, Glenfall Street; and 5, Andover 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 62, Duke Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3-Cleansing and Whitewashing at 18, Grosvenor Street; 25, Exmouth Street; 92, Upper Bath Road; 20, Tivoli Street; 6 and 7, Warwick Place ; 3, Lamb's Cottages, Commercial Street; 5, Commercial Street; and 10, Glenfall Street The Medical Officer of health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and linewashed.

4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 41, Russell Street; 28, Suffolk Parade ; Oakhurst, Parabola Road; 11 and 12, Portland Street; 10, Warwick Place ; Otley House, Bath Road; 1, 2, 3, and 4, Painswick Terrace ; and 61, Union 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.

28, Suffolk Parade, 11 and 12, Portland Street, and 10, Warwick Place-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that as these were cases of emergency he had examined the drains, etc., on or belonging to the above premises, and found the same to be defective, and to require amendment and alteration. He submitted specification of work required to be done. Resolved, That the action of the Inspector 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.

5-Insanitary Property-18, Grosvenor Street; 25, Exmouth Street; 99, Upper Bath Road; 6 and 7, Warwick Place; 3, Lamb's Cottages, Commercial Street; and 10, Glenfall Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported surrender of 10 cwts. beef; 4 cwts. 19 lbs. mutton; 5 cwts. bacon and pork; 6 cwts. 1 qr. fish; 18 doz. sheep hearts and 310 tins of fish, meat, etc.

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., served but not complied with.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

8—Houses unfit for Human Habitation—House over Stable, 9, Lansdown Terrace ; 20 and 21, Malvern Street; and 2, Jersey Street. 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 a Closing Order.

9-Diphtheria Antitoxin —The Medical Officer of Health recommended that he be authorised to supply local medical practitioners with a gratuitous supply of diphtheria antitoxin for immediate injection in necessitous cases of diphtheria or suspected diphtheria. As such cases were usually admitted to Delancey Hospital, the number would be comparatively few. Resolved. That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to grant a free supply of antitoxin at his discretion, and to report to the Committee from time to time the cases in which he had granted supplies.

10- Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—Applications-28 applications were received for. the vacant appointment of Assistant Inspector of Nuisances, and the following candidates were selected for interview by the Committee at a meeting to be held on Thursday, the 2nd inst. :—Dillon, R. L. A., Kingston-on-Thames; Ffoulkes, Wm. R., Cwm-y-glo ; Keene, F., Kingston-on-Thames; Woodman, A. T., Clapham, S.W.

11—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—Reported meeting on 11th 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 11th inst. was 11 horses (2 at Depot), 3 calves, 159 head of cattle, 40 lambs, 91 sheep, and 23 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 1 ram lamb, 1 cow in calf and 28 sheep had been purchased for £215 11s. 0d. One calf and 3 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 10 lambs, 8 sheep, 6 cows, 2 calves and 9 pigs had been sold for £190 15s. 7d.

Farm Labourer's Cottage—(a) Rent—The Town Clerk reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Sub-Committee at their last meeting, he had made enquiries of the Agricultural wages Board as to the effect of the Board's regulations with reference to the rent chargeable to an employee for a cottage provided by an employer, together with the Board's reply of the 18th ult., stating that the Board had no jurisdiction in the case of a cottage which is rented by a worker under a contract of tenancy separate from his contract of service, in which case the amount of rent chargeable is regulated by the Increase of Rents Acts. Resolved, That the cottage be offered to one of the farm carters at a weekly rent of 6/-.

(b) Furnace Boiler—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to provide a furnace boiler at the cottage. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st October, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Dicks, Rogers, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

12--Assistant Inspector of Nuisances—Letters were received from Messrs. W. R. Ffoulkes and A. J. Woodman withdrawing their applications. The Committee interviewed Messrs. R. Dillon and F. Keene.

Resolved, That Mr. F. Keene be appointed at a salary of £150 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £200, the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice on either side.

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th October, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Moore, Rogers and Whitaker (The Mayor in the chair).

Captain Yates (Housing Inspector) attended the meeting,

1—Gas Mains—Read, letter of the 24th ult. from the Engineer to the Gas Co. with further reference to the subsidy which would be required by the Company for laying a gas main in No. 1 road. Resolved, That the resolution of the Committee at their last meeting, viz., that no action be taken (Minute No. to) be adhered to.

2-Houses at Refuse Destructor—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of site and of a pair of houses of concrete blocks proposed to be erected at the Refuse Destructor. Resolved, That these houses be included in the Housing Scheme, and that the plans of the site and of the houses be approved and forwarded to the Housing Commissioner for approval.

3—Wasley's Tenancy--Terms—Read, letter of the 2tst ult. from Mr. J. G. Villar, stating that Mr. S. J. Wasley had agreed to the treats for the continuation of his tenancy as settled by the Committee at their last meeting (Minute No. 13).

Rent of Cottage—Resolved, That the rent of the cottage be increased to 7/6 per week.

Rent Collection—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to collect the rents from Mr. Wasley and the tenant of the cottage.

Stable—The Borough Surveyor reported that the stable at the rear of the cottage was unoccupied. Resolved, That he be instructed to advertise the same to be let.

4—Housing Journal—Type Plans—Read, letter of the 30th August last from the Labour Housing Association, enclosing special edition of the Housing Journal containing type plans. Resolved, That these be referred to the Architects.

5—Gloucester Road Frontage —Winget Block Houses.—Read, letter of the 8th inst. from the Housing Commissioner, stating that the Ministry of Health were not prepared to approve the inclusion of houses of the large type suggested as part of an assisted scheme. There was no objection to suitable sites being reserved for houses of a larger size than that for which State aid was available, but the Ministry's intention in such cases was that houses should be erected by private enterprise. Resolved, That the Housing Commissioner be asked to give the matter further consideration, and that it be pointed out to him that if houses of increased capacity, as proposed, could be erected on this frontage, they would command a rent of at least £10 more than other houses on the site.

6—Local Housing Bonds Endowment Assurance Policies—Read, circular letter from the Legal and General Assurance Society Ltd., intimating that the Society were prepared to make application for Local Housing Bonds on behalf of any person who was willing to effect a policy with the Society. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Housing Bonds Sub-Committee.

7—Competitive Tenders—Non-parlour Type Houses—The Architects submitted plans for non-parlour type houses in blocks of four. Resolved, That tenders be invited for the erection of 20 pairs of non-parlour type houses in accordance with plans approved, constructed of brick or concrete, and that Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of the Committee at their meeting on the 20th ult. Be varied accordingly.

8—Extended Lay-out—Resolved, That the Architects be instructed to prepare and submit, for the approval of the Committee as soon as possible, a plan showing proposed extended lay-out with a view to 150 houses of various types and sizes being erected next year.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th October, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Betteridge, Dicks, Jamieson, Moore, Rogers and Whitaker (The Mayor in the chair).

Captain Yates (Housing Inspector) attended the Meeting.

9- Construction of Houses—The Borough Surveyor submitted an application from Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons, Ltd., for permission to substitute concrete for brick in the construction of two houses under their contract. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

10—Dorman Long Houses—Read, letter of the 20th inst., from the Housing Commissioner stating that the Ministry of Health were unable to accept the tender of W. T. Nicholls, Ltd., for the erection of parlour-type Dorman Long houses, and requesting that the Architects should go into the matter with Messrs. Nicholls, with a view to a reduction in price. Resolved, That the Architects be instructed accordingly.

11—Application for Subsidy—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter of the 21st inst., from the Housing Commissioner stating that the house proposed to be erected in Six Chimney Lane by Mr. W. Prude, would not be eligible for a subsidy, as it would be an enlargement of an existing building.

12—Rents and Conditions of Tenancy—Draft Conditions, etc.—The Town Clerk submitted draft conditions of tenancy and application form. Resolved, That the draft conditions, as amended by the Committee (a copy of which accompanies these Minutes) be approved.

13—Ministry of Health Type Plans, etc.—Captain Yates submitted type plans and bills of quantities which, if adopted, he suggested would considerably expedite the erection of further houses. Resolved, That the Architects be instructed to consider the plans with a view to houses being erected in accordance therewith.

14—Cox's Tenancy--Compensation—Read, letter of the 26th inst., from Mr. J. G. Villar, claiming on behalf of Mr. A. H. Cox, the sum of £32 10s. 6d., compensation in respect of the land taken by the Corporation of which he was tenant. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Town Clerk for consideration and report.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st October, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Jamieson, Rogers and Stewart; Mrs. Booy, Mrs. McArthur, Miss Foster and Dr. Cardew (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1-Voluntary Health Society--Read, copy letter of the 30th ult., from the Ministry of Health to the Voluntary Health Society, intimating that the Ministry had decided to make a grant of £137 8s. 7d., based on the expenditure during the year ended 31st March, 1920.

2-Report of Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health—Read, letter of the 6th ult., from the Ministry of Health, with reference to the report of their Medical Officer (Dr. Eaton) on her visit of enquiry into the maternity and child welfare work of the Borough.

Ante-natal Work---The Ministry urged the Council to consider the establishment of an ante-natal clinic under medical supervision and suggested that the Council should confer with the District Nursing Association on the starter, and secure the co-operation of the Association.

Measles-It was also suggested that nursing of sporadic cases of measles might be done by contract with the District Nursing Association, and that the extension of such an arrangement to cases of whooping cough, epidemic diarrhoea and poliomyelitis in young children would be welcomed by the Ministry.

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Day Nursery—It was hoped that the Council would every assistance to the Voluntary Committee in securing new premises for a day nursery if they were satisfied as to the need for a day nursery.

Health Visitors—The Ministry approved of the appointment of Miss M. C. Harlock and Miss E. E. Elliott as Health Visitors.

Resolved. That the Ministry be informed that as the majority of the births in the Borough are attended by the midwives of the District Nursing Association, it is appropriate for ante-natal instruction to be given by the nurses of that Association, and it is understood that such instruction is given lip talks to prospective mothers when visiting the Victoria Nursing Home to engage a midwife.

The District Association nurses are available for occasional cases of measles and diarrhoea. As to poliomyelitis, cases are invariably enquired into by the Medical Officer of Health upon notification, and, the numbers being very small, acute cases are removed to one of the hospitals.

3—Voluntary Health Society—The report for the quarter ended September last was read.

The partial closing of Centres in August made no difference to the average attendance which was higher than last quarter. The attendances had been as follows :—

Infants. Toddlers.

At Highbury	(10 meetings)	50.5	15.5
At Clare Street	“	20.5	11
At Baker Street	“	34	7

Needlework and mothercraft competitions were held at all Centres in July last, and prizes were given.

Miss Dawson Caves had resumed her weekly lectures at cacti centre in rotation.

4—Health Visitors—The following is a summary of the work for the quarter ended 29th September last:-

Number of children visited (a) one year and under	..	• •	944
(b) over one year	..		<u>592</u>
		Total	1536
Number of Children remaining on Visiting Registers	..		2055
Home Visits paid by Health Visitors—	Miss Elliott	1125	
	Miss Harlock	<u>1343</u>	
			2468
Health Visitors Attendances at Centres--:	Miss Elliott	16	
	Miss Harlock	<u>25</u>	
			41
Children remitted to Hospital			2
Un-notified Births discovered			32

Grants of Milk.

(a) Carried over from previous quarter —

To Nursing or Expectant Mothers..	.. 7	stopped	2	continuing	5
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To Infants and Children under 5 years .. 12 “ 5 “ 7

(b) New Orders issued—

To Nursing or Expectant Mothers.. 6 “ 3 “ 3

To Infants and Children under 5 years 8 “ 2 “ 6

5—Cheltenham Creche—Resolved, That a grant be made equivalent to the rent of these premises from the 25th March to the 24th July last, when they were vacated,

6—Accounts--The following Accounts were passed for payment:-

Milk for Nursing Mothers and Children £61 2 6

T. Hailing-Printing 3 5 0

J. STEWART,

Chairman

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 25th October, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Wilkins and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

1-Street Projections—North Street Chambers—Resolved, That the application of Mr. T. A. Holborow for permission to fix an illuminated sign outside these premises be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

2-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 24th September to the 21st October, 1920 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 14th October, 1920, 690 loads collected, 482 consumed, and 208 tipped away. Weight consumed 563 tons 12 cwts.

3-Eldorado Road—Footpath—The Borough Surveyor reported as to repairing the footpath adjoining " Coniston " and Montgomery." Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration.

4—Montpellier Walk—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Private Improvement Works ordered in this street had been carried out at a cost (including supervision) of £579 11s. 11d., and submitted an apportionment in accordance with the degree of benefit to be derived from the Works. 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 repayment be served upon the owners of the premises mentioned therein.

5 --Hospitals Collection—Read, letter of the 6th inst. from Mr. E. F. Margetson with reference to contributions from Corporation employees towards the General Hospital. Resolved. That the letter be

referred to the Municipal Officers' Guild, and that no objection be offered to contributions being deducted by the Borough Accountant from wages of employees agreeing in writing to this.

