

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 2nd December, 1918, at 3 p.m.
Present The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel), Aldermen Davies, Horsley and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Caudle, Dodwell, Green, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Taylor and Wilkins.

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

1—Death of Councillor Wood—Resolved, That this Council deplore the early death of the late Councillor W. J. F. Wood, who was a valued member of the Council for nine years and had earned the respect and esteem of all its members, and this Council desire to convey to his widow and family their deep sympathy with them in their bereavement.

2—Presentation of Medals of Order of British Empire—The Right Hon. Earl Beauchamp, K.C.M.G., attended and presented medals of the Order of the British Empire to Miss Maisie Shepherd, of Stradbally, Lansdown Road, Cheltenham, and Mr. Coles, of Bristol.

3—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 9th November, 1918, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

4—Appointment of Overseer of the Poor—Resolved, That Councillor Thomas Wilkins be appointed an Overseer of the Poor of the Parish of Cheltenham to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. M. B. Ricketts.

5—Resignation of Alderman Waghorne and Councillors Silk and Smith—Resolved, That letters having been received from Alderman Waghorne resigning the office of Alderman and Councillors Silk and Smith resigning the office of a Councillor for the South Ward, the Council hereby declare the said offices vacant and give notice accordingly.

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Resolved, That the Council record their appreciation of the able and valuable services rendered by Mr. J. Waghorne during a period of 27 years, and regret that he has found it necessary to resign his membership of the Council.

6—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 27th November last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz. :— That the word "twelve" be substituted for the word "ten" in the second Resolution to Minute No. 11 of the Public Health Committee, and that Councillors Geddes and Rogers be added thereto.

7 —Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That with the exception of Minute No. 14, the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 25th 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 Meeting of the 15th November last, be approved and confirmed.

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

10—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th 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 19th November last, be approved and confirmed subject to the following Amendment, viz. :— That the following addendum be made to Minute No. 7 : Cleeve Common Conservators—That the appointment of Mr. J. Waghorne as a representative on the Cleeve Common Conservators, be confirmed.

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

13—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meetings of the 18th and 20th November last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

16—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meetings of the 18th and 26th 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.

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 January, 1919.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 9th December, 1918: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Margret(, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Councillors Candle, Moore and Rogers the Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: 17 Gloucester Crescent, 10 Whitecross Square, Derby Cottage, Alstone Croft, 14 St. Paul's Street South. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be

given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2— Cleansing and Whitewashing at 17 Gloucester Crescent, 14 & 15 Witcombe Place, 5, 8, 11, 14, 15 & 16 St. Paul's Street South---The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 13 & 16 Whitehart 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-14 & 15 Witcombe Place, 5, 8, 11, 15 & 16 St. Paul's Street South. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Insufficient W.C. Accommodation—Gloucestershire Aircraft Works— —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that these premises were without sufficient W.C. accommodation. Resolved, That Notices be given to the Owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of sufficient W.C. accommodation within 28 days.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1,098 lbs. beef, 179 lbs. mutton, 219 lbs. pork, 448 lbs. veal and 28 lbs. fish. (Total weight surrendered, 17 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs.)

7—Health Department—The Medical Officer of Health reported that Sergt. L. Surman, who prior to the war was a clerk in his Department, was killed in action on the 13th October last. Sergt. Surman joined the Army with the Territorial Force at the outbreak of war and was wounded in 1916. On the 4th December, 1917, he gained the Military Medal and on the 8th August, 1918, was granted a bar to his medal and was also mentioned in despatches. Resolved, That this Committee record their high appreciation of the services rendered to his country by Sergt. Surman, and that the Medical Officer of Health be instructed to convey to his relatives their sympathy in the loss they have sustained.

8—Oddfellows' Hall—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Oddfellows' Hall Council calling attention to the condition of the premises opposite their building Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Street and Highway Committee.

9—Damaged Food Stuffs Order, 1918—Read, a letter from the National Salvage Council calling attention to the Damaged Food Stuffs Order, 1918, which would come into force on the 1st December next, and which would prohibit the destruction of the articles mentioned therein and restrict their sale or delivery other than to a Local Sanitary Authority or to persons or other bodies licensed by the National Salvage Council or the Ministry of Food. The Inspector of Nuisances submitted a report giving particulars of what was being done in regard to meat and other food stuffs surrendered as unfit for human food, and submitted a tender by Mr. W. C. Prude of 9/- per cwt for the condemned meat. Resolved, That application be made to the National Salvage Council for a licence under the Order and that the tender of Mr. W. C. Prude be accepted.

10—Housing of the Working Classes—Resolved, That the following be appointed the Housing Sub-Committee :—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Horsley, Councillors Edith Geddes, Moore, Rogers and Clara Winterbotham.

Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on Monday the 9th instant, 1918. Present : The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor (the Mayor in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 9th instant was 9 colts, 9 horses (not including 2 at the Depot), 8 calves, 84 head of cattle, 9 lambs, 79 sheep and 32 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting to cows had been purchased for £242 5s. 11d. and 8 heifers, 2 cows, 1 calf and 30 sheep had been sold for £532 5s. 8d. 1 calf had been bred on the Farms.

Cottage at Hayden-----Resolved, That £3 10/- be paid to Mrs. Hopkins for the furnaces and pans erected by her at the Cottage, which has recently been vacated. Resolved. That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th December, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Horsley, Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Wilkins (the Mayor in the chair).

1—Scrap Metal—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an offer from Thos. W. Ward Ltd., of Sheffield, of 25/-per ton for the scrap metal at the Destructor. Resolved, That the offer be accepted subject to a contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk, and that notice be given terminating the present contract.

2—Clarence Parade—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the footpath paving repaired where required.

3—Oddfellows' Hall—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Oddfellows' Hall Council calling attention to the condition of the property opposite the Oddfellows' Hall. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the premises at their next View Meeting.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 30th December, 1918 : Present—Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Wilkins (Councillor Mann in the chair).

4—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways — The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 22nd November to the 26th December, 1918 (both dates inclusive). Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 12th December, 1918, 595 loads collected, 595 loads consumed, Weight consumed, 903 tons 5 cwt.

5—Yearly Tender - Resolved, That in view of the present state of the market, yearly tenders be not invited and that the Borough Engineer be authorised to purchase in the open market according to his requirements from time to time.

6—Grazing—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. J. Maby was willing to let to the Corporation a held containing 18 acres at a rental of per acre for grazing purposes, with a right to deposit the mud from the Pittville Lake thereon. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee for consideration, and that they be informed that this Committee will be prepared to take a portion of the land for grazing for the Corporation horses.

7—Telegraphic Line— Telephone Poles—Read, an application from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telephones, for permission to place an overhead telegraphic line and two poles in Church Road, Leckhampton. Resolved. That permission be granted subject to the exact position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to painted lagging 6 feet high being placed round the poles.

8—National Housing and Town Planning Conference—Read, a letter from the National Housing and Town Planning Conference, inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend a conference at Bristol on the 30th and 31st January, 1919, of Local Authorities in the West of England to consider the steps to be taken by Local Authorities in the preparation of after the war housing schemes to be carried into effect as soon as building materials and labour are available. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend.

9—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 30th instant Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted

A. MANN.

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 30th December, 1918: Present—Councillors Mann and Wilkins (Councillor Mann 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 |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1402 | United Chemists Association, Limited. | Iron Building at rear of Priory Court. |
| 1403 | J. H. Beach. | Temporary Motor House, Overton Lodge, St. George's Road. |

Resolved, That Plan No. 1402 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice is given requiring such removal, and that Plan No. 1403 be disapproved.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 2nd December, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Dodwell, Pates and Sawyer, (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Winter Concerts—Teas—The Concerts Sub-Committee recommended that teas should be provided at the afternoon concerts, the serving of which would be undertaken by the attendants. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee be authorised to arrange for teas to be supplied at a charge not exceeding 6d. each.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 13th December, 1918: Present—Councillors Boulter, Dodwell, Pates and Sawyer. (Councillor Pates in the chair).

2—Montpellier Gardens--The Borough Surveyor reported that the awning at the Montpellier Gardens was worn out. Resolved, That he be instructed to obtain quotations for renewing the same.

3—National Kitchen—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham National Kitchens Committee asking for the use of about forty chairs at the new National Kitchen which would shortly be opened at No. 6, Clarence Street. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to any damage to the chairs being made good.

4—Winter Concerts—Report of Sub-Committee--The Sub-Committee reported that they had held three Meetings, and recommended as follows :—

That the offer of Mr. Teague to arrange for Ballard Concerts on days during the Pantomime season when the orchestra is engaged at the Theatre, be accepted, the cost of such concerts not to exceed the amount which would have been paid for the band.

Boxing Day—That a special Morning Concert, with an enlarged band and artistes be arranged on Boxing Day morning, The charge for admission to be 8d., including tax.

Wounded Soldiers—That wounded soldiers be admitted to the morning and afternoon concerts at half price.

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

5—Montpellier Baths—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 9th November to the 10th December was 71, including 25 to wounded soldiers.

6—Mineral Waters—"Sales"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the month of November was 439. The number of glasses sold at the Montpellier Baths and Pittville Gardens was 10.

J. P. PATES,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 19th December, 1918: Present—Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Moore and Taylor (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Public Gas Lighting—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Paterson, Engineer of the Cheltenham Gas Co., stating that in view of the extreme difficulty in obtaining coal, the Company could not enter into an arrangement for lighting any additional lamps. He however submitted a list of additional lamps to be relighted as soon as the fuel position improved. Resolved, That the list be approved, and that the additional lamps be lighted as soon as possible and kept lighted up to 11 p.m.

2 —Plant— The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a report on the capacity of the present generating plant at the works and also as to new generating and steam raising plant and auxiliary plant which would have to be provided at a cost of about £20,000, to meet the increasing demand for energy. Under the present restrictions no new plant could be ordered without the permission of the Ministry of Munitions who would have to be satisfied as to the need for the plant. Resolved, That application be made to the Director of Electric Power Supply for permission to install additional plant on the lines suggested by the Borough Electrical Engineer.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 12th December, 1918 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Moore and Sawyer (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

| | For 30 days, ended 12th December, 1918. | Average for corresponding period During last 3 years |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Hewletts Springs | 103,000 gallons | 246,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell Springs | 523,000 " | 812,000 " |
| Leckhampton Springs | <u>40,000</u> " | <u>41,000</u> " |
| Total | 666,000 " | 1,099,000 " |

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

| | Depth | Contents | Depth | Contents |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | 12th November, 1918. | | 12th November, 1917. | |
| Hewletts | | 14,532,000 gallons | | 13,962,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell | 18ft 0in. | 37,206,000 " | 20ft. 0in. | 44,703,000 " |
| Leckhampton | 10ft. 0in. | <u>1,350,000</u> " | 12ft. 0in. | <u>1,621,000</u> " |
| Total Storage | | 53,088,000 | | 60,286,000 " |

3—Pumping had been continued at Sandford since the 12th June, and at Tewkesbury from the 28th June last.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 17th December, 1918: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell Green and Sawyer (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1-Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 15th November, at Victoria Nurseries, Old Bath Road, in the occupation of Mr. J. Barrett, three pigs had died. The premises at the Hanover Street Allotments, in the occupation of Mr. Mark Kent, were still under quarantine.

2 --Markets and Fares (Weighing of Cattle) Acts 1887 and 1891—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that the order exempting the Cheltenham Market from the provisions of these Acts expired on the 24th November last. Resolved, That an application be made to the Board of Agriculture for a further exemption under the Acts.

3--Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 20th ultimo the Brigade was called to an outbreak of Fire at 9, Shaw Green Lane, Prestbury, occupied by Mr. F. Humphries. Damage about £35; Brigade expenses £3 13s. 6s. Also, on the 1st instant, to a fire at 323 High street, occupied by Mr. F. Spellor. Damage slight ; Brigade expenses £3 16s. 3d.

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4—Application for Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence—An application was received from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company for a licence to drive a motor Cab for W. H. Bullock, of 17, Normal Terrace, Swindon Road, Resolved, That a licence be granted.

5—Motor Cab Licence—Read a letter from Messrs. Mills & Co. on their inspection of the Motor Cab belonging to Mr. C. Dennis, of 20 Portland Street. Resolved, That a licence be granted subject to a tray, fitted to retain the oil and grease, being provided, and to the other requirements of the Committee being carried out.

6—Fruit Market—Read, a letter from the Assistant Director of Horticulture, Food Production Department, suggesting that facilities should be granted to the Cheltenham Market Gardeners and Allotment Holders Association to dispose of their produce by their own Auctioneer in the Fruit Market. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Market Sub-Committee.

7—Cheltenham War Agricultural Sub-Committee—Read a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District War Agricultural Sub-Committee, with reference to the vacancies on the Sub-Committee caused by the death of Alderman Baker and Councillor Wood, and suggesting that in filling the vacancies the Committee should bear in mind the claims of the Market Gardeners and Allotment Holders Associations for representation. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned until the vacancies on the Town Council are filled.

8—Cleeve Common Conservators—Resolved, To recommend that Councillor Moore be appointed a Representative of the Town Council on the Board of Conservators, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor Wood.

10—Execution of Works after the War—Mr. E. B. Wethered, Inspector of the Local Government Board, attended the Meeting, and stated that the Board urged Local Authorities to make immediate preparation for proceeding at an early date with any works, and to expedite the placing of orders for machinery, etc., so that sufficient work would be available when the general demobilization took place. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report to the Committees concerned as to work which should be put in hand, and also as to any machinery required.

11—Local Naval and Military War Pensions Committee—The Town Clerk submitted a supplementary estimate of the administrative expenses of the Local Committee for the period ending the 31st March, 1919, amounting to £192 3s. Resolved, That the same be approved.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 11th December, 1918: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Candle, Green and Clara Winterbotham (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 2208 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since 12th November last. (Corresponding period last year, 534).

The School of Art Exhibition was closed on December 7th. During the four weeks it was open some 2,400 people visited the Gallery, including many scholars under the guidance of their teachers.

Twenty-two pictures belonging to the Contemporary Art Society had been received on loan from the Tate Gallery.

The following gifts had been received on loan for the War Museum:—

Mr. A. E. Rice, Gloucester :

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German Shrapnel Helmet; picked up at Cambrai, November 25th, 1918, by Private W. A. Rice, 2/5th Gloucester Regt. German Helmet as worn early in the War, captured on the Somme in 1916 by the late Sergt. A. C. Rice, 1/5th Gloucester Regt. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donor of the gifts.

C. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 18th December, 1918: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Sawyer and Taylor (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Lake—The Borough Surveyor reported that in view of the shortage of labour he had ascertained that German prisoners could be obtained for removing the mud from the lake at Pittville. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report at an early date as to the tipping of the soil and other arrangements to be made.

2—Land in Hall Road—The Town Clerk reported that the claim of Mr. W. D. Farrar for compensation in respect of the land in Hall Road taken over for Allotments had been settled by the Board of Agriculture.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 20th December, 1918 Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell and Stewart (Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6035 to 6054 (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.: Headstones to graves of Rhys Bishop, Arthur Thomas Hiron, Emily Hiron and Thomas Hiron. Memorial Crosses to graves of Albert Frederick Cooke and Amelia Fanny Martyn. Kerbing to grave of Charles Percival Rupert Webb.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th December, 1918 : Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Moore and Wilkins, Messrs. W. G. Gurney, E. Rogers and H. Stroud (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Chairman—The Deputy Mayor having resigned the Chairmanship of the Committee owing to his appointment as Chairman of the Finance Committee, it was Resolved, That Councillor Mann be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

2—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £6 2s. 0d. Presentations :—Rev. J. T. Evans (3 vols.) ; Miss M. Browning (1 vol.) ; Miss Gale (1 vol.) ; W. R. Caries (1 vol.); H. H. Martyn (1 vol.); W. Powell (1 vol.) The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during November was 2652, and the number issued from the Lending Library was 7282.

3—Sub-Committee's Report--The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 5th instant. Present- -The Deputy Mayor (in the chair), Councillors Green and Moore, Messrs. W. R. Caries and F. J. Caudle. Teachers' Reference Library—The Sub-Committee reported that they had received a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee stating that the Committee had under consideration the formation of a Teachers' Reference Library to assist the Cheltenham Teachers in their studies, and asking the Library Committee to consider whether one of the vacant rooms at the Library could be used for the purpose. The Education Committee would be prepared to make a grant for the purchase of books. The Sub-Committee recommended the formation of a Teachers' Reference Library on the following lines:-

(a) That a grant be made by the Education Committee for the purchase of books.

(b) That the books be placed on the open shelves in the Reference Library similar to the Cheltenham Natural Science Library.

(c) That the books be selected by the Education Committee and that lists of such books be sent from time to time to the Librarian for purchase.

(d) That the Teachers under the Education Committee be allowed to borrow the books for home reading.

The Sub-Committee also recommended—

- (a) That the list of new books prepared by the Librarian be purchased at a cost of £25.
- (b) That the Children's Library be open on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 0 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. as from the 7th instant.

Resolved, That the recommendations with regard to the Teachers' Reference Library be adjourned and that the Sub-Committee be asked to confer with the Sub-Committee appointed by the Education Committee thereon, and that the other recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

4—Committee— Resolved, To recommend that the Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone be appointed a member of the Committee.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 31st December, 1918: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Taylor and Wilkins (The Deputy Mover in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 31st instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £9,883 12s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £16,318 12s. 11d.

2—Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 31st instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th March next. Amount collected £4,754 10s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £8,119 11s. 0d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of a loan of £500. Resolved. That the terms arranged be approved and the Debenture be endorsed accordingly. He also reported that the Winter Garden £9,650 loan would mature on the 1st April next and that one of the lenders of £200 was willing for the amount to be transferred to another loan. Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

4—National Kitchen—Read, a letter from the Ministry of Food enclosing sanction of the Food Controller to the scheme submitted for the establishment of a National Kitchen at No. 6, Clarence Street.

5—War Bonuses—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that attention had been drawn to the variations in the amounts of war bonuses granted to the administrative, technical and clerical staffs of Local Authorities, and the strong feeling in many districts that the claims of these Officers had not been fully acknowledged, regard being had to the present day cost of living, and forwarding a copy of the scheme of war bonuses authorised for permanent Civil Servants in accordance with the recent award of the Conciliation and Arbitration Board for Government

employees. The Board were willing to authorise the payment of additional remuneration for the period of the war in the case of Officers to whose remuneration their sanction is required, provided it does not exceed the scale authorised from time to time for Civil Servants. Resolved, That the matter be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee for consideration.

6—Borrowing by Local Authorities —Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that the Board were prepared to consider applications from Local Authorities for permission to raise loans in order to enable them to put into operation schemes of public utility such as Housing, Water Supply, Sewerage, etc., which were of urgent importance, and stating that particulars of any work to be carried out should be forwarded as soon as possible to Sir Auckland Geddes.

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

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| In hand on the 26th November last | 6,927 7 1 |
| Received since that date | <u>15,993 16 10</u> |
| | 22,921 3 11 |
| Paid since that date | <u>14,472 3 7</u> |
| | In hand 8,449 0 4 |
| being Sinking Fund Accounts | In hand 14,001 16 10 |
| "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts | " 170 14 5 |
| "Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account . " | <u>141 7 3</u> |
| | 14,313 18 6 |
| less General Accounts Overdrawn.... | <u>5,864 18 2</u> |
| | 8,449 0 4 |

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 6th January, 1919, at 3 p.m.. Present :

The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel), Aldermen Davies, and Margrett, Councillor Edith Geddes, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Caudle, Dodwell, Green, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Taylor.

Apologies—Apologies for non-attendance were received from Alderman Horsley, Councillor Clara Winterbotham, and Councillor Wilkins.

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

2—Election of Alderman—The Members of the Council present, entitled to vote and voting, delivered to the Mayor papers signed by them, and the same having been openly read it appeared that there were 13 votes for Councillor Edwinson Charles Green.

The Mayor accordingly declared the said Edwinson Charles Green to be elected Alderman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman Waghorne. The newly elected Alderman then made his declaration of acceptance of office.

3—Assignment of Alderman to Ward—Resolved, That Alderman Green be assigned, for the purposes of Ward Elections for the ensuing year, to the Central Ward.

4—Public Health Committee— Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 9th December last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz. :—

That the name of Councillor Betteridge be added to Minute No. 10 (Housing Sub-Committee).

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5—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 30th December last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz. :—

That the words "and the Medical Officer of Health" be inserted after the words "Borough Surveyor" in the Resolution to Minute No. 8 (Housing and Town Planning Conference).

6 —Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 2nd and 13th December 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 19th December last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th December 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 17th December 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 11th December 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 18th December last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz. :—

That the following addendum be made to Minute No. 1. (Cleaning out Pittville Lake)—" That the Council do not approve of the employment of German prisoners on the work."

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

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

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14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 31st 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.

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 February, 1919.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th January, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor. Aldermen Davies Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Caudle, Moore and Stewart (Alderman Davies 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.:—35, Bath Cottages, 37, Russell Street, 20, 23, 24, Francis Street, 3, Clare Cottages, Kew Place. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2 — Cleansing and Whitewashing at 23, 25, 29, Russell Street, 20, 22, 24, Francis Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-ousted 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 Rosedale, London Road, and 3, Albert Cottages, St. Peter's—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-23, 25, 29 Russell Street, 11. Northfield Passage, 20, 21, 22, Francis Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to

be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

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5—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 1 ton 7 cwt. 14 lbs. of beef, 1 cwt. 22lbs. of mutton, 3 qrs. 2lbs of Pork, 50 lbs. veal and 2 cwt. 2qrs. 12 lbs. of offal, 80 lbs. of fish. (Total weight surrendered, 1 ton 12 cwt. 16 lbs.)

6 --Public Health—Acute Encephalitis Lethargica and Polio-Encephalitis Order, 1918—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding copy of an Order providing for the notification of Acute Encephalitis Lethargica and Polio-Encephalitis. The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had given public notice as required by the Order.

7—Damaged Food Stuffs Order 1918—Read. a letter from the National Salvage Council forwarding licence authorising the sale of damaged food stuffs and asking whether the Corporation would take condemned meat from the surrounding districts. Resolved. That this be agreed to.

8—Hatherley Tank—Read, a letter from Mrs. Hayward giving notice to terminate on the 25th March next the tenancy of the land and buildings formerly used in connection with the Hatherley Tank and asking that the Corporation should erect the fence to be provided by them. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to advertise the land to let. Resolved also. that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to erect a fence between the land belonging to the Corporation and the land belonging to Mrs. Hayward at an estimated cost of £25.

9—Annual Report of Medical Officers of Health—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board suggesting that the Annual Report for 1918 should be brief, giving the vital statistics for the year so that the records of the districts may be continuous, with only a short account of any outbreaks of diseases and other prominent sanitary events of the year. The Board would be glad to receive later on, a full report on the sanitary condition of the district at the close of the war and on the sanitary needs of the district in the future. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

10—Salary of Medical Officer of Health—Read, a letter from the British Medical Association forwarding copy resolutions passed by the Association of Medical Officers and asking that having regard to war conditions, the salaries of all Medical Officers of Health, School Medical Officers and other Medical Officers of Local Authorities, be increased by 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ rd per cent over pre-war rates, notwithstanding any increases of salary according to scale or grant for special or additional services since the war commenced and that the increases should take effect as from July last.

Read, an application from the Medical Officer of Health for a war bonus for the year 1918 in accordance with the scale set out in the letter of the Local Government Board and also applying for a permanent increase of salary on the scale advocated by the British Medical Association. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting.

11—Abattoir —Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the damaged gate pier at the Abattoir re-built.

12—Small Pox Hospital—An application was received from the Delancey Hospital Trustees that the piece of land as shewn on the plan submitted, be conveyed to the Trustees as a site for a Smallpox Hospital in lieu of the land recently purchased. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

11- -Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th instant, Present : The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green and Councillor Stewart (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 13th instant was 9 colts, 9 horses (not including 2 at the Depot), 9 calves, 62 head of cattle, 97 tegs, 29 sheep and 35 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 5 cows and 1 heifer, had been purchased for £135, to calves and to pigs had been bred on the Farms. 28 head of cattle, it calves 50 sheep and 7 pigs had been sold for £1319 19s. 1d. steer had died of murrain. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held Monday, the 27th January, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (the Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 27th December 1918 to the 23rd January, 1919 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal--During; the five weeks ended 16th January, 5919, 739 loads collected, 724 loads consumed, and 15 tipped away. Weight consumed, 1165 tons 7 cwts. 2 qrs.

2—Rowanfield Road and Highbury Lane-Complaints having been received of the condition of these private Roads, Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company and Messrs. Smith Bros., and Collins and Godfrey (abutting owners) to the complaints.

3—Telegraphic Line—Read, an application from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for permission to place an underground telegraphic line along and across Gloucester Road, from Millbrook Terrace to a point opposite Lansdown Road. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the excavation and reinstatement of the Road and foot-paths being carried out to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

4—Leckhampton Road—Read, a letter from Mr. J. N. Hobbs calling attention to the condition of the footpath in Leckhampton Road, from Halland Road to Moorend Road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the footpath.

5— Grants by Road Board—Read, a letter from the Road Board with reference to the arrangements in contemplation as to the work to be carried out in connection with roads and bridges during the remainder of the current financial year and in the next financial year. Owing to lack of road materials, difficulties of transport and shortage of labour, it was known that during recent years the ordinary renewal programmes of Highway Authorities had not been carried out on a large mileage of roads, and it was evident that the work of deferred renewal and maintenance would in the immediate future throw upon the Highway Authorities a considerable amount of additional expenditure. Under these circumstances the Board had recommended that some special financial provision should be made, and the Government had agreed to set aside £10,000,000 for grants in aid of additional work, and the Road Board asked that proposals should at once be forwarded by Highway Authorities for consideration.

Read, a letter from the County Surveyor asking that the proposals of the Corporation should be sent to him in accordance with the suggestion contained in the letter. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to consider and submit a list of road improvements to be forwarded to the Road Board.

6—Report of View Committee—The following members attended the View Meeting on Friday last (Councillors Mann, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins), when it was Resolved as follows:—

Lansdown Road—That one Lime tree opposite "The Ingle," Lansdown Road, be removed.

Christ Church Road—That one Lime tree opposite General Hogg's house be removed and the other tree pruned.

Imperial Square—That two Chestnut trees and one English Elm opposite the Queen's Hotel Garage be removed.

Hewlett Road- That the tree opposite "Cotsville" be not removed.

Cranham Road—That a Silver Birch opposite Hillsborough Lawn be removed and a smaller one planted.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and confirmed.

7 - Tewkesbury Road—Resolved, That the owner be asked to pave the footpath opposite Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Victoria Cottages, and 538, Tewkesbury Road.

8—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 22nd instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd January, 1919: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Moore, Stewart and Wilkins (the Mayor in the chair). -- New Buildings—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, viz. :—

| No. of Plan | Name | Description |
|-------------|---|---|
| 1403 | J. H. Beach | Temporary Motor House, Overton Lodge, St. George's Road. |
| 1404 | Vicar and Churchwardens of Emmanuel Church | Temporary Club Room, Naunton Crescent. |
| 1405 | A. Yeates | Additions to Ivydene, Pilford Road. |
| 1406 | Housing Association for Officers' Families | Conversion into Flats of Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, Lansdown Terrace. |

Resolved, That Plan 1404 be approved, and that Plan 1403 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice is given requiring such removal, and that Plans 1405 and 1406 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 17th January, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Boulter, Dodwell, Pates, Sawyer and Stewart, (Councillor Stewart in the chair,.

1—Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the woodwork of the awning painted.

2- Montpellier Baths—Salary of Superintendent—Read, a letter from Mr. G. H. Stretton for an increase of Salary. Resolved, That Mr. and Mrs. Stretton's salary be increased to £120 per annum.

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 18th December, 1918 to the 15th January, 1919, was 69, including to wounded soldiers.

3--Spa Medical Committee—Doctors Forster, Hebblethwaite, Howell, Johns and Kirkland attended the Meeting and submitted a scheme (copy of which has been sent to Members of the Council) in connection with the Medical Baths, which provided for a complete installation of Medical Baths and apparatus, including:--

A Plunge and Aeration Bath.

Standard arm Compressed Air Bath.

Combined arm and leg Compressed Air Bath.

Two " Contrast " Baths.

One Sulphur Bath.

One Paraffin Bath.

Two Nauheim Baths.
 Two sets of Plombiere treatment apparatus.
 One " Scotch " Douche, One " Vichy Douche.
 One " Needle " Bath, with shower, spinal spray, rising spray and jet.
 One Aix Douche.
 One Sedative Pool.
 Alteration to the Brine Bath.
 Vapour Bath. (The Aix Douche, Brine, and Vapour baths are installed.)

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They submitted Messrs. Shanks & Co's estimate, which amounted to £1,581 16s. 0d., for carrying out the installation of the additional Baths and apparatus. They also submitted a plan prepared by Mr. H. T. Rainger for improving the exterior of the Baths at a cost of £250.

The Borough Surveyor submitted an approximate estimate of the structural work required to be done in connection with the installation, which included the provision of four new Washing Baths on the first floor and a new entrance and staircase. amounting to £1,050.

The Spa Medical Committee also recommended that,

(a) Bands should be engaged to play at the following times and places:—

Montpellier Gardens Spa—June 1st to August 30, 7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. daily.

Central Spa—May 1st to September 30th, 11 a.m. 1 p.m. daily.

Pittville Spa—May 3rd to September 27th, 3 to 5 p.m., Wednesday and Saturday, and Bank Holidays.

Tea should be provided at the Pittville Spa by a competent caterer.

(b) Season Tickets--That Season Tickets should be issued as follows :—

RESIDENTS TICKETS—Family Season Tickets to all Spa Concerts : 10/6 each free of tax.

SEASON TICKETS FOR MINERAL WATERS (six months) -10/6.

VISITORS' TICKETS—Season Ticket for three weeks £1 1s., and for six weeks £1 11s. 6d. free of entertainment tax; to include waters and concerts.

(c) Public Lavatories—The Sub-Committee also recommended that a lavatory for Ladies and one for Gentlemen should be placed in the roadway near the Clarence Street Lamp.

Resolved, That the scheme submitted by the Spa Medical Committee, for installation of Medical baths and apparatus and alterations, be approved and that application be made to the Local Government Board for a loan of £2882.

Resolved, also, That Messrs. C. J. Phillips, Lewis Hann, and H. Nicholls be asked to confer with the Committee as to the provision of an Orchestra .

Resolved, also, That the question of Public Conveniences be referred to the Public Health Committee.

4—Montpellier Gardens—Read, a letter from the Traders' Association stating that they had been asked by the Dickens Fellowship to assist them in raising Funds for blind soldiers and sailors, and applying for the use of Montpellier Gardens on Whit Monday. They also asked for the use of the Gardens on August Bank Holiday. Resolved. That subject to the Gardens not being required for Summer Entertainments' the Association be granted the use of the same, subject to their paying 5 per cent. of the Gate receipts.

5—Winter Concerts—Resolved, That a fee of £5 5s. be paid to the Performing Right Society, Ltd., for a licence to use copyright music at the Morning Concerts.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 23rd January, 1919 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Dodwell, Mann and Moore (Alderman Green in the chair).

1 --Workmen—Read, a letter from the District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers on behalf of the employees of the Electricity Department, for a further increase of 5/- per week in their War wages. Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on Wednesday, 29th inst., at 3 p.m., to consider the matter.

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2--Mechanical Stoker—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that one mechanical stoker had been installed and was giving satisfactory results up to the present. There appeared to be a reduction in the consumption of coal ; and there was a considerable reduction in the amount of clinker and ash made, and the boiler gave more steam.

Read. a letter from Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox asking, in accordance with the terms of their tender, that an addition of £10 should be made to the contract price on account of the increase of wages sanctioned by the Government during the construction of the stokers. Resolved. That this be agreed to.

3-- Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association—Read, a letter from the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association asking that a subscription should be made to the British Engineering Standards Association, who had issued standard Specifications which had been of great assistance to Electricity undertakings. Resolved, That a subscription of £2 2s. be paid.

4—Extension of Main—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that all restrictions on the connection of new consumers ; extension of existing installations and the laying of new mains, had been removed, and that there had been some relief in the rationing of electricity by the grant of an addition of 25 per cent on existing allocations from the commencement of the current quarter.

5—Applications for Supply—An application was received for a supply of energy to No. 1 St. Margaret's Terrace which was to be occupied by one of the departments of Pate's Grammar School

for Girls. This would require an extension of main for about 30 yards. Resolved, That the extension be made subject to a guarantee of 46 per annum for three years being given.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 29th January, 1919 : Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Dodwell, Betteridge, Mann, Moore and Taylor (Alderman Green in the chair).

6— Workmen—Mr. J. W. Betteridge, District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, attended with regard to the application made on behalf of the employees for an increase in their war wages. Resolved, That an increase of be granted, such increase to commence and be payable on the 28th February next.

7—Tramway Cable— Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for a loan of £4,200, the cost of providing new cables for the traction supply to be laid from the Electricity Works to Manchester Street Sub-Station.

8—Gas Lighting—Read, letters from the Manager of the Gas Company stating that he was arranging to relight, on February 1st, the lamps set out in the schedule recently approved by the Committee, and that the charge for the 329 lamps would be £10 per lamp per annum, the lamps to be lighted from sunset to 11 p.m. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to accept this offer as the terms quoted are largely in excess of the contract price, even after making due provision for increase in the cost of labour and materials.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to confer with the Gas Manager on the matter, and that the relighting of the lamps be suspended in the meantime.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 16th January, 1919 Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, and Green, Councillors Moore, Pates and Sawyer (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

| | For 30 days, ended 13th January, 1919. | Average for corresponding period During last 3 years |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Hewletts Springs | 320,000 gallons | 281,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell Springs | 2,061,000 " | 1,827,000 " |
| Leckhampton Springs | <u>62,000</u> " | <u>82,000</u> " |
| Total | 2,443,000 " | 2,190,000 " |

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

| Depth Contents | | | Depth Contents | | |
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| 13th January, 1919. | | | 13th January, 1918. | | |
| Hewletts | | 21,136,000 gallons | | | 10,325,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell | 31ft 0in. | 94,756,000 " | 17ft. 0in. | | 33,700,000 " |
| Leckhampton | 11ft. 0in. | <u>1,486,000</u> " | 11ft. 0in. | | <u>1,486,000</u> " |
| Total Storage | | 117,378,000 " | | | 60,286,000 " |

Pumping was discontinued on the 19th ultimo,

2—Watermain—The Borough Surveyor reported that about 100 yards of 2-inch main in St. Stephens Road had collapsed, and he recommended that it be replaced with 3-inch pipes which he had in Stock. Resolved, That this be approved.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 21st January, 1919: Present — The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies Green and Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Parasitic Mange in a stable at St. George's Place in the occupation of Messrs. Mark Williams & Co., and also reported that the following premises were still under quarantine:—

Swine Fever—Hanover Street Allotments in the occupation of Mr. Mark Kent.

"Roseland," Leckhampton Road, in the occupation of Mr. H. T. Newcombe.

Victoria Nurseries, in the occupation of Mr. John Barrett.

Parasitic Mange—Princes Mews, Princes Street, in the occupation of Mr. H. J. Morgan.

2—Wart Disease of Potato Order, 1918—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture calling attention to Article 4 (l) of this Order, which prohibits the sale of potatoes of an approved immune variety except by persons authorised by licence granted by the Board, unless the sale is direct to a dealer in seed potatoes, and asking that the attention of all registered dealers should be called to the provisions of the Order. The Town Clerk reported that this had been one.

3— Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that on the 13th instant the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at No. 7, Royal Parade. Damage about £200. Brigade expenses, £2 15s. 0d.

4—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 25—Read, a letter from Mr. Dan Lapper, of the Bell Inn, Bath Road, for the transfer to him of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 25 from Mrs. Garner, of Park Mews, who was giving up business. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the carriage being approved by Supt. Hopkins.

5—Inspector of Hackney Carriages—Supt. Hopkins tendered his resignation as Inspector of Hackney Carriages, as he would be leaving the town to take up his new post as Deputy Chief Constable of the County. The Chairman and other Members of the Committee expressed their appreciation of the efficient manner in which Supt. Hopkins had carried out his duties, and expressed their regret at his departure from Cheltenham. Resolved, That consideration of the appointment of a successor to Supt. Hopkins be adjourned to the next Meeting.

6—Cheltenham and District War Agricultural Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Whittaker and Mr. W. W. Powell (Chairman of the Allotment Holders' Society, Ltd.) be appointed representatives on the Cheltenham and District War Agricultural Sub-Committee, to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Alderman Baker and Councillor Wood.

7—Public Conveniences—Read, a letter from the District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Tramways and Vehicle Workers, calling attention to the need of Public Conveniences at the Tramway terminus at Leckhampton and Lansdown. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co.

8—War Charities Act, 1916—A memorandum was received from the Charity Commissioners pointing out that the Committee of every War Charity which in consequence of the cessation of hostilities is unable any longer to apply its funds for the precise objects entered in its register, should apply to the Charity Commissioners for authority to deal with such funds. In all cases where it is possible, a meeting of subscribers should be called in order to obtain their consent to the proposals for dealing with the funds. The Town Clerk reported that he had forwarded a copy of the memorandum to all the War Charities in Cheltenham registered under the Act. Resolved, That the action of the Town Clerk be approved.

9—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 :—

| | £ s. d. |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| General Hospital . • • | 34 4 3 |
| Female Refuge .. | 3 14 5 |
| Female Orphan Asylum | 4 9 3 |
| Blind Asylum .. • . | 4 9 3 |
| Nazareth House and Corinth House | 46 17 2 |
| Coburg Society (Bath Street) . • | 4 3 2 |
| Victoria Home for Nurses | 12 12 11 |

| | |
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| Provident Dispensary | 4 9 3 |
| Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital | 11 18 0 |
| Boys' Orphan Asylum | 2 19 6 |
| Home for Sick Children | 8 18 6 |
| Home for Aged Pensioners (3, Monson Terrace) | 2 16 0 |
| St. Catherine's Home (Cambray) | <u>4 5 8</u> |
| | £145 17 4 |

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10—Pawnbroker's Certificate—Read, an application from Messrs. H. Higgins & Co. 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 1918 be granted.

11—Cinematograph Act—Read, a. application from Shakespere Shenton for a renewal of the licence granted in respect of the Victoria Rooms, High Street. Resolved, That a licence be granted for 1 year from the 7th February, 1919, subject to the same conditions contained in the previous licence

12--Cheltenham Market— The Town Clerk reported that with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee a portion of the Market had been let to Mr. Thomas Taylor from the 16th January to the 12th February for roundabouts, etc., at a rental of £30 Resolved, 'that the action of the Chairman be approved.

13—War Bonus—The letter from the Local Government Board with reference to the payment of a war bonus to the administrative, Technical and Clerical staffs of Local Authorities referred by the Finance Committee to this Committee was considered. Mr. J. E. Balmer of the National Association of Local Government Officers attended the Committee on behalf of the Cheltenham Municipal Officers Guild, and ached that a war bonus should be granted to the Cheltenham Officers in accordance with the scale attached to the letter of the Board. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting.

14- Salary of Borough Surveyor and Water Engineer— Read, a letter from Mr. J. S. Pickering asking that his salary should be increased to £800 per annum. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting.

15—Fruit Market—The Sub-Committee reported that they had met on the 20th instant. Present Aldermen Green and Margrett and Councillor Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the Chair). They recommended that the letter submitted be sent in reply to the letter from the Assistant Director of Horticulture, Food Production Department. Resolved, That the letter be approved.

16-21, Promenade Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £1200 for the purchase of No. 21 Promenade.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 15th January, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Green and Margrett, Councillors Candle, Stewart, and Clara Winterbotham (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1-Curator's Report—The Curator reported that the, had been 2133 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since snit December last. (Corresponding period last year, 1291).

Arrangements were being made for the imperial War Museum Exhibition of Naval Photographs to open on February 1st. The proceeds to be given to Naval Charities.

The following loan had been received from:—

W. St Clair Baddeley, Esq—Portrait of Mrs. St. Clair Baddeley, by W. Rothenstein.

Captain H. Powell—German Gas Mask.

The following gifts had been received :—

Captain B. P. Wild—Minerals. Blende. Haematite. Gourds from Algeria. Gas Mask in case, for War Museum,

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Private E. W. Ingram—German Egg Bomb.

Private L. E. Rees, H.A.C.—Austrian Paper Money, used during the occupation of Italy by the Central Powers.

2 Lire. 5 Centissimi. 10 Centissimi. 1 Korona. 50 Centissimi. 2 Korona. (3).

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

2—Staff—Read, a letter from Miss Browning for an addition to her salary. She was now receiving 15/- a week from the Library Committee. Resolved, That she be paid 5/- per week for the work done by her in connection with the Art Gallery and Museum.

3—Lecture --The Curator reported that Mr. A. J. de :Havilland Bushnell had arranged to give a Lecture on Church Glass, on the 29th instant, and it would be convenient to use the Art Gallery. Resolved, That this be approved.

CLARA. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd January, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell and Sawyer (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Promenade Bandstand—Resolved. That the acacia tree in the Promenade Bandstand enclosure, be removed.

2—Pittville Estate—Read, letters from Mrs. Fearnley Tanner for the removal of one or two trees opposite "Scoriton," and Major Fergusson for the removal of a tree at the rear of "Edenholme." Resolved, That consideration of the letters be adjourned, and that the next Meeting of the Committee be held at Pittville.

Pittville Lake—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing the depth of mud accumulated, and estimated that from ten to fifteen thousand cubic yards would be required to be removed. Resolved. That tenders be invited by advertisement for carrying out the work.

3-- Cultivation of Lands Order—Land at Glenlee—Read, a letter from Messrs. Ticehurst & Co. forwarding copy of a letter received from Mr. H. Hardcastle, asking for possession of this land and undertaking to continue its cultivation for food production until 1920, and to waive any claim for compensation as owner, and also to settle any compensation which may be payable to the tenant, and to allow the present tenant to continue subject to a quarter's notice. Resolved, That the application be granted and that notice be given to the tenant terminating his tenancy.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th January 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell, Mann, Stewart, and Clara Winterbotham Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6055 to 6070 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2—Designs— Resolved. That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Cross to graves of Alice and Samuel Parr. Headstone to grave of Esther Grace Taylor. Kerbing to graves of John Charles Clapham and David, Ernest Edward and Sarah Barrow.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th January, 1919: Present---The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Green, Councillors Caudle, Mann, Moore and Pates, Messrs. W. R. Carles, A. Miles, W. G. Gurney and H. Strand (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £6 5s. 11d. Presentations :—Captain R. P. Wilde (4 volumes), The Victoria League per Mr. W. R. Carles (11 volumes), Mrs. Brain (8 volumes music.) The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during December was 2883, and the number issued from the Lending Department was 7748.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th instant. Present—The Deputy Mayor Councillors Mann and Moore, Messrs. F. J. Caudle, and J. Claridge (Councillor Mann in the chair),

Representatives of the Education Committee attended the Meeting with reference to the formation of a Teachers' Reference Library.

The Sub-Committee recommended that a section of the Reference Library be used for housing the books of the proposed Teachers' Library. The Education Committee to defray all expenses except labour of staff.

Resolved, That the recommendation 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 28th January, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Boater, Taylor and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 28th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £17,662 11s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £8,539 13s. 8d. -Water Rate—Read, Report of the Borough Accountant, dated 28th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th March 1919. Amount collected £9,011 1s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £4,691 4s. 11d.

3-- Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £90 on loan. Resolved. That a debenture be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

4-Borough Accountant's Department—The Borough Accountant reported that Mr. A. Lewis, who prior to the War was Cashier and assistant in his department, had been demobilized and had returned to work.

Mr. Pike, junior Clerk would also shortly be returning. Resolved, That the salary of Mr. Lewis be increased to £150 per annum.

5--Town Hall and Municipal Offices Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that there was standing to the credit of the Sinking Funds of these loans £735 15s. 4d. which in accordance with the terms of the sanctions should be invested in 2 ½ per cent Consols. Resolved, That the amount be invested accordingly.