6-Clarence Street Paving— Tenders-The Borough Surveyor submitted letter of the 8th inst. from the County Surveyor, intimating that he had received the sanction of the Ministry of Transport (Roads Department) to the original scheme of coating Clarence Street with natural asphalte, and that there would be no objection to the work being put in hand. He also submitted the following tenders for the work:--Engert & Rolfe Ltd. (2" thick coating) 25/- per sq. yard, The Val de Travers Asphalte Paving Co. Ltd. (2" thick coating) 22/6 per sq. yard, Western Trinidad Lake Co. Ltd. 1 ½" thick coating, 15/- yard. Resolved, That the tender of the Val de Travers Asphalte Paving Co. Ltd., to coat the road with asphalte 2" thick at 22/6 per sq. yard, be accepted, subject to a contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

7- Plans Sub-Committee --The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 25th inst. Resolved. That the same be approved and confirmed.

8-Plough Hotel-Cinema- Messrs. V. A. Lawson and F. Norman attended with reference to the plan for the alteration and conversion of these premises for the purposes of a Cinema, which they proposed to submit in due course. Resolved, That the Committee see no objection to the building being proceeded with, subject to detailed plans being submitted and approved

9-Tank –Fencing and Painting-The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan, shewing fencing proposed to be erected round the Tank at an estimated cost of £50. Resolved, That the fencing be erected, and the Borough Surveyor obtain tenders for painting the Tank

10-Stationary and Office Requisites-Report of Sub-Committee—The Sub-Committee reported that they had held the following meetings-8th September 1920. Present: The Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Jamieson and Yarnold. 12th October 1920. Present : Councillors Clara Winterbotham and Mann.

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In accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their meeting on the 15th June last, tenders were invited for a 12 months supply in bulk of stationery and office requisites. Tenders were received from it firms who, apparently by mutual agreement, each quoted for certain items only, and these were not quoted for by other firms. As a result competitive tenders were only received in the case of some items, and the Sub-Committee were, therefore, unable to determine the approximate market value of the majority of the items tendered for.

The Sub-Committee also received an offer from D. Gestetner to supply an up-to-date rotary duplicator at a cost of £45, less an allowance of Ito for the existing Roneo Duplicator, which was unserviceable.

It was pointed out to the Sub-Committee that by the installation of this rotary duplicator several items in the schedule could be duplicated by the Office Staff instead of printed as hitherto, resulting in a saving in the cost of printing of some £60, from which sums must be deducted the cost of paper.

The Sub-Committee therefore recommended

(1) That the tenders received for stationery and office requisites be not accepted in their entirety, but that Chief Officials be instructed to issue orders for supplies immediately required, and obtain quotations and issue orders for any other materials as and when required.

(2) That it be recommended that a Gestetner Rotary Duplicator be purchased at the price of £45, less Leo allowance as above mentioned.

(3) That at the commencement of the ensuing Municipal Year, a permanent Requisitions Sub-Committee be appointed to receive and determine upon applications for office supplies, and that Chief Officials, when making requisitions, be instructed to attend the Sub-Committee and submit particulars of stocks in hand and quantities required. together with specimens. The Sub-Committee were of opinion that if this were done the proposed Requisitions Sub-Committee would be in a position to prevent extravagance, and make suggestions which would probably result in considerable economy.

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

11—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—Read, circular letter from the Ministry of Labour, enclosing Summary of Scheme of insurance against unemployment.

12—Whish Fountain—Repairs—Read, letter of the 10th inst. from Mr. A. R. L. Whish, directing attention to the condition of the fountain at the junction of Lansdown and Queen's Roads. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the fountain put in good order.

13-- Borough Surveyor's Department—Stores Clerk—Read, letter of the 24th inst. from Mr. T. J. Day, Clerk in the stores office, asking the Council, in view of his age and years of service, to reconsider their decision of the 6th September last that he be given three months' notice to terminate his appointment. Resolved, That the notice be suspended pending further consideration.

14—Street Inspection--The Town Clerk reported that the present duties of Mr. H. J. Holbourn necessitated the major portion of his time being spent in the office and that he was, therefore, unable to carry out the work of street inspection which, until a few years ago, was undertaken by the police. Resolved, That Superintendent Griffin be asked to arrange for the work to be resumed by the police, and that, subject to the approval of the General Purposes Committee. the police be also requested to undertake the supervision of places of entertainment.

15—Motorist Warning Sign near Gordon Lamp --Read, letter of the 16th inst. from the matron, St. Dunstan's Blinded Soldiers' Hostel Anne., suggesting that a red triangle sign be provided near the Gordon Lamp, warning motorists of the proximity of the Hostel. Resolved, That a sign be fixed if the Authorities of St. Dunstan's will provide a suitable sign.

16—View Meeting—The following members attended the 'View Meeting on Wednesday, the 10th instant :—The Mayor, Councillors Mann, Pates, Wilkins and Yarnold.

They recommended as follows:—

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Chester Walk —Step by Scotts—That no objection be offered to Messrs. Eggleton & Co's. proposal to fix a step at these premises.

St. George's Road—Paving—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan and specification of the work of paving and gravelling required to be done in the road by the abutting owners.

Trees—That at trees be removed and new trees planted where required.

Gloucester Road—Trees—That the trees opposite Monaville and Denmark Cottage be not removed.

Lansdown Road—Tree—That the lime tree opposite Laxton be removed.

Montpellier Street—Paving—That the paving in this street be repaired as required.

High Street—Paving—That the paving near trough at corner of Hewlett Street be replaced by mosaic blocks.

Princes Street—Carriageway—That the carriageway be tar-sprayed and defective crossing be replaced by asphalt.

Whaddon Lane—Tree—That the tree near land belonging to Mrs. Jack be removed, subject to owner's consent.

Sydenham Road, South—Trees—That the first, second and fourth trees from west end be removed and new trees planted. Sydenham Villas Road—Trees—That one elm and one lime tree near Sydenham Lawn be removed.

Pittville Circus Road--Trees—That the trees in this road be inspected at next View Meeting. Resolved, That the recommendations of the View Committee be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, the 26th October, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Rogers, Wilkins and Whitaker (The Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1485	W. C. Prude	Amended Plan for dwelling house in Six Chimney Lane.
1511	David Lewis, J.P.	Conversion of coach house and stable into a dwelling house. (Redesdale, The Park).

Resolved, That Plan No. 1485 be approved, and that Plan No. 1511 be approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

2-Tudor Hotel—Temporary Bedroom Additions- Read, letters of the 8th and 11th inst. from Dr. J. Halliwell and Mr. David Longden respectively, with reference to Plan (No. 1510) of proposed temporary bedroom additions at the Tudor Hotel, Bayshill Road, which was disapproved by the Sub-Committee at their last Meeting. Mr. Johnstone attended the Meeting and informed the Sub-Committee that the Army Hut proposed to be utilised for the additional accommodation would be erected on land adjoining the Hotel, recently acquired by Dr. Halliwell, and would not be visible from the main road. It was proposed to cover the hut with battens and plaster so that it would correspond with the present building and the roof would be slated or asbestos-tiled to meet the requirements of the Committee. Resolved, That subject to an

amended plan being submitted, the building be passed 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, the 15th October, 1920: Present—Councillors Bonner, Dicks, Patel, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair),

1—Alstone Baths—Badminton—The Borough Surveyor submitted application of the 11th inst., from Miss Kelley, for the use of Alstone Baths for badminton for the 1921-22 season at a rent of £80. Resolved. That the application be not entertained at present.

Electric Lighting—The Borough Surveyor submitted letter from the Rev. S. Jackson, offering, on behalf of the Cheltenham Badminton Club, a contribution towards the cost of the proposed installation of electric lighting upon certain conditions. Resolved, That the Committee's decision not to proceed at present with the installation be adhered to

2—Medical Baths—Ventilation—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following tenders for ventilating apparatus for the Dressing Rooms and Radiant Heat Rooms, viz.:—General Electric Co., £18 12s. 0d. ; Edison Swan Electric Co., £17 12s. 6d., and reported that the cost of extending the cable, fixing motor and repairing the existing air trunks, was estimated at £10. Resolved, That the tender of the Edison Swan Electric Co. be accepted, and the cable extended at the estimated cost.

Vichy Douche Bath—Resolved, on the recommendation of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee that an estimate be obtained of the cost for substituting a Vichy Douche and Needle Bath for the existing Vapour Bath.

Tariff—Resolved. That the tariff be amended from time to time to correspond with tariffs in operation at other Spas.

3.—Spa Federation Conference, Harrogate—Report—Read, report of the Spa Manager on a Conference of the Spa Federation, held at Harrogate, on the 30th ult., and 1st inst.

4—Town Hall—Pianos—It was reported that an upright grand piano for concerts, had been purchased from E. W. Beckingsale. at a cost of £45, and a horizontal grand piano from Messrs. Dale Forty & Co., Ltd., at a cost of 75 guineas. Resolved. That these purchases be approved.

5—Spa Manager's Office—Petty Cash—Resolved, That the allowance to the Spa Manager to cover petty cash payments, be increased to £15, and that Minute No. 11 of the proceedings of the Committee at their meeting held on the 26th March last, be varied accordingly.

6- Concert Artists— Resolved, That payments to Artists for services rendered in connection with Spa Concerts be made by

the Spa Manager, such payments not to exceed in any case £2 2s., without the prior approval of the Committee.

7—Montpellier Gardens—Read, letter of the 24th ult., from Mr. A. W. Newton, intimating that he had definitely decided not to exercise his option of taking Montpellier Gardens for providing entertainments during the summer seasons of the years 1921- -1925, as provided for in his agreement with the Corporation of the 31st March last.

8—Place of Meeting—Resolved. That during the winter season, meetings of this Committee be held in the Card Room at the Town Hall.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd October, 1920: Present—Councillors Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

9—Shop next Montpellier Baths—Read, application of the 21st instant, from Mr. A. E. Stanley, offering to rent the shop next Montpellier Baths as a store room, upon a monthly tenancy at an annual rent of £25, the tenant paying rates and taxes. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, subject to an agreement being entered into.

10-- Medical Baths—Masseuse—Read, letter of the 21st instant, from Nurse Addis resigning her appointment as Masseuse, the resignation to take effect on the 6th proximo. Resolved, That Sister Godecharle be appointed to fill the vacancy as from the 8th proximo, at the salary at present paid to Nurse Addis, viz., £163 16s. per annum, the appointment to be determinable by one month's notice in writing on either side.

11—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee--The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at meetings held on the 28th ultimo, 5th, 12th and 19th instant, was read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Pianos—Hire—Resolved, That the following charges be made for the hire of the grand piano: £1 11s. 6d. if used in Town Hall, £1 1s. if used in drawing room.

12—Mineral Waters—Sales—Reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold as follows : Central Spa 1018; Montpellier Baths 16; Pittville Chalet 34 ; and Pittville Pump Room 13.

13—Coal Strike—Slipper Baths-- Resolved, That during the continuance of the coal strike, slipper baths be closed on three days in each week.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 18th October, 1920: Present—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Thomas and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair),

1—Coal Strike—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received copies of the Lighting, Heating and Power (Emergency) Order, 1920, and other Orders issued by the Board of Trade, and dated the 16th inst., dealing with fuel restriction. He gave particulars with regard to the stock of coal at the Electricity Works and suggested steps by which consumption might be reduced.

Mr. McCormick attended with reference to the supply to the Light Railways and agreed to reduce the service during the coal strike.

Resolved. That the General Purposes Committee be recommended to appoint the Borough Electrical Engineer as Executive Officer for the purposes of the Electricity Order.

The Borough Electrical Engineer was instructed to give notice to consumers having electric motors requiring them to restrict their supplies in accordance with the terms of the Order ; he was also instructed to reduce the amount of Public Electric Lighting to about one half, to switch off the lamps at 11 p.m., instead of mid-night, and to arrange with the Manager of the Gas Co. for a similar reduction in the case of the Public Gas Lighting.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman

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At a meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st October, 1920: Present—Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Jamieson, Moore, Thomas and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

2-Wages of Employees—Engineers—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from the Electrical Power Engineers Association for a schedule increase of about three per cent. on the salaries of the Engineers, based on the increase in the cost of living as given in the Board of Trade Return. This was in accordance with the standard conditions agreed to by the Corporation, which provide for a percentage increase or decrease according to variations in the cost of living. The increase applied for represented an average of about 4/- a week for each of the Engineers. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

3—Electric Lorry--Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to order a new battery at a cost of £280 (less £42 to be allowed for the old battery) required for the electric lorry, which had now been in use for three years.

4—Leckhampton Court—Read, an application from Captain Elwes for a supply to Leckhampton Court. This would require an extension of the underground high pressure cable to be laid from the junction of Leckhampton Road and Old Bath Road, towards the cost of which Captain Elwes should contribute £273. Resolved, That the extension be made, subject to this contribution being made.

5—National Joint Industrial Council --On the application of Mr. Betteridge, Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers. It was Resolved, That the conditions of service and working conditions settled for the District Council (No. 6) West of England area, be accepted and put in force.

6— Gas Supply--The test of the Gas Examiner, made on the 1st October, showed that the calorific pourer was equal to 497.1 Board of Trade Units.

7—Extension of Buildings --Resolved, That the usual allowance be made to Messrs. Mark Williams & Co, for the increase or wages since their tender for extension of the Station was accepted.

9—Libertus Road--Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to arrange for the lamp at end of Libertus Road to be lighted as soon as the coal strike is over.

10—Loan of £2200 -The Town Clerk reported that sanction had been received from the Electricity Commissioner for a loan of £2200 for substation switchgear and transformers, repayable within 20 years.

11—Milking Booster—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to obtain switchgear, etc., at an estimated cost of about £35, for converting one of the pressure regulation generators for use as a milking booster for the tractor and exciter batteries.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th October, 1920: Present—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 :

	For 30 days, ended 11th October, 1920.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	136,000 gallons	114,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	513,000 “	333,000 “
Leckhampton Springs	80,000 “	48,000 “
Total	729,000 “	495,000 “

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	11th October, 1920.		11th October, 1919.	
Hewletts		11,686,000 gallons		16,166,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	13ft. 4in.	22,160,000 “	10ft. 0in.	13,574,000 “
Leckhampton	10ft. 0in.	1,350,000 “	5ft. 0in.	675,000 “
Total Storage		35,196,000 “		30,415,000 “

Pumping—Pumping had been continued daily at Tewkesbury and Sandford during the month.

Hewletts Reservoir—No. 2 Reservoir was being prepared for cleaning out. Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held at Hewletts Reservoir at an early date.

2-Unemployment-The Committee considered the possibility of putting in hand work to provide special employment for unemployed men. Resolved, That the Chairman of the Local Employment Committee (Mr. O. J. Williams), be invited to attend the next Meeting.

3---Extension of Mains—Loan—Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £4,000, to cover the cost of future extension of mains.

4—Joint Industrial Council for Water Undertakings—The Borough Engineer reported the formation of a District Council for the South Midland Area, and submitted a letter of the 13th inst., from the Chairman of the Conference intimating that Cheltenham had been selected to be represented at the first Meeting of the Council at the Ministry of Labour, Whitehall, on the 13th prox, and requesting that a Representative and a Deputy be appointed. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be deferred.

5—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.

6—Water Charges— Read, letter of the 8th inst., from the Ministry of Health forwarding copy representation of the Tewkesbury Town Council, disagreeing with the proposal to charge 49 per cent., instead of the present statutory charge of 46 per cent., on the expense of providing and laying mains, hydrants, etc., in the Borough of Tewkesbury, and also copy letter of the 25th ult., to the Ministry of Health from the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, with reference to the proposed increased charge of 20 per cent., in respect of water supply by meter, together with a copy of the Town Clerk's reply thereto.

Read also, letter of the 30th ult., from Mr. Cecil Strickland, with reference to the proposed increased charge in respect of water supplied to Apperley Court, together with the Town Clerk's reply thereto. Resolved, That the Town Clerk's replies be approved.

7—Keynsham Road Allotments—Read, letters of the 28th ult., and 2nd inst., from Dr. D. Bansall Todd, applying for allotment No. 27 held by him to be transferred to his successor, together with an application of the 8th inst., from Mr. D. Beak for the allotment to be let to him. Resolved, That the allotment be let to Mr. Beak as from Lady Day, 1921.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 19th October, 1920: 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—Superintendent Griffin reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

Sheep Scab and Sheep (Double Dipping) Orders, 1920--The Town Clerk submitted circular letter (G.A. 10142/20) of the 14th instant, from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, stating that double dipping with an interval of not more than fourteen days is a necessary measure to secure the eradication of sheep scab and can be carried out with safety if a non-poisonous dip is employed, and suggesting that when double dipping with an interval of not more than fourteen days is prescribed the owner or owners concerned should be warned, that having regard to the fact that many non-poisonous dips, approved by the Ministry, are procurable, the Ministry will not accept responsibility for injury or deaths amongst sheep where poisonous dips are used Resolved, That Superintendent Griffin be instructed accordingly

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

Fire Engine—Examination- -Read, report of Inspecting Engineer of National Boiler and General Insurance Company, Ltd., on an examination of the fire engine boiler, which was found to be in order except for minor defects, which, the Captain reported, had been remedied subsequent to the examination.

3—Taxi-Cab Service—Read, letter of the 7th instant, from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Ltd., intimating that the Scale of Fares adopted by the Town Council at their last meeting left them no alternative but to discontinue the taxicab branch of their business.

Read, letter of the 11th instant, from the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association, expressing regret that they were unable to accept the said Scale of Fares, which they felt assured would prove fatal to the carrying on of their business, and asking the Town Council to reconsider their decision.

Mr. Maw (Solicitor), who attended on behalf of the Association, was unable to give a definite undertaking that they would provide a central office, connected with the telephone, and a night service, and consideration of the matter was adjourned to enable him to consult the Association with a view to such an undertaking being given.

Read letter of the 6th instant, from the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association forwarding the following resolution passed by the Executive Council :—

" That it be respectfully recommended to the General Purposes Committee that, on the issue of any new taxi licence, it be made a condition that such holder shall contribute to a central office and help to maintain a night service."

4—Motor Cab Licences--The following applications for motor cab licences were submitted : J. H. Williams, J. H. Horsman, J. W. Cripps, W. F. S. Eddles, Griffiths Brothers (two cabs), W. H. Kent, and C. T. Simcox. Resolved, That licences be granted, subject to the receipt of satisfactory reports on the examination of the vehicles.

5 --Motor Omnibus Licences—Read, application of the 18th instant, from C. T. Simcox for a licence for a motor char-a-bane (A D 8245) for twelve passengers. Resolved, That a licence be granted subject to the vehicle being approved by the Inspector.

Transfers—Read, applications of the 28th ultimo, and 18th instant, from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Ltd., for Licences Nos. 30 and 32, held by the Company in respect of motor omnibuses Nos. A E

2553 and A D 2787, to be transferred to Nos. AD 2553 and A D 8171, respectively. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

6—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Read, applications of the 29th and 30th ultimo, from W. T. C. Weaving and V. Horsman for hackney carriage drivers' licences. Resolved, that licences be granted.

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7—Licences to store Petroleum and Carbide of Calcium--Petroleum—An application was received from Messrs. H. G. Norton and co. (1917), Ltd., 416, High Street, and Regent Street, to store 600 gallons of petroleum at Napier yard, Regent Street. The Inspector reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory. Resolved. That a licence be granted accordingly.

Carbide—Applications were received from A. H. Hamlen, 201, High Street; J. F. Mills, 8, Pittville Street; P. E. Pugh, 150, High Street; Halliday & Maisey, Ormond Place; and R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd., St. James' Square, to store 150 lbs., 112 lbs., 144 lbs., 112 lbs. and 224 lbs., of carbide of calcium, respectively, at their premises. The Inspector reported that the proposed places of storage were satisfactory. Resolved, That licences be granted accordingly.

8—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—Read, Circular letter from the Ministry of Labour, enclosing Summary of Scheme of insurance against unemployment, and a letter of the 6th instant, from the Hon. Secretary Cheltenham Municipal Officers' Guild, asking the Council to obtain a certificate of exception for the Staff, as was done under the National Health Insurance Acts. Resolved, That no action be taken.

9—Salaries and War Bonus--Read, letter of the 11th instant, from the Wages and Arbitration Department, Ministry of Labour, with reference to the request by the National Association of Local Government Officers for the application of the Civil Service scale of war bonuses, and asking the Committee to interview the Conciliation Officer of the Ministry. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Finance Committee.

10—Town Clerks' Department—Clerk—The Town Clerk reported that he had not received any suitable applications in response to advertisements for a Junior Clerk. Resolved, That the advertisement be inserted for a further week.

11— Association of Municipal Corporations--Autumn Meeting—Resolved, That the Mayor and Alderman Margrett be appointed to attend the Autumn Meeting of the Association.

12-Corporation Year Book, 1920-21—Resolved, That the undermentioned quotation of Mr. J. J. Gillham for printing the Corporation Year Book for 1920-21 be accepted Printing £30 6s. 3d., one hundred leather cases (insets for which will be issued from year to year) £26 13s. 6d., fifty books (cloth binding) £3 5s. 3d.

13—Coal Strike—Emergency Orders—The Town Clerk reported on the provisions of the following Orders issued by the Board of Trade, and dated the 16th instant, The Coal (Emergency) Order, 1920, The Lighting, Heating and Power (Emergency) Order, 1920, The Gas and Coal (Emergency) Order, 1920, and also The Local Authorities (Gas and Coal) Order, 1920, made by the Ministry of Health, and dated the 16th instant. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be appointed Executive Officer for the purposes of the Orders and, on the recommendation of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, that the Borough Electrical Engineer be also appointed Executive Officer for the purposes of the Order relating to supplies of electricity.

Offer of Coal-- Read, letter of the 18th instant, from Mr. Wm. Morgan, offering a supply of surplus coal for necessitous cases, and placing his car and chauffeur at the disposal of the Corporation for conveyance of food etc., if the strike should extend to the railways. Resolved, That Mr. Morgan be thanked for his offer.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 29th October, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Moore, Rogers and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

14- Taxi-Cab Service—Read. letter of the 25th inst., from Mr. R. P. Maw, stating that the following Resolution had been unanimously passed at a Meeting of the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association, held on the 24th inst., at which nearly 30 members were present :—

“That this Meeting of the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association undertakes, in the event of the Bristol Tramways Co. discontinuing the taxi-cab branch of their business, as stated in the Town Clerk's letter to Mr. Maw, of 20th October, 1920, to provide a Central Office, connected with the telephone, and a night service, as requested by the General Purposes Committee of the Town Council in such letter.”

The letter also asked that in future all licences, and renewals of licences, should only be granted to members of the Association.

Resolved, That Bye-laws be made substituting the undermentioned Scale of Fares for hire of motor carriages by distance for the Scale of Fares prescribed by the Bye-laws now in force, that notice be given of the intention of the Council to apply to the Ministry of Health for confirmation of the same, and that the Resolution contained in Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of the Committee at their Meeting of the 14th ult. be rescinded.

SCALE OF FARES.

For not more than 2 passengers	s.	d.	
If the distance does not exceed one mile ..		1	6
If the distance exceeds one mile—for the first mile ..	1	6	
“ “for every succeeding ¼ mile or part thereof	0	4 ½	
For every passenger exceeding two—for the distance of the journey ..	0	6	
For each package carried outside .	0	3	
For each bicycle or perambulator .	0	6	
Waiting time for 3 ¾ minutes .. •• •• ••	0	4 ½	

Between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m. the foregoing fares to be increased by 50 per cent.

Resolved also That the Council be not recommended to accede to the request that licences should only be granted to members of the Association.

13—Motor Vehicles—Examination Fee- —Resolved, That in future the fee for examination and report on motor vehicles, in respect of which licences are applied for, be paid by the applicant.

16—Motor Cab Licence—Read, application of the 23rd inst. from Mr. F. E. Tiesac for a motor cab licence. Resolved, That a licence be granted. subject to the receipt of a satisfactory report on the examination of the vehicle.

17—Motor-Cycle Cab Licence—Read, application of the 27th inst, from G. A. Aldridge (an ex-soldier), for a licence for a motor cycle and sidecar as a taxi-cab. Resolved, That a licence be granted, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory report on the examination of the vehicle, and also to a taximeter being fitted.

18—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Resolved, That F. E. Tiesac and G. A. Aldridge be granted drivers' licences

19—Motor Omnibus Licence-Read, application of the 27th inst., from the National Omnibus and Transport Co., Ltd., Stroud, for a licence in respect of a single-deck saloon omnibus, No. A D 8262. Resolved, That a licence be granted subject to the vehicle being approved by the Inspector.

20- Pawnbroker's Licence --Read, application of the 23rd inst., from Messrs. H. Higgins, Ltd., for a renewal of their Pawnbroker's Licence which expires on the 9th prox. Resolved. That a certificate of renewal for one year from the 9th November, 1920, be granted.

21—Light Railway—Fares— Read, letter of the 22nd inst., from the General Manager, Cheltenham & District Light Railway Co., enclosing copy of an Order dated the 14th inst., issued by the Ministry of Transport and made under the Tramways (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1920, modifying the statutory provisions regulating the charges for conveyance of passengers so that the Company may charge 2d. per mile or portion thereof, and submitting the following Scale of Fares proposed to be charged :—

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LANSDOWN AND CLEEVE HILL.

Present Fares and Sections.

Proposed New Fares and Sections.