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

| | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| In hand on the 31st December last .. | 8,449 0 4 |
| Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture, £90) | <u>26,299 8 9</u> |
| | 34,748 9 |
| Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £2,300) | <u>21,568 3 1</u> |
| | In hand 13,180 6 0 |
| being Sinking Fund Accounts | In hand 17,154 12 1 |
| "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts | 181 5 4 |
| "Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account . | <u>186 7 0</u> |
| | 17,522 4 5 |
| less General Accounts | Overdrawn... <u>4,341 18 5</u> |
| | 13,180 6 0 |

ROBE 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 February 1919, at 3 p.m.

Present: The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair,
The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel),

Aldermen Davies, Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, and Clara Winterbotham, Councillors Boulter, Candle, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Fates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Taylor, Thomas, Wilkins and Whitaker.

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

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 6th 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—War Trophies—Read, a letter from the War Office stating that on the recommendation of H.M. Lord Lieutenant for the County, the War Office Trophies Committee had decided to offer to the Corporation the following captured enemy stores :—

1 German Machine Gun (damaged).

1 “ “ “ Ammunition Box.

1 “ “ “ Ammunition Belt.

Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

3—Visit of Colonial Premiers—Read, a letter from the Chamber of Commerce and Traders Association, suggesting that the Colonial Premiers, who would be visiting a number of towns after the Peace Conference, should be invited to visit Cheltenham.

Resolved, That the suggestion be approved and that an invitation be sent accordingly.

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4—Vacancies on Committees—Resolved, That the following Members of the on the under Council be appointed to fill the vacancies undermentioned Committees, viz.:—

Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Councillors Jamieson and Thomas.

Electricity and Lighting Committee—Councillors Stanley and Whitaker.

Water Committee—Councillors Wilkins and Stewart.

Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee Councillor Stanley.

Burial Board Committee—Councillors Rogers and Thomas.

Finance Committee—Councillors Jamieson, Moore and Whitaker.

Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Councillor Edith Geddes.

Education Committee—Councillor Rogers.

Public Health Committee.—Councillor Whitaker (to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Stewart).

Distress Committee—Councillors Edith Geddes, Stanley and Rogers.

5—Delancey Hospital Trustees—Resolved, That Councillor Edith Geddes be appointed a Trustee of the Delancey Hospital to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor Wood.

6—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th January 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 27th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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

9---Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 23rd and 29th January last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Water committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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11—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st January last, be approved and confirmed. Cinematograph Act 1909—Resolved, That the applications from Mrs. Field, and Messrs. C. G. Smith and T. H. Poynton, for the renewal of their Cinematograph Licences in respect of the Winter Garden, Hippodrome, and North Street Picture House respectively, be granted for one year from the 7th February, 1919 the Licences on the same conditions as contained in the previous Licences.

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

13—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd January last, be approved and confirmed,

14--Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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

16—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th 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.

17—Notice of Motion—Alderman Davies gave notice of his intention to move at the next Meeting of the Council :—

"That it be an instruction to the General Purposes and Watch Committee to consider the advisability of taking steps to increase the number of members of the Council."

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18—Suspension of the Deputy Mayor, and on of Standing Orders—On the proposition into Committee to consider seconded by Councillor Stanley, the Council we the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, as follows :—

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 3rd February, 1919. Present: The Mayor, Alderman Green and Councillors Moore and Dodwell (Alderman Green in the chair).

Electricity Works.—Technical Engineers—Read, a letter from the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association, reminding the Council that the application from the Electrical Power Engineers Association asking that the Technical Engineers should be granted an increase of 20 per cent. on the pre-war salary plus £90 per annum from the 31st March, 1918, this sum to include the War Advances and War Bonuses, had not been decided upon. The Association had, with other Electrical Supply Associations, considered the claim and referred the matter to the Joint Standing Conference of Electrical Supply Associations. The Conference held a meeting on the 8th January last, when it was decided to support the application of the Electrical Power Engineers Association.

The Electrical Power Engineers Association had handed in a Notice under which if the claim was not paid, or agreed to be paid within seven days the National Executive Council had decided to bring out their members in the defaulting undertakings ; and if after a further fourteen days these undertakings had not paid the claim the National Executive would bring out all the members of the Association from all undertakings in support of the men in those undertakings which refuse to pay or had not paid.

Resolved, That the Engineers on the Technical Staff be granted a 10 per cent. increase on pre-war Salary plus £30, in addition to the 12 ½ per cent at present paid ; this to include the Borough Electrical Engineer except as regards the 12 ½ per cent.

On resuming, it was Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee at the Meeting on the 3rd February inst. be approved, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: That the words " Borough Electrical Engineer except this to include the approved, as regards the 12 ½ per cent." be not approved

Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 3rd March, 1919.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th February, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies Green, Horsley and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Caudle, Moore Rogers and Whitaker Alderman Davies 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.:—12, Oxford Place, 1, Stoneville Street, and 4, Fairlight Place. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2— Cleansing and Whitewashing at 1, Stoneville Street, 2, Suffolk Road, 13, Whitecross Square, 1, Ebenezer Cottages 8 and 9, Larput Place, and 3, Mews 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.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 1, Stoneville Street, and 7 and 8, Clare 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.

4--Insanitary Property--16, Victoria Street, 1a, Oxford Place, 2, Suffolk Parade, 13, Whitecross Square, 12, Bath Terrace, 3, News Cottages, Alstone, and 1, Stoneville Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 946 lbs. of beef, 176 lbs. of mutton, 35 lbs. veal, 140 lbs. of Pork, 44 lbs. of tripe, and 6 lbs. of corned beef.

6—Sewer near the Park—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Sewer behind The Woodlands had become choked by tree roots. Resolved, That he be instructed to have this cleared.

7—House without proper Water Supply—4, Portland Street—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor that the above premises were without a proper water supply, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts. Resolved, That notice be given under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owner requiring him to obtain such a supply and do all things as may be necessary for that purpose.

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8-Salary of Medical Officer of Health—Resolved, That the application of the Medical Officer of Health for a war bonus and increase of Salary be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration with the other applications in regard to salaries and bonuses.

9—Health Department—Read, applications from Mr. F. Jackett, who had now returned to his duties, and also from Mr. F. R. Jefford, who would shortly be demobilized, asking for a revision of their Salaries as Assistant Sanitary Inspectors. Resolved, That these applications be also referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration, but that the Salary of Mr. Jackett be raised to £130 pending such consideration.

10-Public Conveniences—This was considered, and it was Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to report on the matter.

11—Royal Sanitary Institute—Read a letter from Secretary inviting delegates to attend a Conference in London on the 13th and 14th March next. Resolved. That delegates be not sent.

12 Housing of the Working Classes—Read a letter from Mr. J. H. Siford, urging on behalf of the Railwaymen the need for suitable Working Class Dwellings. Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, of the 6th instant, giving particulars of the revised terms of financial assistance which were now offered to Local Authorities in respect of housing schemes. Resolved, That copies of the letter be obtained for the members of the Committee.

13—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th instant, Present : Alderman Steel and Councillor Whitaker.

Chairman—Councillor Whitaker was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

Farms Manager's Report—The Farms Manager reported that 70 pigs and 1 calf had been bred, to pigs and 19 sheep had been sold for £110 3s. 6d. The number of livestock on the 10th instant was 6 colts, 12 horses and 2 at Depot, no calves, 62 head of cattle, 97 tegs, to sheep and 95 pigs, all doing very well. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 24th February, 1919 : Present—The Mayor, Councillors Mann, Pates, Stewart and Wilkins (The Mayor in the chair).

1-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 24th January to the 10th February, 1919 (both inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 13th February, 1919, 645 loads collected, 627 loads consumed and 18 loads tipped away. Weight consumed, 1,064 tons 14 ¼ cwts.

2-Grants by Road Board—The Borough Surveyor reported an interview with the County Surveyor in regard to a contribution from the special grant to be made by the Road Board for improving highways which had suffered deterioration during the war, and that the County Surveyor had agreed to include a sum of £3,000 in his estimates provisionally, leaving particulars of the work for which the grant should be applied to be furnished later.

The circular offering a grant provides that no Highway Authority will be entitled to share in the new grants for additional work unless they submit a statement shewing that they are arranging to execute out of their own resources at least as large a programme of road work as they carried out in the year ended 31st March, 1914, having due regard to the increase which has since taken place in the cost of carrying out road work, and are also making the maximum practicable provision to deal with works of deferred maintenance.

Resolved, That a claim for a grant to be applied for providing a suitable concrete foundation and a natural rock asphalt surface to one or more of the following roads, namely:—

- (1) St. George's Place, (from Clarence Street to St. James' Square).
- (2) Clarence Street (from end of wood block paving) Manchester Street and St. James' Square.
- (3) Lower High Street and Tewkesbury Road
- (4) London Road.
- (5) Winchcomb Street (from Albion Street to Pittville Gates).
- (6) For the widening and improvement of Old Bath Road (front Thirlestaine Road to Laracor).

3—Tramway Track—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had called the attention of the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co. to the condition of the Tramway Track, and had received a letter stating that the company were awaiting suitable weather before putting the repairs in hand. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be requested to again communicate with the Company, asking that the work may be put in hand at once.

Resolved, also, That the attention of the General Purposes and Watch Committee be called to the condition of the Tramway Cars.

4—Rowanfield Road-- Read a letter from the Gloucestershire Aircraft Co. stating that they were willing to repair Rowanfield Road if the Corporation would provide clinkers. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to supply the clinkers required.

5—Slab Factory—Resolved, That the Committee inspect the Slab Factory at their next meeting on the fifth March.

6—Old Paving Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to dispose of the old paving stones not required for repairs at £1 per ton.

7-View Meeting--Trees—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday, the 19th instant t---The Mayor, Councillors Mann, Pates and Stewart (the Mayor in the chair).

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

The Park—That the trees near Ellesmere Lodge and Ireton House be not removed. That the tree opposite Crofton Lodge be removed and another tree planted.

Sydenham Road—That the tree at the corner of Hale's Road and Sydenham Road be not removed.

Footpath Paving —The Committee also inspected various footpaths and decided that the following footpaths be re-paved :—The Park, from Ireton House to Tudor Lodge Road (4 feet 6 inches wide) ; Bath Road (from King 'William Inn to Hermitage Street) ; portion of Exmouth Street ; Suffolk Square (opposite St. James' Church) ; Suffolk Parade (Montpellier Terrace to Messrs. Yeandall's shop); Suffolk Square (back of Montpellier Terrace to Park Place) ; Clarence Street (Post Office Lane to Great Western Station) (except near St. Matthew's Church) ; Townsend Street (both sides); Pittville Street (East side) ; Hewlett Street (St. Anne's Road to Albion Street) (West side) ; High Street (Corpus Street to Old Bath Road and Hale's Road to Priory Street).

Footpath Repairs—That the following footpaths be repaired :---Suffolk Road (Montpellier Grove to Suffolk Square), Regent Street (East side).

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

8—Tree opposite Nibley House, North Place—Read, a letter from Mrs. E. Skinner calling attention to a large tree in the grounds of Pate's Grammar School for Girls, and asking that the same be removed or lopped. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Grammar School Governors.

9--Clare Street and Russell Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up plans and specifications of the work required to be done in these streets by the abutting owners

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10-Salary of Borough Engineer-Read, a letter from the Institution of Municipal County Engineers stating that the Council of the Institution were of opinion that the salaries of all Engineers and Surveyors of Local Government Authorities should be increased at least 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. over pre-war rates, notwithstanding any increase of salary which may have been granted according to scale or grant for any special or additional services. Resolved. That the letter be referred the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

11-Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 19th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

.JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, the 19th February, 1919: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Stewart (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 |
|-------------|--|--|
| 1405 | A. Yeates | Additions to Ivydene, Pilford Road. Amended Plan.) |
| 1406 | Housing Association for Officers' Families | Conversion of Nos. 1---17, Lansdown Terrace into Flats.) |
| 1407 | E. J. Burrow, Ltd. | New Offices at rear of Lypiatt Lodge. |
| 1408 | Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd. | Temporary Coach House and Stables. Belmore Place. |

Resolved That Plan 1405 be approved, that Plans No. 1406 and 1407 be approved subject to the drainage work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 1408 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Committee held on Friday, the 31st January 1919. Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Boulter, Dodwell, Pates, Stewart and Sawyer (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1-Band – Messrs. C. J. Philips and L. Hann (Musical Advisory Committee) and Doctors Howell and Kirkland attended the Meeting

The Committee considered the recommendation of the Spa Advisory Committee with reference to the engagement of a band for the summer Season.

Resolved, That offers be invited from Musical Conductors to provide a band of 15 efficient musicians (including conductor) during the summer season (May to September inclusive) on the following conditions.

(a) The Band to be in uniform.

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(b) The Band to play both indoors and outside as follows :—

Montpellier Gardens Spa, June 1st to August 30th, 7.30 a.m. to 3.30 a.m. daily (A Band of 6 Performers).

Central Spa (Town Hall), May 1st to September 30th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily (Band to consist of 8 Performers).

The full Band (15 Performers) to play at the Pittville Spa or Montpellier Gardens or any other place as directed by the Committee from 3 to 5 p.m. daily.

(c) The Committee may require the full Band of 15 to play during the mornings.

(d) The Band to be under the direction of the Musical Advisory Committee and the Conductor to submit programmes of music to the Advisory Committee and to carry out such directions as may be given from time to time by that Committee.

(e) The Band also to be at the disposal of this Committee for occasional evening work.

2—Pittville Pump Room—Resolved, That the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee be recommended to carry out the work of re-decorating the Pittville Pump Room for which £267 was provided in the estimate.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 14th February, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Boulter, Dodwell, Jamieson, Pates, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

3—Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor reported that the hot water supply boiler at the Town Hall was worn out, and that the cost of a new boiler would be about £60. He recommended that the offer of the Red Cross Society of a smaller boiler at the St. John's Red Cross Hospital for £15 be accepted, and that another similar boiler be purchased at a cost of about £45 as a "Stand-by." Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted.

4 —Alstone Baths—Read, an application from Mr. Pilkington (Supt.), for an increase of salary. Resolved, That the joint salary of Mr. and Mrs. Pilkington be increased from £100 to £120 per annum.

5—Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That Messrs. Shanks & Co. be authorised to proceed with the installation of the new baths and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the structural work. Resolved also, That Messrs. Chatters, Smithson and Rainger be instructed to prepare plans and specification for improving the exterior of the Baths and that tenders be invited for carrying out the work. Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 16th January to the 1st February, was 98, including 15 to wounded soldiers.

6—Montpellier Gardens—Archery Grounds— 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., including the services of a man to put up and take down the targets.

7—Town Hall—Winter Concerts—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Traders Association asking for the use of the Large Hall during the month of March on dates to be arranged, for high-class entertainments in the afternoon and evening after the conclusion of the winter season. Resolved, That the use of the Hall be granted subject to payment of 5 per cent on the gross receipts plus lighting, etc.

Morning Orchestra—Resolved also, That arrangements be made with Mr. H. Teague to continue the morning Band Concerts during March and April, the charge for admission to be 3d, including glass of Mineral Waters.

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8—Mineral Waters —“Sales”—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the past month was 631. The number of glasses sold at the Pittville Gardens was 15.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 24th February, 1919: Present—Councillors Dodwell, Jamieson, Pates, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

9—Band—The Committee considered a report of the Musical Advisory Committee who had been through the 42 offers received and submitted for consideration by the Committee 8 offers to provide a Band on terms varying from £55 to £70 a week. Resolved, That the Council be

recommended to authorise this Committee to engage a Band at a cost of not exceeding £65 a week including hire of pianos, portorage, etc.

Resolved also, That Mr. J. Toulson Clarke, of Middlesborough, Mr J. W. Shackleton of Southport, and Mr. H. Teague be invited to attend for interview.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting thus Committee hold on Monday, the 10th February, 1919 Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Mann, Stanley and Whitaker (Alderman Green in the chair),

1- Wages of Technical Engineers Read, a letter from the Ministry of Labour stating that having regard to the necessity for disposing of the Application of the Technical Engineers of Electricity undertakings for a war bonus without further delay, the Department proposed to refer the case at once to arbitration under the Conciliation Act, 1896, and would he glad to receive the formal concurrence of the Corporation in this procedure. Resolved, That the Ministry he informed that as terms have been arranged with the Technical Staff, there is no occasion to refer the matter to arbitration so far as the Cheltenham Undertaking is concerned,

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 20th February, 1919 Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Stanley and Whitaker (Alderman Green the Chair).

1-Street Lighting-That the Borough Engineer be instructed to prepare and submit a scheme and estimate for completing the lighting of the town by electricity.

3- Workmen-Resolved, That the two switch board boys be granted an additional war bonus at 416 per week.

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4—Coal Contract —The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Park Colliery Co., Ltd., were willing to continue their present contract for six months from 1st April next. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

5- Accounts, 1917-18--Resolved, That £599 13s 3d. (the deficit balance for the year 1917-18) be paid out of the Reserve Fund.

6—Electric Power Supply---Read, a letter from the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association forwarding the following Resolutions which were passed at a meeting in London on the 14th Instant :—

"The I.M.E.A. view with great concern the suggestion which has been reported in the Press that the future control of Electricity Supply is to be taken out of the Department of the Board of Trade, and to be placed under the proposed Ministry of Ways and Communications."

"Electricity supplies to collieries, factories, commercial users generally, and other consumers, preponderate largely over supplies to railways and to other undertakings coming under the control of the suggested Ministry of Ways and Communications, and it is feared that such control would be exercised in the interests of transportation, to the detriment of the larger interests involved in the general supply of electrical energy."

Resolved, That this Council endorse the Resolutions passed by the Association and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the Borough Member.

7—Extension of Main—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for a supply of energy for Mr. Taylor's workshops at the rear of Clarence Street. The cost of extending the cable would be £20 6s. 0d. Resolved, That an extension of main be made subject to a guarantee of £7 per annum being paid for three years.

8—Gas Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had been unable to obtain any reduction in the charge of £10 per annum proposed to be made by the Company for the 32 additional lamps. Resolved, That the Company be asked to arrange a conference on the matter, and that the Chairman and Councillor Moore be asked to attend the conference with the Town Clerk and Engineer.

9—Electric Street Lighting—The Engineer reported that in view of the increased cost of labour, fuel, etc., an addition of £609 should be made to the charge for street lighting for the current year, making the total charge £7,109. Resolved. That the charge be increased accordingly.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At is Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 13th February 1919 Present—The Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Moore, Pates, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Margret(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 February, 1919. | Average for corresponding period During last 3 years |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Hewletts Springs | 530,000 gallons | 475,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell Springs | 2,786,000 " | 1,949,000 " |
| Leckhampton Springs | <u>122,000</u> " | <u>104,000</u> " |
| Total | 3,438,000 " | 2,528,000 " |

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

| | Depth | Contents | | Depth | Contents |
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| | 10th February, 1919. | | | 10th February, 1918. | |
| Hewletts | | 30,887,000 gallons | | | 22,113,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell | 32ft 0in. | 100,000,000 " | | 27ft. 0in. | 74,900,000 " |
| Leckhampton | 12ft. 6in. | <u>1,688,000</u> " | | 12ft. 0in. | <u>1,621,000</u> " |
| | Total Storage | 132,575,000 " | | | 98,634,000 " |

2-Appeals --The cases entered in the Appeals Book were considered and the rates adjusted

CHAS. H. MARGRETT

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 18th February, 1919: Present: The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Green and Margrett, Councillors Dodwell, Mann and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1-Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Parasitic Mange on the 7th January at Arle Dairy Farm, and also reported that the following premises were still under quarantine:—

Parasitic Mange-- Princess Mews, in the occupation of Mr. J. H. Morgan, and premises in St. George's Place in the occupation of Messrs. Mark Williams and Co.

Swine Fever- Victoria Nurseries, Old Bath Road, in the occupation of Mt. H. T. Newcombe.

2-Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences Read, a letter from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. for a licence to drive a motor cab for L. Davies, of 29, Sandford Street. and Wilfred Rowland of 8, Croft Parade. Charlton Kings. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

3--Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 11 Read, an application from Mr. Harry Hill of 33, Jersey Street, for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 11, formerly held by Mr. Edwin Bullingham, deceased. Resolved. That the application be granted, subject to the carriage being approved by Supt. Hopkins

4-Telephone and Telegraph Advisory Committee --Resolved. That Councillors Boulter and Whittaker be appointed representatives of the Telephone and Telegraph Advisory Committee in the place of Messrs. P. Haddock and Waghorne, who are not now members of the Council.

5-- War Bonus Resolved. That a Joint Meeting of the General Purpose and Watch Committees be held on Wednesday, the 26th instant, to consider the letter from the Local Government Board re war bonuses for Municipal officers and also the applications received for increases of salary.

6-Representation of the people Act-Absent Voters' Lists Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of Tottenham forwarding copy of a representation made to the Local Government Board that the expenses of compiling and printing the Absent Voters' Lists, which are Compiled exclusively for Parliamentary purposes, should be borne wholly by the State instead of in equal shares by the Borough and the Treasury as at present, and asking that a similar representation should be made by other Local Authorities. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make a representation to the Board accordingly.

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7—Licence to store Petroleum—Read, an application from Messrs. Tarr and Forge for a licence to store 500 gallons of Petroleum at the Pittville Garage, Winchcomb Street. The Inspector reported that the premises were satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

8—Town Clerk's Department—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to purchase "Halsbury's Laws of England" by instalments of £5 down and £5 per quarter (total cost, £40 6s. 0d.)

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES (Joint Meeting).

At a Meeting of this Joint Committee held on Wednesday, the 26th February, 1919: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Green, and Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Stewart, Taylor, Whitaker, and Wilkins (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—War Bonus—The Committee considered the letter from the Local Government Board, in which it was stated that the attention of the President had been drawn to the variations in the amounts of War Bonuses granted to the Administrative, Technical, and Clerical Staffs of Local Authorities, and the strong feeling in many districts that the claims of these officers had not been fully acknowledged, regard being had to the present day cost of living. The Board forwarded a copy of the scale of War Bonuses authorised for permanent civil servants for the year 1918 in accordance with the recent awards of the Conciliation and Arbitration Board for Government employees, and stated that while the President recognised that in certain districts local circumstances might demand special consideration, it was thought that, generally speaking, Local Authorities might properly take the civil servants' scale for guidance in the case of non-resident officers. The Board were willing to authorise the payment of additional remuneration for the period of the war in the case of officers to whose remuneration their sanction was required, provided that it did not exceed the scale authorised from time to time for civil servants.

2—Salaries— Letters were received from the British Medical Association, and the Institutions of Municipal and County Engineers, asking that the salaries of Medical Officers of Health and Borough Engineers respectively be increased by 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. over pre-war rates, notwithstanding any increases of salary according to scale, or grants for special or additional services since the war commenced. Applications were received from the Medical Officer of Health and the Borough Surveyor for increases of salary and a letter was also received from the Borough Accountant. Resolved, That War Bonuses be granted for the year ending 31st March, 1919, as follows:—

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| Medical Officer of Health.. | £60. |
| Farms Massager . • | £30 |
| Assistant Overseers (Messrs. E. D. Ricketts, F. H. Harris and A. Ricketts) .. | £30 |
| Librarian .. • • | £30 |
| Inspector of Nuisances (Mr. Hudson) .. | £30 |
| Assistant Borough Accountant .. | £30 |
| Mr. G. B. Pearce (Borough Accountant's Department) | £30 |
| Mr. J. Midwinter do. do. | £30 |
| Outdoor Superintendent (Mr. Halliwell) | £11 (Bonus £26 previously granted). |
| Building Inspector .. | £30 |
| Chief Clerk, Stores Department | £5 6s. (Bonus £24 14s. previously granted). |

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| Chief Clerk, Water Department) | £20. (Bonus £26 previously granted.) |
| Assistant Borough Surveyor .. • • | £30 |
| Mr. B. Nation (Borough Surveyor's Office) | £30 |
| Mr. E. J. Cornock (Rates Department) • . | £30 |
| Mr. C. P. Bastin (Electricity Department) | £10 (Bonus £35 2s. previously granted). |
| Town Clerk .. • • • • | £63 |
| Assistant Town Clerk • • | £60 |

C. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 12th February, 1919: Present—Aldermen Green and Steel Councillors Edith Geddes and Stewart, and Mr. H. Stroud (Councillor Edith Geddes in the chair).

1-----Curator's Report—The Curator reported that the, had been 1721 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since 15th January last. (Corresponding period last year, 928).

Mr. de Havilland Bushnell's lecture on Church Glass took place on the a9th ult., and every available seat was occupied. The lecture was much appreciated by all who heard it.

The Exhibition of Naval Photographs was opened on February rut by the Rector of Cheltenham. The Exhibition had created much interest and was being well patronised.

2--Museum--Resolved. That the offer of the Cheltenham Window Cleaning Company to clean all the windows on the top floor outside for £1 15s. be accepted.

3—War Relics -Resolved, That a second-hand show case (9 feet by 5 feet) be purchased from Messrs. The Wicliffe Cycle Company, at a charge not exceeding £15.

EDITH GEDDES,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 19th February, 1919 ; Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Boulter and Dodwell (The Deputy Mayor in the Chair.)

1-Pittville Lake—Resolved, That tenders be invited for cleaning out the lake, subject to arrangements being made for a site for depositing the mud. Resolved also, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held at Pittville to inspect the site suggested.

2-Pittville Pump Room-Resolved, That tenders be invited for decoration the Pump Room, and that this Committee be empowered to accept a ...satisfactory tender.

3-Cultivation of Lands Order Resolved, That notice be given terminating the tenancy of allotment holders who are in arrear with their rent.

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Land in Whaddon Lane—An application was received from Mr. W. Blake for possession of this land and undertaking to continue its cultivation for food production until the end of 1920, and to waive any claim for compensation as owner, and also to settle any compensation which may be payable to the tenants, and to give the present tenants the option of continuing their tenancies. Resolved, That this be agreed to subject to the approval of the Board of Agriculture, and that notices be given to the tenants terminating their tenancies under the Corporation.

Inspection of Market Gardens—Read, a letter from the Cheltenham and District War Agricultural Committee with reference to the inspection of Market Gardens, etc. Resolved, That the Visitors of the Allotments be asked to extend their inspection to market gardens.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 21st February, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces---Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6071 to 6086 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2—Seeds--- Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorised to purchase seeds to the value of £1 5s.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Cross to grave of Jane G. Sheppard; Headstone to grave of Alfred James Henry Billett; and Kerbing to graves of Elizabeth Jane Bastin and Leonora, Rowana, and Arthur Green.

4—Inspection of Cemetery—Resolved, That the next Meeting be held at the Cemetery.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th February, 1919 : Present—The Deputy Moose, Alderman Davies, Councillors Caudle, Mann, Moore and Pates; Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone, Messrs. W. G. Gurney, E. C. Rogers and H. Stroud (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £8 45. 5d. Presentations:—Mr. E. A. Dicks (2 volumes music). The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of January was 4,297, and the number issued in the Lending Department was 5,975.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th February. Present--The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Mann and Moore (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended (A) That the Public Library be connected with the telephone switchboard at the Municipal Offices at a cost of £5 9s. and an annual rental of £2 11s. (B) That the books set out in the list submitted by the Librarian be purchased at a cost not exceeding £20. (C) That the periodical "Unity" be purchased at a cost of 2/- per annum.

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

A. MANN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Tuesday, the 25th February, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Jamieson, Taylor and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £22,917 16s. 1d., leaving outstanding £3,284 9s. 5d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th March 1919. Amount collected £11,466 9s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £2,425 18s. 11d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged for the continuance of loans amounting to £1,430. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—Borough Accountant's Department—The Borough Accountant reported that Miss Godwin, temporary junior assistant, had resigned. Resolved, That the salary of Mr. H. Pike, junior clerk, who has been demobilised, be increased to £65 per annum.

5—Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that the sum of £5,052 was standing to the credit of the Consolidated Loans Fund, and he recommended the purchase of Cheltenham Corporation 3 per cent. Stock for redemption and cancellation.

6—Finance Act, 1916—Read, a letter from the Secretary, Custom House, stating that the Board of Customs and Excise propose to make arrangements with the Gloucestershire County Council for the performance by the County Police of the work in connection with the Entertainments Tax, and enquiring whether the Council would agree to the inclusion of the Borough area in the County area for the purpose. This course would best suit the convenience of the Department and would be in accordance with the general practice of Boroughs which were policed by County Police. Resolved, That the proposal be approved.

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

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

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| In hand on the 28th January last | 13,180 6 0 |
| Received since that date (including Mortgage reborrowed £7,666 13s. 4d.) | <u>49,445 12 4</u> |
| | 62,625 18 4 |
| Paid since that date(including Mortgage paid off £7,666 13s, 4d.).... | <u>38,398 6 9</u> |
| | In hand 24,227 11 7 |
| being General Accounts | 4,958 0 2 |
| Sinking Fund Accounts | 18,820 9 7 |
| "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts | 181 5 4 |
| "Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account | <u>267 16 6</u> |
| | 24,227 11 7 |

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 3rd March, 1919, at 3 p.m.. Present :

he Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel), Aldermen Davies, Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, and Clara Winterbotham, Councillors Betteridge, Caudle, Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Stanley, Stewart, Taylor, Thomas, Wilkins and Whitaker.

Apologies—Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Boulter, Jamieson and Sawyer.

1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 3rd 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 59, Marle Hill Parade ; 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 10th February 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 24th February 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 31st January, 14th and 24th February last, be approved and confirmed.

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6—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 20th February last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

9—General Purposes and Finance Committees—Resolved, That the Proceedings of the General Purposes and Finance Committees, at their Joint Meeting of the 26th February 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 12th February 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 February last, be approved and confirmed,

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

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

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th February last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

15—Membership of Council—Alderman Davies moved in accordance with Notice given by him at the last Meeting, and it was Resolved, That it be an instruction to the General Purposes and Watch Committee to consider the advisability of taking steps to increase the number of the members of the Council.

Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 7th April, 1919.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th March, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Councillors Caudle, Moore and Whitaker (Alderman Davies 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, :—Craven, Tewkesbury Road, 1, Moors Gardens Tewkesbury Road, 7, Rutland Street, and 1, Whitecross. Square. 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 4, Fairlight Place. 1, Moors Parade, 32, Bloomsbury Street. 36, Albert Street, St. Peters, 62, Duke Street, and 25, Stoneville 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 The Mission Hall and Coffee Tavern:, Sherborne 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-4, Fairlight Place, 1, Moors Parade, Tewkesbury Road, 36, Albert Street, St. Peters, 5, New Street, 29, Queen Street, 15, Upper Bath Road, and 6, Brandon Terrace,--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Insufficient W.C. Accommodation—Saw-Mills, Exmouth Street —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that these premises were without sufficient W.C. accommodation. Resolved, That Notice be given to the Owner under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of sufficient W.C. accommodation within 28 days,

6—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk shops Order—Read, an application from Mr. William A. Castle of Cotswold Dairy, Bath Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk, Resolved, That the applicant be registered

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 3 tons 16 cwts. 16 lbs. of beef, 3 cwts 2 qrs. 4 lbs. of Pork, 3 qrs. 2 lbs. of mutton, 1 cwt. of veal, 2 qrs. 19 lbs. of tripe. (Total weight surrendered 4 tons 2 cwts. 13 lbs).

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8---Houses unfit for Human Habitation—The Medical Officer of Health reported that some of the houses in Stanhope Street in respect of which Closing Orders had been made, were now occupied. The Town Clerk stated that the appeal made by Mr. Stroud to the Local Government Board against the Closing Orders, had not yet been dealt with by the Board. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Board.

9—Public Health Pneumonia, Malaria, Dysentery, etc.) Regulations 1918—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, forwarding a copy of the regulations made requiring the notification by Medical Practitioners of all cases of Acute Primary and Influenza) Pneumonia, etc., The Medical Officer reported that he had given public notice of the regulations.

10—Prevention of Lousiness and Itch—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding a memorandum on measures for the prevention of lousiness and itch. Resolved, That the same be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

11—Hatherley Tank—Read, a letter from Mrs. Hayward withdrawing her notice to terminate the tenancy of the land and buildings formerly used in connection with the Hatherley Tank, as she now wished to continue the tenancy. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

12—sewage Farms—Read, a letter from the Clerk of the Cheltenham Rural District Council stating that complaints had been received as to nuisance arising from the sewage irrigation at Hayden after sunset. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to report as to the complaint at the next meeting.

13—Public Abattoir—Humane Killer—The Committee considered the adoption of a Bye-law requiring the use of a humane killer at the Abattoir, and a letter was read from the Cheltenham and District Butchers' Association. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare draft Bye-laws for consideration of the Committee.

14—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on Monday, the 10th instant, Present : Alderman Green and Councillor Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the Chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the farms on the 10th instant was 6 colts, 11 horses (2 at Depot), 11 calves, 62 head of cattle, 97 teds, 10 sheep and 69 pigs, all doing fairly well (except one sow). Since the last meeting 1 cow and two calves, 1 heifer and 1 calf, 4 gilts and 29 pigs (small), and cart horse had been sold for £251 15s. 10d. 4 calves and 9 pigs had been bred on the farms.

Annual Stock-Taking and Valuation—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee meet at the Farms on Wednesday, the 8th April, for the Annual Stock-taking and valuation.

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

R. DAVIES,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE.

This Committee have had three Meetings. At their first Meeting on the 23rd January last, the Mayor was appointed Chairman of the Committee, and it was decided to advertise for offers of suitable sites and also to ascertain the price at which the Owners of the houses and premises in Stanhope Street were prepared to sell their property, most of the property in this street being included in the Representation made by the Medical Officer of Health for an Improvement Scheme under Part I. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890. The Committee met again on the 17th February last and considered the offers of land received. The price asked for all suitable land was prohibitive, and the Committee were unable to recommend acceptance of any of the offers and directed further enquiry to be made for sites. The replies received from the Owners in Stanhope Street were unsatisfactory, as in many cases the Owners declined to sell or refused to state the price at which they would do so, so that the Committee have been unable to form any estimate of the cost of dealing with these properties by agreement with the Owners.

The Committee met again on the 28th March last and considered a proposal to purchase some of the land belonging to Mr. H. Unwin which adjoins the Libertus Estate. Owing to Mr. Unwin's absence

from Cheltenham, the Committee have not been able to ascertain the price asked for the land, but they are of opinion that the proposed site should be obtainable at a reasonable cost.

The Committee make the following recommendations : --

- (1) That negotiations be entered into with Mr. Unwin for the purchase of not exceeding 100 acres of his land adjoining the Libertus Estate and extending to the Gloucester Road.
- (2) That a plan of the proposed site be submitted for the approval of the Local Government Board.
- (3) That a plan be prepared for laying out the site for the erection of 400 houses.
- (4) That Messrs. Chatters, Smithson and Rainger be engaged as Architects to act in conjunction with the Borough Surveyor in preparing and carrying out the Scheme, subject to satisfactory terms being arranged for the joint appointment.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

Report of the proceedings of the Committee since the 30th June, 1918. The Committee have had 3 Meetings since their last report.

1—Committee—The Maternity and Child Welfare Act 1918, which has enlarged the powers and duties of the Committee, requires that not less than two thirds of the Committee shall consist of members of the Town Council, and at least two members shall be women. The Committee recommend that the Committee consist of 18 members, namely: 12 members of the Town Council, 2 representatives nominated by the Cheltenham District Nursing Association, 2 members nominated by the Voluntary Health Society, 1 member nominated by the Committee of the Cheltenham Creche, and woman to be appointed as representative of working women.

They recommend that the following members of the Council be appointed: The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Margrett. Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Betteridge, Caudle, Jamieson, Mann, Rogers, Stanley and Stewart ; and that the Women's Co-operative Guild be asked to nominate a woman to serve as a representative of working women.

They also recommend that the powers of the Council under the Act be delegated to the Committee (except the power of raising a rate or of borrowing money).

2—Health Visitor—An application has been received from Miss Montagnon for an increase of Salary. The Committee recommend that her Salary be increased to £130 as from the 1st October last.

The following is a summary of the work of the Health Visitor from the 25th March to 25th Dec. last:—

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Number of children visited | (a) over one year | 124 |
| | (b) one year and under | <u>675</u> |
| | | 799 |

| | |
|---|------|
| Number of children remaining on registers | 1145 |
| Home visits .. | 1932 |
| Attendances at Centres .. | 91 |
| Talks to Mothers at these Meetings • • | 45 |
| Children remitted to Hospital .. • • • • | 4 |
| Number of un-notified births discovered | 26 |
| Orders for milk—11 continuing 6 stopped | 5 |
| “glaxo-1 “ 0 “ | 1 |

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3—The Milk (Mothers and Children) Order 1918—The expenditure for provision of milk and glaxo under this order, up to the 31st December last, was £20 15s. 8 ½ d.

4—Voluntary Health Society— The quarterly report of this Society, up to the 31st December last, shows that there were been 12 meetings at the Centres in Bath Street and Sun Street, at which there were good attendance. There have also been 12 meetings at Clare Street Centre, but the attendances were not so good. The Society have had notice to quit Bath Street and have not yet succeeded in finding other suitable premises. If possible they wish to find premises which could be shared with the Cheltenham Creche Committee, who are also in want of premises.

R. DAVIES,

February 4th, 1919.

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th March, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Stewart and Wilkins (The Mayor in the chair).

1---High Street—Wood Paving—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase such quantity of creosoted red deal blocks as may be required to renew spoilt blocks.

2-Working Hours—Read, a letter from the National Amalgamated Workers Union, making application on behalf of the employees of the Council for a 44-hour week of six days at the same wages as now paid.

3—Footpath—Croft Street to Halland Road—Resolved, That the Committee inspect this footpath at the next Meeting.

4—Death of Horse—The Borough Surveyor reported the death of the horse "Flyaway." Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain particulars of the Government scheme for hiring horses.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 31st March, 1919 Present — The Mayor, Councillors Mann, Pates, Stewart and Wilkins (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 21st February to the 20th March, 1919 (both inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 20th March, 1919, 808 loads collected, 791 loads consumed, and 17 loads tipped away. Weight consumed, 1,401 tons 7 cwts.

The Slab Factory was reopened on the 19th February, and up to the 20th March 504 square yards of slabs and 492 lineal yards of kerbs had been made.

6—Projecting Sign—Read, an application from Mr. J. H. Griffin to place a projecting sign and Hairdresser's pole outside his premises at 12, Pittville Street. Resolved, That the application be acceded to subject to the usual conditions.

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7—Road Board Grant—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to apply to the Road Board for some modification of the conditions on which grants are made, in view of the special local circumstances.

8--Tenders for Trees- -Resolved, That the tender of Mr. J. Warren of £19 12s. 6d. be accepted for 6 trees.

9--Engineer's Assistant—Read, letter from Mr. Murray Smith with regard to his salary on demobilization. Resolved. That his salary be increased from £120 to £150 on his return.

10—Destructor Stokers—Resolved, That the Stokers' wages be increased so as to put them on the same basis as the wages of the Electric Light Stokers. Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to reduce the number of Stokers to 6 during the Summer as usual.

11—Destructor Foreman—Application was received from the Destructor Foreman (R C. W. Bridges) for an increase of his wages on his return from the Army. Resolved. That his wages be increased from 50/- to 70/- a week

12—Telegraph Line--- Resolved, That consent be given to the erection of a pole in lane at rear of College Road for an overhead telegraph line, subject to the exact position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to painted lagging 6 feet high being placed round the pole.

13—View Meeting—Trees— The following Members attended the View Meeting on the 26th instant :-The Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann Pates and Stewart

With regard to the trees in respect of which complaints had been received, they recommended as follows :—

College Road—That the tree opposite "Selbyville" be not removed.

Queen's Road—That the tree opposite "Longleat" be not removed.

Christ Church Road---That the tree opposite "Maythorne" be pruned.

St. George's Road--That inspection of the trees be deferred until the Autumn.

Malvern Road—That a tree near 1, Christ Church Parade be removed.

Keynsham Road--That the tree in Keynsham Road be not removed.

Grosvenor Terrace—They recommended that the attention of the Public Health Committee be called to the nuisance at the property opposite the Oddfellows' Hall.

Footpath, Leckhampton Road (Croft Street to Halland Road)—They recommended that the footpath be raised as already commenced, and that the work be spread over 3 years.

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

14—Unemployment--Messrs. O. J. Williams, Gant. Caudle and Councillor Stanley attended as a Deputation from the Local Advisory Committee to urge the necessity of finding work for the increasing number of men and women out of employment. It was stated that at the present time there were 1,027 men, 1,587 women, 81 girls and 87 boys out of employment. The Mayor informed the Deputation that they hoped to be in a position shortly to put in hand road making, sewers, etc., on the site proposed to be purchased for the housing scheme.

15—Report of Plans Sub-Committee —The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 11th and 31st instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Tuesday, the 11th March, 1919: Present—Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Mann 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 |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1408 | Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd. | Coach-house and Stables, Belmore Place. |
| 1409 | St. Luke's Church Council. | Lavatory, St. Luke's Church |
| 1410 | Gloucestershire Aircraft Co. | New Workshops, Sunningend Works. |
| 1411 | J. L. Bendall. | Six Houses, Naunton Lane. |

Resolved. That Plans No. 1409 and 1410 be approved, that Plan No. 1408 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 1411 be disapproved.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 31st March, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Mann in the chair).

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

| No. of Plan | Name. | Description. |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1411 | J. L. Bendall | 4 Houses, Naunton Lane (amended plan). |
| 1412 | Cheltenham Original Brewery Co., Ltd. | New Bay Windows, Midland Hotel, Gloucester Road. |

Resolved, That Plan No. 1411 be approved, and that Plan No. 1412 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

Resolved, That in the case of dwelling houses (except in special cases) owners be not required to carry up party walls through the roof, provided the party wall is carried up to the underside of the roof and the slates solidly bedded in mortar or cement to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor, and the roof so constructed that no woodwork of any description be placed on or across any part of the party wall.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th March, 1919: Present—Councillors Dodwell. Pates, Stewart and Thomas. (Councillor Stewart in the chair). Messrs. Lewis Hann, Heller Nicholls and C. J. Phillips (Musical Advisory Committee), and Doctors R. Kirkland and J. Howell also attended.

1- Summer Orchestra—Read, a letter from Mr. Horace Teague, who was unable to attend owing to illness, offering to provide an Orchestra for 4'60 per week, but stating that if the full Band was required to play in the mornings an additional charge would be made.

Messrs. J. Toulson Clarke, of Middlesborough, and J. W. Shackleton, of Southport, attended, and both stated that they would be willing for the Band to play on two evenings a week in lieu of two afternoons. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. J. Howard Shackleton to provide a Band for 460 per week be accepted, subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by' the Town Clerk, being entered into.

2—Medical Baths--Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that a Local Inquiry would be held by Lieut.-Col. C. E. Norton on the 18th inst. with reference to the application for sanction to borrow £2,882 for the installation of Medical Baths and apparatus.

3—Shop adjoining Montpellier Baths--Read, a letter from Messrs. Young & Gilling stating that a client would be willing to take a lease of the shop and Premises adjoining Montpellier Baths at a rental of £40 per annum for 7, 14 or 21 years, provided the premises were put into tenantable order and condition, or at a rental of £20 per annum plus 6 per cent. per annum on the outlay for alterations. Resolved. That the offer be not accepted.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 21st March, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Boulter, Dodwell, Jamieson, Pates, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

4—Advertising—Mr. E. J. Burrow attended the Meeting and submitted proposals for advertising for the ensuing year He intimated his intention to allow the Corporation any commission he may receive as Advertising Contractor for advertisements inserted through him. Resolved, That the thanks of this Committee be given to Mr. Burrow for this offer.

Resolved, also, That the following estimate for advertising be approved : -

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|------------|-----------|----------|
| Weekly Advertisements in "Daily Telegraph" | | | |
| (three lines under paragraph British Spas) | 58 | 10 | 0 |
| Contribution to Federated Spa Advertising Scheme | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Allowed for Advertisements from time to time in connection with Spa Development, including issue of Booklets, etc., to Medical Profession .. | <u>241</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>0</u> |
| | £400 | 0 | 0 |

5—British Federated Spas-- Dr. Howell attended and submitted a report of a Conference of the British Spas Federation which he attended at Birmingham in February last.

6—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor submitted Messrs. Shirer & Haddon's estimate of £9 13s. 6d. for four loose cretonne covers for easy chairs in the waiting room at Montpellier Baths, and the re-upholstering in cretonne of to-a wicker chairs. Resolved, That the estimate be accepted.