Lansdown Castle and Calcutta Inn	1d.	Lansdown Castle and Calcutta Inn	1 ½ d.
Calcutta Inn and North Street ..	1d.	Calcutta Inn and North Street ..	1 ½ d.
North Street and Oaklands	1 ½ d.	North Street and Oaklands	2d.
Oaklands and Mill Lane ..	1 ½ d.	Oaklands and Mill Lane ..	2d.
Mill Lane and Southam ..	1 ½ d.	Mill Lane and Southam ..	2d.
Southam and Top of Cleeve Hill	2d.	Southam and Top of Cleeve Hill	3d.
Lansdown Castle and North Street	2d.	Lansdown Castle and North Street	3d.

Calcutta Inn and Oaklands	2 ½ d.	Calcutta Inn and Oaklands	3 ½ d.
North Street and Mill Lane	3d.	North Street and Mill Lane	4d.
Lansdown Castle and Oaklands	3 ½ d.	Lansdown Castle and Oaklands	5d.
Calcutta Inn and Mill Lane	4d.	Calcutta Inn and Mill Lane	5 ½ d.
Oaklands and Southam ..	3d.	Oaklands and Southam	4d.
Oaklands and Top of Cleeve Hill	5d.	Oaklands and Top of Cleeve Hill	7d.
North Street and Southam	4 ½ d.	North Street and Southam	6d.
Lansdown and Mill Lane	5d.	Lansdown and Mill Lane	7d.
Lansdown and Southam	5d.	Lansdown and Southam	9d.
North Street and Top of Cleeve Hill	5d.	North Street and Top of Cleeve Hill	9d.
Lansdown and Top of Cleeve Hill	6d.	Lansdown and Top of Cleeve Hill	1/-

LANSDOWN AND CHARLTON KINGS.

Lansdown and Calcutta Inn	1d.	Lansdown Castle and Calcutta Inn	1 ½ d.
Calcutta Inn and North Street ..	1d.	Calcutta Inn and North Street ..	1 ½ d.
North Street and Old Bath Road	1d.	North Street and Holy Apostles	2d.
Old Bath Road and Ryeworth Road	1d.		
Ryeworth Road and Charlton Kings	1d.	Holy Apostles and Charlton Kings	2d.
Lansdown and North Street .•	2d.		
Calcutta Inn and Old Bath Road	2d.	Lansdown and North Street	3d.
North Street and Ryeworth Road	2d.	Calcutta Inn and Holy Apostles	3 ½ d.
Old Bath Road and Charlton Kings	2d.	North Street and Charlton Kings	4d.
Lansdown and Old Bath Road ..	3d.		
Calcutta Inn and Ryeworth Road	3d.	Lansdown and Holy Apostles	5d.
Calcutta Inn and Charlton Kings	4d.	Calcutta Inn and Charlton Kings	5 ½ d.
Lansdown and Charlton Kings ..	5d.	Lansdown and Charlton Kings	7d.

NORTH STREET AND LECKHAMPTON.

North Street and Thirlestaine Road 1d. North Street and Norwood Arms 2d.

Thirlestaine Road and Leckhampton Station 1d.

Leckhampton Station and Leckhampton 1d. Norwood Arms and Leckhampton 2d.

North Street and Leckhampton 3d. North Street and Leckhampton 4d.

The General Manager (Mr. McCormick) attended the Meeting and intimated that he hoped to make a reduction for return tickets from North Street to the Top of Cleeve Hill. Resolved, That the revised scale of fares be agreed to, subject to the right of the Corporation to terminate the agreement at any time after six months by three months' notice.

22-County Council-Representation-Read, letter of the 23rd inst., from the Clerk of the County Council, stating that as only one County Councillor could be elected for each electoral division it would be necessary for the Wards in the Borough to be re-divided if additional representation was to be obtained, and asking to be supplied with proposals and maps showing the suggested electoral divisions, and suggesting also that a proposal for 8 representatives instead of 6 as at present should be put forward. Resolved, That the Mayor and the Chairman (Alderman Margrett) be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report on the matter.

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23—Women Police—Read, letter of the 20th inst., from the Clerk of the Standing Joint Committee, stating that the Chief Constable had suggested that the 2 women police stationed in Cheltenham should be retained, but that these would have to be in addition to the male police at present serving in the Borough. It would therefore be necessary to apply to the Secretary of State for his sanction to such increase. The rates of pay suggested for the women police were as follows:-

Constables--60/- weekly, rising by annual increments of 2/- a week to 80/-, with an extra 2/6 after 17 years' service, and a further 2/6 after 22 years' service.

Sergeants—90/- weekly, rising by annual increments of 2/6 a week to 102/6.

Free accommodation to be provided, or rent allowance paid, and the women to be entitled to uniform, boot and other non-pensionable allowances paid to other members of the Force.

The present pay and allowances for the women police were as follows :—

Pay-40/-per week, rising by annual increments of 1/- to 48/-, with an extra 1/- after 15 years' service, and an additional 1/- after 20 years' service.

Bonus-5/6 per week.

1/c Allowance—2/6 per week to the senior where two or three are employed, 5/- where four or more are employed.

Uniform Allowance-£12 per annum. Boot Allowance-£6 per annum.

The Town Clerk reported that according to the agreement with the County and the several endorsements made thereon the male police force should comprise:—

Superintendent, 2 Inspectors, 7 Sergeants, 63 Constables. Total, 73.

but it appeared from the Report of the Chief Constable that it consisted of -

1 Superintendent, 2 Inspectors, 8 Sergeants, 64 Constables. Total 75.

in addition to which there were 2 women (1 Sergeant and 1 Constable), making a total of 77.

Read, letter of the 26th inst., from Mrs. M. H. Jordan, forwarding a memorial adopted by a Joint Committee of the various Women's Societies of the Borough in favour of the retention of the women police. Read also, letter from Rev P. M. C. Johnstone, Chairman of the National Vigilance Association, asking the Committee to receive a Deputation on the question of the retention of the women police.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to agree to the retention of the two women police provided the total strength of the force shall not exceed 75, and subject to rates of pay being arranged satisfactorily.

Resolved, also, That the Standing Joint Committee be informed that in the opinion of the Council the rate of pay for women police should not exceed the following :--

Constables-50/- weekly, rising by annual increments of 2/- to 70/-, with an extra 2/6 after 17 years' service, and a further 2/6 after 22 years' service.

Sergeants.-70/- weekly, rising by annual increments of 2/6 a week to 90/-

Free accommodation to be provided, or rent allowance paid, and the women to be entitled to uniform, boot and other non-pensionable allowances paid to other members of the Force.

24--Town Clerk's Department—Clerk—The Town Clerk reported that he had not received any suitable applications in response to repeated advertisements. Resolved, That the notice to Miss I. E. May to terminate her appointment be withdrawn.

25—National Relief Fund Committee—Read, letter of 21st inst., from Mr. A. E. Hunt, resigning his membership of this Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 13th October, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Clara Winterbotham and Stewart (Councillor Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,726 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 15th September. (Corresponding period last year 2,028).

The sale of Post Cards for the month had realised £5 2s. 2d.

The following gifts had been received:—

Executors of the late Briton Riviere, 2 Oil Paintings, "Old Bath Road, 1850," by William Riviere, and "Lost or Strayed," by Briton Riviere ; A. B. Burney, Esq., Water-Colour Sketch by Daniel Valentine Riviere ; Lady Dixon Hartland, 3 Studies by Sir E. J. Poynter, P.R.A. ; Capt. R. P. Wild, Evolution of Gold Coast native basket (6 exhibits) ; Miss Austin, War relics and photographs; Mrs. Cockram, Rubbings of monumental brasses.

2—Art Exhibition—Resolved. That the use of the Art Gallery be granted to the Cheltenham Group of Artists for an exhibition for four weeks from the 25th inst.

3 —Picture—"1/5th Gloucesters at Herbuterne,"—The Curator reported that the Editor of the "Chronicle and Graphic" had applied for permission to publish a reproduction of this picture in the " Graphic," and had expressed his willingness to insert a foot note that reproductions were on sale at the Art Gallery. Resolved, That permission be granted accordingly, on the understanding that reproductions of the Press photograph are not to be sold.

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee was duly convened to be held on Wednesday, the 20th October, 1920:

Present—Councillors Boulter and Sawyer.

In the absence of a quorum no business was transacted.

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd October, 1920: Present—Councillors Mann, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the Chair).

1—Care of Graves—Nos. Xx 5164 and 5165--The following quotations for cleaning and repairing the memorial stones on these graves were submitted :—R. L. Boulton & Sons £4 11s. 6d., D. A. Bowd £3 16s. 0d. Resolved, That the quotation of Mr. D. A. Based to execute the necessary repairs, etc., at the price of £3 16s. 0d accepted.

2—Repairs, Painting, etc.—The following tenders for repairs, painting, etc., were submitted :—A. Wilson & Son £40 1s. 10d., Billings & Sons £39 3s. 0d., W. Seward £31 15s. 0d., G. Maslin £25 0s. 0d., W. E. Hazelby

£20 5s. 0d., and R. G. Berryman £14 0s. 0d. Resolved, That the tender of R.G. Berryman of £14 0s. 0d. accepted.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6308 to 6319 (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 Crosses and Kerbing to the graves of Joseph Charles Hill and Eliza Pacy (and adjoining space). Kerbing to grave of Amelia Harriet Langton.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 12th October, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Pates; Messrs. E. Gridley, A. Miles, E. C. Rogers, and Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone, (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £7 19s. 9d. ; Presentations: Trustees of British Museum (2 vols., 6 pamphlets) : Madame Rivoira (1 vol.)

The Number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of September last was 3,406; and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 9,805, and from the Children's Library 1,882.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th October. Present The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillor Moore, and Mr. J. R. Claridge (The Deputy Mayor in the Chair).

They recommended :--

(a) That the best thanks of the Committee be extended to Miss Minna Browning for her excellent script-writing of the Roll of Honour.

(b) That Miss Newcombe, of Churchdown, be allowed to become a Pupil Assistant at the Library without salary.

(c) That New Books and Replacements as per lists submitted by the Librarian, be purchased at a cost not exceeding £25

respectively.

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 26th October, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Dicks, Moore and Wilkins (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 the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £36,466 3s. 1d. Voids and Excused £918 11s. 9d. Leaving outstanding, £54 0s. 7d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended the 29th September ult. Amount collected £13,795 19s. 3d. Leaving outstanding, £2,818 2s. 5d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £10,850 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

4—Housing Account—Balance at Bank—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to place as much of the

balance to the credit of this account as is not immediately required for housing purposes, on deposit at interest.

5—Housing Scheme—Fire Insurance —Read, General Housing Memorandum (No. 37) from the Ministry of Health intimating that it had been decided that, in accordance with the general practice of the public service, no actual insurance should be effected against fire of any houses included in an Assisted Housing Scheme, so long as they remained the property of the Local Authority, and that any loss which might arise would fall upon the Exchequer.

6—Salaries and War Bonus—Read, letter of the 11th inst., from the Wages and Arbitration Department, Ministry of Labour, with reference to the request by the National Association of Local Government Officers, for the application of the Civil Service Scales of war bonuses, and asking the Committee to interview the Conciliation Officer of Ministry. Resolved, That the Conciliation Officer be invited to attend a Joint Meeting of the General Purposes and Watch Committee and Finance Committee at an early date.

7—Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920—Read, circular letter from the Ministry of Labour enclosing Summary of Scheme for insurance against unemployment.

8—Food Control Committee—Read, letter of the 7th inst. from the Divisional Food Commissioner, intimating that the Corporation's claim for £238 14s. 7d. had been forwarded to the Ministry of Food for payment.

9—Education Act, 1918 —Scholarships—Read, letter of the 16th 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 £602 9s. 6d., in connection with the instruction of scholars at the Cheltenham Grammar School. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

10—Representation of the People Act, 1918—Cost—Resolved, That in view of the cost of the preparation of the Register of Electors, this Committee is of opinion that the Register should be published yearly, instead of half-yearly as at present, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ministry of Health.

Registration Account and Expenses—The Town Clerk reported that the District Auditor considered that the Registration Account should be kept by him as Registration Officer, and all payments made through him. Resolved, That an advance of £150 be made to the Town Clerk on account of Registration expenses.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town Committee of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Tuesday, the 9th November, 1920, at 12 noon, Present :

Alderman Charles Henry Margrett (in the chair),

The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel),

Aldermen Green, Horsley and Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Jamieson, 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—Election of Councillors—The Town Clerk reported the election on the 1st inst. of the following as Councillors :-

Daniel Regan for the North Ward; William Welstead for the Central Ward;

Clara Frances Winterbotham for the East Ward;

James Moore for the South Ward. ;

Hugh William Thomas for the Middle Ward;

Ernest Rogers for the West Ward;

and laid before the Council their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

2—Election of Mayor—It was unanimously Resolved, That Alderman John David Bendall be and he is hereby re-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 he had appointed Alderman Robert Steel to be his Deputy, and it was Resolved, That such appointment be recorded upon the Minutes of the Council.

4—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. :—

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Alderman Margrett North Ward

“ Green Central Ward

“ Taylor East Ward

“ Horsley South Ward

“ Bendall Middle Ward

“ Steel West Ward

5—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 4th October 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.