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 13th February to the 19th March, was 114, including 11 to wounded soldiers.

7—Pittville Pump Room—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Parks Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee had received the following tenders for internal painting and colouring at Pittville Pump Room:-

£ s. d.

A. C. Billing. & Sons, Ltd. 549 0 0

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Collins & Godfey | 517 0 0 |
| W. C. Channon • • | 395 0 0 |

They recommended the acceptance of Mr. Channon's tender, and that the work be put in hand at once. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Parks Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee be approved.

8--Pittville Spa Concerts--Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain an estimate for 100 deck chairs for use at the Pittville Spa Concerts.

9-- Summer Orchestra --The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with Mr. J. Howard Shackleton. Resolved. That the same be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed to an engrossment thereof.

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10 --Medical Baths, etc.—The spa Medical Committee recommended the adoption of the following Time Table and Tariff for the Baths.

HOURS OF OPENING OF SPAS AND BATHS.

(May to September).

| | Weekdays. | Sundays. |
|-----------------|--|----------------|
| Montpellier Spa | 7.30 to 8.30 a.m. (Band from 1st June) | |
| Central Spa | 7.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Band 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) | 8 to 9.30 a.m. |
| Pittville Spa | 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. (Band) | |

Medical:

MONTPELLIER BATHS.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Weekdays (except Saturdays) .. • • .. | 9 a.m. to 8.15 p.m. |
| Saturdays .. . | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. |

Swimming Baths:

Ladies' Days.

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Mondays.. | 8.30 a.m. to 8.15 p.m. |
| Tuesdays—May, June and July | 8.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. |
| Thursdays.. | 8.30 a.m. to 1.45 p.m. |
| do. .. | 7 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. |

Reserved for Private Use.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Thursdays—from 1st May to 6th July . | 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. |
| do. May, June and July .. | 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. |
| Tuesdays, from 1st May to 6th July .. | 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. |

Gentlemen's Days.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Tuesdays--August and September .. | 8.30 a.m. to 8.15 p.m. |
| do. May, June and July .. | 4.30 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. |
| Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays .. | 8.30 a.m. to 8.15 p.m. |
| Sundays and Bank Holidays .. | 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. |

Private Washing Baths :

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Weekdays .. • • | 8.30 a.m. to 8.15 p.m. |
| Sundays and Bank Holidays | 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. |

TARIFF FOR MEDICAL BATHS.

| | s. d. | | £ s. d. |
|------------------------------|-------|----------------|---------|
| Aeration Bath Plunge | 6 0 | series of four | 1 1 0 |
| “ “ Limb | 4 0 | series of six | 1 1 0 |
| Aix Douche and Massage | 5 6 | “ | 1 10 0 |
| Vichy Douche and Massage | 5 6 | “ | 1 10 0 |
| Scotch Douche, per 10 min. | 3 6 | “ | 18 0 |
| Brine .. | 4 6 | “ five | 1 1 0 |
| Sulphur | 4 6 | “ five | 1 1 0 |
| Pine, Plain .. | 5 0 | “ five | 1 1 0 |
| “ Aerated .. | 6 0 | “ four | 1 1 0 |
| Contrast .. | 3 0 | “ four | 10 6 |
| Paraffin, local | 6 0 | “ four | 1 1 0 |
| Nauheim . • | 5 0 | “ five | 1 1 0 |
| Needle Spray, per 10 min. | 3 6 | “ six | 15 0 |
| Spinal Douche, per 10 min .. | 3 6 | “ | |
| Sedative .. | 3 0 | “ six | 15 0 |
| Plombieres, Plain | 5 0 | “ five | 1 1 0 |
| “ with Tivoli Douche | 6 0 | “ four | 1 1 0 |
| “ Immersion | 7 0 | “ four | 15 0 |
| Liver Pack .. | 4 0 | “ six | 1 1 0 |
| Peat Pack and Needle Spray | 6 0 | “ four | 1 10 |

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------|
| Vapour, Plain.. ... | 3 6 | “ | |
| “ with Needle or Shower .. • • | 4 0 | “ six | 1 1 0 |
| Massage .. | 5 0 and 7 6 | | |
| “ following another treatment | 3 6 and 6 0 | | |
| Dowsing Radiant Heat and Light.. .. | 7 0 | “ four | 15 0 |
| Local, and with Massage .. . • . | 5 0 | “ five | 1 1 0 |

Residents (of at least nine months annually) to receive treatments at 25 per cent. discount.

TARIFF FOR MINERAL WATERS

Montpellier, Pittville and Central Spas .. 3d. per glass.

Season Ticket (3 weeks) 10 6 Admits to all

do. (8 weeks) .. 1 1 0- Corporation Spas.

Resolved, That the Time Table and Tariff be approved, and that the previous Resolutions of the Committee be varied accordingly. Resolved, also, That the Chairman and Councillors Dodwell, Pates, Sawyer and Thomas be appointed a Sub-Committee to settle the Posters for the Summer Season, and also to arrange other details in connection with the opening of the Spa Season.

11—Mineral Waters -"Sales"--The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the past month was 694. The number of glasses sold at the Pittville Gardens was 9.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At an adjourned Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 24th March, 1919 Present--The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Pates, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

12—Montpellier Baths --The Borough Surveyor reported that it would be necessary to close these Baths (except the Swimming Bath) for about three weeks when the additional baths were being installed.

13—Summer Concerts.—Resolved, That tenders be invited for supplying a weekly programme of music for the Summer Concerts, to be sold at 2d.

Season Tickets—Resolved, (a) That a family season ticket be issued at 10/6 to cover admission at all times to Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens (except when let privately or on special occasions) including admission to all the ordinary daily performances of the Municipal Orchestra at the above Gardens, or at the Town Hall or Winter Garden Grounds, but not including chairs. A separate ticket to be issued to each member of the family.

(b) That an individual ticket for the same rights be issued for 5/- but that tickets for business houses be supplied at 2/6 each for riot less than 25.

(c) That a visitor's ticket be issued at 10/6 for three weeks, or £1 1s. for eight weeks, entitling a the holder to the same privileges, and also to a supply of medicinal waters at the Spas.

(d) That a nurse 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 ant April to 31st March at all times except when privately let or on special occasions. Resolved, That the previous resolutions of the Council be varied accordingly.

14—Montpellier Gardens—Read, letters from Mr. A. Newton offering £5 a week for the use of these Gardens for 12 weeks subject to the Corporation agreeing to put a satisfactory roof over the auditorium, also from Mr. Geo. Derricke offering to provide a manager at a salary of £5 a week to arrange entertainments, or to provide entertainments on sharing terms his share to be 70o per cent. of gross receipts. Resolved. That neither of these offers be accepted.

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15—Town Hall—Read, a letter from Mr. H. Teague, asking for an additional fee for the morning orchestra of for performers during March and April. Resolved, That the application be not granted, and that these concerts be not continued beyond the 12th April in view of the Town Hall being engaged for the Teachers' Conference at Easter.

16—Upper Alstone Mill—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Ride to sell the freehold House, Buildings, Yard and Premises adjoining the Alstone Baths near the Chelt for £700 be accepted subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained for a loan of the purchase money, and that application be made to the Board for their sanction.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 27th March, 1919: Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Betteridge Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Taylor and Whitaker (Alderman Green in the chair).

1—Tramway Cable—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding sanction for £4,200 for the provision of an electric supply cable between the Electricity Works and the Manchester Street Sub-Station, the loan to be repayable within 25 years.

The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that a public lighting cable should be laid at the same time as the tramway cable, at a cost of about 4300 Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

2- Applications for Supply--The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for a supply of energy for the Old Malt House, Malt House Lane, which it was proposed to utilize as a Brush Factory, and that an extension of main would be required, at a cost of £60. Resolved, that the extension be made subject to a revenue of £20 per annum for three years being guaranteed. He had also received an application for a supply to Corris, Old Bath Road, the cost of extending the main would be £29. Resolved, That the extension be made, subject to a revenue of £5 for three years being guaranteed.

3—Cable Contract—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that the agreement with the British Insulated and Helsby Cables, Ltd. for supply of cables at schedule rates, which had been suspended during the war, be continued. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

4—Street Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a scheme for lighting the southern part of the town, comprising an area roughly bounded by Lansdown Road, St. Luke's Road, Old Bath Road, Moorend, Road and St. Stephen's Road, which would require 226 electric lamps in place of about 270 gas lamps. The preparation of a scheme for completing the lighting of the town by electricity was being proceeded with as rapidly as possible, and he estimated that the cost of a complete scheme would be about £26,000. Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for a loan of £26,000 for completing the lighting of the Town by electricity.

5—Electricity Supply Areas—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with the Clerk of the County Council, from which it appeared that an Electricity Scheme affecting the County of Gloucester was under the consideration of the Board of Trade. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Board of Trade, requesting that before anything was done in this direction the Corporation and other authorities interested should have an opportunity of expressing, their views.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 20th March, 1919 : Present—Alderman 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 17th March, 1919. | Average for corresponding period During last 3 years |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Hewletts Springs | 542,000 gallons | 343,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell Springs | 2,889,000 " | 1,606,000 " |
| Leckhampton Springs | <u>129,000</u> " | <u>99,000</u> " |
| Total | 3,560,000 " | 2,048,000 " |

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

| | Depth | Contents | Depth | Contents |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | 17th March, 1919. | | 17th March, 1918. | |
| Hewletts | | 31,075,000 gallons | | 26,083,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell | 32ft 0in. | 100,00000 " | 25ft. 0in. | 65,693,000 " |
| Leckhampton | 12ft. 0in. | <u>1,621,000</u> " | 11ft. 0in. | <u>1,486,000</u> " |
| Total Storage | | 132,696,000 " | | 93,262,000 " |

2—Arrears—A list of arrears was submitted. Resolved, That the Town clerk be instructed to take proceedings to recover the amounts outstanding, and that the supply be discontinued in such cases until the arrears due are paid.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 25th March, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Green and Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 27th February, at Hesters Way Farm, in the occupation of Mr. Frederick Gabb. The premises at Victoria Nurseries, Old Bath Road, in the occupation of Mr. T. Newcombe were still under quarantine. Parasitic Mange—Superintendent Hopkins also reported an outbreak of Parasitic Mange (sarcoptic) at premises in Leckhampton Road, in the occupation of Mr. James Windiate.

2—Wart Disease of Potatoes—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture, forwarding a copy of the Wart Disease of Potatoes (Scottish Seed Potatoes) Order 1919 under which all persons importing Scottish Seed Potatoes (except those of approved immune varieties) are required to obtain a declaration signed by the grower, that the potatoes are not affected with wart disease, and a declaration from the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, that wart disease has not existed within one mile of the ground where the potatoes were grown. The Town Clerk reported that he had given notice to the growers and Seedsmen as directed by the Board.

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3—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at the Fire-lighter Factory in Hale's Road, occupied by Messrs. Webb Bros. Damage about £100. Brigade expenses £2 15s.

Fire Engine Boiler—Read, a letter from the National Boiler and General Insurance Co. Ltd., with reference to their last examination of the Boiler. Resolved. That the letter be referred to the Sub-Committee for consideration and report.

4—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read, a letter from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. Ltd, for a licence to drive a motor Cab for Albert J. Harvey of 14, Guestriass Cottages, Marle Hill Court Road. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

5—Motor Cab Licences—Read, letters from J. H. Horsman of 3, Dunalley Parade, T. Houghton of 5, Dunalley Parade, and F. J. Lane of 21, Suffolk Parade, for motor cab licences—Resolved, That the applications be granted subject to a satisfactory report of the inspection of the Cabs.

6 -Motor Omnibus Licence—Read, a letter from Mr. Ireland of Painswick, stating that he proposed to run a Motor Omnibus between Painswick and Cheltenham and applying for a licence to ply for hire in Cheltenham. Resolved, That a licence be granted subject to the stopping places being approved by the Street Inspector.

7—Police Women—Read, a letter from the Home Office stating that the Secretary of State has had under consideration the best method of utilizing the services of women as an adjunct to the regular Police Force, and was strongly of opinion that such auxiliaries could be of great assistance to the Police when dealing with cases in which women and children are concerned. The cost involved in the appointment of Police-women could properly be charged to Police funds, although they could not be properly sworn in as Constables. The closing of Munition Factories set free a large number of women who had been employed on Police work in connection with them, and who already had the experience and training which was desirable for a permanent appointment. The Labour Ministry's Professional Women's Employment Registry had a list of well qualified women from which information could be obtained.

8—Increase of Town Council—The resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Council was considered. The Town Clerk reported that (except on an application for extension of the borough) the number of the Council could only be increased by a special Act of Parliament, unless there was a Local Act or Provisional Order on which an application under Section 303 of the Public Health Act, 1875 could be based for amending the Local Act. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain from the Local Government Board if they would entertain an application under Section 303 for a Provisional Order for increase of the Council and consequent alteration of Wards by way of amendment of the Provisional Order of 1893 and failing this, to suggest to the Board that parliamentary powers should be obtained to simplify the procedure so as to render it unnecessary for Corporations to obtain a special Act.

9—Minutes and Agendas—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that the President was anxious that the Intelligence and Statistical Division should be kept fully informed of the activities of local authorities in order that the information may be systematically collected, and that the Board might have the advantage of the experience of several authorities, and asking to be supplied regularly with a copy of the Minutes and Agendas of the Council. Resolved. that the Town Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of the Minutes and Agendas to the Board each month.

10—Children Act, 1908--Superintendent Hopkins reported that Mrs. Willis was not willing to continue the agreement to provide a place of detention for children or young persons remanded or committed to custody under the Children Act, 1908. The Town Clerk submitted an agreement with Mr. C. J. Mansell of 67, St. George's Place, who was willing to provide a Home at a cost of 3/- per day for each child. Resolved, That the agreement be approved.

11—Market—Read a letter from Mr. J. Brewer asking for the use of a portion of the Market for roundabouts, etc., for one month, and offering to pay £35. Resolved, That the offer be accepted subject to an agreement being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk

12-Leckhampton Reading Room—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Guardians stating that the Leckhampton Reading Room would no longer be required as a Relief Pay Station.

13—Town Clerk's Department—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. M. C. Taylor had been demobilized and would shortly be able to resume his duties. Resolved, That Mr. Taylor's salary be increased to £130 per annum, rising by £10 per annum to a maximum of £150

14—Licence to Store Petroleum—Read an application from the Anglo American Oil Co. Ltd., for a licence to store 3,500 gallons of petroleum instead of 3,000 gallons as allowed by the present licence. The Inspector reported that the premises were satisfactory. Resolved, That the application be granted

15—War Trophy—Read, a letter from the War Office offering, at the wish of the O.C. 3rd Battalion Gloucester Regiment, for safe custody and care a Field Gun, 77 m.mm. No. 559. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

16—Trading with Enemy Firms—Read, a letter from the British Empire Union suggesting that a copy of the resolution passed by the Council that no tenders would be received and no contracts given to any firms connected directly or Indirectly with Enemy passers, should be forwarded to the Board of Trade. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to comply with the request.

17—Name Plate —Read, a letter from Mr. Henry Rogers of Glenholme suggesting that a name plate be fixed on the road leading tram Lypiatt Road to Andover Road. The Borough Surveyor recommended that the road be named "Tivoli Circus" as it is already known by that name. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and a name plate provided.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

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

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 3525 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since 12th February last: (Corresponding period last year, 1457).

The Exhibition of Official Naval Photographs closed on March 1st, and was a great success. The receipts amounted to £93 11s. 6d., expenses £12 6s. 6d., and a cheque for the balance, £80 15s., had been sent to the Imperial War Museum.

Over 1,000 school children visited the Exhibition with their teachers.

The following gifts had been received:—

Officer commanding, 28th Wing, Royal Air Force, Yatesbury. Photographic Mosaic Map of Cheltenham, taken from the Air

G. B. C. Stephens, Esq., Gloucestershire Regiment. German Propaganda Literature.

War Trophies Committee. German Machine-gun, Ammunition box and Belt.

The following loans had been received:—

Petty Officer W. Miller, of Cheltenham and R. 12.

German Submarine Lamp, with Spanner, from U. 96.

Model of Submarine.

Copy of Memorandum issued to Officers and Men of Submarine Service by Commodore S. Hall on the signing of the Armistice, November 12th, 1919.

Thirteen Photographs illustrating Submarine Life.

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G. B. C. Stephens, Esq., Gloucestershire Regiment. German Map of Cambrai.

Colonel J. C. Griffith, Deanwood House. German Revolver, taken at the Battle of Amiens, August 8th, 1918, in a duel to the death, from a German Officer, by Corporal S. Baldwin, Royal Grenadiers, of Cheltenham.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors and lenders.

2 —Art Gallery and Museum—Resolved, That these be closed for the annual cleaning from 1st April to 19th April.

3—Extension of Museum —The Curator submitted plan of proposed extension by making an opening to make so as connect the old Education rooms with the Museum. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to make an estimate of the cost.

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Pittville on Wednesday, the 19th March, 1919: Present--
Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Stanley and Taylor (Councillor Taylor in the chair).

1—Pittville Pump Room—Tenders were received from Messrs. Billings & Sons, Collins & Godfrey and Mr. W. C. Channon for the internal painting and duresco work, and for external painting of the Pump Room. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. W. C. Channon of £395 (being the lowest) for the internal work be accepted, but that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to carry out the external painting by his department.

2 —Promenade Bandstand—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the paths gravelled and edged with turf.

3—Pittville Lake—Resolved, That tenders be invited for cleaning out the upper portion of the Lake in the Marle Hill Annexe down to the bridge (instead of the whole Lake), and that arrangements be made for depositing the mud in portions of the Annexe (including the filling up of the portion of the Lake near the small island) and on a portion of the field belonging to the late Mr. Holiday if this can be arranged

4—Tree back of Edenholme—Read, an application from Major Ferguson for the removal of an elm tree at the back of his garden. Resolved, That this be not removed.

5—Pavement, Evesham Road— Read, an application from Major Ferguson for the footpath in front of Edenholme and Deneholme to be paved. Resolved, That this be carried out if the owners are willing to pay the cost.

6—Cultivation of Land Order—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture stating that the right of occupation under the Defence of the Realm Regulation 2 L of the War Allotments would cease on the termination of the War, but that they would be entitled to continue occupation under the Defence of the Realm (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1916, for two years after the termination of the War (and any further period consented to by the Railway and Canal Commissioners) subject to payment of a rent to be settled by arbitration failing agreement, and asking the Corporation to negotiate terms on behalf of the Board for continuing in occupation of the lands of which possession had been taken. The Board also asked that where possible arrangements should be made by the Corporation for taking the land under the Small Holdings and Allotments Act, 1908. Resolved, That the negotiations be entered into with the owners and tenants of the lands taken to arrange terms, subject to approval of the Board, for continuance of occupation of the lands under the Defence of the Realm (Acquisition of Land) Act, 1916.

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Resolved, also, That the Committee recommend that the following lands be taken by the Corporation on lease for a term of years under the Small Holdings and Allotments Act, 1908, provided satisfactory terms can be arranged, namely : (1) Land in Hale's Road (about 8 acres), (a) 4 ½ acres in Hale's Road, (3) 5 ¾ acres in Folly Lane, (4) 11 acres in Folly Lane, (5) 1 ¾ acres at the foot of Harp Hill, (6) Wasley's Field (about 2 ½ acres) Gloucester Road.

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 26th March, 1919: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Boater, Dodwell and Taylor (The Mayor in the chair).

7—Pittville Estate—Trees -Read, a letter from Messrs. Young & Gilling asking for the removal of a tree opposite Nos. 14 and 15, Pittville Lawn. Resolved, That consideration of the letter be adjourned for the Committee to view.

8—Pittville Gardens—Read, an application from the Traders' Association for the use of Pittville Gardens on August Bank Holiday and the following two days for a carnival. Resolved. That the Associations be granted the use of Marle Hill Annexe, and also the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, for roundabouts, etc., for a carnival on August Bank Holiday and the two following days on the following terms (a) the Corporation to receive ten per cent. of the gross receipts from all sources, (b) no charge to be made to the public for admission to the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground, (c) the programme and detailed arrangements for the Carnival to be submitted for approval of this Committee (d) no roundabouts, swings, etc., to be put in the Annexe, and the position of those in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground to be approved by the Borough Surveyor, (e) the cost of any

damage done to either grounds to be repaid to the Corporation on the certificate of the Borough Surveyor, (f) the Grounds to be closed at 11 p.m. on the Bank Holiday and at 10 p.m. on the other two days.

9—Cricket at Recreation Grounds—Read, applications from the Whaddon United and Y.M.C.A. Cricket Clubs for permission to play cricket at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground during the coming season. An application was also received from the Templar Cricket Club for permission to play cricket in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the usual conditions.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 28th March, 1919 Present—Councillors Caudle, Dodwell, Mann, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

1—Inspection of Cemetery—The Committee met at the Cemetery and inspected the roads. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to lay out a footpath in place of the present carriage-way at the top of the Cemetery and also to lay out a footpath in the portion of the ground at the back of the Chapels in the position pointed out by the Committee.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6087 to 6106 (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 Cross to graves of Wm. Stewart Howard Monument to grave and James Warren ; Headstone to grave of Elizabeth Cotton ; of Edward Drumiach Marten ; and Kerbing to graves of Rose Caroline Whittard, Thomas Jenkins, James Browning and Sarah Hayden Noott.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th March, 1919: Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Caudle, Mann, Moore, Pates, and Wilkins ; Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone, Messrs. F. J. Caudle, E. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £7 0s. 5d. Presentation :—Mrs. Littledale (2 vols.) The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of February was 3,537, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 9,235

2- -Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 6th instant :
Present—Councillors Mann and Moore (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended :

(a) That the offer of Mr. E. J. Burrow to present a complete bound set of the "Looker-On" from 1833 to 1915 be accepted.

(b) That the Librarian be authorised to attend a Conference of the Birmingham and District Library Association at Birmingham in April next.

(c) That Mr. H. G. Massey, who prior to the war was an Assistant at the Bingham Library, Cirencester, be appointed Temporary Chief Assistant at a salary of 35/- per week, in the place of Miss Brain who has resigned.

(d) That the books set out in the list submitted by the Librarian be purchased at a cost of £25 (£15 for Children's Library, and £10 for Lending and Reference Departments).

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Burrow for his offer.

A. MANN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 1st April, 1919 Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Boulter., Jamieson, Moore, Taylor and Whitaker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1-General District Rate—Read, the report of the Borough Accountant on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £24,219 2s. 9d., voids, legally excused, etc., £1712 10s. 8d., leaving outstanding £295 18s. 4d.

2-- Water Rate —Read, the report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th ultimo. Amount collected £12,238 2s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £1,892 5s. 10d.

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3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £500 on loan. Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised Loan. He also reported that he had arranged for the continuance of a loan of £300. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—Winter Garden Loan, £9,650--The Borough Accountant reported that the term for the repayment of this Loan expired on the 1st instant, and that he had arranged with the lender of £200 to continue the same on account of another duly authorised loan. Resolved, That a new Debenture be sealed and issued accordingly.

5—Town Hall and Municipal Offices Loan—The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £1,264 3s. 9d. Consols at 58 per cent.

6- Borough Accountant's Department—Resolved, That the salary of Miss Moore be increased to 25/- per week.

7—Decimal System—Read, a letter from the Royal Commission on Decimal Coinage inviting replies to a list of questions on the subject of the adoption of decimal coinage. Councillor Jamieson submitted replies which he had prepared to the various questions at the request of the Committee. Resolved, That the Committee are in favour of the adoption of a decimal system, and approve of the replies prepared by Councillor Jamieson.

8—National Kitchen—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the mortgage for £549 10s. for the National Kitchen advanced by the Ministry of Food, the loan to be repayable by equal annual instalments within a period of 10 years.

9--Estimate for Rates—Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on Wednesday, the 9th instant, at 7.30 p.m., to consider the estimate for rates.

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

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| In hand on the 25th February last | 24,227 11 7 |
| Received since that date (including Loans on Debentures, £10,500) | <u>24,057 2 2</u> |
| | 48,284 13 9 |
| Paid since that date . | <u>34,371 2 1</u> |
| In hand | 13,913 11 8 |
| being General Accounts | 2,845 2 9 |
| Sinking Fund Accounts | 10,599 7 5 |
| "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts | 190 12 6 |
| "Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account | <u>278 9 0</u> |
| | 13,913 11 8 |

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 April, 1919, at 3 p.m.. Present : The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel),

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

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

2—Housing Committee—Resolved, That the Housing Sub-Committee be appointed a separate Committee and consist of :—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Horsley, Councillors Geddes, Winterbotham, Betteridge, Rogers and Moore, and that the report of the Housing Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3—Grammar School Governors—Resolved, That the Mayor and Councillor Mann be reappointed Representative Governors of the Grammar School, their term of office to be three years from the 1st March, 1919.

4—Local Fuel and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That Mr. J. Wixey be appointed a member of the Local Fuel and Lighting Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. S. Morris.

5—Local War Pensions, etc., Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Stanley be appointed a member of the Local War Pensions Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Stewart.

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

7—Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Resolved, That the report of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, be approved and confirmed.

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

9—Town Improvement and -Spa Committee--Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th, 21st and 24th March last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th March last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th March last, be approved and confirmed.

12—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th March last, be approved and confirmed.

13 —Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th March 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 19th and 26th March last, be approved and confirmed.

15--Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th March last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

18—Band—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Traders' Association stating that they proposed to provide a Band to play during Easter week, when the N.U.T. Conference would be held, and asking permission to play on the Promenade band space. Resolved, That the application be granted.

19—New Court—Resolved, That this Council strongly protests against the action of the County Council in acquiring "New Court" as a police barracks. Further, That this Council considers that the Municipal authorities should be consulted in matters of this sort, which have bearing on the development of the town.

20—Plas Trevor, Charlton Kings-----Resolved, That this Council strongly protests against the action of the County Council in using County funds to finance a hostel for women suffering from venereal disease, situated at Plas Trevor, Charlton Kings.

That, whilst recognising that these premises are without the Borough boundary, they are of the opinion that it will have an adverse effect on the development of Cheltenham as a health resort.

21—Memorials, Applications, etc.—Resolved, That the following letters be referred to the undermentioned Committees, viz.:—

District Secretary, Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, re Working Hours—To the Street and Highway Committee.

Hon. Secretary, Local War Pensions, etc., Committee, re Attendance of Members at Meetings—To the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

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 24th April, 1919, at 3 p.m. Present: The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel),

Aldermen Green and Margaret, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Caudle, Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Taylor, Thomas, Whitaker and Wilkins.

Apologies—Apologies for non-attendance were received from Alderman Davies and Councillors Boulter and Stanley.

1—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 9th 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 10 0, and that such Owners shall be assessed in respect of tenements, whether occupied or unoccupied, at a reduced estimate of one-half.

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 23rd April, 1919, at 3 p.m. Present The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel), Alderman Davies, councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Boulter, Caudle, Mann, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer and Stewart.

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1—Order for Borough Rate—Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the Borough Fund of the Borough is insufficient for the several purposes to which the same is applicable under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, or otherwise by law, and it having been by the said Council estimated as correctly as may be that the sum of Forty-two Thousand Pounds will, in addition to the Borough Fund, be sufficient for those purposes (including therein the expenses of carrying into execution the Public Libraries Act) for the period ending the 31st March next, it is ordered by the Council that a Borough Rate be now made upon all the property rateable to the poor within the said Borough for the purpose of raising the said sum, and for that purpose there shall be assessed, and the Council do hereby assess upon the Parish of Cheltenham, which is co-extensive with the said Borough, and the rateable value of the property lying therein, the said sum of Forty-two 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 Six Thousand Pounds forthwith, Six Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of June next, Six Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of July next, Three Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of September next, Six Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of November next, Six Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of December next, Six Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of January next, and Three Thousand Pounds on or before the first

day of March next, to the Treasurer of the said Borough at Lloyds Bank, Cheltenham. And it is further ordered that if such Overseers shall neglect or refuse to pay the said sum, then the said Treasurer shall forth with take or cause to be taken such further proceedings as the law directs.

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

Mayor.

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MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 5th May, 1919.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th April, 1919: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Caudle, Moore, Rogers and Whitaker (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.:—14 Montpellier Villas, 58 Upper Park Street, 1 Cloverdale, Painswick Road, 4 Park View, The Cottage, King's Head Gardens, 12 Grove Street 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-- Cleansing and Whitewashing at 29 Queen Street, 10, 12 & 13 Sun Street, 85 Stanhope Street and 29 Waterloo 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 Haddonhurst, Grosvenor Street, 5 Bath Road and 27 Sidney 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—29 Queen Street, 10 & 13 Sun Street, 85 Stanhope Street, 29 Waterloo Street, 7, 8 & 9 Stanhope Street and 4 Park View, Albany Road—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of

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

5—Houses without proper Water Supply---1 & 2 Hill View Cottages, Church Road, arid Haddonhurst, Grosvenor Street. It appearing on the report of the Borough Surveyor that the above premises were without a proper water supply, but that such supply could be furnished at a cost not exceeding the Water Rate authorised by the Corporation Water Acts, Resolved, That notice be given under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to the owner requiring him to obtain such a supply and do all things as may be necessary for that purpose.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 36 cwts. 3 qrs. of beef, 2 cwts. 1 qr. 6 lbs. of mutton, 2 cwts. 20 lbs of pork, 1 cwt. 14 lbs. of corned beef, 18 lbs. of sausages, and 2 qrs. 14 lbs. of fish.

7-- 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, defective floors, etc., which had not been complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

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8—Slaughterhouse Bye-laws—The Town Clerk submitted Draft Additional Bye-laws for the Abattoir and private slaughter-houses. Resolved. That consideration of the Draft be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that a copy be sent to the Butchers' Association.

9—Elmstone Hardwick Inclosure--- Notice was received from Mr. Geo. Hone requiring payment of £19 7s. 11d., proportion of the expenses of the Award payable by the Corporation. Resolved, That the amount be paid.

10—Public Conveniences—Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Margrett and Councillor Moore be appointed a Sub-Committee to enquire and report as to a site for a public convenience near the Norwood Arms, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate for providing a public convenience for ladies near Montpellier Gardens.

11—Housing of the Working Classes-17, 18, 48, 53-58, 60, 62-64 & 82 Stanhope Street—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that by letter dated the 21st February last Mr. H. Stroud had withdrawn his appeal against the Closing Order made in respect of these houses.

12---Rabies—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing Memorandum as to procedure in case of persons being bitten by dogs suspected to be rabid, in view of the occurrence of rabies in dogs at Newnham, Cardiff and Llantarnam. Resolved, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

13—Health Department- -Read, a letter from the War Office reporting that Captain Jefford could not be demobilised, as he had volunteered for the Army of Occupation.

14—Spitting Bye-laws—Read, letter from the Women's Local Government Association drawing attention to the danger to public health caused by spitting in the public streets. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned

15—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Farms on Wednesday, the 9th April, 1919, for the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation. Present Alderman Green and Councillor Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

They submitted the following summary :—

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Live Stock • | £3857 17 |
| Hay, Straw, Mangolds, Manure, etc. .. | 591 12 0 |
| Acts of Husbandry .. | 280 10 0 |
| Implements, Harness, etc. | 299 9 7 |
| Shedding, etc. | <u>84 13 0</u> |
| | £5114 1 7 |

The Sub-Committee also met on the 14th instant. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green and Councillor Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report--- Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the farms on the 14th instant was 6 colts, 9 horses (3 at Depot), 14 lambs, 104 tegs, 10 sheep and 44 pigs, all doing very well. 7 calves, 10 pigs and 14 lambs had been bred on the farms. Since the last Meeting 35 pigs had been sold for £110 9s. 1d, 2 horses for £71 8s. 0d., 1 sheep for £4, 5 cows, 4 calves and 1 heifer for £229 10s. 11d. (Total sales £405 8s. 0d.) 7 tons of mangolds had been sold at £2 10s. 0d. per ton, 186 sacks of corn for £313 1s. 0d., 3 tons. 4 cwts. of straw at £3 per ton, and 278 boltons of osiers at 1/6 per bolton.

Glebe Land—Elm Hill—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to arrange for the continuance of the tenancy of the glebe land at Elm Hill.

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

C. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th April. 1919: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (The Mayor in the chair).

1-Shoeing Horses—Read, a letter from Mr. T. J. Brain, stating that the charge for shoeing the Corporation horse would be increased to 12/- per horse per month. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

2-Food Refuse—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. W. C. Prude had given notice to terminate the contract for the food refuse collected in the Borough. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for tenders.

3.—Workmen—Read, a letter from the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Labourers, asking for the adoption of a 44 hour working week. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned in view of the Bill now before Parliament to fix working hours, etc.

4—Telegraph Line— Read, a letter from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, asking that the condition requiring 6ft. of painted lagging to be placed round the pole to be erected in the lane at the rear of College Road be waived, as it was a back road. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

5 -Trees—Promenade— Read, a letter from Mr. W. D. Slade, asking that two trees opposite No. 12, Promenade Villa, be lopped. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect these trees and report to the next

6 —Tank—Resolved. That this Committee suggest that the Tank to be presented be placed in the Montpellier Gardens.

7—Bayshill Road—Read, a memorial asking that the footpath on the west side of Bayshill Road should be paved. Resolved That the matter be considered when the repairs to the footpaths in the poorer districts have been completed.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 28th April, 1919 : Present — The Mayor, Councillors Mom. Pates, Stewart and Wilkins (the Mayor in the chair).

8—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 28th March to the 24th April, 1919 (both inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 17th April, 1919, 667 loads collected, 664 loads consumed, and 23 loads tipped away. Weight consumed, 1,035 tons 19 1/2 cwts.

9—Annual Conference of Institution of Municipal and County Engineers— Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Engineer be appointed to attend the Annual Conference of the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers to be held in Birmingham on the 26th, 27th and 25th June.

10—Telegraph Lines—Read, an application from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telephones, for permission to erect a telephone pole in Moorend Park Road and also to place an overhead telegraphic line along Tudor Lodge Road, Painswick Road and Trye's Road, including 5 poles. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject exact position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor and to painted lagging 6 feet high being placed round the poles.

11---Workmen--Read, a letter from the District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, making application on behalf of the Corporation Workmen (except the Electricity Department and Destructor Stokers), for an advance of wages of 10/- per week for all employees of 18 years of age and over, and 5/- per week for those under 18 years of age, the increase to come into operation as from the first pay day in May. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

12—Moorend Park Road and Shurdington Road—Cross Roads—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to place two danger signs at the junction of Shurdington Road and Moorend Road.

13—St. George's Square- Read, a letter from Messrs. Dicks & Sons, Ltd., asking that the St. George's Square Garden, which was now being used for vegetable cultivation, should be laid out as a Pleasure Ground and made open to the public. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned, and that in the meantime the owners be consulted with reference to the proposal.

14—Trees—Promenade— Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the 3 lime trees in front of No. 12, Promenade Villas, lopped if necessary.

15—Collection of Waste—Resolved, That the bonus paid to the ashmen and others in connection with the collection of waste materials, etc., be fixed as follows :--

(1) 1/6 per cwt, to be divided among the 24 ashmen and drivers for all paper collected (this is double the present bonus).

(2) 9d. per cwt. to be paid as at present and to be divided between the ashmen and drivers for all pig food collected.

(3) 30 per cent. of any profits made by the Corporation to be divided between the ashmen, drivers and destructor firemen, from any articles or materials (other than paper and pig food) collected from the refuse.

(4) This arrangement to remain in force for six months, after which the Committee will consider it again if thought desirable. And that the resolution to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings of the 9th July, 1918, be varied accordingly.

16—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 15th and 23rd April. Resolved. That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th April, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Stewart and 1Vilkins (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 |
|-------------|-----------------|---|
| 1413 | Mr. A. H. Wyatt | Temporary Shed, Wingrove, Moorend Park Road. |
| 1414 | Mr. J. Haddon | Additional W.C., Bedford House, 23, Park Place. |

Resolved, That Nan No. 1413 be approved, as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice is given requiring such removal; and that Plan No. 1414 be approved subject to the drainage and other sanitary work being carried out to the satisfactions of the Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 28th April, 1919 Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (Councillor Mann in the chair).

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

| No. of Plan | Name. | Description. |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1415 | United Chemists Association Limited | New Packing Shed and Stock Room, Priors Court, London Road. |

Resolved. That Plan No. 1415 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 at or after a period of five years, on six months' notice, and to the doors of the building being made to open outwards.

A. MANN.

Chairman

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th April, 1919 Present—Councillors Dodwell, Jamieson, Pates, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Town Hall--Custodian—Read an application from Mr. H. Bowd for an increase of wages. Resolved, That he be granted an increase of 5/- per week.

2- Montpellier Baths—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 20th March, to the 14th April, 1919, was 104.

3—Mineral Waters—"Sales"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the past month was 782. The number of glasses sold at the Pittville Gardens and Montpellier Baths was 16.

4—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Concert Sub-Committee reported that they had held two Meetings, on the 5th and 15th April, and recommended as follows:—

Music Stands, etc.—That the following tenders be accepted:

Mr. A. E. Woodward, for eighteen Music Stands for £5 12s. 6d.

Messrs. Drake & Co., for 100 varnished Deck Chairs at 8/5½ each.

Messrs. J. Lance & Co., for a Union Jack for £5 19s. 6d.

Orchestra—That the opening performance be given on the 3rd May, at the Pittville Gardens, at 3 p.m., and at the Montpellier Gardens at 7 p.m.; admission to be free.

That the following time table be approved

Montpellier Gardens-7.30 to 8.30 a.m. (1st June to 30th September).

Town Hall Spa or Winter Garden Ground—11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5th May to 30th September).

Pittville Gardens—Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 3 to 5 p.m. (5th May to 30th September).

Promenade Band Stand—Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m. (May to September).

Montpellier Gardens --Wednesday and Saturday evenings (May to September).

Charge for Admission—That the charge for admission for Non-subscribers to the Band Concerts be 6d. including tax.

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Programme Rights—That the offer of the Traders' Association to provide, free of charge, weekly programmes during the season be accepted, no other offer having been received in response to the invitation.

Refreshments—That the Sub-Committee be authorised to arrange with the Cade. Cafes Co. to provide the equipment and provisions required for afternoon teas at Pittville.

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

Pittville Pump Room—That the Electrical Engineer be instructed to put in a permanent Electric Installation for lighting the Pittville Pump Room at a cost not exceeding £20

Baths Tariff, etc.,—That the tender of Mr. G. F. Poole of £27 10s. for 10,000 Baths Tariff Cards and Circulars to be sent to the Medical Profession be accepted, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to engage a temporary clerk to prepare a register of medical men and address the envelopes.

Season Tickets—That the tender of Messrs Harvey and Healing for printing the Season Tickets at 36/- per 1000 be accepted

Attendant—That the Committee be authorised to appoint an attendant to collect the chair money, etc., and carry out other duties in connection with the band, at a salary of not exceeding £2 10s. per week

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

5—New Court and Plas Trevor, Charlton Kings—Councillor Jamieson reported that at the last Meeting of the County Council he had conveyed the sterns of the Town Council with reference to the occupation of New Court as a police training home, and Plas Trevor as a home for venereal disease, but that the County Council had refused to alter their previous decision.

6--Alstone Baths—The Superintendent of the Alstone Baths recommended that the presentation of free Season Tickets to school children proving themselves most efficient in swimming at the end of the season, which had been discontinued during the war, should be continued. Resolved, That 12 Season Tickets and 12 half Season Tickets be granted to the children proving themselves most efficient at the end of the Season.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 24th April, 1915 : Present—The May-or, Alderman Green, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Mann and Whitaker (Alderman Green in the chair).

1--Service Mains—Read, a letter from the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association forwarding copy of a letter from the Local Government Board stating that the Treasury had removed the restrictions on loans for house services, including services for industrial purposes. The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that application be made to the Local Government Board for a loan of £2,000 for house services to new consumers. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, and that application be made to the Local Government Board accordingly.

2—Joint Industrial Council- Read, a letter from the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association stating that a Joint Industrial Council had been formed under the auspices of the Ministry of Labour framed on the lines of similar Councils for other Industries and the recommendations of the Whitley Reports, and asking that the Representatives of the Council on the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association be granted plenary powers in regard to any question connected with the Electric Supply Industry, and authorised to exercise such powers rotten negotiating outside the Industrial Council or any body of workers or Associations not having a Representative thereon.

It was pointed out that the powers sought were essential to render the Council effective and that the I.M.E.A. had nominated as their first Representatives members of the Birmingham, Glasgow,

Maidstone and Manchester Electricity Committees, and the Engineers of Bristol and Hackney Electricity Undertakings, and that without such representation this Council would have no opportunity of placing their views before the Joint Industrial Council. Resolved, That the Representation of this Committee be authorised accordingly.

3—Show Room Fittings—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that some of the fittings at present in the Show Room were obsolete and out-of-date, and he recommended that these fittings, which originally cost about £20, should be sold and that modern fittings should be purchased at a cost not exceeding this amount. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

4—Refuse Destructor—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that a shorter length of steam pipe should be provided in place of the present long length of steam pipe connecting the Destructor and Electricity Works Boilers. The cost of this pipe would be about £30, and he anticipated the reduction in the length of pipe would effect a saving in coal which in 12 or 18 months would pay the cost of the pipe. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved and adopted.

5—Applications for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from the Cheltenham Original Brewery Co. for a supply to the Brewery, and that a high pressure main would be required at an estimated cost of £90. Resolved, That the extension be made.

Application had also been received for a supply to " Fretherne," Great Western Terrace. The cost of the extension would be £30. Resolved. That the extension be made subject to a guarantee of £7 per annum for three years being given.

6—Public Lighting—Summer Time—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he was continuing to extinguish Electric Street Lighting at the same clock time as before, viz. half night lamps at 9 p.m., except Saturdays ; all night lamps at 11 p.m. He proposed to discontinue the half night lamps in a few days.

7—Salaries of Chief Electrical Engineers—Read, a letter from the Joint Hon. Secretary of the Associated Municipal Electrical Engineers stating that the disparity, and in many cases the inadequacy, of the remuneration given to Chief Engineers of Municipal Electrical Supply Undertakings had received the attention of the Association. The Association stated that the very heavy responsibility which attaches to the position of a Chief Engineer, the large amount of capital invested in the business which he manages, the necessity for combination of high technical skill with administrative capacity, and the great importance of Electrical Supply in the industrial future of the country, demand that the head official should be paid an adequate salary, and forwarding a scale of salaries approved by the Association which was based on the number of units sold. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 17th April, 1919 : Present—Alderman Green, Margrett, Councillors Mann. Pates, Stewart and Wilkins (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 17th April, 1919. | Average for corresponding period During last 3 years |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Hewletts Springs | 518,000 gallons | 361,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell Springs | 1,890,000 “ | 1,291,000 “ |
| Leckhampton Springs | <u>130,000</u> “ | <u>102,000</u> “ |
| Total | 2,538,000 “ | 1,754,000 “ |

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

| | Depth | Contents | | Depth | Contents |
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| | 17th April, 1919. | | | 17th April, 1918. | |
| Hewletts | | 31,369,000 gallons | | | 25,540,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell | 32ft. 0in. | 100,00000 “ | | 23ft. 0in. | 56,953,000 “ |
| Leckhampton | 12ft. 0in. | <u>1,621,000</u> “ | | 11ft. 0in. | <u>1,486,000</u> “ |
| Total Storage | | 132,990,000 “ | | | 83,979,000 “ |

2—Appeals—The cases entered in the Appeals Book were considered and the rates adjusted

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting, of this Committee held on Wednesday, 30th April, 1919; Present—Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Moore, Pates, Sawyer and Stewart Alderman Margrett in the chair).

3—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Committee visited the Dowdeswell Reservoir and inspected the filters. Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to obtain an approximate estimate of the cost of providing Paterson's Mechanical Filters.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 25th April, 1919: Present--The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1 —Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Griffin reported that the following premises were still under quarantine:—Lansdown Crescent Mews, in the occupation of Mr. H. Sumner (Parasitic Mange); Hesters Way Farm, in the occupation of Mr. F. Gabb (Swine Fever).

2—Rabies Order, 1919—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture stating that it had been found desirable to amend the regulations relating to Rabies and Suspected Rabies in Animals, and forwarding copies of the Rabies Order, 1919, which revoked and replaced as from the 1st May the Rabies Order of 1897. The Town Clerk reported that he had published the Order as directed by the Board.

3—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to a slight outbreak of fire on the 20th instant at 26, Suffolk Parade. Brigade expenses, £1 6s. 0d. Read, a further letter from the National Boiler Insurance Co. with reference to the Fire Engine boiler. Resolved, That Messrs. Such and Sons, Ltd., be instructed to carry out the necessary work to make the tubes water-tight.

4—Annual Inspection and Licensing of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That the annual inspection of hackney carriages, etc., be held at the Central Depot on Wednesday, 28th May, and the Licensing Meeting on the and June next.

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5—Motor Cab Licence—Read, an application from Mr. John Henry Williams, of 13, Whitecross Square (recently demobilised), for a Motor Cab Licence. Resolved. That a licence be granted subject to inspection of the cab and a satisfactory report thereon being received.

6—Tank—The Committee considered the Resolution of the Street and Highway Committee recommending that the Tank should be placed in the Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That this Committee recommend that the Tank should be placed in Lansdown Road on a site near the Drinking Fountain.

7—Annual Meeting of Association of Municipal Corporations--Resolved, That the Mayor and the Town Clerk be appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Municipal Corporations, to be held in the Guildhall, London, on the 16th proximo.

8- Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Co-operative Women's Guild nominating Mrs. Ellen Booy, of Albert Place, as a member of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.

9 —War Bonuses—The letter from the Cheltenham Municipal Officers' Guild with reference to the payment of a War Bonus during the current year, referred to this Committee by the Finance Committee, was considered. Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that the Board understand that the staff are not altogether satisfied with the steps which the Council have taken in regard to War Bonuses, and requesting to be furnished with the observations of the Council on the subject. The Board suggested that if the Council and their employees did not agree in regard to the matter, the Council should consider whether it might not be referred to arbitration. Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee to asked to forward the observations of the Committee on the matter.

10—Shops Act 1912—Hairdressers, etc., Shops Closing Order—Read, a letter from the Home Office forwarding copy of a letter from the Secretary of State to the Cheltenham and District Hairdressers Association with reference to the petition made for a new Closing Order, stating that the Secretary of State did not think that a sufficiently strong case had been made out for ordering a local Inquiry, and suggesting that if no serious inconvenience to the public would be involved, the Members of the Association should arrange for voluntary observance of 7.30 p.m. as the closing hour on the four days of the week.

11—Licence to Store Petroleum—Read, an application from Messrs. A. C. Billings & Sons Ltd. for a licence to store 100 gallons of petroleum at No. 54, Winchcomb Street. The Inspector reported that the premises were satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be granted,

12—Local War Pensions, etc. Committee—A letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Local War Pensions, etc., Committee with reference to the non-attendance of Members of the Council at their meetings was considered.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th April, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, and Stewart, (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 754 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum between March 12th and 31st, 17 days only. The Gallery was closed for Annual Cleaning April 1st to April 19th.

The following loans had been received:—

Mrs. C. F. Wilson, C.B.E. 95 Water-colours Drawings of the Antarctic, etc., by the late Dr. E. A. Wilson.

A Townsman. Collection of Old English Pewter.

The following gifts had been received: -

Corporal C. Such, 296th Railway Company, R.E. German Infantry Cap, picked up at Valenciennes, November, 1918.

The Misses Cresswell, 11, Oriel Place. Apulian red figure Jug with trefoil lip, dug up at Pompeii, made by Greek colonists in South Italy. Circa 200 B.C. (Greek).

Lecyθος, dug up at Pompeii, made by Greek Colonists in South Italy, 2nd Century B.C (Greek).

Mrs. Rees, Saxham, Evesham Road-Suit of Japanese Armour, shield and 2 Daggers Two Japanese Swords. One Japanese Umbrella.

Mr. Louis Sharp. Goggles for Captain Scott Antarctic Expedition, 1910-1913, by Messrs. Sharp, Cheltenham.

Captain R. P. Wild, Ariel Lodge. Mirolitic Structure in Granite—Well-developed Crystals of Smoky Quartz, Felspar and Green Mica in a cavity. Sleeve-na-Gloagh, Mourne Mountains, Ireland.

Specimens of Mica.

Granite—type specimen. Sleeve Meel Mor, Mourne Mountains, County Down, Ireland. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors and lenders.

2—Annual Meeting of Museums Association—Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to attend this Annual Meeting at Oxford on the 8th-10th July next.

3—Art Gallery—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Skylight cleaned.

The Boroughs Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of connecting the Museum with the old Education Committee room at £22. He also estimated the cost of removing the air ducts and making good at £12 to £15. Resolved, That he be asked to prepare a specification and that tenders be invited for carrying out the work.

4—War Trophies—The Curator submitted a list of war relics which had been allotted by the War Office for the Cheltenham Museum. Resolved, That these be accepted.

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 23rd April, 1919: Present--The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Dodwell, Stewart, Sawyer Stanley and Taylor (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Cultivation of Lands Order—Read a letter from Mr. J. G. Villar stating that the owner of the land at Harp Hill (Manes) was willing to grant a lease of the land for 7 years at a rent of £8 per annum. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an agreement approved by the Town Clerk.

Land at Glenlee—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant had not vacated this land as required by the notice to quit. Resolved. That proceedings be taken for ejectment.

2—Cricket at Recreation Grounds—Read an application from the All Saints' Cricket Club for permission to play during the coming season at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground. Resolved, That permission be given to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground.

3—Pittville Gardens—Councillor Pates and Mr. E. Baring attended on behalf of the Traders Association, and asked for the use of the Pittville Gardens on August Bank Holiday and the two

following days for a Carnival, instead of the Marle Hill annexe and Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. They stated that no steam organ would be used, and were confident that no nuisance would be caused by the music used with the machines. Resolved, That the application be granted on the following terms:—(a) The Corporation to receive to per cent of the gross receipts from all sources. (b) The Roundabouts and other heavy vehicles be placed on the broad walk leading to the Pump Room, and not on the turf, in positions approved by the Borough Surveyor. (c) That no steam driven music be allowed and all music to be moderated so as not to be a nuisance. (d) The Gardens to be closed at 11 p.m. on Bank Holiday and to p.m. on the other two days. (e) The cost of any damage done to the grounds, as certified by the Borough Surveyor, to be repaid to the Corporation. (f) A programme of detailed arrangements for the Carnival to be submitted for the approval of the Committee. Resolved, also, That the resolution to Minute No. 8 of this Committee's proceedings of the 26th March last be rescinded.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th April, 1919 : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Clare Winterbotham, Councillors Candle, Dodwell, Mann, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (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 £80 to £90, and that the resolution of Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings, on the 23rd August last, be varied accordingly.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces--Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6107 to 6122 (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 to graves of Rebecca Nicholls, and Jane Slaney ; Headstones to graves of Catherine Roberts and Reginald Eggleton.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th April, 1919: Present--The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green, Councillors Caudle, Mann and Moore; Messrs. F. J. Caudle and W. R. Carles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £6 11s. 5d. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of March was 3,439 and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 10,738.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th instant Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Mann and Moore, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and W. R. Carles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended:-

That the "Daily Herald" be purchased for the News Room at a cost of 26/- per annum

That estimates be obtained for converting the Lending Library to open access.

That quotations be obtained for Janitor's Uniform.

That the wages of Miss E. Mason be increased from 12/- to 15/- per week.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that the tender of Messrs. Bryant and Co. of £7 5s. for Janitor's Uniform be accepted.

A. MANN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 39th April, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Moore, Taylor and Whitaker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair)

1--General District Rate—Read, the report of the Borough Accountant. dated the :59th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate made on the 23rd instant. Amount collected £27 4s. 1d., leaving outstanding £27,960 13s. 0d.

3—Borrowing by Local Authorities—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that the sanction of the Treasury to loans by Local Authorities for capital expenditure would no longer be necessary, and that in view of the relaxation of all control over Capital Issues by Local Authorities, loans would only be advanced from the Local Loans Fund to Authorities with a rateable value not exceeding £200,000 (except in the special cases of loans to County Councils for educational purposes and for Isolation Hospitals under the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Disease) Act, 1913.

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

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| In hand on the 1st April last | 13,913 11 8 |
| Received since that date (including Loan from the Ministry of Food, £427 . . | <u>5236 1 8</u> |
| | 19,149 13 4 |
| Paid since that date . | <u>11,044 7 3</u> |

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| | In hand | 8,105 6 1 |
| being General Accounts | In hand.... | 7,627 7 1 |
| "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts | | 190 12 6 |
| "Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account | | <u>287 6 6</u> |
| | | 8,105 6 1 |

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 5th May, 1919, at 3 p.m. Present : The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair. The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel),

Aldermen Davies, Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Betteridge, Boulter, Caudle, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Taylor, Thomas, Wilkins and Whitaker.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 7th, 14th and 23rd April last, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—N.U.T. Conference—Read, a letter from the Conference Secretary (Mr. A. C. White). conveying the thanks and high appreciation of the Conference Council for the accommodation placed at their disposal for the Easter Conference, and also thanking the Mayor for the interest taken by him in the various social functions.

3—Church Congress—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Church Congress thanking the Council for the invitation to hold the Congress at Cheltenham, but stating that another place of meeting had been fixed for this year.

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

5—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 15th and 28th April last, be approved and confirmed. (with the exception of Minute No. (6.)

6—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th 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 Meeting of the 24th April last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meetings of the 17th and 30th 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 25th 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 16th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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

2—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th 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—Hospitals Day—Bead, a letter from the Hospitals Day Committee asking for (1) permission to erect Stalls in the Promenade on Hospitals Day (3rd July), (2) for the use of the Town Hall and Montpellier Gardens for Entertainments, and (3) for the Municipal Orchestra to play in the Promenade in the morning, afternoon and evening. The Council went into Committee to consider the application, and on resuming it was Resolved,

(1) That the Council raise no objection to the erection of Stalls in the Promenade subject to compliance with any directions given by the Supt. of Police to prevent obstruction to the traffic.

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(2) That the use of the Montpellier Gardens be granted for Entertainments subject to any damage done to the turf, etc., being paid for by the Committee and also the cost of lighting etc.,

(3) That the Town Hall be granted for an afternoon and evening Concert on the 28th June subject to payment of out-of-pocket expenses, preparation, cleaning and lighting.

(4) That the Municipal Orchestra be instructed to play in the Promenade during the morning and afternoon of the 3rd July.

MINUTES of the Committees of the town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the council to be held on Monday, the 2nd June, 1919.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th, May, 1919: Present--The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Dames, Green and Margret', Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Caudle, Moore, Rogers and Whitaker (Alderman Davies 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.:--33 Elm Street, 29 Waterloo Street, 86 Stanhope Street, 2 Orchard Place and 3 Prior, Parade. 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 et Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 23 St. James' Street, 9 St. Paul's Parade, 7 Upper Bath Street, 41 Burton Street, 68 Sun Street, 1 Clare Street and 22 Great Norwood 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 41 Burton Street, 7 Park View, Albany 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.

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1-Insanitary Property—1Clare Street, 58 Sun Street, 41 Burton Street, 7 Upper Bath Street, 23 St. James' Street, 9 St. Paul's Parade. Land in Grosvenor Terrace opposite the Oddfellows' Hall—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 16 cwts. 2 lbs. of beef, 8 cwts 3 qrs. of pork, 2 cwts. 2 qrs. 11 lbs of mutton, 1 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs. of dried fruit, 3 qrs. 4 lbs. of tripe, 54 lbs. of corned beef, and 42 lbs. of dried haddock.

6-- Notification of Births and Cases of Tuberculosis—The Medical Officer of Health called attention to several cases of births which had not been notified in accordance with the Notification of Births (Extension) Act, 1915, and also of cases of tuberculosis.

Resolved, That a letter be sent to the Medical Profession calling attention to the requirements of the Act and Regulations requiring notification.

7—Annual Report—The Medical Officer of Health submitted his Annual Report for 1918. Resolved, That the same be considered at the next Meeting.

8 Public Health (Influenza) Regulations —Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding copy of an order rescinding the Public Health (Influenza) Regulations, 1918.

9- Slaughterhouse Byelaws—Messrs. Cuss, Hathaway, James, Jester and Waghorne attended as representatives of the Cheltenham Butchers' Association and objected to the proposed Byelaws making it compulsory to use a mechanically operated instrument for stunning animals slaughtered. Resolved. That the question of increasing the tariff of charges at the Abattoir be considered at the next Meeting.

10-Royal Institute of Public Health and Royal Sanitary Institute—Read, a letter from the Royal Institute of Public Health inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Annual Conference to be held in London from the 26th to 28th June, and also from the Royal Sanitary Institute with reference to the Annual Congress to be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne from the 28th July to the 2nd August. Resolved. That no delegates be appointed.

1—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th inst Present : The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green and Councillor Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the farms on the 12th instant was 6 colts, 9 horses (2 at Depot), 13 calves, 69 head of cattle, 20 lambs, 104 tegs, 10 sheep and 34 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 8 head of cattle had been purchased for £173. 1 foal, 5 calves and 6 lambs had been bred on the farms. 2 bulls, 4 head of cattle and 4 calves, 3 pigs and 7 small pigs had been sold for £225 3s. 9d.

Mason's Cottage --The Farms Manager reported that this cottage was now occupied by one of the farm workers. Resolved. That the rent be fixed at £10 per annum.

Staverton Glebe—Elm Hill—Resolved, That the tenancy of this land be continued at a rent of £4 10s. 9d.

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

R. DAVIES,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

Report of the Committee since 4th February, 1919.

The Committee met on the 28th May, 1919. Present : Tier Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Clara Winterbotham and Rogers, Mrs. McArthur. Mrs. Booy, Mess Barnard, Miss Forster, Miss Hill and Dr. Cardew.

Alderman Davies was appointed Chairman of the enlarged Committee.

1—Voluntary Health Society—The Quarterly Report of this Society up to the end of March last was received. The Society had so far been unable to obtain premises in place of 2, Bath Street, which they are under notice to quit. Owing to illness and domestic shortage only 24 Voluntary Visits had been paid. Miss Seton had now been engaged as a salaried Visitor, and it was hoped with this assistance to ensure more frequent and regular attendance of Mothers.

At 2, Bath Street there had been 12 Meetings with an average attendance of 16.5 The Toddlers averaged 11 each meeting.

At Sun Street, Infants made an average attendance of 7 at 12 Meetings. The Toddlers averaged 8 each meeting.

At Clare Street the average attendance of Infants was only 2.8 at 12 Meetings. The average of Toddlers was nearly 6.

Dr Longridge had returned and resumed his work at Bath Street and Sun Street. The Society have received a generous gift of bandages, etc., from the Red Cross Society and a cheque from the Victory Ball. The Needlework Guild have also received a promise of help from the Mayoress' Linen League.

2—Health Visitor--The following is a summary of the work for the year ending March last :—

| | |
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| No. of Children Visited (a) under one year | 763 |
| (b) over one year | <u>215</u> |
| | 978 |
| Number on Register .. | 1145 |
| Home Visits by Health Visitor .. | 2655 |
| Health Visitors attend once at Centres | 127 |
| Talks to Mothers | 66 |
| Number of un-notified births discovered .. | 42 |
| Children remitted to Hospital .. | 6 |

The Committee approved of a letter being sent by the Medical Officer of Health, calling the attention of Medical Men and Midwives to the liability and importance of notifying births.

3—The Milk (Mothers and Children's) Order 1918- The expenditure for provision of milk, etc., under this Order had been £22 10s. 6d. The Committee have granted an increase of 2/6 a week to Miss Woodard for part time clerical assistance to the Health Visitor.

RICHARD DAVIES,

Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th May, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1.—Housing Site—A letter was received from the Local Government Board, dated the 2nd instant, that it was of great importance that the price paid for land should be strictly reasonable in amount, and that it would be the duty of the Board to see that excessive prices were not paid; and in all cases a valuation of the Land Valuation Department must be obtained and sent to the Housing Commissioners when submitting proposals for acquiring a site. If desired by the Local Authority, the Valuation Department would undertake the negotiations for purchase.

The Borough Surveyor submitted plan of the site, which comprised 115a. 3r. 24p. belonging to Mr. H. Unwin, and 2a. 1r. 5p. belonging to Mr. T. Smith. The plan of the site had been sent to the Housing Commission for approval.

The Town Clerk reported the terms offered by Mr. J. G. Villar on behalf of both Owners. He also submitted the valuation of the site made by the Land Valuation Department.

Resolved, That the Land Valuation Department be asked to undertake the negotiation for the purchase.

The Borough Engineer reported that a pipe sewer would be required in Gloucester Road for a distance of about 440 yards in connection with the Scheme. Resolved. That the Borough Engineer be instructed to proceed with this as soon as the site has been approved of by the Board.

2-- Architects —Read, a letter from Messrs. Chatters, Smithson and Rainger submitting, on behalf of themselves and the Borough Surveyor, the terms on which they were prepared to collaborate in the Housing Scheme, namely:—

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| 1. For surveying land, providing levels and contours, preparing plans, specification, etc., for roads and sewers, and supervision | 5 p.c. |
| 2. For plans, specification and drawings, and superintendence for first 100 houses | 3 p.c. |
| 3. Ditto for second 100 | 2 ½ p.c. |
| 4. For remainder .. | 1 ¾ p.c. |
| 5. For quantities for first 100 houses | 1 ¼ p.c. |
| For “ for second 100 | 1 p.c. |
| For remainder .. | ¾ p.c. |
| 6. Travelling and out-of-pocket expenses | |

Payment to be made as follows :—

£250 on completion of 1st and 2nd stages.

£250 “ “ 3rd stage.

And further payment when contracts are signed or orders for work placed, bringing the amount up to two-thirds of the total commission chargeable on the contract.

These charges were based on the assumption that 400 houses would be proceeded with in groups consecutively, but if it was decided to discontinue building operations for a period of more than 6 months after commencement of the work and recommence at a future date, the scale of charges for the remainder would recommence as though the work had not started.

Resolved, That these terms be agreed to, subject to the Architects reducing the commission on Item 1 to 2 ½ per cent. and agreeing to a period of 2 years instead of 6 months as the interval after which their commission should start at the initial charge in the event of discontinuance of building operations.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday the 13th 1919: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Stewart, and Wilkins (The Mayor in the chair).

1--Street Projections—A report was received from Superintendent Griffin that a sign had been erected outside premises in the Bath Road, occupied by the Star Supply Stores. Resolved. That the Street Inspector be instructed to inspect and report at the next meeting.

2-- Food Refuse Resolved. That the offer of Sir. W. C. Prude to purchase the food refuse collected, at 30/- per ton, be accepted.

3—Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor submitted the tenders (3) received for waste paper. Resolved, That the tender of the Meadow Mills Ltd., at £3 10s. per ton, be accepted. subject to an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

4—Footpath near Providence Cottages—Read, a memorial from Mr. B. A. Attwood, and others, calling attention to the condition of the road near Providence Cottages. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor inspect the road and report to next meeting

5—Building Inspector--Read. an application from Mr. H. 1. Holbourn for an increase of Salary. Resolved, That his Salary be increased by £25 per annum.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday. the 26th May. 1919 Present -- The Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates and Wilkins the Mayor in the chair).

6—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported on the work completed by the Highways Department from the 25th April to the 22nd May, (both inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 15th May, 1919, 608 loads collected, 586 loads consumed, and 22 loads tipped away. Weight consumed, 878 tons 16 cwts,

7—Slab Factory—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to obtain four dies for making concrete slabs required in connection with the Housing Scheme, etc.

8—Street Projections—Read, an application from the Star Supply Company for permission for the sign erected by them outside No. 47, Upper Bath Road, to remain. Resolved. That the application be granted, subject to the sign not projecting more than 3 feet from the face of the building and being placed not less than 15 feet from the ground, and to its being a fixed sign.

Read, an application from Mr. Gleed for permission to place a barber's pole outside his premises at 229, High Street. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the usual conditions.

9—Eldorado Road--Resolved, That the Committee inspect the footpaths in this road at the next view meeting.

10—Tar Storage Tanks—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to build a tank at the Central Depot for storing 10,000 gallons of tar.

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11- Motor Lorries -The Committee considered the purchase of motor lorries to be used in connection with ashes collection, etc. Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillors Mann and Pates be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the motor lorries for sale by the Government, and that they be authorised to purchase three motor lorries.

12-Stores- Resolved, That the Stores Sub-Committee attend at the Depot on Tuesday, the 3rd prox., to check the Stores at the Depot.

13—Workmen—Read, letters from the Secretary of the Association of Municipal Corporations, and the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, forwarding the following Resolution passed by the Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers):—" That it be a recommendation to all Local Authorities that the working week for day-men or women (manual workers) in non-trading departments shall be not more than 47 hours, exclusive of meal times. That any change in hours implied by this resolution shall not entail any loss of pay. That this resolution shall come into operation as and from the last pay-day in May. That the question of a one or two-break day be left for local settlement. That in no case where a smaller number of hours are worked shall that number be increased."

Resolved, That a working week of 47 hours be adopted.

Read, a letter from the District Organizer of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, protesting against the "manner in which the application for increased wages and reduction of working hours were dealt with by the Town Council," and urging them to reconsider the whole question, and prevent a dislocation of the Town's Services, and also stating that the workmen were prepared to accept a 47 hours week.

14—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 13th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL.

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th May, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Stewart (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 |
|-------------|---------------------|---|
| 1416 | Mrs. Anley | Reconstruction of Cow Shed, Oakley, The Park. |
| 1417 | Mr. E. Gethen Smith | Additions to rear of 30, Promenade |

Resolved, That Plan No. 1416 be approved, as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice is given requiring such removal; and that Plan No. 1417 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th May, 1919: Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Pates, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier and Alstone Baths--Resolved, That the Swimming Baths be opened at 7 a.m. instead of 8.30 a.m., and that the resolution to Minute No. to of this Committee's proceedings of the 21st March last be varied accordingly.

2—Montpellier Baths—Medical Baths- The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 15th to 26th April, 1919, was 31. The Baths were closed on the 27th April owing to alterations.

Read, a letter from the Gloucestershire War Pensions Committee asking if the Corporation would grant the use of the Brine Baths for pensioners at reduced rates. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Spa Medical Committee for consideration and report.

Swimming Bath— Read, a letter from Miss Barnard on behalf of the Girls' Swimming Club asking for the use of the Swimming Bath on Mondays and Thursdays, from 7 tog p.m., at the reduced charge of 4d. as last year. Resolved, That the application be granted.

3—Alstone Baths---Read, an application from the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club for the use of the Swimming Bath on Fridays from 7 p.m. to closing time, and also for permission to hold a Gala during the season on the same terms as in previous years. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Mineral Waters—"Sales"—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the past month was 2,064. The number of glasses sold at the Pittville Gardens and Montpellier Baths was 40.

5— Spa Medical Committee--Dr Kirkland attended the Meeting and recommended that Mr. J. Howell be appointed a member of the Spa Medical Committee. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved.

6—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that they had held two Meetings on the 6th and 13th May, and recommended as follows:-

Orchestra—That the Orchestra play at the Town Hall on any afternoon when the weather is unfavourable for playing outside and that a charge of 3d. be made for admission to the Town Hall (to include a glass of medicinal water).

Bandstands—That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate for removing the Bandstand from the Marle Hill Annexe to the Lawn outside the Winter Garden, and also an alternative estimate for providing a Bandstand of simple structure.

Advertising—That a weekly engagement card be published for distribution to the hotels and boarding houses, and that notices be placed at the entrance to Montpellier and Winter Gardens giving particulars of the dates and times when the Band will perform.

Montpellier Garden Proscenium—That the use of the Proscenium be granted to the All Saints' Dramatic Society for 2 evening performances in aid of the All Saints' Charities at a charge of £6 6s., plus lighting.

Tennis Courts—That the application made by Mr. J. D. Lane on behalf of the tennis players for the extension of the closing hour of Montpellier Garden to 9 p.m. be granted. Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday. the 22nd May, 1919 : Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Betteridge, Mann, Moore and Whitaker (Alderman Green in the chair). .

1--Traction Cable—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that when laying the new traction cable from Gloucester Road to Alstone Baths he had received an application for supply to Alstone Spa and had laid a private supply cable from the end of Great Western Terrace to the Baths. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved.

2--Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that owing to a threatened strike at the colliery he had purchased 50 tons of Kingsbury slack coal. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved.

3—Street Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the restrictions as regards Public Lighting had now been withdrawn.

The Committee considered the recommendation of the Superintendent of Police for the re-lighting of lamps in the Promenade and High Street.

Resolved, That the question of Public Lighting be again considered in July next.

Loan of £26,000—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that a Local Inquiry would be held with reference to the application for sanction to borrow £26,000 for completing the lighting of the Borough by electricity

4—Electricity (Supply) Bill—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had attended, on the 16th inst., a Special Conference of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association with reference to the new Electricity (Supply) Bill. Resolved, That the Borough Member be asked to support the amendments suggested by the Association in the interest of Municipal Undertakings.

5—Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association Conference—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association inviting the Council to appoint representatives to attend the Annual Conference at Felixstowe on the 17th, 18th and 19th June. Resolved, That the Chairman and Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed.

6—Electricity Supply Areas—Resolved, That the Chairman with the Town Clerk and the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to attend a Conference of Local Authorities to be held at Gloucester to consider the proposed Electricity Scheme, as affecting the County of Gloucester, which is now under consideration by the Board of Trade.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 15th May, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Green, Margrett, Councillors Moore, Pates, Stewart and Wilkins (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 May, 1919. | Average for corresponding period During last 3 years |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Hewletts Springs | 375,000 gallons | 382,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell Springs | 993,000 “ | 935,000 “ |
| Leckhampton Springs | <u>129,000</u> “ | <u>104,000</u> “ |
| Total | 1,497,000 “ | 1,341,000 “ |

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

| | Depth 12th May, 1919. | Contents | | Depth | Contents 12th May, 1918. |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--|------------|-----------------------------|
| Hewletts | | 31,156,000 gallons | | | 28,033,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell | 32ft 0in. | 100,000,000 “ | | 26ft. 0in. | 70,237,000 “ |
| Leckhampton | 12ft. 0in. | <u>1,621,000</u> “ | | 11ft. 0in. | <u>1,486,000</u> “ |
| Total Storage | | 132,777,000 “ | | | 99,756,000 “ |

Annual Meeting of the Institution 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 London on the 20th and 21st June next.

2 - Dowdeswell Reservoir—Fishing Rights—Read, a letter from Mr. F. Probyn Dighton, the owner of the Dowdeswell Estate, asking for the existing fishing rights to be transferred from Dowdeswell Court to Rossley Manor. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to transfer the existing rights in respect of Dowdeswell Court to Rossley Manor, subject to Mr. Dighton agreeing to the enlargement of the Corporation rights, so as to enable members of the Corporation to take a friend, and to pay one-fourth of the cost of stocking the Reservoir from time to time.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 20th May, 1919 Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Green and Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham and Mann (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Griffin reported that the premises at Hesters Way Farm, in the occupation of Mr. Fredk. Gabb, were still under quarantine, and that with this exception the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Destruction of Rats—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture calling attention to the Rats Order, 1918, which provided (inter alia) that the Local Authority may take such measures as they think proper for the destruction of rats alleged to be causing preventable damage or destruction to food-stuffs, including growing crops, and also forwarding copy of the local Authorities (Food Control) Order No. 1, 1919. Resolved. That application be made to the County Council for the delegation to the Town Council of their powers under the Order.

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

4—Motor Cab Licences. etc.—Resolved, That the Motor Cab Licences Nos. 18 and 19 and Hackney Carriage Licences Nos. 30 and 31 be transferred from Mr. W. T. Smith to Mr. Cyril Thornber, who had purchased Mr. Smith's business. An application was also received from Mr. Cyril Thornber for 2 Motor Cab Licences, and offering to give up the 2 Hackney Carriage Licences Nos. 30 and 31. Resolved, That licences be granted subject to a satisfactory report being received from the Inspector of Cabs.

5—Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908—Resolved, That the Licences of Messrs. Cypher and Sons, P. S. and P. A. Wiggall, Yates and Sons, and G. Pates, under this Act, be renewed for one year from the 2nd proximo.

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6—Education Committee--Read, a letter from the Cheltenham and District Free Church Council asking that the Scheme constituting the Education, Committee should be amended so as to provide for the direct representation of Free Churchmen upon the Committee by nomination of one or more representatives by the Free Church Council. Resolved, That the Committee do not recommend the alteration of the Scheme.

7--Licence to store Petroleum—Read, an application from Mr. C. G. Lord, who had recently returned from the Army, for renewal of his licences to store 52 gallons of petroleum and 72 lbs. of carbide of calcium at 29, Upper Bath Road. The Inspector reported that the premises were satisfactory. Resolved, That the licences be granted.

8--Increase of Membership of Council— Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that the number of Members of the Town Council could not be increased by means of a Provisional Order under Section 297 or Section 303 of the Public Health Act, 1875. The Town Clerk reported that at the last meeting of the Association of Municipal Corporations he moved a resolution (which was carried) urging Parliament to include in the next Local Government legislation powers enabling a Council to increase its membership without it being necessary to obtain a private Act for the purpose.

9—Charity Organization Society—Read, a letter from the Charity Commission forwarding notice of an Order proposed to be made establishing a Scheme for the regulation of the Cheltenham Lean Fund now administered in connection with the Cheltenham Charity Organization Society.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, 28th May, 1919; Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Clara Winterbotham and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

10—Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages, etc.—The Committee met at the Central Depot and inspected the Hackney Carriages and Wheel Chairs. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to renew the licences for one year from the 2nd proximo, subject to the repairs required by the Committee being carried out, and also subject to the Carriages not submitted for inspection being approved by the Inspector.

11—Motor Cab Licences—Read, a letter from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. Ltd., asking permission to substitute new vehicles for the present motor Cabs Nos. 40, 43, 46 and 47. Resolved. That the application be granted.

12—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Applications were received from Ronald Harry Weeks of 48, Upper Norwood Street, Herbert Arthur Sumner of 2, Magdala Cottages, St Marks, Charles W. Moxey of 8, Fairhaven Street, and H. L. Ireland of The Cross, Painswick, for Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences. Resolved, That Licences be granted.

13 -Inspector of Hackney Carriages—Resolved, That Superintendent Griffin be appointed Inspector of Hackney Carriages in place of Superintendent Hopkins, at the same salary, viz., £20.

14— Diseases of Animals Acts—Resolved, That Superintendent Griffin be appointed Inspector of the Local Authority for the Borough for the purposes of these Acts and of the Orders made thereunder, in place of Superintendent Hopkins.

15-Gooseberry Mildew (Fruit) Order 1915—Resolved, That Superintendent Griffin be appointed an inspector for the purposes of this Order for the inspection of fruit gardens, in place of Superintendent Hopkins.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 14th May, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham and Stewart, and Mr. G. Dimmer, (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 2178 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since April 16th. (Corresponding period last year 926).

The following gifts had been received:— The War Office—Shell Carrier, Wire Cutter (Austrian), Drinking Cup, Signal Thrower, Flash tump, Ammunition Pouch, Telephone Receiver, Body Shield, Machine Gun Mountings, Bipod, Machine Gun Ammunition Belts, Spoon, Helmet, Haversack, Signalling Lamp, 5945, Entrenching Tool, (German), Box Respirator, Box Respirator Refill, Water

Bottle, Mess Tin, Machine Gun, Box and Ammunition Box, Anti-Tank Rifle, 2830, Machine Gun, 9632, Stretcher, Pump.

Captain R. P. Wild, Ariel Lodge—Agate in Basalt, Giants Causeway, County Antrim, Ireland; Iron Ore, (Probably a Lacostrine Deposit), County Antrim, Ireland.

Mrs. E. T. Wilson, Westal—Bones, from Long Barrow, West Tamp; Remains from British village, Cleeve Hill. Collected by the late Dr. E. T. Wilson.

Miss J. Vulliamy, Pembridge House—"The Chronicles of the W.R.A.F.- No. 1 October, 1918; No. 2 December, 1918; No. 3 February, 1919; No. 4 March, 1919 ; No. 5 April, 1919.

Mr. O. Such, Prestbury—Leather from Rhinoceros Hide. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Donors.

2—Annual Report The Curator submitted his Annual Report for the Art Gallery for the year ending 31st March last.

3—Exhibits - Resolved, That the Curator be authorised to visit the South Kensington Museum to arrange for further Exhibits.

4—Salary of Curator— Read, an application from the Curator for an increase of salary. Resolved. That his salary as Curator of the Art Gallery and Museum be increased from £25 to £50 per annum.

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM.

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1919 Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Sawyer, Stanley and Taylor (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Lake--Resolved, That tenders be invited for cleaning out the upper portion of the lake in the Marle Hill Annexe, and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to accept a satisfactory tender Resolved, also, that arrangements be made with the owners and tenants of the field occupied by Messrs. Holliday & Page for tipping the deposit on to their land.

2—Cricket at Recreation Grounds—Read, a letter from the Cheltenham Branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers asking for permission to play cricket on one of the Recreation Grounds. Resolved, That permission be granted to play on the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground subject to the usual conditions.

3 --Whaddon Lane Allotments—Read. a letter from Mr. C. H. Birkin with reference to the condition of the fence adjoining his allotment. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect the fence and report to the next Meeting.

4—Cultivation of Land Order--Land in Hall Road-- Read, a memorial from Mr. J. W. Field and others asking that the land in Hall Road should be continued to be used as allotments.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd May, 1919: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Clara Winterbotham Caudle, Dodwell, Mann, Rogers, and Stewart (Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

1—Tar-painting—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to tar paint the two newly laid out paths.

2—Consecration of Addition to Cemetery—Resolved. That the Common Seal be affixed to a petition to be presented to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese for the consecration of the land recently added to the Cemetery, and that he be asked to arrange a date for consecration.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6123 to 6133 (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 John and Albert G. Lyne, Amherst Henry Gage Morris, and Owen Owen ; Headstones to graves of Arthur Bertie Hawkins and Elizabeth Mary Gazzard ; Kerbing to graves of Thomas R. Merriman, and Frederick William and Alexander John Wilkins.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, May 13th, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Green, Councillors Caudle, Mann, Moore, Pates and Wilkins; Messrs. F. J. Caudle, E. Gridley and A. Miles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1- Librarian's Report--Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £5 16s. 11d. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of April was 2,963 and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 8,738. Presentations: Mrs. Griffiths, 1 vol. ; Miss Cresswell, 1 vol.; Victoria and Albert Museum. 2 vols.

2 Annual Report—The Librarian presented the Annual Report for the year ending 31st March, 1919. The issues were as follows :—

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| Lending Library | 102,636 |
| Reference Library | 36,131 |
| Receipts | £75 1 5 |

Number of Borrowers 4,158

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3—Annual Conference of Library Association--The Librarian reported on the Conference of the Birmingham and District Library Association held at the Council House, Birmingham, May 2nd.

4--Open Access—Resolved, That further estimates for the conversion of the Lending Library to the Open Access System be obtained and considered at a Special Meeting to be held within fourteen days.

3 —The Children's Newspaper- Resolved. That the Newspaper be bought for the Children's Library at a cost of 6/6 per annum.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 27th May, 1919 Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Pates: Messrs. Caries, Caudle, Gridley and Gurney (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

6- -Hours of Closing—Resolved, That the News Room and Reference Library be closed at 9 p.m. instead of 8.30 and 8 p.m.

7--Open Access—Two estimates were received for adapting the Lending Library to open access, viz.:—

| | £ s. d. |
|--------------------|---------|
| Mr. R. R. Skemp | 52 18 0 |
| Cavendish House .. | 48 0 0 |

Resolved, That the estimate of Cavendish House be accepted, and also the estimate of Messrs. R. E. Marshall for the removal of the hot water pipes and fixing two new radiators for £24 5s. 0d.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 27th May, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Manor, Councillors Moore, Taylor and Whitaker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1-General District Rate—Read, the report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £3,700 7s. 7d., leaving outstanding £24,287 10s. 1d.

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, 1919. Amount collected £1,951 13s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £11,317 13s. 3d.

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

4--Audit (Reports) Order, 1919 - Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding the Audit (Reports) Order, 1919, which rescinded Article I. of the Audit (Abstract and Reports) Order, 1916 requiring the Auditor to send direct to the Board, instead of to the Clerk to the Local Authority, his report on the Audit of the Accounts.

5-Coal Supply—Read, a letter from the Local Fuel Officer stating that the Local Fuel and Lighting Committee recommended the purchase of 800 tons of coal by the Local Authority as a reserve stock. Resolved, That the Fuel and Lighting Committee be authorised to purchase this quantity, and also that the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council be asked to pay their share of the cost in proportion to populations.

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

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

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| In hand on the 29th April last | | 8,105 6 1 |
| Received since that date (including Loan on Mortgage, £3,000) | | <u>26,258 13 5</u> |
| | | 34,363 19 6 |
| Paid since that date . | | <u>16,470 18 0</u> |
| | In hand | 17,893 1 6 |
| being General Accounts | 17,413 17 6 | |
| "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts | 190 12 6 | |
| "Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account | <u>288 11 6</u> | |
| | 17,893 1 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 2nd June, 1919, at 3 p.m. Present: The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel),

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

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

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council 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—Presentation of Medals—The Mayor presented to Sergt. W. E. Smith, of the Tank Corps, the Distinguished Conduct Medal, and to Private P. Kelly, of the R. Dublin Fusiliers, the Military Medal for bravery in the Field.

3—Local Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Committee—Resolved, That Miss B. Roberts, Miss Isaac, Miss Ker and Mr. G. Dimmer (representing the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association), Miss F. C. Ker and Mr. G. F. Ticehurst (representing the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society), Messrs. E. Smith and J. Loden (Discharged Soldiers), Mrs. Mason (pensioned widow of deceased soldier), the Mayor, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell, Jamieson, Stanley and Taylor, Mrs. Bartholomew, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Willoughby, Rev. Lawrence Green and Mr. E. Bourne, and also two representatives nominated by the Trades and Labour Council, be appointed the Local Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Committee, their term of office to be three years from the 2nd June, 1919.

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 26th May last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.:—That Minute No. 11 (Motor Lorries) be referred back for further consideration.

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5—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th May last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

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

9—Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Resolved, That the report of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee be approved and confirmed.

10—Housing Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Housing Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th May last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.:—That Minute No. 2 (Architects' Commission) be referred back for further consideration.

11—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 20th and 28th May last, be approved and confirmed.

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

13—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st May last, be approved and confirmed.

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

15—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 27th May last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

17—Notice of Motion—Councillor Taylor gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council :—

That the Council take into consideration the provision of suitable headgear for the use of the Members on public occasions.

Mayor.

MINUTES of the committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 7th July, 1919.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 16th June, 1919. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Green, Councillors Edith Geddes, Rogers and Whitaker (Alderman Davies 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 Magenta Place, 2 and 3 Garden Cottages, 23 Bath Terrace, 227 High Street, 7 Stoneville Street, 43 Burton Street, 27 Russell Street, 18 and 21 Marsh Lane, 53 Queen Street, 10 Grove Street and 48 Winchcomb 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 35, 36, 37, 38. 40 and 42 Townsend Street, 1 St. Paul's Terrace, 3, 4, 13, 14 and 15 Whitehart 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 68 and 69 St. George's Place, 379, High Street, 19 Columbia Street, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Brooklyn Bank, 1 Great Western Terrace, Field Lodge, College Road and 18 Dunalley Parade. 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.

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4—Insanitary Property-35, 36, 37, 38, 40 and 42 Townsend Street, 1 St. Paul's Terrace, 3, 4, 13, 14 and 15 Whitehart 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- Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mrs. M. G. Burrows, 42, Hungerford Street, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 17 cwts. 3 qrs. of beef, 3 cwts of mutton, 22 lbs. of pork, 1 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lbs. of fish.

7--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, insufficient water supply, defective drains, etc., which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

8- Spitting—The Medical Officer of Health submitted Notice Cards calling attention to the danger of Spitting which he proposed to arrange to place in the trams and other public places. Resolved, That he be authorised to have Ion copies printed and published as proposed.

9--Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health—The Medical Officer of Health presented an abbreviated Annual Report for 1918, which in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Government. Board he did not propose to have printed.

10—Slaughterhouse Bye-laws—Resolved, That application be made to the Local Government Board for approval of a Bye-law amending the scale of charges for the use of the Abattoir as follows :—

For hot water for scalding calf or any part thereof .. 3d.
For each pig weighing over 140 lbs. dead weight (including hot water) .. 9d.
For each pig under 140 lbs. dead weight (including hot water) .. 6d.

12-Rag Flock Act, 1911 --Read, a circular letter from the Local Government Board calling attention to the provisions of this Act and asking Local Authorities to secure that the provisions of the Act and of the Board's Regulations made thereunder are effectively carried out in their district. Resolved, That this be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

12-Hayden Sewage Farm—Dr. Middleton Martin attended with reference to complaints received by the County Council from Mrs. Guise, of Hayden Court. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the Farm on the 8th July with regard to the matters complained of.

13—Staff in Health Department—Resolved, That the salary of Mr. C. Clifford, Senior Inspector of Nuisances (recently demobilized) be increased to £150 per annum.

Read, an application from Miss E. M. Lewis for an increase of salary. Resolved, That her salary be increased from 25/- to 30/- per week.

14-Elmstone Hardwick—An oiler was received from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to sell a strip of land, part of Allotment No. 18, containing 1 r. 32 p., lying between the new road and Allotment No. 17 belonging to the Corporation, at the price of £10 plus 2 guineas towards the Commissioners' costs. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

15—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 16th inst Present The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green and Councillor Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report- Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the farms on the 16th instant was 4 colts, 9 horses (2 at Depot), 7 calves, 123 head of cattle, 20 lambs, 104 tegs, 8 sheep and 26 pigs, all doing fairly well. Since the last Meeting 57 head of cattle, 1 bull and 2 calves had been purchased for £1443 8s.. 5d. 2 calves had been bred on the Farms. 2 colts, 4 head of cattle, 8 calves 8 pigs and 1 ewe skin had been sold for £432 4s. 9d. 1 foal and 1 ewe had died.

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Labourers' Wages—Resolved, That the wages of the labourers at the Farms be increased to 36/6 in accordance with the wages fixed by the Agricultural Wages Board.

Hayden Knoll House—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee inspect this house on their next visit to the Farms to see what repairs are required.

Elmstone Hardwick—The Town Clerk reported that the assessment of the land at the Barn Farm had been raised from £178 10s. 0d, to £187 10s. 0d.

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

R. DAVIES,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 11th June, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Betteridge, Moore and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Housing Site—Read, a report from the District Valuer stating that he had negotiated the purchase of 115.580 acres belonging to Mr. H. Unwin upon the following terms:—The land to be conveyed as freehold, but subject to existing tenancies and tenant rights, rights of way and other easements, if any, and subject also to the reservation to the Vendor of the existing water supply. Irons the well in field No 395, with right of entry to maintain and repair the pipes and well until such time as the Corporation require to take over the water supply, when compensation to be paid at a sum to be ascertained by arbitration. The purchase money to be £10,000, £200 to be paid for timber and £200 towards the Vendor's costs. Mr. Unwin and his agent had acted in a public-spirited manner which had enabled him to arrive at terms which he could recommend the Corporation to accept.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to purchase the land on these terms and that the common seal be affixed to a Contract.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Local Government Board for their sanction to a loan of £10,500 for the purchase money and costs, and stamp duty.

2— Messrs Bradfield, Gilbert, Joins, Mrs. Burge and Mrs. Tombs, attended as a deputation from the National Labour Party, and enquired what steps had already been taken with regard to the Housing Scheme, and urged the Committee to proceed with the erection of the houses at the earliest possible date.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 23rd June, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Edith Geddes, Moore and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

3—Architects' Fees— Read, a letter from the Housing Commissioner stating that the question of the remuneration of the Architects was under the consideration of the Board. Mr. Smithson and Mr. Rainger attended the Meeting and expressed their willingness to agree to any modification of the scale submitted by them which might be made by the local Government Board. Resolved, That this Committee recommend the Council to pay the Architects according to such scale as may be approved by the Board.

4—Size of Houses—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise, with a view to obtaining particulars of the various accommodation required by intending applicants for houses.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 30th June, 1919: Present — The Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (the Mayor in the chair).