6—Appointment and Duties of Committees—Public Health Committee—

Resolved, That for the purpose of this resolution Standing Order No. 20 be suspended and that the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year :—Aldermen Green, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, 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, 3G, 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 By-laws made by the Council with regard thereto, so far only as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

To deal with the repair and reconstruction of all sewers in the Borough and with the outfall sewers and sewage tanks and the control and treatment of the sewage and to have the management and control of the Sewage Farms of the Corporation, and the purchase and sale of stock, farming implements, etc.

To deal with the cleansing of watercourses and their 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, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Jamieson, 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, Aldermen Margrett and Steel, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Jamieson, Mann, Regan, Rogers, Stewart and Yarnold Dr. Cardew, Mrs. E. Booy, Mrs. McArthur, Miss C. S. Barnard, Miss H. Foster and Miss Hill.

Street and Highway Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Wilkins 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 other sanitary matters) and to consider all proposed public street improvements. To consider and report upon any matters arising in connection with the Cheltenham and District Light Railway within the Borough or in connection with the Bye-laws made by the Council with reference thereto.

To have the management of the Central Depot and the horses, materials and carts, etc., and any matters in connection with the Borough Surveyor's Department and of any properties acquired by the Corporation in respect of street improvements. To deal with matters in connection with Street Projections. To enforce the provisions of the following Acts as far as regards new streets and buildings : The Public Health Acts,- the Public Health (Building in Streets) Act, 1888, The Cheltenham Improvement Acts, 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 Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas, 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, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Thomas, 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.

Water Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Water Committee for the ensuing year :-- The Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, 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 connect with their Water Undertaking. To carry into effect the provisions of the Cheltenham Water Acts, 1878 and 1881, and the Provisional Orders amending the same.

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General Purposes and Watch Committee-(Chairman of the several Standing Committees, when appointed).

Resolved, That the powers and ditties 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 :—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Boulter, 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.

To regulate and manage the Public Walks. and Pleasure Grounds (except those specifically referred to the other Committees) and the Buildings thereon.

To regulate and manage the Allotments owned or rented by the Corporation under the Allotments Act.

Burial Board committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Burial Board Committee for the ensuing year :—Alderman Steel, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Jamieson, Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart and Yarnold, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Cemetery and all matters relating thereto.

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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 Boulter, Dicks, Moore, Whitaker and Wilkins, 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 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, Wilkins and Yarnold; Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone, Dr. R. Davies, Messrs. W. R. Carles, F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, W. G. Gurney, A. Miles, W. J. Moore and E. C. Rogers as Consulting members, 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 :—Aldermen Green, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Edith Geddes. Clara Winterbotham, Stewart, Thomas and Yarnold; 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, subject to the proceedings of the Committee being submitted from time to time for confirmation by the Council.

Education Committee-

Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Aldermen Horsley, Margrett, Steel and Taylor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham. Mann, Moore, Regan, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Welstead, Whitaker and Yarnold.

Resolved also, That Mr. F. C. Dodwell be appointed a member of the Education Committee in the place of Mr. Councillor Welstead, who had been appointed as a member of the Council.

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Distress Committee-

Resolved, That the Following be appointed members of the Distress Committee as representatives of the Council, namely : The Mayor (Alderman Bendall), Aldermen Green and Steel, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara, Winterbotham, Mann, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Welstead and Wilkins that Miss Rowbotham and Mr. F. C. Dodwell be appointed as representatives of the Board of Guardians, 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 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, 1921, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

7—Appointment of Delancey Trustees—Resolved, That Alderman Steel, Councillors Edith Geddes and Boulter, Dr. R. Kirkland, Messrs. W. G. Gurney and J. Waghorne be appointed Representative Trustees of Delancey Hospital for a further term of three years.

8—National Kitchen—Read, letter of the 1st inst. from the Hon. Secretary, National Kitchens. Committee, stating that the Committee had decided to recommend the Town Council to authorise the invitation of tenders by advertisement for taking over the National Kitchen, Clarence Street, as a going concern, as in the opinion of the Committee the national emergency for which the Kitchen was provided had passed, and it would be a favourable time for the disposal of the Kitchen without loss to the Corporation. The Ministry of Food had been informed of the proposal and raised no objection thereto, but pointed out that, in the event of the Kitchen being disposed of, the balance of the loan would become repay-able immediately. Resolved, That the National Kitchens Committee be authorised to invite tenders accordingly.

9—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 October 11	21
Housing • • •	“ “	18 27
Maternity and Child Welfare ...	Meeting held “	21
Street and Highway	“ “	25*

*Subject to the following amendment, viz.:—" That Minute No. 9 with reference to fencing round and painting the tank, be hick for further consideration."

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Town Improvement and Spa	Meetings held October 15	22
Electricity and Lighting	“ “	18 21
Water	“ “	14
General Purposes and Watch	“ “	19 29
Art Gallery and Museum	“ “	13
Burial Board Public	“ “	22
Library	“ “	12
Finance	“ “	26

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

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 6th December, 1920.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, 11th November, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Great: and Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Moore, Rogers, Welstead and Whitaker.

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

2--Farms Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold be appointed the Farms Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3- Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Rogers and Whitaker be appointed representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4 --Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :-73, Union Street;. 47, Naunton Crescent; 10, Great Western Terrace: 2, Marsh Law: Christ Church Lodge; 1 and 2, Elm Gardens; and 8, Lansdown Crescent (Flat No. 3). 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 sire. pattern, and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

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

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6—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 17, Naunton Crescent; 45, Rosehill Street; 3, Christ Church Terrace; 12, Regent Place;. 10, Great Western Terrace ; 6, Corpus Street; Melbourne Cottage, Milsom Street; 1 and 2, Elm Gardens; Bruton Cottage, Portland Street; 1, Fairhaven Street; and 38, Upper Park 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.

7—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 8 Bath Terrace ; 53 and 63, Union 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.

28, Suffolk Parade—Read, letter of the 11th inst. from Mr. Ronald McLaren, Solicitor, acting for Mrs. S. Farthing, to whom notice had been given under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring her to do certain drainage works, stating that Mrs. Farthing, whose means were limited, would be unable to meet the expense of such works except by small repayments.

The Inspector of Nuisances submitted the following estimates for the works in question--S. Marchant 10s. 0d., Mealing & Co. £48 15s. 0d., D. L. Turner & Co. £48 13s. 9d., and E. J. Knight & Son £40 0s. 0d. Resolved, That the works be executed by the Corporation, and that an order be made under Sec. 41 declaring the same to be private improvement expenses and repayable by annual instalments within a period of not exceeding to years with interest at 5 per cent.

Resolved also, That the tender of Messrs. E. J. Knight & Son, to carry out the works for the sum of £40 be accepted

8—Insanitary -12, Regent Place, Swindon Road; 4, Waterloo Terrace; 2, St. Anne's Terrace ; 45, Rosehill Street; 3, Christ Church Terrace; and Melbourne Cottage, 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.

55, St. George's. Plaice and 1 and 2, Long's Court—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the drains of these premises had been found to be blocked, and asked for authority to serve notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the owners to abate the nuisances within three days. Resolved. That authority be given for notices to be served, and, failing compliance therewith, the Town Clerk be authorised to take proceedings to enforce the penalties.

9—Sanitary Condition of Theatres, etc.—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at their meeting on the 13th September last, all the public places of entertainment in the town had been visited. The sanitary condition of the several premises was found to be fairly satisfactory with the following exceptions: Billiard Hall, North Street, and North Street Picture House, at which defects, which constituted a nuisance, were found. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance and injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring aliens to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry' out the works specified therein.

10—Water Closets without Flushing Apparatus—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following houses had water closets without efficient flushing apparatus, viz. ---

16 and 17, Rosehill Street—Resolved, That Notices under Sections 28 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act. 1889, be given to the owners, requiring them to provide the necessary flushing apparatus, and to the occupiers to lay on a proper supply of water thereto, and that in default of compliance with such notices, proceedings be taken to enforce the penalties.

11—Common Lodging Houses—The Medical Officer of Health reported that applications had been received from Mrs. A. A. Evans, Nelson Inn, High Street, and Cumberland House, Grove Street, and Mr. T. E. Young, 20 and 21, Stanhope Street for renewal of their registration as keepers of Common Lodging Houses. Resolved, That the registration be renewed for one year from the 9th inst.

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12-Surrender of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported surrender of 16 cwts. 14 lbs. beef; 3 cwts. 7 lbs. mutton; 16 lbs. bacon ; 11 cwt. fish, and 34 tins of milk, meat, fish, etc.

13--Medical Officer of Health—Salary—Read, letter of the 21st ult. from the Ministry of Health, stating that the Ministry approved payment to the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. J. H. Garrett) of an increased salary at the rate of £800 per annum, as from the 1st ult.

14—Use of Milk—Read, Circular 121 of the 20th ult. from the Ministry of Health, enclosing pamphlets with reference to the special value of milk as a food. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for consideration and report.

15---Census, 1921—Read, Circular (120054/20) of the 1st inst. from the Registrar-General, with reference to the Census, 1921, under which it will be competent for an authority to be supplied with Census statistics relating to its area not included in the published Census Reports, and intimating that the department would endeavour to delimit the boundaries of enumeration districts to inert the authority's requirements, on receipt of a representation not later than the 20th prox. Resolved. That the letter be referred to the Medical Officer of Health for consideration and report.

16—Humane Slaughter of Animals—Read, Circular letter (G.A.7994/20) of the 20th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, enclosing copy memorandum issued to the Press as to the humane slaughter of animals, and expressing the hope that local authorities having control or supervision over the slaughter of animals would, as far as possible, adopt the humane methods of slaughter therein advocated.

17—Housing of the Working Classes Act—Improvement Scheme—Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman (Councillor Rogers) Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Moore and Yarnold be re-appointed a Sub-Committee for the purpose of the preparation of a Scheme.

Stanhope Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that Colonel Hunter, representing the Housing Commissioner, interviewed the Mayor, the Chairman (Councillor Rogers), the Town Clerk, the Medical Officer of Health and himself on the end inst. with reference to the proposed Improvement Scheme in respect of the Stanhope Street area. He did not think the Ministry would sanction tenement houses, and suggested that the scheme might provide for semi-detached or blocks of houses to replace the existing ones as they become unoccupied. He afterwards inspected the area in company with the Medical Officer and the Borough Surveyor. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a preliminary plan and estimate as soon as possible.

18—Hayden Farm Cottages—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Inspector of Nuisances and he were present at an inspection of these cottages made on the 4th inst. by the Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council, when it was agreed that certain repairs to the premises were necessary to put them into good condition. He submitted a list of the proposed repairs, the cost of which he estimated at 470. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the repairs carried out.

19-Sewer --Rear Suffolk Lawn—The Borough Surveyor reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee, their Meeting on the 9th August last, a new sewer had been laid at the rear of Suffolk Lawn, the old sewer having found to be in a very defective condition.

20-Montpellier Gardens—Ladies' Lavatory—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Ladies' Lavatory was almost completed and suggested that arrangements should be made as to charges, management, etc. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

21-Delancey Hospital-Charges—Resolved, That application be made to Mr. Baker, Alstone Lawn, Millbrook Street, for of the sum of £5 in respect of the treatment of his wife at the Delancey Hospital from 27th September to 22nd October.

E. ROGERS,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 15th November, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Moore, Rogers, Thomas, Welstead Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

22—Houses Unfit for Human Habitation—House over Stable, 9, Lansdown Terrace—Read, letter of the 13th inst., from Mr. C. H. Reason, the owner, consenting 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. until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose, that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice of such Order be given to the Owner.

20 and 21, Malvern Street---Mrs. Starter, the Owner. attended the Meeting and asked that the question of making a Closing Order should be deferred to enable her to consider what should be done to the property. Resolved. That the matter be adjourned for six months.

2, Jersey Street—Mr. W. W. Powell, on behalf of the Owner, attended the Meeting and asked that the question of making a Closing Order should be deferred for twelve months to enable the Owner to render the premises fit for human habitation. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for twelve months subject to certain necessary alterations and repairs being carried out at once in accordance with the specification of, and to the satisfaction of, the Inspector of Nuisances.

23—Delancey Hospital Fees—The Committee considered list of outstanding fees for treatment of patients at Delancey Hospital. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to have a personal application made for payment. in each case.

24—Sewer—Commercial Street—The Borough Surveyor reported that the sewer in Commercial Street was defective and would cost about £450 to reconstruct. The sewer was included in the South-Eastern and Tivoli District, for which a loan had been sanctioned. Resolved, That the work be put in hand forthwith.

25—Montpellier Gardens—Ladies' Lavatory—The Town Clerk reported that the Town Improvement and Spa Committee preferred to leave it to this Committee to make arrangements with regard to this Lavatory. Resolved. That the following arrangements be made —

Attendant—That Mrs. Newman be asked to undertake the duties of Attendant on terms to be arranged.