1—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways--The Borough Surveyor reported on the work completed by the Highways Department from the 23rd May to the 26th June, (both inclusive). Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended 19th June, 1919, 744 loads collected, 729 loads consumed, and 15 loads tipped away. Weight consumed, 870 tons 19 ½ cwts.

2—Borough Surveyor's Department--The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. A. Murray Smith, First Assistant in the Drawing Office had been appointed Surveyor to the Stroud Urban District Council. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to engage another Assistant at a commencing Salary of £150 per annum.

3—Montpellier Walk, Lansdown Parade, Lansdown Crescent and Lansdown Terrace—Read, a letter from Mrs. Gwatkin Williams complaining of the condition of the private roadway and footpaths in Montpellier Walk and the public footpaths in Lansdown Parade, Crescent and Terrace. Resolved, That the Committee inspect these footpaths, etc., at their next View Meeting.

4—Pillar Letter Box, Junction of Albion Street and Portland Street—Read, a letter from the Post Master asking for permission to place a pillar letter box at the Junction of Albion Street and Portland Street. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the position at their next View Meeting.

5 Hired Team Labour—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an application from the Contractors asking for an increase of the price paid for hired team labour. Resolved, That the present price of 12/- for general hauling and ashes collection be increased to 15/- and for spotting from 11/6 to 14/- per day.

6—Surface Water Drain, Grafton Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that this drain had become so silted and choked with tree roots that it would be necessary to have it reconstructed at the first opportunity. Resolved, That the Public Health Committee be recommended to have this work carried out, out of the Loan for the South Eastern district.

7—Coal—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be instructed to advertise for tenders for Coal required for the year ending 30th June, 1920.

8—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday, the 25th inst.:—The Mayor, Councillors Mann and Stewart. After inspecting the trees, complaints of which had been received, they recommended as follows:—

Queen's Road—That the tree opposite "Wrinstone" be removed.

St. Anne's Road—That alternate trees, two in number, be removed.

Christ Church Road—That the tree opposite "Ashurst" be again pruned.

Eldorado Road—That the Borough Surveyor be asked to prepare plans, specifications and estimate for paving, kerbing and channelling the footpaths on the portion of Eldorado Road running West from Christ Church Road.

Horses—That instructions be given for the horse "Jack" to be destroyed, and for "Whitefoot" to be sent to the Farms. Resolved, That the proceedings of the View Committee be approved and adopted.

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9—Workmen—Mr. Betteridge attended with a deputation of workmen and made representations with regard to increase of wages, hours of employment and holidays. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for further consideration at a Meeting of this Committee to be held on Wednesday the and July.

10—Foden Steam Wagons—The Borough Surveyor reported that the County Council had purchased at Foden Steam Wagons and the County Surveyor had offered to arrange for his agent to try and purchase 2 similar wagons for the Corporation. Resolved, That this offer be accepted if the wagons can be obtained for about the same price as paid by the County.

11—Annual Holiday—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for the workmen to have a holiday on a Saturday, in lieu of the Corporation Outing Day.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 2nd July, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (The Mayor in the chair).

11—Workhouse Drive—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Guardians asking the Corporation to carry out the repairs to the Drive at the cost of the Guardians. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the work.

12--Execution of Public Works—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board asking to receive periodical information as to any considerable works put in hand so that the Board may be able to estimate to what extent the operations of Local Authorities are aiding in the re-establishment of industry, and forwarding forms on which the information should be furnished. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to give the information required.

13—Whaddon Lane—Read, a memorial from Mr. E. R. Taylor and other residents in Whaddon Lane suggesting that the roadway should be continued from Cleeve View Road across the grass field, owned by the executors of the late Mr. Skillicorne, to Hewlett Road.

14—Providence Cottages, Great Norwood Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare plan, specification and estimate of the work to be carried out by the abutting owners.

15—Workmen—The Committee further considered the application for an increase of wages, etc. Resolved, That a further advance of wages of 4/- per week be granted to all workmen (except the

Electricity Works and Destructor Stokers) of 18 years of age and over, and 2/- per week for those under 58 years of age.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, the 25th June, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Stewart (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 |
|-------------|----------------------|--|
| 1418 | Mr. J. D. Williamson | Additions to The Laurels, Moorend Road. |
| 1419 | Mr. F. J. King | Additional Storey over Workshop at rear of 34, Albert Street, St. Paul's |
| 1420 | Mr. J. Wheway | Two Pavement Lights at 30, Clarence Street. |
| 1421 | Mr. S. Shenton | New Printing Works, Grosvenor Place South. |
| 1422 | Mr. A. Miles | Alterations and Additions to Pengwern, Albion Street. |

Resolved, That Plans No. 1418, 1416 and 1421 be approved, that Plans No. 1420 be approved subject to the usual agreement of indemnity being entered into, and that Plan No. 1422 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 20th June, 1919: Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Jamieson, Piles, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Medical Advisory Committee had arranged with the Baths Manager at Llandrindod Wells to give Nurse Addis three weeks' tuition with Plombiere and other Baths for a fee of 3s., and after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee the offer had been accepted. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

2—Salaries of Baths Superintendents—Read, applications from the Superintendents of the Alstone and Montpellier Baths for increases of their salaries. Resolved, That their salaries be increased to £150 per annum.

3—Town Hall—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Army Authorities had agreed to accept £10 for the temporary buildings erected by them adjoining the Town Hall. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

4—Montpellier Gardens—The Borough Surveyor reported that damage had been done to seats, etc., at the Montpellier Gardens on Whit Monday last. Resolved, That an account be sent to the Traders' Association for the cost of the damage.

5- Pittville Park and Annexe--Resolved, That in view of the use of the Pittville Gardens, etc., in connection with the Spa development, the Council be recommended to place the letting of the Pittville Park and Pittville Pump Room under this Committee.

6--Committee—Resolved, That two Meetings of the Committee be held each month.

7—Concerts—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that since the last Meeting they had held four Meetings.

Orchestra—During Whit Week four additional musicians were engaged, and the Orchestra played in the Marle Hill Annexe on Whit Monday afternoon.

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Vocalists—During the month vocalists had been engaged on Wednesday and Saturday evenings at the Montpellier Gardens, and there had been an increase in the attendance at the Concerts.

Sunday Concerts—The Musical Conductor recommended that Concerts should be provided on Sundays. It was decided to refer the recommendation for consideration of the Town Improvement Committee.

Central Spa—Early Morning Band Concerts at Montpellier Gardens (7.30-8.30 a.m.) commenced on the 1st June. The Sub-Committee recommend that the Central Spa be opened from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. during the summer months.

Receipts--The following is a statement of the receipts up to the 17th instant :—

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 238 Family Ticket at 10/6 | 124 19 0 |
| 1 Single Ticket at 10/6 (3 weeks | 10 6 |
| 324 Single Tickets at 5/- .. | 81 0 0 |
| 70 Nurse or Child at 2/6 | 8 15 0 |
| 229 Business House at 2/6 | <u>28 12 6</u> |
| | 243 17 0 |

TAKINGS to June 14th, inclusive.

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| Admissions .. | 107 13 9 |
| Chairs | <u>34 4 10</u> |
| | 141 18 7 |
| Refreshments --- | <u>17 2 10</u> |
| | £402 18 5 |

Resolved. That the same be approved and adopted. Resolved, also, that the Committee do not recommend Sunday performances by the Municipal Orchestra at the present time.

Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to purchase the necessary tables and crockery ware for providing teas and refreshments at the Concerts at a cost not exceeding £45.

Attendant —The Committee interviewed five applicants (discharged soldiers) for the post of Attendant at the Concerts and Band Performances. Resolved, That Mr. McGregor, of 8, St. James' Place, be appointed at £2 per week, the appointment to be determinable by one week's notice on either side.

Winter Concerts—Read, a letter from Mr. H. Teague with reference to the arrangements for the Winter Concerts. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Concerts Sub-Committee for consideration.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 27th June, 1919; Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Dodwell, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

8-Upper Alstone Mill —Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, forwarding sanctions to the borrowing of £700 for the purchase of the land and premises adjoining Alstone Baths (the loan for the land, £350, being repayable within 60 years, and the loan for the premises, £350, Within 20 years).

9 —Montpellier Baths--Medical Baths --The letter from the Gloucestershire War Pensions Committee, asking if the Corporation would grant the use of the brine baths for pensioners at reduced rates, was further considered. On the recommendation of the Spa Medical Committee, Resolved, That the use of the baths be granted at half rates.

10--Mineral Waters ' Sales "--The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the past month was 1,650. The number of glasses sold at the Pittville Gardens, Montpellier Baths and Montpellier Gardens was 373.

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11—Alstone Baths—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Swimming and Water Polo Club, asking for revision of the terms for the use of the Baths by the members of the Club, and also suggesting that mixed bathing should be allowed on certain days. The Secretary of the Club attended the meeting and submitted proposals for mixed bathing. Resolved, That the matter be considered when the arrangements for next season are made.

12—Factory Sites—The Town Clerk reported that he had received several enquiries for factory sites, and a letter was read from Messrs. E. J. Burrow, Ltd., offering to obtain particulars of available sites. Resolved, That the offer of Messrs. Burrow, Ltd., be accepted.

13—Sunshine Records—Read, a letter from the Spa Medical Advisory Committee, recommending that the statistics as to sunshine in Cheltenham should be published in the daily press as was done by other health resorts. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to consult with the Borough Meteorologist and report to the next meeting.

J. STEWART,

Chairman

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 26th June, 1919 : Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Betteridge, Mann, Moore and Taylor (Alderman Green in the chair).

1—Re-settlement of Discharged Officers and Men—Read, a letter from Major Bunting of the Appointments Department of the Ministry of Labour, asking whether the Corporation would be willing to take 2 discharged soldiers as premium pupils with a view to training them as Electrical Engineers. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

2—Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association—Councillor Moore (who attended in the absence of the Chairman) and Electrical Engineer submitted a report of the Conference at Felixstowe.

3—Additional Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the result of an interview with the Board of Trade with reference to the application for permission to install additional generating plant. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to prepare a scheme, and that he be authorised to engage the temporary services of a draughtsman.

4—Salaries of Chief Electrical Engineers—The letter received from the Association of Municipal Electrical Engineers dated the 4th April last, forwarding a copy of the Scale of salaries for Chief Electrical Engineers was further considered. Councillor Moore reported that at the recent Conference, a Meeting of Town Council Representatives of electrical undertakings was held when the scale was considered, and that it was decided to appoint a Committee of such Representatives to confer with the Representatives of the Association of Municipal Electrical Engineers with a view to the adoption of a scale. Resolved, That this Council agree to accept such scale of salaries as may be adopted by the Joint Meeting, and that if any increase of salary is payable under such scale to the Borough Electrical Engineer, such increase shall take effect as from the 1st June instant.

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E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 19th June, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Green, Margrett, Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

| | For 30 days, ended 16th June, 1919. | Average for corresponding period During last 3 years |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Hewletts Springs | 251,000 gallons | 239,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell Springs | 445,000 " | 482,000 " |
| Leckhampton Springs | <u>95,000</u> " | <u>84,000</u> " |
| Total | 791,000 " | 805,000 " |

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

| | Depth | Contents | Depth | Contents |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|
| | 16th June, 1919. | | | 16th June, 1918. |
| Hewletts | | 26,848,000 gallons | | 25,929,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell | 27ft 6in. | 77,292,000 " | 20ft. 6in. | 46,688,000 " |
| Leckhampton | 12ft. 0in. | <u>1,620,000</u> " | 9ft. 0in. | <u>1,216,000</u> " |
| Total Storage | | 132,777,000 " | | 73,833,000 " |

2—Waterworks Employees—Read, a letter from the Secretaries of the Joint Industrial Council for Waterworks Undertakings forwarding resolutions passed by the Council adopting a 47 hour week (exclusive of mealtimes) for all Day workers, and for Shift workers a week to consist of 6 eight hour shifts (inclusive of mealtimes), payment for overtime to be as follows: time and a quarter for first two hours and time and a half afterwards, and time and a half to be paid for all Sunday work reckoned according to local practice, the foregoing to be without prejudice to higher rates where prevailing at present. When a man is called upon to work before the usual time or is recalled after having left work time and a half for each hour worked to be paid.

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 is Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 24th June, 1919 Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Green and Margrett, Councillors Dodwell, Mann and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Parasitic Mange—Supt. Griffin reported an outbreak of Parasitic Mange at the Midland Railway Co.'s Stables. One horse was attacked by the disease and four others were on the premises. Supt. Griffin reported that the premises occupied by Mr. John Barrett, at Victoria Nurseries, Old Bath Road, were still under quarantine for Swine Fever. The Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals except as above mentioned.

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at No. 5 St. Paul's Street, South. Damage, about £10.

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He also reported that Members of the Brigade had returned from the Army, and that it was necessary for the Electric Bell System to be overhauled, and also the men's uniforms. Resolved, That a Meeting of the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee be held on Saturday, the 5th proximo, to consider these matters.

3—Motor Cab Licence—Read, the report of the Inspector as to the motor cab belonging to Mr. F. Lane, of 21, Suffolk Parade. Resolved, That a licence be granted subject to a tray being fixed to retain oil and grease.

4—Accommodation for Vehicles—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association suggesting that motor cars be allowed to wait in the road opposite the Municipal Offices or Imperial Square. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the adoption of this proposal.

5—Game Licences—Read, applications from Messrs. Olive & Olive, C. Barnett & Sons, W. H. Hall & Sons, H. F. Barnett, J. Maxwell and Miss F. M. Woodard, for renewal of their Game Licences for one year from the 1st proximo. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

6—Association of Building Societies —Conference-- Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Building Societies' Association thanking the Mayor and Corporation for the facilities granted in connection with the Conference held at Cheltenham.

7—Local Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Committee—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Trades' and Labour Council nominating Mr. G. Blagg, of Vera House, Victoria Terrace, and Mr. G. Bradfield, of 14, Henrietta Street, as Members of the Local War Pensions, etc., Committee. Resolved, That they be appointed Members of the Committee.

Read, a letter from Miss Ker stating that Mrs. Chandler had resigned her seat on the Committee. Resolved, That the Women's Co-operative Guild be asked to nominate one of their Members to fill the vacancy.

8—War Bonus --A letter was received from the Ministry of Labour suggesting that the Corporation should again consider the question of referring the application of the Administrative Staff for a War Bonus on the Civil Service scale to arbitration under the Conciliation Act, 1896. A further letter was also received from the National Association of Local Government Officers urging the adoption of this course.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to grant the same bonuses as last year.

9—Market—The Chairman reported the negotiations of the Sub-Committee with the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Society, Ltd., and also with Mr. Castle, with regard to granting a lease of the Market to the Society. The Sub-Committee recommended the acceptance of the following terms :—

- (1) That a lease of a defined portion of the Market for a Fruit and Vegetable Market, including the use of the existing sheds and new shed and office, be granted to the Society for a term of seven years (determinable at end of 5 years).
- (2) The Society to pay to the Corporation 1 ¼ per cent. on the turnover up to £30,000 and 1 per cent. over that sum, subject to a minimum annual payment of £200 payable by quarterly instalments.
- (3) The Society to pay all rates and taxes provided that if the Assessment of the Market is increased beyond £200, the Corporation shall pay rates on the additional Assessment.
- (4) The Society to have the right of selling (in addition to fruit and vegetables) poultry, eggs and other agricultural produce of its members, provided that the Corporation shall be entitled to hold sales of such produce (other than fruit and vegetables) in the other portion of the Market.
- (5) The Market to be an open Market and membership of the Society to be open to all growers, including farmers, market gardeners, allotment holders and private growers.
- (6) The Society to pay Mr. Castle, as compensation for loss of his appointment, a sum equal to 3 years profits as shown by his audited accounts, and also to take over all pots and sieves at a valuation, new pots and sieves to be taken over at cost price. Resolved, That these terms be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to a lease to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 11th June, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Caudle and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1398 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since May 14th. (Corresponding period last year 987).

The Exhibition of Antarctic Pictures came to an end on May 31st, and had proved a great attraction to the many visitors to Cheltenham, particularly during the N.U.T. Conference at Easter.

The designs for the Cheltenham War Memorial submitted to the Committee had been on Exhibition during the month.

The following gift has been received :— Colonel Cockcroft.—German Message Carrying Shell, used to communicate from front line to Regimental or Brigade Headquarters.

2—Picture—Read, a letter from Mr. E. Parker offering for sale a picture by Briton Riviere, R.A., 1856, being a Portrait of Mr. Thomas Jenkins, a Local Antiquarian. Resolved, That the Curator be asked to inspect the picture-

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 25th June, 1919: Present--The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Sawyer, Stanley and Taylor (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Cultivation of Lands Order---Land at Harp Hill—Read, a letter from Mr. J. G. Villar, on behalf of the owner of this land, stating that he was trilling to take over this land as from the 25th March, with the tenants, and waive any claim for the land being broken up and also undertaking that the land should remain as allotment or arable land until the end of 1920. Resolved, That this be agreed to subject to the approval of the Board of Agriculture, and that notice be given to the tenants accordingly. Resolved also, That Minute No. 1 of the proceedings of this Committee at their meeting on the 23rd April last with regard to taking a lease of this land be rescinded.

Land near Curtis' Hotel--Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture, asking that formal notice should be given of withdrawal from possession, and the Town Clerk reported that he had given such notice. Resolved, That this be approved.

2-Land at Hatherley—Read, a letter from Mr. H. Stroud, on behalf of the Cheltenham and District Allotments and Small Holders' Society, Limited, asking the Corporation to take possession of land at Warden Hill Road, Hatherley, containing about 6 acres, for the purpose of letting the same to his Society. Resolved, That enquiry be made of the owners to ascertain whether they are prepared to let the land and at what rent.

3-Land adjoining Naunton Park Council Schools—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee, applying for garden land at Naunton Park Recreation Ground, which was now occupied as allotments, for use as a school garden for children attending the Naunton Park Council schools. The Education Committee proposed to give up the two allotments in Hall Road at the end of this year. Resolved, That this be arranged if possible.

4-Marle Hill Annexe—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Maby, calling attention to the covenant contained in the conveyance to the Corporation of the 14th July, 1892, that no entrance should be made from the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground to the Annexe other than an entrance foe the members of the Council, their officers, servants and workmen, and asking that the gate should be immediately closed to the public. Resolved, That instructions be given to the Borough Surveyor to have this done.

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5—Pittville Pump Room —The Borough Surveyor submitted an offer from Holophane, Ltd., to supply five Holophane electric fittings for lighting the Pump Rosin at £5 3s. 8d. each. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

6—Pittville Lake ---Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, stating that the Board would entertain an application for sanction to a loan, repayable within a short term of years, to defray the cost of cleaning out the lake.

The Borough Surveyor submitted seven tenders for cleaning out the lake in accordance with his specification. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Bomford & Evershed, Ltd., of Evesham, of £1,278

for cleaning out the whole of the lake be accepted, subject to a formal contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. Maby was willing to lease about 4 acres of his adjoining field as a tip for the mud for a term of five years at a rent of £5 an acre.

He also reported that Messrs. Holliday & Page were willing to give up 1 ¼ acres of the field in their occupation for use as a tip for the deposit, and the owner was willing to grant a lease of this for the purpose at an apportioned rent.

Resolved, That these offers be accepted, and that the Common Seal be affixed to agreements approved by the Town Clerk.

Resolved also, That application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £1,600 to cover the cost of the work, including culverting overflow watercourse.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 27th June, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Caudle, Dodwell, Mann, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

1— Consecration of Addition to Cemetery—Read, a letter from the Diocesan Registrar that the Bishop had fixed Thursday the 11th September, at 3 p.m. for the consecration of the addition to the Cemetery.

2—Funerals— Resolved, That in view of the 47 hour working week, it be suggested to the Undertakers Association that funerals should not take place on Saturday afternoons unless under exceptional circumstances.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6139 to 6157 (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 Harriet Macdonald, Isabella Martha Jenner and Melita Gerard ; Headstones to graves of Florence Margaret Denham and Elizabeth Blissett ; Kerbing to graves of Mary Ree, Sarah Wells and Harriett Gilbert.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, June 10th, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Caudle, Mann, Moore and Pates (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: 47 4s. yd. Presentation : Councillor C. Winterbotham (1 vol.)

2—Library Association Annual Meeting—Resolved, That the Librarian attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association to be held at Southport on Sept. 16th-19th.

3—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 5th instant Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Mann and Moore, and Mr. W. R. Carles (Councillor Mann in the chair).

They recommended:

That the Lending Library be closed during July, August and September whilst the books are re-classified and the department is being remodelled.

That the Children's Library be opened on and after July 1st from 4.15 to 7.30. Saturdays 10 to 7.30. Fridays excepted.

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

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 1st July, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Jamieson, Moore and Whitaker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £8,572 18s. 3d., leaving outstanding £19,414 19s. 8d

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, 1919. Amount collected £5,357 1s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £8,393 7s. 10d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received £500 and £400 on loan. Resolved, That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans He also reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of Loans amounting to £5,300. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—Cancellation of Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that in pursuance of the instructions given to him he had purchased £1,814 Corporation Stock at 61 $\frac{5}{8}$ per cent., £140 at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and £830 at 62 per cent.

5—Borough Accountant's Department—Staff—Read, an application from Mr. H. G. Pike, clerk in the Borough Accountant's Department, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased from 25/- to 35/- per week. The Borough Accountant reported that Mr. G. H. Davis, clerk in his department, had been demobilized and would shortly return to the office.

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6—Celebration of Peace—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board, forwarding copy of an Order sanctioning any reasonable expenses which may be incurred in connection with any public local celebration of peace in so far as these expenses are charged to accounts subject to audit by District Auditor. Resolved, To recommend that a sum equivalent to the proceeds of a 1/2 d. rate be allowed to cover the expenses of the local celebration, and that out of this £400 be allocated to the Education Committee to cover the expenses in connection with the school children's celebration.

7—New War Loan—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board calling attention to the new War Loan and urging Local Authorities again to use every effort in their power to secure the successful issue of the New Loan.

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

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|---|--------------------|
| In hand on the 27th May last | 17,893 1 6 |
| Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £9,000) | <u>17,281 1 7</u> |
| | 35,174 3 1 |
| Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £5,000) | 16,639 12 1 |
| In hand | 18,534 11 0 |
| being General Accounts | In Hand 18,055 7 0 |
| "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts | 190 12 6 |
| "Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account | <u>288 11 6</u> |
| | 18,534 11 0 |

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 July, 1919, at 3 p.m. Present The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel),

Aldermen Davies, Green, Horsley and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Boulter, Betteridge, Caudle, Dodwell, Jamieson, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Taylor, Thomas, Wilkins and Whitaker.

Apologies—Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Mann and Stanley.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 2nd 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—Celebration of Peace, etc.—Letters were received from the Cheltenham Labour Party and the Cheltenham Branch of the Amalgamated Association of Tramways and Vehicle Workers protesting against the cost of the local Peace Celebration being paid out of the Rates.

3—Electric Lighting—A letter was received from the Cheltenham Labour Party forwarding copy of a resolution supporting the application for a loan of £26,000 to complete the lighting of the public streets by electricity.

4—Unemployment—Read, a letter from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council forwarding a resolution urging the Town Council to take steps to avoid unemployment and suggesting the appointment of a Sub-Committee to consider the matter.

5—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th June last, be approved and confirmed.

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6—Housing Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Housing Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 23rd June last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 30th June and 2nd July 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 20th and 27th June last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz. :—

That Minute No. 5 (Pittville Park and Annexe) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

9—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th June last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th June last, be approved and confirmed.

11—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th June last, be approved and confirmed, and that Licences to deal in Game be granted accordingly.

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

13—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th June last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

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

17—Corporation Hats—Councillor Taylor moved in pursuance of Notice given at the last Meeting, and it was Resolved, That the Council take into consideration the provision of suitable headgear for the use of the Members on public occasions, and that the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee.

Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, the 1st August, 1919.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 5th July, 1919. Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Rogers and Whitaker (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Hayden Sewage Farm—The Committee made an inspection of the Farm with reference to the complaints received from the County Council. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prevent the leakage from the Sewage Carrier to which Dr. Middleton Martin had called attention.

2—Hayden Knoll—The Committee inspected the Farm House. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to carry out the necessary repairs at an estimated cost of not exceeding £50.

3—Barn Farm—The Committee also inspected this Farm.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th July, 1919 : Present—Aldermen Davies, Green and Horsley, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Caudle, Moore and Rogers (Alderman Davies in the chair).

4—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.:—Brenta, Leckhampton Road, 6 Sherborne

Place, 8 Rotunda Terrace, 3, 5, 8, 9, 15, 16, 18, 23, 37, 42. 48 and 57 sun 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.

5—Cleansing and Whitewashing at Newark Cottage, 32 and 33 Hanover Street, 10, 11 and 13 Sun Street, 2 Clare Garden Cottages and 7 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.

6—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 37 All Saints' Road and 31 Dunalley Parade. 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.

7—Insanitary Property—32 and 33 Hanover Street, Newark Cottage, Gloucester Place; 10, 11 and 13 Sun Street and 2 Clare Garden Cottages. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved. That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

8—Destruction of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of 560 lbs. of beef, 22 lbs. of mutton, 200 lbs. of pork, 224 lbs. of herrings, 276 lbs. of dates.

9—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, insufficient water supply, defective drains, etc., which had been served but not complied with. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be - instructed to take the necessary proceedings to compel compliance.

10—Surface Water Drain, Grafton Road—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a new Surface Water Drain laid, the cost to be charged to the loan for the South Eastern District.

11—re Morris—The Borough Surveyor reported that this man, who had been employed at the Sewage Works for nearly 40 years, had been obliged to give up his work. Resolved, That the Trustees of the Baker Memorial Fund be recommended to make him a grant out of the Fund.

12—Assistant Sanitary Inspector—Read, a letter from Capt. Jefford reporting that he was being demobilized and expected to be able to return to his work about the 1st August, and enquiring what salary would he paid. Resolved, That his salary be raised to £150 per annum.

13—Abattoir—Read, a letter from the West Midland Farmers' Association, Ltd., asking if the present facilities for slaughtering at the Abattoir could be continued after the discontinuance of Government

control. Resolved, That he be informed that the Corporation will be able to afford them the same facilities.

14—Chelt --The Borough Engineer reported that the Chelt adjoining Barrett's Mill required cleansing. Resolved, That he be instructed to have this done.

15—Report of Farms Sub-Committee--The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 14th inst Present Alderman Green.

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Farms Manager's Report--Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the farms on the 14th instant was 4 colts, 9 horses (2 at Depot), 9 calves, 124 head of cattle, 20 lambs, 104 tegs, 8 sheep and 32 pigs, all doing fairly well. Since the last Meeting 3 head of cattle and 1 bull had been purchased for £63. 8 pigs and 3 calves had been bred on the Farms. 1 bull, 2 head of cattle, 1 calf and 10 pigs had been sold for £114 10s. 6d.

Corn Binder--The Farms Manager reported that a Corn Binder was required and that he had an offer of a secondhand one Resolved, That he be authorised to purchase one subject to the approval of the Chairman.

Horse from Depot—The Farms Manager reported that this horse was unfit and should be destroyed. Resolved. That it be sent back to the Depot with a recommendation for its destruction.

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

R. DAVIES,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 11th July, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Delegation of Powers to Committee--Read, a letter from the Ministry of Health recommending with a view to preventing any unnecessary delay in proceeding with housing schemes that Local Authorities should delegate to Housing Committees as much as possible of the work in connection with their Housing Schemes, and pointing out that in the Housing Bill provision is made for repeal of the words which at present prevent a Housing Committee entering into any contract. so that it would now be possible for Local Authorities to delegate to Committees all the powers which they can themselves exercise in regard to Housing, except those of borrowing money and making a rate. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to delegate to this Committee their powers under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts and Housing Town Planning, etc., Acts in regard to Housing schemes, except those of borrowing money and making a rate.

2—Housing Site--Mr. Smith's Land—Read, a letter from the District Valuer stating that he had negotiated the -purchase of a pasture orchard, 2.281 acres, belonging to Mr. T. Smith, subject to the

existing tenancy and tenant right. The price for the land was £200, the Corporation also to pay Mr. Villar's fee (£7 7s. 0d.) and cost of transfer

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to purchase the land on these terms and that the Common Seal be affixed to a provisional contract subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health.

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for their approval of the purchase and for their sanction to a loan of £215 for the purchase money and costs.

Mr. Unwin's Land—The Town Clerk reported that although he wrote on the 11th June, asking for draft contract, he had not yet received it, but he had received a letter from Mr. Unwin's Solicitors stipulating for a condition that no house built on the frontage to Gloucester Road should be of less annual value than £60. No such restriction was contained in the terms reported by the District Valuer, who had now written stating that at the first interview with Mr. Villar on the 23rd May the question of restrictions was raised, when Mr. Villar distinctly agreed to discuss the sale of the land as freehold, free from any restrictions as to the class of house to be erected on the Gloucester Road. Heads of agreement were written out by Mr. Villar, in the District Valuer's presence, at an interview on the 30th May when Mr. Drake, another District Valuer, was also present, which confirms this, as the Heads of Agreement contain no note of any restriction. Resolved, That in view of the pressing importance of proceeding with the scheme without delay, Mr. Unwin's Solicitor be informed that the Committee will raise no objection to a restriction that houses fronting Gloucester Road shall be of a rental value of £60 if detached and £80 for a pair of semi-detached houses, subject to the contract being approved of by the Ministry of Health.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 22nd July, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clare: Winterbotham, Betteridge and Rogers (The Mayor in the Chair).

3—Housing Site—A deputation attended from the Workers Housing League and urged the importance of providing houses with the least possible delay. They suggested that the Corporation should consider the acquisition of some of the large empty houses and convert the same into flats, and that some army huts should also be obtained. The Committee promised to give these suggestions consideration.

Read a letter from the Clerk to the Gloucestershire County Council, that the County Council required to provide 62 houses in the Borough for their employees, and suggesting that it would be more economical for the Corporation to include the provision of these under their housing scheme.

Resolved, That a representative of the County Council be invited to attend a Meeting of the Committee to consider the proposals. Mr. Unwin's Land—The Town Clerk reported that the Draft Contract had not been received.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th July, 1919 Present—The Mayor, Councillors Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (the Mayor in the chair).

1- Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 25th June to the 24th July, 1919 (both dates inclusive). Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ending the 17th July, 1919, 580 loads collected, 568 loads consumed, and 12 tipped away. Weight consumed, 683 tons 9 cwt.

2—Trees—Read a letter from Mrs. Rhys Bishop with reference to the tree near " Kelsey," St Anne's Road.

Resolved. That the Trees Sub-Committee be asked to view the tree again.

3 Tenders for Coal—The Borough Surveyor submitted the tenders (7) received for supply of coal during the ensuing year. Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted subject to Contracts to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

C. L. Lovesey—House coal at 36s. 1d. per ton.

A. G. Stockwell—Bakers' nuts for Abattoir 42s. 6d. per ton. Welsh steam coal for fire engine boiler at 39s 7d. per ton.

E. J. W. Greenway--Rough small steam coal for boilers at 27s. 8d. per ton. Rough small steam coal for Tewkesbury at 29s. per ton.

All prices would be increased by 6s. per ton allowed by the Coal Controller.

4-Horse "Whitefoot"—Resolved, That the Farms Sub-Committee be asked to allow the horse " Whitefoot " to remain at the farms for twelve months.

5-Workhouse Drive— Read a letter from the Clerk to the Guardians thanking the Corporation for undertaking the repairs to the drive at the Workhouse.

6-Unemployment—Read a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Local Employment Committee forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the Committee stating that, having regard to the serious state of unemployment now prevalent in this district, the Committee desired to obtain the fullest possible co-operation between Local Bodies with a view to securing that every possible vacancy should be filled by ex-service men, and asking the Corporation to assist by notifying all vacancies in each department both present and prospective to the Employment Exchange. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to notify the Exchange of any vacancies.

THE HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the, 29th July, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, and Councillor Clara Winterbotham (Tire Mayor in the chair).

Housing Site—Mr. Unwin's Land—The Town Clerk reported that the sanction of the Ministry of Health had been received for the purchase of 116.850 acres from Mr. Unwin on the terms agreed upon between District Valuer and Mr. J. G. Villar, but Mr. Unwin had refused to enter into the contract. He now desired to exclude about 20 acres of the land, including all the frontage to Gloucester Road, except to the extent required for a road into Gloucester Road. Resolved,

(a) That a compulsory Order be made for the purchase of the whole of the 106.850 acres approved by the Ministry of Health, and that if necessary a Special Meeting of the Council be called for the purpose as soon as the Housing and Town Planning, etc., Bill is passed.

(b) That in the meantime the Borough Engineer be instructed to proceed with the construction of the Sewer along the Gloucester Road as soon as the estimate which has been submitted to the Housing Commission has been approved.

(c) That the Architects be instructed to proceed with the preparation of the layout plan.

(d) That the Architects be instructed to consider and report as to the possibility of adapting any of the large empty houses for workmen's dwellings

(e) That the Borough Engineer be instructed to make enquiries as to Army huts.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th July, 1919: Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Dodwell, Jamieson, Pates, Sawyer and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that they had held three meetings during the month.

Entertainments—An entertainment was given in the Montpellier Gardens by the Ucal Choir and arrangements had been made for similar entertainments.

Cricket Week—The Sub-Committee recommended that the use of Montpellier Gardens be granted to the Spa Medical Advisory Committee for four evenings on which they proposed to arrange entertainments. The orchestra would play on the other two evenings.

Orchestra—The Musical Director submitted a report (a copy of which accompanies the Minutes) as to the arrangements for the Orchestral Concerts. The Sub-Committee decided to consider the provision of Uniforms, etc., and also at the end of the season to consider the provision of band stands, etc.

Winter Concerts—The Sub-Committee have received tenders from Mr. J. H. Shackleton and Mr. H. Teague for providing an orchestra to play during the Winter season as follows :—

For providing an orchestra of 8 performers to play morning and afternoon during the season.

Mr. TEAGUE.

£30-£32 per week.

Mr. SHACKLETON.

£28 10s. 0d. per week.

For an orchestra of 8 performers in the morning and 14 in the afternoon.

Mr. TEAGUE.

£45-£50 per week.

Mr. SHACKLETON.

£42 0. 0. per week.

The Sub-Committee recommended the acceptance of Mr- Shackleton's tender of £42 per week for the larger orchestra. The Sub-Committee also recommended as follows :—

1. The winter season to commence on the 1st October, 1919, and end on the 31st March, 1920.
2. The morning performance to be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the large drawing room, the afternoon performance to be on four days a week from 3 to 5 p.m. and on two days per week when it is proposed to arrange dance teas from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.
3. That the Sub-Committee be authorised to make other necessary arrangements for the winter season.

Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Shackleton to provide a band of eight performers at £28 10s. per week be accepted, and that with this exception the report of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2—Sunshine Record—The Town Clerk reported that the Borough Meteorologist was willing to undertake the daily reading for sunshine statistics, but, in view of the additional work involved asked that his salary be increased from £15 to £50 per annum. A daily reading would have to be taken at Montpellier and also at Pittville, and Mr. Saxby suggested that the Pittville Pump Rooms should be connected with the telephone.

Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate for transferring the instruments from Pittville to the Municipal Offices

3-Factory Sites—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to insert an advertisement in the local papers asking for particulars of available factor) sites.

4---Pittville Gardens and Marle Hill Annexe—Resolved, That a joint meeting of this Committee and the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee be held on Wednesday to consider the future Management of the Pittville Gardens and Annexe.

5-Montpellier and Alstone Baths—Coal—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for a supply of slack coal, and that the Chairman be authorised to accept a satisfactory tender.

The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an application for the use of the Alstone Baths for Badminton on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons next winter. Resolved, That a charge of 10s. 6d. be made for each afternoon plus the cost of any lighting used.

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6—Mineral Waters—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa was 880. The number of glasses said at the Montpellier Gardens was 507, Pittville Chalet 84, Pittville Pump Rooms 75 and Montpellier Baths 10.

7—Upper Alstone Mill—The Town Clerk reported that the purchase had been completed.

Resolved, That the premises be insured for £500.

Resolved, Also that the next meeting of the Committee be held at the Alstone Baths and that the Committee inspect the premises.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th July, 1919 Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Dodwell, Jamieson, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

8—Montpellier Gardens—An application was received from the Cheltenham Traders' Association for permission for the dis-charged and demobilised Sailors and Soldiers to assemble in the Montpellier Gardens on August Bank Holiday morning and asking that the Gardens be closed from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Resolved, That the application be granted.

Read a letter from the Organising Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers asking for permission to hold a Memorial Service in the Montpellier Gardens on Sunday afternoon, the 3rd prox., at 3.30. Resolved, That the application be granted.

9—Orchestra—Resolved, That the Orchestra play in the Montpellier Gardens on August Bank Holiday morning from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and in the Promenade Band Stand during the afternoon and the morning and afternoon of the following day.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 24th July, 1919: Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Stanley and Taylor (Alderman Green in the chair).

1—Meter Contract—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Electrical Apparatus Company Limited were willing to renew their contract for the supply of meters for another twelve

months at the present rates. Resolved, That the contract be renewed for another year on the same terms and conditions as at present.

2- Exciter Booster—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the increased day load was now considerably beyond the overload capacity of No. 7 turbine, but that if the exciting current were increased by a small Exciter Booster the turbine would be able to deal with the load. He submitted a tender from Messrs. Crompton & Co. for supply of an Exciter Booster and switch gear for £118 10s. 8d. Resolved, That this tender be accepted subject to a formal contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

3—Public Lighting—Electricity—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that as the restrictions on public lighting were now removed, it was possible to resume the lighting of the whole of the public electric lamps. Resolved, That in view of the shortage in coal no additional public electric lamps be lighted at present.

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Loan £26,000--The Town Clerk reported that a local Inquiry was held on July 2nd, by Col. T. C. Ekin, M.I.C.E., into the application for sanction to borrow 426,000 for lighting the whole Borough by electricity.

The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that in connection with this work, it would be necessary to obtain tenders for lamp pillars, switch and fuse boxes and transformers, but that manufacturers were not able to give very quick deliveries and therefore it was desirable to place orders with as little delay as possible. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain tenders and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to accept a suitable tender, and that the work be proceeded with as soon as the Sanction to loan is received.

Gas Lighting—The Town Clerk submitted counsel's opinion on the case laid before him on the instructions of the Committee in view of the Gas Company's repudiation of the contract for lighting the public gas lamps. Counsel advised that the correspondence and facts showed that the contract with the Gas Company was suspended during the lighting restrictions but not cancelled, and that now that the lighting restrictions were removed the Company should be required to fulfil their obligations under the contract.

Resolved, That notice be given to the Gas Company requiring them to carry out the terms of the contract with an intimation that to meet the Company's convenience the Committee are willing that the resumption of lighting should be postponed to the 1st September if desired by the Company.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 17th July, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Green, 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 14th July, 1919. | Average for corresponding period During last 3 years |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Hewletts Springs | 197,000 gallons | 190,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell Springs | 258,000 " | 268,000 " |
| Leckhampton Springs | <u>81,000</u> " | <u>74,000</u> " |
| Total | 536,000 " | 532,000 " |

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

| | Depth | Contents | Depth | Contents |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| | 14th July, 1919. | | | 14th July, 1918. |
| Hewletts | | 21,294,000 gallons | | 23,744,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell | 22ft 6in. | 55,354,000 " | 14ft. 0in. | 24,129,000 " |
| Leckhampton | 12ft. 0in. | <u>1,620,000</u> " | 7ft. 0in. | <u>945,000</u> " |
| Total Storage | | 78,268,000 " | 48,848,000 " | |

Extension of Main—The Borough Engineer reported that a 3-inch main for a length of 50 yards had been laid in East End, Charlton Kings, for the supply of Stoneleigh and Rose Cottage, at the request of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council.

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3—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Fishing Rights—The Town Clerk submitted Draft Agreement with Mr. Probyn Dighton for the transfer of the fishing, shooting and fowling rights from Dowdeswell Court to Rossley Manor, including the right to have eight day tickets for fishing, subject to the condition that the position and place of any boathouse erected must be submitted for the approval of the Corporation. Resolved. That the same be approved and that the Common Seal be affixed to an engrossment of the Agreement.

4—Visit to Dowdeswell—Resolved, That the Meeting of the Committee in September be held at the Dowdeswell Reservoir.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 22nd July, 1919: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Green and Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Parasitic Mange—Supt. Griffin reported that the premises at Lansdown Station, in the occupation of the Midland Railway Co., at which an outbreak of Parasitic Mange had secured, were still under quarantine. With this exception the Borough was free from contagious disease amongst animals

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

Report of Sub-Committee—The Fire Brigade Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Fire Station on Saturday the 5th July, 1919. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Sawyer and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

Uniforms—The Sub-Committee inspected the uniforms and resolved to recommend (1) That the second set of tunics be cleaned and repaired. (2) That seven new pairs of trousers be provided (3) That new chin straps be provided to the present helmets.

Motor Tender— Resolved, That a new cushion be provided for the motor tender. Also that a bracket be fixed to carry a hand hydrant.

Fire Bells—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the fire bells overhauled, as the members of the Brigade have now returned from the war.

Fireman's House—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the cement on the outside of the premises repaired. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

3--Motor Cab Licences—Read an application from Mr. E. B. Hennell of Springfield, Charlton Kings, for 6 motor cab licences. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned to the next meeting, for his attendance.

Read a report from the Inspector as to the cab belonging to Mr. J. H. Horsman. Resolved, That the licence be now issued.

The Hackney Carriage Inspector reported that owing to the illness of Mr. Charles Dennis of 20, Portland Street it was not proposed to take out motor cab licences Nos. 50 and 52 this year.

4--Grosvenor Place South—Read a letter from Mr. R. B. Shenton calling attention to the nuisance adjoining his premises, owing to the absence of an entrance gate or fence to the entrance of the premises occupied by the Wycliffe Cycle Co. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Wycliffe Cycle Co., calling their attention to the nuisance.

5—Unemployment—Messrs. O. J. Williams (chairman) F. J. Caudle, W. Preedy, and Councillor Stanley, representatives of the Cheltenham Employment Committee, attended and again called attention to the large number of men out of employment, and asked the Corporation to put in hand work. The Chairman informed the deputation of the position as to the applications made to the Ministry of Health for sanctions for loans to enable works to be carried out.

The Town Clerk submitted resolutions forwarded by the Cheltenham Branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers with reference to unemployment, etc.

6—Fruit Market—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Market Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 17th inst., and the Town Clerk submitted draft lease to the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Society Ltd Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to an engrossment of the lease.

7—Local Naval and Military War Pensions Committee—Read a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Co-operative Workers Guild, nominating Mrs. E. Davis as a member of this Committee. Resolved, That Mrs. Davis be appointed a member of the Local Naval and Military War Pensions Committee.

8—National Registration Acts 1915 and 1918—Read a letter from the Ministry of Health, stating that it was not proposed to take any steps to secure the continuance of the National Registration Acts beyond the date when they would otherwise expire in pursuance of the provisions of Section 16 (a) of the National Registration Act 1915. The precise date of expiry would be notified to local Registration Authorities as soon as it had been determined by Order in Council under the Termination of the Present War (Definition) Act 1918. In the meantime the administrative operations under the Acts could be suspended.

9—Local Food Control Committee —Read a letter from the Ministry of Food, stating that it had been decided to extend the term of office of Food Control Committees for a period of six months beyond the year for which the members were originally appointed. The Ministry again called attention to the large economy which would be effected by the formation of Joint Committees for adjoining areas.

10—Destruction of Rats—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Gloucestershire County Council delegating to the Cheltenham Town Council their powers under the Rats' Order, 1918.

11— War Bonus—Read, letters from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Labour asking for the observations of the Council on the statement received by them from the National Association of Local Government Officers with reference to the payment of War Bonus to the administrative, technical and clerical officials of the Corporation.

Read, a letter from the National Association of Local Government Officers calling attention to the dissatisfaction existing among the officials as to the War Bonus granted to the officials, and stating that the Association would be pleased to submit their views if the Corporation preferred to receive a deputation rather than act upon the suggestion of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Labour that the case should be settled by arbitration

Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Association of Municipal Corporations, stating that the Civil Service Award No. 84 had been considered by the Representatives of the Association on the Conference of Local Government Associations dealing with Industrial Councils, and a resolution had been passed recommending the several Constituent Authorities to give effect to the proposal that the Award should be made applicable to the Staff in their employ.

Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to submit to the next Meeting a statement showing the bonus which would be payable to the officials if the Award were adopted.

12—Game Licence—Read, a letter from Messrs. Bowles & Dymond, of 4, Montpellier Street, for a licence to deal in game Resolved, That a licence be granted for the period ending 1st July, 1920.

13—Weighbridge Attendant—Read, a letter from Mr. James Pounsett, Weighbridge Attendant and Collector of the Folly Lane Allotment Rents, asking for an increase in war bonus. Resolved, That an additional war bonus of 5/- be granted.

14—Accommodation for Motors—Read, a further letter from the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association with reference to the provision of accommodation for motor cars. Resolved, That the reply of the Town Clerk be approved.

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15—Corporation Hats—The resolution of the Council with reference to the provision of suitable hats for Members of the Council was considered. Resolved, That Alderman Davies and Councillor Clara Winterbotham be asked to submit particulars of suitable hats for consideration at the next Meeting.

16—Local Authorities (Fuel and Lighting) Order 1919—The Town Clerk submitted this Order, which conferred on Local Authorities the powers and duties necessary for the discharge of the functions assigned to Local Authorities by the Household Fuel and Lighting Order.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held On Wednesday, the 16th July, 1919 Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Green, Councillors Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Caudle and Stewart (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 2053 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since June 1918 (Corresponding period last year 1090).

The following loan had been received :—Mr. Fred Roe, R.I., A.R.B.C., Oil Painting. " When the Boys come Marching Home" (British Troops marching through Rouen.)

The following gifts had been received:—

Mr. A. C. Green, 16, Great Western Terrace—Bust of Dean Close.

Mr. Allan Clerk, Crickleigh Hill, Gloucestershire Old Glass from Coberley Church.

Mr. W. J. Cooper, "Berwyn," St Luke's Road—Model of Egyptian Hawk, dug up at Thebes.

Miss Averill, 21, Royal Parade—Fossils and Minerals.

Corporal A. C. Holyoake, 8th Gloucesters—Sea Shells picked up at Paris Plage, by Sergeant W. H. Spreadbury, R.A.S.C.

Councillor Winterbotham—Fifth Gloucester Gazette, No. 6, September, 1915; No. 11, April, No. 12, May, No. 13, July, No. 16, December, 1916; No. 17, February, 1917 ; Nos 18, 19, 20, 1917,

Colonel Ashburner—Relief model Map of Europe.

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

2—Pictures--Resolved, That the portrait of Mr. Thomas Jenkins, by Briton Riviere, R.A., be purchased out of the Leslie Young Bequest for the sum of 20 guineas. The Committee considered an offer by Mr. Fred Roe, R.I., A.R.B.C., to paint a picture depicting some special incident in the active service experience of a County or local Unit for the sum of £200. Resolved, That Mr. Roe be asked to paint a picture portraying some incident in the earlier days of the 1/5th Gloucesters, the cost of the picture, (£200) including copyright, to be paid out of the Leslie Young Bequest.

3—Annual Meeting of Museums Association—The Curator reported on the Meetings of the Museums Association at Oxford on the 8-10th July

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 23rd July, 1919: Present--The Deputy Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell and Sawyer (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Park—An application was received from the Hon. Secretary Homes and Hospitals Committee of the Gloucestershire Aircraft Works, for the use of the Gardens for a Fete on Saturday, 30th August, Resolved, That the use of the Gardens and Pump Room be granted on the following terms, namely, The Corporation to receive to per cent. of the gross receipts from all sources and the cost of any damage done to the building or grounds, as certified by the Borough Surveyor, to be repaid to the Corporation

2—Pittville Pump Room—An application was received from the Traders Association for the use of the Pittville Pump Room for the Carnival on August Bank Holiday and two following days. Resolved. That this be granted on the same terms as those on which the use of the Gardens had already been granted, namely, so per cent of the gross receipts and the cost of any damage to the Pump Room, as certified by the Borough Surveyor, to be repaid to the Corporation.

3—Sewer in Segrave Place—The Borough Surveyor reported that this sewer was blocked with tree roots and required repair. Resolved, That the Public Health Committee be recommended to have this work carried out.

4 —Pittville Lake--The Town Clerk reported that the Contract with Messrs. Bomford and Evershed Ltd. had been settled and the work started. He also submitted the leases arranged with Mr. Maby and Mrs. Winterbotham for the land adjoining the Annexe on the North and South sides to be used for tipping the mud. Resolved, That these be approved.

5—Cricket at Recreation Grounds—Read an application from the Cheltenham Co-operative Cricket Club for the use of Agg-Gardner or Whaddon Lane Recreation Grounds. Resolved, That the application be not granted as the applications previously granted were as many as could be accommodated.

6—Football at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Read an application from the Whaddon United Football Club for permission to play in the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground during the coming season. Resolved, That permission be granted.

W. SAWYER.,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS & ALLOTMENTS AND TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEES.

(JOINT. MEETING.)

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Wednesday, the 23rd July, 1919 Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell, Jamieson, Pates and Sawyer (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Pittville Park—Resolved. That in view of the use of the Pittville Gardens in connection with the Spa, the letting of the Pittville Gardens and Pump Room be transferred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, it being understood that the receipts from such lettings will be credited to the Pittville Estate

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th July, 1919: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Mann, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

1—Funerals—The Town Clerk reported that the Clergy were willing to attend at the Cemetery on Saturday mornings at 12 noon for ordinary funerals and suggested that the fee should be increased to 5/-. Resolved, That the Undertakers be informed that in view of the adoption of the 47 hour working week interments will not be permitted on Saturday afternoons as from the 1st August next.

Resolved, also, That the ordinary funerals take place on Saturdays at 12 noon, and that the Ministers' fee be increased to 5/- for funerals at that time.

2—Advance to Superintendent—Resolved, That the amount of the advance to the Superintendent for the payment of wages and Ministers' fees be increased from £90 to £100, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings on the 25th April last be varied accordingly.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6158 to 6165 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Headstones to graves of Charles Curtis Fielder, Charles Dangerfield, Charlotte Annie Savage and Frances Myra Hodges. Memorial Crosses to graves of Dolores Maxwell, Louisa Burden, Charles Herbert Midwinter, Alethe Louisa Gilby, Nora Bessie, Elizabeth Ann and Alfred Owen Billings and Matthew Wolstenholme. and Memorials to graves of Eleanor Edith Nind and Augusta Mary Shaw Page. Kerbing to graves of Charlotte Knight, William Lapworth, Emma Louisa Tilling, James, Elizabeth, Robert Henry and Dorothy May French and Leslie Frank Trinder.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, July 15th, 1919: Present—Alderman E. C. Green, Councillor Caudle. Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone, Messrs. Gridley and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Green 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 June was 3,459, and the number of books issued from the Lending Library was 7,159. Receipts: £6 2s. 6d. Presentation: Mrs. Amherst Morris, 82 Musical Works, including Operas and Oratorios.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th July, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Jamieson, Moore. Taylor and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £17,481 7s. 6d., leaving outstanding £10,506 10s. 5d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September, 1919. Amount collected £8,593 9s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £5,103 8s. 5d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £150, £870, and £100 on loan. Resolved. That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

4—Winter Garden Loan, £9,650—The Borough Accountant reported that this loan having expired, the lenders of sums amounting to £5,300, were willing to accept Debentures on account of other authorised loans. Resolved. That Debentures be sealed and issued accordingly.

5—Cancellation of Corporation Stock-- Resolved, That the sum of £3,999 13s. 3d. Cheltenham Corporation Stock purchased by means of the Loans Fund of the Cheltenham Town Council and which now stands in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cheltenham be extinguished, and that the National Provincial and Union Bank of England. Ltd.. 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.

6-- Borough Accountant's Department—Resolved. That the Borough Accountant be included in the list of officials to receive a war bonus for the current year. Mr. G. H. Davis, third clerk in his Department, had returned from the war and had taken up his duties. Resolved, That his salary be increased to £130 per annum.

7—Emergency Account—Resolved. That the sum of £500 be placed to an "Emergency" Account to enable the Borough Accountant to make payments for the purchase of coal and other emergency payments.

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

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

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|---|---------------------|
| In hand on the 1st July last | 18,534 11 0 |
| Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £1,120) | <u>25,895 9 8</u> |
| | 44,430 0 8 |
| Paid since that date (including Loans on Debenture £3,350) | <u>26,816 5 3</u> |
| | In hand 17,613 15 5 |
| being General Accounts | 17,123 18 3 |
| "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts | 201 5 8 |
| "Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account | <u>288 11 6</u> |
| | 17,613 15 5 |

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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 1st August, 1919, at 3 p.m. Present The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel),

Aldermen Davies, Green, and Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Boulter, Betteridge, Caudle, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Taylor, Thomas and Wilkins.

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

2—Electric Lighting—Read, a letter from the Ministry of Health forwarding sanctions to loans for the completion of the public lighting of the Borough by electricity as follows :—

£20,686 for mains, including laying and re-instating.

£5,214 for pillars, fittings, fuse boxes, transformers, etc.

£2,000 for prospective expenditure on house services.

The period for repayment being 25 years, 10 years and 15 years respectively.

3—Housing of the Working Classes—Read, a letter from the Ministry of Health stating that with a view to obtaining an immediate increase in the amount of accommodation available to relieve the present overcrowding, the Minister was anxious that Local Authorities should at once consider the question of utilising the powers to be conferred on them under Clause 12 of the Housing Bill in regard to the conversion of existing houses into flats or tenement dwellings, and asking the Council to undertake a survey of their district with a view to ascertaining what property suitable for conversion was available. The Minister forwarded forms of return to be sent to the Housing Commissioner for the district within 14 days, giving particulars of houses suitable for conversion.

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Resolved, That the Bate Collectors be instructed to forward a list of houses to the Architects, and that they be requested to report thereon.

4—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 8th and 14th July last, be approved and confirmed.

5—Housing Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Housing Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th, 22nd and 29th July last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th July last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 18th and 25th July last, be approved and confirmed.

8—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th July last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

11—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th July 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 23rd July last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Town Improvement and Spa, and Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committees (joint Meeting)—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments, and Town Improvement and Spa Committees at their Meeting of the 23rd July last, be approved and confirmed.

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14—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th July last, be approved and confirmed. 15—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th July last, be approved and confirmed.

16—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting of the 25th July last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor.

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 September, 1919.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th August, 1919. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Davies, Councillors Moore, Rogers and Whitaker (Alderman Davies 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, Whitecross Square, 39, 11, 49, 50, 54 and 55 Townsend Street ; 1, 13, 22, 33 and 37 Cleveland Street; 5 and 7 Linden Terrace ; and 1, 2 and 7 Cleveland Buildings, Cleveland 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 Nos. 49, 51, 54 and 61a Townsend Street; 15, 17 and 28 Cleveland Street ; 2 Cleveland Buildings ; and 5 Linden Terrace, Cleveland 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 front Drains, etc., at 16 Imperial Square; 9 and 10 Whitecross Square ; and The Hawthorne's, 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.

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4 —Insanitary Property-49, 51, 54, 55, 61 and 61a Townsend Street ; 15, 17 and 28 Cleveland Street ; 5 Linden Terrace, Cleveland Street ; Upnor, Pittville Lawn; and Arle Farm Dairies, Arle. 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—Overcrowding at 2 and 3 Casino Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

6—Arle Dairies—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a list of defects and work required to be done to the premises occupied by the Arle Dairies Company. Resolved, That notices be served requiring the abatement of the nuisance and the carrying out of the work referred to.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat, etc.—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of diseased meat as follows:—Beef, 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 24 lbs.; bacon, 2 cwt, 2 qrs. 7 lbs.; fish, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs.; tinned meat 1 ½ cwt.; tinned fish, 18 lb.

8—Abattoir—Messrs. L. James and D. Waghorne attended as representatives of Cheltenham and District Butchers Association and stated that they had been under a misapprehension as to the proposed use of the Abattoir by the West Midland Farmers Association Ltd., and now raised no objection to the proposal. Resolved, That this Committee re-affirm their previous resolution granting the facilities to the Association to use the Abattoir.

9—Slaughterhouse Bye-Laws—Read, a letter from the Ministry of Health returning the draft Bye-laws amending the scale of charges for the use of the Abattoir. Resolved, That the Bye-laws now submitted be made and that the Common Seal be affixed thereto, and that application be made to the Ministry of Health for their formal confirmation of the same.

10—Flooding Alstone Lane—The Borough Engineer recommended that an additional storm overflow should be provided on the Rowanfield Road Sewer at a cost of about £40. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Engineer be approved and adopted.

11—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on Monday the 11th August, 1919. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green and Councillor Whitaker (Councillor Whitaker in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the farms on the 11th instant was 4 colts, 9 horses (2 at Depot), 6 calves, 149 head of cattle, 20 lambs, 112 sheep and 22 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 31 cows had been purchased for £731 5s. 1 calf had been bred on the Farms. 3 cows, 2 heifers and 4 calves had been sold for £226 13s. 9d.

Sale of Fruit—The Farms Manager reported that the fruit in the orchards had been sold by public auction for £142. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 7th August, 1919 Present—The Mayor, Alderman Davies, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Moore and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Gloucester Road Bite—Frontage—Mr. Unwin with his Solicitor (Mr. McIlquham) attended the meeting.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a scheme and plan for the lay-out on the Gloucester Road frontage. The scheme provided for

(a) Four shrubberies of crescent shape to be formed with suitable trees and shrubs adjoining Gloucester Road, the shrubberies to be at least 60 feet across their widest part and to be maintained in good condition by the Corporation.

(b) The drives up to the houses to be not less than so feet wide.

(c) The semi-detached houses to be set back from the Gloucester Road a distance of not less than go feet in the centre of each crescent and So feet at the end of the crescent.

(d) The space between each pair of houses to be not less than 30 feet provided that a porch to each cottage may be provided in this 30 feet space.

Mr. Unwin expressed his approval of the scheme and withdrew his objections.

Resolved, That the lay-out be approved subject to the same being accepted by the Ministry of Health.

Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the Contract for the purchase of the land.

Sewer ---Resolved, That application be made for sanction to a loan of £1,320 for the purpose of laying the sewer in Gloucester Road in connection with the Housing site.

2—Flats—The letter from the Ministry of Health submitted at the last meeting of the Town Council was considered, and the Borough Surveyor laid before the Committee a list of houses capable of being converted into flats. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned,

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee convened on Tuesday, the 12th August, 1919. Councillors Mann and Wilkins attended but in the absence of a quorum no business could be transacted.

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 25th August, 1919 : Present—The Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Mann, Pates, Sawyer and Wilkins (the Mayor in the chair).

1—Street Projections—Read an application from Mr. H. Tottenham for permission to place a projecting sign outside the Promenade Garage, Ormond Place. Resolved, That the application be referred to the Street Inspector for inspection and report.

2—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 25th July to the 21st August.

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Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended the 14th August, 1919, 549 loads collected, 545 consumed, and 4 tipped away. Weight consumed, 665 tons 1 ¼ cwt.

3- Concrete Block Mould—The Borough Surveyor submitted the plan and estimate by Messrs. Wright and Marvin for a mould for making concrete blocks, together with additional mould for quoins to cost £25, making a total of £217. Resolved, That the moulds be purchased.

4—Central Depot—Railway Siding—Read a letter from the Divisional Engineer, Great Western Railway Co., calling attention to the condition of the siding at the Central Depot and stating that

unless the repairs were at once taken in hand engines would not be allowed to go into the yard for shunting purposes. The Borough Surveyor reported that the cost of repairing the siding, including the provision of new sleepers, would be about £60. Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

5—Horses—The Borough Surveyor reported that Mr. H. Newman was willing to continue the arrangement for the use by the Corporation of his horses at a charge of 8s. per week each, the arrangement to continue for a period of 12 months.

Resolved, That the arrangement be approved and adopted.

Horse ' Whitefoot"—The Borough Surveyor submitted the report of the Veterinary Inspector as to the horse " Whitefoot "

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the horse destroyed

6—Building Trades—Read a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives, dated the 29th ult., stating that as from the 1st inst. the standard rate of wages for Masons, Carpenters, Plasterers, Painters, Bricklayers and Woodcutting Machinists would be 1s. 6d. per hour for a week of 50 hours.

7—Workmen— Read a letter from the District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers asking that the Carters and Roller Drivers should be paid overtime in respect of the three hours worked by them beyond the 47 hour working week.

Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned to the next meeting and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit a report.

Read a letter from the Secretary of the Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities and non-trading Services (Manual Workers) stating that the difficulties associated with the fixing of a national rate of war wages are so great that the Council recommend for the time being that the question of wages be relegated to the Trade Unions and the local parties concerned. The Secretary also forwarded the resolutions passed by the Joint Industrial Council with reference to the maximum hours, overtime and holidays.

Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Borough Surveyor

8--Roads and Transport Congress and Exhibition—Read a letter from the County Councils Association stating that a Roads and Transport Congress and Exhibition would be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall from the 20th to the 27th November next and inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Congress.

9 -- Unemployment—Messrs. Blagg, James and Wixey attended as representatives of the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council and suggested that the Corporation should themselves carry out all the work (including the erection of houses) in connection with the Housing Scheme. They also called attention to the lack of employment and urged that if private enterprise was not forthcoming the Corporation should erect and carry on suitable factories for providing continuous employment.

10 --Fountain—Lower High Street—Read a letter from Mrs. Saxby asking that the Drinking Fountain in front of No.1, White hart Street should be removed as this was a nuisance to the tenant and neighbourhood owing to its mis-use by children and others. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for the Committee to view. —

11-Report of Plans Sub-Committee —The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meetings on the 12th and 25th inst. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th August, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Wilkins (Councillor Mann 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 |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1429 | Council of the Y.M.C.A. | Alterations to 16-18 Promenade (Amended Plan). |
| 1431 | Miss F. M. Peebles | Additions to Haddo, Pittville Circus Road. |
| 1432 | J. H. Poynton | Canopy in front of the North Street Picture House. |

Resolved, That Plan No. 5432 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 5429 and 543, be approved subject to the drainage and Sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 25th August, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Mann and Wilkins (The Mayor in the chair).

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

| No. of Plan | Name. | Description. |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1433 | Mr. Alfred Miles | Alterations and Additions to Pengwern, Albion Street. |
| 1434 | Mr. E. M. Yeend | Additions to 1, Eden Villas, King's Road. |
| 1435 | The Council of Y.M.C.A. | Proposed Entrance Canopy, Y.M.C.A. premises, 16 to 18 Promenade. |

Resolved, That plan No. 1433 be approved, and that plans Nos. 1433 and 1434 be approved subject to the drainage and any Sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th August, 1919: Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Dodwell, Sawyer, and Thomas (Councillor Thomas in the chair). .

1—Mineral Waters—Sales—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa during the past month was 1070. The number of glasses sold at the Pittville Gardens, Montpellier Baths, and Montpellier Gardens, was 563.

2—Shop adjoining Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an application for the tenancy-of the Shop adjoining the :Montpellier Baths. Resolved, That as the premises will probably be required in connection with the Spa Scheme, the application be not entertained

3 —Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that, the electric main had been laid up to the Alstone Baths, and suggested that it would be advisable to consider the question of lighting the Baths by electricity. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit to the next Meeting an estimate of the cost of the work.

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4—Winter Garden—Ticket Office—The Borough Surveyor reported that he estimated the cost of removing the ticket office from the Winter Garden to Montpellier Gardens at about £30. Resolved, That the ticket office be not removed.

5—Advertising-- Read, a letter from the News Department, Foreign Office (Eastern Section), asking for a series of photographs illustrating the attractive features of the Town and the scenery in the district for the purposes of British Propaganda in foreign countries. Resolved, That a series of photographs be supplied.

H. W. THOMAS, Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 21st August, 1919 Present—Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Mann, Stanley, Taylor and Whitaker (Councillor Taylor in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—Electricity—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted the tenders received for materials required for lighting the southern part of the Town. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Lucy & Co., of Oxford, of £1522 10s. 0d. for cast iron pillars, etc., and the tender of Messrs. Johnson & Phillips of £144 for transformers be accepted.

Gas—Mr. A. H. Wyatt (Clerk to the Gas Company) attended the Meeting and submitted the following terms for lighting the gas lamps up to 11 p.m. each night (allowing 60 minutes for extinguishing), from the 1st Oct., 1919, to the 30th April, 1920.

The sum of £2 17s. 0d per lamp, that is at the rate of 8s. 1d. and 0.7143 of a penny per lamp per month. No further discount on the gas consumed beyond the amount already allowed for in the above sum of £2 17s. 0d. to be charged per lamp shall be made, provided that in case the price of gas charged to the Gas Company's private consumers shall be raised above or reduced below 4s. per thousand cubic feet the above sum shall be increased or reduced by such sum as shall represent the extra or reduced cost on the estimated consumption of gas, and for the purpose of calculating such increased or reduced sum the proportion payable for gas of the above sum of £2 17s. 0d. per lamp shall be assumed to be 14s. 1d. and one third of a penny, and the balance shall be assumed to be payable for the use, maintenance, lighting and extinguishing of each lamp, provided also that if the weekly wages of the Gas Company's lamplighters be increased or reduced by 5s. from the rate of wages as at the 7th August, 1919, then for every such increase or reduction of the complete sum of 5s. the charge of £2 17s. 0d. per lamp shall be increased or reduced by 2s. 10d. and 0.65 of a penny, that is to say by 4d. and 0.95 of a penny per lamp per month.

Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held to consider the offer, and that the Council be recommended to authorise this Committee to make a satisfactory arrangement with the Company for lighting the gas lamps.

Resolved, also, That the Company be asked what would be the extra charge for continuing the lighting until 12 o'clock each night.

2—Mains Superintendent —The Borough Electrical Engineer reported the resignation of Mr. C. G. Smith, the Mains Superintendent. He had already invited applications from ex-Service men for the post but had received no suitable application, and now proposed to advertise the vacancy at a commencing salary of £5 weekly, inclusive of all bonuses and additions to date. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Electrical Engineer be approved.

3—Charges—Resolved, That in view of the further increase in the cost of labour, coal, etc., the present increase of 50 per cent. in the charges for electric energy supplied to ordinary consumers be increased to 75 per cent., provided that the statutory maximum price be not exceeded, such increase to commence from the reading of the meters for the September quarter.

Read, a letter from the Board of Trade forwarding letters received from Mr. Haywood and others, and Miss A. M. Gooding, with reference to the application for an Order under the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1918, and asking for the observations of the Council thereon. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to reply thereto.

P. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th August, 1919: 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 11th August, 1919. | Average for corresponding period During last 3 years |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Hewletts Springs | 157,000 gallons | 171,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell Springs | 243,000 " | 235,000 " |
| Leckhampton Springs | <u>58,000</u> " | <u>67,000</u> " |
| Total | 458,000 " | 473,000 " |

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

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| | 11th August, 1919. | | 11th August, 1918. | |
| Hewletts | | 15,243,000 gallons | | 21,479,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell | 17ft 0in. | 30,700,000 " | 14ft. 0in. | 24,129,000 " |
| Leckhampton | 11ft. 0in. | <u>1,486,000</u> " | 6ft. 0in. | <u>810,000</u> " |
| Total Storage | | 47,429,000 " | | 46,418,000 " |

Pumping was commenced at Sandford on the 5th inst. and at Tewkesbury on the oath inst.

2 --Water Works Employees—Read a letter from the Joint Industrial Council for the Water Works Undertakings Industry stating that the Council had been endeavouring to arrive at an agreement upon the question of a minimum advance on pre-War wages, but found that the circumstances and conditions in different parts of the country urban and rural, and as between Municipal Undertakings and Company Undertakings were so diverse that it was well-nigh impossible to agree upon a minimum that would be in accord with the varying conditions and circumstances referred to or acceptable to those concerned The Council therefore recommended that wage negotiations should be conducted as heretofore without regard to that Council for the time being.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 19th August, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann and Sawyer (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent. Griffin reported that with the exception of premises in Fairhaven Street, in the occupation of Mr. John Pearce, at which an outbreak of Parasitic Mange had occurred, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Fire Brigade.—Report of the Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire on the 3rd instant, at the Crown Hotel Stables. Damage about £30, Brigade Expenses

£4 15s. 6d. Also, on the 14th instant, to an outbreak of Fire at " Downside," Western Road. Damage about £60, expenses £4 16s.

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3—Rabies (Amendment) Order of 1919—Read a letter from the Board of Agriculture forwarding the Rabies (Amendment) Order of 1919, which amended the previous order so as to require the detention and isolation by the owner of dogs or cats reported to be detected or suspected and also all other dogs and cats kept on the same premises, pending the confirmation or otherwise of the suspicion of disease, The Town Clerk reported that he had given public notice of the Order as directed by the Board.

4—Motor Cab Licences—Mr. E. B. Hennell, of Springfield, Charlton Kings, attended the Committee with reference to his application for six motor Cab Licences. Resolved, That three licences be granted subject to a satisfactory report being received from the Inspector of Cabs.

5—Hackney Carriage Drivers Licences—Read, applications from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co. Ltd. for a licence to drive a motor cab for Samuel Clark of 12, Sandford Street, and Albert Edward Birt of 5, Mapledene Terrace, Resolved. That Licences be granted.

6—Shops Act, 1912—Read a letter from Mr. F. Taylor, Inspector of Weights and Measures, resigning his appointment as Inspector under the Shops Act, 1912. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain whether the new Inspector of Weights and Measures is willing to undertake the work.

7—War Bonus—The Borough Accountant submitted a statement showing the bonus which would be payable to the Administrative, Technical, and Clerical Officials if the Civil Service scale of War Bonus were adopted. The amount payable would be £2972 11s. 1d., in addition to the amount of the Bonus already granted. Resolved, That the previous resolution of the Committee, continuing the bonus as paid last year be adhered to.

8—Licences to Store Petroleum—Read an application from Messrs. C. J. Bullock and Co. for a licence to store 250 gallons of petroleum at their Garage adjoining Elmwood House, Montpellier, and also from Mr. G. F. Midwinter, of Brunswick Villa, Cirencester Road, to store 150 gallons of petroleum at the rear of 9, Charlton Place, London Road. The Inspector reported that the proposed places of storage were satisfactory. Resolved That licences be granted for the period ending 5th October next.

9—Town Clock—Resolved, That tenders be invited for the winding of the Town Clock.

10—Market— Read a letter from the Gloucestershire Fruit and Vegetable Co-operative Society Ltd., asking that the completion of the new shedding be put in hand without delay. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work completed. Resolved also, That one of the buildings purchased by the Corporation from the Army Authorities be placed at the Market for use as an additional office.

11—Transit of Goods by Rail—Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of Bradford stating that complaints had been made, not only by merchants and traders in that City but also by shopkeepers and other members of the public, with respect to the great difficulty experienced in obtaining delivery of goods

dispatched to them by rail from other Towns and in connection with the dispatch by rail of goods to other Towns, and forwarding copy of a Resolution which had been sent to the Prime Minister. Resolved, That the Government be urged to afford adequate facilities for the carriage of goods sent by merchants, traders, and the public generally for transit by rail, the present arrangements being quite inadequate and causing much annoyance and inconvenience to those concerned, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the President of the Board of Trade, and the Minister of Ways and Communications.

12-Destruction of Rats—The Town Clerk reported that an Inspector of the Board of Agriculture had recently interviewed him with reference to steps being taken by the Corporation under the Rats Order, 1918. Resolved, That Mr. Albert Edward 'Judson (Chief Inspector of Nuisances) be appointed Executive Officer to carry out the provisions of the Act and Regulations.

13—Cinematograph Act, 1909 — Read, an application from Mr. T. H. Poynton for the transfer of the licence granted under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the North Street Picture House to Mr. H. G. Beard who had purchased the premises. Resolved, That the application be granted.

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14— Corporation Hats--Alderman Davies and Councillor Clara Winterbotham submitted particulars of suitable hats for members of the Council. Resolved, to recommend the members of the Council to purchase the cock-shaped hat selected by the Committee at 35/6 each. (A specimen hat will be submitted for inspection at the Council Meeting).

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th August, 1919: Present--The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Sawyer and Stanley (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Football at Recreation Grounds—Applications were received from the Cheltenham Town Association Football Club and Baker Street Institute for permission to play football at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground; and from the Baden Powell Boy Scouts, Cambray Young Men's Institute, and All Saints Lads' Bible Class to play at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground. Resolved, That consideration of the applications be adjourned to the next Meeting.

2 —Meeting - - Resolved, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held at the Pittville Gardens.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd August, 1919: Present—Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Caudle, Dodwell, Mann and Rogers (Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

1—Burial Fees—Resolved, That in view of the considerable increase in the cost of labour and materials the Council be recommended to increase the fees as follows :--

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Interment Fee • • • • • | 7s. 6d. to 15s. |
| Fee for erection of headstones and memorial crosses not exceeding 15 inches in thickness at the base and kerb stones | 10s. to £1 |
| Inscription Fee .. | 2s 6d. to 5s. |

Resolved, also, That application be made to the Ministry of Health for sanction to the proposed increased charges.

2—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6166 to 6180 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

3 --Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Cross to grave of Matthew Wolstenholme; Kerbing to graves of Leslie Seymour Hayward and Alice Florence Boyce. F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th August, 1919: Present—Councillors Moore, Taylor and Whitaker (Councillor Taylor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £24,636 14s. 6d., leaving outstanding £3,351 3s. 5d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £11,552 8s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £2,361 17s. 3d.

3—Investment of Sinking Funds—The Borough Accountant reported the terms arranged for the continuance of the loans of £10,000 and £9,465 7s. 9d. to the Teignmouth and Southend-on-Sea Corporations respectively. Resolved, That the terms be approved.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that the term of the loan of £135 sanctioned for Education purposes expired on the 1st April last, and also that the loan of £16,000 sanctioned for the Electric Light Undertaking would expire on the 1st October next, and that he hoped to arrange with the lenders to accept Debentures on account of other authorised loans.

5—Market—Resolved. That the Borough Accountant be authorised to insure the new shedding at the Market.

6—Delancey Hospital—Smallpox Hospital—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Delancey Hospital Trustees stating that the draft Order from the Charity Commissioners authorising the purchase of the site at Elmstone Hardwicke for the erection of a Smallpox Hospital and also authorising the raising of a loan for the purchase of the site and the erection of the hospital had been received, and asking the Corporation to join with the Charlton Kings Urban District Council and the Cheltenham Rural District Council in the mortgage to guarantee the repayment of the sum to be borrowed and the interest thereon. Resolved, That the Trustees be informed that the Corporation will join in the Mortgage provided that the other Councils do so.

7—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:-

| | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| In hand on the 25th July last | | 17,613 15 5 |
| Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £1,120) | | |
| <u>25,500 19 4</u> | | |
| | | 43 114 14 9 |
| Paid since that date (including Loans repaid £9,000) | | <u>23,942 9 9</u> |
| | In hand | 19,172 5 0 |
| being General Accounts | 6,329 9 0 | |
| Sinking Fund Accounts | 12,352 18 10 | |
| "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts | 201 5 8 | |
| "Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account | <u>288 11 6</u> | |
| | 19,172 5 0 | |

P. P. TAYLOR,

Chairman

Borough of Cheltenham.

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

Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Caudle, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Stanley, Taylor and Wilkins.

Apologies—Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Davies, Green and Margrett, Councillors Boulter, Sawyer and Stewart.

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 1st August 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—Profiteering Act 1919, etc.—Read, a letter from the Board of Trade inviting the Council to appoint a Local Committee for the Borough to which would be delegated, by Regulations made under the Act, the power to investigate, hear and determine complaints of profiteering by retail traders carrying on business in the Borough. The expenses of the Committee would be defrayed by the Local Authority as expenses under the Public Health Act. The Board asked to be informed whether it is the intention of the Council to appoint a Local Committee, and stating that in the event of any Local Authority failing or refusing to appoint a Committee it was not the present intention of the Board to appoint a Committee for such district. Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, and that the General Purposes and Watch Committee be empowered to elect the members. Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Labour Party, forwarding the following Resolutions :—

(1) That the Corporation use their powers under the Profiteering Bill and set up at once a Profiteering Tribunal, with organised labour fully represented.

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(2) That the Corporation grant permission for a Street Market to any person or persons wishing to open and use same.

(3) That the Corporation do not allow children under 14 years of age to sell newspapers in the Streets, as in the opinion of the Labour Party it is detrimental to their health, especially during the wet and cold weather. Resolved, That the first two Resolutions be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration, and the last Resolution to the Education Committee.

3—Pittville Gardens—Read, a letter from Messrs. Haddock and Pruen, forwarding a Memorial signed by Property Owners and Residents on the Pittville Estate, with reference to the use of the Pittville Gardens. Resolved, That the same be referred to the General Purposes Committee.

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

5—Housing Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Housing Committee, at their Meeting of the 7th August last, be approved and confirmed.

6—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th August last, be approved and confirmed.

7—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th August last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

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

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11—Standing Joint Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Margrett be appointed a Representative of the Town Council on the Finance Committee of the County Council and Standing Joint Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. J. Waghorne.

12—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th August last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Committee be empowered to grant permission to play football at the Recreation Grounds.

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

14—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting of the 26th August last, be approved and confirmed.

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

15—Town Clerk's Department—Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be given to Mr. W. T. Long for taking charge of the department during the Town Clerk's absence.

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 October, 1919.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 6th September, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Rogers and Whitaker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1— Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz. :----4, Belmont Place ; 33, Bloomsbury Street ; 16, Union Street ; 3, 5, 22, 25 and 37, Albert Street, St. Peter's. 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 19, Russell Street ; 8, Pittville Street ; 3 and 4, Swindon Street ; 46, St. George's Street; 33, 34 and 35 Bloomsbury Street ; and 17, Millbrook 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 257, High Street ; 14, Queen's Retreat ; 30 and 31, Sandford Street; and Stables in Belmont 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.

4- -Insanitary Property 10, Russell Street ; 8, Pittville Street ; 3 and 4, Swindon Street ; 33 and 35, Bloomsbury Street ; 46, St. George's Street ; 28, Sandford Street and 17, Millbrook 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—House unfit for Human Habitation—Room over Stable, Hermitage Street—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that this dwelling-house was 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 the further consideration be adjourned to the next meeting, and that notice be given to the owner of the intention of the Council to make a closing order.

6-- Insufficient w.c. Accommodation--4 and 5, High Street--The Inspector of Nuisances reported that these premises were without sufficient w.c. accommodation. Resolved, That notices be given to the owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, requiring the provision of sufficient w.c. accommodation within 28 days.

7- Sewer, near Leckhampton Depot—Resolved, That the sewer running from near Leckhampton Depot to Leckhampton Road (about 260 yards) and numbered 13 in the Borough Engineer's report of August, 1908, which is defective be relaid and the cost charged to South-Eastern and Tivoli District sewer loan.

8- Surplus Army Medical and Surgical Stores--Read a circular from the Surplus Government Property Disposal Board enclosing a list of items of Medical and Surgical Stores to be disposed of, and asking that Local Authorities should send in particulars of any stores on the list required by them. Resolved, That the circular be referred to the Medical Officer of Health

9 -Hatherley Tank—Read letter from Mrs. Hayward asking that the roof might be repaired and the tank filled in and a portion of the floor made good, and also asking for permission to convert part of

the building into a cowshed for six cows, which would be constructed so as to comply with the regulations of the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the repairs, etc., carried out and that permission be given for the conversion of the building into a cowshed

10-Site for Small-pox Hospital—An application was received from the Trustees of the Delancey Hospital to increase the area of the site to 2 $\frac{1}{3}$ acres and to provide in addition another acre for a filter bed for disposal of the sewage of the Hospital with right to lay a drain thereto from the Hospital site. Resolved, That the additional land and site for sewage works and right of drainage be offered to the Trustees for £55.

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

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Farms Manager's Report--Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the farms on the 8th inst. were 4 colts, 9 horses (2 at Depot), 132 head of cattle, 8 calves, 95 sheep, 22 lambs, and 46 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 1 cow had been purchased for £34 0s. 0d. 5 calves and 27 pigs had been bred on the farms. 8 head of cattle, 4 calves, 16 sheep, 5 lambs, 5 pigs, and 662 lbs. of wool had been sold for £575 13s. 9d.

Field—Great Stockings.—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate for draining this field.

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

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th September, 1919: Present The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Betteridge, Moore and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Housing Site—Lay-out Plan-- The Lay-out Plan prepared by the Borough Surveyor and the Architects n-as submitted. The principal through-road would be 50 feet wide with a metalled carriageway of 20 feet; the other through-roads would be 40 feet wide with a metalled carriageway of 16 feet and the cul de sac road 33 feet wide with metalled carriageway of 13 feet. Resolved, That the plan be approved, with the omission of the two short roads shown, and that the plan as altered be submitted for approval of the Ministry with a request that the approval of the lay-out of the principal road should be notified at once so that the work might proceed.

2— Libertus Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that Councillor Caudle, the Secretary of the Libertus Road Estate, had asked that a deputation from the abutting owner, might have an interview with the Committee with regard to this road. Resolved, That a deputation from the owners be received.

3—Applications for Houses--Resolved, That a register be kept of applicants for houses on the site.

4—Army Huts--The Mayor reported that he and the Borough Surveyor had inspected army huts at Brockworth and also at Slimbridge which were about to be offered for sale. Three of the huts at Slimbridge were suitable for conversion into cottages and the other but would provide material for completing the cottages, and they had arranged for these 4 huts to be withdrawn from the sale, and they could be purchased by the Corporations at the valuation of the Disposal Board's Valuer, less $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent, namely £586 13s. 4d. Resolved, That these four huts be purchased and that six additional huts be purchased if suitable buildings can be obtained

5—Site for Shops—Read, an application from the Gloucestershire Co-operative Society, Ltd., for a site for a shop. Resolved, that considerations of this be adjourned so that other traders may have an opportunity of making application for a site.

6—Site for Poultry Farm—Read a letter from Mr. Councillor Stanley applying on behalf of a disabled man to rent about three acres of land for a poultry farm. Resolved. That he be informed that the Committee cannot entertain this until they have obtained possession of the land.

JOHN D. BENDALL.

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

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

1-Street Projections—Read an application from Mr. H. Tottenham to place a projecting sign outside the Promenade Garage, Ormond Place, and also from Mrs. Prust to place a Hairdresser's sign outside No. 2, Cambray.

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

An application was received from the Swift Beef Co. for permission to place a sign on the roof of their stores in Henrietta Street as shown on the plan submitted, Resolved, That the application be granted.

Read an application from the Hon. Sec. of Cambray Baptist Church for permission to place a direction notice to Rodney Hall on the electric lamp standards at each end of Rodney Road.

Resolved, That permission be granted subject to approval of the notice and position thereof by the Borough Electrical Engineer.

Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 22nd August to the 25th September, both dates inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended the 18th September, 1919, 735 loads collected, 719 consumed and 16 tipped away. Weight consumed, 819 tons 2 qrs.

3—Aged Sweeper—Resolved. That the Trustees of the Baker Memorial Fund be recommended to make a grant to G. Parker, an aged sweeper who has recently had to give up on account of ill-health, of 5/- per week for three months.

4—Foden Steam Wagons—The Borough Surveyor reported that two Foden Tipping Wagons had been purchased through the County Surveyor from the Army Authorities.

5—Borough Surveyor's Department—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had appointed Mr. H. P. Morgan, of Coventry, an assistant in the Drawing Office in the place of Mr. Murray Smith.

6—View Meeting—The following members attended the View Meeting on Wednesday, the 24th September, 1919 :—Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins.

7—Trees—After inspection it was resolved to recommend as follows :—

St. Anne's Road—That the Chestnut Tree on the north-west side of " Kelsey " be removed,

All Saints' Road—That the Lime Tree opposite No. 4 and also three Lime Trees (alternate trees) on the opposite side of the road be removed.

Keynsham Road—That two Lime Trees near Keynsham House be removed and two young trees be planted.

Montpellier Drive-- That the Wych Elm complained of by Mrs. Meyrick be removed and a Plane Tree planted.

Leckhampton Road—That the Lime Tree opposite " Ringshall " be pruned.

Glencairn Park Road—That the tree opposite " Farragh " be not removed.

Eldorado Crescent—That the tree opposite " Drayton " be not removed.

Christ Church Road—That the tree opposite " Oldbury " be not removed.

Resolved. That the recommendations be approved and adopted.

Tree opposite Ireton House—Read a letter from Mrs. Kelly asking for an oak tree opposite Ireton House be removed. Resolved, That consideration of the application be adjourned.

8- -Fountain, Lower High Street—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the fountain in Lower High Street at the end of Whitehart Street removed.

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9— Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 24th September, 1919. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th September, 1919: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (The Mayor in the chair).

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

| No. of Plan. | Name. | Description. |
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| 1436 | Messrs. Flower & Sons | New Temporary Shed for Motor Lorry, Stores, Glenfall Street |
| 1437 | Mr. G. Vizard | Addition to Elmfield. Swindon Road |
| 1438 | Miss Harrison | New Scullery, Longford House, The Park |
| 1439 | Dr. A. Forster | New Motor Garage, "Calderwood," Montpellier Parade |
| 1440 | The Committee of the Ursuline College, Fullwood, The Park | Connecting Passage between Lyncourt and Belfont, The Park |
| 1441 | Mr. F. Beddard | New Scullery and W.C., Watford, Hall Road |
| 1442 | Mr. J. Warren | New Stables and Shed, New Street |

Resolved, That Plans No. 1437 and 1442 be approved, and that Plans Nos. 1438, 1439 and 1441 be approved subject to the drainage and other Sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Nuisances, that Plan No. 1436 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 is given requiring such removal, and that Plan No. 1440 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 13th September, 1919 Present—Councillors Dodwell, Pates and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1 --Town Hall—Drawing Room—The following tenders were received for re-decorating the large Drawing Room :—

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| Messrs. A. C. and S. Billings & Sons | £134 10 0 |
| Messrs. Collins & Godfrey | £127 0 0 |
| Messrs. C. H. Rainger & Son .. | £ 73 0 0 |

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. C. H. Rainger & Son be accepted.

2—Winter concerts—Terms of Subscription— Resolved, That the terms of subscription and admission be as follows:-

Season Tickets—Residents (householders and others who have resided for at least 9 months in the town during the last year).

(a) For morning and afternoon Concerts (not including Dance Teas) 10s. 6d.

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| (b) For Waters • • • • • • • • • • .. | 10s. 6d. |
| (c) For Concerts and Waters | £1 1 0 |
| (Entertainment T. to be in addition). | |

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Visitors' Tickets—

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| (a) For all Concerts morning and afternoon, including admission to Montpellier and Pittville Gardens, but not including Dance Teas. For one month .. | 10s. 6d. |
| (b) Ticket for Waters for one month • • | 10s. 6d. |
| (c) Ticket for all Concerts (but not including Dance Teas) and admission to the Montpellier and Pittville Gardens and for Waters. For one month .. | £1 1 0 |
| (These tickets include Entertainment Tax). | |

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th September, 1919 Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Dodwell, Jamieson, Pates, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

3—Alstone Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received two applications for the use of Alstone Baths for Badminton during the Winter Season.

Resolved. That the premises be let to the Cheltenham Badminton Club at a rent of £63 for the Season subject to satisfactory arrangements being made by the Club for the use of the premises by Miss Kelly on two days each week for three months.

Gala—Read an application from the Cheltenham Schools Swimming Association for the use of the Alstone Baths for an afternoon Gala.

Resolved, That the application be granted.

Electric Lighting—The Borough Surveyor submitted an estimate of the cost of installing electric light at the Alstone Baths.

Resolved. That the matter be adjourned.

4—Montpellier Baths—Resolved, That a charge of 7s. 6d. an hour, with a minimum payment of 10s. 6d., be made for the use of the Montpellier Baths for dancing, etc.

Medical Baths—Read a letter from Messrs. Shanks & Co. stating that owing to difficulties in obtaining a small motor there would be further delay in completing the work.

Resolved, That the Contractors be urged to complete the work at the earliest possible date.

Furnishing - Resolved, That the Chairman and Councillors Jamieson and Thomas be appointed a Sub-Committee with power to purchase the necessary furniture required in connection with the new Medical Baths

5-Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that they had held two meetings on the 9th and 16th inst. They recommended as follows :—

Winter Concerts-- Piano—That the offer of Messrs. Dale, Forty & Co. to hire a Grand Piano for the Afternoon Concerts at 42s. per month be accepted.

Bill Posting— That the tender of the Cheltenham and District Bill Posting Co. of £8 17s. 6d. for posting the notices during the Season be accepted.

Printing —No tenders were received for the printing required during the Season, and the Borough Accountant was authorised to arrange for the printing of the posters and notices.

Programmes—That the offer of the Traders' Association to publish and sell programmes at the Concerts be accepted, no other tender having been received for the right to publish and sell programmes.

Teas Thus the offer of Major Furley (Taffys) to pay 10 per cent. of the gross receipts for the sole right to supply tea, coffee and light refreshments at the Concerts be accepted.

Admissions-That the charge for admission to the morning and afternoon Concerts be as follows :—

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| Morning Concerts | 3d. |
| Afternoon Concerts .. | 8d. |
| (Including Entertainment Tax). | |

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Popular Dances—That the Sub-Committee report to the next Meeting as to arranging a weekly Dance on Wednesday at the Town Hall.

Orchestra—That the Committee be empowered to purchase 13 uniforms for the Conductor and members of the Orchestra at a cost not exceeding £50.

6—Town Hall—The Town Clerk submitted details of the claim amounting to £291 9s. 1d. to be made in respect of the occupation of the Town Hall by the Military Authorities. Resolved, That the Claim be forwarded to the Military Authorities.

7—Montpellier Gardens—Read an application from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham and County Harriers for the use of the Montpellier Gardens for an Athletic Festival on Easter Monday. Resolved, That the Gardens be let on Whit-Monday or August Bank Holiday at a charge of £20 subject to an Agreement being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

8—Mineral Waters—Salts—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa since the last Meeting was 1215. The number of glasses sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens, Pittville Chalet and Pittville Pump Room was 627.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 25th September, 1919 Present—Alderman Greets, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Moore, Taylor and Whitaker (Alderman Green in the chair).

1—Public Lighting—Electric—Resolved, That from 1st October all the electric lamps be lighted until midnight.

Extensions—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that in streets where the footways are narrow bracket lamps should be fixed on the houses to avoid having lamp pillars on the kerb.

Resolved, That the recommendation be approved, subject to permission being obtained from the owners of the property.

Gas —The terms proposed by the Gas Co. were further considered, and a letter from Mr. Paterson was read stating that the charge would be increased from £2 17s. 0d. per lamp to £2 19s. 10d. if the lighting was continued until 12 o'clock. This charge was made up of 16/11 $\frac{1}{3}$ for gas and £2 2s. 10 $\frac{2}{3}$ d. for lighting, extinguishing and maintenance. This offer provided for the extinguishing to begin at 11 p.m. and be completed by 12 o'clock.

The terms quoted for the 7 months for the reduced hours are equivalent to a charge of £6 1s. 11d. for 12 months for the full contract hours, whereas the contract price for the same period would be £3 12s. 9d. Resolved, That in order to arrive at an amicable settlement, the Council be recommended to accept the offer subject to being satisfied that the 16/11 $\frac{1}{3}$ to be charged for gas is correctly calculated and to a satisfactory understanding as to the position after 30th April.

Read a letter from the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association calling attention to the numerous complaints of the quality and pressure of the gas and asking if the Gas Examiner was satisfied with the quality. Resolved, That instructions be given to have some tests made.

2—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he has received applications from Mr. Hancock and others for a supply to Farnham House and St. James' Villas, Gloucester Road. He estimated that the cost of extending the cable to Alstone Lane would be £100, and he recommended that the cable be laid as a number of consumers would probably be connected which would amply repay the outlay. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to have the cable extended to Alstone Lane.

3-Electricity Works—Staff—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had appointed a new Mains Superintendent, Mr. W. R. Poole, of Tidworth Barracks, who would take up his duties shortly.

4-Employees' Wages, etc.—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that at a recent conference of Electricity supply authorities in Bristol, called at the instance of the National Joint Industrial Council of the Electricity Supply Industry, it was decided to set up a District Council for the Counties of Hereford, Gloucester, Somerset, and part of Devon to deal with questions relating to wages and conditions of employment in regard to electrical supply undertakings. A further conference would be

held shortly to draw up the constitution and rules. Resolved, That the Chairman and Engineer be appointed to attend the conference.

Read a letter from the Organising Secretary of the Cheltenham District of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers making an application on behalf of the Electricity Department Manual Workers for the adoption of a 47 hour week, and an increase in wages of sixpence per shift for shift workers to compensate them for no reduction in hours.

Resolved, That the Committee agree to abide by the decision of the District Joint Industrial Council for Electricity Industry on the matter.

5—Stores, St. George's Place—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that Mr. Freeman had asked for an increased rent for the premises used as stores in St. George's Place. Resolved, That an increase from £6 to £30 be agreed to.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th September, 1919: Present—Alderman Margrett, Councillors Moore, Pates, Sawyer and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

| | For 30 days, ended 15th Sept., 1919. | Average for corresponding period During last 3 years |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Hewletts Springs | 125,000 gallons | 134,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell Springs | 188,000 " | 275,000 " |
| Leckhampton Springs | <u>41,000</u> " | <u>32,000</u> " |
| Total | 354,000 " | 441,000 " |

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

| | Depth | Contents | Depth | Contents |
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| | 15th Sept., 1919. | | | 15th Sept., 1918. |
| Hewletts | | 16,173,000 gallons | | 16,640,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell | 10ft 0in. | 13,574,000 " | 15ft. 0in. | 27,162,000 " |
| Leckhampton | 8ft. 0in. | <u>1,080,000</u> " | 8ft. 0in. | <u>1,080,000</u> " |
| Total Storage | | 30,827,000 " | | 44,882,000 " |

Salts Farm—The Committee inspected Salts Farm. Resolved, That notice be given to the tenant terminating his tenancy on the 29th September, 1920.

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 23rd September, 1919: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Dodwell, Mann and Sawyer (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--Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire on the 27th ultimo at 149, High Street. Damage about £10. Brigade Expenses £2 17s. 6d.

3—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.—Read, an application front Mr. Donald Whaley, of Drumholm, Pittville Gates, for a licence to drive a motor cab. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

4— Motor Cab Licence--Read, an application from Mr. Frank Martin, of the London Road Garage, for an additional motor cab licence. Resolved, That a licence be granted subject to a satisfactory report being received from the Inspector of Cabs.

5—Employment of Discharged and Disabled Officers and Men—Read, a letter from the Ministry of Health calling attention to the scheme for the employment of disabled ex-service men which had been approved and adopted by the Ministry of Labour under which employers of labour were asked to employ disabled men up to at least 5 per cent. of their total staff, and asking the Corporation to give the undertaking forwarded with their letter.

Resolved, That the undertaking be given and that the Borough Surveyor and Borough Accountant be asked to submit a return showing the percentage of disabled ex-service men now employed.

6—Profiteering Tribunal—Read, a letter from the Board of Trade with reference to the appointment of a Profiteering Tribunal and forwarding regulations made under the Profiteering Act, 1919. Resolved, That the following be appointed the Profiteering Tribunal for the Borough :—

1. Alderman John David Bendall, Home Orchard, Leckhampton, Cheltenham
2. Alderman Robert Steel, 1, Oriel Terrace, Cheltenham.
3. Alderman Edwinson Charles Green, Windsorton, London Road, Cheltenham.
4. Councillor Clara Winterbotham, Cranley Lodge, Wellington Square, Cheltenham.
5. Councillor Francis Charles Dodwell, Strathcona, Keynsham Road, Cheltenham.
6. Councillor James William Betteridge, Melville, Swindon Road, Cheltenham.

7. Mr. John Thomas James, 8, Little Bayshill Terrace, Cheltenham. (Representatives of Labour).
8. Mrs. Emily E. Davis, 23, Windsor Street, Cheltenham.
9. Mr. William G. Parsons, 6, Oakland Cottages, Prestbury Road, Cheltenham. (Members of Co-operative Society).
10. Mr. William Henry Hudson, Mountfield, London Road, Cheltenham.
11. Mr. Thomas Ligo, Greenwood, Rowanfield Road, Cheltenham.
12. Mr. Edwin Charles Silk, 406, High Street, Cheltenham. (Members of the Local Fowl Control Committee).
13. Mr. Charles Frederick Carter, 31, Promenade, Cheltenham. (Member of Discharged and Demobilized Soldiers' and Sailors' Society).

7 --Town Clock—Two tenders were received for winding the Town Clock. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. J. H. Waddon of £7 10s. od. per annum to include an annual cleaning and oiling, etc., be accepted.

8—Special Constables and Demobilized Men—Resolved, That an Illuminated Certificate be presented to the Cheltenham officers and men who have served in the War, and also the Special Constables. Resolved, also, That the Town Clerk be instructed to obtain tenders for 5,000 Certificates.

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9—Licences to Store Petroleum. etc. -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 galls. |
| 112 lbs. | | |
| Powell Gwinnell & Co. | 34, Promenade | 200 “ |
| 5 cwt. | | |
| A. Hughes & Co. | 21, Pittville Street | 50 “ |
| The Halford Cycle Co. | North Street | |
| 228 lbs. | | |
| H. E. Steel, Ltd. | 105. High Street | 400 “ |
| 200 “ | | |
| H. E. Steel. Ltd. | Plough Yard | 100 “ |
| 60 “ | | |
| H. G. Norton & Co. | Regent Street | 300 “ |
| Jacob Smith & Co. | 104a, High Street | 50 “ |
| D. Davies & Co. | 149 “ | 50 “ |

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| T W. Harvey. Ltd. | 180 | “ | 100 | “ |
| Mr. L. Lusty | 196 | “ | 50 | “ |
| Mr. S. A. Sperry | 235 | “ | 40 | “ |
| Messrs. The Wicliffe Motor Co. | Bath Road | | 1000 | “ |
| 3 cwt. | | | | |
| The Wicliffe Cycle Co. | 88, High Street | | | |
| 2 cwt. | | | | |
| J. Fisher & Sons | 34, Winchcombe Street | | 100 | “ |
| W. Mills & Sons | 38, Winchcombe Street | | 350 | “ |
| 112 lbs. | | | | |
| A. Miles & Co. | 117, High Street | | 500 | “ |
| R. E. & C. Marshall | 5, Clarence Street | | 450 | “ |
| Mr. E. S. Holloway | 3, St. Mark's Emporium | | 100 | “ |
| Mrs. Shewell. | Cotswold, Thirlestaine Road | | 500 | “ |
| Messrs. The Shell Marketing Co. | Store in Regent Street | | 1500 | “ |
| Mr. C. Thornber | Suffolk Mews | | 500 | “ |
| Mr. W. T. Baggs | 4, St. Luke's Road | | 20 | “ |
| Messrs. The Bristol Tramways | | | | |
| & Carriage Co., Ltd. | Spa Road | | 2250 | “ |
| 112 lbs. | | | | |
| Messrs. The Bristol Tramways | | | | |
| & Carriage Co., Ltd. | Lamb Yard | | 50 | “ |
| Messrs. Tibbles & Gridley | 27, St. George's Place | | 100 | “ |
| A. Williams & Co. | 10, Portland Street | | 400 | “ |
| The Cheltenham & District | | | | |
| Light Railway Co. | St. Mark's Depot | | 250 | “ |
| The Gas Lighting Improvement Co. | Building Situated in Great Western | | 2500 | “ |
| | Railway Yard, St. James' Square | | | |
| The Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd. | Land adjoining Great Western Railway | | 3500 | “ |
| Mr. C. H. Reason Messrs. | 25, Lansdown Crescent Promenade | | 150 | “ |
| The Queen's Hotel Co. | Promenade | | 200 | “ |
| Mr. F. Martin | 5, High Street | | 50 | “ |
| Mr. F. Martin | 11, Oxford Place | | 300 | “ |
| Mr. C. Giles | 18, Upper Bath Road | | 100 | “ |
| Messrs. The Gloucestershire Aircraft Co. | Sunningend Works | | 300 | “ |
| Tarr & Forge | 50, Winchcombe Street | | 500 | “ |
| A. C. Billings & Sons | 54, Winchcombe Street | | 100 | “ |
| Mr. C. J. Lord | 29, Upper Bath Road | | 52 | “ |
| 72 lbs. | | | | |
| Mr. G. W. Midwinter | 9, Charlton Place | | 150 | “ |
| Mr. C. J. Bullock | Montpellier Street | 250 | “ | |
| Messrs. H. O. Norton & Co. | 416, High Street | 200 | “ | 280 |
| lbs. | | | | |

Applications were received from Mr. E. B. Hennell for a licence to store 300 gallons petroleum at his garage in Napier Yard, Regent Street, and H. W. T. Tottenham to store 500 gallons in Ormond Place. The Inspector reported that the proposed places of storage were satisfactory. Resolved. That licences be granted.

10—Tank—The Town Clerk reported that the National War Savings Committee had sent a brass inscription plate to be affixed to the Tank. Resolved, That the names of the Chairman and Secretaries of the Local War Savings Committee be added to the plate, and that the same be affixed to the Tank.

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11—Fruit Market—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to enquire as to the purchase of an Army Hut suitable for providing additional accommodation at the Fruit Market when required.

12—Pittville Gardens—The Committee considered the letter from Messrs. Haddock & Pruen together with the Memorial forwarded therewith as to the use of the Pittville Gardens on the 4th, 5th and 6th August. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to submit the observations of the Committee thereon.

13—War Bonus—Read, a further letter from the National Association of Local Government Officers with reference to the adoption of the Civil Service Scale of War Bonuses (Award 84) for the Administrative, Technical and Clerical Staff. (A copy of the letter accompanies these Minutes).

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th September, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Caudle and Stewart, and Mr. H. Stroud (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 4493 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since July 16th. (Corresponding period last year 3417).

The Exhibition of Old Needlework, opened on August 1st, had proved a popular attraction for the holidays, over a thousand more people visiting the Institution than during the corresponding period last year Valuable assistance in obtaining the loans was given by Mr. St. Clair Baddeley and the Misses Cresswell. The full list of contributors is appended.

He had assisted the Secretary of the Selborne Society in arranging the programme of their visit to Cheltenham. Mr A. J. de Havilland Bushnell, M.A., kindly repeated his lecture on Prehistoric Man on Saturday, August 23rd, in the Museum, which was much appreciated.

The following gifts had been received :--

Captain R. P. Wild, Ariel Lodge- Rock Specimens.

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| Folly Lane .. | " | 15/- to 17/6 |
| Hales Road .. | " | 15/- to 17/6 |
| Wasley's Field.. | " | 12/6 to 15/- |

Corporation War Allotments :

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| Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground | from | 10/- to 12/6 as from 25th March next |
| Naunton Park .. | " | 10/- to 12/6 |
| Albert Road .. | " | 12/6 to 15/- as from 1st Jan. next |
| Orrisdale Terrace | " | 15/- to 17/6 " 25th March next |
| College Road Tip | " | 5/- to 17/6 " 25th Dec. next |
| College Road—Turner's Field | " | 15/- to 17/6 " 29th Sept. next |

Land—Orrisdale Terrace—Resolved, That application be made to the College to extend the tenancy of this land which expires on the 25th March next.

Land—Hall Road—Read, a letter from Mr. W. H. Madge stating that he would advise the Rector, the Bishop and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to grant a lease of part of this land to the Corporation for fourteen years at a rent to be fixed by Mr. J. Villar, provided that the Corporation would give up for the purposes of a Recreation Ground a portion of the land which was formerly part of the Recreation field. The land to be given up included the whole of about 9 allotments and a portion of 7 or 8 other allotments. Resolved. That subject to agreement as to the rent to be paid, the offer be accepted and that the Board of Agriculture be recommended to withdraw their possession of the remainder of the land.

Allotments—Read, a Memorial from Mr. E. R. Taylor and other residents in Whaddon Lane applying for allotments in Whaddon Lane. The Borough Surveyor reported that a large number of applications had also been received from residents in all parts of the Town. Resolved, that the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice to the holders of more than one allotment terminating their tenancies on Dec. 25th, giving them the option to retain one allotment.

2—Football at Recreation Grounds—The Committee considered the applications received for permission to play football at Recreation Grounds. Resolved, That permission be granted to the Highbury Football Club to play on Saturdays at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground; to the Baker Street Institute, Baden Powell Boy Scouts, Cambray Young Men's Institute, and the Silver Badge Football Clubs to play on Saturdays, and to the Y.M.C.A. Football Club to play on Wednesdays at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground ; and to the Emmanuel and St James' Association Football Clubs and the Naunton Park Rugby Football Club to play on Saturdays at Naunton Park.

An application was also received from the Director of the Technical Schools for permission for a group of girls to play hockey and boys to play football on Thursday afternoons at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That permission be granted.

3—Pittville Lake—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding sanction to a loan of 45,600 to defray the cost of cleaning out the Ornamental Lake in the Marle Hill Annexe the loan being repayable within five years).

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th September, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Tire Deputy Mayor, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell, Mann, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Dodwell in the chair).

1 —Burial Fees—The Town Clerk submitted draft of the proposed increases in the Cemetery Fees which had been sent to the Ministry of Health for approval.

2—Cemetery Chapel- -Read, a letter from the Rector asking that the improvements in the Church of England Chapel previously suggested might now be carried out. The improvements asked for are as follows : (a) The rostrum and platform to be removed and replaced by a Communion Table with the usual rails and curtains placed behind the Table, and some of the ornaments familiar in Churches added. (2) A Lectern and Bible to be provided. And (3) A fixed bier provided. Resolved, That the next meeting of the Committee be held at the Cemetery on Friday, 24th October, at 11.30 a.m., and that a deputation from the Clergy be invited to meet the Committee.

3—Cemetery Lodge—Gas Fire—Resolved, That a Wilson No. 9 "Grand" Gas Fire be fixed in the Board Room at the Cemetery Lodge at a cost of £6 17s. 0d. (to include piping, etc.)

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses to graves of Camilla Lockhart Brown, Ella Victoria Moule. and Charles Greenwood ; Headstones to graves of Ivy Voice, Emily Pumfrey and Mary Ann Jones

5—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6181 to 6189 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased,

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, September 9th, 1919 : Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Mann and Pates, Messrs. Gridley and E. C. 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 July was 3,093, and August 3,465, and the number of books issued from the Children's Library was July 1,656, and August 1,488. Receipts : July, £4 6s. 5d., August, £3 15s. 6d. Presentations July—National Institute for the Blind, 1 vol ; Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, 3

vols. ; Mrs. C. A. Witchell, 2 vols.: August—H. H. Martyrs, Esq., 1 vol. Crown Agents for Jamaica, a vol. ; Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce, 1 vol. ; W. R. Carlos, Esq., C.M.G., 8 vols.

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2 — Sub - Committee's Report—At a Meeting of the Sub-Committee on the 4th instant (Present—The Deputy Mayor), it was decided that the thanks of the Committee be sent to Miss Hutchings for her letter expressing appreciation of the work of the Library and enclosing £1 1s. 0d. to be expended on the Children's Library. The Librarian reported progress with the re-modelling of the Lending Library, and hoped that the work would be sufficiently advanced to enable it to be opened early in October.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

1—General District Rate—Read, the report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th September, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £26,312 3s. 8d., leaving outstanding £1,675 14s. 3d.

2 —Water Rate—Read, the report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th Sept., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £12,926 16s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £1,068 9s. 9d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £200 on loan Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

4—Cultivation of Lands Order—Allotments—Resolved, That the collection of the rents of the allotments be transferred from the Borough Surveyor's Department to the Borough Accountant's Department.

5—District Auditor—Resolved, That this Committee much regret the resignation of Mr. Edward Stevens, the District Auditor, and record their appreciation of the courtesy and consideration always shewn by him in carrying out his duties, and express the hope that he may live long to enjoy his well earned leisure.

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 :—

In hand on the 26th August last ...

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| Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture, £200) | <u>14,435 14 0</u> |
| | 33,607 19 0 |
| Paid since that date (including Loans repaid £2,900) | <u>24,887 14 4</u> |
| In hand | 8,720 4 8 |
| being General Accounts | 3,409 4 4 |
| Sinking Fund Accounts | 4,821 3 2 |
| "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts | 201 5 8 |
| "Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account | <u>288 11 6</u> |
| | 8,720 4 8 |

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 October, 1919, at 3 p.m.

Present : The Mayor (Alderman John David Bendall) in the chair, The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel), Aldermen Davies, Green, Horsley and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes, Betteridge, Boulter, Caudle, Dodwell, Jamieson, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stanley, Stewart, Taylor, Thomas, Whitaker and Wilkins.

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

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 1st 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—Food Control Committee—Read, a letter from the Ministry of Food forwarding copy of an order extending the term of office of all Food Control Committees until the 30th June, 1920.

3—Report of District Auditor—The Town Clerk submitted the Report of the District Auditor on his examination of the Accounts for the year ended the 31st March, 1919. Resolved, That the Report be referred to the Finance Committee.

4—Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities' Non-trading Services (Manual Workers)—Read, a letter from the Lord Mayor of Bristol asking the Council to nominate three representatives to attend the provincial Council for the Western Division appointed by the Joint Industrial Council, to be held at the Guildhall, Bristol, on Friday, the 24th inst. Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Margrett and Councillor Mann be appointed to attend.

5—War Bonus—Read, letters from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Labour again urging the Council to reconsider the question of the Bonus to the Administrative and Clerical Staff. Resolved, That these be referred to the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

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

7—Housing Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Housing Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th September last, be approved and confirmed.

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

9 —Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 19th September last, be approved and confirmed.

10--Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 25th September last, be approved and confirmed.

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

12—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd September last, be approved and confirmed subject to the following Amendment, viz. :—

Minute No. 6.—That the name of Mr. Oliver .John Williams be added to the Profiteering Tribunal.

Minute No 8.—That the words and the Cheltenham Volunteers" be added to Minute No. 8.

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

14—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee- That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th September last, be approved and confirmed subject to the following amendment, viz. :— That the portion of Minute 1 relating to Allotments be referred back, with a view to the Committee obtaining land to meet the demand for Allotments.

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

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

17—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting of the 30th September 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 sums of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 11th November, 1919.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th October, 1919. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Green, Margrett and Horsley, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham, Moore, Rogers and Whitaker (Alderman Davies 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 ; 10, Leamington Place ; 39, Clarence Square. 21, 28, 30 and 39, Lansdown Crescent ; 18, Grosvenor Street ; Mersea House, Bath Road ; 2, 2 and 3 Providence Place ; 4 and 7 Whitehart 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 30 and 39, Lansdown Crescent ; 18, Grosvenor Street ; 37 and 39, Clarence Square ; 3, Bayshill Terrace ; 28 and 32, Sandford Street ; 4, Belmore Place ; 7 and 14, Whitehart 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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3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 17, Tivoli Street ; Kensington Villa, Selkirk Street ; Flowers Brewery ; 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, St. Mark's Place, Granley Road ; 1, 2 and 3, Clare Place ; and 28, Sandford 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-37 and 39, Clarence Square ; 33, Imperial Square ; 3, Bayshill Terrace ; 30 and 39, Lansdown Crescent ; 18, Grosvenor Street ; 29 and 30, 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—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, insufficient water supply, defective flush box, 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 —Haddonhurst, Grosvenor Street—Read a letter from the Ministry of Health forwarding a complaint from Mrs. Flint as to these premises. Resolved, That the draft letter in reply be approved.

7-House unfit for Human Habitation—Room over Stable, Hermitage Street—Read a letter from Mr. J. Pearce, the owner of these premises, with regard to a closing order. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above-mentioned room is 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, &c., Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said room, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that notice of such Order be given to the owner.

8-Cleaning out River Chelt The Borough Surveyor reported that the Chelt had been cleaned out near Barrett's Mill, 332 loads of deposit having been removed at a cost of about £109).

9— Common Lodging House, Grove Street—Read a letter from Mrs. M. E. Jackson offering Rowton House, Grove Street, to the Corporation for £1,000 or near offer. Resolved, That the offer be not entertained.

10— Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green and Councillor Whitaker (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 13th inst. were 9 horses (2 at Depot), 4 colts, 149 head of cattle, 7 calves, 111 sheep, 30 lambs, and 42 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last meeting 32 head of cattle, 1 calf, 113 sheep, 8 lambs had been purchased for £1,133 11s. 0d. 4 calves had been bred on the farms. 15 head of cattle, 6 calves, 73 sheep and 4 pigs had been sold for £974 7s. 1d.

Barn Farm —" Field Gates "—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase 4 field gates. Repairs—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to have the necessary repairs to the doors to the barn and stable carried out.

Farms Accounts—Read a letter from the Agricultural Costings Committee forwarding particulars of a scheme for the assistance of farmers in obtaining agricultural costings, and asking if the Corporation were willing to co-operate on the lines explained in the scheme, The Borough Accountant reported that the accounts recommended by the scheme were kept except that some additional records would have to be kept by the Farms Manager, including time sheets for the proper allocation of wages. Resolved, That the Sub-Committee agree to co-operate in the scheme as from the beginning of the next financial year. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

R. DAVIES, Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 10th October, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Edith Geddes, Clara Winterbotham Moore, and Rogers (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Housing Site—Possession—Resolved, That Notice be given to Mr. Wasley and Mr. C. Harris of the intention to take possession, at the expiration of 54 days, of the fields in their occupation which will be required to provide site for the army huts purchased and, also to enable the work of road construction and sewers, &c. to be put in hand.

Apportionment of Rents—Read a letter from Messrs. Ticehurst and Co., submitting Mr J. G. Villar's apportionment of rent in respect of the land in occupation of Mr. Harris and Brown's executors, namely:- —

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Mr. Harris' land | £87 0 0 per annum | |
| Browns' Executors' land .. | £50 15 0 | “ |

The Town Clerk reported that the District Valuer considered the apportionment fair and reasonable. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

Read a letter from the Ministry of Health that the Ministry would raise no objection to the concessions made to Mr. Unwin in regard to the Gloucester road frontage since the terms arranged between his agent and the District Valuer, but that the cost of providing shrubberies and of the drives to the houses could not rank for financial assistance Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask for reconsideration of this decision and to urge that the extra cost should be allowed to rank for financial assistance from the Ministry.

Wasley's House and Cottage—Resolved. That the house be insured for £500 and the cottage for £200.

2— Army Huts—The Borough Surveyor submitted plans of the conversion of the four huts purchased into six cottages. Resolved, That the same be approved, and that the plans and estimates be submitted for approval of the Ministry. Resolved, also, That tenders for removing and converting the huts be invited by advertisement. The Mayor reported that he and the Borough Surveyor had inspected some more huts at Frampton and at Beachley but they did not consider them suitable.

3--Factory Site—Resolved, That a contract be entered into with Messrs. Smiths Systems, Ltd., for the sale to the Company of 2 ¼ acres of land at £500 for the erection of joinery works and that application be made to the Ministry for their sanction to the sale.

4--Colonel Churchill's Land-- Resolved, That a contract be entered into with Colonel Churchill for the exchange of the piece of land belonging to the Corporation, containing 1.660 acres, numbered 351 on the Ordnance Map, for the piece of land belonging to Colonel Churchill containing 1.756 acres, and numbered 344 on the Ordnance map, the difference in value as ascertained by the District Valuer to be paid for equality of exchange and that application be made for the sanction of the Ministry to the exchange.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman,

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 9th October, 1919. Present : Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Rogers and Stanley, Dr. Cardew, Mrs. Booy, Mrs. McArthur, and the Misses Barnard, Foster and Hill (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

1—Voluntary Health Society—The report for quarter ended June last was received. The Society had been unable to obtain other suitable premises and were still in occupation of No. 2, Bath Street.

An encouraging feature of the work was the increased attendance of Mothers at the Centres following the appointment of Miss Seton as Club Visitor and it was proposed to hold lectures of an educational kind for Mothers at the weekly sessions.

There had been 11 meetings at each of the three centres.

| | Infants | Todlers. |
|---|---------|----------|
| At 2, Bath Street the average attendance was .. | 20.5 | 13 |
| At Sun Street “ “ “ | 10.5 | 10 |
| At Clare Street “ “ “ | 6 | 11.7 |

It was Resolved, To increase the Grant to the Society to 430 for the current year.

2—Health Visitor—The following is a summary of the work for the six months ended the 29th September, 1919 :—

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------|
| No. of children visited | (a) under 1 year | 606 |
| “ “ | (b) over 1 year | <u>369</u> |
| | Total | 975 |

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|--|------|
| No. of children remaining on Visiting Registers .. | 1398 |
| Home visits paid by Health Visitor .. | 1025 |
| Home visits paid by a Voluntary Visitor .. | 348 |
| Health Visitor's attendances at Centres | 62 |
| Talks to Mothers at these meetings | 38 |
| Children remitted to hospital | 6 |
| No. of unnotified Births discovered.. | 30 |

GRANTS OF MILK.

To Nursing or Expectant Mothers 3, Stopped 1, Continuing 2.

To Infants & Children under 5 years 6, “ 2, “ 4.

It was Resolved, To recommend the Council to appoint an additional Health Visitor at a salary of £120 a year, the person appointed to be a certified midwife, trained at a recognised training centre.

3—Cheltenham Crèche—North Devon Lodge has now been taken for this Creche at a rental of £60 per annum. It was Resolved, To make a grant equivalent to the rent of the premises. As the premises have only been taken from the 1st July, the grant for the current year will be £45.

E. C. ROGERS,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 27th October, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Pates and Wilkins (the Mayor in the chair).

1—Street Projections—Read, an application from Messrs. T. Steel & Son, for permission to place a projecting sign outside No. 79, High Street. An application was also received from the Secretary of the Charity Organisation Society to place a notice board outside their Offices in Clarence Parade. Resolved, That the applications be granted subject to the usual conditions.

2—Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 26th September to the 23rd October, 1919, both dates inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended the 26th October, 1919, 604 loads collected, 600 consumed and 4 tipped away. Weight consumed, 797 tons 7 ½ cwt.

3—"Foden" Steam Wagons—Resolved, That the two Foden Steam Wagons recently purchased be insured for £1,000 each.

4—Road Board Grant—The Borough Surveyor reported that a grant of £3,208 had been made by the Road Board towards the cost of repairing Clarence Street and Manchester Street, including a reinforced concrete foundation and surfacing with a coat of rock-asphalt. Resolved, That the Board be asked to agree to Woodblocks being substituted for natural asphalt, and that the work be put in hand immediately the decision of the Board is received.

5—Repairs to Steam Roller—The Borough Surveyor reported that one of the steam rollers requiring repair had been examined by Messrs. Wright and Marvin of Gloucester, and submitted their estimate of £200. Resolved, That the estimate be accepted, and the work carried out.

6—Collection of Fish Offal—Resolved, That the charge for the removal of fish Offal be increased from 2d. to 6d. per collection.

7—Sweeper—Resolved, To recommend that a grant of 3/- per week for 13 weeks be made out of the Baker Memorial Fund to Thomas Moulder, who has been in the employ of the Corporation for 20 years, and is now incapacitated.

8—Dangerous Overhanging Trees—Read, a circular letter from the Ministry of Transport stating that complaints had been received from Omnibus and Char-a-banc proprietors calling attention to the serious danger to passengers using these vehicles due to overhanging branches of trees.

9—Roads and Transport Congress Exhibition, 1919—A letter from the County Councils Association asking that delegates should be appointed to attend the Roads and Transport Congress Exhibition to be held in London from the 20th to the 27th November was considered, and also a letter from the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers asking that representatives should be appointed to attend a Housing Conference on the 27th November. Resolved, That no delegates be appointed.

10—Road from Whaddon Lane to Hewlett Road—Councillor Winterbotham reported that she had had an interview with Miss Skillicorne and Messrs. Bubb & Co., Solicitors, with reference to the extension of Whaddon Lane to Hewlett Road, and submitted a letter from Mr. W. Neale Bubb, stating that he would be prepared to advise Miss Skillicorne to give up the land for the roadway on terms to be arranged. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain on what terms Miss Skillicorne would be prepared to give up the land.

11—Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their meeting on the 27th 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 27th October, 1919 : Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, and Councillor Wilkins (The Mayor in the chair). t- New Building--The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notices and Plans of intended New Buildings, viz. :—

| No. of Plan | Name. | Description. |
|-------------|--|---|
| 1440 | The Committee of the Ursuline College, Fullwood, The Park. | Connecting Passage between Lyncourt and Belfort, The Park (Amended Plan). |
| 1443 | F. W. Martin. | Temporary Shed for Bicycles, etc., 13, Winstonian Road. |
| 1444 | United Chemists' Association, Ltd. | New Store Sheds, Priory Court, Cheltenham. |
| 1445 | E. J. Burrow, Ltd. | Extension of Printing Works, Montpellier Street. |

Resolved, That Plans No. 1440, 1444 be approved, that Plan No. 1445 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 1443 be approved as a temporary building under Section 27 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, subject to the condition that it shall be removed within three months after notice is given requiring such removal.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 11th October, 1919: Present—Councillors Boulter, Pates and Thomas (Councillor Pates in the chair).

1—Prints of Old Cheltenham—Read a letter from Messrs. E. J. Burrow, Ltd., asking for permission to reproduce the prints of old Cheltenham (now in the Central Spa) for illustrating the articles in the Cheltenham "Looker-On," entitled "Cheltenham in 1850." Resolved, That permission be granted.

2---Telephone to Information Bureau Read a letter from the District Manager of Post Office Telephones that a telephone could be provided at the rate of £6 per annum for 500 calls plus extra calls as required, together with a special sur-charge of £4 for the first year. Resolved, That the Traders' Association be informed that if they will pay the annual charge, the Corporation will arrange for the extension and pay the special surcharge.

3—Report on Spa Development—Read a special report from the Spa Medical Advisory Committee on the Spa development. Resolved, That consideration be adjourned to the next meeting, and that a copy of the report be sent to each member of the Committee.

4—Advertising—Read a letter from the Secretary, Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association, asking the Corporation to arrange for the exhibition of a series of films of the town at different Cinemas. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned.

5 - 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 1052. The number of glasses sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens, Pittville Chalet and Pittville Pump Room was 79.

6- Winter Garden-- Resolved, That proceedings be taken to recover possession of the building and to recover the debt owing to the Corporation.

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Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that they had held three Meetings on the 30th September, 7th and 14th October.

Winter Concerts--The Winter Concerts commenced on the 6th October.

Vocalists—The Sub-Committee had arranged with the Musical Director for the appearance of Vocalists at the Saturday Afternoon Concerts.

Dance Teas—The first Dance Tea was held on the 14th inst., which was a great success, 200 tea tickets having been sold. It was intended to arrange Dance Teas for Tuesdays and Fridays, commencing next month. Councillor Jamieson, Mrs. Davies and Mr. Fulton has been appointed an Advisory Committee to superintend the arrangements for the Dance Teas.

The Sub-Committee recommended :—

(a) That a Drummer be engaged for the Dance Teas at a fee of 12/6 for each occasion.

(b) That the sum of £15 be allowed for lamp shades and other decorations required in the Supper Room for the Dance Teas.

Evening Dances—The Sub-Committee had arranged to hold Popular Dances on Wednesday evenings and had invited the following to form a Committee to make arrangements :—Miss B. P. Gilmore, Miss Ruck, Messrs. J. Monro Briggs, A. E. Gough, H. Jackson, G. Moore, G. Phillips, E. D. Ricketts and A. E. Woodward; Councillors Pates and Thomas.

Tickets for Montpellier and Pittville Gardens—They recommended that the Borough Accountant be instructed to issue Winter Season Tickets for admission to Montpellier and Pittville Gardens at 2/6 each.

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

J. P. PATES.

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 29th October, 1919 ; Present--Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, and Sawyer(Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

4—Allotments--The Committee inspected lands in the neighbourhood of Whaddon Lane and Folly Lane, and it was Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the owners with a view to arranging terms for taking land on lease for allotments.

5—Pittville Estate—Trees—The Committee inspected the trees on the Pittville Estate, and it was Resolved,

Evesham Road—That 3 wych elms, 1 lime, and 1 Cornish elm be removed from the side road adjoining Clarefield.

Pittville Lawn—That 1 wych elm opposite No. 15 and a small silver birch near be removed.

Pittville Crescent—That 1 silver birch opposite Scoriton be removed.

Albert Road—That the chestnut opposite Rothesay House be not removed.

Albert Road—That the question of continuing the paved footpath near Pittville Crescent be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 20th October, 1919 : Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Moore, Stanley, Taylor and Whitaker (Alderman Green in the chair).

1 —Public Lighting—The Town Clerk submitted correspondence with the Clerk to the Gas Co. He had been unable to obtain any proposals from the Co. for the period after the 30th April next, and the

Clerk to the Company had evaded stating whether the Company repudiated the Contract or not, but it appeared from the correspondence that the Company would not light the lamps unless the terms demanded for the period ending 30th April were accepted, without reference to the position after that date. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the meeting on the 23rd inst.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 23rd October, 1919: Present—Alderman Green, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Stanley, Taylor and Whitaker (Alderman Green in the chair).

2—Public Lighting—Gas—This matter was further considered. The opinion of counsel was read advising that the Company were still liable for performance of their Contract, but that in default of due performance the only remedy was an action for damages. The Committee considered that the lighting of the lamps could not be deferred pending the result of proceedings against the Company. Resolved, That under these circumstances the terms demanded for the period ending 30th April next be accepted, but that a strong protest be made to the Company in respect of their breach of contract and neglect to fulfil their statutory obligations.

Resolved, also, That formal notice be given to terminate the Contract on the 30th April next.

3—Electricity Works—Extension of Plant—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a report as to the additional plant required at the works. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to submit to the Committee at their next Meeting tenders for the plant required, together with estimates and other information to enable the Committee to consider the matter more fully.

4—Joint Industrial Council—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the recent Conference at Bristol had invited Cheltenham to nominate one representative on the Employers' side of the proposed Joint Industrial Council for the Electricity Supply Industry.

Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to represent the Committee on the Divisional Council for the Counties of Hereford, Gloucester, Somerset and part of Devon, to deal with questions relating to wages and conditions of employment in regard to electrical supply undertakings.

5—Application for Supply—An enquiry was received as to whether the Corporation would be prepared to lay a cable to supply energy to the premises to be erected by Messrs. Smiths Systems Ltd. on the new housing site. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to lay the main on terms to be approved by this Committee.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman

At Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 10th October, 1919 : Present—The Mayor, Alderman Green, Margrett, Councillor Pates, (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

| | For 30 days, ended 13th October, 1919. | Average for corresponding period During last 3 years |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Hewletts Springs | 106,000 gallons | 141,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell Springs | 153,000 “ | 412,000 “ |
| Leckhampton Springs | <u>31,000</u> “ | <u>36,000</u> “ |
| Total | 290,000 “ | 589,000 “ |

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

| | Depth 13th October, 1919. | Contents | | Depth | Contents 13th October, 1918. |
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| Hewletts | | 15,939,000 gallons | | | 11,268,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell | 10ft 0in. | 13,574,000 “ | | 16ft. 0in. | 30,352,000 “ |
| Leckhampton | 5ft. 0in. | <u>675,000</u> “ | | 5ft. 0in. | <u>675,000</u> “ |
| Total Storage | | 30,827,000 “ | | | 44,882,000 “ |

2—Extension of Mains—St. Anne's Road and Natation Lane—The Borough Engineer reported that an extension of the 3-in. main was required in St. Anne's Road to connect up with Albion Street for the supply of St. Anne's House, house adjoining, and stable opposite at an estimated cost of £50. He also reported that an extension of 50 yards of main should be laid to supply five houses off Naunton Lane at an estimated cost of £20. Resolved, That the extensions be made.

3—Dowdeswell Reservoir—Fish—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to purchase wo trout (9 inches) for Dowdeswell Reservoir at a cost of £10 5s. 0d.

4—Arrears of Water Rate—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings to recover the amounts out-standing and that the supply be discontinued.

5—Allotment No. 32, Sandford—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant of No. 32 Allotment had gone to reside outside the Borough and owed over a year's rent. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give him notice terminating the tenancy on the 25th March next, and take proceedings to recover the amount due.

6—Tredington Water Supply—Read, a letter from the Clerk to the Tewkesbury Rural District Council asking for a supply of water in bulk for Tredington• Resolved, That a supply he offered on the same terms as were offered in February, 1916.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 3rd October, 1919: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Dodwell, Sawyer and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Railway Strike—The Committee considered the Coal and Fuel (Emergency) Order 1919, and Gas and Coal Emergency Order issued by the Board of Trade, and instructions were given thereon in the event of the continuance of the strike.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 21st October, 1919 Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

2—Diseases amongst Animals—Superintendent. Griffin reported that the Borough was entirely free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

3—American Gooseberry Mildew Order, 1919—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture forwarding copies of the American Gooseberry Order, 1919, which revoked all previous Orders relating to this disease with the exception of the American Gooseberry Mildew (Fruit) Order of 1915, and the American Gooseberry Mildew (Importation of Fruit) Order of 1919. The Board stated that the Order would be administered by their Inspectors but asked for the co-operation of the Local Authority in making known the provisions of the Order and in bringing to their notice any contravention of the same which may come under the notice of the Officers of the Local Authority. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give public notice of the Order.

4—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade had not been called to any outbreak of fire the last Meeting. Sub-Committee— Resolved, That a Meeting of the Sub-Committee be held on Tuesday, the 27th instant at 2.30 p.m., to consider the renovation of the Firemen's tunics.

5—Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—Read, an application from the Bristol Tramway and Carriage Co. Ltd., for a licence to drive a motor cab for George William Robuck, of " Norman," Tivoli, and also Albert William Stevens of 69, Union Street. Resolved, That licences be granted.

6—Motor Cab Licences—Read, an application from Mr. J. S. Bower, of 28, Montpelier Terrace, for a motor cab licence. Resolved, That the application be adjourned for the applicants attendance.

7- Motor Omnibus Licence—Read, a letter from Mr. W. S. Brain, of Rodney Terrace, stating that he proposed to run a bus service between Cheltenham and Northleach, and asking for a licence to ply for hire within the Borough. Resolved, That the application be adjourned for the applicant to attend.

8-Employment of Discharged and Disabled Officers and Men—The Town Clerk submitted a return of the disabled men in the employ of the Corporation to be forwarded to the Ministry of Labour in response to their letter asking the Council to employ disabled men up to at least 5 per cent of their total staff. The return showed the total number of employees to be 450 including 48 disabled men.

9-Licence to Store Petroleum—Read, a letter from Mrs. Isabella Wardman for a licence to store 150 gallons of petroleum and 2 cwt. of carbide at the rear of 299 High Street. The Inspector reported that the proposed places of storage were satisfactory. Resolved. That licences be granted

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10 —Light Railway—Fares— Read, a letter from the Cheltenham and District Light Railway Co. asking, in view of the increased cost of materials, power and wages, that the fares should be increased as follows :—

| To or From | Revised Fare. | Existing Fare. |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| North Street to Oaklands | 1 ½ d. | 1d. |
| Oaklands to Prestbury | 1 ½ d. | 1d. |
| Prestbury to Southam. | 1 ½ d. | 1d. |

Mr. McCormick attended the Meeting and stated that there would be no increase in through fares from North Street to the top of Cleeve Hill.

Resolved, That the Council be recommended to agree to the proposed revision of fares, subject to the right of the Corporation to terminate the agreement at any time by three months' notice.

11—Special Constables and Demobilised Men—The Town Clerk submitted four tenders for supplying 5,000 Illuminated Certificates to be presented to those who served in the war, including Volunteers and Special Constables. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs E. J. Burrow & Co. Ltd., to supply the Certificates be accepted.

12—Profiteering Tribunal—Read, a letter from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council asking for further representation on the Profiteering Tribunal. Letters were also received from several Trade Associations asking for representation on the Tribunal.

13--War Bonus—Read, further letters from the Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Health, and the National Association of Local Government Officers urging the Council to adopt the Civil Service Scale of War Bonus (Award 84) for the Administrative, Technical and Clerical Staff, or to refer the matter to arbitration.

The Mayor also submitted a letter received by him from Sir James Agg-Gardner with reference to the matter.

Resolved, That the matter be again considered by a joint Meeting of the General Purposes and Watch and Finance Committees, and that a deputation from the Municipal Guild, including a representative of the National Association of Local Government Officers, be invited to attend the Meeting.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 15th October, 1919 Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Dames and Green, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham (Councillor Winterbotham in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 2028 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since September 10th. (Corresponding period last year 1640).