Hours of Opening--to a.m. to 6 p.m. during Winter months.

Charges—That the following charges be made : Lavatory 1d., Toilet 2d.

26—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—Reported meeting on 15th inst. Present —The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors 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 15th inst. was 11 horses (2 at Depot), 1 calf, 123 head of cattle, 32 lambs, 84 sheep, and 23 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 1 barren cow had been purchased for £30. 13 pigs and 2 calves had been bred on the Farms. 13 cows, 9 sheep, 11 lambs, 16 pigs, 4 calves, 23 heifers and 1 sow had been sold for £1,688 3s. 11d. 1 cow had been slaughtered owing to illness.

Farm Labourer's Cottage—Fencing—Resolved, That the question of fencing oil the garden be deferred until the Spring.

Purchases and Sales--Resolved, That to meet the requirements of the District Auditor the Farms .Manager be instructed to keep a book giving particulars of all stock purchased or bred on the Farms. and accounting

for the disposal of the same. Resolved, also, That the Farms Manager be instructed to consult with the Chairman and obtain his authority for all purchases and sales of stock.

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

E. ROGERS,

Chairman

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HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, 22nd November, 1920: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Jamieson, Regan and Rogers.

Captain Yates (Housing Inspector) attended the meeting.

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

2---Housing Bonds Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Taylor and Councillors Jamieson and Moore be appointed the Housing Bonds Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Libertus Road—Mr. W. Blakey attended the Meeting and it was arranged that he should pay the sum of £150 towards the cost of Private Improvement Works at the entrance to the Housing Estate, the Committee agreeing to erect a new fence along the improved line of frontage. Resolved, That the work of paving, kerbing and channelling the footpath be proceeded with, subject to Mr. Blakey entering into an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, embodying the above-mentioned terms.

4-Selection of Tenants—The Committee considered Scheme for the selection of Tenants (copy of which accompanies these Minutes). Resolved, That the Scheme be adopted.

5—Stable—Resolved, That the stable at rear of Benhall Cottages be let at an annual rent of £6 plus rates

6 —Extended Lay-out—Competitive Tenders—The Architects submitted detailed lay-out plan providing for a further 200 houses (including 40 for which tenders had been invited).

The Town Clerk submitted letter of the 17th inst., from the Ministry of Health, with reference to the adoption of special forms of construction and Captain Yates stated that the Ministry were anxious that forms of special construction should be seriously considered, especially those which would utilise the largest proportion of unskilled labour. Resolved, That tenders be invited for the erection of about 150 further houses of any form of construction.

7—Architects' Fees—Resolved, That the Architects (Messrs. Chatters, Smithson and Rainger) be paid a further sum of £1,539 1s. 7d. on account of fees.

8-- Housing Bonds Conference—Read, letter of the 16th inst., from the Ministry of Health (Local Housing Bonds Branch) inviting the attendance of a representative at a Conference on Housing Bonds, to be held at Bristol on the 29th inst. Resolved, That Mr. Councillor Jamieson be appointed to attend.

9—National Housing and Town Planning Council—Read, letter of the 4th inst., from the National Housing and Town Planning Council, inviting the attendance of representatives at a Regional Conference to be held at Bristol on the 1st prox. Resolved. That the Town Clerk be appointed to attend.

10— Ministry of Health Type Plans, etc.—The Architects reported that in accordance with the Committee's instructions they had examined the plans submitted by Captain Yates at the last Meeting, and were of opinion that Nos. 163 and 164 were most suitable for adoption, and they recommended that these be included in future contracts. Resolved, That this be approved.

11-Type Plans M.N.—Approval—Read, letter of the 10th inst., from the Housing Commissioner, approving type plans M.N. subject to any modification that may be required by the Ministry of Health before tenders are finally accepted.

12—Naming of Roads—Resolved, That the roads on the Housing Estate be named after the English Poets, and that the selection of names be made at the next meeting.

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13-Advisory Committee N.F.B.T.O.—Report —Read, letter of the 20th inst. from the Advisory Committee, enclosing recommendations for minor alterations in the houses in course of erection, and suggestion, for further variety in the elevation of future houses. Resolved, That consideration of the report be deferred until the next meeting.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th November, 1920 Present—The Delia). Mayor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Jamieson, Rogers, Stewart and Yarnold : Miss H. B. Foster, Nurse Hill and Miss Barnard.

1-Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Edith Geddes be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2-- Health Visitor —The Medical Officer of Health reported that consequent on the resignation by Miss E. E. Elliott, he had advertised for a Health Visitor, and submitted applications from the following :—Cook, Frances, Bideford; Cooper, Gertrude E., Didsbury ; Jordan, Helen M.. King's College for Women, London ; and Turner, Gertrude E., Wotton-under-Edge. Resolved, That Miss Helen M. Jordan be appointed at an inclusive salary of £70 per annum, rising by annual increments of £10 to £200. subject to her obtaining the Certificate from King's College that she has satisfactorily passed the recognised examination connected with the special course of training recommended by the Ministry of Health for Health Visitors, that her duties conscience as soon as such certificate is obtained, and that the appointment be determinable by one month's notice in writing on either side.

3—Centres—Read, Circular 135 of the 12th inst., from the Ministry of Health urging Local Authorities to render such financial assistance to Voluntary Societies as may be necessary, with a view to ensuring the continuance of the work of these Societies.

EDITH M. H. GEDDES.

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held 071 Tuesday, the 16th November, 1920 Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Wilkins and Yarnold.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Mayor 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:

Plants—The Mayor, Councillors Mann and Wilkins.

Requisitions (Stationery, etc.) The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann and Yarnold.

Stores--The Mayor, Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold.

Trees—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Wilkins.

3—Clarence Street Paving—The Borough Surveyor reported that considerable alterations to the footpaths would be required to make a satisfactory cross fall to the carriageway, and that it would also be desirable, where necessary, to relay the tramway margins in order to adjust them to new levels. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to proceed with the work.

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4--Naunton Lamp Tip --Read, letter of the 2nd inst., from Mr. Councillor Moore with regard to Naunton Lane tip. Resolved, That the tip be inspected by the Committee at the next View Meeting.

5— St. George's Road (Footpath, South side, from Lane near Bayshill Road to "Donabate") --Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification, plan and estimates of the works required to be done to the above street. Resolved, the same be approved; and that Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 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.

Paving;--Resolved, That the existing stone paving, as far as Western Road, be replaced by concrete-slab paving out of monies provided in the estimates.

6—Lane—Great Norwood Street-to Providence Cottages—Private Improvement Works---The Borough Surveyor submitted plan, specification 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 150 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be sewered, levelled, 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.

7—Borough Surveyor's Department—Stores Clerk—Read, letters of the 16th inst., from Mr. J. E. Ponting, junior, and the Secretary, Cheltenham Municipal Officers' Guild, respectively, asking the Council to reconsider their decision of the 6th September last, that Mr. Ponting be given three months' notice to terminate his appointment. Resolved, That the notice be suspended pending further consideration.

8-- Pollution of Fisheries—Read, Circular letter (R E 248) from the Ministry of Transport, forwarding a memorandum relating to the pollution of fisheries by washings from roads. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Borough Surveyor for consideration.

9-- Workmen—Wages—Read, letter of the 13th inst., from the Secretary, Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, enclosing the following extract from the proceedings of the Joint Industrial Council, with reference to the request of the Town Council for the re-grading of Cheltenham, and asking to be informed as to the intention of the Town Council in the matter.

" Having heard Councillors Pates and Mann on behalf of the Cheltenham Borough it was resolved:—

That the grading of Cheltenham Borough remain as at present and that a suggestion be made to the Borough that the Corporation might meet the Trade Union Representatives in a friendly Conference, when local arrangements might be made to reach the minimum by graduated payments to avoid a big jump in the rates."

Resolved, That a further advance of 2/6 per week be granted to all workmen (except the 'electricity workmen and destructor stokers).

Provincial Industrial Council -Representative—Resolved. That Mr. Councillor rates be nominated for appointment as the representative of the Boroughs of Cheltenham and Tewkesbury on the Joint Industrial Council.

10 -Aged Sweeper-Resolved, That the Trustees of the Baker Memorial Fund be recommended to grant £1 to the widow of Thomas who had been in the employ of the Corporation for twenty years and had recently died.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th November, 1920: Present-The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pales, Wilkins and Yarnold (Tire Mayor in the chair),

11—Street Projections-324, High Street--Resolved, That the application of Pearks' Dairy Company, Ltd, for permission to fix a rigid enamelled iron sign in front of these premises, be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

12—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 22nd October to the 25th, November 1920 (both dates inclusive).

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 18th November, 1920, 897 loads collected, 634 consumed, and 263 tipped away. Weight consumed, 925 tons 7 cwts.

13—Price of Slabs —Resolved, That the price of slabs be increased to 6/6 per square yard, forthwith.

14—Normal Terrace—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted Specifications, Plans and Estimates of the Works required to be done to the above streets. 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 street 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 do 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.

15 —Libertus Road—Private Improvement Works—Resolved. That the arrangement recommended by the Housing Committee to be made with Mr. W. Blakey, whereby he is to pay the sum of £150 towards the cost of Private Improvement Works at the entrance to the Housing Estate, be approved, and the work of paving, kerbing, and channelling the footpath be proceeded with.

16--Tenders for Trees —Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. A. S. Barradell & Co., Ltd., of £33 3s. 6d.. for trees, being the highest tender, be accepted.

17--Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting held on the 29th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and confirmed.

18—Unemployment—Arterial Roads—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter of the 25th inst., from the Roads Department, Ministry of Transport, with reference to schemes of work on arterial roads to provide labour for the unemployed, and inviting him to wait on the Ministry for the purpose of discussing details of any schemes which could be commenced without delay.

The Committee considered several suggestions put forward by the Borough Surveyor and instructed him to lay these before the Ministry with the Committee's observations thereon.

19—Tank—Painting—The Committee considered the reference back by the Council at their last Meeting. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor obtain tenders for painting the tank.

20-Workmen- Wages-Read, letter of the 22nd inst., from the Employers' Secretary, Joint Industrial Council, notifying the decision that the grading of Cheltenham Borough remain as at present, as reported to the Committee at its last Meeting (Minute No. 9).

22-15, Ambrose Street—Resolved, That the rent of No. 15, Ambrose Street, be increased by 4/1 per week.

23-View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on 'Wednesday, the 24th instant .— Councillors Mann and Pates.

They recommended as follows :-

Clarence Street— Pavement Lights—That no objection be offered to the three lights and coal plate proposed to be fixed in the pavement opposite No. 25

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Shelburne Road — Kerbing, etc.--That kerbing and channelling be laid for a length of 70 yards, and the suggested improvement at the junction with Hatherley Road be approved.

Naunton Lane— Tip—That tipping be continued with special precautions to avoid nuisance.

Prestbury Road—Tree—That the lime tree by No. 3, Pittville Villas, be removed.

Montpellier—Trees—That 2 beech trees at side of Beechwood House be removed, and 2 mop-headed acacias substituted.

Montpellier Drive—Trees—That 3 trees by St. Michael's be not removed.

High Street—Tree—That the lime tree by No. 2 be removed.

Hewlett Road—Tree—That the tree by Pembridge Villa be not removed.

Pittville Circus Road—Trees—That 7 trees indicated be removed.

Whaddon Lane—Tree—That the tree on land belonging to Mr. Wonson be removed, subject to the owner's consent. Resolved, That the recommendations 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, 29th November, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Rogers and Wilkins.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Mayor 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.
1512	Cheltenham College Council	Corrugated iron store sheds, Bath Road.
1513	Miss Penraven	New bay window at rear of Home Lea, Charlton Lane.
1514	Rev. P. W. Unwin	Motor House, Hazelwell, College Road.
1515	British Petroleum Co., Ltd.	Steel framed and corrugated iron buildings for tilling and painting sheds, also corrugated iron on timber framing for Office and Cloakrooms, Great Western Railway's premises, Leckhampton Station.
1516	Miss Burridge	New W.C. at rear of 11 Montpellier Villas.

Resolved, That Plans Nos. 1552, 1513, 1515 and 1517 be approved; and that Plan No. 1514 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 ; and that Plan No. 1516 be approved subject to the drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 12th November, 1920: Present—Councillors Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer and Stewart.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Stewart be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year

2--Concerts Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Jamieson, Pates, Stewart and Thomas be appointed the Concerts Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Medical Baths—Vichy Douche Bath—The Borough Surveyor submitted tender from Messrs. Shanks & Co, Ltd., for substituting a Vichy Douche and Needle Bath for the existing Vapour Bath. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

Masseuse' Uniform--Resolved, That an allowance of £2 10s. per annum be made to Sister Godecharle towards the cost of uniform to be provided by her in accordance with Minute No. 7 (a) of the proceedings of the Committee at their Meeting on the 14th May last.

Patients' Waterproof Caps"—Resolved, That six waterproof caps be provided for patients at a cost of £1

Photographs—Resolved, That photographs of the Medical Baths be purchased for showcase at a cost of £4

4—Montpellier Gardens—Ladies' Lavatory—Resolved, That this Committee leave it to the Public Health Committee to make arrangements for the management of this lavatory.

Archery Meeting—Read, letter of the 7th inst., from the Grand National Archery Society stating that it was proposed to hold the 14th Annual Meeting in Cheltenham from July 5th-8th if a suitable ground could be obtained. Resolved, 'That details of the Society's proposed arrangements be ascertained with a view to granting them the use of Montpellier Gardens.

5—Alstone Baths—Reports— Read, report as to the number of baths during the past season sheaving an increase in every department, except the open-air bath, which showed a decrease, viz. 1069 as against 3303 during the previous season.

6—Town Hall—Keys—Resolved, That the following be authorised to hold keys of the Town Hall :-

Master Keys—Town Clerk, Boroughs Surveyor, Spa Manager, Custodian and Electrician.

Side Door Key—Assistant Custodian and Musical Director for the time being.

Main Door Key—Manageress of Information Bureau and Head Spa Attendant.

Resolved, also, That the Spa Manager be instructed to see that the keys are given up by persons leaving the service of the Corporation.

Pianos—Tuning—Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Dale Forty & Co., Ltd., for tuning the two pianos bi-monthly at a cost of £3 6s. per annum, be accepted.

7--Advertising—Resolved, That the following payments be made to the Federation of British Spas:—

Contributions to Advertising Scheme £107 10s. 7d.

Advertising in Wright's Medical Annual for 1920-21 £2 17s. 10d.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 26th November, 1920: Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

8 —Aerial Photographs—Read, letter of the 12th inst., from Aerofilms, Ltd., enclosing copies of aerial photographs of Cheltenham, and offering to supply prints at 2/- each. Resolved, That six prints, selected, be purchased.

9—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Report of the Concerts Sub-Committee at Meetings held on 26th ult., 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd inst., was read. Resolved, That the same be approved.

Evening Dances—Orchestra—Resolved, That the Musical Director be paid £5 15s. 0d., in respect of the extra time arranged for the orchestra to perform at evening dances.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to pay the Musical Director for extra engagements of the Orchestra on the Saturday following each performance.

Sunday Evening Concerts--Piano Hire and Advertising—Resolved, That the charge to be made to the Sunday Evening Concerts Committee for the hire of piano be 5/- per hiring, and for advertising in the Spa Programme 5/- per month.

Children's Dance Teas—Resolved, That Children's Dance Teas, to be held on 29th December and 3rd January, and such other dates as may be decided upon. and that the arrangements for same be left to the Concerts Sub-Committee.

10—Mineral Waters—Sales—Reported the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold as follows:- Central Spa 1133; Montpellier Baths 3; Pittville Chalet 30 ; and Pittville Pump Room 15.

11-Medical Baths—Booklet--Resolved, That 500 copies of the booklet containing information as to the use and properties of the respective baths, submitted, be purchased at a cost £5 12s. 6d., and circulated among the medical profession.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th November, 1920: Present—Councillors Edith Geddes, Jamieson, Mann, Welstead and Whitaker.

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, the 25th November, 1926: Present—Alderman Taylor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Thomas, Welstead and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

2 Gas Lighting—Analyst's Report—The report of Gas Examiner of test on the 3rd inst. showed 4467 British Thermal Units.

Resumption after Coal Strike-- Read, letter of the 6th inst., from the Engineer to the Gas Company, intimating that the lamps which were discontinued owing to the Coal Strike, were relighted on the 4th inst., extinguishing was resumed. on that date at the hour provided for in the contract.

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3—Electricity Charges-Resolved, That in view of the enhanced cost of labour and materials, the following revised Scale of Charges for heating and power be approved and adopted; to come into force after the reading of Meters for the December Quarter, and that notices of the increases be given accordingly:—

Present Charges per unit	Revised Charges	
Ordinary Consumers	1d. + 75 per cent.	2d. net.
Cinemas and Picture Houses	2 ½ d. + 75 per cent.	4 ½ d.

4—Interference with Supply Apparatus--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. A. Dunn, of Birdlip Place, had connected a flat at 9, Lansdown Crescent to the supply without the knowledge of the Department, contrary to the regulations, and that he had previously had cause to complain to Mr. Dunn in connection with a similar offence. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take action in the matter.

5-Light Railway--Supply of Energy—Resolved, That the existing Agreement with the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Company, for the supply of electric energy for traction be determined by three months' notice requiring a revision in price, expiring on the 31st March, 1921.

6-Public Lighting- Extensions—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the whole of the new lamps in the Southern Section were now lighted, with the exception of a few bracket lamps.

Hatherley District—Read, Memorial, signed by residents in the Hatherley District, asking that the electric cable be extended along the Hatherley Road to the borough boundary. The Electrical Engineer reported that the lighting had not been continued further than the railway bridge near Shelburne Road, because beyond this point there is a considerable length of open country and only a few houses. If the lighting were extended to the boroughs boundary, eight additional lamps would be required. Resolved. That consideration of the matter be deferred until May next,

All-night Circuit—Resolved, That the all-night circuit of lamps be lighted from 5-30 a.m. until daylight as hitherto.

Lamp Inspection—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported he had arranged with the Police to report lamps found to be extinguished. Resolved, That this be approved, and that in recognition of these services an annual contribution be made to the Police Funds.

7--District Joint Board (Electricity Supply Industry)—Chairman's Report---The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting of the District Board held in Bristol on the 22nd inst., when the recommendations of the National Joint Board were fully discussed.

8—America Passage--Resolved, To accept the offer of Messrs. Lance & Co. to pay 5/- a quarter for cost of lighting this Passage, the Corporation to fix one new lamp and connect up one of the existing lamps with the main and to supply all necessary current and new lamps as required, and that the resolution to Minute No. 7 of this Committee's proceedings on the 23rd September last be varied accordingly.

9—Joint Electricity Authority—Local Inquiry—Read, letter of the 22nd inst. from the Chairman, Organising Committee of the West of England Area, intimating that the Local Inquiry would be held at Bristol on the 11th January and following days. Resolved, That the Chairman, the Town Clerk and the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to attend the Inquiry.

10—E.P.E.A. and National Joint Board of Employers, etc.-- -Read, letters of the 12th and 15th inst., from the Chairman, National joint Board of Employers and Staffs (Electricity Supply Industry) and the Electrical Power Engineers' Association, respectively pointing out the great delay that had occurred in the adoption of the Conditions of Employment and Schedule of Salaries recommended by the National Joint Board, and giving notice that if the Conditions and Schedule were not adopted in their entirety by all Undertakings concerned, by the 27th inst., the services of the whole of their membership would be withdrawn on the 30th inst. (subsequently extended to the 14th prox.).

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th November, 1920: Present—Alderman Margrett, Councillors Moore, Pates, Stewart and Whitaker.

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

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

	For 30 days, ended 13th November, 1920.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	92,000 gallons	79,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	511,000 "	362,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	51,000 "	39,000 "
Total	654,000 "	480,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth 13th November, 1920.	Contents	Depth 13th November, 1919.	Contents
Hewletts		10,195,000 gallons		13,411,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	13ft. 0in.	21,250,000 "	10ft. 3in.	14,170,000 "
Leckhampton	8ft. 5in.	1,135,000 "	5ft. 0in.	675,000 "
Total Storage		32,580,000 "		28,256,000 "

Pumping—Pumping had been continued daily at Tewkesbury and Sandford during the month.

3—Water Office—Staff--Resolved, That the Committee express their regret at the death, on the 1st inst., of Mr. Walter J. Mullins, who for the past 18 years had been Senior Clerk in the Water Office, and their sympathy with his widow and family,

Senior Clerk—Resolved, That C. E. Tippetts be promoted Senior Clerk at a commencing salary of £175, rising according to scale, by annual increments of £10 to £250 per annum.

Second Clerk -Resolved, also, That A. G. Bailey be appointed Second Clerk at a commencing salary of £100 rising, according to scale, by annual increments of £10 to £175.

4 Water Charges—Order—Read, letter of the 9th inst., from the Ministry of Health, forwarding copies of The Cheltenham Water (Temporary Increase of Charges) Order, 1920, dated October 27th, 1920, made under the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1918, authorising the Corporation to demand and take the following charges for water supply

(a) For the supply of water for domestic purposes to any dwelling house or part of a dwelling house : Where the gross estimated rental shall not exceed £20, at a rate per cent. per ann. not exceeding £8. Where such gross estimated rental shall exceed £20, at a rate per cent. per ann. not exceeding £7. Minimum charge per ann. 10/-.

(b) The annual sums payable by Charlton Kings and Tewkesbury for mains, pipes, hydrants, and tire plugs provided under sections 59 (b) and 59 (c) and 85 of the Cheltenham Water Act, 1878, to be increased by not more than 50 per cent. of the sums respectively prescribed by the said Sections.

5-Tewkesbury Housing Scheme—Supply—Read, letter of the 11th inst., from the Town Clerk, Tewkesbury, asking that a main be laid in afford a supply to the houses to be erected on Prior's Ground. The Borough Engineer submitted plans of the proposed mains and estimated the cost at £650.

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Resolved, That the main be laid, subject to an automatic pressure reducing valve being provided by the Tewkesbury

Corporation, and to their entering into an agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, to pay for the maintenance and repair of same.

6—Joint Industrial Council for Water Undertakings—Representation—Resolved. That consideration of this matter be further adjourned.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd November, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Jamieson, Mann, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

2-Diseases amongst Animals- Superintendent Griffin reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

Glanders and Farcy Order, 1920—Read, Circular letter (G.A. 6795/20/C.L.) of the 1st inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, enclosing copy of this Order, and the Town Clerk reported that he had published the Order by posters. Resolved, That this be approved.

Sheep Scab Order, 1920—Read, Circular letter (G.A. 9059/20/C, L.) of the 15th inst. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, directing attention to Article 12 (1) (e) of the Sheep Scab Order, 1920, empowering Local Authorities to make regulations as to the keeping of registers by sheep dealers. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be deferred until regulations have been made for the County.

Rabies—Read, Circular letter of the 30th ult. from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, intimating that the Ministry was anxious to secure the fullest possible control over dogs, and asking Local Authorities to see that the provisions of the Dogs (Wearing of Collars) Orders of 1910 and 1911 were strictly enforced. Superintendent Griffin stated that the Collar regulations were being strictly enforced.

Veterinary Inspector—Resolved, That Mr. T. J. Brain be appointed Veterinary Inspector for the Boroughs for the purposes of Diseases of Animals Acts and the Orders made thereunder.

3—Fire Brigade—Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Stewart be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 11th inst. the Brigade was called to an outbreak at No 2, Berkeley Villas. Damage about £250. Expenses £3 18s. 6d.

4—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—Read, Circular 146 of the 5th inst., from the Ministry of Health, enclosing copy of an Order in Council dated the 13th ult., amending the principal regulations. Resolved, That notice of the amended regulations be given to the persons holding licenses.

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5—Licence to Store Petroleum—An application was received from the British Petroleum Co., Ltd., for a licence to store 41,000 gallons of petroleum at premises to be erected at Leckhampton Station (G.W.R) The Inspector reported that the proposed place of storage would be satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be granted accordingly

6—Committee Fixtures, 1921—Resolved, That the Meetings of the Committees of the Council for 1921, be fixed as last year except that the Meetings of the Parks. Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee be held on the first Monday after the Council Meeting at 12.noon, and that any necessary alteration of dates be made for Meeting, which would otherwise fall on or near a Bank Holiday.

7—Taxi-Cab Service—Read, letter of the 19th inst., from Mr. R. P. Maw, stating that he had submitted the resolution contained in Minute No. 14 of the Committee's proceedings at their Meeting on the 29th ult. to a meeting of the Cheltenham Motor Hire Owners' Association, held on the 18th inst., when he was instructed to urge the Committee to reconsider their decision not to accede to the request that licenses should only be granted to members of the Association. Mr. Maw attended and submitted plan of the proposed Central Office. Resolved, That the plan be approved, that the Committee adhere to their previous decision not to make it a condition that licenses should only be granted to members of the Association, and that the Association be informed that unless definite arrangements are made before the next Meeting of the Committee for the provision of a Central Office, connected with the telephone, and a night service, the Committee will have to reconsider the whole matter.

8—Motor Cycle Taxi-Cabs—Charge for License—Resolved, That a charge of 3/6 be made for licenses granted in respect of motor-cycles and side-cars plying for hire as taxi-cabs.

Examination and Report—Resolved, That Superintendent Griffin be requested to arrange for the examination of and report on motor-cycles and side-cars in respect of which licenses are applied for, that the fee for such examination and report be 5/- and that such fee be paid by the applicant.

Scale of Fares—Resolved, That the following scale of fares for motor-cycles and side-cars, plying for hire as taxi-cabs, be approved

SCALE OF FARES.

s. d.

For 2 passengers

If the distance does not exceed one mile	1 0
If the distance exceeds one mile— for the first mile	1 0.
“ for every succeeding ¼ mile or part thereof ..	0 2
Waiting time for 2 ½ minutes..	0 2

Between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. the foregoing fares to be increased by 50 per cent.

9—Motor-Cycle Cab Licence--Read application of the 15th inst., from C. H. and F. J. Wilcox for a licence for a motor-cycle and side-car as a taxicab. Resolved, That a licence be granted subject to the vehicle being approved by the Inspector

10 —Motor Cab Licence—Read, application of the 13th inst., from Mr. Leigh Leach, together with a satisfactory report on the examination of the vehicle. Resolved, That a licence be granted, subject to the motor cab being fitted with a luggage rail and a taxi-meter.

11-Motor Omnibus Licence—Read, application of the 8th inst. from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Ltd., for licence No. 49, held by the Company in respect of motor omnibus AE2788, to be transferred to No. ADS276. Resolved. That the application be granted.

12 - Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licence--Resolved. That D. Whaley, C. H. and F. J. Wilcox be granted drivers' licence,

13-Joint Council for Local Authorities', Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services--Read, Circular of the 17th inst. from the Lord Mayor of Bristol with reference to the proposal to appoint a Provincial Council for the Western Division, and inviting the Corporation to nominate two representatives to attend a meeting convened by him to be held at Bristol on the 13th prox., when a representative of the Ministry of Labour would be present to explain generally the objects in view. Resolved, That the appointment of representatives be deferred pending the report of the Special Committee appointed by the Association of Municipal Corporation to consider the question of the Joint Industrial Council.

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14-Light Railway—Fares—The Town Clerk submitted notice of an application made to the Ministry of Transport by the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co. for an Order under the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1918, and the Tramways (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1920, for the modification of the statutory provisions regulating the charges to be made by the Company, which had been referred to the Tramways Charges Advisory Committee, and intimating that representations with respect to the application should be addressed to the Department within 14 days. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a representation to the Ministry with regard to the fares and also with regard to the unsatisfactory state of the track, rolling stock and over-head equipment with a view to the Company, being required, as a condition of an Order being granted, to do what the Ministry may consider reasonably necessary to put these in a proper state of repair and efficiency.

15—Illuminated Indicators—The Town Clerk reported that he had directed the attention of the General Manager of the Light Railway Co., to the necessity of Illuminated direction Indicators on the cars, and submitted a letter in reply, dated the 12th inst., stating that the Company would do all that was possible to improve the cars in this respect

16—Police Force—Read, letter of the 19th inst., from the Clerk of the Standing Joint Committee enclosing communication received by hint from the Chief Constable with reference to the Resolution of the Committee at their last Meeting, agreeing to the retention of the two women police providing the total strength of the Force shall not exceed 73 (Minute No. 23), and his observations thereon. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to enable the Town Clerk to obtain detailed particulars of the present establishment of the Police Force in the Borough.

17—Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907—The Committee considered the Resolution of the Council at their Meeting on the 4th October last, with reference to the Regulation of Traffic. Resolved, That this Committee recommend that application be made to the Home Office for an Order declaring the following Sections of the Act to be in force in the Borough, viz. :—Part VII., Sections 78, (Regulations as to street traffic), 79, (Dangerous riding and driving), and 81. (Extending definition of public place and street for certain purposes) ; and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give the necessary notices preliminary to formal application being made for such Order.

18—Inspection of Places of Entertainment—Supt. Griffin reported that he would make arrangements for giving effect to the Resolution contained in Minute No. 14 of the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee at their meeting of the 25th ult., with reference to the supervision of places of entertainment by the Police. Resolved, That this be approved.

19—Rats Order, 1918 —The Executive Officer submitted Report of work done since his previous report made in April last.

20—Devastated Areas in France—Adoption of Village—The Committee considered the proposal for the adoption of a French Village by the Borough. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to adopt Englefontaine, with a view to rendering it sympathetic aid and encouragement.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

(JOINT MEETING).

At a Meeting of this Committee Aldermen Horsley and Taylor,, the 30th November, 1920 : Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen, Horsley and Taylor, Councillors, Jamieson, Moore, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Salaries and War Bonus—Mr. C. C. Atchison, Conciliation Officer of the Ministry of Labour (Wages and Arbitration Department). Bristol, attended and urged the Corporation should grant an interview to a Representative of the National Association of Local Government Officers, accompanied by some local

members of the Association, on behalf of the Officers of the Corporation, with reference to their request for the application of Civil Service Scales of War Bonuses, or, in the alternative, should agree to the matter being referred to Arbitration. Resolved, That the Committee do not recommend that the matter be re-opened at present.

ROBERT STEEL,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held Wednesday, 17th, November, 1920: Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Stewart and Yarnold; G. Dimmer and F. B. de Sausmarez.

1-Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Clara Winterbotham be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 3,391 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 13th October. (Corresponding period last year 1,397). The sale of Post Cards for the month had realised £3 9s. 10d., and two copies of the Museum Publication No. 1, 4/-.

The following gifts had been received:—

Executors of the late Briton Riviere, Painting. "Assyrian Lion Hunt," by Briton Riviere.

3-- Picture—"1/5th Gloucester:, at Hebuterne." Resolved, That a copy of the photogravure of this picture be presented to the artist (Mr. Fred Roe, R.I.)

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday the 15th November, 1920: Present- The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Boulter, Sawyer, Stanley, Welstead and Yarnold.

1-Chairman-Resolved, That Councillor Sawyer be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

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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 Stanley and Yarnold.

Barrett's Mill Recreation Ground; College Road Tip, Orrisdale Terrace, Sandford Mead and Turner's Field Allotments—Councillors Regan and Welstead.

Naunton Park Recreation Ground; Asquith Road, Hall Road and Naunton Park Allotments—The Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground; Albert Road, All Saints' Road, Hale's Road and Whaddon Lane Allotments—Councillors Boulter and Sawyer.

3—Pittville Park—Resolved, That the ground in Pittville Park which had been used for planting potatoes be seeded down for grass.

Lakes—The Borough Surveyor reported that 48 cart loads of weeds had been removed from Pittville Lake and 49 loads from Marle Hill annexe Lake.

Produce—The Borough Surveyor submitted statement of receipts and expenditure in respect of produce, which showed a substantial profit

Housing Bonds Advertisement—Read, Memorial from residents on the Pittville Estate suggesting the removal of this advertisement. Resolved, That the same be removed and re-erected in the workmen's yard at Pittville.

4—Marle Hill Annexe—Boating Rights—Resolved, That the boating rights on the Lake be granted to Mr. C. Healey for a further season in consideration of a payment of £25 and subject to similar conditions as contained in Minute No. 2 of the proceedings of the Committee at their Meeting on the 14th April last.

Mixed Bathing—Read, letter, of the 27th August last, from Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. E. Lane), Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, submitting proposals for open-air mixed bathing. Resolved, That Mr. Lane be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee.

5—Promenade Garden Railing.—Repairs—It was reported that payment amounting to £12 14s. 6d. had been made for damage to the railings by army lorries.

6—Barrett's Mill Recreation Ground—Repairs to House—The Borough Surveyor reported that the repairs required to be done at this house would cost approximately £90. Resolved, That the premises be viewed.

7—Allotments—Read, Circular LS 170/20/CL, from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, setting out the powers of Local Authorities with regard to the compulsory hiring of land for allotments under the provisions of the Small Holdings and Allotments Acts, 1908— 1919.

Hall Road, No. 25—Read, letter of the 3rd inst., from Mr. H. E. Branch, giving notice of his intention to vacate this allotment at the end of the year, Resolved, That the same be let to Mr. C. H. Eggleton (ex-service snarl) as from the 1st January next, at an annual rent of £1.

Naunton Lane—Roadway to Hall's House—The Town Clerk submitted an application from Mr. C. Hall for a strip of land at the end of several allotments to be given up to enable him to snake a roadway to his house. Resolved, That the application be granted, provided arrangements can be made with the tenants of the allotments to give up the land.

Folly Lane—No. 18—Read, letter of the 23rd ult., from Mrs. E. Taylor, giving notice of her intention to give up her late husband's allotment at the end of the year Resolved, That the allotment be divided into two and

let to Mr. Wm. Llewellyn and C. Alexander (tax-service men), as from tire 1st January next, at an annual rent of 'of- each.

Numbers 36 and 37—Arrears of Rent—It was reported that the rent of these allotments was seriously in arrear. Resolved, That notice be given to the tenant forthwith to terminate the tenancy.

Alma Road—Cultivation ---The Borough Surveyor reported that several holders had been notified of the backward state of their allotments. Some had given reasonable excuses, while the tenants of Nos. 5, 6, 24 and 44 had intimated their desire to terminate their tenancies on the 25th March next. Resolved, That the tenancies of Nos. 5, 6, 24 and 44 be terminated accordingly and the allotments advertised as to let.

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8—Football in Recreation Grounds —The Town Clerk submitted an application from the Cheltenham Schools Football League for permission to use Agg-Gardner, Naunton Park, and Whaddon Lane Recreation Grounds for organised games on Saturdays. Resolved, That as permission had already been given for the use of the grounds in connection with the Play Centres, the Secretary be asked to interview the Chairman of this Committee in order that the Committee might be satisfied that the use of the grounds by the League would not interfere with the Play Centre, or result in the turf receiving too hard wear.

9—View Meeting— Resolved, That a View Meeting be held on Friday, the 3rd December, at 11 a.m.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th November, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Jamieson, Mann, Rogers, Stanley and Stewart.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Jamieson be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th November, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Jamieson, Mann, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart and Yarnold (Councillor Jamieson in the Chair).

2 — Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants Nos. 6320 to 6330 (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 Kerbs to graves of Joseph S. O'Halloran, Henry S. Lesion, and Elsie M. Gheeting ; Headstone and Kerbs to graves of Julia A. Collett, Ann Clarke, Chas. S. Millard, Arthur Brunt, and Annie E. Woodford; Tombs to graves of Anne H. Bamber and John H. Campbell ; Headstone to grave of Emma J. Crossley; Kerbs to graves of Isla Ducat, Wm. J. K. Millard, Arthur E. Taylor, and Katherine Roylance.

4 —Burial Fees--Revision—Resolved, That the Scale of Fees be revised with a view to increasing the receipts from fees by one third, and that the Superintendent be instructed to submit a revised Scale for consideration at the next meeting.

5—Purchased Graves—Resolved, That on notice being given for interment, applicants be required to state if authority for interment has been given by the owner of the grave.

STANLEY W. JAMIESON,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 16th November, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Mann, Pates, Regan and Yarnold; Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. A. Miles and E. C. Rogers.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Mann be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year

2—Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Mann and Regan ; Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone, Dr. Davies, Messrs. W. R. Carles, 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 £15 16s. 1d. ; Presentations: James Urquhart (1 vol.) : Publishers of Kemp's Directory (1 vol.)

The Number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of October last was 3,877 ; and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 10,659, and Irons the Children's Library 2,342

4—Chief Assistant—Salary—Resolved, That the salary of Mr. H. G. Massey, Chief Assistant, be increased to £180, rising by annual increments of £10 to £200

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th November, 1920: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Dicks and Whitaker.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor (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, the 30th November, 1920: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor, Councillors Dicks, Moore and Wilkins (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 £4,293 4s. 9d. Leaving outstanding, £33,028 15s. 8d.

3—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the

half-year ending the 25th March next Amount collected £2,120 3s. 11d. Leaving outstanding, £13,731 7s. 11d.

4—Loans—The Borough, Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £15,835 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans

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5--Accounts—Re-organisation—Resolved. That in order to meet the requirements of the District Auditor, the Borough Accountant be instructed to revise the present system of accounts so that they may be kept on the basis of Income and Expenditure, instead of Receipts and Payments, and also to make the other revisions in the system suggested by the Auditor ; that the accounts of the Stores Department and the expenditure accounts of the Electricity Undertaking be placed under the direction and control of the Borough Accountant, and that these instructions be carried into effect as soon as possible.

6—Sinking Funds— Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for authority to apply Sinking Funds accumulated in reduction of loan indebtedness and also for new capital purposes for which loans have been sanctioned.

7—Tithe Act, 1918—Read, circulars from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, calling attention to the provisions contained in the Tithe Act, 1918, for redemption of tithe. Resolved, That application be made to the Ministry for redemption of the tithes on the Pittville Estate, the Cemetery, Barn Farm, land at Dowdeswell Reservoir and Salts Farm, amounting in the aggregate to £37 10s. 0d.

8—Loan £800—Land in Swindon Road—Resolved, On the recommendation of the Education Committee, that application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to a loan of £800 for the purchase of a piece of land adjoining St. Peter's Schools, containing 3a. 29p., including cost of enfranchisement, etc.

9—National Health Insurance Act, 1920—The Town Clerk submitted Certificate of Exception issued by the Ministry of Health and dated the and inst., together with a Schedule of Employees included thereunder.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman

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