The Exhibition of Needlework had been much appreciated by lady visitors, and several classes of Students from the School of Art had been held in the Gallery.

The following gifts had been received:—

The Executors of the late Mrs. F. R. Malleson, Dixton Manor—Square Stone, carved with Monk's Face, Tiles and portions of Tiles, Box of South African Shells, Albatross Foot and Bird's Skulls.

The following loans had been received :—The Executors of the late Mrs. F. R. Malleson-2 Large Oil Paintings, 1 Kaffir Sword and Scabbard, 7 Kaffir Spears, Bow and 4 Arrows, 1 Fighting Hide Shield, a Dancing Hide Shield, 1 Cap, 1 pair Koodoo's Horns, 2 pair Buck's Horn's, 2 pair Antelope's Horn's, 1 pair Boar's Tusks.

The following had been presented to the War Museum :—Sapper A. E. Watts, R.E., (Cheltenham company), 26, Albert Place—German Helmet, German Buttons, German Saw Bayonet, German Belt Clasp. (Picked up at Maria St. Liered.)

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2-Extension of Museum—The Curator recommended that an opening be made communicating the Museum with the offices formerly held by the Education Committee now used in connection with the Museum. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost at about £0. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Curator be authorised to accept a satisfactory tender for the work.

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd October, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell, Sawyer and Taylor (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Marle Hill Lake—The Borough Surveyor reported that the cleaning out of Marle Hill Lake had now been completed. He had arranged with the contractor for the levelling of the mud on the adjoining lands to be left until the spring as it was not in a condition to level at present.

2-Pittville Gardens—Vegetable Produce—The Borough Surveyor reported that the profit realized by the sale of vegetable produce from Pittville this season was £103 2s. 6 ½ d.

3—Allotments—The Committee considered the question of terminating the tenancies of allotment holders with more than one allotment referred back by the Council. The Borough Surveyor reported that there were 127 names on the list of applicants. The Town Clerk reported that there were about 60 allotment holders with more than one allotment. Two of these had an acre and over and many others had three or four chains.

Resolved, That a report be obtained whether any of the allotments are in a bad state of cultivation and also whether any of the holders are in arrear with their rent.

Resolved also, That enquiries be made for additional land, and that the Committee make an inspection of land in the neighbourhood of Folly Lane and Whaddon bane on Wednesday, the 29th instant.

Resolved also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise inviting applications for allotments so as to get an up-to-date list of applicants.

Land, Hall Road—Read, a letter from Mr. W. H. Madge. enclosing report from Mr. James Villar, as to rent. Resolved, That a lease be taken of the 7 acres of land for a term of 14 years at a rent of £35 per annum, subject to the Board of Agriculture agreeing to withdraw from possession Resolved also, That notices be given to the tenants of the allotments on the portion of the ground to be restored to the Recreation Ground.

Land in All Saints' Road—Resolved, That the rent of the War Allotments in All Saints' Road be increased to 17/6 per plot.

Land in Orrisdale Terrace—Read, a letter from the Bursar, Cheltenham College, that the College were willing for the Corporation to continue as yearly tenants after 25th March next, at a rent of £22 10s. 0d. per annum, subject to the same conditions as contained in the present agreement.

Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that the Common Seal be affixed to a tenancy agreement.

W. SAWYER

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th October, 1919; Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Caudle, Dodwell, Rogers and Stewart (Councillor Dodwell in the chair),

1-Burial Fees—The Town Clerk reported that the draft table of fees had been approved by the Ministry of Health. Resolved, That the table of fees be adopted and the Common Seal affixed thereto, and also to the plans referred to therein, and that the table be submitted for the formal approval of the Ministry.

2 —Cemetery Chapel--The Rector attended on behalf of the Clergy and explained the alterations and improvements desired. Instead of asking for a fixed bier, it was now desired that a wheel bier should

be provided. Resolved, That an estimate be obtained of the cost of carrying out the proposed improvements, including cost of renovation.

3—Designs--Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses to graves of George Robinson, Jane Keyes, and E. Buchanan ; Headstone to grave of Joseph Howship.

4 —Grants of Grave Spaces--Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 6190 to 6200 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

F. C. DODWELL,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, October 14th, 1919. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Mann, Moore, Wilkins ; Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. Gridley, Gurney, Miles, and E. C. 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 September was 3,346, and the number of books issued from the Children's Library was 1,826. Receipts : £2 12s. 7d. Presentations: J. S. Pickering, Esq., 1 vol.; Miss Platt, 50 vols: and 30 pamphlets.

The Librarian presented his report on the Library Association Conference, held at Southport on September 16th to 19th.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th ultimo. Present—Alderman Steel, Councillor Moore, Messrs. J. R. Claridge and W. R. Caries (Councillor Moore in the chair).

A letter was read from Sergt. J. W. Lucas, stating that he would not be returning to Cheltenham, having been offered a more remunerative post in the Bolton Public Libraries.

The Sub-Committee recommended—

A re-arrangement of the present staff at an extra cost of 22/- per week, and that Miss E. Wright be appointed shorthand typist and library student at 25/- per week, in place of Miss Neale, resigned.

That the following lectures be arranged as convenient : Memories of a Stage Play, "Richard II.," Dr. George Edwardes. Dryden, by A. J. de Havilland Bushnell, M.A.

Continuation of "Among Your Books," by the Librarian.

That the Librarian become a member of the Historical Association at a subscription of 10/- per annum, Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 28th October, 1919: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Moore, Whitaker and Wilkins. (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £26,316 2s. 10d., Voids legally excused, etc., £1,445 3s. 1d., leaving outstanding £255 9s. 10d .

2-Water Rate—Read, the report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th March next. Amount collected £420 0s. 4d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received £2,375 on loan from various lenders, and also £20,000 from Lloyds Bank. Resolved. That Debentures be sealed and issued on account of duly authorised loans.

4--District Auditor—Read, a letter from Mr. E. Stevens, thanking the Council for the resolution passed on his retirement from the Office of District Auditor, and acknowledging the assistance given him by the officials in connection with the audit of the accounts.

An order was received from the Ministry of Health appointing Mr. Wilton Frederick Montague Provis, Solicitor, to be the District Auditor for the Gloucestershire Audit District.

The report of the District Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Town Council for the year ended the 31st March, 1919, was considered.

6—Education Act, 1918 —Read, a letter from the Clerk of the County Council stating that it was proposed to charge on the Parish of Cheltenham during the current half-year £4595 12s. 8d. in connection with the instruction of scholars at the Cheltenham Grammar School. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

7—Town Clerk's Disbursements—Resolved, That the amount of the advance to the Town Clerk for the payment of stamp duties, petty cash, etc., be increased to £150, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 5 of this Committee of the 26th June, 1906, be varied accordingly.

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 :—

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| In hand on the 30th September last | 8,720 4 8 |
| Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £2,375) | <u>15,322 19 9</u> |
| | 24,043 4 5 |

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| Paid since that date (including Loans on Debenture £550) | 35,944 6 0 |
| | Overdrawn |
| <u>11,901 1 7</u> | |
| being General Accounts Overdrawn | 21,796 17 10 |
| Less Sinking Fund Accounts In Hand ... | 9,428 17 6 |
| "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts do. | 189 12 10 |
| "Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account do. | <u>277 5 11</u> |
| | <u>9,895 16 3</u> |
| | 11,901 11 7 |

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Municipal Offices, Cheltenham,

6th November, 1919.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held at the Municipal Offices, Promenade, on Monday, the 10th day of November, 1919, at Twelve o'clock at noon, at which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and another business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing year.
2. To assign the Aldermen to be the Returning Officers at Ward Elections.
3. To read and sign the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
4. Election of Aldermen.
5. To appoint and fill up vacancies on Committees and To appoint Col. Robert Frederick Pearson to be a Member of the Local War Pensions Committee in the place of Miss F. C. Ker resigned.
6. Communications by the Mayor.
7. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of

THE STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE and to receive Report of Representatives appointed to attend the Provincial Council for Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers) at Bristol on the 24th ultimo.

THE TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE

THE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

THE WATER COMMITTEE

"PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

"MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

“HOUSING COMMITTEE
“GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE
“ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE
“PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE
“BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE
“PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE
“FINANCE COMMITTEE

8. Notices of Motion.

9. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

N.B.—Robes will be worn.

NOTE.—At the conclusion of the Council Meeting, the Council will meet as the Local Pensions Committee for the Borough.

BUSINESS.

1. Read Minutes of last Meeting.

2. Re-appoint Sub-Committees for the ensuing year.

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Statutory Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday the 10th November, 1919, at 3 p.m. Present:

Alderman Charles Henry Margrett (in the chair). The Deputy Mayor (Alderman Robert Steel), Aldermen Green, Horsley and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes and Clara Winterbotham, Boulter, Dicks, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart, Taylor, Thomas, Whitaker, Wilkins and Yarnold.

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

1—Election of Councillors—The Town Clerk reported the Election on the 1st instant of the following as Councillors :—

Henry Thomas Yarnold for the North Ward

Walter James Manser Dicks for the Central Ward

William Sawyer for the East Ward

Edith Madelina Hessing Geddes for the South Ward

Alfred Mann for the Middle Ward

James Stewart 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.

3—Election of Aldermen—The Members of the Council present entitled to vote and voting delivered to the Mayor papers signed by them, and the same having been openly produced and read, it appeared that the following burgesses had been voted for and had received the number of votes set opposite their names, viz :—

James Christopher Reginald Braine-Hartnell, Hadley House, Cheltenham, Surgeon ... ••• ••• ••• 5

Edwinson Charles Green. Windsorton, London Road, Cheltenham, Gunmaker ••• 8

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Robert Steel, 1, Oriel Terrace, Cheltenham, Retired Fruiterer • .•16

Peter Philip Taylor, 59, Marle Hill Parade, Cheltenham, House Agent •• •••• 16

The Mayor declared the said Edwinson Charles Green, Robert Steel, and Peter Philip Taylor to be elected Aldermen.

4— 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.

5—Assignment of Aldermen to Wards---Resolved, That the following Aldermen be assigned for the purposes of Ward Elections for the ensuing year to the several Wards opposite which their names are respectively set, viz. :—

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| Alderman Margrett• • • | North Ward |
| "Green• • • | Central Ward |
| "Taylor• • • | East Ward |
| "Horsley... | South Ward |
| "Bendall• • • | Middle Ward |
| "Steel... | West Ward |

6—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 6th 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.

7—Appointment and Duties of Committees—Public *Health Committee*—

Resolved, That for the purpose of this resolution Standing Order No. 20 be suspended and that the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year :— Aldermen Green, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Dicks, Edith Geddes, Moore, Rogers, Thomas, Whitaker, Clara Winterbotham 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.

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To have delegated to it the powers of the Council under the following sections the Public Health Act 1875 of, namely : 23, 24, 25, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 46, 47, 49, and 50, the sections relating to nuisances and unsound meat, also sections 62, 70, 120, 121, 123, 124, 126, 127, 128 and 129.

To examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto, so far only as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

To deal with the repair and reconstruction of all sewers in the Borough and with the outfall sewers and sewage tanks and the control and treatment of the sewage and to have the management and control of the Sewage Farms of the Corporation, and the purchase and sale of stock, farming implements, etc.

To deal with the cleansing of watercourses and the enforcement of the provisions of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts.

Street and Highway Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Pates, Sawyer, Wilkins Clara Winterbotham 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 byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters) and to consider all proposed public street improvements. To consider and report upon any matters arising in connection with the Cheltenham and District Light Railway within the Borough or in connection with the byelaws made by the Council with reference thereto.

To have the management of the Central Depot and the horses, materials and carts, etc., and any matters in connection with the Borough Surveyor's Department and of any properties acquired by the Corporation in respect of street improvements. To deal with matters in connection with Street Projections. To enforce the provisions of the following Acts as far as regards new streets and buildings : The Public Health Acts, the Public Health (Building in Streets). Act 1888, The Cheltenham

Improvement Acts 1852 and 1889, and the Cheltenham Order of 1896 (with the exception of drainage and other sanitary matters), and to deal with any Town Planning scheme under the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Acts, 1909 and 1919.

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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, Rogers, Pates, 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 Green, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Jamieson, Mann, Moore, Taylor 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 connection with their Water Undertaking. To carry into effect the provisions of the Cheltenham Water Acts 1878 and 1881, and the Provisional Orders amending the same.

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General Purposes and Watch Committee—

Resolved, That the Powers and duties of the General Purposes and Watch Committee be as follows :—To regulate and manage any properties of the Corporation and other matters not specifically referred to any other Committee. To discharge the duties of the Watch Committee under the

Municipal Corporations Act 1882, and to consider and report upon all matters arising in connection with the Petroleum Acts, and the Police. To regulate and manage all matters relating to the licensing of Hackney Carriages, Drivers and Conductors, and to Markets and Fairs. To be an Executive Committee of the Council under the Diseases of Animals Acts, with all the powers and authority conferred upon the Council (except the power to make a rate) and to carry into effect the Orders of the Board of Agriculture in relation thereto. To consider and Report to the Council upon the re-numbering of houses in, and the naming and re-naming of, streets in the Borough. To regulate and manage all matters in connection with the Fire Brigade and Fire Extinguishing Appliances.

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell, Sawyer Taylor 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, 1908, and the Cultivation of Lands Order.

Burial Board Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Burial Board Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Edith Geddes, Mann, Rogers, Stewart, Clara Winterbotham and Yarnold, and that their powers and duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Cemetery and all matters relating thereto

Finance Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Finance Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Moore, Taylor, 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 and report upon all matters arising upon the report of the District Auditor.

Public Library Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Library Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Betteridge, Edith Geddes, Mann, Moore, Pates Thomas and Wilkins; together with Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone, Dr. Davies, Messrs. W. R.

Caries, F. J. Caudle, J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, W. G. Gurney, A. Miles, W. J. Moore, E. C. Rogers, and H. Stroud, and that their duties be as follows : To regulate and manage the Cheltenham Public Library and all matters relating thereto, subject to the proceedings of the Committee being submitted from time to time for confirmation by the Council.

Art Gallery and Museum Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Art Gallery and Museum Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green and Margrett, Councillors Edith Geddes. Stewart, Thomas, Clara Winterbotham and Yarnold, with it . T. Agg-Gardner, Dr. R. Davies, Messrs. G. Dimmer, and H. Stroud 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.

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:-, Councillors Betteridge, Dicks, Edith Geddes, Moore, Rogers, Taylor, Whitaker and Clara Winterbotham, 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.

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Education Committee-

Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed members of the Education Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Margrett, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Rogers, Stewart, Taylor, Thomas, Wilkins and Clara Winterbotham.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee

Resolved, That the following be appointed the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee for the ensuing year :—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Betteridge, Dicks, Edith Geddes, Jamieson, Mann, Rogers, Stewart, Clara Winterbotham and Yarnold, and

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| Miss Hill and Dr. Cardew | ... | Representing District Nursing Association |
| Miss C. S. Barnard & Miss H. Foster | | Voluntary Health Society |
| Mrs. McArthur | • • • | Cheltenham Creche |
| Mrs. E. Booy | • • • | Working Women |

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, 1920, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

Resolved, That Col. Robert Frederick Pearson be appointed a Member of the Local War Pensions, etc., Committee, in place of Miss F. C. Ker resigned, as a representative of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society.

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

9—Housing Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Housing Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th October last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, at their Meeting of the 9th October last, be approved and confirmed.

11 —Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers)—The Mayor and Alderman Margrett gave a report of the proceedings of the Provincial Council for the Western Division, held at the Guildhall, Bristol, on the 24th October last. Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed to represent the Town Council on the Provincial Council.

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12—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th October last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th October last, be approved and confirmed.

11—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 20th and 23rd October last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th October last, be approved and confirmed.

16—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 3rd and 21st October last, be approved and confirmed subject to the following Amendment, viz. :—

That Minute No. 10 (Light Railway Fares) be referred back for further consideration.

17—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th October last, be approved and confirmed.

18—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meetings of the 22nd and 29th October last, be approved and confirmed.

19—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th October last, be approved and confirmed.

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

21—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting of the 28th October last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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22-Memorials, Applications, etc.—Resolved, That the undermentioned letters be referred to the following Committees:-

Letter from Messrs. Haddock and Pruen re Winter Garden. To the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

Memorial from Mr. H. M. Simmons and others re Light Railway Fares.

Letter from Mr. W. H. Hudson resigning membership of the Profiteering Tribunal.

To the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

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 1st December, 1919.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 12th November, 1919: Present--The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Moore, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

2—Farms Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor, the 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. Leamington Place ; 11, 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 28, 32, 36, 46b, 48, 54, 56, 59, 63, 64, 70, and Gordon Cottage, Duke Street ; and 5, Queen's Retreat. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the

Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

5—Overcrowding at 19, Waterloo Street; 2, Brighton Cottages and 3, Brooklyn Terrace, Millbrook 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 11, 37, 56 and 59, Duke Street ; 4 and 5, Princes Place ; 1, Leamington Place ; and 8, Belmore 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.

7...Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 5, Queen's Retreat; 37 and 37a, Duke Street; 5, Gloucester Road; 151, 152, High Street; and 35, Promenade. 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.

8—Insanitary Property-11-37 and 56, Duke Street; 1, Leamington Place; 4 and 5, Princes Place; 8, Belmore 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.

9—Common Lodging Houses—The Medical Officer of Health reported that applications had been received from Mrs. M. E. Jackson, Rowton House, Grove Street ; Mrs. A. A. Evans, Nelson Inn, High 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 instant.

10—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-13, Grosvenor Street—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that this dwelling-house was 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 the further consideration be adjourned to the next Meeting.

4, Grosvenor Cottages- Read a letter from Mr. G. A. Hawkins stating that when he purchased No. 4, Grosvenor Cottages he was not aware that a Closing Order had been made and asking for permission to let the house.

Resolved, That he be informed that the Council cannot allow the house to be used until made fit for human habitation.

11Hayden Knoll House—The Borough Surveyor submitted two tenders received for the repairs required to Hayden Knoll House

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|-------------------|---------|
| Mr. A. H. Stone • | £49 5 0 |
| Mr. A. Biddle • | £72 2 0 |

Resolved, That the tender of Mr. A. H. Stone be accepted subject to an agreement to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

C. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 17th November, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dicks, Moore, Rogers, Thomas, Whitaker and Yarnold (Councillor Rogers in the chair).

12—House unfit for Human Habitation-13, Grosvenor Street—The question of making a Closing Order was again considered. Resolved, That the further consideration be adjourned to a Special Meeting of the Committee to be held on Monday, the 1st December next, at 2.45 p.m., and that notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

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13 —Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 17th inst. Present—The Deputy Mayor, 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 the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 17th inst. were 9 horses (2 at Depot), 4 colts, 106 head of cattle, 7 calves, 121 sheep, 30 lambs and 29 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 15 breeding theaves, 1 heifer and 1 calf had been purchased for £82 5s. 0d. 3 calves had been bred on the Farms. 44 head of cattle, 4 calves, 5 sheep and 13 pigs had been sold for £1,451 4s. 1d.

E. C. ROGERS,

Chairman.

HOUSING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th November, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Dicks, Moore, Rogers, Whitaker and Clara Winterbotham.

Resolved, That the Mayor be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

1—Lay-out Plan—Mr. Rainger and the Borough Surveyor reported an interview on 31st ult. with the Housing Commissioner. They anticipated that the Ministry would reduce width of the carriageway in Road No. 1 to 16 feet. Resolved, That this be agreed to, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to press for approval of Road No. 1 so that the work may be put in hand.

2 —Designs of Houses—They submitted designs for 50 houses (which included six types). These had been informally submitted to and approved by the Housing Commissioner, and provided living room, parlour, scullery, larder, w.c., coal store, 3 bedrooms and bathroom, except in 4 houses 4 bedrooms were provided. All the accommodation was under the main roof. The bathroom was in some cases on first floor and in others on the ground floor. A copper for household washing was provided in the bathroom where downstairs, otherwise in the scullery. The living rooms would have a combination oven and sitting room grate for cooking in the winter. The summer cooking could be done in a gas cooker in the scullery. A saddle boiler would be fixed in the living room to provide hot water, and there would be a gas water heater in scullery for summer use, and a gas point in the parlour fire place for a gas fire if required. The lighting will be by electricity.

Working drawings, specifications, &c., had been completed for to houses.

Resolved, That the plans submitted be approved with the addition of an outhouse, and that the same be submitted for the formal approval of the Ministry.

Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Taylor and Councillor Whitaker be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the tiles manufactured by Messrs. Webb Eros. Ltd. and report whether the same would be suitable for roofing.

Resolved, also, That the sketch plans be put up in the Council Chamber for inspection by members of the Council.

Resolved. also, That as soon as the plans have been formally approved by the Ministry, tenders be invited for to houses, to be built at the Libertus Road end of the Estate.

3—Smith's Land—The Town Clerk reported that the sanction of the Ministry had now been received to a loan for the purchase of this land and he was completing the purchase.

4--Army Huts—Read letter from Ministry that sanction to a loan for purchase of the 4 huts could be issued on receipt of a formal resolution applying for the loan. The Borough Surveyor reported that the 4 huts purchased could only be converted into 5 houses, and submitted plan of site for same. The Mayor and he had inspected some more huts at Rendcombe and the Disposal Board had been asked to quote prices for these. Resolved, That the site plan be approved

Application was received from Mr. R. Stubbs for one of the converted huts. Resolved, That the application cannot be entertained at present.

5—Housing Site—The Town Clerk reported that notice had been given to take possession of the land in occupation of Mr. Harris and Mr. Wasley immediately required for the scheme and possession of this could now be taken at any time. The Borough Surveyor reported that he had arranged for Captain Herbert to have the grazing on field No. 330 at 6/-per week until actually required, Resolved, That this be approved.

Resolved, also, That notice be given to Mr. Harris and Mr. Wasley to terminate their tenancies at the expiration of the current year.

6 — Housing Scheme —Read circular letter from Ministry of Health of 15th October urging the Council to expedite their housing scheme as much as possible, also a letter from the Borough Member with reference thereto. Resolved, That the letter of the Town Clerk in reply be approved.

7—Housing Conference—Resolved, That Councillor Rogers and the Borough Surveyor be appointed to attend West of England Conference on the 2nd December at Bristol.

8—Sale to Smiths Systems Ltd.—The Town Clerk reported the conditions inserted in the Contract. Resolved, That these be approved.

9—Housing Survey—The Medical Officer of Health submitted draft return on Form D. 89 as to housing needs, &c., of the Borough. Resolved, That this be approved.

10— Exchange with Colonel Churchill—Read valuation of District Valuer. The land of the Corporation was valued at £165 and the land of Colonel Churchill at £265.

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

Report of the proceedings of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee since the 9th October.

1—Health Visitor--Only seven applications have been received. Three applicants were selected for interview, but only one of these attended, namely Miss E. A. Wood of 15, Kimberley street, Sheffield, The Committee recommend that she be appointed Health Visitor at a Salary of £120, together with an allowance of £12 per annum towards cost of uniform and bicycle. The Committee also recommend that Miss Montagnon be made a similar allowance.

EDITH GEDDES.

Chairman

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 14th November, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann and Pates.

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

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 24th November, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Pates, Wilkins and Yarnold (The Mayor in the chair).

2 —Plans Sub-Committee-- Resolved. That the Mayor and Councillors Mann and Wilkins be appointed representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Stores Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor, Councillors Pates, Sawyer and Yarnold be appointed the Stores Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—Trees Sub-Committee—Resolved. That the Mayor, Alderman Horsley, Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Wilkins be appointed the Trees Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

5—Street Projections—Read an application from Mr. W. J. H. Pilley on behalf of Messrs. Edwards and Hirst, of Gloucester, for permission to place an illuminated sign over the entrance to Bank Chambers, North Street.

Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

6—Borough Surveyor's Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 24th October to the 20th November, 1919, both dates inclusive.

Refuse Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended 13th November, 1919, 650 loads collected, 644 consumed and 6 tipped away. Weight consumed, 993 tons 9 ½ - cwts.

7—Overhead Telegraph Lines— Read an application from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for permission to place overhead lines in Fairfield Road and Park Drive Lane.

Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the exact position of the poles being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to painted lagging 6 feet high being placed round the poles.

8—St. George's Square—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a scheme for laying out St. George's Square as an ornamental garden.

9—Engineers Military Service-- Read a letter from the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers calling attention to the position of young engineers whose training had been interrupted by military service, and asking that their military service should be taken into consideration in fixing the salaries of newly-appointed engineers.

10—Road from Whaddon Lane to Hewlett Road—Read a letter from Messrs. Bubb and Co., Solicitors, stating that Miss Skillicorne was willing to give the land required for a road way from Whaddon Lane to Hewlett Road subject to the Corporation constructing the road and providing a fence on both sides.

Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to accept this offer.

11-Refuse Destructor—The Borough Engineer called attention to the difficulty in disposing of the town refuse, which amounted to about 50 tons per day. The destructor was now in operation for 24 hours per day, and he recommended the acceptance of Messrs. Heenan and Froude's estimate of £855 for providing two additional cells ; it would also be necessary to alter the hoppers at a cost of about £45. The works recommended would increase the capacity of the plant by 50 per cent. Resolved.

(a) That the estimate of Messrs. Heenan and Froude be accepted subject to a contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

(b) That application be made to the Ministry of Health for a loan of £945 for the cost of the works, including 5 per cent. for contingencies.

(c) That having regard to the increased quantity of steam which will be supplied to the Electricity Works, the Electricity and Lighting Committee be asked to pay the annual sum required for the repayment of the loan and interest thereon.

12—Slab Factory—Building Blocks—The Borough Surveyor submitted a letter from Messrs. Wright and Marvin stating that, owing to the Moulders' strike, they were unable to state when the mould and dies for making the concrete blocks would be delivered.

13— Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at a Meeting held on the 24th instant.

Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 24th November, 1919: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors 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. |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 1446 | Gloucester Co-operative Society. | New shop-front and alterations to premises at corner of Hewlett and Brighton Roads. |
| 1447 | Smith's Systems Co., Ltd. | New Factory, Gloucester Road. |

Resolved, That Plans No. 1447 be approved, and that Plan No. 1446 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th November, 1919 .. Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dicks, Jamieson, Pates, Rogers, Sawyer, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

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—Town Hall—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed not to book the large Hall for dates reserved for Dance Teas without taking the instructions of the Concerts Sub-Committee thereon, and that the dates arranged for Dance Teas be not given up except for important engagements.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 14th November, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Pates, Rogers, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the Chair).

4—Montpellier Gardens—Read, application from the Traders' Association for the use of Montpellier Gardens on Whit-Monday and August Bank Holiday. Resolved. That they be informed that the use of the gardens for August Bank Holiday has already been granted, but they will be given the first refusal for Whit-Monday, provided the gardens are not required for a Summer Entertainment arranged through this Committee.

Proscenium—The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of roofing the proscenium at £325 (including matchboarding, poilite tiles, etc.) He submitted a tender from the Bell's Asbestos Co. to provide the poilite tiles for £145 2s. 6d. Resolved, That the tender of the Bell's Asbestos Co. be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

5—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 1163. The number of glasses sold at the Pittville Pump Room and Chalet was 69.

6 - Alstone Baths—An application was received from the open air morning bathers for a screen to be provided to the dressing shelter. Resolved, That this be provided at an estimated cost of £3.

Badminton—The Borough Surveyor submitted an application from the Chelt Badminton Club for the use of the Alstone Baths for next season (1920-21). Resolved, That the Club be given the first refusal of the Baths.

7—Report of Concerts Sub-Committee—The Concerts Sub-Committee reported that they had held five Meetings on the 21st, 24th, and 28th October, 4th and 11th November. They recommended, —

Dance Teas—That the dance teas be held in the Rotunda when the Town Hall is not available, the price to be paid for the use of the same to be £2 2s., plus lighting.

That Taffy's be allowed to reserve the eight balconies upstairs for parties at the dance teas for 5/- a balcony for each occasion, the Corporation to receive ten per cent. of such amounts. Taffys to provide curtains and necessary furniture

Popular Dances—That the charge for admission to these dances be 2/6.

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

Resolved, also, That the Municipal Dance Committee be authorised to spend a sum not exceeding £12 12s- for each dance, but that all payments be made through the Borough Accountant and all moneys to be paid to him.

3—Advertisement—Resolved, That a quarter-page advertisement be inserted in the special motor show issue of "The Car" at a cost of £5.

J. STEWART,

Chairman

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At a Meeting of ails Committee held on Thursday, the 20th November, 1919 : Present—Councillors Boulter, Dicks, Jamieson Pates, Stewart and Thomas (Councillor Stewart in the chair). Drs. Collins, Forster, Howell, Hebblethwaite, John; Kirkland, and Messrs. Lewis Hann and C. J. Phillips also attended.

9—Pittville Pump Room—An application was made by Mr. F. F. Handley for the use of the Pittville Pump Room for Badminton on two days a week during the winter season . Resolved, That this be granted at a charge of £1 1s., plus lighting for each occasion.

10—Report on Spa Development—The report of the Spa Medical Advisory Committee was further considered. The Boro' Surveyor submitted designs for a bandstand in the Promenade, varying in price from £500 to £625, exclusive of base and alteration of the existing balustrade. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain plans and estimates (a) for a bandstand in ferro concrete; (b) for making paved and covered walk at Montpellier Gardens, from rustic summer house to the steps and thence along to the proscenium; (c) for ornamental boards advertising the Spa, etc., to be placed in the following positions : at junction of Pittville Street and High Street ; entrance to Montpellier Gardens ; corner of Promenade and Imperial Square ; and near Promenade Band Stand (d) for providing a large plan of Cheltenham with Spas and Baths marked thereon. and also a large map of the district with places of interest marked thereon, to be placed in the Central Spa.

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have a box placed at the Central Spa for suggestions to be put therein.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to ask the Midland and Great Western Railway Companies to have the name "Cheltenham Spa" put up at the Stations, and also to ask the General Post Office to have these words used for stamping correspondence, etc.

Resolved, also, That the 'town Clerk be instructed to obtain quotations for framed placards to be placed in hotels and boarding houses, giving particulars of the Spas and Waters and programme of Entertainments.

Resolved, That the Central Spa be only opened on Sundays from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.

Resolved, That the recommendation, that a Spa Manager be appointed, be adjourned for further consideration.

11—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Medical Baths would be re-opened on the 24th instant.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 14th November, 1919: Present--The Mayor, Councillors Betteridge and Moore.

1—Resignation—Read a letter from Alderman Green resigning his membership of this Committee, as he felt that the time had now come when he should like to hand over the work of this department to others, as the aims which had induced him to come on the Council and serve on the Committee had been accomplished.

2—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 20th November, 1919; Present—The Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Jamieson, Moore, Taylor and Whitaker (Councillor Moore in the chair).

3—Battery Maintenance Contract—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the application of the battery makers received in November, 1918, for an increase in the maintenance charge, which had been referred by the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association to a Committee consisting of representatives of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association and the battery makers, and that as a result of their report, the Council of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association now recommended the acceptance of the increased charges. The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the amount of the increased charges to be paid by the Committee would be about £45.

Resolved. That the terms be accepted.

4—Public Lighting—Extensions—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that there had been considerable delay in the delivery of the cable required for the extensions, but supplies were now coming in and the work would be commenced at the earliest possible moment.

5—Joint Industrial Council—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he attended a Meeting of the Joint Industrial Council at Bristol on the 19th instant, when an application was received from the representatives of the various Unions for the recent engineering award of an increase of 5/- per week to be applied to the Electricity Undertakings, and that the application had been referred for consideration to the National Industrial Council in London on the 21st instant. The Council also received applications for an extension of the 47 and 48 hour week to those undertakings which had not already granted it, and this application was approved.

Resolved, That in the event of the National Industrial Council granting the 5/- per week increase, this be paid to the electricity workmen and technical staff *as* from the 5th proximo, and also that the 47 and 48 hour week be adopted.

6—Gas Lighting—Read, letter from Mr. Geo. Embrey, of Gloucester, Public Analyst, stating that he was willing to test the gas for calorific power and sulphur, at a fee of £1 1s. 0d. and 10/6 respectively per test, not less than 12 tests to be made per annum.

Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

Complaints—Several complaints were received as to unlighted lamps, Resolved, That the Company be asked to furnish a complete list of the lamps lighted.

JAMES MOORE,

Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Tewkesbury on Thursday, the 13th November, 1919:

Present—The Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Moore, Stewart and Whitaker, (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

2—The Committee inspected the Works.

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended

10th November, 1919.

Average for corresponding period

during last 3 years

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Hewletts Springs | 93,000 gallons | 131,000 gallons |
| Dowdeswell Springs | 167,000 " | 474,000 " |
| Leckhampton Springs | <u>32,000</u> " | <u>52,000</u> " |
| Total | 292,000 " | 657,000 " |

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

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| | | 10th November, 1919 | | | 10th November, 1918 |
| Hewletts | | 13,856,000 gallons | | | 12,758,000 Gallons |
| Dowdeswell | 10ft. 0in. | 13,574,000 „ | 17ft. 0in. | | 35,700,000 " |
| Leckhampton | 5ft. 0in. | <u>675,000</u> " | 7ft. 0in. | | <u>945,000</u> " |
| Total Storage | | 28,105,000 | | | 47,403,000 " |

CHAS. MARGRETT

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 18th November, 1919: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Mann, Moore, Rogers, Sawyer and Stewart (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.

3—Wart Disease of Potatoes Order, 1919—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture, forwarding copy of the Wart Diseases of Potatoes Order, 1919, amending the Order of 1918 and containing (inter alia) additional restrictions in respect of the sale of potatoes for planting and their introduction into infected areas.

The Town Clerk reported that he had made application for copies of the Board's poster dealing with wart disease, which would be published as required by the Board.

4— 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 the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire on the 16th instant, at No. 14, Bayshill Terrace. Damage about £200; Brigade expenses, £4 13s, At this fire Lieutenant Cossens sustained injury, but was progressing satisfactorily.

The Brigade was also called to an outbreak of fire on the 18th instant, at Roseleigh (East), Thirlestaine Road. Damage about £50

Firemen's Tunics—The Committee considered the tenders received for supplying 20 tunics.

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. C. J. Webb & Co., Ltd. of London, to supply 20 tunics at 69/- each be accepted.

5--New Court— Read, a letter from Major Stanley Clarke, inviting the Mayor and members of the Committee to inspect the new headquarters at New Court. Resolved, That the Committee inspect the premises on Tuesday, the 2nd proximo.

6—Special Constables and Demobilised Men— The Town Clerk submitted drafts of the Certificates to be presented to those who served in the war, including volunteers and Special Constables. Resolved, That the same be approved.

7—Committee Fixtures, 1920—Resolved, That the Meetings of the Committees of the Council for 1920 be fixed as follows (except that any Meetings that may fall upon a public holiday, shall be held upon such other days, and consequent alterations be made in other Meetings, as may be convenient):—

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THREE WEEKS PREVIOUS TO COUNCIL MEETING.

1st. week.

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| Tuesday | Public Library | 4.30 p.m. |
| Thursday | Water | 3 p.m. |
| Friday | Town Improvement and Spa | 3 p.m. |

2nd. week.

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| Monday | Housing | 3 p.m. |
| Tuesday | General Purposes and Watch .. | 3.30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments | 11 a.m. |
| | Plans Sub-Committee .. | 2. 30p.m. |
| | Street and Highway, View | 3 p.m. |
| Thursday | Electricity and Lighting | 3 p.m. |
| Friday | Burial Board .. | 12.30 p.m. |
| | Town Improvement | 3 p.m. |

3rd. week.

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| Monday | Street and Highway (Second Meeting) | 3 p.m. |
| Tuesday | Finance | 3.15 p.m. |

WEEK FOLLOWING WEEK OF COUNCIL MEETING.

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| Monday | Farms Sub-Committee .. | 3 p.m. |
| | Public Health .. | 3.30 p.m. |

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| Tuesday | Plans Sub-Committee .. | 2,30 p.m. |
| | Street and Highway .. | 3 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Art Gallery and Museum | 12.30 p.m. |

8—Shops Act, 1912 —Read, a letter from Mr. Frank Taylor offering to continue to act as Inspector under the Shops Act, 1912, Resolved, That Mr. Frank Taylor be re-appointed Inspector under the Act.

9—Licence to Store Petroleum—Read, an application from the British Petroleum Company, Ltd. for a licence to store 3000 gallons of petroleum in a building recently constructed on land adjoining Pengwern, Albion Street. The Inspector reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be granted

10—Profiteering Tribunal -Read, a letter from Mr. W. H. Hudson resigning his membership of the Profiteering Tribunal. Resolved, That Councillor Moore be appointed to fill the vacancy.

11—Light Railway Fares -The Resolution of this Committee referred back by the Council was further considered. Read, a letter from the General Manager (Mr. McCormick) expressing regret that the fares had been increased before the same had been approved by the Town Council. This was due to a misunderstanding, and the Company would refund the extra fare charged to any applicants returning the tickets. He pointed out that the repairs to the tramway track were progressing, and new cars had been ordered, two of which had already been obtained, and that owing to the increased cost of materials, power, and wages, it was necessary to revise the fares. The through fare from North Street to Cleeve Hill would remain as at present, but it had been found necessary to limit this service. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to agree to the following revision of fares, subject to the right of the Corporation to terminate the agreement at any time by three months notice:—

| TO OR FROM. | REVISED FARE. | EXISTING FARE. |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| North Street to Oaklands | 1 ½ d. | 1d. |
| Oaklands to Prestbury | 1 ½ d. | 1d. |
| Prestbury to Southam | 1 ½ d. | 1d. |

12-Public Library Committee—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council, asking for representation on the Public Library Committee. Resolved, That they be informed that there are already two representatives of Labour on the Committee.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Joint Meeting of these Committees held on Wednesday, the 26th November, 1919; Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Dodwell, Dicks, Moore, Rogers, Stewart, Wilkins and Whitaker (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—War Bonus—Mr. W. Percy Fox, Organising Secretary of the National Association of Local Government Officers, with Dr. J. H. Garrett and Mr. A. Lewis, President and Secretary respectively of the Cheltenham Municipal Officers Guild, attended the meeting with reference to the application of the officials for the Civil Service Scale of War Bonus (award 84).

Resolved, That War Bonuses in accordance with Award 84 be granted to the officials as set out in the list accompanying the minutes and that the question of granting a bonus or additional bonus to Mr. Pickering, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Jenkins who are receiving additional remuneration for their services in connection with the Fuel and Food Control Committees be considered when such remuneration is discontinued.

2—Town Clerk's Department—Resolved, That this Committee record their appreciation of the able manner in which the Town Clerk has carried out his duties, and also the services rendered by him in connection with the various outside Committees appointed owing to the War, and that his salary be increased to £750 per annum.

Staff—Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Margrett and Councillor Moore be appointed to consider and report as to the staff in the Town Clerk's Department.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

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

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1297 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since October 15th. (Corresponding period last year 1299).

The following gifts had been received :-

Capt. R. P. Wild, Ariel Lodge-5 Rock Specimens from Donegal.

The following loan had been received :-

Col. and Mrs. Littledale, Ravenhurst—Contemporary Portrait of Puritan. (Artist unknown).

CLARA WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman

At a Special Meeting of this Committee held on the 26th November, 1919 : Present—the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Green, Margrett, Councillors Clara Winterbotham, Stewart and Yarnold, and Mr. G. Dimmer (Councillor Clara Winterbotham in the chair).

2—Picture—Mr. Fred Roe, R.I., attended, and submitted the Cartoon and Colour Scheme for the Commemorative Picture of the 5th Gloucestershire Regiment, to be purchased out of the Leslie Young Bequest.

CLARA F. WINTERBOTHAM,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 14th November, 1919 : Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Betteridge and Pates

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Sawyer be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 19th November, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Taylor, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell, Sawyer and Yarnold (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

2-Allotments-Read Reports from Mr. Pounsett and Mr. Clifford Davis, who reported that, with few exceptions, the Allotments were in a good state of cultivation. Mr. S. Marsh had 11 chains, which was more than he could properly cultivate. 5 chains were formerly occupied by Mr. Kilbey and had been taken over by Mr. Marsh without any reference to the Corporation. The Allotments of three other tenants in the North Ward were in bad condition, and there were several other cases in which Allotments had been transferred without permission. There were 2 Allotments in Orrisdale Terrace, 1 in Hale's Road and 2 in Albert Road which were not being properly cultivated.

Resolved, That Mr. Marsh be required to give up 5 chains, and that notice be given to terminate the tenancies of the above-mentioned plots which are not being properly cultivated, and that the tenants of the plots reported to be in bad condition be informed that their tenancies will be terminated if the land is not better cultivated.

Resolved, That the occupiers of the Allotments transferred be required to enter into Agreements with the Corporation and that in future the condition against subletting be strictly enforced.

Resolved, That (except as above recommended) the Notices given be withdrawn.

The Borough Surveyor reported that the list of applicants for Allotments up to date was as follows :—North Ward 80, South Ward 69, East Ward 55, West Ward 20, Middle Ward 33 and Central Ward 33, making a total of 290 applicants.

Resolved, That Mr. J. G. Villar be instructed to enquire and report as to suitable land for Allotments.

3 —Land in Hall Road—Read a letter from the Board of Agriculture provisionally approving of the proposals of the Corporation to take seven acres on lease and to withdraw from possession of the remainder of the land on the understanding that the Corporation would take steps to acquire other land for the dispossessed tenants.

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4-Football in Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read an application from the Gloucester Co-operative and Industrial Society Football Club for permission to play in the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground on Wednesday afternoons during the present season. Resolved, That permission be granted.

W. SAWYER,

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 14th November, 1919: Present—The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Rogers and Stewart.

1—Chairman--Resolved, That Councillor Dodwell be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

B. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, 11th November, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillors Betteridge, Mann, Moore and Pates ; the Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone ; Messrs. J. R. Claridge, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Mann be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Green, Councillor Moore; the Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone ; Dr. Davies ; Messrs. W. R. Caries, F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Librarian's Report—Read the Monthly Report of the Librarian. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during October was 3,426, and the number of books issued from the Children's Library was 2,450. Receipts £4 16s. 0d. Presentations Miss Fawkes (7), Lady Lee (1), High Commissioner for South Africa (1).

4—Children's Library—The Librarian reported that the Children's Library was becoming more popular every day and that there were 1,000 borrowers and only some 1,206 volumes available for circulation.

Resolved, That the list of books submitted be purchased at a cost of £30.

5—Books—Resolved, That the sum of £25 be spent on new books.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 14th November, 1919: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Horsley and Councillor Moore.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor 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 25th November, 1919: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Horsley and Taylor, Councillors Dicks, Moore, Wilkins and Whitaker (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2 —General District Rate—Read the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th inst., on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £5,843 19s. 10d., leaving outstanding £22,075 17s. 6d.

3 —Water Rate—Read the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th inst., on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 25th March next. Amount collected £3,068 17s. 0d., leaving outstanding £10,342 0s. 4d.

4—Electric Light Accounts—Read a letter from Mr. F. H. Harris, the Assistant Overseer, stating that the Overseers considered that provision should be made in the Annual Estimates for the collection of the Electric Light accounts by the staff in the Rates Department.

Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Electricity and Lighting Committee for consideration.

5—Loans--The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had received sums amounting to £1,200 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 loans amounting to £13,230. Resolved, That the terms be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

6—Corporation Stock—The Borough Accountant reported that since the last Meeting he had purchased £1,543 17s. 3d. Cheltenham Corporation 3 per cent. Stock.

Resolved, That the sum of £1,543 17s. 5d. 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.

7--Borough Accountant's Department —junior Clark—The Borough Accountant reported the resignation of FL Pike, the Junior Clerk, who had joined the Police Force.

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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 :—

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| Overdrawn on the 28th October last | 11,901 1 7 |
| Paid since that date | <u>30,051 9 7</u> |
| | 41,952 11 2 |
| Received since that date (including Loans on Debenture, £1,000) | <u>27,137 1 8</u> |
| Overdrawn | 14,815 9 6 |
| being General Accounts Overdrawn | 20,647 10 3 |
| Less Sinking Fund Accounts | In Hand.... 5,589 6 11 |
| "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts | do. 189 12 10 |
| "Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account | do. 53 1 0 |
| | <u>5,832 0 9</u> |
| | 14,815 96 |

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman