

Borough of Cheltenham

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 4th December 1916, at 3 p.m., Present:

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR REES JONES) in the chair.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL).

Aldermen.

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

FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWIN CHARLES SILK WILLIAM GEORGE EARENGEY PERCY HADDOCK JAMES
STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN ALFRED MANN WALTER
JAMES FREDERICK WOOD WILLIAM SAWYER

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1-Death of Councillor Merrett-It was Resolved, That this Council record with deepest regret the great loss sus sustained by the death of Councillor Willie John Merrett, who for twelve years was a highly esteemed member of the Council and was for seven years Chairman of the Electricity and Lighting Committee. They also wish to record their appreciation of the active interest at all times taken by Councillor Merrett in the work of the Council and of the efficient services so willingly rendered by him for the advancement and prosperity of town; and that an expression of heartfelt sympathy be conveyed to his widow and family in their bereavement.

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

3-Election of Councillor-Read, a letter from the Cheltenham and District Trades and Labour Council asking that Mr. J. W. Betteridge should be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor Merrett. Resolved, That Mr. William Henry Horsley, of Filey Lawn, Sydenham Road, Cheltenham, be elected a member of the Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor Merrett.

4-Vacancies on Committees-Resolved, That Councillor Horsley be appointed a Member of the Street and Highway, Electricity and Lighting, Water, and Public Library Committees.

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee-Resolved, That Councillor Earengy be appointed a Member of this Committee.

Town Improvement and Spa Committee-Resolved, That Councillor Sawyer be appointed a Member of this Committee.

Education Committee-Resolved, That Councillor Taylor be appointed a Member of this Committee.

Local Tribunal Resolved, That Councillor Taylor be appointed a Member of the Local Tribunal.

5-Public Health Committee-Resolved That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 20th November last, be approved and confirmed

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6-Street and Highway Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 27th November 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 17th and 21st November last, be approved and confirmed.

Spa Concerts Committee-Resolved, That the Spa Concerts Committee consist of four Members of the Council and three Representatives of the Traders' Association, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 8 of the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee on the 26th September last be varied accordingly.

Resolved, also, That Councillors Earengy and Stewart be appointed Members of the Spa Concerts Committee.

8--Electricity and Lighting Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 20th and 23rd November last, be approved and confirmed.

9-Water Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th November 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 21st November 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 15th November 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 Meetings of the 20th and 22nd November last, be approved and confirmed.

13--Burial Board Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meetings of the 20th and 24th November last, be approved and confirmed.

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

13-Finance Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meetings of the 20th and 28th November last, be approved and confirmed.

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

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st January, 1917,

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th December, 1916: Present-The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Earengay, Green, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles -The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: -426 and 427 High Street, 27 and 29 Dunalley Parade, 11 Elm Street, Birdlip Cottage, Commercial Street, 27 North Place. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Overcrowding at 20 St. George's Street-The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3-Cleansing and Disinfecting at Northolme, Swindon Road, 8 Sherborne Street, 41 Brunswick Street- The Medical Officer of Health having certified that the cleansing, disinfecting and purifying of these houses or parts thereof would tend to prevent or check infectious disease, Resolved, That the Council being of this opinion, Notice be served on the owners and occupiers to cleanse and disinfect the house or parts thereof within the time specified in such Notice.

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4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 20 St. George's Street, 29 Townsend Street, 41 Brunswick Street, 20 Manchester Street, 2 and 14 Fairhaven Street, 7 Mapledene Cottages, 6 Fairhaven Cottages-The Inspector of Nuisances having made application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5--Insanitary Property-29 Townsend Street, 26 and 41 Brunswick Street, 1, 2, 4 and 5 Pretoria 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.

6-Destruction of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows:-On the 18th ultimo the carcase and offal of a pork pig, and on the 29th ultimo the carcase and offal of a pork pig. (Total weight destroyed, 1 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.)

7-Delancey Hospital Fees-The Committee considered the Resolution of the Finance Committee. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be instructed not to have a patient suffering from Scarlet Fever removed to the Delancey Hospital from a house in which there is suitable accommodation for the treatment of such patient, unless in the case of children or servants the parent or guardian or the master or mistress has first signed the usual undertaking to pay for the maintenance of the patient in the Hospital.

8-Disinfection-The Medical Officer of Health submitted a report as to the disinfection done for the Red Cross Hospitals, the cost of the disinfection of clothes from the Hospitals in the Borough from the Spring

of 1915 to the end of November last was £113 10s., and from the Hospitals in the districts of the Cheltenham Rural District Council and Winchcomb £38 10s. and £10 10s. respectively. Resolved, That the Red Cross Society be asked to pay £50 for the disinfection work done up to November last, and to pay at the rate of 10/ a load for all disinfection done in future for Hospitals outside the Borough.

9-Report of Farms Sub-Committee-The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the nth instant.

Present: -The Mayor, Alderman Steel, and Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report-Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 11th instant was 1 foal, 7 colts, 7 horses, and 3 at the Depot, 5 calves, 139 head of cattle, 10 lambs, 51 sheep and 8 pigs, all doing very well. 2 calves had been bred on the Farms. Since the last Meeting 59 head of cattle had been purchased for £1,075 10s. 0d. 36 head of cattle and 1 calf had been sold for £896 19s. 9d., and a quantity of Wool for £44 10s. 10d. (Total sales £941 10s. 7d.)

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give Notice to Mr. Stuckey terminating his tenancy of Rule Meadow, and that the Farms Manager be authorised to have a new grate fixed at Mr. J. Davies' cottage.

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

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee held on Monday, the 18th December, 1916:
Present-The Mayor (in the chair), Mrs. Lake, Mrs. McArthur, Miss Barnard, Miss Hill, Dr. Cardew, and Councillor Wood-

It was Resolved to make the following report to the Town Council: -

At their first Meeting on the 2nd May last the Mayor was appointed Chairman and the Medical Officer of Health was asked to act as medical adviser and supervise the work, and it has been arranged that he shall attend the ordinary meetings of the Voluntary Health Society. The Health Visitor (Miss Montagnon) was appointed as from the 15th May last, but the Committee were unable to arrange for her to start work until the 29th May.

A list of her duties has been drawn up by the Medical Officer of Health and approved by the Committee. Miss Montagnon's time is principally devoted to home visitation, which the Local Government Board regard as of primary importance. It is her duty to make a first visit as soon as possible after notification of a birth is received in cases not attended by the Victoria Nurses. In the latter cases the visiting begins when the visits of the Victoria Nurse cease. After the first visit such further visits are made as may seem necessary according to the circumstances of the case. The object of the visits is to see that proper attention is given to the feeding and the general and medical care of the infant. In all suitable cases the mothers are advised to attend one or other of the Maternity Centres.

Miss Montagnon also attends at the Maternity Centres to receive the mothers, assist the doctor in attendance at the Centre, and generally to manage the weighing of the infants and all medical dealing with the mothers under the doctor's directions and to see that the records are duly made.

In all cases where treatment requiring a nurse is prescribed by the doctor at the Maternity Centre she supplies the necessary information to the Lady Superintendent of the Victoria Nursing Home in order that a district nurse may be sent to attend the case.

The Maternity Centres are held once a week at No. 2, Bath Street and at St. Peter's Institute, and a meeting is also held in addition once a month at No. 2, Bath Street for children over one year.

The following is a summary of the work of the Health Visitor from the 29th May to December 16th, 1916:

No. of babies visited	518
No. of visits to homes entailed	1701
No. of attendances at the Centres	49
Talks to mothers at the meetings	32
Formal lecture to mothers	2
Remitted to Children's Hospital or Infirmary	4
No. of births discovered to be unnotified	30
Births attended by uncertificated women without a doctor	3
Clerking work in connection with her books and cards	

The District Nursing Association have offered to allocate a bed in their Lying-in Ward for cases sent in by this Committee in consideration of a grant at the rate of £2 2/ a week, which is the estimated cost of the bed. The Committee have agreed to make a grant at the rate of £18 18/- per annum for the use of a bed for 9 weeks for cases requiring ante-natal or post-natal treatment sent in by this Committee. The amount payable for this financial year will only amount to £6 6/-

The Committee have asked the District Nursing Association to continue ante-natal advice to expectant mothers as has been given hitherto by the Lady Superintendent, and they have agreed to do so.

The Committee have endeavoured to arrange for additional Maternity Centres to be opened, but difficulties have arisen and so far they have been unable to make any satisfactory arrangements. The attendance at the existing Centres has, however, very much increased.

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The Committee have agreed to make a grant of £10 to the Voluntary Health Society for the current financial year. The Voluntary Health Society have asked for an additional representative on the Committee, and the Committee think that this should be granted, but this will involve the appointment of another Council representative to secure a majority of the Council on the Committee as recommended by the Local Government Board.

The Committee recommend that an additional representative nominated by the Voluntary Health Society be appointed and that an additional member of the Council be appointed, which will increase the number of the Committee to thirteen.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th December, 1916: Present-The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Horsley, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1 -Hired Team Labour-Read, a letter from Mr. S. J. Smith on behalf of the Contractors employed by the Corporation for hired team labour. Resolved, That 9/- per day be paid for general hauling and ashes collection and 8/6 per day for "spotting," and that the Resolution to Minute No. 12 of this Committee's proceedings at the last Meeting be varied accordingly.

2-Central Depot-Read, an application from the Agricultural Produce Supplies for the temporary use of two small sheds and the mess-room at the Depot for the storage of provisions for the troops quartered in the town. They offered to pay a rental of £2 13s. 4d. per calendar month and to make good any damage done to the premises. Resolved, That the application be granted, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign an Agreement embodying these terms, the tenancy to be determinable by a month's Notice on either side.

3-Leckhampton Court-The Borough Surveyor reported that the Commandant of the Leckhampton Court Red Cross Hospital had enquired whether the Corporation would sell about 80 to 100 tons of old road metal for repairing the approach drive to the Hospital and also grant the use of the steam roller, on payment of out-of-pocket expenses. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to accede to the application.

4-Footpath Paving-Resolved, That the Committee inspect at the next View Meeting the footpaths which the Borough Surveyor recommended should be repaved.

5-Electric Vehicle-Resolved, That consideration of the Reports of the Borough Surveyor and Borough Electrical Engineer with reference to the hiring by this Committee from the Electricity and Lighting Committee of an Electric Vehicle be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that in the meantime the Borough Surveyor be authorised to visit Dover and Hounslow to inspect the vehicles in use there.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 22nd December, 1916: Present-The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

6-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways - The Borough Surveyor reported the work done by the Highways Department from the 24th November to the sand December, 1916 (both inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal-During four weeks ended the 14th December, 1916, 754 loads collected, 746 consumed, 8 tipped. Total weight consumed, 980 tons 4½ cwt.

7--Albion Street-Read, a letter from the Manager of the Light Railway Company stating that the tramway track in Albion Street would receive attention immediately the weather permits.

8-Horses-Resolved, That the horses "Boxer" and "Duke" be offered for sale at the Cheltenham Market.

9-Shoeing Horses--Read, a letter from Mr. T. J. Brain asking for an increase in the charge for shoeing the Corporation horses from 5/- to 6/- per horse per month. Resolved, That the application be granted as from the 1st January next.

10-Footpath Paying-Resolved, That the following footpaths be repaved:

Prestbury Road (West side), from Albert Road to Windsor Street.

Carlton Street (South side), from Hewlett Street to Priory Street.

Bath Road (West side), from Montpellier Terrace to Suffolk Road.

Moorend Road (West side), from opposite the Library to Gordon Road

Gloucester Road (North side), from Entrance to Lansdown Station to Hopeville.

And that the following footpaths be repaired: -

Clarence Street (both sides), from Engall, Cox and Co.'s premises to Crescent Place.

North Street (both sides), from High Street to the King's Hall.

Hewlett Street (both sides), from Berkeley Street to Fairview Road.

11-Trees-After inspection by the Committee, it was Resolved, as follows: -

Pittville Circus-That the trees opposite "Northlands" be pruned.

Selkirk Street-That the trees at rear of "Northlands" be pruned.

Glenfall Terrace--That the Plane tree opposite 1, Glenfall Terrace be removed and a smaller tree planted.

Imperial Square-That the Laburnum tree opposite 12, Imperial Square be not removed.

The Park-That the Scotch Fir tree opposite "Lyncourt" be removed.

12-View Meeting-The following Members of the Committee attended the View Meeting on Wednesday last: -The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Stewart.

13-Report of Plans Sub-Committee-The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 20th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

14-Electric Vehicle-The Reports of the Borough Surveyor and Electrical Engineer were further considered. The Borough Surveyor was of opinion that an Electric Vehicle could be used with advantage for the collection of house refuse in the South-Eastern District, and estimated the vehicle would do the work of 3 horses and carts and effect a saving of £40 per annum. Resolved, That if the Electricity and Lighting Committee will supply an Electric Vehicle capable of carrying a 2½-ton load of refuse, this Committee are prepared to pay a charge of 9d. per mile (full or empty) for the use of the same.

15-College Road Tip-Resolved, That with a view to this land being cultivated, Notice be given to Mr. Higgs to terminate his tenancy of the grazing.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th December, 1916: Present- -7'he Deputy Mayor, Councillors Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1362	Committee of the Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital.	New Waiting Room, Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital,
1363	W. H. Horsley.	New Bay Window, 23, Suffolk Parade.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th December, 1916: Present-The Mayor, Councillors Earengy, Green, Haddock, Sawyer, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1-Montpellier Baths -The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1916 to 30th November, 1916, were as follows: -

Receipts	467 9 7	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	873 5 0
		Loans-Interest and Redemption	<u>359 6 8</u>
	£467 9 7		£1,232 11 8

Medical Baths-The Borough Surveyor reported that since the last Meeting 90 Medical Baths, &c., had been given, including 64 Baths to wounded soldiers.

Shop, &c., adjoining Baths-The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan and estimate for altering the shop and premises adjoining the Baths and also an estimate for painting the outside of the premises and the Baths. Resolved, That Tenders be invited for altering the dwelling house in accordance with the plan, including the repairs required to the roofs, and also for painting the outside of the Baths and premises.

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2--Alstone Baths-The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1916 to 30th November, 1916 were as follows: -

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	296 28 1	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	374 9 5
		Loans-Interest and Redemption	<u>226 0 0</u>
	£296 18 1		£600 9 5

Swimming Bath-The Borough Surveyor recommended that the floor of the Swimming Bath should be cement washed in order to remove the slippery condition of the same. The estimated cost of the work was £7. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted

3-Montpellier Gardens-The Borough Surveyor submitted correspondence with Colonel Christie with reference to the damage done to the turf at the Montpellier Gardens by the troops training there. Resolved, That Colonel Christie be requested to give instructions for the troops not to use the turf in the future.

4-Afternoon Concerts-Read, a letter from Messrs. Georges Limited asking, in view of the very small number of teas taken on Mondays, that they should be released from their obligation to provide teas on that day. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

5-Advertising-Read, a letter from the Midland Railway Company stating that after the 26th instant they would be unable to exhibit any bills advertising holiday resorts, and that the joint quad-royal red poster with the view of Cheltenham would be removed for the time being and the charge of £10 per annum would be suspended until they were again able to exhibit the posters.

Read, a letter from Mr. J. P. Pates stating that the Traders' Association had appointed a small Sub-Committee with a view to advertising the Baths. They suggested that additional copies of the framed photographs of the Baths, etc., should be obtained and exhibited in various parts of the town, and they were willing to pay half the cost of the scheme up to £10 if the Committee would co-operate with them. Resolved, That the Committee are unable to provide further funds this year for advertising the Baths.

6-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 2,426, as compared with 1,316 for the corresponding month last year.

The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 245 as compared with 222.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th December, 1916: Present-The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Horsley, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1-Application for Supply-The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company had now decided to take a supply of energy for their premises at Sunningend Works, St. Marks, the supply was required for work of urgent National Importance. The cost of the cable for the extension would be about £750, not including the cost of transformers, &c. The company were willing to enter into an Agreement to take a supply of energy for 3 years and to guarantee a minimum payment of £350 per annum, and also to pay £120 in consideration of a larger sized cable being laid, the cost of which was included in the above estimate.

The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement containing these terms, and also Clauses for the protection of the Corporation. Resolved, That subject to the wayleave being granted by the Misses Bubb for the cable to be taken across their land the extension be made, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Agreement with the Company.

Resolved, also, That the cost of the extension be paid out of the Reserve Fund

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th December, 1916: Present-The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Horsley and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

2-BoilerBorough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an offer of £470 for the Galloway boiler and pipes at this works, which were not now required. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

3-Railway Railway Wagons-Read, a letter from the Gloucester Railway Carriage and Wagon Company, Ltd., asking that the charge under the Agreement made in April last for repairing the Corporation Railway Wagons should be increased. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

4-Electric Vehicle-The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted a report showing the increasing use of electric vehicles for Municipal service in other towns owing to their simplicity, economy and reliability. The early difficulty of providing a suitable battery had now been overcome, and a large number of electrics were now in use in this country by Municipal Authorities, Railway Companies, Carriers and Traders generally, including manufacturers of petrol vehicles. be. suggested that an electric vehicle could be used by the Street and Highway Committee for refuse collection or stone hauling, and submitted tenders and estimates showing that a 2-ton vehicle fitted with electric tipping-gear could and provided at a cost of about £1,050 and a 3½-ton vehicle for £1,200, and that the cost of running, including interest and depreciation, battery and tyre maintenance, electric energy for charging the battery, repairs and insurance, but excluding the driver's wages, would not exceed 9d. per mile for the 2-ton vehicle and 1/- per mile for the 3-ton vehicle. He was satisfied that having regard to the easy gradients and good road surfaces in the Borough, a standard 2-ton vehicle could be easily adapted for a 2½ ton load. Resolved, That this Committee offer the Street and Highway Committee to purchase a suitable vehicle on the above terms, and that if this offer is accepted the Council recommended to authorise the purchase of such vehicle.

Resolved, also, That the cost of the vehicle be paid out of the Reserve Fund.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th December, 1916: Present-The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Green and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended		Average for corresponding period	
11th December, 1916.		during last 3 years.	
Hewletts Springs	390,000 gallons	295,000 gallons	
Dowdeswell Springs	1,282,000	1,226,000	"
Leckhampton Springs	<u>80,000</u>	<u>62,000</u>	
Total 1,752,000		1,583,000	

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents		Depth	Contents
		11th December, 1916.			11th December, 1915.
Hewletts		14,798,000 gallons			22,063,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	27ft. 6in.	77,292,000 "		23ft. 0in.	56,953,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	<u>1,621,000</u>		12ft. 0in.	<u>1,621,000</u> "
Total Storage		93,711,000			80,637,000

Pumping had been recommenced at Sandford.

2-Hewletts Reservoir-The Borough Engineer reported that the work of cleaning out the No. 4 Reservoir at Hewletts, which was undertaken by the 7th Warwicks, had been completed.

3-Yearly Revenue Account-The Borough Engineer submitted the Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st March last, which showed a surplus profit of £1,360 6s. 11d. This was £381 less than the previous year, but over £53 above the average for the past so years. The Reserve Fund was £4,449 8s. 8d. after transferring 41,000 to the relief of the Rates.

During the year the Red Cross Hospitals had been supplied with water free of charge to the value of about £250.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 19th December, 1916: Present-The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock, and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1-Diseases amongst Animals-Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 26th ultimo at premises in Folly Lane in the occupation of Mr. James Baglin. Four pigs had died. The outbreak could not be accounted for. With this exception the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2-Fire Brigade-Report of Captain-The Captain reported that on the 28th ultimo the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at Leckhampton Court. Damage about £25. Brigade expenses £2 12s. 6d.

Also on the 3rd instant at No. 17, Promenade. Damage about £50. Expenses £2 12s. 6d.

Also on the 15th instant to the Great Western Goods Department. Damage about £150. Expenses £4. 18s. 0d.

3-Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence-Read, an application from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company for a Licence to drive a Motor Cab for William James Palmer, of 5, Brevel Terrace, Charlton Kings: Resolved, That the application be granted.

4-Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 2-Read, applications from Mr. F. Cole, of 11, Norward Terrace, Bath Road, and Mr. Thomas Margetts, of 3, Naunton Parade, for the transfer of Horse Carriage Licence No. 2 from the former to the latter. Resolved, That the application be granted.

5-Motor Cab Licences-Read, a letter from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company stating that at the Annual Licensing Meeting they surrendered two Horse Carriage Licences for one Motor Cab Licence, but that they had been unable to secure a third Horse Carriage Licence to enable them to take up another Motor Cab Licence, and asking that the condition that three Horse Carriage Licences must be given up for two Motor Cab Licences should be reconsidered. The Company now held 16 Motor Cab Licences, and they were desirous of obtaining Licences for the other 16 cabs belonging to them. Resolved, That four additional Licences be granted, making a total of 20 Licences granted to the Company, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings on the 22nd June, 1915, be varied accordingly.

6-War Charities Act, 1916-Read, applications from the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association Prisoners of War Fund, and the Imperial Soldiers' Club, to be registered under the War Charities Act, 1916. Resolved, That these Charities be registered.

7-Fruit Market-The Borough Surveyor recommended that a new concrete floor should be provided for the Brick Shed at the Market at a cost of £40, and that a concrete floor should also be laid in the unpaved portion of the Wooden Shed at an estimated cost of £10. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted, and that the cost of the work be defrayed out of the bonus received last year.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th December, 1916: Present-Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1-Chairman-Read, a letter from Councillor Green resigning the Chairmanship of this Committee. Resolved, That Alderman Davies be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2-Curator's Report-The Curator reported that there had been 809 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since November 14th. (Corresponding period last year 677).

The following gifts had been received for the Museum: -

W. Jones, Esq., per Dr. E. T. Wilson: Worked Flints from Whitby.

The Victoria and Albert Museum: Collection of 18 Watches and Movements of the 18th and 19th Centuries from the Evan Roberts' Collection in the Victoria and Albert Museum. (Five of the Watches belong to Gloucestershire, having been made at Cirencester, Dursley, and Wotton-under-Edge at the beginning of the 19th Century.)

Ulric Daubeney, Esq.: Roman Pottery found at Andoversford in 1915, and Spoonley Villa 1898.

Dr. S. T. Pruen: Panorama painted by Mr. Stuart Millard of the View from Leckhampton Hill to go round a Relief Map, published by Messrs. Arnold and Sons, of Leeds, of the Severn Basin and the West Midlands.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors. Resolved, also, That a copy of the Relief Map be purchased from Messrs. Arnold and Sons at a cost of 30/6.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 19th December, 1916: Present-The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Sawyer and Taylor (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1-Cultivation of Land-Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that a Regulation had been made by Order in Council under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act 1914, with the object of increasing the food supplies of the country by extending the existing powers of providing land for cultivation. Acting under this Regulation the Board had made an Order (a copy of which was enclosed) which authorised Local Authorities as follows: -

(a) To enter without consent on land (except unoccupied garden or pleasure ground usually occupied together with a dwelling house) which is for the time being unoccupied or was unoccupied on the 29th November, 1916, or if the land is common land, and

(b) In any other case with the consent, of the occupier and the person in receipt of the rent of the land, and cultivate the land or arrange for its cultivation by any person under a contract of tenancy or otherwise. In the case of common land, the consent of the Board is also required.

In the case of occupied land, the Council may agree to pay a rent for the use thereof, but not in excess of the rent payable by the occupier for the land, or if held with other land in excess of a fair proportion of the total rent payable, or where the land is occupied by the Owner, in excess of the annual value for the purposes of income tax together with the tithe rent charge (if any).

To arrange with any Society, having for its object the cultivation of vacant land, for the cultivation of any land on which the Council has entered, by and delegate to such Society such of the powers of the Council under the Order as may be necessary for the purposes of the arrangement.

To purchase any seed, manures or implements required for the cultivation of the land and sell any article so purchased to the cultivators, or allow their use of the implements at a price or charge sufficient to cover the cost of purchase.

To arrange as far as practicable that the payment made for the use of the land shall cover the cost incurred by the Council.

The land shall not be used for the production of fruit or vegetable crops which remain productive for more than one year. or for grazing.

The Order also provides (inter alia) for the payment by the Board of compensation if the determination of the tenancy by the Council takes effect before the 1st January, 1918, and also the expenses of the Council provided that the total amount shall not exceed £2 for each acre of land provided by the Council.

The Borough Surveyor submitted particulars of unoccupied land. Resolved, That the following unoccupied lands be entered in pursuance of the powers of the Order, for cultivation; -

Land in Gloucester Road (formerly Alstone Lawn),
Land in Sandford Road adjoining the General Hospital,
Land in All Saints' Road adjoining Braunston,
Land in Naunton Lane near Arolf Cottage,
and that Notice be given to the Owners of such entry.

Resolved, also, That a Notice be inserted in the "Gloucestershire Echo" inviting applications for land.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th December, 1916: Present-The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Dodwell and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1-Grants of Grave Spaces-Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4893 to 4897 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2-Designs-Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses to graves of W. Charles Whitham, Leonie Florence Mary Fisher, and Private O. Cayer (temporary Oak Cross).

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th December, 1916: Present-The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green, Horsley, Sawyer and Wilkins, Miss Fegan, and Mr. E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1-Librarian's Report-Read the Monthly Report of the Librarian: -Receipts: £2 16s. 6d. Presentations: Advertising Manager of Blackpool (x vol.), Board of Agriculture and Fisheries (leaflets), Trustees of British Museum (4 vols., 2 pamphlets), Historical Manuscripts Commission (3 vols.), W. H. Stallard (1 vol.), Controller of H.M. Stationery Office, per Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner (Public General Acts 1896 to 1916), W. R. Caries (49 vols.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of November last was 1,203, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 7,039.

An Exhibition of Art Books had been held in the Art Gallery for the students of the School of Art.

2-Sub-Committee-Resolved, That Alderman Davies be appointed a Member of the Sub-Committee in the place of the late Councillor Merrett.

Report of Sub-Committee-The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th instant: Present-Alderman Steel (in the chair), Councillor Green and Messrs. W. R. Caries and F. J. Caudle.

They recommended-

(1) That the Magazine and News Room be opened on Bank Holiday, and that the Attendant be paid 3/- for his services on that day.

(2) That books to the value of £30 (including £10 from the Leslie Young Bequest) be purchased.

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

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, 22nd December, 1916: Present: -Alderman Steel, Councillors Haddock, Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Steel in the Chair)

1-General District Rate-Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 22nd instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £8,136 16s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £15,537 2s. 10d.

2-Water Rate-Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 22nd instant on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended the 25th March next. Amount collected £4,850 11s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £4,434 18s. 11d.

3-Loans-The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged for the continuance of Loans of £660 and £250. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

He also reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of the Mortgage of £3,000 on the Barn Farm for a period of 2 years. Resolved, That the same be approved and that the Mortgage be endorsed accordingly.

4-Borough Accountant's Department-Read, an application from Mr. J. Midwinter, a clerk in the Borough Accountant's Department, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased from 24/- to 30/- per week.

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

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

In hand on the 28th November last	5,129 11 3
Received since that date	6,902 1 0
	12,031 12 3
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £750)	<u>8,731 6 9</u>
In Hand	3,300 5 6
being Sinking Fund Accounts	5,248 2 5
" "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>161 17 7</u>
	5,410 0 0

less General Accounts (overdrawn)	<u>2,109 14 0</u>
	3,300 5 6

ROBT. STEEL,
Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 1st January, 1917, at 3 p.m., Present:

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

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL)

Aldermen:

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

Councillors:

FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK WILLIAM HENRY HORSLEY
ALFRED MANN WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK JAMES
STEWART PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS

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Resolved,

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

2-Resignation of Councillor Blakeney-Read a letter from Mr. John Blakeney, resigning his office of a Councillor for the North Ward.

Resolved, That in consequence of the resignation of Mr. J. H. Maloney, the office of a Councillor for the North Ward be declared vacant, and that notice thereof be given accordingly.

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

4-Maternity and Child Welfare Committee-Resolved, That the Report of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee at their meeting of the 18th December last, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved also, That Councillor Stewart be appointed a Member of the Committee, and that the Voluntary Health Society be additional representative on the Committee.

5-Street and Highway Committee-Resolved, That time proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th and 22nd December last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: That Minute No. 8 re Horses be referred back for further consideration.

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

7-Electricity and Lighting Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 11th and 14th December last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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9-General Purposes and Watch Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th December last, be approved and confirmed, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 6 of this Committee's proceedings on the 22nd June, 1915, re Motor Cab Licences be varied accordingly.

10-Art Gallery and Museum Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th 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 19th December last, be approved and confirmed.

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- 12th December last, be approved and confirmed.

14-Finance Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd 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.

15-Notices of Motion-Councillor Horsley gave notice of his intention to move at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council:

That a Statement be prepared of the cost of the stationery and stamps used in each of the Departments of the Corporation during the year ended the 31st March, 1916.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 5th February, 1917.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th January, 1917: Present-The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1-Houses without proper Ash Receptacles -The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no propel ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: -7 Rutland Street, 6 and 8 Fairhaven Cottages, 333 High Street, and 20 St. George's Street. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2 -Overcrowding at 5 New's Cottages, Alstone-The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates.

Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3- Cleansing and Whitewashing at 11 Elm Street, 54 Queen Street, 1 and 2 Railway Bank, Granley Road, 94 and 95 Tewkesbury Road, 1 and 2 Derrett's Cottages, Alstone, 10 Pretoria Terrace, 26 Bath 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 cleaned and limewashed.

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4-Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Providence Cottages, Lower Alstone, and 13 and 17 Naunton Crescent--The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5-Insanitary Property-94 Tewkesbury Road, 7 Elm Street, 10 Pretoria Terrace, 61 Union Street, 8 Pittville Street, 26 Bath Street--The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6-Manure Receptacle-The Inspector of Nuisances reported that Mr. R. Jones, of Townsend Street, had failed to comply with the Byelaw requiring the weekly removal of manure from his premises. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the penalties incurred if the manure is not at once removed.

7-Houses Let in Lodgings-The Medical Officer of Health recommended that the landlords of the following houses let in lodgings, viz.: 5, 6, 8 and 11 St. Paul's Street South, be required to give the necessary information for registration. Resolved, That the landlords of the houses above mentioned be served with Notices requiring them to supply the information necessary for the registration of the houses by the Council as specified in No. 7 of the Byelaws with respect to houses let in lodgings, except as to the age and sex and names of the occupants.

8-Houses without proper Water Supply-4 Portland Street, 8 Pittville Street, and 331 High 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 owners requiring them to do all such works as may be necessary for that purpose.

9-Destruction of Diseased Meat-The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows:-On the 2nd instant the carcase and offal of a heifer, and also the carcase and offal of a pig. (Total weight destroyed, 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs)

10-Sewers-Tewkesbury Road-The Borough Surveyor reported that about two yards of the Wyman's Brook Main Sewer in Moors' Gardens, Tewkesbury Road, had collapsed. This was being repaired, and the sewer in the neighbourhood would be examined before the repairs were completed. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

Commercial Street-The Borough Surveyor recommended that the brick sewer in Commercial street be reconstructed at an estimated cost of £320 Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted, and that the cost be paid out of the South Eastern and Tivoli District Sewers Loan,

11-Pig Keeping-Read, a letter from the Local Government Board with reference to the need for increasing the food production of the country and in regard to increasing the number of pigs kept and the development of poultry and rabbit rearing

A regulation was about to be made enabling any Local Authority to give permission for the keeping of pigs either generally or in particular cases notwithstanding any byelaw to the contrary. In some districts the Board thought that the Local Authority would be able to give a general dispensation by public notice from the restrictions imposed by any byelaws. In these cases it might be desirable to impose conditions as to cleanly maintenance of styes, etc., and the regulation would enable this to be done. It was understood that no action under the Regulation would interfere with the ordinary law in regard to nuisances.

It was not contemplated that pigs should be kept in closely aggregated areas, but it was felt that in many urban areas there were areas of a rural nature where pigs could be kept without risk of nuisance. The object in view was to develop the keeping of pigs in places where there was likely to be a supply of food refuse available for their feeding. Apart from individual pig-keepers, groups of people might be found who would combine to keep a number of pigs jointly and by their united efforts would be able to make a systematic collection of sorted waste from shops and from hotels and boarding houses, &c, and in this way provide economically for most of the food for the pigs by material which might otherwise be wasted.

Resolved. That the inspector of Nuisances be authorised to give permission for keeping pigs in suitable cases.

12—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th January, 1917 Present: —The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 8th instant was 1 foal, 7 colts, 7 horses (and 3 at the Depot), 135 head of cattle, 7 calves, 50 sheep, 34 lambs 8 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 1 head of cattle had been purchased for the £211 15s 0d., and 3 calves had been bred on the farms. 17 head of cattle (including 1 calf) had been sold for £336 5s 6d., and 15 tegs for £48 2s 9d (Total sales 384 8s 3d)

Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to supply Mr. Stephens with the materials required for the repair of the cottage at Hayden occupied by him.

Cultivation of Land—Read, a letter from Mr. J. Warren offering to let to the Corporation 6½ acres of garden land at Hester's Way. Resolved, That the land be taken for one year as from the 29th September last at the rent of £2 10 per acre and rates in addition, and that an agreement be entered into accordingly.

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

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th January, 1917: Present— The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Leckhampton Road—Read, letters from Mr. J. N. Hobbs and Miss Geeves with reference to the condition of the footpath in Leckhampton Road from Halland Road to Moorend Road. Resolved, That the footpath be inspected at the next View Meeting.

2-Horses—Resolved, That the horse "Duke" be sent to the Kennels and that the horse "Boxer" be continued on light work at the Destructor.

3—Trees—Gloucester Road—Read, a memorial from S. J. Barter and others with reference to the trees opposite the garden land in Gloucester Road adjoining the Lansdown Station. Resolved, That the alternate trees (9) be removed.

4—Battledown Approach—Read, a letter from Mr. G. A. Hawkins calling attention to the hedge which overhangs the footpath in Battledown Approach. Resolved, That the Owners be required to cut back the hedge.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th January, 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Horsley, Sawyer and Stewart (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

5-Borough Surveyor': Monthly Report re Highways —The Borough Surveyor reported the work done by the Highways Department from the 22nd December, 1916, to the 25th January, 1917 (both dates inclusive). Ashes Collection and Disposal—During five weeks ended the 18th January, 1917, 959 loads collected, 905 consumed, 54 tipped. Total weight consumed, 1,249 tons 17 cwt.

6-Trees—The Borough Surveyor submitted the Tenders (2) received for the trees ordered to be removed from the streets. Resolved, That the Tender of Mr. J. Warren of £25 5/- (the highest) be accepted.

Read, a letter from Mr H. Paish asking for the removal of a tree opposite Naini Tal, Gratton Road.

Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee. -

7-Main Roads: The Town Clerk submitted draft Agreement with the County Council which provided for an annual contribution by the County of £3,766 for the three years ending the 31st March, 1920, for Main Roads and £2,300 for Contribution Roads. The yearly grant for Main Roads included an additional £100 asked for by the Committee to be added to the salary of the Borough Surveyor for his services in supervising the repair and maintenance of the Main and Contribution Roads.

Resolved, That the Agreement be approved and the Common Seal be affixed to an engrossment hereof.

Resolved, also, That the Council be recommended to increase the salary of the Borough Surveyor as from the 1st April 1917, by £100, this being the amount allowed by the County Council for his services in connection with the Main and Contribution Roads.

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8-Horses-The Borough Surveyor had purchased 2 horses for the Highways Department for £93 and £90 respectively, which had been examined by Mr. F. W. Taylor, veterinary surgeon, and passed as sound.

9—Tar Painting—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain tenders for tar Painting the road for consideration by the Committee.

10—Workmen—Read, a letter from Mr. W. Betteridge, District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, applying, on behalf of the Destructor Workmen, for an increase of wages of 3/- a week, with time and a half for Sunday work and for an increase of 6/- a week for other workmen Resolved, That the Council be commended to grant an additional war bonus of 2/- a week, with time-and-a-half for Sunday work, to the Destructor workmen, and an additional war bonus of 2/- a week to the other men employed in the Highways Department, except those paid by the hour at the standard rate of wages.

11—Back Road to York Terrace—Read, a letter from Staff-Sergt-Major Doe, of the A.S.C, stating that on the 19th instant owing to the darkness, he had taken the wrong turning and fallen into the Chelt at the back of York Terrace. The Town Clerk reported that he had served Notices on the Owners of York Terrace, under Section 30 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907, to provide a gate so as to prevent danger of similar accidents. Resolved, That this be approved, and failing compliance with the Notice, a gate be provided and the cost recovered from the Owners.

12-College Road Tip—The Town Clerk reported that the Owners of the land in College Road used by the Corporation as a tip were willing to allow the land to be broken up for cultivation and to extend the lease for a period of 7 years from the 9th September, 1919, subject to the proviso that the land shall be seeded down in the last year of the term for permanent pasture. Resolved. That this be approved, and that the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement embodying these terms.

13---Pig Keeping—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture with reference to increasing the supply of pigs, etc., and asking the Council to promote an organised effort for securing the separation of products suitable for pig feeding which might otherwise be wasted, and their collection for the use of pig keepers. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a Scheme for the collection of food refuse, for the consideration of the Committee.

14—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 9th 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 9th January, 1917: Present—The Mayor, the Depth' Mayor; Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1364	The Gloucestershire Aircraft Co.	New Buildings, Sunningend Works, St. Mark's

Resolved, That the same be disapproved

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th January, 1917: Present—Alderman Davies, Councillors Green, Haddock, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths —The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1916 to 31st December, 1916, were as follows: -

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Receipts	505 2 7	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	1012 9 4
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>404 5 0</u>
	£505 2 7		£1,416 14 4

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that from the 19th December, 1916, to the 16th January, 1917, 115 Medical Baths had been given, including 55 to wounded soldiers.

2-Alstone Baths—The Borough Accountant reported that the Receipts and Payments in respect of these Baths from 1st April, 1916 to 31st December, 1916 were as follows: —

£. s. d.	£. s. d.
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Receipts	304 8 0	Expenses (including Rates, &c.)	437 11 11
		Loans—Interest and Redemption	<u>253 5 0</u>
	£304 8 0		£690 16 11

Washing Baths— The Borough Surveyor reported that up to the 13th instant 39,604 soldiers' baths had been given.

3 —Mineral Waters—Sales—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the

Central Spa since the last Meeting was 1,377, as compared with 1,396 for the corresponding period last year.

The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 66 as compared with 221.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE•

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 4th January, 1917: Present—Councillors Dodwell, Green, Horsley, Mann and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Wages of Employees—Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, Local Organising Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal, and General Workers, applying on behalf of the employees at the Electricity Works for an increase of wages, etc., as follows: —

Wages—An all-round increase of 2d. per hour for all men engaged at the Works.

Overtime—Shiftmen—To be paid at the rate of time and a quarter for the first two hours, and time and a half for every hour afterwards, Christmas Day double time, and Sundays time and a half.

Holidays—One week annually as at present.

Overtime—Fitters and Labourers—To be paid at the rate of time and a quarter for the first two hours, and time and a half for every hour afterwards. Saturdays, time and a half. Sundays, double time.

Any man called on to work after having ceased work and gone home to be paid double time.

Any man put to do work which is paid for at a higher rate than he usually receives shall be paid the higher rate while engaged on that work.

Working in water and dirty work to be paid one shilling per day extra.

Holidays—All Bank Holidays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, with pay.

Resolved, That a meeting of the Committee be held on the 11th instant to further consider the application, and that a deputation of the men be invited to attend the meeting,

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 11th January, 1917 Present—The Mayor, Councillors Green, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

2 — Wages of Employees—Read, a letter from Mr. Betteridge, Local Organising Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal, and General Workers, making an application for an increase of wages, etc., for the outdoor staff similar to that sent in for the indoor staff.

A deputation of the men, accompanied by Mr. Betteridge, attended the meeting. Resolved, That Mr. Betteridge be informed that the Committee are prepared to recommend that an additional war bonus of 2/- a week be granted and also 1/6 per week in lieu of holidays and sick pay.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 25th January, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Horsley, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

3—Electric Vehicle—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted tenders (2) received for an electric vehicle to be constructed in accordance with the specification prepared by him. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Ransome, Sims & Jefferies. Limited, of £924 (the lowest) be accepted, subject to a contract to be prepared by the Town Clerk being entered into.

4—Wages of Employees—Read, a letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, refusing on behalf of the employees the offer made at the last meeting of the Committee. Resolved, That the Town Clerk and Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to see Mr. Betteridge to discuss the matter with him and ascertain if there was any prospect of arranging a settlement by agreement.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th January, 1917: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Taylor and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 15th January, 1917.

Average for corresponding period
during last 3 years.

Hewletts Springs	1,411,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,114,000

1,496,000 gallons
2,156,000

Leckhampton Springs 504,000
 Total 4,029,000

451,000
 4,103,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS.

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	15th January, 1917.		15th January, 1916.	
Hewletts		27,142,000 gallons		29,246,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 1in.	100,000,000 "	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft 0in.	<u>1,756,000</u> "	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,621,000</u> "
Total Storage		128,898,000 "		130,867,000 "

2-Salt Farms-Read a letter from Mr. W. Edwards, of Salts Farm, asking that a new kitchen range should be provided. Resolved, That this be adjourned until after the War

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd January, 1917: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of the premises in Folly Lane in the occupation of Mr. James Baglin, which were still under quarantine, the Borough was free from Swine Fever.

Parasitic Mange—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Parasitic Mange at the stables belonging to the Gloucester Co-operative Society in Market Street. Proceedings had been taken against the Society for failing to notify the existence of the disease, and a fine of £10 had been imposed by the Justices.

He also reported outbreaks at the Corporation Depot, St. James' Square, and Arle Farm.

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported an outbreak of fire on the 10th instant at the Battledown Brick Works, Hale's Road. Damage about £250. Brigade expenses, £4 2s. 6d. Cause not apparent.

He also reported that Firemen T. A. Collins and S. Hunt had been called up for military service, and steps were being taken to fill the vacancies during their absence.

3—Motor-Cab Licence—Read, an application from Mr. T. P. Worgan, of Queen's Lodge, Trafalgar Street, for a Motor-Cab Licence. Resolved, That a licence be granted subject to an inspection and satisfactory report thereon.

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4—War Charities Act, 1916—Read, an application from the Treasurer of the 4th Battalion Middlesex Regiment Prisoners of War Care Committee, the administrative centre of which was 4, Lansdown Terrace, Cheltenham, to be registered under the War Charities Act, 1916. Resolved, That a certificate of registration be granted.

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

General Hospital	•	£30 19 1
Female Refuge	• • • •	3 7 4
Female Orphan Asylum	• • •	4 0 9
Blind Asylum	• •	4 0 9
Nazareth House and Corinth House		34 19 6
Coburg Society (Bath Street)		3 15 3
Victoria Home for Nurses		11 8 10
Provident Dispensary		4 0 9
Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital		10 15 4
Boys' Orphan Asylum		2 13 10
Home for Sick Children		8 1 6
Association for Care of Friendless Girls		5 12 5
Home for Aged Pensioners, 3 Monson Terrace		<u>2 10 8</u>
		£126 6 0

6—Licence to Store Petroleum—Read, an application from Mr. Charles Giles, of 18 Upper Bath Road, for a licence to store 100 gallons of Petroleum. The Inspector reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

7—Fruit Market—Read, a letter from Messrs. Castle and Bloss asking that additional accommodation for the storage of pots should be provided at the Fruit Market, and also that a letter box should be placed on the entrance gate. Resolved. That a letter box be provided, and that the question of additional storage accommodation be adjourned.

8—School Clinic, Municipal Offices—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee asking for an electric lamp to be provided in the passage to the School Clinic and also a blind to the front central window. Resolved, That the blind be provided, and that the question of the electric lamp be considered in November.

9—Sunday Trading—Read, a letter from the Secretaries of the Cheltenham Grocers' Association stating that it had been found in many large cities and populous towns that Sunday Trading was greatly increasing, especially since the Early Closing Order came into force, which restricted the hours of trading

on Saturday evenings, and asking the Council to pass a Resolution, to be forwarded to the Home Office, in favour of restricting Sunday Trading to an hour not later than 10 a.m. Resolved, That no action be taken.

J. WAGHORNE,
Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th January, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillor Green and Stewart (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 894 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 13th ultimo.

The following gifts had been received for the Museum: —

Arrowhead, from Mr. A. Bullock Webster.

Eggs from N.W. Provinces of India, from Mrs. Sanders, of Weybridge.

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

2—Direction Notices—On the recommendation of the Curator, Resolved, That three finger-posts be erected at a cost of 22/- each at various points in the town directing to the Public Library and Art Gallery and Museum, the cost to be borne equally by this Committee and the Public Library Committee.

R. DAVIES,
Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 12th January, 1917: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Dodwell, Sawyer and Taylor (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Cultivation of Land—Alstone Lawn—The Borough Surveyor reported that this land had been set out in about 28 plots, which had all been let.

All Saints' Road—The Borough Surveyor also reported that the piece of land adjoining Braunston had been set out in 4 plots of 1 chain each and had been let.

College Road Tip—The Borough Surveyor reported that the owners of this land had consented to it being used as garden ground. A plan was being prepared for dividing the land into lots of about a chain each. Resolved, That this be approved.

Land in Naunton Lane—The Town Clerk reported that this land was let by the owners for grazing, so that it could not be appropriated for cultivation under the Order.

Naunton Lane Tip—The Borough Surveyor reported that some of this land might be cultivated, and that Mr. H. J. Millard, of Leicester Terrace, had made an offer to take it. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

Land at Hester's Way—Read, a letter from Mr. Warren, offering two plots of land at Hester's Way, containing 6½ acres, for cultivation. Resolved, That the Farms Sub-Committee be asked if they can arrange for the cultivation of the land.

Additional Land—The Borough Surveyor reported that 94 applications for land had been received and that 54 applicants had been provided with land. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to advertise for additional land. Resolved also, That the Committee meet on the 16th instant to inspect uncultivated land at Bayshill, etc.

2—Market Gardeners' Association—Read, a letter from the Cheltenham Market Gardeners' Association, offering their assistance and sending a list of their members who were willing to give advice to allotment holders in regard to cultivation of their allotments. Resolved, That the Association be thanked for their offer, and that the tenants of the various plots be informed of the offer and the names of the members willing to advise them if required.

3—Seed Potatoes—Read, a letter from Mr. G. H. Hollingworth, Secretary to the Executive Committee of the County War Agricultural Committee, stating that the Board of Agriculture had under consideration a scheme for the distribution of seed potatoes, and asking for an estimate of the quantity likely to be required by smallholders, occupiers of allotments, and private gardens in the Borough. The Town Clerk reported that he had published an advertisement in the Echo and that an estimate of the quantity of potatoes would be forwarded to the County Committee.

4—Arable and Market Garden Land—Read, a report from Messrs. F. W. Brown, J. G. Villar, and W. J. F. Wood of their inspection made at the request of the Committee to ascertain (1) the area of land in the Borough now in seeds or temporary pasture which was suitable for growing spring corn, (2) the area of land insufficiently cultivated, and (3) the area of land out of cultivation. Resolved, That a copy of the report be sent to the County Committee.

W. SAWYER,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 16th January, 1917: Present — The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Dodwell and Taylor (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

5—Cultivation of Land—The Committee inspected the following lands: —

3 Pieces of Land at Bayshill.
The Vineyards, Gloucester Road.

Resolved, That possession be taken of an unoccupied paddock at Bayshill belonging to the Trustees of the late Mr. E. H. Parsonage, and also the Vineyards, Gloucester Road, belonging to the Representatives of the late Mrs. Slader, and that Notice thereof be given to the Owners. Resolved, also, That in the case of

the Vineyards, the Owners be informed that the Notice will be withdrawn if they will take immediate steps to have the land cultivated.

Land at Hester's Way—Resolved, That the Farms Sub-Committee be asked to consider if they can undertake the cultivation of 2 acres of land belonging to Mr. Kearsey and 2 acres of land and a garden belonging to Mrs. Pates at Hester's Way, the use of which the Owners were willing to grant rent free.

JOHN D. BENDALL,
Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 24th January, 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Dodwell and Sawyer (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

6 —Pittville Gardens--Subway—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had examined the subway in the Pittville Garden and found that the fracture was confined to the glazed brick lining, and that the main arch was intact. This was being wedged and re-pointed and the arch would be periodically inspected. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

7—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from the Officer Commanding the, 5th Batt. Royal Berks. Regt., thanking the Council for the use of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground for drilling, etc., and also acknowledging the services rendered by the Superintendent (Mr. Lodge).

8—Cultivation of Land—Land inn Sandford Road—The Town Clerk reported that the owner had entered into an agreement with Mr. H. Towel' for the cultivation of the land in Sandford Road (late Heath's Nurseries). Resolved, That the Notice of Entry by the Corporation under the Order be withdrawn.

The Vineyards, Gloucester Road—The Town Clerk reported that this land had been let by the owners for allotments. Resolved, That the Notice be withdrawn.

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan sheaving the laying out of the west corner of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground in 24 lots of about one chain each. Resolved, That the plan be approved and the land let for cultivation.

Naunton Park Recreation Ground—Resolved, That the piece of land containing about four chains shown on the plan sub-mitted be let for cultivation.

Monson Avenue—Resolved, That a piece of unoccupied garden land in Monson Avenue, adjoining Barrington Cottage, be entered in pursuance of the Cultivation of Land Order 1916, and that Notice thereof be given to the Owner.

Gardens—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the local house agents to the gardens attached to vacant houses, and to suggest that arrangements should be made to let these to suitable tenants for cultivation.

W. SAWYER,
Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held On Tuesday, the 16th January, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green and Mann, Miss Fagan, Messrs. F. J. Candle, E. Gridley, TV. G. Gurney and A. Miles (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian: —Receipts: £3 11s. 7d. Presentation: Mrs. Reeves (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of December last was 1,149, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 6,574.

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

They recommended—

(1) That 3 Direction Notices to the Public Library and the Art Gallery and Museum be purchased at a cost of £5 6/-, the cost to be borne equally by this Committee and the Public Library Committee.

(2) That the "Vegetarian" be purchased at a cost of 1/6 per annum.

(3) That the Librarian be authorised to engage a female junior assistant.

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

ROBT. STEEL,
Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 26th January, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, and Councillor Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4898 to 4922 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2—Cemetery Chapel—Read, a letter from the Rector with reference to the Church of England Chapel at the Cemetery. Resolved, That the next Meeting be held at the Cemetery and that the Committee inspect the Chapels.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Cross to grave of Brig.-General W. O. Ramsay; Headstone to grave of Frank Forty; Kerbing to grave of Selina Jenkins.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 30th January, 1917 Present: —The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Silk and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £16,328 11s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £7,345 7s. 10d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 30th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 31st March, 1917. Amount collected £8,787 1s. 5d.

3 —Gloucestershire Volunteer Regiment—Read, a letter from Mr. R. J. Winterbotham, Commandant of "C" Company of the 3rd Batt. Gloucestershire Volunteer Regiment (Cheltenham and District), asking the Council to make a grant to the fund now being raised for the equipment of the Battalion. Resolved, That a grant of £21 be made.

4—Loan—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of a Loan of £500. Resolved, That the terms be approved and the Debenture endorsed accordingly.

5—Insurance—Aircraft—Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be instructed to renew for one year the insurance of the Corporation properties against aircraft. Fire Insurance—Resolved, That in consideration of the County Fire Office allowing a discount of no per cent. on the annual premiums payable under the policies, the Corporation undertake to continue their insurance with the County Fire Office for a period of 5 years, subject to the right of the Corporation to make any alteration or adjustment in the amount insured which may from time to time be required owing to change of circumstances.

6—War Loan—Resolved, That £4,000 of the 5 per cent. War Loan be taken up out of the Consolidated Loans Fund.

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

In hand on the 22nd December last	3,300 5 6
Received since that date	29,642 5 4
	32,942 10 10
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £750)	<u>18,396 9 1</u>
	In Hand 14,546 1 9
being General Accounts	9,479 17 3
"Sinking Fund Accounts	4,898 12 3
"" Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>167 12 3</u>
	14,546 1 9

J. WAGHORNE,
Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 5th February, 1917, at 3 p.m., Present

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

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL)

Aldermen:

RICHARD DAVIES ROBERT STEEL
CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors:

FRANK CHARLES DODWELL EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN PERCY HADDOCK WILLIAM HENRY HORSLEY
ALFRED MANN WILLIAM SAWYER EDWIN CHARLES SILK THOMAS WILLIAM SMITH JAMES STEWART PETER
PHILIP TAYLOR WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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

2—Election of Councillors—North Ward—A Notice, signed by two Burgesses, of the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. John Henry Blakeney, having been received, Resolved, That Mr. John William Betteridge, of Melville, Swindon Road, Cheltenham, be elected a Councillor for the North Ward to fill the vacancy caused by such resignation.

Read, letters from Messrs. J. H. Hanson Powell, William George Earengy, James Percival Winterbotham and Stanley Wyndham Jamieson, resigning the office of a Councillor for the North, Central, East and South Ward respectively.

Resolved, That in consequence of these resignations, the office of a Councillor for the North, Central, East and South Ward respectively be declared vacant, and that Notice thereof be given accordingly.

Notices signed by three members of the Council and countersigned by the Town Clerk signifying the declaration of such vacancies having been duly given, and Notices of the vacancies signed by two Burgesses having been received, it was Resolved, That the following gentlemen be elected Councillors to fill such vacancies: —

North Ward ... Mr. James Henry Boulter, of Brock worth Lodge, Pittville.

Central Ward ... Mr. Albert Robins Caudle, of Wyeclyffe, Libertus Road.

South Ward...Mr. James Moore, of 1, Oxford Place.

East Ward...Mr. John Poytress Pates, of Morecambe, Sydenham Road South.

3—Vacancies on Committees—Resolved, That the following Members of the Council be appointed Members of the Committees opposite which their names are respectively set: —

Public Health Committee ... Councillors Betteridge, Caudle and Moore.

Town Improvement Committee ... Councillors Boulter and Pates (the latter in the place of Alderman Davies, who had resigned his membership of the Committee).

Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee Councillors Betteridge and Boulter.

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Burial Board Committee-Councillor Caudle

Finance Committee-Councillor Horsley.

Public Library Committee-Betteridge and Caudle.

Art Gallery & Museum Committee-Councillor Moore.

Education Committee Councillors, Caudle, Moore and Pates.

Water Committee Councillor Pates in place of Councillor Horsley (resigned).

4—Retiring Councillors--Resolved, That this Council desire to record their appreciation of the services of the late Members of the Council who have resigned office owing to absence on military or other services in connection with the War, and to express the hope that at some future time they may be able to serve again on the Council.

5—National Service—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding copy of a letter received by Lord Rhondda from the Director General of National Service with regard to the enrolment of National Service Volunteers, and asking for the hearty co-operation of Local Authorities under the Scheme. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the General Purposes Committee with power to appoint a National Service Recruiting Committee.

6—One Man Businesses -Read, a letter from Brig.-General Grove forwarding an outline of a Scheme for dealing with one man businesses recently adopted by the Hammersmith Town Council, and asking, in view of the present pressing need of men for the Army, that a Scheme should be adopted by the Council, as this would not only be conferring a valuable boon upon a deserving body of men, but would also be freeing the hands of the Tribunals to liberate those who might otherwise be considered eligible for exemption on domestic or financial grounds. Resolved, That the letter and scheme be forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association, and that they be asked to consider the question of formulating a scheme.

7—Cultivation of Land—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board with reference to the Cultivation of Land Order 1916. The Board stated (1) that it was essential to secure the active co-operation of women in order that female labour should be utilised as fully as possible; (2) that the Board would offer no objection to a Local Authority themselves cultivating any land in their possession which they were unable to dispose of to[?] cultivators; (3) that the Board of Agriculture were willing to increase their contribution of £2 an acre for expenses

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where it was shown that a large expenditure was reasonably incurred, such extra contribution not to exceed an additional an acre; and (4) that any land taken by the Local Authority under the Order may be

regarded as Crown land and thus not subject to rates. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee.

8—Army Oats—Harvest, 1917—Read, a letter from the Controller of Cultivated Land Areas, calling attention to the offer of the Army Council to occupiers of suit-able land now in permanent pasture for oats at the price of 41/3 per quarter of 320 lbs. The Food Controller had fixed the price of the Oat Crop of 1917 at 38/6 per quarter of 336 lbs., and the bonus in favour of the Army Council's offer was 4/7 per quarter and resulted in an average bonus of 22/11 per acre on a 5-quarter crop.

9—Gloucestershire Insurance Committee — Resolved, That Councillor W. H. Horsley be appointed a Representative of the Town Council on the Gloucester-shire Insurance Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor Merrett.

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

11—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 29th January last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: That Minute No. 10 (Workmen) be referred back for further consideration.

12—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th January last, be approved and confirmed. 13—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 4th, 11th and 25th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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

15—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd January last, be approved and confirmed.

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Motor cab Licence—Read, the report from Messrs. Mills and Sons, Ltd., of their inspection of the 14-18 Allday landaulette car belonging to Mr. T. F. Worgan. Resolved, That a licence be granted to Mr. T. F. Worgan subject to the car being fitted with a taximeter and a tyre with a grooved cover in place of one of the three plain tyres, as recommended by the report.

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

17—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meetings of the 12th, 16th and 24th January last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

20—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 30th 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.

21—Stationery and Postages—The motion of which notice had been given by Councillor Horsley was withdrawn by him.

Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 5th March, 1917.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th February, 1917: Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Margrett and Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Caudle, Green, Moore, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: --37 Rosehill Street, 32 Suffolk Parade, 1 and 2 Llewellyn Cottages, 29 Lansdown Place, and 20 Marle Hill 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 of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2-- Cleansing and Whitewashing at 1 Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road, 38 and 44 Malvern Street, 15 King Street, 7 Elm 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 7 Francis Street, 33 Naunton Crescent, Retford Villa, Prestbury Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains. and report to the Committee.

4- Insanitary Property—Retford Villa, Prestbury Road, 2 and 3 Gardner Cottages, Lower High Street, 1 Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road, 36 Malvern Street, Mabel Cottage, Chapel Lane, 7 Elm Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the Owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows: —The carcase and offal of a heifer, the carcase and offal of a sheep, one forequarter of beef, and 35 ox kidneys. (Weight destroyed, 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.)

6—Health Department—Read, an application from Mr. Victor S. Harris, temporary Assistant Inspector of Nuisances, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased from £85 16s. to £95 per annum.

Resolved, That one month's notice be given to terminate the appointment of Mr. R. A. Hunt, who was engaged to assist in the inspection of the soldiers' billets.

7—Pig Keeping—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding a copy of the following Regulation with reference to pig keeping, contained in the Order in Council of the 10th January last: -

"With a view to maintaining the stock of pigs in the country, any Local Authority by whom a bye-law has been made which is for the time being in force prohibiting, restricting, or regulating the keeping of pigs, may grant permission, either generally or in particular cases, to keep pigs, notwithstanding or contrary to any provisions of any such bye-law subject, however, to the observance of any directions of the Local Authority in the interests of public health."

8—Annual Reports of Medical Officer of Health—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that with a view to effecting further economies as regards Annual Reports, arrangements had been made with the Registrar-General which would simplify the returns required of vital statistics, &c. The usual memorandum on the preparation of Annual Reports, &c., of Medical Officers of Health would not be issued, but it was hoped that the importance of sending promptly to the Board copies of any special reports would not be overlooked. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Medical Officer of Health.

9—Sewer off Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the storm overflow sewer in Six Chimneys Lane had collapsed for about 80 yards, and he recommended that the sewer should be reconstructed with reinforced concrete tubes at a cost of about £200. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

10—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th instant. Present: — The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 12th instant was 1 foal, 6 colts, 7 horses (and 3 at the Depot), 6 calves, 134 head of cattle, 31 lambs and 49 sheep, and 39 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 4 head of cattle (including 1 calf) had been purchased for £60 15s. 0d., and 2 calves and 33 pigs had been bred on the Farms. 8 head of cattle (including 4 calves) had been sold for £110 15s. 9d., and 2 pigs for £10 15s. 11d. (Total sales £121 11s. 8d.) A cart colt suffering with paralysis had been killed and sent to the Kennels, and 3 tegs had died.

Pig Keeping—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to keep more sows. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. REES. JONES,

Chairman

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th February, 1917: Present—Tire Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Horsley and Stewart (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Tar Painting—The Borough Surveyor submitted the tenders (2) received for Tar Painting the roads. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. H. V. Smith & Co., of Westminster, of $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per super yard be accepted, subject to a contract being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

2-Horse-The Borough Surveyor reported that one of the horses recently purchased had developed humour in the near hind leg, and that Mr. Harvey had agreed to replace the horse with another horse. Resolved, That this be approved.

3--Timber Carriage—Resolved, That a second-hand timber carriage be purchased for £12 from Mr. W. A. Harman, of Min-chinhampton, if on inspection this is found to be in satisfactory condition.

4—Tenders—Read, a letter from the Cheltenham Association of Master Printers, Stationers, and Allied Trades, asking that the date for sending in tenders for stationery, printing, etc., might be extended for a month, and that tenders should be accepted for a period of 3 months only, and that for the following 9 months the prices should be subject to revision according to the prices then prevailing. Resolved. That the date for sending in tenders be extended for one month, and that tenders be accepted for one year subject to the right of either party to terminate the contract by one month's notice at or after the first 3 months. Resolved also, That a Meeting of the Stores Sub-Committee be held on the 21st instant, at 3 p.m., to consider the tenders for General Stores.

5 —Chelt Fence— Resolved, That the Committee inspect at their next View Meeting the fence along the Chelt between Barrett's Mill and Keynsham Road.

6— Workmen--The Committee further considered the application received from the local Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, on behalf of the workmen, for an increase of wages. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to grant to employees receiving less than 40/- a

week an additional war bonus as follows: 3/- a week, with time and a half for Sunday work, to the Destructor workmen, and 3/- a week to the other workmen, except those paid by the hour at the standard rate of wages, the first bonus to be payable in respect of the week ended the 8th instant.

JOHN D. BENDALL,
Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th February, 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

7—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 26th January to the 22nd February, 1917 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During four weeks ended the 15th instant, 769 loads collected, 733 consumed, 36 tipped. Total weight consumed, 972 tons 2 cwt.

8— Collection of Food Refuse—The Borough Surveyor submitted a report with reference to the collection of food refuse for pig keeping. Resolved, that as an experiment, the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the collection of food refuse in one district in the town.

9—Old Metal—The Borough Surveyor submitted tenders for the scrap metal at the Destructor. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. John Kesterton, of 62, Burton Street, of 12/- a ton, be accepted for 6 months, subject to an Agreement, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

10—Telegraphic Line—Read, an application from the Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, for permission to erect an overhead telegraphic line and also to lay an underground line in Regent Street, as shown on the plan submitted. Resolved, That permission be given, subject to the road and footpath being made good to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor and to arrangements being made to avoid placing the pole on the footpath.

11—National Housing and Town Planning Council—Read, a letter from the National Housing and Town Planning Council, inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Midland Counties Conference on "Housing and Town Planning after the War." to be held at the Council House, Birmingham, on the 22nd and 23rd proximo. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend.

12—Annual Tenders—The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 21st and 23rd instant— (Present: The Deputy Mayor (in the chair), Alderman Baker and Councillor Stewart)—and considered the tenders (95) for the supply of materials, etc., for the 12 months ending the 31st March, 1918. They recommended the acceptance of the schedule of prices from the following for the supply of goods required by the Corporation: —

E.L. Fittings -Edison-Swan Co.

Lime and Bricks-Bence & Sons, Ltd.

Disinfectants --Adcocks, Ltd.

Ironmongery -Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd., Jno. Fisher & Sons, Ltd.

Uniforms and Overalls -A. N. Cole, C. S. Watts, Goldsworthy & Son.

Castings -Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd., and Brickhouse Co. (joint contract).
 India Rubber Goods -Bird & Co., North British Rubber Co.
 Stoneware Pipes -Skey & Co.
 Tools-Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd., Bird & Co., Harvey & Sons, Ltd.
 Lead Pipe and Fittings -Sharpe & Fisher, Ltd.
 Wrought Iron, Steel and Files -Jno. Fisher & Sons, Ltd.
 Straw-Oldacre, Son & Co.
 White Lead, Oils and Colours -Jno. Fisher & Sons, Ltd., Bence & Sons, Ltd., Vaughan Bros.
 Household Goods and Sundries -W. H. Mack, Cheltenham Blind Institute, Jno. Fisher and Sons, Ltd.,
 Harvey & Sons, Ltd., Jackson & Painter, F. Bird & Co., Ambora Soap
 Co., Glaro Polish Co., Archer Bros., Johns & Sons, Boardman Bros.
 Cement -Kaye & Co.

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

13—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 13th and 26th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

14—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last: --The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann and Stewart.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee' held on Tuesday, the 13th February, 1917 Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, and Councillor Stewart (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1364	Gloucestershire Aircraft Co., Ltd.	New Buildings, Sunningend Works, St. Mark's
1365	do.	Alteration of Building for Motor House in road off Gloucester Road near Midland Railway Station.
1366	Harvey & Healing	Additions to Printing Works, Manchester Street
1367	Dale, Forty & Co.	Motor Garage, Regent Street

Resolved, That Plan No. 1366 be approved, and that Plans No. 1364 and 1365 be also approved, subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan Mo. 1367 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 26th February, 1917: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1367	Dale, Forty & Co	New Motor Garage, Regent Street (amended plan).

Resolved, That the plans be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,
Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th February, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Pates, Silk and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

1----Advertising—Mr. E. J. Burrow attended the Meeting and submitted the following proposals for Advertising during the ensuing year: —

	£	s.	d.
Advertising in "The Times" Special Spa Numbers, with illustrations, 10 insertions	21	0	0
"Royal Automobile Year Books	5	5	0
"" Daily Mail" leader column, 20 insertions	30	0	0
Illustrated Articles in Ladies Papers	10	0	0
Advertising in Birmingham Papers	20	0	0
""British Medical Journal"	12	0	0
""Lancet"	12	12	0
""London To-day"	5	0	0
Opal Illustration at Kingsway Bureau, 12 months, including transparency colour	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>£125</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>
	£	s.	d.
The amount allotted for Advertising last year was	112	19	0
Great Western Railway Advertising (Messrs. Wills, Ltd.)	60	0	0
" " " Posters	20	10	0
Views supplied to Midland Railway	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>85</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>£198</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

The contract with Messrs. Wills, Ltd., for advertising on the Great Western Railway had now expired
Resolved, That the proposals be approved and adopted

2-Archery Ground—Read, a letter from Miss Legh, Hon. Secretary of the Archery Club, stating that no meetings would be held this year, and asking to be allowed to store the targets at the Montpellier Gardens subject to a payment of £[missing] 1s. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

3--Afternoon Concerts—Read, a letter from Messrs. Georges Ltd., stating that in view of the small number of teas taken on Wednesdays, they would be unable to provide teas at the Concerts on that day.

4—Montpellier Baths—Read an application from Mr. R. J. Winterbotham, on behalf of " C Company of the Gloucestershire Volunteer Battalion, for the use of the Montpellier Baths for Lectures. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to payment of out of pocket expenses for lighting, cleaning, &c.

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that from the 23rd January to the 13th February, 1917, 82 Medical Baths had been given, including 42 to wounded soldiers.

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 1,002, as compared with 1,532 for the corresponding period last year.

The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 75 as compared with 160.

T. REES JONES,
Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 22nd February, 1917 Present — The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Horsley, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1— Wages of Employees—The Committee further considered the application made by the Local Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers on behalf of the employees of the Electric Light Department for an increase of wages, etc. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to grant an additional war bonus of 3/- a week.

2--National Service—Resolved, That the use of the Manchester Street Offices be granted, if required, in connection with the National Service campaign.

3—Gas Light and Coke Company v. Hackney Borough Council— Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of Hackney calling attention to the importance of the point raised in this case to all Electricity Undertakings and asking for a contribution to the costs of the action. Resolved, That a contribution of not exceeding 5 be made, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained.

E. C. GREEN,
Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 15th February, 1917 Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Pates, Taylor and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.		
	For 30 days, ended 12th February, 1917.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	467,000 gallons	492,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	2,040,000 "	1,852,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>498,000 "</u>	<u>539,000 "</u>
	Total 3,005,000	2,883,000

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS				
	Depth	Contents 12th February, 1917.	Depth	Contents 12th February, 1916.
Hewletts		26,407,000 gallons		29,197,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 9in.	98,706,000	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	<u>1,621,000</u>	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,485,000</u>
	Total Storage	126,734,000		130,682,000

2-Severn Fisheries Order—The Town Clerk reported that he had made application to the Severn Fishery Board for the renewal of the Order exempting the Pittville Lakes from the provisions of the Severn Fisheries Order, and that the Board had decided to grant a further exemption for 5 years from the 23rd February instant.

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 Monday, the 12th February, 1917: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—National Service—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding a copy of a letter received by Lord Rhondda from the Director-General of National Service with regard to the enrolment of National Service Volunteers. The Director-General wished to obtain the hearty co-operation of Local Authorities in the Scheme as follows: —

Offices—It was proposed that, where necessary, Volunteers should be interviewed with regard to their industrial qualifications under the direction of the officials of the Employment Exchanges, and the Director-General asked that the use of suitable buildings under the control of Local Authorities should be granted for the purpose. He also hoped that voluntary workers would be obtainable to help the officials of the Employment Exchanges with clerical assistance.

Recruiting Campaign—It was desired to inaugurate an active campaign throughout the country for securing Volunteers on the lines of that organised in 1915 for voluntary recruiting for the Army, and the Director-General suggested that Local Committees should be appointed to direct the work and also that the services of the officials of the local political organizations should be utilised.

Expenses—The expenses in connection with the recruiting campaign would be paid by the Director-General on the certificate of the Mayor.

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The Town Clerk reported that 24 members of the Municipal Officers' Guild had offered to give voluntary clerical assistance. Resolved, That the following be appointed the Local Committee for the Borough, with power to add to their number, viz: Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M.P., the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Boulter, Betteridge, Caudle, Green, Moore and Stewart, Messrs. E. Bourne, J. R. Claridge, F. C. Hardy, T. Lyon, J. Monro Briggs, T. H. Packer, G. S. Potter, S. Rogerson, R. O. Seacome, H. Stroud, E. A. Waghorne, C. Williams, A. C. White, and Sergt.-Major Brill. Resolved, also, That a Meeting of the Committee be summoned for Wednesday next at 5-30. Resolved, also, That the use of any available accommodation at the Municipal Offices be granted for the work.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 20th February, 1917: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Davies, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

2 --Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of the premises in Folly Lane in the occupation of Mr. James Baglin, which were still under quarantine, the Borough was free from Swine Fever. Parasitic Mange—Supt. Hopkins reported outbreaks of parasitic mange at the Plough Hotel Yard Stables in the occupation of Mr. E. Addis and Mr. N. Bloodworth.

3-Fire Brigade—The Captain of the Fire Brigade reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire on the 29th ultimo at St. Peter's Schools. Brigade expenses, £3 7s. 0d.

Also on the 7th instant to an outbreak at Cavendish House. Brigade expenses, 7s. 6d.

Also on the 19th instant to a serious outbreak at the Rectory, Cowley Manor. Damage about £200. Brigade expenses, £4 18s. 6d.

Motor Tender--Resolved, That a charge of £5 5s., plus the cost of petrol and oil, be made for the Motor Tender when used in connection with a fire outside the Borough.

4 Motor Cab Licence—Read, a letter from the Queen's Hotel Company stating that they had been unable to obtain a third Horse Carriage Licence, and asking that three Motor Cab Licences should be granted for the two Horse Carriage Licences given up. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to inspection and a satisfactory report thereon.

Children's Remand Home—Read, a letter from Supt. Hopkins stating that Mr. James Morris, who was under agreement with the Corporation to provide a Children's Remand Home under the Children Act

1908, had recently died, and that Mrs. Willis, of 4, Henrietta Street, was willing to continue to provide a home at the same charge, viz., 2/- a day. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, subject to an Agreement being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

6--War Charities Act—Read, an application from Mr. R. J. Winterbotham for the "C" Company of the 3rd Batt. Gloucester-shire Volunteer Regiment to be registered under the War Charities Act. Resolved, That the charity be registered.

7—Licence to store Carbide—Read, an application from the Wicliffe Cycle Company for a licence to store 2 cwt. of Carbide of Calcium at 400a, High Street. The Inspector reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

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8—Education Committee—Resolved, That the Council be recommended to reappoint Mr. W. Welstead a member of the Education Committee, his term of office. having expired on the 7th instant.

9—Renumbering of Montpellier Terrace—Read, a letter from Miss Hardwick, of Raby House, Montpellier Terrace, asking that the houses in Montpellier Terrace should be renumbered. Resolved, That the application be adjourned until after the War.

10—Early Closing—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Early Closing Association, of Ludgate Hill, London, calling attention to the Compulsory Early Closing Order which would cease to operate on the 30th April, after which early closing would again be voluntary. Resolved, That this Council is in favour of a Compulsory Early Closing Order, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary of State asking that the present Compulsory Order, which requires all shops to close at 8 p.m., should be continued.

11—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read, an application from Messrs. Earengy and Pruett, on behalf of Mrs. Field, for the renewal of the licence granted under the Cinematograph Act 1909 in respect of the Winter Garden. Resolved, That a licence be granted for the period ending the 7th February, 1918, subject to the model conditions recommended by the Secretary of State and to the other conditions contained in the previous licence so far as these are not covered by the model conditions.

J. WAGHORNE,
Chairman

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 14th February, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Moore and Stewart (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 928 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 8th January last.

Mr. A. H. Sutch had presented two pieces of Iron Pyrites and Crystals from Chili for the Mineral Collection.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Sutch.

Glass Roof—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the glass roof of the Art Gallery cleaned, at a cost of about £1.

2-Annual Cleaning—Resolved, That the Art Gallery and Museum be closed from the 26th March to the 9th April for the annual cleaning.

R. DAVIES,
Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Saturday, the 10th February, 1917: Present—Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Betteridge and Boulter (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1--Cultivation of Land—Land near Orrisdale Terrace—Read, a letter from the College Authorities stating that the College Council were willing to grant a lease of the land near Cheltondale, containing 4/ acres, for 3 years at a rent of £10 per annum, subject to a condition that at the end of the tenancy, the land should be grass seeded and a payment of £10 made as compensation for the loss of turf. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that the Common Seal be affixed to an Agreement embodying these terms.

The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan showing this land laid out in 44 chain lots. Resolved, That the land be let at 7/6, a chain and that the tenants be informed that the Committee will consider the question of increasing the rent at the end of the first year.

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground--The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Holliday and Page, Ltd., were willing to give up the tenancy of the grazing of the portion of this ground required for allotments, subject to the rent being reduced pro rata, viz.: from £8 to £5 12s. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

Resolved, also that Messrs. Holiday and Page, Ltd-, be granted permission to erect a wooden fence at the North-East Corner of the old ground for a sheep pen.

Starvehall, Prestbury—Read, a letter from Messrs. Engall, Cox and Co., offering to let 2 acres of land at Starvehall, Prestbury, at 45 per acre. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to send particulars of this land to the Assistant County Director of the Red Cross Society, who is desirous of obtaining land for Wounded Soldiers.

Supervision--The Borough Surveyor reported that with Mr. H. Unwin's permission, Mr. Stubbs, the head gardener at Arle Court, had offered to visit from time to time the new allotments to give advice and make reports as to the cultivation of the same.

The Borough Surveyor also reported that Mr. J. G. Villar had offered to act as arbitrator, free of charge, in settling any claim for compensation which may arise between the landlord and the temporary tenant of the gardens of unoccupied houses.

Resolved, That these offers be gratefully accepted.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 21st February, 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell, Sawyer and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

2 —Cultivation of Land—Land near Orrisdale Terrace—The Borough Surveyor reported that 42 plots of this land had been let.

Agg-Gardner, Naunton Park, and Land in Parabola Road—The Borough Surveyor, reported that all this land had been let.,

Starvehall —Read, a letter from Miss Yonge stating that this land would not be required for Wounded Soldiers.

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Applications—The Borough Surveyor reported that 184 applications had been received and that 114 applicants had been provided with land, 9 had obtained other land and 28 applicants had withdrawn their applications. It was hoped to obtain gardens of void houses for the remaining 33 applicants.

3—Recreation Grounds, &c.—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture with reference to the cultivation of Recreation Grounds and other "unoccupied land" in the possession of Local Authorities.

The Board entirely approved of land belonging to a Local Authority being temporarily devoted to the production of food where this would not involve at the end of the operation a serious liability for the cost of the restoration of the land to its original condition, and the Board desired to encourage any such action which Local Authorities may be in a position to take on their own account and at their own expense in cultivating, or arranging for the cultivation of, land belonging to them, but not immediately required for the purpose for which it was acquired. In order, however, to safeguard the liability of the Board for payment of compensation under paragraph 4 of the Regulations, Local Authorities should inform the Board when they proceed to cultivate their own land if they were acting under the Regulation and Order.

The Board were willing that the Regulation and Order should be construed as enabling Local Authorities to proceed on behalf of the Board in any case where the Local Authority informed the Board that the land was of such a character that no substantial claim for compensation would be made.

The Board also stated that a Regulation had been made making it an offence under the Defence of the Realm Acts to trespass on any land taken under the Order for Cultivation, provided a Notice was put up on the land.

Resolved, That Notices be put up on the land taken in pursuance of the Order.

Resolved, also, That no claim be made on the Board of Agriculture in respect of the portions of the Recreation grounds appropriated for cultivation.

4—Rates—Read, a letter from Mr. F. H. Harris, Assistant Overseer, stating that the Overseers would be willing to waive the payment of rates on gardens attached to void houses provided that any such land was ordinary kitchen garden and a certificate was produced showing that the land was taken in the National Interest.

5--Distribution of Seed Potatoes—Read, a letter from the County War Agricultural Committee stating that the Scheme for providing seed potatoes was intended only for the benefit of Small Holders, Allotment Holders and Cottage Gardeners who were not ordinarily able to obtain good seed for themselves, and

that Farmers, Professional Market Gardeners and also the Residential Class were not eligible to participate in the scheme.

In addition to the prices shown in the list enclosed, there would be the cost of railway carriage, &c., of from £2 to £3 per ton.

The Town Clerk reported that applications for seed potatoes had been received amounting to 8 tons 11 cwt., and that he had sent an order to the County Committee for the same. Resolved, That the action of the Town Clerk be approved.

Resolved, also, that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the distribution of the potatoes from the Central Depot and the collection of the money from the buyers.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd February, 1917: Present—Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Candle, Dodwell and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Inspection—The Committee met at the Cemetery. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the roads repaired where necessary.

Seeds—Resolved, That the Superintendent be authorised to purchase flower seeds to the value of £1

2-Salary of Superintendent—Read, an application from the Superintendent (Mr. Amery) for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased from £90 to a maximum of £100 per annum, and that the War Bonus now received by him be discontinued.

3—Workmen—Resolved, That an additional War Bonus of 3/- per week be granted to the permanent employees at the Cemetery.

4--Advance to Superintendent—Resolved, That the amount advanced to the Superintendent for the payment of wages and Minister's fees be increased from £50 to £60, and that the Resolution to Minute No. 1 of this Committee's proceedings on the 21st July last be varied accordingly.

5—Cemetery Chapel--The letter from the Rector with reference to the re-decoration, etc., of the Church of England Chapel' was further considered. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned until after the war.

Resolved also, That the Superintendent be instructed to have the Chapels spring cleaned, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the Ladies' Lavatory coloured out and the walls repaired where necessary.

6- -Damage to Monuments—The Superintendent reported that on the 10th instant a motor hearse belonging to the Bristol, Tramways and Carriage Company, Limited, damaged the monument and kerbing on three graves. The Town Clerk reported that he had communicated with the Company, who were having the damage made good.

7—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4923 to 4939 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

8—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Headstones to graves of John Milne Smith and John

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th February, 1917: Present—The Manor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Caudle, Horsley, Miss Fegan, Messrs. W. R. Carles, F. J. Caudle, E. Gridley, E. C. Rogers and H. Stroud (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian: —Receipts: 18s. 7d. Presentation: Rev. P. Johnstone (21 vols.); R. Austin (1 vol.); Registrar, Durham University (1 vol.); Lady Lee (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of January last was 1,591, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 7,802.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th instant: Present—Alderman Steel (in the chair), Messrs. W. R. Carles and F. J. Caudle.

They recommended—

(a) That books to the value of £30 be purchased, this being the balance of the interest on the Leslie Young Bequest for the year.

(b) That the periodicals "Architect," "Building News," and "Cassell's Magazine" be discontinued.

(c) That the "Electrical Times" be purchased at a cost of 2d. per week.

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

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 27th February, 1917: Present: —The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Horsley, Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £20,420 18s. 9d. Leaving outstanding £3,253 0s. 4d

St. Ann's Nursery College—Read, a letter from Miss Yonge, Assistant County Director, Red Cross Society, stating that St. Ann's Nursery College, Pittville Circus Road, had been lent to the Society as a hostel for

Red Cross Nurses, and asking for the remission of the General District Rate. Resolved, That the application be granted.

2-Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 31st March, 1917. Amount collected £10,748 11s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £2,438 2s. 0d.

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3-Reciprocal Investment —The Borough Accountant reported that the Rochdale Corporation were willing to lend £8,143 if a similar amount were advanced to them, the period of loan, length of notice, and rate of interest to be the same in each case. Resolved, That subject to the security offered being approved by the Town Clerk, the sum of £8,143 be advanced to the Rochdale Corporation out of the Sinking Funds, and that a debenture be issued for a like amount to be advanced by the Rochdale Corporation.

He also reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of the reciprocal loan of £2,700 with the Llandudno Corporation, and also loans of £6,000 and £4,450 with the Swansea Corporation. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and the debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of Loans amounting to £3,800. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and the debentures endorsed accordingly.

5—Fire Insurances—With reference to Minute No. 5 of this Committee at its last Meeting, Read, a letter from the County Fire Office asking that the undertaking enclosed therewith should be given. Resolved, That the Committee are not prepared to give the undertaking except in the form approved at its last Meeting.

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

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

In hand on the 30th January last	14,546 1 9
Received since that date	<u>25,813 17 11</u>
	40,359 19 8
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £2,900 and purchase of £4,000 War Loan, £3,800)	<u>24,283 8 2</u>
	16,176 11 6
being General Accounts	9,559 1 4
„ Sinking Fund Accounts	6,453 12 3
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>163 17 11</u>
	16,176 11 6

J. WAGHORNE,
Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 5th March, 1917, at 3 p.m., Present

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

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL)

Aldermen:

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

Councillors:

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

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting — Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 5th February, 1917, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

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

4—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 26th 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 Meeting of the 16th February 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 February last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: That Minute No. 1. (Wages of Workmen) be referred back for further consideration.

7—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th 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 Meetings of the 12th and 20th February last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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10—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meetings of the 10th and 21st February last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

13—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th February last, be approved and confirmed, and that the sum of £8,143 be borrowed from the Rochdale Corporation in respect of duly authorised loans sanctioned by the Local Government Board and that the Common Seal be affixed to the Debentures for securing the repayment thereof.

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

14—Memorials, Applications, etc.— Resolved, That the following letters be referred to the under-mentioned Committees, viz.: —

Letter from the Local Organizing Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal, and General Workers re Wages of Workmen.

To the Electricity and Lighting Committee.

Letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Municipal Officers' Guild re Bonus.

To the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 2nd April, 1917.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th March, 1917: Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Candle, Green, Moore, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles --The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: -3a and 5a Orchard Place, 1 Leigh Villas. Ewlyn Road, and 10 Andover Terrace. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 1a, 3a, 4a, 2, 3, 4 and 8 Orchard Place, 2 and 3 Clare Garden Cottages, 69 Upper Bath 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 4 Orchard Place, 2a and 4 Columbia Street, 2 Clare Garden Cottages. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 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—1, 1a, 2, 3, 3a, 4, 4a and 8, Orchard Place, 2 and 3 Clare Garden Cottages, 69 Upper Bath. 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.

s— Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read, an application from Mrs. Pryer, of 308, High Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the application be acceded to, subject to the premises being altered to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction of diseased meat as follows: —On the 23rd ultimo the carcase and offal of a bacon pig; on the 28th ultimo one forequarter of beef; and on the 8th, 9th and 10th instant the carcasses and offal of 3 pork pigs. (Weight destroyed, 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs.)

7—Hatherley Tank—Read, a letter from Mr. Hayward, of St. Mark's Emporium, offering to rent the land and buildings formerly used in connection with the Hatherley Tank, at £4 per annum and rates. Resolved,

That the offer be accepted subject to an Agreement being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.
Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the tank filled in.

8—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th instant. Present: — The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 12th instant was 7 colts, 7 horses (and 3 at the Depot), 5 calves, 128 head of cattle, 50 lambs, 30 tegs and 47 sheep, and 42 pigs, all doing very well. 4 calves and 50 lambs had been bred on the Farms. Since the last Meeting 1 cow in calf had been purchased for £20. 22 head of cattle (including 5 calves) had been sold for £228 3s. 1d., 3 sheep for £4 17s. 6d. and 3 skins for 10/6, (Total sales, £233 11s. 1d.)

9—Annual Stocktaking and Valuation—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee meet at the Farms on Friday, the 30th instant, for the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation.
Resolved, That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. REES JONES,
Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th March, 1917: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1-Tipping Wagons—The Borough Surveyor reported that the makers had altered the two tipping wagons to make them suitable for tipping tar macadam, at a cost of £20 each, and that they asked for a contribution towards this. Resolved, That a payment of £7 10/- for each wagon be made.

JOHN D. BENDALL,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th March, 1917: Present — The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker. Councillors Mann, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 23rd February to the 22nd March, 1917 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended the myth March, 1917, 769 loads collected, 730 consumed, 39 tipped. Total weight consumed, 985 tons 19g cwt.

3—Telegraphic Line—Regent Street—With reference to Minute No. 10 of the last Meeting of this Committee, the Borough Surveyor reported that the Superintending Engineer of the Post Office would not agree to the proposal that the pole should be placed on private property. Resolved, That the permission asked for be given, subject to the road and footpath being reinstated and the exact position of the pole being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and also to the pole being painted.

4—Tenders for Manure—The Borough Surveyor submitted the tenders (2) received for the manure for the ensuing year. Resolved, That the tender of Mrs. Hands of 7/- a load (the highest) be accepted.

5—Hayward's Lane—Read, a letter from the Rev. H. A. Corke calling attention to the condition of the footpath, &c., leading from Hayward's Road to the Battledown Approach. Resolved. That Messrs. Webb Bros. be asked to repair the same.

6—Old Footpath Paving—Resolved, That tenders be invited for the disused setts and Forest paving stones at the Depot.

7—Hay and Straw—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had purchased from Messrs. Mark Williams and Co. 10 tons of hay at £6 10/- a ton. An additional 40 tons would be required up to the end of March, 1918. He submitted an offer from Messrs. Oldacre and Sons to supply to tons at £6 10/- a ton. He expected to obtain 5 tons from the Sewage Works Field, and the Farms Committee would supply the other 15 tons after the hay harvest if early notice was given so that additional land could be put up for hay. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved, that the offer of Messrs. Oldacre and Sons be accepted, and that the Farms Committee be informed that this Committee will take 15 tons of hay at the market price after the hay harvest.

Resolved, also, That 10 tons of straw be purchased from Messrs Oldacre and Sons at £3 10/- a ton.

8—Light Railway--Track--Mr. McCormick attended the Meeting and stated that the Company were unable to obtain wood blocks or paving setts, and suggested, as a temporary measure, that the tramway track in Albion Street and the tramway margins in London Road should be repaired with tar macadam. Resolved, That under the circumstances this be agreed to, subject to the Company paying the cost of repairing the portions of the roadway for which they are responsible, and without prejudice to the right of the Corporation to require the Company to repair the track and margins with materials approved by them in accordance with the Agreement and Order when they consider this may be reasonably required.

9—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 26th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

10— Annual Tenders--Printing and Stationery—The Stores Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 23rd instant. Present: The Deputy Mayor (in the chair), Alderman Baker, Councillors Stewart and Wilkins. They recommended that the tenders of Messrs. J. Halden and Co., Ltd., for drawing materials, and the Cheltenham Printers' Association for the supply of printing and stationery at the prices set out in the Schedule (as revised by the Stores Sub-Committee), be accepted for the year ending the 31st March, 1918. Resolved. That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

11—Trees —On the recommendation of the Trees Sub-Committee, Resolved, That the large tree opposite 1, Castle Terrace, Gloucester Road, be removed, and that the tree opposite Naini Tal, Gratton Road, and also at the corner of Selkirk Street overhanging the garden of Sinclair, Pittville Circus, be not removed.

JOHN D. BENDALL,
Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 26th March, 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1367	Dale, Forty & Co.	New Motor Garage, Regent Street (Amended Plan)
1368	G. H. Roberts	New Porch to 18, All Saints' Terrace
1369	B. Bradbury	Additions to Ashcroft, Swindon Road

Resolved, That Plans No. 1367 and 1368 be approved, and that Plan No. 1369 be also 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 March, 1917: Present—Councillors Boulter, Green, Haddock, Pates, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1-Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that since the last Meeting 155 Medical Baths had been given, including 77 to wounded soldiers.

Swimming Baths-Resolved, That the Swimming Baths be opened on the 1st May next.

2 —Mineral Waters—Sales—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa from the 19th February to the 12th instant was 1,264, as compared with 1,138 for the corresponding period last year.

The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 64 as compared with 160.

3—Montpellier Gardens—Concerts—The Committee considered the question of providing Entertainments at the Montpellier Gardens during the coming Season, and Mr. A. W. Newton attended. Resolved, That the Council be recommended not to provide Entertainments this year.

4---Town Hall—Spa Concerts—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association asking if the Council would grant the use of the Large Drawing Room, &c., during the Summer Season for Spa Concerts. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to grant the application on the same terms as last year, viz. : The Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association to provide an Orchestra at the Central Spa ; and to continue the services of the Bureau and the provision of extra furnishing, newspapers, etc. ; and the Corporation to contribute a sum equal to one-half of the receipts from the sale of mineral waters dispensed at the Spa during the period for which the Orchestra is provided by the Association, towards the expenses of the Association, provided that such contribution shall not exceed £50.

5 Advertising—Read, a letter from Messrs. Wills, Ltd., the advertising agents for the Great Western Railway Company, stating that the Company were willing to accept £40 per annum for a further term of 5 years for the renewal of the exhibition of 2,000 views in railway carriages and 20 framed posters and an announcement in the official time table, the previous contract for which had recently expired. Resolved. That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

P. HADDOCK, Chairman

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 28th March, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Green' Pates, Silk and Stewart (the Mayor in the chair).

6—Easter Monday—Resolved, That the Cheltenham Rifle Band be engaged to play in the Promenade on Easter Monday morning from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the usual charge.

7--Town Hall—The Town Clerk reported that the Large Hall had been engaged for a Whist Drive on the 11th proximo by the Hospitals Day Committee, who had asked for an application to be made to the Justices for an occasional licence to enable the performance to be continued up to 12 midnight. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to in application to the Justices accordingly.

T. REES JONES,
Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th March, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Wages of Workmen—The Committee further considered the application made by the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, on behalf of the Workmen, for an increase of wages, etc. Resolved, That the Mayor, the Chairman, and Councillor Wood be appointed a Sub-Committee to confer with a deputation of three of the Employees.

E. C. GREEN,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 22nd March, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Horsley, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

2--Wages of Workmen—Read, a letter from the Local Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, stating that the Workmen had declined to meet the Sub-Committee appointed and had referred the matter to the Chief Industrial Commissioner.

A letter was read from the Chief Industrial Commissioner forwarding a copy of the letter from the Society and asking for the observations of the Council. Resolved, That a Meeting of the Sub-Committee be held to consider and approve a draft reply to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

3—Lamp Pillar—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that on the 19th instant a milk cart belonging to Mr. Prew, of The Reddings, collided with the lamp pillar at the corner of Marle Hill Road and Parade. Resolved, That an account for the damage be forwarded to Mr. Prew.

E.C. GREEN,
Chairman

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting, of this Committee held on Thursday, the 10th March, 1917: Present — Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Pates and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

For 30 days, ended 12th March, 1917.		Average for corresponding Period during last 3 years
Hewletts Springs	331,000 gallons	415,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,087,000	1,612,000
Leckhampton Springs	<u>129,000</u>	<u>120,000</u>
Total	2,147,000	1,547,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents 12th March, 1917	Depth	Contents 12th March, 1916
Hewletts		24,429,000 gallons		31,276,00 gallons
Dowdeswell	31ft. 0in.	94,756,000	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,485,000</u>	12ft 0in.	<u>1,621,000</u>
Total Storage		120,670,000		132,897,000

2-Arrears-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 settled and adjusted.

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,
Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 20th March, 1917; Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor. Aldermen Baker, Davies, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1-Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of Mr. Baglin's premises in Folly Lane, which were still in quarantine for swine fever, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that the Brigade had not attended any fires since the last Meeting. It had been summoned to attend a fire at Birdlip, but as this was beyond the radius fixed by the Council, the Brigade did not attend.

3--Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences—An application was received from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Co., Ltd., for licences to drive a motor cab for E. Giles, A. D. Mundy, J. W. Peacey, W. C. Smart, A. Stevens, F. Tiesac, and G. Falconer; also from the Manager of the Queen's Hotel for a similar licence for E. Woore. Supt. Hopkins reported that E. Woore was not yet 16 years of age, and he did not consider him old enough to have a motor cab driver's licence. Resolved, That licences be granted to all the men except Woore. and that the application in respect of the latter be adjourned for further enquiry.

4 National Service—Read, a circular letter from the Local Government Board expressing the hope that every encouragement would be given to the employees of Local Authorities to fill up the forms of over for service, and also stating that the fact of the officials of Local Authorities being enrolled would not entail the disturbance of the work of any Authority unless it should be of National interest to transfer the individuals elsewhere, and in such cases the Authority would be consulted.

A letter was also read from the Honorary Secretary' of the Municipal Officers' Guild asking for an assurance that members, enrolling, if called upon for service, would have their positions kept open for them. Resolved, That the Honorary Secretary of the Guild be informed that the positions of any of the officials called upon for National Service will be temporarily, where necessary, so as to keep the positions open for them on their return.

5—War Bonus to Officials ---Read, a letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Municipal Officers' Guild asking, in view of the increased cost of living, for an increase of the salaries of. or the grant of a war bonus to, the members of the Staff generally, and suggesting that an increase of 10 per cent, should be granted to officials whose salaries are under £150 and 7½ per cent to those whose salaries are over £150 and under £300. Resolved. That consideration of the application be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Committee, and that in the meantime the Honorary Secretary be asked to furnish a return giving

particulars of the salaries now paid, the amount of any increases received since the War, and the number of dependents.

6—Town Clerk's Staff—The Town Clerk reported that he had advertised for a Chief Clerk, at £150 a year. to fill the vacancy in his office caused by the appointment of Mr. Long as Secretary of the Education Committee. Resolved, iliac the Chairman, the Mayor, Alderman Margrett and Councillor Haddock be appointed a Sub-Committee to elect an applicant and to make arrangements for carrying on the work of the department until the vacancy is tilled.

Resolved, also, That the salaries of Miss Richards and Miss Lawson be increased to 30/- a week,

J. WAG HORNE,

Chairman.

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MUNICIPAL OFFICES SITES COMMITTEE.

Final Report of the Special Committee appointed on the 5th December, 1910, to consider the question of Municipal Offices.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Friday, the 23rd March, 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy mayor, Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Dodwell and Stewart (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1—Municipal Offices—Mr. Healing (Architect) attended and submitted the final Account as follows: —

ALTERATIONS, &c.

Messrs. Billings' Contract • •	£5644 17 9
do. for Fittings and Fixtures • •	699 17 1
Heating Installation ..	499 17 0
Electric Lighting Installation	217 14 4
Electric Lift	386 2 3
Ferro-Concrete Staircase, &c.	183 3 6
Inter-Communication Telephones	133 17 6
Fire Escape Staircase	<u>78 0 8</u>
	7843 10 1
Architect's Commission, including Quantity Surveyor's, &c., Charges (£365 2 1), and Salary of Clerk of Works (£109 4 4) ..	819 5 10
Less Allowance for Services of Clerk of Works, as agreed	<u>25 0 0</u>
	<u>794 5 10</u>
	£8637 15 11

He also submitted final Certificates for Messrs. Billings' Account (£144 10s. 10d.), and his account for Architect's Commission and Disbursements, shewing a balance due to them of £123 2 0, and these were recommended for payment.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

The following is a General Statement of the cost of the purchase and alteration of the buildings: —

Purchase of Buildings	£5500 0 0
Alterations and Architect's Commission	8637 15 11
Compensation paid to Promenade Club	200 0 0
Miscellaneous Items, including Local Government Board Inquiry ..	<u>79 18 6</u>
	£14,417 14 5

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 14th March, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green, Moore and Stewart and Mr. H. Stroud (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 846 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 14th ultimo. (Corresponding period last year, 731.)

Colonel A. Masters had presented the "Battlefield of Kandahar" in photochrome, and also a key to the same. Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donor.

The Curator suggested that lectures illustrated by the contents of the Museum might be arranged for the teachers of the Elementary Schools. Mr. Holden, the Headmaster of the School of Arts and Crafts, had offered to lecture on the Turner Pictures, and Mr. de Havilland Bushnell was willing to conduct parties through the Museum and also give a lecture on Glass. Resolved, That the suggestion be referred to the Education Committee for consideration.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 14th March, 1917: Present--The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Boulter, Sawyer and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Cultivation of Land—Gardens attached to Void Houses—The Borough Surveyor reported that the gardens attached to 84 void houses had been inspected. 18 gardens were being cultivated. Most of the houses had gardens with lawns but no kitchen garden.

College Road Field—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had approached the Agents for the Owners of the field in College Road opposite the Corporation Tip with a view to the same being rented by the Corporation for allotments, and that they were awaiting a reply from one of the owners who was in France. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

Additional Land—Resolved, That the Mayor be asked to insert an appeal in the Echo for additional land.

WILLIAM A. BAKER

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 21st March, 1917: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell, Sawyer and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

2—Cultivation of Land—The Borough Surveyor reported that there were 101 applicants on the list for land.

Land at St. Mark's—The Borough Surveyor reported that arrangements had been made by Messrs. Martyn and Co., Ltd., to let 4 chains of their land adjoining the Tramway Depot for cultivation.

Hatherley Road—Resolved, That the piece of land in Hatherley Road at the rear of The Gables, Lansdown Road, be taken in pursuance of the Order, that Notice of the entry be given to the Owner, and that the same be let for cultivation.

Swindon Road—Resolved, That the attention of the Owners be called to the unoccupied piece of land adjoining Beckingsale's Passage, Swindon Road, and that failing arrangements being made by them for its cultivation, the land be taken in pursuance of the Order, and that Notice of entry be given.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 23rd March, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Candle, Dodwell, Stewart and Taylor (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4940 to 4945 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2 —Designs— Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses to graves of John Bradshaw, Ruby Irene Claxton, Elizabeth Mary Rodolpha Forster, Edward Reid Parsons and Cecilia Marion Gardner.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee on Tuesday the 13th March, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Mann, Sawyer and Wilkins, Miss Fegan, Messrs. F. J. Caudle, E. Gridley, and A. Miles (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1: Librarian's Report —Read the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £4 6s. 1d. Presentations: Mr. F. J. Caudle (1 vol.). Secretary Trinity College of Music (1 vol.), Mr. A. Williams (1 vol.), Dr. Middleton Martin (8 vols.), Rev. W. B. L. Malcolm, Esq., M.P. (1 pamphlet).

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of February last was 1,777, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 7,326.

All the books on Agriculture, Gardening and Cooking had been placed in the Show Case, and an increased demand had resulted.

An increased use was being made of the News Room, which was probably due to the increased cost of newspapers and periodicals.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th instant: Present—Alderman Steel (in the chair), Councillor Green and Mr. W. R. Carles.

They Recommended

That the Borough Surveyor be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of brushing off the decayed stonework of the outside of the Library building and repairing the cracks with bitumen, as suggested by him. Resolved. That the repairs to the building be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that in the meantime the members of the Committee be asked to inspect the stonework.

3—Camps Library—The Librarian reported that the Postmaster had informed him that the Camps Library was in need of Resolved, That a parcel of books and periodicals not required for binding be sent.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 27th March, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Councillors Silk, Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £21,487 2s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £2,186 16s. 8d.

2-Water Rate -Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended the 25th instant. Amount collected £11,809 6s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £1,597 7s. 0d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of Loans amounting to £9,157. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and the debentures endorsed accordingly.

4 --Borough Accountant's Department—Read, an application from Mr. G. B. Pearce, second assistant clerk in the Borough Accountant's department, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased from £115 to £125 per annum.

5—Fire Insurance—Read, a letter from the County Fire Office with form of Memorandum to be endorsed on the Policies issued by the Company to give effect to the undertaking to continue the Policies for a term of not less than 5 years in consideration of a discount of 10 per cent, being allowed off the premiums. A letter was also received stating that if the Corporation thought it necessary at any time to reduce the premiums on any policy before the expiration of 5 years, the Company would in such case require a

refund of the discount allowed on the amount of such reduction. Resolved, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to have the Policies endorsed with the Memorandum required by the Company.

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

In hand on the 27th February last	16,176 11 6
Received since that date	<u>7,753 17 1</u>
	23,930 8 7
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £1,350)	<u>16,105 1 3</u>
In hand	7,825 7 4
being Sinking Fund Accounts	8,060 8 10
„ "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	<u>158 5 11</u>
In hand	8,218 14 9
less General Accounts overdrawn	<u>393 7 5</u>
	7,825 7 4

J. WAGHORNE,
Chairman.

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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 April, 1917, at 3 p.m., Present

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

Aldermen:

CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT ROBERT STEEL

JOHN WAGHORNE WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER RICHARD DAVIES

Councillors:

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

Apologies. —Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Sawyer.

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1--Minutes of Previous Meeting Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 5th March, 1917, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Gloucestershire Insurance Committee—Resolved, That Councillors Caudle and Pates be appointed representatives on the Gloucestershire Insurance Committee, to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Messrs. J. H. Blakeney and P. J. Winterbotham:

3—Vacancies on Committees—Resolved, That Councillor Pates be appointed a Member of the Public Library Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Horsley.

Resolved, That Councillor Horsley be appointed a Member of the Education Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Pates.

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

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

6—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meetings of the 16th and 28th March last, be approved and confirmed.

7--Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 13th and 22nd March last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

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10 Municipal Offices Sites Committee—Resolved, That the Final Report of the Municipal Offices Sites Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd March 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 11th March 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 Meetings of the 14th and 21st March last, be approved and continued.

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

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

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

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

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held On Monday, the 7th May, 1917.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 12th April, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Caudle. Green, Moore, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: -27 North Street, 12 Fairfield Road, 119 and 121 Tewkesbury Road. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2-Over crowding at 5 New's Cottages, Alstone, and 5 Montpellier Retreat. The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3— Cleansing and Whitewashing at 94 and 95 Tewkesbury Road, 31 Bath Terrace, 54 Queen Street, 5 and 6 Whitecross Square. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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

5--Insanitary Property-94 and 95 Tewkesbury Road, 40 Upper Norwood Street, 31 Bath Terrace, 54 Queen Street, and 5 and 6 Whitecross Square. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council .being satisfied that the said

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

6—House without proper Water Supply-15 Lansdown Crescent—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 owners requiring them to do all such works as may be necessary for that purpose.

7—Garden at back of Yorklands, St. George's Road—Read a letter from Mr. T. Wilkins with reference to the wall of the Chelt at the back of Yorklands, St. George's Road. Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Margrett, and Councillor Moore be appointed a Sub-Committee to inspect the wall and report to this Committee.

8—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met at the Farm on 30th March last. for the Annual Stocktaking and Valuation. Present: —The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair). They submitted the following summary: —

	£ s. d.
Live Stock ..	4535 7 0
Hay, Straw, Mangolds, Manure, etc.	601 3 0
Acts of Husbandry ..	86 5 0
Implements, Harness, etc.	369 14 1
Shedding, etc. ..	<u>104 19 0</u>
	£5697 8 1

The Sub-Committee also met on the 12th inst. Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the Chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 12th instant was 2 colts, 12 horses (and 3 at the Depot), 11 calves, 152 head of cattle, 55 lambs, 74 sheep, and 35 pigs, all doing fairly well. Since the last Meeting 31 head of Cattle had been purchased for £782 10s 0d. and 1 sow and 11 pigs for £20. (Total purchases £802 10s 0d. 9 calves and 5 lambs had been bred on the Farms. to head of cattle (including 3 calves) had been sold for £263 13s. 0d., and 18 store pigs for £34 3s. 0d. (Total sales £297 16s.0d.

HAY, ETC.-Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to put up additional land for hay, so as to supply about 20 tons to the Highways Department after the hay harvest; and that the surplus straw and oats not required for the Farms be also supplied to the Department.

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

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th April, present—The Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Collection of Food Refuse—Read a letter from the Local Government Board calling attention to the importance at the present time of utilising waste food, particularly fat and bones and other organic waste, both of animal and vegetable origin, and also waste paper, cardboard, be., wherever this was practicable.

With regard to waste food, from recent enquiries made, it appeared that very much more had been done in some districts than in others, and Lord Rhondda wished to urge upon all local authorities the desirability of every possible step being taken to secure that waste food should be collected and utilised either directly or through contractors, or by means of voluntary associations. Special provision appeared to be generally made for collecting and using the waste from hotels, restaurants and other large establishments, but each Local Authority should ascertain whether all that could be advantageously done in this way in their district was being done. In the case of private householders, except where the householder kept stock of his own for which the waste of the household was being used, a number of inhabitants might be induced to combine together for the utilisation of the waste which could be collected by or on behalf of those who could make profitable use of it.

The Borough Surveyor reported the result of the collection of food refuse which had been made in a portion of the Leckhampton district, and recommended that the collection should be extended to the whole of the town, and he estimated that about one ton per week of waste food would be collected. Resolved, That the recommendation be ' approved and adopted. Resolved, also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for tenders for the waste collected.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 30th April, 1917: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2 --Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 23rd March to the 26th April, 1917 (both dates inclusive). Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended the 19th April, 1917 906 loads collected, 865 consumed, tipped. Total weight consumed, 1,135 tons 8 cwt.

3--Food Refuse—The Borough Surveyor submitted the tenders (3) received for the Food Refuse. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Stroulger and Co. of 5/- per cwt. (the highest) be accepted, subject to a formal contract, to be prepared by the Town Clerk, being entered into.

4—Waste Paper—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to give six months' notice to terminate the contract with Messrs. Russell and Co. for Waste Paper.

5—Scrap Metal—The Borough Surveyor submitted the tenders received (5) for the scrap iron at the Central Depot, Pittville, Sandford Pumping Station, and Tewkesbury. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. W. A. Overthrow of £73 10/- (the highest) be accepted.

6—Coal—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for tenders for the Coal required for the year ending the 30th June, 1918, the tenders to be alternative for (a) 6 and 12 months, and (h) delivery at the Central Depot and the Corporation properties.

7—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Statement of Account in respect of the Slab Factory for the half-year ended the 29th March, 1917:

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Sale of Slabs and Kerbs for half-year ended

29th March, 1917: -

Private Customers .. •	• £40 3 4	
Corporation Departments	<u>121 15 4</u>	

161 18 8

Slabs in stock 29th March, 1917	650 5 9
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Kerbs and Channels do. ••	422 2 0
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Value of Cement and other Materials in stock

29 th March 1917	18 3 1
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Value of Cement, etc., transferred to other

Departments	2 10 2
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Deficiency transferred to Highways Departments

(see below)	<u>97 14 11</u>
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£1352 14 7

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Slabs in stock 28th September, 1916	734 13 4
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Kerbs and Channels do.	452 3 4
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Value of Cement and other Materials in stock 28th September, 1916	20 1 1
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Wages and Materials for half-year ending 29 th March, 1917	3 16 10
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Rates, Taxes and Insurance for half-year (estimated)	22 0 0
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Interest and Sinking Fund for half-year (estimated)	<u>120 0 0</u>
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£1352 14 7

Note. —Slabs supplied free of charge up to date

to Highways Departments	1418 13 8
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Less deficiency for half-year ended 28th September, 1916 ..	240 10 9
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Less deficiency as above ..	<u>97 14 11</u>
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338 5 8

£1080 8 0

8—Institution of Municipal and County Engineers—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers, inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held at Hastings from the 28th to the 30th June next. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to attend.

9--Old Footpath Paving—The Borough Surveyor reported that no tenders had been sent in for the old footpath paving at the Depot, but that he had received an application from Messrs. Collins and Godfrey for a small quantity. Resolved, That this be supplied at 4d. a foot.

10—Rooks—Read, a letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham, Rural and Charlton Kings War Agricultural Sub-Committee forwarding a copy of a letter sent to the owners of rookeries in their district requesting them, in view of the damage caused to crops, to shoot as many young rooks as possible, and the Sub-Committee asked the Council to reduce the number of rooks in Cheltenham. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the number of rooks in the Promenade reduced.

11—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.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman

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PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee, held on Monday, the 30th April, 1917: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name	New Description.
1370	The Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Luke's Crescent	Additions to Emmanuel Church, Naunton
1371	Gloucestershire Aircraft Co., Ltd.	New Girls' Mess Room, Sunningend Works, St. Mark's

Resolved, That Plan No. 1370 be approved, and that Plan No. 1371 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 20th April 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Green, Haddock, Pates, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—Swimming Baths—Resolved, That the Swimming Baths be opened each day at 8.30 a.m. instead of 6.30 a.m. during the Summer Season.

The Borough Surveyor reported that applications had been received from St. Mary's Hall and Pate's Grammar School for the exclusive use of the Swimming Bath on Mondays and Thursdays, as last year. St. Mary's Hall also wished have the use of the Bath on an additional afternoon from 2.30 to 4.30. p.m., and he recommended that Tuesday afternoon should also be reserved for ladies.

Resolved, That the applications be granted on the usual conditions and that the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted

Medical Baths—Resolved, That the following alterations be made in the charges for the Medical Baths:

Brine and Sulphur Baths. 3/ single Bath 15/6 for course of 6 Baths.

Massage .. Full Massage 3/6 Locals 1/6

The Borough Surveyor reported that from the 20th March to the 17th April, 1917, 116 Medical Baths had including 62 to wounded soldiers.

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2—Shop adjoining Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had received an application from Mr. E. E. Pitchford, Fruit Grower, Evesham, for a temporary tenancy of the shop and cellars at a rental of 25/- per month. He did not ask the Corporation to make any alteration or repairs to the premises. Resolved, That the premises be let to Mr. Pitchford at a rental of 25/- per month and rates, the tenancy to be determinable by either party on a month's notice,

3—Summer Concerts—Read, a letter from the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association applying for the use of the proscenium and enclosure at the Montpellier Gardens on Whit Monday, August Bank Holiday, and for one day each week during June, July and August for Band Concerts and Entertainments, the Corporation to erect the awning and provide the chairs, and to receive a percentage of the gross takings. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the Association agreeing to pay to the Corporation 5 per cent. of the gross takings at the Concerts.

4—Town Hall—Read, a letter from Mr. Horace Teague stating that he wished to continue the Friday afternoon Band Concerts at the Town Hall during the Summer, for which a charge of 6d. would be made, and asking for the free use of the Drawing Room and furniture. Resolved, That the application be granted.

5—Hospitals Day—Read, an application from the Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Hospitals Day, for the free use of the Montpellier Gardens, and the lawn in front of the Winter Garden, for Entertainments and a Croquet Tournament from the 2nd to 7th July, and also for the use of the Town Hall in the event of wet weather. Resolved, That the application be granted.

6—Advertising —Read, letters from Messrs. Wills, Limited, with reference to the renewal of the Contract for the exhibition of views in the Great Western Railway carriages, &c. Resolved, That the Contract be not renewed this year.

7—Winter Concerts—The Borough Accountant submitted the following Statement of the receipts and expenditure in connection with the Winter Concerts: -

9th October, 1916, to 24th March, 1917.

Expenditure.	£. s. d.	£ s. d.
Orchestra .. 4	48 14 6	
Artistes	112 10 6	
Attendants, etc...	28 1 6	
Advertising, Printing and Stationery	77 12 3	

Piano Hire, etc. • •	19 14 9		
Hire of Plants • •	3 0 0		
Electric Energy ..	26 12 0		
Health Insurance (Orchestra)	1 4 0		
Fittings, etc.	2 17 8		
Use of Copyright Music . • •	8 8 0		
Hire of Carpets, Stationery, Newspapers, etc.—Traders' Association	10 0 0		
Sundries . • •	<u>3 5 8</u>		
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		<u>742 0 10</u>	
Balance brought down • •		404 16 11	
		£404 16 11	
Income.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Subscriptions: 196 at 10/6 • • • •	102 18 0		
5 at 5/6 (half season)	1 7 6		
		104 5 6	
Weekly Tickets.		25 16 0	
Admissions at Doors: Morning • •	23 12 8		
Afternoon • •	174 16 3		
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Piano Hire .. • •		2 13 6	
Programme Rights		<u>6 0 0</u>	
		337 3 11	
Balance brought down • •		<u>404 16 11</u>	
		<u>742 0 10</u>	
Traders' Association: Moiety of Loss above £100, but not to exceed ..		50 0 0	
Net Loss (borne by Corporation) ..		<u>354 16 11</u>	
		£404 16 11	

8 —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 1,606, as compared with 2,302 for the corresponding period last year.

The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 137 as compared with 127.

9-- Cheltenham Spa—"Development"—Resolved, That the following medical men, namely, Drs. R. Kirkland, J. F. Johns J. R. Collins, S. M. Hebblethwaite, and A. G. Foljambe Forster be appointed a Spa Medical Committee to give advice and assistance in regard to the management and development of the Spa, and that an honorarium of £10 10/- to be paid to each member for the services to be rendered during the first year as a recognition of their official position as an advisory and consultative Committee.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 19th April, 1917. Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Horsley, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1---Wages of Workmen—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. W. H. Stoker, K.C., of 11, Kings Bench Walk, Temple, E.C., had been appointed by the Chief Industrial Commissioner to act as Arbitrator with reference to the claim of the Employees for an increase of wages, etc., and took the instructions of this Committee in regard to the arbitration.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 26th April, 1917: Present- The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green Horsley, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

2---Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Annual General and other business Meetings of the Association to be held in London on the 21st and 22nd June. Resolved, That the Chairman and the Borough Electrical Engineer be appointed to attend the Conference.

3-- Staff— An application was received from Mr. C. T. Bastin asking, in view of the increased cost of living, for an increase of salary Resolved, That having regard to the number of dependants, Mr. Bastin be granted an additional war bonus of 5/- per week

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 19th April, 1917: Present — The Mayor, Alderman Margrett, Councillors Green, Pates, Taylor and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 16th April, 1917.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	353,000 gallons	413,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	1,379,000	1,023,000 „
Leckhampton Springs	<u>142,000</u>	<u>162,000</u>

Total 1,874,000

1,598,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents		Depth	Contents
		16th April, 1917.			16th April, 1916.
Hewletts		26,445,000 gallons			30,880,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 „		32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 „
Leckhampton	12ft. 6in.	<u>1,688,000</u> „		12ft. 6in.	<u>1,688,000</u> „
Total Storage		128,133,000			132,568,000

2—Extension of Main—The Borough Engineer reported that he had received an application from the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company for a supply of water to their new Works for fire protection purposes. The Company were willing to pay the cost of the extension and an annual charge of £10 10/- in respect of the system of fire sprinklers intended to be installed, and also the compensation (£10) agreed to be paid to Mr. J. Riley for taking the main across his land. Resolved, That the application be granted on these terms, subject to an agreement being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

3—Water Analysis—The Medical Officer of Health reported that, as directed by the Committee, he had interviewed Miss Hooper, B.Sc., F.I.C., and that she was willing to undertake the analysis of the water either at a fixed fee per analysis or at a charge of 5/- per hour. Resolved, That the Medical Officer of Health be authorised to engage Miss Hooper by the hour and that the sum of £40 be allotted for the work for the next six months.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 24th April, 1917: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor Aldermen Baker, Davies, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals—Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 23rd ultimo, at Whaddon Farm in the occupation of Mr. James Holborow. Three pigs had died and the outbreak could not be accounted for. With this exception the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

Swine Fever. "Serum treatment"-----Read a letter from the Board of Agriculture, enclosing leaflet setting out the advantages of serum treatment; which thy asked should be handed to the owner of the pigs in cases of an outbreak, by the Inspector of the Local Authority, so that when the Veterinary Inspector visited the premises the owner might be in a position to decide whether he would consent to the treatment being administered.

2-Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that on the 19th inst. the Brigade was called to a reported outbreak of fire at the College Chapel, Bath Road. Damage Nil. Brigade Expenses £1 9s. 6d.

He also reported that the Steam Engine boiler had been examined and passed by the Insurance Company.

Hose Cart, &c.—Resolved, That the Captain be instructed to remove the wheels from the old hose cart and engine, and also the gun metal from the latter, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the disposal of the same.

3—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licences—Read an application from Mr. A. H. Fowles, for the transfer to him of the Hackney Carriage Licence, No. 110, now held by Mr. F. Brown. Also an application from Mr. G. Clifford for the transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence, No. 16, from Mr. H. Workman. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

4--Annual Inspection and Licensing Meeting—Resolved, That the Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages, &c., be held at the Central Depot, on Wednesday the 30th May, and the Annual Licensing Meeting on the 4th June next.

5—Fruit Market—Read a letter from the Cheltenham and District Market Gardeners' Association and Fruit Growers Co-operative Association Limited, asking if the Corporation would grant a lease of the Fruit Market and, if so, upon what terms? Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to inform them that the Corporation have no power to grant the exclusive use of the Market to the Association.

6—War Bonus to Officials—The letter received from the Municipal Officer's Guild, asking, in view of the increased cost of living, that an increase of the salaries, or a war bonus, should be granted to the members of the staff was further considered. Resolved, That this Committee recommend that each Committee should consider any applications made by the officials of departments under their control and deal with same upon their merits.

7—Town Clerk's Department—The Chairman reported the arrangements proposed to be made for carrying on the work of the Town Clerk's Department, in consequence of the appointment of Mr. Long as Secretary of the Education Committee. If these were approved there would be a saving of £130 per annum. Resolved, That the arrangements be approved and adopted, and that a payment of £30 per annum be made to the Town Clerk and £20, to Mr. Long for the additional work to be carried out by them.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 11th April, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Moore and Stewart (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Curator's Report--The Curator reported that 699 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 14th inst. (twelve days).

The following gifts had been made by Mr. A. A. Hunter: --

Two Rubbings of Monumental Brasses.

(1) The Brasses to Sir William Greville in the Cheltenham Parish Church, A.D. 1513.

(2) The Brass to Bishop Monk in the North Aisle of the Choir of Westminster Abbey.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Hunter for his gift.

B. DAVIES,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 25th April, 1917: Present — The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell, Sawyer and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—Defective Sewer—The Borough Surveyor recommended that the remaining portion of the Sewer in the Evesham Road, at the rear of the houses from Clarefield to Edenholme, which was defective, should be reconstructed at a cost of £70. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved; that the Public Health Committee be requested to carry out the work, and that the cost be charged to the Borough Fund.

Pittville Park and Annexe—Read, an application from the Honorary Secretary of the Cheltenham Hospitals Day Committee for the use of the Pittville Park and Annexe on Whit Monday for a Fete. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to any damage done being made good by the Hospitals Day Committee.

2-Trees—Read, a letter from Mr. Griffiths Jones asking that a chestnut tree near St. Arvans, Evesham Road, should be removed. Resolved, That the tree be inspected by the Committee at their next Meeting.

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3—Recreation Grounds—Flower Beds at Naunton Park- The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Worman and Amos were unable to provide flowers for the eleven beds-at Naunton Park at the usual charge of £5. Resolved, That the beds be utilized for vegetables.

Cricket—Naunton Park—Read, an application from the Honorary Secretary, Y.M.C.A. (Boys' Section), for permission to play Cricket at Naunton Park. Resolved, That subject to the ground not being required by the wounded soldiers at Naunton Park Hospital, the permission asked for be granted subject to the usual conditions.

Whaddon Lane—Read, an application from the Rev. W. J. Carder for permission for the All Saints' United Cricket Club to play at Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the usual conditions.

4—Cultivation of Land—The Borough Surveyor reported that a piece of land in Leighton Road had been taken and notice of entry given to the Owner. Resolved, That this be approved.

Hatherley Court Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that with the consent of the Owners of the Hatherley Court Estate a piece of land containing 8 chains had been let for cultivation. The Owners made

a condition that the land should be seeded down at the end of the tenancy, and Mrs. Drew, the tenant, had undertaken to do this. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted.

Hesters Way—The Town Clerk reported that two pieces of land attached to a cottage at Hesters Way, in the occupation of Mr. H. W. Watkins, and Maud's Elm cottage, which was void, were not being cultivated, and that the Board of Agriculture had authorised the Council to carry out the cultivations of the land in accordance with the provisions of the Cultivation of Lands Order, 1917 (No. 2). The Owner of the land adjoining Maud's Elm cottage had since arranged for its cultivation. Resolved, That the land at Hesters Way be taken over, that notice of entry be given, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to let the same for cultivation.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 1st May, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell and Sawyer (Alderman Baker in the chair).

5—Pittville Pump Room—The Town Clerk submitted form of Agreement received from the Military Authorities with reference to the temporary accommodation of this building. The letter accompanying the Agreement stated that no rent would be paid in respect of the premises, but that the Military Authorities would accept liability for the payment of all rates and taxes (except land tax) and dilapidations due to fair wear and tear consequent upon military occupation. Resolved, That the Agreement as altered be approved, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the same on behalf of the Corporation.

6—Seed Potatoes—The Borough Surveyor reported that the County War Agricultural Committee had offered to supply an additional eight tons of Seed Potatoes. Resolved, That the offer be accepted and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for their distribution.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 27th April, 1917: Present—Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Mann, and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1--Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No.4946 to 4955 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2-Care of Grave Spaces—Read, a letter from Mr. R. McLaren stating that the late Miss Esther Foxton had authorised her Executor to set aside a sufficient sum of money to pay for keeping the graves numbered 2790 and 2791 in order, and asking what sum the Burial Board would require to undertake the maintenance of the graves. Resolved, That the Burial Board undertake the maintenance of the graves on payment of £100 subject to the terms of an agreement to be approved by the Town Clerk.

3—Designs —Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses to graves of Adrien S. Woods, Ellen Unice Lloyd Jones, Winifred Slingsby Eustace, and Constance Georgians Stevens; Headstones to graves of Mary Kilbey, George Price, Willie John Merrett, and Ellen Frampton; Monument to grave of George Nugent McCarthy.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 17th April, 1917: Present—Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Mann, and Pates, Messrs. E. Gridley, W. G. Gurney, and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £3 11s. 3d. Presentations: Dr. R. M. Rawls (2 vols.) Controller, H.M. Stationery Office (1 vol. and 4 pamphlets.) T. Curwen & Sons, Ltd. (1 vol.) Lady Lee (4 vols.) Sir James T. Agg-Gardner, M.P. (58 vols.) Editor, University Tutorial Press (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of March last was 1,302, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 8,438.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 12th instant: Present—Alderman Steel (in the chair), Alderman Davies, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge.

The Sub-Committee recommended—

(a) That a new uniform be provided for the caretaker at a cost of £5 12s. 6d.

(b) The Sub-Committee further considered the report of the Borough Surveyor on the condition of the stone work of the Library building. He suggested that the decayed portions from the cornices and string courses should be removed; the asphalt made good, and the defective stonework given two coats of preservative solution, the cost of which he estimated at about £60. Resolved, To recommend that Messrs. Billings and Sons be instructed to carry out the work to the satisfaction of the Borough Surveyor.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved except that an estimate be first obtained from Messrs. Billings & Sons, and that the Sub-Committee be authorised to accept this if it does not exceed the amount of the Borough Surveyor's estimate.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 24th April, 1917, at 6.30 p.m.: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Horsley, Silk, Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Estimates for Rates—The Estimates for the Borough and District Rates were considered. Resolved, That the same, as now settled, be approved and submitted to the Council at the Quarterly Meeting on the 7th proximo, and if the same are then approved that a meeting of the Council be held on the 15th proximo to make the General District Rate and Order for the Borough Rate accordingly.

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 1st May, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Horsley, Silk and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

2-General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate made on the 10th May, 1916. Amount collected £21,501 18s. 0d. Voids, legally excused, etc., £1,898 3s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £310 14s. 0d.

3—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 1st instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ended the 25th ultimo. Amount collected £11,869 5s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £2,639 19s. 10d.

4—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of Loans amounting to £4,845. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and the debentures endorsed accordingly.

Town Hall and Municipal Offices Loans---The Borough Accountant reported that he had purchased £1,334 2s. 7d. Consols at 52 ⁷/₈ per cent. for the investment of the Sinking Funds for these Loans.

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

In hand on the 27th March last	7,825 7 4
Received since that date (including Loan on Debentures, £8,143)	<u>15,551 5 5</u>
	23,376 12 9
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £1,500 and Investment of Sinking Funds, £7,250 5 5)	<u>22,208 8 7</u>
	In hand 1,168 4 2
being Sinking Fund Accounts	In hand 1,603 5 11
" "Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts do.	167 2 0
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916 do.	<u>16 12 0</u>
	1,786 19 11
less General Accounts overdrawn	<u>618 15 9</u>
	1,168 4 2

J. WAGHORNE, Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and • held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 7th May, 1917, at 3 p.m., Present.

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

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL)

Aldermen:

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

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

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 2nd April 1917, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th April last, be approved and confirmed

3—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, their Meetings of the 10th and 30th April last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th April last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: —That the words "Subject to the Traders' Association agreeing to pay half the amount of the honorarium" be added to Minute No. 9.

5—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meetings of the 19th and 26th April last, be approved and confirmed.

6 —Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 19th April last, be approved and confirmed.

7—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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

9—Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Parks, Recreation Grounds, and Allotments Committee, at their Meetings of the 25th April last and 1st May instant, be approved and confirmed.

10—Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 27th April last, be approved and confirmed.

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11—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th April last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: —

That the portion of Minute No. 2 relating to the repair of the Library building be referred back.

12—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 1st May 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.

13—Estimates for Rates—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th April last, be approved and confirmed, that the Estimates be approved and made accordingly, 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.

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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 7th May, 1917, at 3 p.m., Present.

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

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL)

Aldermen:

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

Councillors.

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

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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 Thirty-two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty 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 Bate be now made upon all the property rateable to the poor within the said Borough for the purpose of raising the said sum, and for that purpose there shall be assessed, and the Council do hereby assess upon the Parish of Cheltenham, which is co-extensive with the said Borough. and the rateable value of the property lying therein, the said sum of Thirty-two Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty 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 Three Thousand Three Hundred and `event v-five Pounds forthwith, Four Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of June next, Five Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of July next, Four Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of September next, Three Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds on or before the first day of November next, Four Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of December next, Five Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of January next, and Four Thousand Pounds on or before the first day of March next, to the Treasurer of the said Borough, at Lloyds Bank, Cheltenham. And it is further Ordered that if such Overseers shall neglect or refuse to pay the said sum, then the said Treasurer shall forthwith take or cause to be taken such further proceedings 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 Fourpence 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.

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

“That in view of the submarine menace, the Council respectfully urges the Government to ration the food supplies of the people by tickets or otherwise”

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 4th June, 1917.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 14th May, 1917: Present — The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Moore, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: -426 and 427 High Street, 1, 2, 4 and 5 Providence Place, 39a Duke Street, 2 Wood's Court, Sherborne Street, Commercial Arms Inn, and Farnborough, Queen's Road. Resolved. That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them

in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

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

3—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 32 Sidney Street, 16 Brecon Terrace, Springfield, Brandon Place, 2 Marsh Lane, 1, 2, 4 and 5 Providence Place, 1, 3, 4, 5 and 9 King Street Gardens. The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby, Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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4--Nuisances from Drains, etc., at Holmedale, Painswick Road. Highworth, College Road, General Hospital, and 4 and 5 Victoria Parade, Gloucester Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made. written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c, on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5- -Insanitary Property-16 Brecon Terrace, Springfield, Brandon Place, 1, 2, 4 and 5 Providence Place, Commercial Arms inn, Lamb Cottage, Lamb's Retreat. 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 their owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the specified therein.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender and destruction on the 3rd instant of the carcase and offal of a pork pig. (Weight destroyed 101 lbs.)

The Medical Officer also reported that the Borough Surveyor had a tank which could be taken to the Destructor (where a supply of steam was available) and used for treating diseased meat so as to render it free from any germs. He recommended that one or two lots of meat should be so treated, as an experiment, to see if the same could be profitably disposed of for purposes other than use for human food. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved.

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

8—Chelt Wall—Read, a letter from Mr. T. Wilkins asking the Corporation to have timbers fixed across the Chelt from bank to bank to support the stone wall against the Chelt at the back of Yorklands. Resolved, That the Corporation cannot undertake this, but that Mr. Wilkins be informed that they have no objection

to this being done at his expense, subject to his entering into an agreement to remove the timbers from the Corporation side of the river if and when required.

9—Health Department -An application was made by Miss M. J. Lewis for an increase of salary. Resolved, That her salary be increased from 20/- to 25/- per week.

1—Pittville Estate—Defective sewer—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the defective sewer in Evesham Road, at the rear of the houses from Clarefield to Edenholme, reconstructed as soon as possible, and that the cost be charged to the Borough Fund.

11—Sewage Sludge Pumps—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Tangye, Ltd., had now delivered the new pump body and other fittings, and the pumps were now working satisfactorily. He recommended that the rams in the other set of pumps should be renewed, and had obtained an offer from Messrs. Tangye, Ltd., to supply them at a cost of £20. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

12—Sewer at Arle Pillage—The Borough Surveyor reported that about 130 yards of the old brick sewer under the footpath in Arle village, which was used as a storm overflow, had collapsed, and he recommended that this length should be replaced with it inch stoneware pipes at a cost of about £35. Resolved, That this recommendation be approved and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the work carried out.

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

Farms Manager's Report-Read the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 14th instant was 2 colts, 12 horses (not including 3 at Depot), 9 calves, 130 head of cattle, 55 lambs, 68 sheep, and 37 pigs, all doing fairly well. Since the last Meeting 3 calves had been purchased for £9 and 29 head of cattle (including 8 calves) had been sold for £743, 6 ewes for £31 4s 0d., and 2 calf skirts for 5/6. (Total sales, £774 9s. 6d.) One heifer had been killed and 2 calves had died.

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Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase two new field gates and some posts and rails for fencing, and half-a-ton of sulphate of ammonia for top-dressing the wheat crop, and that he be instructed to obtain a quotation for cutting up the fallen elm trees for use on the Farms.

Land for Ploughing—The Town Clerk reported that the County War Agricultural Committee had asked for a return of the land which had become pasture within the last 30 or 40 years, and to be informed what area the Corporation were willing to have broken up for the 1918 harvest and if a Government tractor would be required. The following were particulars in regard to the land asked for by the Return: —

Date of Purchase.		at time of purchase	Arable Land present.
Hayden Farm (about 131 acres)	1869	none	about 9 acres
Hayden Knoll (about 90 acres)	1883	about 26 acres • •	none
Barn Farm (about 138 acres)	1879 to 1884	about <u>61 acres</u>	about <u>23 acres</u>
		87	32

Resolved, That the County War Agricultural Committee be informed that, in the opinion of this Sub-Committee, it is not desirable that any of the land now laid down to pasture should be ploughed up, as it

is all heavy land and is required for sewage disposal, for which it can be utilized more continuously in a state of pasture than if converted into arable, but that if the County War Agricultural Committee are of opinion that some of the land should be broken up, they are willing to break up about 30 acres, in which case the services of a Government tractor would be required.

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

T. REES JONES,

Chairman

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 10th May, 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Horsley, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (The Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Rooks—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to destroy, as far as possible, all the nests on the side of the Promenade.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th May, 1917: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor,

Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Horsier, Mann, Sawyer and Stewart (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2—Trees—Selkirk Street—Read, a letter from Miss Dickinson, of Sinclair, Pittville Circus, asking for the removal of a tree at the corner of All Saints' Road and Selkirk Street.

Promenade—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the New Club, asking for the removal of four or five trees in the Promenade near the New Club. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee for consideration.

3—Borough Surveyor's Department—Read, an application from Mr. J. E. Ponting, chief clerk in the Stores Department, for a war bonus. Resolved, That he be granted a war bonus of 3/- per week.

An application was also received from Mr. B. Nation for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased from £115 to £125 per annum.

4- Removal and Disposal of Refuse— Read, a letter from the Local Government Board with reference to the removal and disposal of refuse. The Board considered that it was important that Local Authorities should do all they reasonably could to economise labour in connection with scavenging and other work, and in particular they should consider whether any measures of co-operation with neighbouring Authorities could be adopted. The Board suggested (1) that in order to reduce the waste to be collected, householders should be encouraged to sift out and to burn cinders, leaving only the dust to be collected. This was the more necessary because of the importance of economising fuel; (2) that with a view to economy in collection, where possible refuse might be collected at less frequent intervals; and (3) that where transport difficulties had arisen, emergency tips might be formed, the refuse to be carted away later when labour could be more readily obtained.

The Board also pointed out that the present condition of the grain supplies made it necessary that there should be an immediate reduction in the consumption of grain by animals. The Army Authorities were prepared to purchase any suitable horses that Local Authorities might be able to dispense with and so reduce the number of Army horses now being imported from abroad.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29th May, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Horsley', Mann and Wilkins (Alderman Baker in the chair).

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 27th April to the 24th May, 1917 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended the 17th May, 1917, 748 loads collected, 717 consumed, 31 tipped. Total weight consumed 763 tons 3 cwts. 3 qrs.

Waste Paper—The Borough Surveyor submitted copy of a letter forwarded by him to the Head Teachers of the Elementary Schools, asking for their co-operation in the scheme of waste paper collection, and reported that 33 replies had been received. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

6—Agricultural Locomotives on Highways—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board forwarding an Order made as to cross bars on driving wheels of agricultural locomotives. The Order, which would only have effect during the continuance of the War, waived the statutory requirements with regard to the width or extent of the cross bars on the driving wheels, and the width of the spaces intervening between the cross bars, but with the view of safeguarding the roads as far as practicable, the requirements as to the thickness of the cross bars had been retained, and the Order was also restricted to agricultural locomotives which did not exceed 5 tons in weight.

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

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th May, 1917: Present The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann and Stewart (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description
1371	Gloucestershire Aircraft Company	New Mess Room, Sunningend Works
1372	Dr. Braine Hartnell	Temporary Motor House, The Tower House, Pittville Circus

Resolved, That Plan No. 1373 be approved, that Plan No. 1372 be approved as a temporary building, subject to the usual undertaking being given to remove the same on three months' notice, and that Plan No. 1371 be disapproved.

JOHN D. BENDALL

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting- of this Committee held on Friday, the 18th May, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Bonito', Green, Haddock, Pates, Sawyer, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths -Swimming Bath--Read, a letter from Miss Platt asking that two Belgian boys at Southwood Hostel Bath Road, should be allowed to attend the Swimming Bath free of charge. Resolved, That the application be granted.

Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that from the 24th April to the 15th May, 1917, 84 baths had been given including 39 to wounded soldiers

2---Central Spa—Development—Read, an application from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association, agreeing to contribute the sum of 25 guineas, one half of honorarium to be paid to the Medical Advisory Committee. The Association asked to be supplied with copies of the reports submitted to the Committee by the doctors or to be allowed to send three representatives to attend the Meetings when such reports are considered. Resolved, That the Chairman of the Traders' Association be invited to attend the Meetings of this Committee as a deputation on occasions when a report from the Medical Advisory Committee comes up for consideration.

3 -Mineral Waters—Sales—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa since the last Meeting was 1,748, as compared with 2,772 for the corresponding period last year.

The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 173 as compared with 187.

4--Whit Monday—Band—Resolved, That the Cheltenham Rifle Band be engaged to play in the Promenade on Whit Monday morning from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. at the usual charge of £3.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 24th May, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Horsley, Maim and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Workmen—Read, a letter from the Chief Industrial Commissioner forwarding a copy of the Award of Mr. W. H. Stoker, K.C. in connection with the recent Arbitration. The Award was as follows: —

Wages—Shiftmen—An increase of 1/- per shift.

Other Men—An increase of 6/6 per week to men in receipt of standing wages or paid by the hour.
Increases to begin as from 1st May, 1917.

These increases to be regarded as War Wages and recognised as due and dependent on the existence of the abnormal conditions now prevailing in consequence of the War.

Back Pay—£1 to be paid to each employee instead dating the increase back.

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Overtime— Shiftmen—Sundays, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., time and a half. Christmas Day, double time.

Other Men—Time and a quarter after 1 o'clock on Saturdays. Time and a half 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.
No other overtime.

Dirty Money—Increased from 6d. to 1/- per day.

Holidays — As at present.

Privileges—All existing privileges to remain.

2—Charges for Electricity—Resolved, That in view of the increases of the workmen's wages, &c., an increase of 10 per cent. be made in the charge for electric energy supplied to ordinary consumers.

3—Damage to Lamp Pillar--The Borough Electricity Engineer reported that the lamp pillar opposite Dr. Dighton's garage, Warwick Place, had been knocked down and damaged. Resolved, That an account for the damage be forwarded to Dr. Dighton.

4- Coal—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had been asked by the Director of Mines to report on any steam plants in the neighbourhood where any question arises as to the class of coal to be used, and asked for permission to undertake the work. Resolved, That permission be granted.

5—Board of Trade Committee on Electrical Supply—Read, a letter from the Town Clerk of West Ham, calling attention to the inadequate representation of Municipalities on the Committee appointed by the Board of Trade to consider and report "what steps should be taken to ensure that there shall be an adequate and economical supply of electric power for all classes of consumers, particularly industries which depend upon a cheap supply of power for their development," and forwarding a resolution passed by the West Ham Corporation and asking the Council to forward a similar resolution to the Board of Trade.

Resolved, That the Council are of opinion, having regard to the important part at present played by Local Authorities in the supply of electrical energy and the extensive character of the capital commitments in relation thereto, that Local Authorities owning electrical undertakings are inadequately represented on the Committee appointed by the President of the Board of Trade to consider and report on the future supply of electric power for all classes of consumers in the United Kingdom, and strongly urge upon the President of the Board of Trade the necessity of increased representation being given to them, both in the interests of the ratepayers and the consumers of electrical energy.

6—Training Disabled Soldiers—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received a letter from the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at Bristol University, stating that arrangements had been made to train disabled soldiers to act as switchboard attendants, and asking that some of the men should be given a trial at the Works. He recommended that two men at a time should be allowed to attend at the Works for short periods of say 3 or 4 weeks, to gain experience. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman,

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 17th May, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Margrett Councillors Green, 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 14th May, 1917.	Average for corresponding period during last 3 years.
Hewletts Springs	307,000 gallons	323,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	844,000	846,000 „
Leckhampton Springs	<u>141,000</u>	<u>148,000</u>
Total	1,292,000	1,317,000

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents 14th May, 1917.		Depth	Contents 14th May, 1916.
Hewletts		26,906,000 gallons			29,254,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	29ft. 6in.	87,000,000 „		32ft. 0in.	100,000,000 „
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	<u>1,421,000</u> „		10ft. 0in.	<u>1,350,000</u> „
Total Storage		115,627,000			130,604,000

2-Red Cross Hospitals--The Borough Engineer reported that the value of the water supplied to the Gloucester Road, Naunton Park, Racecourse, The Priory, Suffolk Hall, New Court and St. Martin's Red Cross Hospitals, from 30th June, 1916, was 4270, and called attention to the increase in the quantity of water used at some of the Hospitals. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to Miss Yonge calling attention to the increase.

3—Tewkesbury Works—Coal—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to advertise for tenders for the supply of 300 tons of slack coal required at the Tewkesbury Works during the ensuing year.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 22nd May, 1917: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Davies, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals— Supt. Hopkins reported that the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals, with the exception of the premises in Whaddon Lane in the occupation of Mr. J. Holbrow, which were still under quarantine.

Swine Fever Order, 1917— Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture enclosing copy of the Swine Fever Order, 1917, amending Article IV. of the Swine Fever Order, 1908, with regard to Notices to be served in the case of an outbreak, with a view to reducing the work falling on Inspectors of Local Authorities. The Town Clerk reported that he had supplied Supt. Hopkins with the new forms of Notice required.

2—Cattle Market—Read, a letter from the Board of Agriculture pointing out that the licence exempting the Market for a period of six months from the provisions of Article I. of the Market and Sales Order, 1910, was about to expire, and enquiring whether the cattle pens and sales ring had been permanently provided to comply with the requirements of the Order. Resolved, That the draft letter submitted by the Town Clerk be approved.

3—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported an outbreak of fire on the 20th instant at the Albert Hall, North Street. Damage about £25. Brigade expenses, £4 19/- He also reported that Firemen J. Johnstone and J. Robinson had been called upon to report for military duties, and he was endeavouring to find men to take their places.

Old Manual Fire Engine—The Borough Surveyor reported that three tenders had been received for the old manual fire engine. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. E. J. Millard, of Naunton Parade, of £10 10/- (the highest) be accepted, subject to the money being paid in advance.

4—Transfer of Hackney Carriage Licence—Read, an application from Mr. J. Smith for the transfer to him of Hackney Carriage Licence No. 14 now held by Mr. Workman. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the Carriage being passed at the annual inspection.

5—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences—Read an application from the Queen's Hotel for a licence to drive a Motor Cab, for A. E. H. Newman, of 41, Bath Road, and Charles Moxey, of 28, Cleaveland Street. Resolved, That the application be granted.

6—Motor Cab Licences—Read, a report from Messrs. Mills & Co, as to their inspection of the Motor Cab for which the Queen's Hotel had asked for a licence. Resolved, That a licence be issued, subject to the Cab being fitted with a steel studded non-skid tyre.

Read, an application from Mr. W. T. Baggs for a Motor Cab Licence. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to inspection and satisfactory report thereon.

7—Fruit Market—Read, a letter from the Cheltenham and District Market Gardeners Co-operative Association, Ltd., offering: -

(1) £100 per annum for the Buildings and Offices at the Market (including tolls) and the sole right to sell produce therein

(2) £40 per annum for half the buildings and Offices (including tolls) and exclusive right to sell therein.

(3) £50 per annum for the right to sell free of tolls at premises in the Borough other than the present Market. Resolved, That consideration of the letter be adjourned.

8—Badges for Special Constables—Resolved, That Superintendent Hopkins be authorised to obtain badges for Special Constables, subject to the design and cost of the badge being approved by the Chairman and the Mayor.

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9—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Read, an application from Messrs. Poole and Shenton, for the renewal of the licence granted in respect of the Victoria Rooms, High Street. Resolved, That the licence be granted for the period ending February, 1918, subject to the model conditions recommended by the Secretary of State and to the other contained in the previous licence, so far as these are not covered by the Model conditions.

10—Local Authorities Food Control order, No. 1, 1917—Read, a letter from the Local Government Board enclosing a copy of this order conferring on Local Authorities and their Officers the powers and duties of enforcing the provisions of the Food Orders set out in the Schedule to the Order. Resolved, That the Council designate and appoint Mr. A. E. Hudson and Messrs. V. S. Harris and H. J. Holbourn as his Assistants, to be Officers for the purpose of order with the powers and duties of enforcing the same within the Borough.

11—Licence to store Petroleum—Read, an application from the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company, for a licence to 300 gallons of petroleum at their garage situate off the Gloucester Road near the Midland Hotel. The Inspector reported that the proposed store was satisfactory. Resolved, That the application be granted.

12—Military Service Allowances—Read, a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Municipal Officers' Guild, asking if the Corporation would offer the same privileges to officials between 41 and 50 years of age volunteering for service as those made to volunteers in the early stages of the war. Resolved, That the Committee cannot recommend the Council to undertake to offer these privileges.

13—War Charities Act—Read, an application from Mrs. E. Taylor, of Southern House, Gratton Road, for registration of the Cambray Ambulance Class, of which the administrative centre was Cambray Chapel. Resolved, That a Certificate of Registration be granted.

Read, an application from Mr. C. E. Leeson, of Russborough House, Hewlett Road, for the registration of the charity for providing entertainments and comforts to wounded members of H.M. Forces. Resolved, That the application be adjourned for further enquiry.

14—Town Hall—Boilers—Read, a letter from the Vulcan Insurance Company, asking, in view of the difficulty in replacing sections of the boiler at the Town Hall owing to the war, that a clause should be added to the policy, defining their liability under the policy, so that in the event of an explosion to one or more sections of the sectional boiler, the Company liable for the original value of such section or sections,

together with the damage caused by such explosion, but not for replacing the entire work. Resolved, That this be agreed to.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 30th May, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel (Alderman Baker in the chair).

15 - Annual Inspection of Hackney Carriages—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 4th proximo, subject to the repairs required by the Committee to 7 motor cabs, 1 horse carriage, and 1 wheel chair being carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector, and also to the carriages not submitted for inspection being also approved by the Inspector.

16—Motor Cab Licence—Read, an application from Mr. W. J. Houghton, of St. Paul's Mews, for a Motor Cab Licence.

Resolved, That the licence be granted, subject to the carriage being inspected by the Inspector and to a satisfactory report being received.

17—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence—Read, an application from Mr. John Williams of Whitecross Square, for a licence to drive a hackney carriage. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

18—Omnibus Conductor's Licence—Read, an application from the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company for an Omnibus Conductor's Licence for Mr. P. Wallington, of 7, Hanover Parade. Resolved, That the application be granted.

WILLIAM A. BAKER, Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 16th May, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that 1355 visits had been made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 11th April last.

The first lecture, arranged with the object of bringing the Elementary Schools and Art Gallery, etc., into closer relation, was given on the 11th instant by Mr. Holden, Headmaster of the Schools of Arts and Crafts which was attended by over 100 teachers and others interested.

The following gifts had been received.

The Mayor—A Gold-plated Replica of the Medal struck in Germany to commemorate the sinking of the "Lusitania."

Mrs J. Philp—Two Lithographs of Fruit and Flowers, the work of her brother, W. R. Tymms, a native of Cheltenham, and joint author of the standard work on "Illuminating."

Mr. A. A. Hunter—Seals and Arms of the Abbeys of Gloucestershire, from the originals in the British Museum.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the donors for their gifts.

2—Loan Exhibits— Read, a letter from the Victoria and Albert Museum, inviting an inspection of the Circulation Exhibits arranged at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Resolved, That the Curator be instructed to ascertain if a loan of any of the exhibits can be obtained, and if so, that he be authorised to go to London to make a selection of objects for exhibition in the Museum, in exchange for the exhibits now on loan.

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3—Local war Museum—Read, a letter received by the Mayor from the Earl of Plymouth, inviting him to join a provisional Committee which was being formed to promote a scheme, approved by the Government, to form local war Museums preserve local records of the war, comprising records such as the following:

(1) A Roll of Honour in book form, containing the names and brief war records of all local inhabitants who had served in the active forces.

(2) A local Military and Naval Record of the war, collected from the Press, of all interesting references to local regiments ships, or individual soldiers and sailors, which could be supplemented by original drawings, photographs, etc. of local war Charities, war work, Zeppelin raids, and other events of interest could be compiled in the same way.

A collection of War Relics, Medals, etc., including those illustrative of War Work at home, such as Workers' Badges, Emblems sold on Flag Days, etc.

Resolved, That the Committee approve of the proposals, and that steps be taken to preserve local war records, and that the Mayor be asked to join the Provisional Committee.

4—Annual Report—The Curator submitted the 17th Annual Report of the Art Gallery for the year ended the 31st March, 1917.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Pittville on Wednesday, the 23rd May, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell and Sawyer (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—Pittville Pump Room—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for a reduction of the assessment of this building.

Trees—The Committee viewed a chestnut tree at the back of St. Arvans which Mrs. Griffiths Jones had asked to have removed. Resolved, That the tree be not removed.

Water Fowl—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the number of ducks reduced to about 6 to 10

2—Marle Hill Annexe—Resolved, That the following trees be removed —A large elm tree adjoining Evesham Road which is becoming dangerous; a small elm tree adjoining the wall of Pinehurst, and two Austrian pines near Pinehurst.,

3—Cultivation of Land—Potato Sprayer—Resolved, That a Potato Sprayer be purchased at a cost of about £3, for hiring out to allotment holders others requiring the use of same.

4—Whaddon Lane a letter from the Director of the Technical Schools, asking for permission for boys attending the Day School of Commerce to play cricket in the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground on Wednesday afternoons. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 25th May, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell and Mann (Councillor Mann in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4956 to 4968 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2—Care of Grave Spaces—With reference to Minute No. 2 of this Committee's proceedings at their last meeting, the Town Clerk submitted draft agreement with Mr. C. S. Ward, the executor of the will of the late Miss Foxton, for the maintenance of graves numbered 2790 and 2791 P, by the Burial Board, subject to payment of £100. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to the agreement. Resolved also, That the offer of Messrs. Hopwood & Sons to undertake the care of the graves at 30/- per annum be accepted.

3—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Kerbing to graves of Sarah, Tabitha Emily, and Emily Cossons and Louisa Holloway.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 15th May, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Caudle, Green, Mann, Pates and Sawyer, Miss Fegan, Messrs. F. C. Caudle, W. R. Caries, E. Gridley, E. C. Rogers, and H. Stroud. (Alderman Steel. in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £3 15s. 7d. Presentations: Dr. J. Howell 4 volumes, Mrs. J. W. Fenning 1 volume, Miss M. Cant 1 volume, the Publisher British Commercial Directory 1 volume,

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of April last was 1,230, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 7,827.

2—Annual Report—The Librarian presented the Annual Report for the year ending the 31st March, 1917.

3—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 10th instant: Present—Alderman Steel (in the chair), Alderman Davies, Councillor Green, and Mr. F. J. Caudle.

The Sub-Committee recommended--

- (a) That books to the value of £25 be purchased.
- (b) That the Borough Surveyor be requested to prepare a specification of repairs necessary to the stonework of the Library building.
- (c) That the salary of Miss C. A. Honeyer, temporary Chief Assistant, be increased to 30/- per week.
- (d) That the war bonus of 2/- per week granted to J. C. O'Brien, the Custodian, be increased to 5/- per week.
- (e) That Messrs. R. E. & C. Marshall, Ltd., be instructed to overhaul the boiler and to report thereon.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted, and that tenders be invited by advertisement for the repairs to the Library building.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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Finance Committee

At Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 29th May, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Horsley, Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th instant, on the collection of first of this Rate made on the 15th instant. Amount collected £1,791 11s. 6d. Leaving outstanding £23,166 3s. 3d.

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 29th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £1,489 11s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £11,066 17s. 3d.

3—Loans—Borough Accountant reported that since the last meeting he had received 1200 on loan. Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed and issued accordingly on account of the Hatherley Outfall Sewer Loan.

Resolved also, That a new Debenture be issued for £2,500, advanced by the Walker Memorial Trustees, the term for which had been renewed.

He also reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans amounting to £1,650. Resolved, That the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

4—Hire of Roller—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of the sum due from Mr. Herbert Stroud for the hire of a steam roller in September, 1916.

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 May last ...

1,168 4 0

Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture, £200)	<u>6,118 17 10</u>
	7,287 1 10
Paid since that date (including Loans repaid, £500)	<u>8,976 0 6</u>
Overdrawn	1,688 18 8
being General Accounts overdrawn.	3,453 3 3
less Sinking Fund Accounts	In hand 1,604 6 10
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts do.	143 5 9
Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916 do. do.	<u>16 12 0</u>
	<u>1,764 4 7</u>
Overdrawn.	1,688 18 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 4th June, 1917, at 3 p.m. Present:

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

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL

Aldermen:

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

Councillors:

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

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

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1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 7th and 15th May, 1917, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Sir R. V. Vassar Smith, Bart. —Resolved, That the hearty congratulations of the Council be offered to Sir R. V. Vassar Smith, Bart., on having the honour of a baronetcy conferred on him by His Majesty the King.

3—Testimonial to Mr. H. J. White—An application was received from Mr. H. J. White, formerly Assistant Borough Surveyor, for a testimonial under the Seal of the Corporation. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to a testimonial to be settled by the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor.

4—Quoit Club Challenge Cup—Alderman Baker, Chairman of the Employees Outing Committee, asked the Council to accept the Silver Challenge Cup provided by the Committee for the Corporation Quoit Club, which was not now in existence. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that the cup be placed in the Art Gallery.

5—War Agricultural Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Baker and the Town Clerk (representing the Town Council), and Messrs. F. W. Brown, J. G. Villar and Councillor Wood (representing the farmers resident in the Borough), be appointed representatives of the Borough on a Joint War Agricultural Sub-Committee for the Borough, Charlton Kings and the Cheltenham Rural District.

6—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 14th May 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 10th, 15th and 29th May 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 18th May last, be approved and confirmed.

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9—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th May last, be approved and confirmed.

10—Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the Nth May last, be approved and confirmed.

11—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 22nd and 30th 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 16th 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 23rd May last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

16---Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 29th May last, be approved and confirmed. subject to the following Amendment, viz.: —

"That Minute No. 4 (Hire of Roller) be referred back for further consideration."

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.

1, Notice of Motion—Councillor Green gave notice of his intention to move at the next Monthly Meeting:

—
"That in view of the submarine menace, the Council respectfully urges the Government to ration the food supplies of the people by tickets or otherwise."

Mayor.

Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Electricity and Lighting Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 18th June, 1917.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee, held on Wednesday, the 13th June, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Borough Electrical Engineer—The Chairman reported that the Borough Electrical Engineer had informed him that he had been offered an important appointment as Engineer to a large manufacturing firm in London, at a salary commencing considerably above that now received by him, and he felt that he ought to accept this offer unless the Council were willing to grant him an increase of salary. He would prefer to remain in Cheltenham and was willing to accept a lower salary than that now offered him. The Committee had before them a return from 26 towns with undertakings of a similar character, showing that the average salary paid to the Borough Electrical Engineer was £590. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to increase the salary of the Borough Electrical Engineer to £550 as from the 1st July next, and that a further increase of £50 be granted at the expiration of 2 years from that date.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 18th June, 1917, at 3 p.m. Present:

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

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL).

Aldermen:

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

Councillors:

ALFRED MANN

JAMES MOORE

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

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1—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their meeting of the 13th June instant, with reference to the salary of the Borough Electrical Engineer, be approved and confirmed.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 2nd July, 1917.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 11th June, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Green, Moore and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: —London Ale and Porter Stores, 7 Northwick Terrace, 3 Knapp Cottages, 30 Cleveland, Street, 26 St. James' Street, 17 Gratton Street, 44 Worcester Street, 12 Fairfield Walk, 27 Dunalley Parade. Resolve 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 49 Russell Street, 23, 26 and 33 St. James' Street, 2 Knapp Cottages, 51 Worcester Street, 5 New's Cottages, Alstone. 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 under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains etc., at 5 Pear Tree Cottages, Sherborne Street, 352 High Street, The Boar's Head, Henrietta Street, 11 and 21 Lansdown 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—49 Russell Street, 30 Cleveland Street, 1 and 2 Swindon Road North, 50a and 51 Worcester Street, 163 High Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 4 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 diseased meat as follows: — On the 1st instant the carcase and offal of a lamb, and on the 7th instant the carcase and offal of a pork pig. (Weight, 77 lbs.)

6—Sludge—Read, a letter from Messrs. Ticehurst, McIlquham and Wyatt, giving notice on behalf of Mr. George Godwin, of Hesters Way, who was giving up his tenancy, to terminate the agreement for the supply of sludge on the 29th September next.

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

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 11th instant was 2 colts, 12 horses (not including 3 at Depot), 11 calves, 118 head of cattle, 54 lambs, 68 sheep, and 29 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 3 head of cattle and 5 calves had been purchased for £109 5/- 7 store pigs had been sold for £17 6s. 6d., 1 lamb for £1 5/-, and 16 head of cattle and 5 calves for £584 9s. 5d. (Total sales, £603 0s. 11d.) One calf had been bred on the Farms and one pig had died.

Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Smith Bros., Ltd., of £10 10s. for 5 elm trees be accepted, and that the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase 4 ropes for unloading hay.

Breaking up Land for Corn—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to break up a portion of Dilling Furlong for planting with corn.

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

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th June, 1917: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Horsley and Mann (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1--Refuse Destructor-Clinker-RESOLVED, That the offer of Messrs. Mark Williams and Co. of 6d. per ton for a Portion of the clinker at the Destructor, be accepted.

2-Rations for Horses—The Borough Surveyor reported that in order to comply with the Horses (Rationing) Order, 1917, a scale of rations had been adopted so as to keep well within the prescribed quantities.

Straw for Bedding—The Borough Surveyor also submitted an Order which prohibited the use of straw for bedding purposes. The Purchasing Officer suggested that sawdust, tan or peat moss litter should be used as a substitute, and he had obtained a tender from the Peat Moss Litter Supply Company, Ltd., for peat moss litter at 72s. 9d. per ton. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

3—College Road—Seat—An application was received that the seat formerly in College Road might be replaced. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the seat placed in a suitable position.

4- Collection of Leaves—Read, a letter from Colonel Ashburner, asking to be allowed to place the leaves removed from his garden in the ash carts. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

5—Trees—Read, a letter from Mr. J. J. Gillham, of Coldred, Battledown Approach, asking for the trees opposite his house to be cut back. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

6---Tenders for Coal—The Borough Surveyor submitted the tenders (13) for the supply of coal required during the year ending the 30th June, 1918. Resolved, That the following tenders be accepted, subject to formal contracts being entered into to be prepared by the Town Clerk: —

Stockwell, A. G., Cheltenham: Whitwick Cobbles House Coal 29/6 per ton. Alstone Baths, Central Depot, Destructor Fire Station, Municipal Offices, Pittville Pump Rooms, Sandford Pumping Station, Sewage Farms, Cemetery, Dowdeswell Reservoir.

(Cartage extra as per Schedule.)

do. do., Bargoed, Smith's Coal 36/6 per ton Central Depot

Webb Bros., Ltd Cheltenham; Baker's Nuts, Whateley 30/- per ton Abattoir

(Cartage extra as per Schedule.)

do. do. Best Welsh Steam Coal 36/- per ton. Steam Rollers and Fire Engine.

(Cartage extra to Fire Station.)

Cleeves & Co., London: Park End Deep Navigation Stock .. 18/6 per ton (To Central Depot.) 500 tons Small Steam. For Alstone Baths, Montpellier Baths, Sandford Pumping Station.

7-New Building—The Inspector reported that the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company, Ltd., were erecting a large building their works at St. Mark's without having first submitted plans. Resolved That notice be given to the Company building at the Bye-Laws to show cause why the same should not be removed.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 25th June, 1917: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy 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 25th May to the 21st June, 1917 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended the 14th June, 1917, 709 loads collected, 691 consumed, 18 tipped. Total weight consumed, 665 tons 3½ cwts.

9—Footpath Repairs—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a list of the footpaths to be repaired during the current year.

10—Seat—Read, a letter from Miss A. Henry, of Lyndale, Moorend Grove, offering to present an iron seat to be placed opposite her house. Resolved, That the offer be accepted.

11—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meeting on the 25th instant. Resolved, That the same be approved and adopted.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 25th June, 1917: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Steel in the chair).

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

No. of Plan.	Name	Description.
1371	Gloucestershire Aircraft Co., Ltd.	New Girls' Mess Room, Sunningend Works (amended plans).
1374	Lennards, Ltd.	Alterations to 368, High Street.
1375	Gloucestershire Aircraft Co., Ltd.	New Plane Store, Sunningend Works.
1376	do.	New Lavatories, Sunningend Works.
1377	do.	New Men's Mess Room, &c., Sunningend Works

Resolved, That Plan numbered 1371 be approved, that Plan numbered 1376 be approved subject to the drainage being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plans numbered 1374, 1375 and 1377 be disapproved.

ROBT. STEEL, Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 15th June, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Green, Haddock, Sawyer and Silk (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 22nd May 12th June, 1917, was 32, including 32 to wounded soldiers.

2—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 2,141, as compared with 2,761 for the corresponding period last year. The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 343 as compared with 275.

3—Montpellier Gardens—Read, an application from Mr. Cecil Gillsmith for the use of the band-stand, proscenium and awning at the Montpellier Gardens on the 18th or 25th July next for a benefit concert. Resolved, That the use of the Gardens be granted on the 18th July next on payment of £5, plus the cost of electric light used, subject to the programme of the entertainment being submitted to and approved by the Mayor, and to any damage which may be done to the grounds, buildings or furniture being made good.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th June, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair)

1—Damage to Lamp Pillar—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to take proceedings for recovery of the cost of replacing the lamp standard in Warwick Place which was knocked ed down and damaged by Dr. Dighton's motor car.

2—Tenders for Meters—The Borough Electrical Engineer submitted the tenders (4) received for the supply of meters during the ensuing twelve months He recommended that the tenders of the Electrical Apparatus Company, Ltd., and the British Westinghouse Company, Ltd., be accepted. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved and adopted.

3—Public Gas Lighting—The Town Clerk reported that he had received a reply from the Clerk of the Gas Company, stating that after carefully considering the application of the Corporation, the Company were willing to make a reduction of 3/- per lamp per annum (amounting to £141) in the cost of providing and maintaining the gas lamps. Resolved, That this offer be accepted.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 14th June, 1917: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Baker, Councillors Green and Wood, (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended <i>11th June, 1917.</i>	Average for corresponding period <i>During last 3 years</i>
Hewletts Springs	249,000 gallons	255,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	589,000 “	607,000 “

Leckhampton Springs	<u>94,000</u>	“	<u>99,000</u>	“
Total	932,000	“	961,000	“

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Depth		Contents	Depth		Contents
		11th June, 1917			11 th June 1916
Hewletts		27,185,000 gallons			27,358,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	27ft. 6in.	77,293,000 “	30ft 0in		89,612,000 “
Leckhampton	12ft. 0in.	<u>1,621,000</u> “	12ft 0in		<u>empty</u> “
Total storage		106,099,000 “			116,970,000 “

2-Tenders for Coal—The Borough Surveyor submitted the tenders received for the slack coal required for the Tewkesbury Works during the year ending the 30th June, 1918. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Cory & Son, Ltd., for the supply of 300 tons of cannon rough slack coal at 20s. 1d., per ton, delivered at Sharpness be accepted. Resolved, also, That the tender of Mr. W. Walkley, of Tewkesbury, for delivering the coal by boat at 6/ a ton be accepted.

3---Keynsham Road Allotments—Read, a memorial from Mr. F. F. Taylor and others, asking that the rent of £1 per chain per annum should be reduced. Resolved, That, the application be not granted.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 19th June, 1917; Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Davies, Margrett, steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Haddock and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair)

1—Diseases amongst Animals —Supt. Hopkins reported that (with the exception of the premises of Mr. James Holbrow, still under quarantine) the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals,

2-Swine Fever — (Regulation of Movement Order) 1917. Read a letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, forwarding a copy of the Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement Order) 1917, which amended the Order of 1908 so as to afford additional facilities, in certain cases, for movement from one Scheduled Area to another of Swine for breeding and feeding purposes. etc.

Regulation of Movement Application Order No. 1—The Board also forwarded a copy of this Order which revoked the Gloucestershire, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire (Swine Fever) Order 1913, and regulated the Markets and also the movement of Swine from Markets, etc.

Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to publish the Orders as directed by the Board.

3-Report of Captain of Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of Fire at North House, North Street, in the occupation of Messrs. Boodle & Co. Damage slight. Brigade expenses £3 3s 6d.

4-Motor Cab Licences—Read, an application from Mr. F. Martyn, of the London Road Garage, for a Motor Licence. Resolved, That he be asked to submit the Motor Cab for inspection of the next Meeting of the Committee.

5—Postal Delivery—Read a letter from the Postmaster, dated the 6th June, 1917, stating that on and after the 11th instant the last collection from the letter boxes in Cheltenham for the night mail dispatch would be made between 7.30 and 5 p.m. The time of posting at the Head Office would not be altered.

6- Communal Kitchen—Read a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Communal Kitchen's Sub-Committee stating that it had been decided to open a kitchen in the Fairview district, and asking for a grant of £25 for the initial expenses. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to contribute such sum, as may be required, not exceeding £25.

7- Game Licences—Read applications from Messrs. Olive & Olive, C. Barnett & Sons, W. Wilks, W. H. Hall & Sons, Ltd., and H. F. Bartlett, J. Maxwell, and Miss M. F. Woodard, for a renewal of their Game Licences for one year from the first proximo. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

8--Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908—Read applications from Messrs. Cypher & Sons, P. S. and P. A. Wiggall, Yates & Son, and G. E. Pates, for renewal of licences granted to them under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908. Resolved, That the licences be renewed for one year as from the 7th instant.

9 —Education Committee—Resolved, That the Council be recommended to re-appoint Mr. Alfred Miles a Member of the Education Committee, his term of office having expired on the 4th ultimo.

10—Fruit Market—The letter received from the Cheltenham and District offering: — Market Gardeners' Co-operative Association, Ltd.,

(1) £100 per annum for the Buildings and Offices at the Market (including tolls) and the sole right to sell produce therein.

(2) £40 per annum for half the Buildings and Offices (including tolls) and the exclusive right to sell produce therein.

(3) 50 per annum for the right to sell free of tolls at premises in the Borough, other than the present market was further considered

A letter was also read from Mr. C. C. Castle, pointing out that the present arrangement, which was made after careful consideration, had only been in existence for about 12 months, and asking that it should be given a fair trial. Resolved. That this Committee are of opinion that the Corporation should retain the control of the Market, and do not recommend the acceptance of either of the offers; but that the Association be informed that if the Advisory Committee have any suggestions to make in connection with the management of the Market, the Committee will consider the same.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 13th June, 1917: Present—Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green and Moore, and Mr. H. Stroud (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1177 visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum. from May 16th to June 12th. (Corresponding period last year, 744).

A lecture in the local Room of the Museum, given by Mr. A. J. de Havilland Bushnell, on May 23rd. on Pre-Metallic Man, was attended by over 100 teachers and friends.

The following loans had been received for the War Collection in the Museum: —

Mr. J. M. Midwinter, (5th Gloucesters)—Fifth Gloucester Gazette for April, May, July, August, September, October (2), 1915; March, April, December, 1916; February, 1917. Gas Helmet. Bombs. Hand Grenade. Carved Wood-work from Ploegsteert Church, 23/5/15.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Midwinter.

2—Loan Exhibits--Read a letter from the Victoria and Albert Museum, stating that owing to transport difficulties they were unable to change the Exhibits.

3—Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Cotteswold Naturalists Field Club. stating that their members would be visiting Cheltenham on the 10th proximo, and proposed to inspect the Collection of Flints in the Museum.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 20th June, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell and Sawyer (Councillor Sawyer in the chair).

1—Cultivation of Land—Potato Sprayer—The Borough Surveyor submitted a copy of a circular he had sent out to over 300 allotment holders with reference to the use of the potato sprayer purchased by the Council, and reported that only 32 allotment holders had sent in applications for their potatoes to be sprayed.

Read. a memorial from Mr. W. H. T. Webb and others asking for a supply of water to the allotments at Hatherley Court. Resolved, That the memorial be referred to the owner of the land.

2—Pittville Lakes—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the weeds removed from the lakes as soon as he has labour available.

3—Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee asking for the use of the old portion of the Recreation Ground for organised games by the scholars attending the Practising School, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Folly Lane Allotments—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of providing a pump to the well on the allotment in the occupation of Mr. S. Marsh, so that this can be used by the allotment holders.

W. SAWYER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 29nd June, 1917: Present —Aldermen Baker and Steel, Caudle, Mann and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair),

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4969 to 4972 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2—Land at Cemetery—The Town Clerk reported that Mrs. Denley's tenancy of the land adjoining the Cemetery would expire on the 31st October next. Resolved, That the land, together with the grass cut at the Cemetery, be let for another year.

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3—Designs That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses to graves of William Walker, Dorothy Gladys Sewell, John Albert Bucknell, Robert Hitchings Collard Bushell, Charlotte Davis, and John William Pearce; Headstones to graves of St. John Tigh Clowes, Anne Emily Cameron, Francis Mary Geddes, and Augustus David Geddes; Kerbing to graves of Mary Ann Pelham, Jane Wright, Esther Sarah and Emmanuel Birt, and Ellen lane Ready; Monument to grave of David North.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 12th June, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Mann and Pates, Miss Fegan, Messrs. F. C. Caudle, A. Miles, E. C. Rogers and H. Stroud (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report--Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: 2s. 8d. Presentations: Mr. E. C. Sewell (5 vols.), The Secretary, Carnegie United Kingdom Trust (2 vols.), Mrs. Willis (12 vols.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of May last was 1,238, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 7,960.

2—Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 7th instant: Present—Aldermen Davies and Steel, Messrs. W. J. Caries, F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge (Alderman Steel in the chair). Leslie Young Bequest—Book Plate—The Librarian reported that 6 designs had been submitted for the Leslie Young Book Plate Competition by students of the Cheltenham School of Art, which had been adjudicated upon by Mr. H. N. Winterbotham as follows prize, Miss M. Dover (2 guineas); 2nd prize, Miss

M. Manley (15/-). The prizes and all expenses in connection with the Book Plate would be borne by the Leslie Young Trustees.

3—Boiler—The Librarian submitted an estimate from Messrs. R. E. and C. Marshall, Ltd., of 17s. 6d. for the repairs required to the boiler. Resolved, That the same be accepted and the work carried out.

4—Fire Brigade—Caretaker—Read, an application from Mr. J. C. O'Brien, the Caretaker, for permission to take up temporary duties as a fireman in the place of one of the firemen on active service. Resolved, That permission be given.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 26th June, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Silk and Wilkins (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected, £6.735 16s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £18,221 8s. 4d,

2—Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 26th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £4,078 9s. 3d. Leaving outstanding £8,477 19s 11d

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans amounting to £550. Resolved, That the terms be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

4 —Investment of Sinking Funds—Rhondda Urban District Council—Read, a letter from the Clerk of the Rhondda Urban District Council, stating that his Council wished to transfer the existing Mortgages numbered 12, 14, 15, 34, 37 and 38 for securing loans amounting to £20,707 on which £11,224 4s. 10d. now remained owing. Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to such transfers accordingly.

5—Borough Accountant—Read, an application from Mr. R. Minett, Borough Accountant, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased to £600.

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: —

Overdrawn on the 29th May last	1,688 18 8
Paid since that date (including Loan repaid, £400)	<u>7,372 2 7</u>
	9,061 1 3
Received since that date	<u>11,119 12 8</u>

In hand 2,058 11 5

being General Accounts 120 9 6

Sinking Fund Accounts	1,778 4 2
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	143 5 9
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account	<u>16 12 0</u>
	2,058 11 5

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, dilly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Monday, the 2nd July, 1917, at 3 p.m., Present:

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

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL)

Aldermen:

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

COUNCILLORS

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

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1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 4th and 18th June, 1917, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Naval and Military War Pensions Committee—Read, letters from Miss H. B. Foster and Alderman Baker resigning their membership of the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c., Committee for the Borough. Resolved, That Mrs. E. C. Willoughby and Councillor Caudle be appointed to fill the vacancies.

3—Roads of National Importance—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor be appointed a Representative of the Borough on an Advisory Committee to be appointed for the County by the Ministry of Munitions with regard to roads of national importance and the control of road materials in the county.

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

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

6—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 15th June 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 13th June last, be approved and confirmed.

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

9—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their meeting of the 19th June last, be approved and confirmed, and that Licences to deal in Game be granted accordingly.

10— Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their meeting of the 13th June last, be approved and confirmed.

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

12- Burial Board Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 22nd June last, be approved and confirmed.

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

14—Finance Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 26th June last, be approved and confirmed subject to the following Amendment, viz.: —"That Minute No. 5 (Salary of Borough Accountant) be not approved." 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-Food Rationing-Councillor Green moved, in accordance with the notice given by him at the last Meeting of the Council, "That in view of the submarine menace, the Council respectfully urges the Government to ration the food supplies of the people by tickets or otherwise." It was also proposed by Alderman Waghorne and seconded by Councillor Boulter, "That the Council proceed to the other business of the day," and this proposition, on being put to the Meeting, was declared by the Mayor—Carried.

16—Memorials, Applications, etc.- Resolved, That the letter from the District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers with reference to the wages of the Corporation workmen, be referred to the Committees concerned for consideration, and report to the Council at their next Meeting.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Quarterly Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, the 3rd August, 1917.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 9th July, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Moore, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: --Arnwood, Church Road, Si. Marks, 10 Hermitage Street, 17 Gratton Street, 20, 23 and 24 Francis Street; 8 New Street, 7 Waterloo Street,- Corndean, Naunton Park Road, 213 High Street, and 35 Promenade, 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. re so over'

2—Overcrowding at 1 Sun Street Retreat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so over crowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 5 and 6 Pretoria Terrace and 20-24 Francis Street. The Medical Officer having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwellings were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

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4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 20 and 24 Francis Street, 68 and 69 St. Georges Street, and Trouville, Evesham Road. The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5—Insanitary Property-5 and 6 Pretoria Terrace, 20 to 24 Francis Street, 28 Fairview Street, 54 and 55 Queen Street. The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Insufficient W.C. Accommodation-26 Sun 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 a sufficient water closet.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of diseased meat as follows: —On the 22nd ultimo the carcase and offal of 4 pork pigs, on the 23rd ultimo a carcase of mutton, and on the 7th instant a quantity of tripe. (Weight, 5 cwts. 2 qrs. 12 lbs.)

S—Health Department—Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee the use of the room allocated to the Assistant Medical Officer of Health can be spared if required to provide accommodation for the Spa Medical Committee.

9—Sewer off Gloucester Road—The Borough Surveyor reported that the surface water overflow sewer in Six Chimney Lane had now been reconstructed with reinforced concrete tubes.

10—Pittville Estate—The Borough Surveyor reported that the re-construction of the sewer in Evesham Road, at the rear of the houses from Clarefield to Edenholme, had now been completed.

11—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th instant. Present: — The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the monthly report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 9th instant was 2 colts, 11 horses (not including 3 at Depot), 13 calves, 119 head of cattle, 48 lambs, 67 sheep, and 32 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 1 cart horse had been sold for £109 10s. 0d. and 1 cow, 1 calf and 2 heifers had been purchased for £57 5s. 2 cows, 3 calves, 1 sheep, 6 lambs, 23 pigs, and a calf had been sold for £173 17s. 2d. 4 calves and 26 pigs had been bred on the Farms.

Cider Fruit—Resolved, That the Farms Manager be instructed to make cider of the fruit at the Farms instead of selling the fruit by auction as in former years.

Barn Farm—Cottages—The Farms Manager reported that he could not let the two cottages at the Barn Farm, and recommended that they should be improved by providing pig styes and tool sheds. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to bring up an estimate for providing these.

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

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

Report of the work in charge of this Committee during the half-year ended the 30th June, 1917.

The Committee have had 4 meetings since their last report,

1—Anti-Natal Work—Arrangements have been made with the District-Nursing Association for monthly lectures to be given at the School Clinic, to expectant mothers, by their Superintendent (Miss Hill). The first lecture was given in March last.

2-Voluntary Health Society—In February last arrangements were made with this Society for a number of their Voluntary Workers to assist the Health Visitor in the work of home Visitation. 135 visits have been made by these Voluntary Workers, who work under the direction of the Health visitor and report to her.

An Infant Welfare Stall at the War Economy Exhibition was organised by the Society, which aroused considerable interest, and lectures on child welfare work were also given by Miss Montagnon and Miss Barnard.

Owing to the growth of the Society's work their office has been transferred from the office of the Charity Organisation Society to 2, Bath Street, and a separate Secretary (Mrs. W. L. Mellersh) has been appointed. The Committee of the Society has also been increased, and now includes representatives of the District Nursing Association, The Cheltenham Creche, and the Women's Co-operative Guild. The

Maternity and Child Welfare Committee have decided to make a grant to the Society of £20 for the current year.

3—District Nursing Association—The Committee have also agreed to increase the grant of £18 18s 0d. for the use of a bed in the Lying-in Ward at the Victoria Nursing Home to £23 12s. 6d.; to include medical attendance on cases treated.

4—Health Visitor—The following is a summary of the Work of the Health Visitor for the half year: —

Number of children visited • • 790

Number of visits to homes entailed • • 1469

Number of attendances at centres • • 51

Talks to mothers at these meetings • • 24

No of unnotified births discovered • • 5

Children remitted to hospital • • • • 8

An application has been made by the Health Visitor for an increase of her salary from £95 to £100 The Committee recommend that the application be granted.

5—Maternity Centres—Bath Street—There have been 25 meetings at this centre including meetings for children over one year. Total attendances 654.

North Ward Centre—There have been 34 meetings at this centre, including meetings for children over one year. Total attendances 337.

This centre was removed in March last from St. Peter's Institute to more suitable premises at Baker Street Institute.

At each of the centres simple drugs and infant's foods are provided on sale.

6—Expenditure—The expenses incurred by the Committee for the period ended 31st March last amounted to about £100 4s. 0d and application has been made to the Local Government Board for a grant in aid, based on this amount.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th July, 1917: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Al Baker, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Eldorado Road—Read, letters from Mr. H. W. Chatters, from which it appeared that there was no prospect of arranging with the abutting Owners to carry out temporary repairs to the footpath in this road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a specification, plan and estimate of the works to be carried out by the abutting Owners to pave, kerb and channel the footpath to the satisfaction of the Corporation. Read, also, a letter from Mrs. Goodlake, asking that the remainder of the

carriage way in this road should be coated with tar macadam. Resolved, That the road be inspected by the Committee at their next View Meeting.

2—Annual Holiday—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange for the workmen to have a holiday on Saturday, the 14th or 21st instant, in lieu of the Corporation outing day.

3—Waste Paper and Pig Food—Resolved, That the quarterly bonus for the collection of waste paper be increased to the rate of 3/- a ton on first half-ton per day, and 5/- for all above that quantity, and that the bonus of 6d. per cwt. for the pig food collected be continued, and that the amount of the bonus on the waste paper and pig food collected be divided equally between the ashmen and Corporation drivers.

4—Pittville Street—Crossing—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the granite setts in the crossing at the bottom of this street roughened.

5—Tree near Pierreville—Read, a letter from Mrs. Archer, asking for the tree near Pierreville, Montpellier, to be removed. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

6---Chelt Fence—Resolved, That Notice be served on the abutting Owners under Section 30 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, requiring them to protect or enclose the stream so as to prevent any danger therefrom to persons using the public footpath along the Chelt.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 23rd July, 1917: Present — The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

7-Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed b57 Highways Department from the 22nd June to the 19th July, 1917 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended the 12th July, 1917, 724 loads collected, 704 20 tipped. Total weight consumed, 611 tons 19 cwts. 2 qrs.

8—Horse ("Jolly")—The Borough Surveyor reported that the horse "Jolly," purchased in January last, died on the 10th instant.

9 —Workmen—The letter from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, District Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, referred to this Committee by the Council, was further considered. Resolved, That an additional war bonus at the rate of 3/6 per week be granted to all workmen who prior to the War were in receipt of a wage not exceeding 40/- per week, except those paid by the hour at the Union rate of wages, and that a war bonus of 1/6 per week be given to youths under 18 years of age.

10—Trees—Promenade—Resolved, That the trees in the Promenade on the side-walk next to the New Club be lopped.

Montpellier Terrace—Read, a letter from Dr. Carpenter Harris, asking for the removal of two trees opposite to No. 6 Montpellier Terrace. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

"Pierreville," Montpellier—Resolved, That the application for the removal of the tree opposite "Pierreville," Montpellier, be not granted.

11—Footpath Paying—Resolved, That the footpath in the High Street from Priory Court to Corpus Street be renewed, and also the footpath in Prestbury Road from Albert Road to Windsor Street. Battledown Approach—Resolved, That the footpath on the North side of Battledown Approach be inspected by the Committee at their next View Meeting.

12—Eldorado Road—Private Improvement Works—The Borough Surveyor submitted specification and plan of the Works required to be done to the above street, and an estimate of the cost amounting to £1,101 13s. 0d. Resolved, That the same be approved ; and that Notice be given under Section 44 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1852, to the Owners of the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting upon the parts of the said street, requiring to be drained, levelled, repaired, metalled, flagged, channelled or made good, requiring them to do the specified Works within 28 days ; and that if such Notice is not complied with, the Surveyor do proceed to execute the Works mentioned or referred to therein ; and that the expenses thereof be recovered in the manner provided by the Act, and the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889.

13—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz.: —The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Sawyer and Wilkins.

14—Report of Plans Sub-Committee—The Chairman reported the proceedings of the Plans Sub-Committee at their Meetings on the 10th and 23rd 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 Tuesday, the 10th July, 1917: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description.
1374	Lennards, Ltd.	Alterations to 368, High Street.
1378	T. D. Boulton	New shop front adjoining Georgians House. Bath Road.

Resolved, That Plan No. 1374 be approved, subject to the drainage and sanitary work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector, and that Plan No. 1378 be approved subject to a proper driving way across the footpath being provided.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 23rd July; 1917: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair). 2--New Building—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Notice and Plan of an intended New Building, viz.: —

No of Plan	Name	Description
1379	Dr. Hebblethwaite	Motor House in garden of Eckington House. Lansdown Parade.

Resolved. That the same be approved.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 13th July, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors, Pates, Sawyer, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Montpellier Baths—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that from the 19th June to the 10th July, 1917, 88 Medical Baths had been given, including 14 to wounded soldiers.

2—Montpellier Gardens—Read, an application from the Secretary of the Sunningend Male Voice Choir, for the free use of the Montpellier Gardens for an Afternoon Concert in aid of the Red Cross Society. Resolved, That Gardens be granted on Saturday afternoon, the 18th August, subject to payment of the cost of lighting (if any) and to any damage done being made good. Resolved, That the application of the Traders' Association for the use of the Gardens during the week commencing 6th August for Entertainments be granted, the Corporation to receive 5 per cent. of the gross receipts.

3—Band in Promenade—Resolved, That James' Band be engaged to play in the Promenade on August Bank 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the usual charge.

4—Spa Medical Committee—Doctors R. Kirkland, S. M. Hebblethwaite, A. G. Foljambe Foster. and J. Howe: and gave a report of the meetings held by the Spa Medical Committee, and Mr. W. Welstead attended Traders' Association. Resolved, That the report be considered at the next meeting. and that in the Borough Surveyor be instructed to inspect and report on the Mineral Water Well at Pittville.

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 1,645, as compared with 2,731 for the corresponding period last year. The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 254 compared with 404.

J. STEWART,

Chairman

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 19th July, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Horsley, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Charge Engineers—An application was received from the Charge Engineers (J. Goulden, H. Munday, and H. Higgins) for a War Bonus. Resolved, That a War Bonus of 5/- per week be granted.

2—Underground Cables—On the recommendation of the Borough Electrical Engineer, Resolved, That a contribution of two guineas be made to the Institution of Electrical Engineers towards the cost of tests to be made by them in connection with the heating of underground cables.

3—Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association—The Borough Electrical Engineer presented a report of the Annual Meeting of the Municipal Electrical Association, held in London in June last.

4—Board of Trade Committee on Electrical Supply—Read, a letter from the Board of Trade, stating that in response to the request made by Local Authorities, they had increased the representation of such Authorities on the Committee appointed with reference to the electrical supply by adding the Electrical Engineer of Liverpool, Mr. W. B. Smith, a Member of the Town Council of Glasgow, and Mr. E. F. Vesey Knox, K.C. to the Committee.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 12th July, 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Margrett, and Councillors Green, Pates, Sawyer, Taylor and Wood, (Alderman Margrett in the chair)

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 9th July, 1917.	Average for corresponding period During last 3 years
Hewletts Springs	205,000 gallons	176,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	335,000 "	356,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>86,000</u> "	<u>83,000</u> "
Total	626,000	615,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents 9th July, 1917	Depth	Contents 9th July, 1916
Hewletts		23,815,000 gallons		23,716,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	22ft. 6in.	54,855,000 "	27ft 0in	74,901,000 "
Leckhampton	11ft. 0in.	<u>1,486,000</u> "	4ft 0in	<u>540,000</u> "
Total storage		80,156,000 "		99,157,000 "

2-Extension of Main—The Borough Engineer reported that the new 6-inch main for supply to the works of the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company had been completed.

3—Coal Supply—An application was made by Mr. W. Walkley, that payment on account should be made on delivery of each boat load of coal at Tewkesbury Resolved, That this be agreed to.

4—Dowdeswell Reservoir—The Borough Engineer recommended that the question of raising the weir to increase the storage capacity of the reservoir should be considered. If it was raised a foot it would give an

extra storage capacity above 5¹/₄ million gallons, and effect an appreciable saving in the cost of pumping from Tewkesbury. Resolved. Borough Engineer be instructed to bring up a report and estimate.

5—Annual Holiday—Resolved, That the Borough Engineer be authorised to arrange for the workmen to have a holiday on Saturday, the 14th or 21st July, in lieu of the Corporation Outing Day.

6—Water Supply—Gloucestershire Dairy Co.—The Borough Engineer reported that the Gloucestershire Dairy Company installed a water service at their premises in Post-office Lane, using iron pipes instead of lead as required by the regulations. The pipes were all above ground and it was a meter supply. Resolved, That the iron pipes be allowed to be used for the present, subject to the Company giving an undertaking to replace with lead pipes, if required, after the War

7—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 17th July, 1917; Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Davies, Margrett and Steel Councillors Green and Stewart (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals— Supt. Hopkins reported an outbreak of Swine Fever on the 7th instant, at premises at Hester's Way in the occupation of Mr. Jesse Crisp. Six pigs had died. The premises at Whaddon Farm, Cemetery Road, in the occupation of Mr. James Holborow were also still under quarantine.

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that on the 16th instant the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at Rowanfield House, Gloucester Road, in the occupation of Mr. Montgomery. Damage about £25. Brigade expenses £2 16s. 6d. He also reported that Fireman J. Johnson had been called up for Military Service and he was trying to find a substitute to take his place.

3—Motor Cab Licence—Resolved, That the application of Mr. F. Martyn, of London Road Garage, for a Motor Cab Licence be granted, subject to the carriage being inspected by Messrs. Mills and Co. and the report thereon being satisfactory.

4—Parliamentary Borough—Read a letter from the Boundary Commissioners, stating that it had been provisionally determined that the Parliamentary Borough of Cheltenham should consist of the Municipal Borough with the Urban District of Charlton Kings, and that any objection to such provisional determination should be sent to the Secretary of the Commissioners not later than the 28th July.

5—Room for Spa Medical Committee—Resolved, That the Spa Medical Committee be granted the use of the room allocated to the Assistant Medical Officer of Health.

6—Cinematograph Films—Read a letter from the Rev. P. M. C. Johnstone, Chairman of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Vigilance Association, stating that Mr. T. Lyon of 17, Pittville Villas was willing to undertake the work of inspecting the film synopses each week, if this was approved by the Town Council. Resolved, That this offer be accepted, and that Mr. Lyon be asked to report upon any films which appear to be objectionable and infringe the conditions of the licences.

7—Local Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Committee—The Town Clerk reported that under Naval and Military War Pensions, etc. (Administrative Expenses) Act 1917, the reasonable administrative expenses of the local Committee were to be borne by the Council, and that two thirds of the amount which was expended by the Council was to be repaid to them out of moneys provided by the Treasury. He laid before the Committee the Committee's estimate of their expenses from the 17th May, 1917, to 31st March, 1918, amounting to £92. Resolved, That a Rent at the rate of per annum be charged for the Office and other accommodation provided for the Pensions Committee at the Municipal Offices. Resolved, also, That the estimate be approved with the addition of the amount to be paid for rent, and subject to the Committee being satisfied that more economical provision cannot be made for heating the Secretary's office, than provided for in the estimate,

1—Street Hawking—Read a letter from Mr. Stephen Sharpe, complaining of the hawking of flowers, fruit and vegetables in the Promenade. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to call the attention of the Police to the complaint made.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 11th July, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green, Moore, and Stewart, and Mr. H. Stroud (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,090, visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum, from June 12th.

The Cotteswold Naturalists' Field Club visited the Museum on the 10th inst., and were addressed in the Local Room by Mr. A. J. de Havilland Bushnell on "Man before Metals."

Permission had been given to four pupils of the School of Art to sketch in the Art Gallery.

H. B. Inglefield Esq., had presented a framed portrait of his father, Admiral E. A. Inglefield—born in Cheltenham March 27th, 1820: died in London, September 5th, 1894.

Mr. H. E. Crocker, a member of the Royal Water Colour Society, had kindly lent 13 water colour drawings which had been exhibited at the Royal Academy, the Royal Water Colour Society, etc., for exhibition in the Art Gallery, and had been greatly appreciated by the public.

Resolved. That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Inglefield for his gift.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 18th July, 1917: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell and Sawyer (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate—Read, letters from Mr. W. Covill and Mr. E. F. Tanner with reference to trees in Pittville Crescent be Albert Road. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the trees lopped and that the same inspected at the next meeting of the Committee.

Grass—Resolved, That the offer of Mr. Carter, of Prestbury, to cut the grass in the Pittville Gardens and Wellington Square Gardens, and make this into a rick of hay, at £1 per acre, be accepted.

2 —Folly Lane Allotments—Resolved, That Councillor Betteridge be appointed a Visitor to the Folly Lane Allotments' Clarence and

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3—Whaddon Lane Ground—Cricket—Read, an application from Mr. S. E. Peach, Director of the Technical Schools, for per-mission for a number of the scholars of the Technical Schools to play cricket at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground during the coming season. Resolved, That permission be granted subject to the usual conditions.

4—Old Cemetery—Read, a letter from Mr. W. Ayris, Churchwarden, asking for the usual grant for the present and past year to be made towards the expenses of keeping the Old Cemetery in order as an open space. Resolved, That a grant of £20 be made.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 20th July, 1917: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4973 to 4981 (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 grave of Patrick and Ian Patrick Campbell; Kerbing to graves of Fanny E. Mulhearn, Rosa McVitie, and Joseph Radburn.

3—Land adjoining Cemetery—Read, a letter from the Gloucestershire War Agricultural Committee, asking that the land adjoining the Cemetery should be cultivated for a cereal crop to reap in the harvest of 1918. Resolved, That the Committee be informed that the land will shortly be required for use in connection with the Cemetery. Resolved also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan for laying out the land as part of the Cemetery.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 10th July 1917: Present--Alderman Steel, Councillors Green and Pates, Miss Fegan, Messrs. J. R. Claridge, E. Gridley, A. Miles, and H. Stroud (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1--Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts £3 9s. 2d. Presentations: Mr. A. C. Dunn (2 vols.), Mr. J. Paterson (41 pamphlets), Mr. W. Banks (1 vol.), Dr. R. Davies (2 vols. and pamphlet), Miss A. F. Johnson (1 vol.).

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of June last was 2434, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 8,315.

2—Sub - Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 5th instant: Present—Alderman Steel (in the chair) Councillor Green, Messrs. W. R. Caries and F. J. Caudle. They recommended: —

(a) That an increase of 2/- per week be granted to the four junior assistants.

(b) That the Phonetic Journal be purchased at a cost of 4/4 per annum.

(c) That a collection of old Cheltenham Play-bills, dating from 1791 to 1854, and also the books recommended by the Librarian be purchased at a cost of £25 out of the Leslie Young Bequest.

(d) No tenders have been sent in for the repairs to the outside of the building in response to the advertisement. The Sub-Committee recommend that the repairs to the roof should be put in hand at once, at an estimated cost of

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

3—Coke—The Librarian recommended, in view of the difficulty experienced last year, that a quantity of coke should be stored in the cellars under the Art Gallery. If this were done it would be necessary to have a coke-shoot provided, and also to have a doorway made between the cellars of the Public Library and the Museum. The Borough Surveyor estimated the cost of the work at about £8 10s. 0d, Resolved, That this work be carried out and that the Librarian be authorised to order 25 tons of coke.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 24th July, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Haddock, Horsley, Silk and Wilkins (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Resignation of Alderman Waghorne—Read, a letter from Alderman Waghorne, resigning his membership of the Committee Resolved, That this Committee regret to receive Alderman Waghorne's resignation and that he be urged to reconsider his decision, as in the opinion of this Committee it would be a great loss to the Corporation to be deprived of his services as Chairman of this Committee, especially in the difficult circumstances existing at the present time.

2-Resignation of the Borough Accountant—The following letter was received from Mr. Minett, viz.: —

"To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.

Gentlemen, I beg to tender my grateful thanks to you for the very kind expressions of confidence in me and my work in the Finance Department, and for your recommendation to the Council to increase my salary, which I felt I was reasonably and justly entitled to, especially considering the course adopted in

other cases. As the recommendation was not carried, I see no other course open to me but to submit my resignation, which I presume will take effect at the expiration of three months from this date.

I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant, R. MINETT, Borough Accountant."

July 24, 1917.

Resolved, That this Committee consider that the retirement of Mr. Minett at the present time will cause serious inconvenience, in view of the present and possible further depletion of the staff in the Finance Department, and the extra work and attention required in connection with Corporation Loans, and they recommend that Mr. Minett be asked to withdraw his resignation.

3—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 24th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £13,160 14s. 7d. Leaving outstanding £11,796 10s. 2d.

4-Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 24th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September next. Amount collected £7,152 5s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £5,803 0s. 11d.

5—Borough 5 Accountant's Department—Staff—The Borough Accountant reported that his junior clerk was leaving, and that he had appointed a junior female clerk at a commencing salary of 7/6 per week. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Accountant be approved.

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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: —

In hand on the 26th June last	2,058 11 5	
Received since that date	<u>30,767 6 11</u>	
	32,825 18 4	
Paid since that date	<u>17,965 19 7</u>	
	In hand 14,859 18 9	
being Sinking Fund Accounts		15,521 13 7
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts		152 11 11
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account		<u>17 10</u>
		15,690 15 8
Less General Accounts overdrawn		<u>830 16 11</u>
		14,859 18 9

T. REES JONES,
Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

At a Quarterly Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Friday, the 3rd August, 1917, at 3 p.m., Present:

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

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL)

Aldermen:

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

Councillors:

JAMES WILLIAM BETTERIDGE ALBERT ROBINS CAUDLE FRANK CHARLES DODWELL WILLIAM HENRY
HORSLEY ALFRED MANN JAMES MOORE JOHN POYTRESS PATES WILLIAM SAWYER JAMES STEWART
PETER PHILIP TAYLOR THOMAS WILKINS

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1—Minutes of Previous Meeting—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on the 2nd July, 1917, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

2—Maternity and Child Welfare Committee—Resolved, That Councillor Mann be appointed a member of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Earengy. Resolved also, that the Report of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee be approved and adopted.

3—War Pensions, etc., Committee—Resolved, That the Rev. T. Lawrence Green be appointed a member of the Local War Pensions, etc., Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. R. H. M. Bouth.

4—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 9th July 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 10th and 23rd July last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following amendment, viz.: —. That Minute No. 12 (Eldorado Road) be referred back for further consideration.

6—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 13th July 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 July last, be approved and confirmed.

8 -Water Committee-Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 12th July 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 July last, be approved and confirmed, and that a satisfactory report having been made in respect of Mr. F. Martin's Motor Cab, a Licence be issued.

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10—Art Gallery and Museum Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Art Gallery and Museum Committee, at their Meeting of the 11th July 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 July last, be approved and confirmed. Burial Board Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Burial Board Committee, at their Meeting of the 20th July last, be approved and confirmed.

13—Public Library Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Library Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th July last, be approved and continued. subject to the following amendment, viz.: —
That Minute No. 3((Coke) be referred back for further consideration.

14--Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 24th 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.

15---Montpellier Gardens—Read an application from Mr. C. Gillsmith for the use of the Montpellier Gardens. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

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Borough of Cheltenham

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of Cheltenham, duly convened and held at the Municipal Offices, in the said Borough, on Wednesday, the 22nd August, 1917, at 3 p.m. Present: THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR THOMAS REES JONES) in the chair.

Aldermen: WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER RICHARD DAVIES CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors:

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

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1-Food Control Committee—Resolved, That the undermentioned persons be ;Appointed for the term of one year a Local Food Committee for the Borough of Cheltenham, for the purpose of carrying out the duties from time to time cut rusted to the Committee by the Food Controller, with power to appoint Sub-Committees composed wholly or partly of members of the Committee, and to delegate such of their powers as they may think fit to such Sub-Committees, three to form a quorum of the Committee or any Sub-Committee :—

The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Waghorne, Councillor Wood - Representatives of the Town Council.

Alderman Margrett- Representative of the Education Committee and the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association.

Councillor Betteridge- Representative of Labour.

Mr. W. H. Hudson- Representative of Cheltenham Bakers, Millers, and Flour Merchants' Association.

Mr. Leigh James ... Representative of the Cheltenham Butchers' Association.

Councillor E. C. Silk- Representative of the Cheltenham Grocers' Association.

Mr. J. T. Jackson- General Manager of the Gloucester Co-operative and Industrial Society.

Mr. W. J. Bache- Hon. Secretary Cheltenham War Savings Committee.

Miss Alice Andrews

2. Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their meeting of the 15th August last, be approved and confirmed.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 3rd September, 1917.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 13th August, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Moore, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1--Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: -27 North Place, 13 Cleaveland Street, 20 Suffolk Parade, 1 Stoneville Street, and Millville, Naunton Crescent. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2---Overcrowding at 32 Brunswick Street and 1 Bank Cottages, Arle—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3--Cleansing and Whitewashing at 15 Bloomsbury Street, 41 Brunswick Street, 7 Worcester Street, 62 Upper Pa park street, 95 Tewkesbury Road and 64 Burton Street—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 64 Burton Street, 15 Bloomsbury Street, 41 Brunswick Street, and 62 Upper Park 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.

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5--Insanitary Property--41 Brunswick Street, 42 Union Street, 4 Columbia Place, 94 and 95 Tewkesbury Road, Cumberland Villa, Grove Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved, That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein,

6--House without proper Water Supply--64 Utter Park Street—It appearing on the Report of the Borough Surveyor that the above premises were without a proper water supply, and 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 6-1 of the Public Health Act. 1875, to the owner requiring him to do all such works as may be necessary for that purpose.

7--House unfit for Human Habitation—2, 3. 4, 5 and 6 Little's Court New Street—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these premises were in a state so dangerous to health as to be unfit for human habitation and he recommended that the houses be closed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting and that in the meantime notice be given to the Owners of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

8--Dairies. Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read. an application from Mr. Robert M. Bass of 194, High Street, to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered. Read an application from Mrs. Sarah Ann Lockstone to be registered as a Purveyor of Milk at 29, Henrietta Street. Resolved, That Mrs. Lockstone be informed that the Medical Officer of Health is of opinion that the premises are unsuitable for the sale of milk.

9--Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that on the 4th instant a number of pieces of unsound beef, weighing no lbs, were surrendered as unfit for human food.

10—Health Department—Staff—Read an application from Mr. Victor S. Harris, Temporary Assistant Inspector, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be increased to 45/- per week.

11—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 13th instant.

Present: —The Mayor. Councillors Stewart and Wood 1Councillor Wood in the chair).

Farms Manager', Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 12th instant was 2 colts. 11 horses (not including 3 at Depot), 8 calves, 109 head of cattle, 26 lambs, 40 sheep, and 59 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 6 head of cattle and 4 calves had been purchased for £130 10 Od. 27 pigs, and 5 calves, had been bred on the Farms. 15 head of cattle, 10 calves, 26 sheep and 22 lambs, and 371 lbs of wool had been sold for £797 13s. 6d. Shooting—Resolved. That the shooting on the Hayden Farms be let to Mr. G. McIlquham for the coming season on the same terms as last season. Resolved, also that the offer of Mr. W. C. Unwin to take the shooting on the Barn Farm be accepted. Resolved. That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 14th August, 1917: Present—Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1-St. George's Place—Read an application from Mr. Sutton Gardner for permission to place two coal plates in the footpath opposite No 66 St. George's Place as shown on the sketch submitted. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the coal plates being approved by the Borough Surveyor, and to the usual agreement of indemnity being entered into. Read an application from Mr. Scott for permission to replace the grating and plate in front of his premises in Chester Walk with Hayward Lights. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the usual agreement of indemnity being entered into.

2-Eldorado Road—Private Improvement Works—This matter was further considered by the Committee, and a memorial was received from Messrs. R. R. Skemp and others asking that the Private Improvement works should be delayed until after the war, and stating that the owners were willing to carry out temporary repairs. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned, and that the Borough Surveyor be asked to confer with Mr. H. W. Chatters, on behalf of the owners, as to the temporary repairs to be carried out by them.

3-Trees—Read letters from Dr. Norman H. Pyke of 10 York Terrace, and Mr. G. Bendy of Glenside, Langdon Road, with reference to the removal of trees near their premises. Resolved, That the letters be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 27th August, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (The Mayor in the chair).

4—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 20th July to the 23rd August, 1917 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended the 16th August, 1917, 867 loads collected, 845 consumed, 22 tipped away. Total weight consumed, 753 tons 11 cwt. 2 qrs.

5—Shoeing Horses—Read, a letter from Mr. T. J. Brain, asking for an increase in the charge for shoeing the Corporation 9 horses from 6/- to 7/- per horse. Resolved, That the application be granted.

6—Clinker—Resolved. That the offer of Messrs. Billings and & Sons, Limited, to purchase 500 yards of clinker at 6d. per ton be accepted, and that the Borough Surveyor be authorised to dispose of further quantities at the same price.

7—Back Road to York Terrace, adjoining Chelt—The Borough Surveyor submitted the apportionment of the expenses, amounting to £6 10s., incurred in providing a gate at the rear of York Terrace. Resolved, That the same be approved and that application be made to the owners for payment of the amount.

8-Wood Paving in High Street—Resolved, That the Committee inspect the wood paving in the High Street at the next View Meeting.

9-Trees—The Committee inspected at their View Meeting on Friday last the trees in respect of which complaint had been received. Resolved,

York Terrace—That the large limb of the tree in St. George's Road, opposite No. 10, York Terrace, be removed; that the trees in the Depot Yard, at the rear of the house, be lopped and pruned, and that the attention of Dr. Pike be called to the large trees in his garden, &c.

Overton Road—That the tree opposite Abbeyholme be not removed.

Leckhampton Road—That the tree which obstructs the Great Western Railway signalman's view be removed.

Langdon Road—That the tree opposite Glenside be removed and a silver birch planted.

Montpellier Terrace—That the smaller tree opposite No. 6, Montpellier Terrace be removed and the adjoining trees pruned.

Montpellier Spa Road—That the damaged tree be removed.

Hewlett Road—That the tree near "Mercara" be removed. That the tree opposite No. 2, Jersey Place be lopped.

All Saints' Road—That the tree opposite "Melfort" be removed.

10—Battledown Approach—Resolved, That the footpath on the North side of Battledown Approach be asphalted and a new kerb provided.

11—Horse Chestnuts—Resolved, That the Mayor be asked to make an appeal through the Press to householders who have chestnut trees in their gardens, asking them to collect the chestnuts and send the same to the Central Depot.

12—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz.: —The Mayor, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins.

13—Report of 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.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Monday, the 27th August, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (The Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name	Description.
2380	Miss G. M. Wellsted	New Bathroom, Hotel Suffolk.

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

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 17th August, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Haddock, Pates, S.110.ver, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Winter Concerts—The Committee considered the question of the Winter Concerts, and Mr. Horace Teague attended the Meeting. Read a letter from the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association asking, in the event of the Corporation deciding Read, a letter not to hold Winter concerts next season, for the use of the Town Hall on 3 or 4 days a week for concerts and entertainments and offering to pay 5 per cent. of the takings to the Corporation.

Resolved, to recommend that the following arrangements be made for the ensuing season: —

(a) That the season commence on the 8th October next and to continue 20 weeks.

(b) That Mr. Teague's offer to provide an orchestra of 10 performers, including himself as conductor to play on three afternoons a week, and also on Saturdays when not engaged at the Theatre, for £13 13s. per week be accepted.

(c) That Mr. Teague have the entire management of the concerts under the direction of this Committee.

(d) That Mr. Teague be allowed the use of the Town Hall free of charge on one day during the season for a Benefit Concert.

(e) That the tern-is of subscription be as follows: —Season Tickets 10/6. Ordinary admission 6d.

(f) That tenders be invited for the right to supply refreshments and Programmes at the concerts and also for the printing and bill-posting, piano, etc., and that this Committee be empowered to accept satisfactory tenders.

2-Montpellier Gardens—Resolved, That the application of Mr. C. G. Smith, for the use of the Montpellier Gardens for a concert on the 30th instant, be granted subject to his paying a rental of £5 and also the cost of lighting etc.,

3—Montpellier Baths—Medical Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that from the 11th July to the 23th August, 1917, 133 Medical Baths had been given, including 31 to wounded soldiers.

4—Alstone Baths—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Education Committee asking for the use of the Alstone Baths on three evenings a week during the winter season for St. Paul's Girls' Club, who would be unable to use their Mission Hall owing to this being occupied by the scholars from the Gloucester Road Schools. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to the Education Committee paying the cost of putting down the wooden floor, and for electric light used.

Open Air Swimming Bath—Read, a memorial from Mr. R. A. Godfrey and others with reference to the use of the side-entrance in connection with the open air swimming bath. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

5—Winter Garden-Lawn-Read, a letter from Mrs. Jeremy Thomas asking for the use of the Winter Garden Grounds in connection with a sale of work to be held at the Town Hall on the 19th September.

Resolved, That the application be granted subject to any damage done to the turf etc., being made good.

Storage—Read, a letter from the Education Committee asking for permission to store in the basement of the Town Hall and Winter Garden, the furniture from St. Paul's Mission Hall.

Resolved, That the application be granted.

6—Spa Medical Committee—Report —Resolved, That consideration of the Report of the Spa Medical Committee and also the Borough Surveyor's Report with reference to the Mineral Water Well at Pittville be adjourned to the next meeting.

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7 -Mineral Waters—Sales—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa since the last Meeting was 1,677, as compared with 2,841 for the corresponding period last year. The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens, was 259 as compared with 286.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 23th August, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Safe—The Borough Electrical Engineer recommended that another iron safe should be provided for the books and records in his department. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to obtain quotations for a second-hand safe for consideration at the next meeting.

2—Goal—Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be authorised to purchase 800 tons of slack coal for storing.

3—Emergency Disconnection—Resolved, That application be made to the Board of Trade for sanction under Regulation Br of the Board's Regulations under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888 to disconnect classes of non-essential consumers in case of necessity, in order to enable the supply to be continued to munition and other essential users.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 16th August, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Margrett and Councillor Pates, (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended <i>13th August, 1917.</i>	Average for corresponding period <i>During last 3 years</i>
Hewletts Springs	162,000 gallons	169,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	240,000 “	363,000 “

Leckhampton Springs	<u>60,000</u>	“	<u>59,000</u>	“
Total	462,000	“	591,000	“

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		13th August, 1917		13 th August, 1916
Hewletts		20,308,000 gallons		19,717,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	16ft. 0in.	30,353,000 “	20ft 0in	44,703,000 “
Leckhampton	18ft. 0in.	<u>1,080,000</u> “	7ft 0in	<u>945,000</u> “
Total storage		106,099,000 “		65,365,000 “

Pumping was commenced at Sandford on the 30th July last, and at Tewkesbury on the 4th inst.

2-Reserve Fund—Resolved, That £2684 2s., (the balance owing on the Municipal Offices Account) be transferred from the Reserve Fund to the Borough Fund.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT.

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Tuesday, the 21st August, 1917; Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Margrett and Waghorne, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—Diseases amongst Animals— Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of the Premises in the occupation of Mr. Jesse Crisp at Hesters Way, which were still under quarantine, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

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

3—Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences—Read, an application from the Queen's Hotel Co., for a licence to drive a Motor Cab for L. Smithers of Painswick Terrace, Cheltenham. An application was also received from James Arthur Gilcrest of 10, Suffolk Square, for a licence. Resolved, That the applications be granted.

4—Motor Cab Licence—Read an application from Mr. W. T. Baggs of St. Luke's Road Motor Garage, for a Motor Cab licence. Resolved, That a licence be granted subject to inspection and satisfactory report thereon.

5—Representation of People Bill—Parliamentary Boundary—Read, a letter from the Clerk of the Charlton Kings Urban District Council stating that no objection would be raised to the proposed alteration in the Cheltenham Parliamentary Boundary, but that this must not be taken as in any way assenting to any extension of the Municipal Borough.

6—Early Closing—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Early Closing Association, 34, Ludgate Hill, London, stating that the Early Closing Order would cease to operate on the 30th September, after which early closing would again be voluntary. Resolved, That this Council is in favour of a compulsory early closing Order and that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary of State asking that the present compulsory Order which requires all shops to close at 8 p.m. should be continued.

7—Licence to Store Petroleum—Read, a letter from Messrs. T. V. West & Co. stating that they were removing their business from 88 High Street, to premises in Bath Road, formerly occupied by Messrs. Stretton, and asking that their licence to store 1,000 gallons of Petroleum, and 3 cwt. of carbide of Calcium should be transferred to their new premises. The Inspector reported that the proposed new store was satisfactory. Resolved, That the application be granted.

8—Municipal Offices—The Borough Surveyor reported that dry rot had been discovered in the room occupied by the Secretary of the War Pensions Committee and that he was having the necessary repairs carried out at a cost of about £25. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Surveyor be approved.

J. WAGHORNE,
Chairman.

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 22nd August, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Boulter, Betteridge, Dodwell and Sawyer (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Pittville Estate --Trees—The Committee inspected the trees of which complaint had been received. Resolved, Albert Road—That the tree at the rear of Southend House be lopped, and that the attention of the occupier be called to the trees in her garden. That the large tree opposite No. 1, Easton Villas be removed. That the three trees overhanging Mr. W. Covill's garden be lopped.

2--Cultivation of Land—Rent of Allotments—Resolved, That the Sub-Committee be asked to inspect the Allotments and to report at the next meeting as to the rent to be charged next year.

3—Folly Lane Allotments—Water Supply—The Committee considered the question of providing a water supply at these Allotments. The Borough Surveyor recommended that two pumps should be provided at the brook, and also that a new well should be sunk, and a pump provided, at a cost of about £18. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted, and that he be instructed to have the work put in hand.

4— Recreation Grounds—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Central Care Sub-Committee, forwarding an extract from the Report of the Committee with reference to Play Centres.

The Sub-Committee recommended: —(a) That the portion of the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground now used as allotments be handed over for recreation as soon as possible; (b) that the Naunton Park Recreation Ground be open to the children all day; (c) that an additional entrance be made to the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground from the Pittville Circus Road; and (d) that the paving at the Grove Street Ground be repaired, and the dilapidated house adjoining made less dangerous or pulled down. They also suggested that more shelters and games outfits should be provided at the Grounds.

The Sub-Committee were also of opinion that a place of recreation was needed in the St. Peter's district, and suggested that failing the provision of more suitable accommodation, the Education Committee should obtain the use of the playground at St. Peter's Boys' School for the purpose.

Resolved, That the Committee are unable to recommend the Council to carry out the recommendations of the Sub' Committee at the present time. Resolved also, That the portion of the report relating to the playground at the St. Peter's Boys' School be referred to the Education Committee.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 24th August, 1917: Present--The Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4982 to 4989 (both inclusive) of the exclusive right of burial in the graves referred to therein, which had been purchased.

2—Advance to Superintendent—Resolved, That the amount advanced to the Superintendent for the payment of wages and Ministers' fees be increased from £60 to £70, and that the resolution to Minute No. 4 of this Committee's proceedings of the 23rd February last be varied accordingly.

3—Land adjoining Cemetery—The Town Clerk reported that Mr. John Denley was willing to continue the tenancy of the land adjoining the Cemetery, and also to take the grass cut at the Cemetery for another year, at an increased rental of per annum, subject to the same conditions as contained in the present agreement. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that an agreement be entered into accordingly.

4—Designs—Resolved, That the following designs be approved, viz.: Memorial Crosses to graves of Joseph Jewel Anthony Lumb, Mary Mabel Peach, and Henry and Emily Matthews. Kerbing to grave of Lilian Lewis.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 28th August, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Silk, Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £20,565 14s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £4,391 10s. 9d.

2—Water Rate--Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 28th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September, 1917. Amount collected £10,706 4s. 5d. Leaving outstanding £2,292 15s. 0d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £200 on loan. Resolved, That a Debentures be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan. He also reported that he had arranged for the continuance of loans of £400 and £140. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

4—Borough Accountant's Department—Staff—Resolved, That the wages of Miss Moore, junior clerk, be increased to 10/-per week. Resolved also, That the Borough Accountant be authorised to engage another junior clerk.

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

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

In hand on the 24th July last	14,859 18 9
Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture, £200)	<u>24,899 9 10</u>
	39,759 8 7

Paid since that date (including loans on Debenture temporarily repaid £13,147)	<u>21,397 15 8</u>
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In hand 18,361 12

Being General Accounts	2637 4 9
Sinking Fund Accounts	15,555 6 1
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	152 1 1
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account	<u>17 1 0</u>
	18,361 12 11

J. WAGHORNE,

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 18th August, 1917.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held at the Municipal Offices, Promenade, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of August, 1917, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, at which Meeting the following business is, proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To appoint a Food Control Committee in accordance with the instructions of the Food Controller.
2. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
3. Notices of Motion

Yours faithfully,

R. Owen Seacombe,

Town Clerk

To each Member of the Council.

Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Finance Committee of the Town Council to be submitted for approval at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday, the 22nd August 1917.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 15th August, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Silk, Wilkins and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

1—Resignation of Borough Accountant—Read a letter from Mr. R. Minett stating that after carefully considering the matter, in view of the exceptional circumstances prevailing at the present time he was willing to yield to the pressure the Mayor and other members had brought to bear upon him, and to temporarily withdraw his resignation; leaving it to the Council to further consider the question of more adequate remuneration for his responsible duties to the town.

2— Resignation of Alderman Waghorne—Alderman Waghorne intimated that in view of Mr. Minett's decision, he was willing to accede to the pressure brought to bear upon him by the Council and would withdraw his resignation for the present.

3—Borough Accountant's Department—Staff, —Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Waghorne (Chairman), and Councillor Haddock be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the re-arrangement of the staff of the Borough Accountant's Department in view of its possible further depletion.

T. REES JONES,

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 September, 1917, at 3 p.m., Present:

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

THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL)

Aldermen:

ROBERT STEEL JOHN WAGHORNE WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER RICHARD DAVIES

Councillors:

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

Apologies—Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Dodwell and Silk. —

1—Minutes of Previous Meetings—Resolved, That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council on the 3rd and 22nd August, 1917, having been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council, be taken as read, and that the same be adopted and confirmed.

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

3—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 14th and 27th August last, be approved and confirmed.

4—Town Improvement and Spa Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee, at their Meeting of the 17th August last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: —

That Minute No. 1 of the Minutes of the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be not approved provided that before the 7th instant the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association agree to the following terms: -

1. The Corporation shall grant the Traders' Association the free use of the Town Hall during the afternoons (except Sundays and except when required for other purposes) from a date not later than the 15th October for a period of twenty consecutive weeks for holding High Class Afternoon Concerts or Entertainments.

2. The Traders' Association shall provide not less than three High Class Afternoon Concerts or Entertainments on three during the said period and shall pay afternoons each week to the Corporation 5 per cent. of the gross takings at all. Afternoon Concerts and Entertainments provided

3. The Corporation shall pay- the cost of lighting, heating and cleaning the Town Hall during the said period and during that time shall also pay the cost of the morning orchestra, provided by the Traders' Association at the Town Hall not exceeding £125.

4. The Traders' Association will during the said period continue the Lounge and Bureau at the Town Hall as at present.

5. The Corporation shall be at liberty to make a charge for admission to the Morning Concerts if they so desire.

If the above terms are not mentioned Minute No 1 above accepted by the Traders' Association by the hove referred to be approved.

5-Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd August last, be approved and confirmed.

6--Water Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Water Committee, at their Meeting of the 16th August last, be approved and confirmed.

7—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 21st August last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

10—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 28th August last, be approved and confirmed. Resolved also, That an Order on the Borough Treasurer be signed accordingly for payment to the several Corporations, Companies and Persons mentioned in the Schedule of Accounts, the sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

Mayor.

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Borough of Cheltenham

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town Council to be submitted for approval (it a Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 1st October, 1917.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 10th September, 1917: • Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Candle, Moore and Wood (the Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: -1 Priory Cottages, Sidney Street, Regent Inn, Regent Street, 18 Worcester Street, 1 and 2 Llewellyn Cottages, Trinity Lane, 24 Windsor Street, and 3, 6 and 9 Higgs' Cottages, Lower Alstone. 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 Improvements Act, 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

2—Overcrowding at 42 Union Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded as to be dangerous or injurious to the health of the inmates. Resolved, That the Committee being satisfied of the existence of a nuisance on the said premises, Notice under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served on the occupiers thereof, requiring them to abate the same.

3— Cleansing and Whitewashing at 10 Fairview Street, Regent Inn, Regent Street, 17, 18 and 46 Worcester Street, 1 Burton Cottages, Great Western Road, 2 Columbia Street, 38 and 42 Union Street, and 3 Higgs' 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.

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4—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 16 St. Paul's Street South, Terry Lawn, Portland Street, 24 Windsor Street, 3 Blenheim 4 Terrace, and 32 North Place--The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, stating that the drains, &c., on or belonging to the above-named houses were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health. Resolved, That

authority be given to the Inspector of Nuisances to open the ground, examine the drains, and report to the Committee.

5—Insanitary Property-1 Burton Cottages, Great Western Road, 3, 4 and 6 Higgs' Cottages, Alstone, 2 Columbia Street, and 38 and 42 Union Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned premises were in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the inmates owing to defective roofs, walls, ceilings, floors, &c. Resolved. That the Council being satisfied that the said premises are in such a state as to be a nuisance or injurious to health, Notices under Section 94 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

6—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Little's Court, New Street—With reference to the Representation made by the Medical Officer of Health at the last Meeting, the Town Clerk reported that he had given Notice to the Owners of these premises. Resolved. That it appearing to the Council that the above mentioned houses are in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order he now made pursuant to Sec. 17 {2} of the Housing. Town Planning, etc. Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the said houses for human habitation until the same have been rendered fit for that purpose, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice of such Order be given to the Owners.

7—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender of diseased meat as follows: —On the 15th ultimo the carcasses and offal of 2 pork pigs, and on the 4th instant one forequarter of beef. (Weight surrendered 2 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.)

8—Delancey Hospital Fees—Resolved. That proceedings be taken against Miss P. Gleed, of Rockbourne, Hayward's Road. for recovery of £4 4s. 0d. for her maintenance in the Hospital.

9—Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Read. an application from the Gloucestershire Dairy Company, Ltd. to be registered as purveyors of milk in respect of premises in Imperial Lane. A further application was received from Mr-s. Sarah Ann Lockstone in respect of 29, Henrietta Street, which she would have made suitable for the sale of milk. Resolved. That the applicants be registered.

10—Health Department--Read, an application from Mr. W. Townsend, Assistant Inspector and Disinfecter, for an increase of his wages. Resolved. That he be granted an additional war bonus of 6/6 per week, making the total of his wages and bonus up to 39/6.

11—Sewage Works—The Chairman reported that on the 5th instant, by his invitation, the Members of the Council and Officials. and also Representatives and Officials of the County Council and Cheltenham Rural District Council, inspected the Sewage Disposal Works at Heyden. A warm tribute of appreciation was paid to the Borough Engineer for the able manner in which the works had been designed by him and carried out under his supervision, and general satisfaction was expressed by the Representatives and Officials of the County Council and Rural District Council at the efficiency of the works in disposing of the sewage.

12-Housing of the Working Classes —A circular letter from the President of the Local Government Board was considered, in which it was stated that the question of provision of these houses was regarded as one of the most pressing post-war problems for which immediate preparation should be made. Realising that private enterprise, which provided approximately 95 per cent of the house building prior to the war, will be quite unable to grapple successfully and speedily with the building arrears, he had come to the conclusion that for the years immediately following the war it will be necessary to rely far more than in the past upon Local Authorities to provide the houses required. The Government recognised that it will

be necessary to afford substantial assistance from public funds to Local Authorities who, after the war. are prepared to carry through without delay a programme of housing for the working classes approved by the Board.

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It was not possible at present to indicate the form or extent of this assistance, but the offer would only be available for a limited period.

Local Authorities who were of opinion that there was a housing need in their area, and desired to share in the financial assistance referred to, should fill in the form of return enclosed and return it to the Board not later than the 15th October.

Resolved, That the particulars required by the return be obtained, and that the matter be further considered at the next Monthly Meeting of the Committee.

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

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 10th instant was 9 colts, 12 horses (including 3 at the Depot), 7 calves, 129 head of cattle, 21 lambs, 25 sheep, and 51 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 6 cart colts and 46 head of cattle had been purchased for £1,076, and 2 cart horses, 26 head of cattle, 5 calves, 15 sheep, 5 lambs, and 7 pigs had been sold for £1,110 1s. 4d, one pig had died. The fruit at Heyden and Barn Farms (except cider fruit) had been sold for £25 10s. 0d.

Cottages at Barn Farm—The Borough Engineer submitted plans of pig styes, etc. Resolved, That the Farms (including these cottages) be inspected by the Sub-Committee on the 28th instant, and that consideration of the plans be adjourned.

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

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this committee held on Tuesday, the 11th September, 1917: Present—The and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair). Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann

1-Sugar Distribution—Read, a letter from the Gloucestershire County War Agricultural Committee, asking the Council to undertake the distribution of sugar to applicants living in the Borough who had applied for a supply for jam-making. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to arrange for the distribution.

A letter was also read from the Clerk of the Cheltenham Rural District Council, asking for the use of a room at the Central Depot for distributing the sugar for their district. Resolved, That the application be granted.

2-Railway Wagons—The Borough Surveyor reported that the agreement with the Gloucester Carriage and Wagon Company for the maintenance of 10 Corporation railway wagons, expired on the 31st July last. The Company were willing to continue the contract for a further term of 10 years at a charge of £5 10s.

6d. per truck per annum, plus an additional charge of £3 11s. 6d. per wagon during the war and for 12 months afterwards. Resolved, That the offer be accepted, and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign an agreement on behalf of the Corporation, embodying the terms.

3—Trees—Read, a letter from Mr. J. J. Townsend, asking that the tree opposite his premises, No. 2, St. Luke's Villas, College Road should be cut back Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 24th September, 1917: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Horsley and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

4-street Projections—Read, an application from the Rev. C. C. Petch for permission to fix a small Notice of direction to St. Luke's Church on the electric lamp standard in Bath Road at the end of St. Luke's Road. Resolved, That the application be granted subject to the usual conditions.

5—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 24th August to the 20th September, 1917 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended the 13th September, 1917, 719 loads collected, 701 consumed, 18 tipped. away. Total weight consumed, 622 tons 12 cwt. 2 qrs.

Waste Paper—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to dispose of the old Stores books and wages books—more than six years' old for waste paper.

6—Gas Trenches—The Borough Surveyor reported that having regard to the increased wages of the workmen in the Highways Department and also the cost of materials, he had been in communication with the Gas Company with a view to an increase in the charges paid by the Company to the Corporation for excavating and reinstating the gas trenches, and that the Company had agreed to the following increases:

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For excavations. etc. from 10d. per yard to 1/3

“ “ for pipes exceeding 5 ins. in diameter 1d. to 1½d. per yard in addition

“ “ for services 9d. per lineal yard to 1/-

Reinstatement of tar macadam • • . 4/- to 6/- per sq. yard

“ of asphalt and tar paved footpaths. • .. 2/- to 3/- „ „

Day work increase • • from 6½d. to 8¼d. per hour

The arrangement to be for six months certain, and afterwards determinable by one month's notice on either side.

Resolved. That an agreement be entered into embodying these terms to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

7—Waste Paper—The Town Clerk submitted draft contract with Meadow Mills, Ltd., for taking the waste paper collected by the Corporation at the schedule of prices issued by the Royal Commission on Paper. Resolved, That the same be approved and the Common Seal be affixed to an engrossment thereof.

8 —Chelt Footpath—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the bank where necessary for support of the footpath.

9—Eldorado Road—Private Improvement Works—Resolved, That the further consideration of this matter be adjourned for the present.

10—Trees Sub-Committee—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on Friday, the 21st instant. Present The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

After inspecting the trees of which complaint had been made, Resolved,

Promenade—That the application for the removal of trees opposite Gloucester Lodge be adjourned for inspection of all the trees in the Promenade.

Montpellier—That four trees near "Pierreville" be removed.

Lansdown Road— That the alternate trees on both sides of Lansdown Road from Gloucester House to Lansdown Hotel, be removed.

The Park—That one chestnut tree near "Elville" be removed.

College Road—That the three lime trees opposite 2, St. Luke's Villas and Sandford Villa and 1, Gainsborough Villas, be removed and one new tree planted.

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

Resolved. That a Meeting of the Trees Sub-Committee be held on Tuesday, the 2nd October, at 3 p.m.

Read, a letter from Mr. J. F. Mallandaine asking for the trees opposite Elim Lodge, Cranham Road, to be lopped. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

11—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz.: —The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann and Wilkins.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

PLANS SUB-COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th September, 1917: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Mann and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

No. of Plan	Name.	Description.
1375	Gloucestershire Aircraft Company	New Plane Store, Sunningend Works (amended plan).
1377	do.	New Men's Mess Room, Sunningend Works (amended plan).
1381	do.	New Lavatory Block for Men, Sunningend Works.
1382	do.	New Erecting Shop, Sunningend Works.

Resolved, That the same be approved.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday the 14th September 1917: present- The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Green and Haddock (Councillor Haddock in the chair),

1—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 15th August to the 1st September, 1917, was 100 including 50 to wounded soldiers. Resolved, That Medical Baths be given to disabled soldiers recommended by the Local War Pensions Committee on the same terms as charged to the Red Cross Society.

2—Whiter Concerts—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Traders' Association agreeing to the terms which were approved at the last Meeting of the Council with reference to the Winter Concerts.

3—Montpellier Gardens —Read, an application from the Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers, for permission to hold an open-air Memorial Service in the Montpellier Gardens on the 30th instant, to be conducted by the Rector and other clergy. Resolved, That the application be granted, subject to any damage which may be done to the turf being made good:

4—Alstone Baths—Open-air Swimming Bath—A memorial was read from Mr. A. Godfrey and others asking to be allowed to use the right of way adjoining the Baths for access to the open air swimming bath, Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that the Council are unable to grant their application, as the use of this right of way is restricted by the deed of conveyance to the officers, servants, etc., of the Corporation.

3—Spa Medical Committee—The Committee considered the report of the Spa Medical Committee and also of the Borough Surveyor with reference to the mineral water well at Pittville. Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be held to give the reports further consideration. 6 —Mineral Waters—Sales—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of glasses of Mineral Waters sold at the Central Spa since the last Meeting was 2343, as compared with 4,690 for the corresponding period last year. The number of glasses of waters sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 342 as compared with 435.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

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

1—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application from Mrs. Idiens for a supply to Moorend Park. The cost of the extension of main would be about £300. Resolved, That the extension be made, subject to the cost of the main being paid by Mrs. Idiens, and to her obtaining a Priority Certificate for the cable required.

2—Public Street Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the General Purposes and Watch Committee had decided, subject to the approval of the Chief Constable, that during the coming winter the number of electric lamps lighted should be increased by 8g and that the lamps should be kept lighted until 11.15 p.m., and also that the screening of the lamps should be modified so as to improve the lighting. The estimated cost of the additional lighting would be £75 to £100 to the 31st March next.

Resolved, That this be approved

3—Electric Vehicle—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the electric vehicle would shortly be delivered.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 13th September, 1917: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Green and Sawyer (The Deputy Mayor 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 <i>10th September, 1917.</i>	Average for corresponding period <i>During last 3 years</i>
Hewletts Springs	160,000 gallons	164,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	397,000 "	381,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>48,000</u> "	<u>55,000</u> "
Total	605,000 "	600,000 "

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CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents 10th September, 1917		Depth	Contents 10 th September, 1916
Hewletts		20,739,000 gallons			16,314,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	15ft. 6in.	28,757,000 "		15ft 0in	27,162,000 "
Leckhampton	9ft. 0in.	<u>1,621,000</u> "		7ft 0in	<u>945,000</u> "
Total storage		106,099,000 "			44,421,000 "

Pumping had been continued daily at Sandford and at Tewkesbury.

2-Lead Pipes—The Borough Engineer reported that owing to Government restrictions, tradesmen had for some time had difficulty in obtaining a supply of lead pipes. He had now obtained authority from the Ministry of Munitions to purchase 10 cwt. of lead pipes for supply to tradesmen requiring pipes for repairs to water services. Resolved, That the action of the Borough Engineer be approved, and that he be authorised to purchase a further supply when required.

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

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

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

1—Diseases amongst Animals— Supt. Hopkins reported that with the exception of the premises at Hester's Way, in the occupation of Mr. Jesse Crisp, which were still under quarantine, the Borough was free from contagious diseases amongst animals.

2—Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that on the 28th ultimo the Brigade was called to a slight outbreak of fire at No. 7, Montpelier Avenue. Damage, about £10. Brigade expenses, £2 4s. 0d.

3—Licences to store Petroleum, etc.—The Inspector reported that the premises were satisfactory. Resolved, That the following applications for renewal of licences to store Petroleum and Carbide of Calcium be granted for one year from the 5th proximo: —

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Name.	Place of Storage.	Petroleum.	Carbide.
Messrs. Haines & Strange	19, Albion Street	250 gallons	112 lbs
Powell, Grinnell & Co. „	34, Promenade	200 “	5 cwt
A. Hughes and Co.	21, Pittville Street	50 “	
The Halford Cycle Co.	North Street		228 lbs
H. E. Steel, Ltd.	105, High Street	400 “	200 lbs
“ “	Plough Yard	1000 “	60 lbs
H. G. Norton & Co.	416, High Street	200 “	280 lbs
“ “	Regent Street	300 “	
Jacobs, Smith & Co.	104a, High Street	50 “	
D. Davies & Co.	49, High Street	50 “	
“ T. W. Harvey, Ltd.	180, High Street	100 “	
Mr. L. Lusty	196, High Street	50 “	
“ S. A. Sperry	235, High Street	40 “	
Messrs. T. V. West & Co.	Bath Road	1000 “	3 cwt
Mr. J. Brown	Nag's Head, High Street	130 “	
Messrs. C. J. Bullock & Co.	50, Winchcombe Street	500 “	
J. Fisher & Sons	34 Winchcombe Street	100 “	
W. Mills & Sons	38, Winchcombe Street	350 “	112 lbs
A. Miles & Co.	117, High Street	500 “	
„ R. E. & C. Marshall	5, Clarence Street	450 “	
Mr. E. S. Holloway	3, St. Mark's Emporium	100 “	
Mrs. Shewell	Cotswold, Thirlestaine Road	500 “	
Messrs. The Shell Marketing Co	Regent Street	1500 “	
Mr. J. Gapper	St. Bernard's Villa, Cleeveland Street	80 “	
W. T. Smith	Suffolk Mews	100 “	
W. T. Baggs	4, St. Luke's Road	20 “	
Messrs. The Bristol Tram. and Car. Co., Ltd.	Spa Road	2250 “	112 lbs
“ “ “ “	Lamb Yard	30 “	
Mr. W. G. Tibbles	27, St. George's Place	100 “	

Messrs. A. Williams & Co.	10, Portland Street	400	“	
“ The Cheltenham, &c., Light Railway Co.	St. Mark's Depot	250	“	
The Gas Lighting Improvement Co.,				
Ltd.	G.W.R. Yard, St. James' Square	2500	“	
Mr. C. J. Lord	29, Upper Bath Road	50	“	72 lbs
Messrs. The Anglo-American Oil Co.	G.W.R. Yard, St. James' Square	3000	“	
Mr. C. H. Reason	25, Lansdown Crescent	150	“	
Messrs. The Queen's Hotel Co., Ltd.	Promenade	200	“	
Mr. F. Martin	5, High Street	50	“	
„ C. Giles	18, Upper Bath Road	100	“	
Messrs. The Wycliffe Cycle Co.	88, High Street			2 cwt
The Gloucestershire Aircraft Co., Ltd				
	Sunningend Works, St. Mark's	300	“	

Read, an application from the Assistant County Director, Gloucestershire Red Cross Society, for a licence to store 400 gallons of Petroleum at the Wellington Street Garage, formerly occupied by Messrs. Norton and Co. The Inspector reported that the proposed place of storage was satisfactory. Resolved, That a licence be granted.

4—War Charities Act, 1916—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes to be registered under the War Charities Act, 1916, in respect of the R.A.O.B. War Memorials Charity, the headquarters of which were in Cheltenham. Resolved, That the Charity be registered.

5—Local Coal Distributing Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Steel and Councillor Green, and a Representative to be nominated by the Gloucester Co-operative Society, be appointed additional members of the Local Coal Distributing Committee.

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6—Retail Prices of House Coal—Read, a letter from the Board of Trade forwarding copies of the Retail Coal Prices Order 1917, made by the Board of Trade, and of the Local Authorities (Retail Coal Prices) Order 1917 made by the Local Government Board, conferring on Local Authorities certain powers in connection with the fixing and maintenance of retail prices of house coal. The Board suggested that the Council, or a Committee appointed by them, should ask the retail coal merchants to submit for approval a schedule of prices to come into operation on the 1st October, or as soon as possible thereafter. Resolved, That the Coal Merchants' Association be asked to submit a schedule of prices, and that the Council be recommended to appoint the General Purposes Committee as the Committee under the Order, and to delegate to them all their powers thereunder.

7—Public Street Lighting—The Borough Electrical Engineer attended the Committee and recommended that during the coming winter the number of electric lamps lighted should be increased by 89, and that the lamps should be kept lighted until 11.15 p.m. He also recommended that the screening of the lamps should be modified so as to improve the lighting. He estimated that the cost of the additional lighting would be from £100 to the 31st March next. Resolved, That the recommendation be approved subject to the sanction of the Chief Constable being obtained.

8—Cinematograph Act, 1909—Resolved, That licences be granted for the period ending the 7th February, 1918, to Mr. J. H. Poynton in respect of the North Street Picture House, and Messrs. Gillsmith, Ltd., in respect of the Hippodrome, subject to the model conditions recommended by the Secretary of

State and to the other conditions contained in the previous licences so far as these are not covered by the model conditions.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 12th September, 1917: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Green and Moore (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 3,938 visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum from July 10th to September 11th. (Corresponding period last year, 2,301.)

Mr. Chas. Sawyer had presented Medallions, in case, of the Rev. Francis Close, M.A., Incumbent of Cheltenham 1826-1856, Dean of Carlisle 1856-1881.

The following Loans had been received for the Museum: —

The Council of the Ladies' College: Fossil Remains of Ichthyosaurus Platyodon, found when digging the foundations for "Glenlee," Malvern Road, 1899, in the Lower Lias, 6 feet below the surface.

Egyptian Flint Implements, found by H. W. Seaton-Karr, 1891.

Model of a Corvette, 24 guns, made by Captain Columbine (great-uncle of Sir John Dorington), 1800.

Mummified Cat and Rat, found in the flues of the Plough Hotel, 1873.

The following Loans had been received for the War Museum: —

Colonel Griffith:

German N.C.O. Sidearm, taken by Sergt. -Major Tibbles, M.C., 1/5 Gloucester Regiment, on the battlefield near Arras, April 22, 1917.

German N.C.O. Waistbelt, taken by Regt.-Sergt-Major C. Dix, 2/5 Gloucester Regiment.

Paper Knife made of German Shell Case, and German Bullets from Ypres, taken by Sergt. -Major Tibbles, M.C., Gloucester Regiment.

Ribbon of the German Iron Cross, taken by Regt.-Sergt. -Major C. Dix.

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

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman

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PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 19th September, 1917: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel. Councillors Betteridge and Dodwell (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Cultivation of Land—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 18th instant—Present: The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Dodwell and Taylor (the Deputy Mayor in the chair)—and inspected the War Allotments. They recommended—

(a) That the rent of the land in Parabola Road, in the occupation of Mr. Fear, be increased to £1 1s. 0d. per annum.

(b) That no increase be made in the rent of the other allotments.

(c) Land in Gloucester Road—That the tenants who have taken additional land without permission be required to pay rent for the same, and that the Education Committee be offered the use of a piece of land, free of charge, for a School Garden in connection with the Christ Church Schools. Resolved. That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

2—Trees—Clarence Square—Read, a memorial from Mr. E. Parker and others asking for the removal of some of the trees in Clarence Square, and that others should be lopped. The Committee inspected the trees. Resolved, That the trees selected by the Committee be removed and that the other trees be lopped.

3—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, applications from the Hon. Secretary of the St. Paul's United Football Club, and the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. (Junior Section), for permission to play football during the coming season at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground and Naunton Park respectively. Resolved, That permission be granted, subject to the usual conditions. Read, an application from the Sunningend Athletic Club for permission to play football at the Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the application be adjourned to the next Meeting to see whether the Club cannot obtain a private ground.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

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

1—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4990 to 4996 (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 Clara B. Singleton, Walter and Lionel Narramore Were. Memorial Crosses to graves of John, Julia Mary and Madeline Grace Oakden, and Andrew Robert Doxsey. Kerbing to graves of Ann Smith, Amelia Hay, Benjamin Gregory, Edward John Hanks, Peter Roinam Humphries, Jane Higgins, Mary Tombs, and Ernest Albert Denley.

A. MANN,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 11th September, 1917: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Mann and Wilkins, Miss Fegan, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £3 8s. 4d. Presentations: Lieut. R. P. Wild (7 vols.), Mr. B. Hailing (1 vol.)

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of August last was 1,812, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 7,793.

2-Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 9th August: Present—Alderman Steel (in the chair), Alderman Davies, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge.

The Sub-Committee considered a scheme for the partial adoption of the open access system for the Reference Library and the Librarian was instructed to obtain further particulars.

The Sub-Committee also met on the 6th instant. Present: Alderman Steel (in the chair) and Mr. F. J. Caudle.

A letter was received from Mrs. Pridmore acknowledging the pleasure she had derived from using the Library during the past 12 years.

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The Sub-Committee recommended—

(a) That the Librarian be authorised to attend the Annual Meeting of the Library Association, to be held in London from the 3rd to the 5th October next.

(b) That the present News Room be converted into an open access Reference Library, and that the News Room be transferred to the Magazine Room, at a cost of about £20.

Resolved, That the question of converting the News Room into an open access Reference Library be adjourned for consideration by the Committee at the next Monthly Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, the 10th October next, at 3 p.m., and that with this exception, the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman,

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 25th September, 1917: Present — The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Silk, Wilkins and Wood (the 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 £22,522 1s. 0d. Leaving outstanding £2,425 3s. 9d.

2-Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 25th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th instant. Amount collected £11,714 13s. 5d. Leaving outstanding, £1,484 14s. 3d.

3—Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans of £150 and £140. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and the Debentures endorsed accordingly.

He also reported that he had received £50 on loan. Resolved, That a Debenture be sealed and issued on account of a duly authorised loan.

Expiration of Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that the terms for which the loans of £500 and £1,302 were sanctioned by the Local Government Board for Electric Lighting purposes and £700 for Street Improvements had expired, and that the loans of £2,447 (Education) and £3,000 (Concrete Slabs) would expire on the 1st October and 20th December, 1917, respectively.

4--Workmen's Compensation (War Addition) Act, 1917 —Resolved, That an additional premium of 10o per cent. be paid as from the 1st September, 1917, to the County Fire Office, Ltd., to cover the additional liability imposed by the above Act.

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5-Coal Economy-The Mayor reported an interview with the Commissioner appointed by the Controller of Coal Mines for the West of England area, who had been instructed to ask Local Authorities to exercise the utmost economy in the use of coal. Resolved, That the various Committees he requested to consider if any additional economy in coal consumption can be effected in the Departments under their control.

6-Borough Accountant's Department—Staff—The Town Clerk reported that the period of exemption granted in respect of Mr. E. W. Deacon, the Chief Assistant in the Borough Accountant's Office, would expire on the 12th October. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to make application for further exemption.

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

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

In hand on the 24th August last	18,361 12 11	
Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture, £50)	<u>5,728 4 7</u>	
	24,089 17 6	
Paid since that date (including Loan on Debenture, £50)	<u>10,946 5 6</u>	
In hand	13,143 12 0	
Being Sinking Fund Accounts		15,627 17 2
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts		152 1 1
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account		<u>17 1 1</u>
In Hand		15,796 19 3
less General Accounts Overdrawn.		<u>2,653 7 3</u>
In Hand		13,143 12 0

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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Borough of Cheltenham.

Municipal Offices, Cheltenham, 5th November, 1917.

Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend the Statutory Quarterly, Meeting of the Council, to be held at the Municipal Offices, Promenade, on Friday, the 9th day of November instant, at Twelve o'clock at noon, at

which Meeting the following business is proposed to be transacted, and any other business that may legally be transacted at such Meeting.

1. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing year.
2. To assign the Aldermen to be the Returning Officers at Ward Elections.
3. To read and sign Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting,
4. To appoint and fill up vacancies on Committees and Appoint Members of the Education Committee to fill vacancies caused by the termination of office of Miss M. H. Knollys and the resignation of the Rev. Canon Goodwyn.
5. Communications by the Mayor.
6. To approve or otherwise, the proceedings of THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE, STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE, TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE and vary the Resolution of the Town Council at its Meeting on the 3rd September last re. Winter Concerts.

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 October, 1917, at 3 p.m., Present;

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

Aldermen:

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

Councillors

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

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

2—Joint War Agricultural Committee—Resolved, That Mr. Nicholas Harris, of the White House, Arle, be appointed a Representative of the Town Council on the Joint War Agricultural Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. J. G. Villar.

3—Delancey Hospital Trustees—The Town Clerk reported that the Scheme provided that at the end of two years from the date of their appointment, one half of the Representative Trustees appointed by the Council should go out of office, and that such persons should be determined by lot and would be eligible for re-appointment. On a lot being taken, the names of the following were drawn: —The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillor Wood, Dr. R. Kirkland and Mr. W. G. Gurney.

On the proposition of the Mayor, it was Resolved, That they be re-appointed Representative Trustees for a term of three years.

4—Early Closing Order—Read, a letter from the Home Office stating that an Order had been made by the Secretary of State continuing in force until the 1st April, 1918, the general Order in regard to the Early Closing of Shops made on the 24th April, 1917.

5—Winter Concerts—Read, a letter from Mr. E. Baring on behalf of the Traders Association, asking for the use of the Town Hall on the evenings of the week commencing the 15th October instant, and also on other days when not required for other purposes.

Alderman Baker proposed, "That the letter be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee with power to act."

To this the following Amendment was proposed by Councillor Pates: "That the application of the Traders' Association for the use of the Town Hall for Evening Concerts during the week commencing the 15th instant be granted on the same terms as for the Afternoon Concerts."

The Amendment was put to the Meeting and not carried— (7 voting for and 12 against).

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Alderman Baker withdrew his motion, and the Deputy Mayor proposed, That the letter of the Traders' Association be referred to the Town Improvement and Spa Committee." This was put to the Meeting, and carried.

6—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 10th September 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 11th and 24th September 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 14th September 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 20th September last, be approved and confirmed.

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

11—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th September last, be approved and confirmed, and that this Committee be appointed the Committee under the Retail Coal Prices Order, 1917, and that the powers of the Council thereunder be delegated to this Committee.

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

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

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

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

16 —Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting of the 25th 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 sum of money set opposite their respective names upon production of a cheque signed by the Borough Accountant.

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

Mr. J. Monro Briggs re use of Town Hall,

Board of Trade re Coal Economy, To the Town Improvement and Spa Committee.

Mr. A. Butler, Secretary of the Cheltenham Independent Labour Party. and Mr. S. Morris, Hon. Secretary of the Works Committee, Gloucestershire Aircraft Co., re Food Control Committee, To the General Purposes and Watch Committee.

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Borough of Cheltenham

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 Friday, the 9th November, 1917.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 8th October, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green, Moore and Stewart (the Mayor in the chair).

1—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: -1 to 5 Knapp Place, 1 Moorend Villas, Shurdington Road, 1 and 2 Llewellyn Cottages, Trinity Lane, and 26 St. James' 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 12 Grove Street, 2 and 7 Knapp Place, Hungerford Villa, Larput Place, 1 Hungerford Cottages, 10 Sun Street, 13 Rutland Street, 23 St. James' Street, 37 Russell Street, and 12 Naunton Crescent—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875, that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and unwholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

3—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at 6 Corpus Street, 15 Bloomsbury Street, 12 Naunton Crescent, and St. Peter's Schools—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—Cumberland Villa, Grove Street, Hungerford Villa, Larput Place, 1 Hungerford Cottages, 10 Sun Street, 23 St. James' Street, and 37 Russell Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the above-mentioned Street, 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 of the Public Health Act, 1875, be served upon the owners requiring them to put the same into a healthy condition, and for that purpose to carry out the works specified therein.

5—Houses unfit for Human Habitation 3, Pear Tree Cottages, Sherborne Street. The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these premises were in a state so dangerous to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and recommended that the house be closed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting, and that in the meantime notice be given to the Owner of the intention of the Council to make a Closing Order.

6—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported that the following had been surrendered as unfit for human food: —On the 18th September the carcase and offal of a pork pig; on the 10th September a barrel of anchovies; on the 21st September the carcase and offal of a lamb; on the 25th September the carcase and offal of a heifer; on the 2nd October the carcase of a calf and one forequarter of beef.

7--Outbreak of Measles—The Medical Officer of Health reported an outbreak of Measles, and he recommended that in the event of the outbreak becoming epidemic he should be authorised to engage a Nurse temporarily to visit the cases. Resolved, That he be authorised to engage a temporary Nurse at a salary of not exceeding 30/- a week.

8—Douro Road—Surface Water Drain—The Borough Surveyor reported that the surface water drain which was intended to be laid by the Trustees of the late C. Winstone from land in Douro Road to connect with the public sewer, had not been carried out. Resolved, That the agreement made in July, 1913, with the Trustees granting permission to lay this drain, be terminated.

9—Child Welfare—Read, a letter from the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and for the Welfare of Infancy, inviting Representatives to a Conference of Sanitary Authorities to be held at the Mansion House, London, on Monday, October 29th, to discuss the proposed Ministry of Public Health, and the best means of safeguarding the interests of motherhood and infancy in connection therewith.

10-Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 28th September to inspect the farms and cottages. Present: —The Mayor, Alderman Steel, and Councillors Stewart and Wood (Councillor Wood in the chair).

It was Resolved, That notice be given to Mrs. Hopkins to terminate the tenancy of her cottage: as this was required for occupation by a man employed on the farms.

The Sub-Committee also met on the 8th instant. Present: —The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green and Stewart (Councillor Green in the chair).

Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 8th instant was 9 colts, 9 horses (not including 3 at the Depot), 4 calves, 150 head of cattle, 21 lambs, 43 sheep, and 30 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 42 heifers, 1 cow in calf, and 30 ewes had been purchased for £1,129 15s., and 5 calves had been bred on the Farms. 13 cattle, 3 cows with their calves, 3 heifers, 2 steers, 5 calves, 12 ewes, and 21 pigs had been sold for £809 16s. 3d. One heifer had died during the month from acute inflammation of the lungs.

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

11---Housing of the Working Classes—Read, a report by the Medical Officer of Health on this matter. Resolved, That the Local Government Board be informed that about 100 houses will be required at the close of the war to provide the necessary accommodation for persons of the working classes in the Borough.

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12-Cottages at Barn Farm-The Borough Surveyor reported that he had obtained an estimate of the cost of making the alterations and additions to the two Cottages at the Barn Farm in accordance with the plans prepared by him. The cost of the alterations would be £100, and the provision of pigstyes would cost an additional £71. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the two cottages converted into one cottage and to provide a wooden pigstye at an estimated total cost of from £30 to £35.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

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STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 9th October, 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

1—Footpath opposite Sandford Terrace and Oxford Parade- Read, letters from the Rev. R. R. Greenslade and Miss Fortt, calling attention to the footpath in Sandford Terrace and Oxford Parade. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to repair the footpaths where necessary.

2-Clinker-The Borough Surveyor reported that another 100 tons of clinker had been purchased by the Road Board at 2/- per ton.

3—Report of Trees Sub-Committee—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the and instant. Present--The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

Promenade and Vittoria. Walk—That the trees marked on the plans be removed and that new trees be Planted where required.

Upper High Street—That 2 trees near Argyle Lodge be removed.

Hale's Road—That the tree near Battledown Gates be not removed.

Pittville Circus Road—That no trees be removed at present.

Keynsham Road--That 3 trees near Islay be removed.

Moorend Park Road—That 6 trees near the wall be removed and that new trees be planted at the edge of the footpath.

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

4 -College Road--Read, a letter from Mr. W. T. Allan, asking for the removal of the tree opposite to College Villas, College Road. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 22nd October, 1917: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

5 Borough Surveyor's ' Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 21st September to the 18th October, 1917 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the four weeks ended the 11th October, 1917, 718 loads collected, 705 consumed. 13 tipped away. Total weight consumed, 702 tons 4 cwts.

6—Horse Chestnuts—The Borough Surveyor reported that the quantity of horse chestnuts collected by the school to date was from 6 to 7 tons.

7—Slab Factory—The Borough Surveyor submitted the following Statement of Account in connection with the Slab Factory for the half-year ended the 27th September, 1917:

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Sale of Slabs and Kerbs for half-year ended

27th September, 1917: -

To Private Customers .. • •	£51 7 3
To Corporation Departments	151 14 0
	203 1 3
Slabs in stock 27 th Sept. 1917, at under cost price	514 0 10
Kerbs and Channels do. do.	407 7 4

Value of Cement and other Materials in stock

27th September 1917 12 7 3

Value of Cement, etc., transferred to other

Departments 7 19 0

Deficiency transferred to Highways Departments

(see below) 91 14 0

£1236 9 8

Dr.

Slabs in stock 29th March, 1917, at under cost price	650 5 9
Kerbs and Channels do. do.	422 2 0
Value of Cement and other Materials in stock 29th March, 1917	18 3 1
Wages and Materials for half-year ending 27 th September, 1917	3 18 10

Rates, Taxes and Insurance for half-year (estimated)	22 0 0
Interest and Sinking Fund for half-year (estimated)	<u>120 0 0</u>
	£1236 9 8

Note. —Slabs supplied free of charge up to date to Highways Departments	1418 13 8
Less deficiency for half-year ended 29th March, 1917	338 5 8
Less deficiency as above ..	<u>91 14 0</u>
	<u>429 19 8</u>
	Net £988 14 0

Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to submit a Statement showing the present value of the Slab Factory plant, &c.

Repairs--The Borough Surveyor submitted the estimate of Messrs. S. J. Such and Sons of £40 15/- for overhauling the machinery. Resolved, That the same be accepted.

8—Building Inspector—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised to arrange, in consultation with the Chairman, for the Building Inspector (Mr. Holbourn) to give such time as can be spared in the Food Control Department.

9—Dangerous Building—9 St. Paul's Street South—The Committee inspected these premises at their View Meeting on Friday last. Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to communicate with the owners of the premises.

10—Report of Trees Sub-Committee—The Trees Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 19th instant. Present—The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair). After inspecting the trees of which complaint had been made, it was Resolved,

Gloucester Road—That the alternate trees (planes) between the Midland Railway Station and Lansdown Castle be removed.

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The park—That the tree opposite Ireton House be not removed, and that the attention of the occupier be called to the trees in her garden.

That the beech tree adjoining the boundary wall of Fernihurst be removed.

That the chestnut tree on the opposite side of the road to "Elville," and also 5 trees adjoining the fence between "Elville" and "Gonia," be removed.

College Road—That the lime tree opposite Eastbourne Villa and the sycamore tree on the corner of College Road and Orrisdale Terrace, be removed and two silver birch trees planted.

Cranham Road—That the alternate trees on the East side be removed.

Bayshill Lawn and Parabola Road—That 12 trees in Parabola Road be removed.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Trees Sub-Committee be approved and adopted. Read, a letter from Mr. C. F. Yeend asking for a chestnut tree in front of Drayton Villa, St. Anne's Road, to be

removed and a silver birch or acacia tree planted. Resolved, That the letter be referred to the Trees Sub-Committee.

11—View Meeting—The following Members attended the View Meeting on Friday last, viz.: --The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 5th October, 1917: Present The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Green, Haddock, Pates, Sawyer and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

1—Winter Concerts—Read, a letter from Mr. E. Baring, on behalf of the Traders' Association, asking for the use of the Town Hall on the evenings of the week commencing the 15th instant, and also on other days when not required for other purposes. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday the 12th October, 1917: Present—Councillors Boulter, Green, Pates, Sawyer, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair.).

2-Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 12th September to the 9th October, 1917, was 80, including 12 to wounded soldiers.

3—Coal Economy—Read, a letter from the Controller of Coal Mines, asking the Council to consider the closing of one of the Public Baths during the winter to economise coal. The Borough Surveyor reported that the Alstone Baths were only being opened on Saturdays, as was done last winter. He recommended that the Montpellier Baths should be closed on Sundays, as the number of persons using them on Sunday was very small. Resolved, That this be approved.

4—Winter Concerts—The letter from Mr. Baring was further considered, together with a letter from the Secretary of the Traders' Association, asking that the terms arranged with the Traders' Association should be varied by the Corporation granting the free use of the Town Hall for evening as well as afternoon entertainments, provided that the evening...entertainments should be limited to not more than 10 engagements during the season, and that the Traders' Association should pay the cost of lighting for all evening entertainments in addition to five per cent of the gross takings. Letters were also read from the Manager of the Theatre, Mr. Gillsmith, Mrs. Field, and Mr. Poynton, protesting against the Town Hall being granted free of charge to the Traders' Association for evening entertainments. Resolved, That the application of the Traders' Association be granted subject to the number of evening entertainments not exceeding a total of 60 performances during the season, and that the Minutes of the Town Council passed at their meeting on the 3rd September last be varied accordingly.

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 1,922, and the number sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 191.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd October, 1917 Present—The Mayor, Councillors Green, Haddock, Pates, Sawyer, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

6—Bowling Green at Winter Garden—Read, an application from Mr. E. D. Ricketts, hon. sec. of the Cheltenham Bowling Club, for the use of the Bowling Green next season, and asking that the rent should be reduced, as, owing to the war, there had been a decrease of membership, and the Club had made a loss of over £20 on the last two years. Resolved, That the use of the Ground be granted on the following terms:—The Club to pay £10 (to include use of a room for the storage of the woods), and to pay at the usual rate for any water used and to keep the green in good order during the season and until the commencement of the following season, no tent or other structure to be erected on the green, and the Council to have the right to use, or grant the use, of the green at any time on giving reasonable notice to the Club, and also the right to terminate the letting at any time by one month's notice if the ground is required for the purpose of any scheme of improvement, in which case a proportionate abatement to be made in the rent.

7—Town Hall—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be instructed to apply for a dramatic licence to provide for the occasional use of the building for dramatic performances.

8—Spa Medical Committee—The Report of the Spa Medical Committee was considered, and it was Resolved, That the Spa Medical Committee be asked to meet this Committee to confer as to the recommendations made in the Report.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

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ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 18th October, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Horsley, Mann, Taylor and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

1—Coal—Read, a letter from the Park Colliery Company, Ltd., stating that the contract price of Coal (19/9) would be increased by 2/6 a ton as from the 17th September last, as authorised by the Board of Trade Regulations.

2—Mechanical Stokers—The Borough Electrical Engineer suggested that, in view of the large increase in the price of Coal and the need for reducing the consumption to the lowest possible limit, mechanical stokers should be provided on at least two boilers if the required permits could be obtained. Resolved, That the Borough Electrical Engineer be instructed to make further enquiries with reference to the matter.

3—Oxford Passage—Read, a letter from the Bursar of the Cheltenham Grammar School asking that the gas lamp outside the entrance to the Technical Schools should be re-lighted, and stating that the consent of the Acting Chief Constable had been obtained. He had ascertained from the Gas Company that the cost of lighting would be 12/- to the end of April next. Resolved, That the application be granted.

4—Workmen—Read, an application from Mr. J. W. Betteridge, Local Organising Secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Gas, Municipal and General Workers, for a further advance of wages of 3/- a week for all men over 18 years of age employed in the Electricity Works and 3/6 for those under that age, as from the 1st November next, and stating that the terms of the Award were not being complied with, and suggesting that a deputation of the men should meet the Committee. Resolved, That the Mayor, the

Chairman, and Councillor Dodwell be appointed a Sub-Committee to meet a deputation of the men and report to the Committee.

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WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 11th October, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Green and Pates (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended <i>8th October, 1917.</i>	Average for corresponding period <i>During last 3 years</i>
Hewletts Springs	177,000 gallons	177,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	623,000 "	351,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>74,000</u> "	<u>57,000</u> "
Total	874,000 "	565,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
	8th October, 1917		8 th October, 1916
Hewletts	19,539,000		12,779,000 gallons
Dowdeswell 19ft. 0in.	40,872,000 "	13ft 0in	21,250,000 "
Leckhampton 10ft. 0in.	<u>1,350,000</u> "	6ft 0in	<u>810,000</u> "
Total storage	61,761,000 "		34,839,000 "

2—Visit to Dowdeswell—Resolved, That the next Meeting of the Committee be held at Dowdeswell Reservoir.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

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GENERAL PURPOSES AND WATCH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 16th October, 1917: Present- The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

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

2--Fire Brigade—The Captain reported that on the 21st ultimo the Brigade was called to a slight outbreak of fire at premises at the back of 18, Lansdown Place. Damage about £5. Expenses £2 0s. 6d. Also on the 9th instant to an outbreak at No. 2, Green's Cottages, Rutland Street. Damage £20. Expenses £2 4s. 6d.

3—Fruit Market—Read, a letter from the Secretary of the Cheltenham and District Market Gardeners' and Fruit Growers' Co-operative Association, Limited, forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the Association with reference to the management of the Fruit Market, and suggesting a joint meeting of the General Purposes Committee and the Advisory Committee of the Association to consider the matter. Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett and Steel, and Councillor Green be appointed to confer with the Association and to report to the Committee.

4—Food Control Committee—Read, a letter from Alderman Davies resigning his membership of the Food Control Committee.

Read, letters from Mr. S. Morris on behalf of the employees of the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company, asking that two representatives should be appointed on the Local Committee, and also asking the Committee to receive a deputation.

Read, a letter from Mr. A. Butler, Secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the Independent Labour Party, forwarding a resolution requesting that more representatives of the consumers should be appointed on the Committee. Resolved, That consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Meeting.

Food Control Department—Resolved, That the Street and Highway Committee be asked to arrange for the services of the Building Inspector (Mr. H. J. Holborow to be transferred to the Food Control Department.

5—Retail Coal Prices Order—Read, a letter from the Hon. Sec. of the Cheltenham and District Coal Merchants' Association, forwarding a schedule of prices. Resolved, That the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, and Councillor Green be appointed a Sub-Committee to meet representatives of the Association to consider and report on the schedule of prices.

6—Public Lighting—Read, a letter from Mr. A. E. Cull, asking for a gas lamp in the lane near the Market to be lighted. Resolved. That the application be not granted.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 29th October, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker, Bendall, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green, Stewart and Haddock (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

7—Retail Coal Prices Order—The Report of the Sub-Committee was considered, and it was Resolved, That an Order be made fixing the maximum prices of coal as follows: --

	Best House Coal	Seconds House Coal	Kitchen
Sales of one ton or more in bulk or in bags delivered into customers' coal store or cellar anywhere in the Borough. • • • • per ton	37s. 6d.	36s. 6d.	35s. 6d,
Sales of quantities less than one ton, sold from road vehicles. per cwt.	—	1s. 11d.	1s 10 ¹ / ₂ d

Sales of 2 cwts. or less to consumers at merchants' or dealers' shops or yards per cwt - ____	1s 10d	1s 9½d
Sales of 2 cwts. or less to consumers at merchants' depot, wharf, or railway siding. per cwt - ____	1s 9d	1s 8½d

The above prices to be for cash within 7 days of delivery. An additional charge at the rate of 1/- per ton to be allowed for credit beyond 7 days.

8—Food Control Committee—Resolved, That Mr. T. Ligo, of Greenwode, Rowanfield Road, St. Mark's, be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Alderman Davies.

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 10th October, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Green, Moore and Stewart (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,288 visits made to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 11th September last. (Corresponding period last year, 1,039)

The following gift had been received for the Museum: —

Mr. T. Curtis—Arrow Head found in 1887 in Peel County, Ontario.

The following loan had been received for the War Museum

Mr. A. Bullock Webster—Steel Helmet.

2---Attendant—Read, an application from Mr. W. Addis for an additional war bonus. Resolved, That his war bonus be increased from 2/- to 4/- per week.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman

PARKS, RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at Pittville on Wednesday, the 17th October, 1917: Present—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell, Sawyer and Taylor (Alderman Baker in the chair).

1—Football at Recreation Grounds—Read, letters from the Secretary of the Sunningend Athletic Club, stating that the Club had been unable to obtain a private ground owing to the high rent asked. The Club was only formed this year and was not in a sufficiently strong financial position to undertake a heavy liability. They applied for the use of one or two pitches on the Agg-Gardner Ground and one or two on Whaddon Lane Ground. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

2—Pittville Estate—Read, an application from Mrs. Carruthers for a key to the gate in the back road between Wellington Square and Clarence Square. Resolved, That the application be not granted, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the gate repaired and a new lock put on it.

3—Pittville Pump Room—The Town Clerk reported that the Assessment Committee had reduced the assessment of the Pump Room (which included the greenhouses, band stand and boat house) from £300 gross, £255 rateable, to £170 gross, £120 rateable.

4.—Trees—Saxham—Read, an application from Mrs. Rees for removal of a tree in the side road near "Saxham." Resolved, That two elms and a beech tree in this road be removed, and that some silver birch trees be planted.

Sandown Lawn—An application was made by Colonel Clarke for removal of a sycamore and lime in front of his house. Resolved, That these two trees be removed, and also a sycamore tree on the opposite side of the road and a large elm tree opposite Pates' Nurseries, and that three silver birch trees be planted.

Marle Hill Annexe—An application was made by the Rev. T. A. Ayscough for the removal of a pine tree in the plantation adjoining "Pinehurst." Resolved, That half the larch trees in this plantation be thinned out.

Resolved, also, That the offer of the Rev. T. A. Ayscough of nine small box trees be accepted, with thanks.

WILLIAM A. BAKER,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 19th October, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell, Taylor and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

1—Cemetery Chapels—Boiler—The Borough Surveyor reported a leakage in the back section of the boiler used for heating the Chapels, and recommended that another section should be ordered, at a cost of £7 2/-, for replacing this when necessary. Resolved, That the recommendation of the Borough Surveyor be approved and adopted.

2- Land adjoining Cemetery—The Town Clerk reported that the Cheltenham War Agricultural Sub-Committee had decided to recommend the Executive Committee to require that the land adjoining the Cemetery should be broken up for cultivation, with the exception of 2 acres. Resolved, That the Council be recommended to consent to this and arrange for the cultivation of the land if the present tenant is unwilling to do so.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 4997 to 5004 (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 William Musgrove and Adelaide Alberta Grist. Kerbing to graves of Philip John Cox and Henry Grant.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held at the Public Library on Wednesday, the 10th October, 1917: Present—Alderman Davies and Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Candle, Green, Mann, Pates and Wilkins, Miss Fegan, Messrs. F. J. Caudle, E. Gridley, W. G. Gurney, and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £4 9s. 5d. Presentations: The Author, Armenia and the War (1 vol.), Lord Sherborne, Men and Armour for Gloucestershire in 1608 (1 vol.), Hon. Secretary—" Our Animal Brothers' Guild" (1 vol).

The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of September last was 1,898 and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 8,033.

The Librarian also reported that the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library during the period from January to September 1917 was 70,999 as compared with 61,427 for the corresponding period last year, and the number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library 13,851 as compared with 10,844. The Number of Borrowers' Cards issued during the same period was 1509 as compared with 1,079 last year.

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2--Sub-Committee's Report—The Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 8th August: Present - Alderman Steel and Davies, Councillor E. C. Green, Messrs. F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge, (Alderman Steel in the chair). They recommended: —

That the Newsroom be transferred to the Magazine Room, and that the Newsroom be converted into an Open Access Reference Library, with provision for 6,000 volumes, at a cost of about £20.

That the estimate of Cavendish House Company for transferring and refixing the Wall Stands and Book Cases for £15 2s. 6d. be accepted. Resolved, That the proceedings of the Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

ROB. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 23rd October, 1917: Present—Alderman Steel, Councillors Horsley, Silk, Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 23rd instant, on the collection of the first instalment of this Rate made on the 15th May last. Amount collected £22,617 6s. 11d. Voids, legally excused, £2,020 16s. 11d. Leaving outstanding £312 13s. 8d.

2-Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 23rd instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half-year ending the 29th September, 1917. Amount collected £12,079 18s. 1d. Leaving outstanding £2,590 18s. 7d.

3—Rates Department—Junior Clerk—Read, a letter from H. E. Wilkins, junior clerk in the Rates Department, for an increase of salary. Resolved, That his salary be raised to 17/6 per week.

4--Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had arranged for the continuance of loans amounting to £3,150, the loans on account of which the same had been borrowed having expired. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that Debentures be sealed and issued in respect of other authorised loans.

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

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

In hand on the 25th September last		13,143 12 0
Received since that date (including Loan on Debenture, £250)		<u>6,371 18 11</u>
		19,515 10 11
Paid since that date (including Loans Repaid, £1,000)		<u>13,666 13 2</u>
	In hand	5,908 17 9
Being Sinking Fund Accounts		16,249 19 3
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts		158 5 7
"Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account		<u>17 1 0</u>
	In Hand	16,425 5 10
less General Accounts	Overdrawn.	<u>10,516 8 1</u>
	In Hand	5,908 17 9

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

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THE ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE, WATER 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

7. Notices of Motion.

8. Memorials, Applications, Complaints, &c.

Yours faithfully,

N.B.—Robes will be worn.

Town Clerk.

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 Friday, the 9th November, 1917, at 12 noon.,
Present: THE DEPUTY MAYOR (ALDERMAN JOHN DAVID BENDALL) in the chair

Aldermen:

WILLIAM ALFRED BAKER
RICHARD DAVIES

CHARLES HENRY MARGRETT
ROBERT STEEL

JOHN WAGHORNE

Councillors:

JAMES WILLIAM BETTERIDGE
JAMES HENRY BOULTER
ALBERT ROBINS CAUDLE
FRANK CHARLES DODWELL
EDWINSON CHARLES GREEN
PERCY HADDOCK
ALFRED MANN

JAMES MOORE
JOHN POYTRESS PATES
WILLIAM SAWYER
EDWIN CHARLES SILK
JAMES STEWART
PETER PHILIP TAYLOR
THOMAS WILKINS

WALTER JAMES FREDERICK WOOD

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

1—Election of Mayor—It was Resolved, That Councillor Thomas Rees Jones be, and he is, hereby re-elected Mayor of this Borough for the ensuing year. The newly-elected Mayor then made the Declaration of Acceptance of office and took the Oath of Allegiance and Judicial Oath. The Mayor thereupon took the Chair.

2—Deputy Mayor—The Mayor signified in writing that he had appointed Alderman John David Bendall to be his Deputy, and it was Resolved, That such appointment be recorded upon the Minutes of the Council.

3—Assignment of Aldermen to Wards—Resolved, That each Alderman be assigned for the purposes of Ward Elections for the ensuing year to the Ward opposite which his name is set, viz.: —

Alderman Waghorne • • • North Ward

“ Margrett • • • Central Ward

“ Davies • • • East Ward

“ Baker... South Ward

“ Bendall... Middle Ward

“ Steel • • • West Ward

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

5—Appointment and Duties of Committees—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That for the purpose of this resolution Standing Order No. 20 be suspended and that the following members of the Council do form the Public Health Committee for the ensuing year: —The Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Moore, Stewart and Wood. 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 Workshop Acts, Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act 1889, The Notification of Births Act 1907, The Notification of Births (Extension) Act 1915, Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act 1890, The Housing Acts 1890 to 1909. and the Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Orders.

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To have delegated to it the powers of the Council under the following sections of the Public Health Act 1875, namely: 23, 24, 25, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 46, 47, 49, and 50, the sections relating to nuisances and unsound meat, also sections 62, 70, 120, 121, 123, 124, 126, 127, 128 and 129.

To examine and report upon all plans for new streets and buildings, including the enforcement of the byelaws made by the Council with regard thereto, so far only as drainage and other sanitary matters are concerned.

To deal with the repair and reconstruction of all sewers in the Borough and with the outfall sewers and sewage tanks and the control and treatment of the sewage and to have the management and control of the Sewage Farms of the Corporation, and the purchase and sale of stock, farming implements, etc.

To deal with the cleansing of watercourses and the enforcement of the provisions of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts.

Street and Highway Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Street and Highway Committee for the ensuing year :—The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins, 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 scheme under Part II. Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909.

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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 :—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Green, Haddock, Pates, Sawyer, Silk and Stewart, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To have the control and management of the Montpellier Gardens, Town Hall and Winter Garden, the Alstone and Montpellier Baths (including the Medical Baths thereat), and to enforce the provisions of the 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 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 :—The Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Green, Horsley, Mann, Taylor and Wood, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Electricity Undertaking of the Corporation, the public lighting whether by electricity or gas, and to carry out the provisions of the Electric Lighting Acts and the Cheltenham Electric Lighting Orders 1890, 1899, 1900 and 1912, and the regulations of the Board of Trade made thereunder.

Water Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Water Committee for the ensuing year: —The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Margrett, Councillors Green, Pates, Sawyer, Taylor and Wood, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To regulate and manage all matters relating to the Orders amending the same. Water Undertaking of the Corporation, and to manage all properties acquired by the Corporation in connection with their Water Undertaking. To carry into effect the provisions of the Cheltenham Water Acts 1878 and 1881, and the Provisional Orders amending the same.

General Purpose 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 Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Betteridge, Boulter, Dodwell, Sawyer and Taylor, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To have the control and management of the Pittville Park and Estate, the Promenade Long Garden and the Recreation Grounds, and to enforce the pro-visions 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.

Burial Board Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Burial Board Committee for the ensuing year: —The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell, Mann, Stewart and Taylor, 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 Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Haddock, Horsley, Silk, Wilkins and Wood, and that their powers and duties be as follows: To regulate and manage all matters of Finance, including the checking, as far as possible, of the expenditure of the different Committees of the Council, the appointment and dismissal of the Officers and Staff in the Borough Accountant's and. Bates Departments, the preparation of Estimates for Rates, collection of Rates, and raising of [MILS. To consider and report upon all matters arising upon the report of the District Auditor.

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 Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Caudle, Green and Stewart, with Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, Messrs G. Dimmer, and H. Stroud, and Drs. E. C. Carter and

E. T. Wilson 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.

Public Library Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council do form the Public Library Committee for the ensuing year: —Alderman Davies and Steel Councillors Betteridge, Caudle, Green, Mann, Moore, Pates and Wilkins; together with Miss Fegan, Messrs. W. R. Carles, F. J. Candle, 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.

Education Committee—

Resolved, That the following members of the Council be appointed members of Education Committee for the ensuing year: -----The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett and Steel, Councillors Boulter, Dodwell, Candle, Horsley, Haddock, Mann, Moore, Stewart, Taylor, Wilkins and Wood. Resolved, That the Rev. Robert Leighton Hodson be appointed a member of Education Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Canon Goodwyn.

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Pension Committee—Resolved, That the Local Pension Committee for the Borough consist of all Members of the Council, that term of office as Members of such Committee expire on the 9th November, 1918, and that eight be a quorum of the Committee.

Distress Committee—Resolved, That Alderman Davies and Councillors Dodwell and Wilkins be appointed Members of the Distress Committee

6—Public Health Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Public Health Committee, at their Meeting of the 8th October last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: — That the words "Five hundred" be substituted for the words "One hundred" in Minute No. 11 (Housing of the Working Classes).

7—Street and Highway Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Street and Highway Committee, at their Meetings of the 9th and 22nd October 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 5th, 12th, and 23rd October last, be approved and confirmed, subject to the following Amendment, viz.: — That Minute No 4 (Winter Concerts) be not approved.

9—Electricity and Lighting Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Electricity and Lighting Committee, at their Meeting of the 18th October last, be approved and confirmed.

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

11—General Purposes and Watch Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the General Purposes and Watch Committee, at their Meetings of the 16th and 29th October 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 10th October 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 17th October last, be approved and confirmed.

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

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

16—Finance Committee—Resolved, That the proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting of the 23rd 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.

17—Winter Garden—Resolved, That the draft letter to the Gloucestershire Aircraft Co., as settled by the Town Improvement and Spa Committee be approved.

Borough of Cheltenham.

MINUTES of the Committees of the Town council to be submitted for approval at the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, the 3rd December, 1917.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 12th November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Moore, Stewart and Wood (The Mayor in the chair).

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

2—Farms Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Steel, and Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood be appointed the Farms Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Mayor, Alderman Steel, and Councillor Stewart be appointed representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4—Houses without proper Ash Receptacles —The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the following houses had no proper ashpits or ash receptacles, viz.: -27 Russell Street, 2 Fairlight Place, 19 Naunton Crescent, 8 and 22 Upper Norwood Street, 15 St. James' Street, and 1 Moorend Villas. Resolved, That the necessary Notices be given to the respective owners under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and Section 27 of the Cheltenham Improvement Act 1889, requiring them in each case to provide a moveable ash receptacle of such size, pattern and construction as may be approved by the Inspector of Nuisances on behalf of the Corporation.

5---Overcrowding at 6 Swindon Place—The Medical Officer of Health reported that these premises were so overcrowded 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—Cleansing and Whitewashing at 10 Henrietta Street, 22 Upper Norwood Street, 13 Waterloo Street, 19 Naunton Crescent, 27 Russell Street, 4 St. Phillip's Street, and 7 Brooklyn Terrace—The Medical Officer of Health having certified under Section 46 of the Public Health Act, 1875 that the above-named dwelling-houses were in such a filthy and un-wholesome condition that the health of the inmates was affected or endangered thereby. Resolved, That Notice be given to the owners under the said Section requiring the houses to be cleansed and limewashed.

7—Nuisances from Drains, etc., at The Pulping Factory, Albion Street, Sherwood, Hayward's Road, and 13 Asquith Road-- The Inspector of Nuisances having made written application under Section 41 of the Public Health Act, 1875, N 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-10 Henrietta Street, 22 Upper Nor-wood Street, 13 Waterloo Street, 19 Naunton Crescent, 27 Russell Street, 4 St. Phillips Street, and 1 Moorend Villas—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—Destruction of Diseased Meat—The Medical Officer of Health reported the surrender on the 25th October of a piece of unsound bacon and the carcase and offal of a cow. (Weight, 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs.)

10---Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order—Application was made by Mrs. A. H. Little, of 33, Upper Bath Road, to be registered as a purveyor of milk. Resolved, That the applicant be registered.

11—Houses unfit for Human Habitation-3 Pear Tree Cottages—Read, a letter from the Owner. Resolved, That it appearing to the Council that the above mentioned house is in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, an Order he now made pursuant to Sec. 17 (2) of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909, prohibiting the use of the same for human habitation until it has been rendered fit for that purpose, and that the Common Seal be affixed to the said Order, and that Notice of such Order be given to the Owner.

56 Worcester Street, 52 and 53 Rutland Street, 9 St. Paul's Street South, and 1 and 2 Higgs' Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health reported that no steps had been taken to render these premises, in respect of which Closing Orders had been made by the Council, fit for human habitation, and he recommended that Orders be made for the demolition thereof. Resolved, That a month's notice be given to the respective Owners of the intention to consider the question of making Orders for the demolition of the premises.

16-18, 42-65, 75-77, 82-85 Stanhope Street, 1-4 St. Peter's Place, 1 Limbrick Cottages, Waterloo Street, 5, 6, 7 and 9 Worcester Street, 7 Rutland Street, and 7 and 8 Higgs' Cottages—The Medical Officer of Health made a representation that these 46 houses and premises were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, and recommended that the same should be closed. Resolved, That the further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting, and that in the meantime Notice be given to the Owners of the intention to make Closing Orders.

Improvement Scheme—The Medical Officer of Health submitted a further report on the Housing question, together with an official representation under Sections 4 and 5 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890 (as amended by Sect. 22 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909), that 175

houses contained in the schedule to the representation are unfit for human habitation or are in a bad condition owing to want of proper conveniences or to other sanitary defects, so as to be dangerous or injurious to their inhabitants and to those of neighbouring houses, and that the most satisfactory way of dealing with the evils connected with these houses is by means of an Improvement Scheme. Resolved, That the matter be adjourned for consideration at the next Meeting and that in the meantime each member of the Committee be furnished with a copy of the report and representation.

12-Soup Kitchen, New Street—The Medical Officer of Health reported that this building was becoming dilapidated. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be asked to inspect and report what was required to put it in order.

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13- Recreation Ground, Grove Street- Street The Medical Officer of Health reported that this ground was in a bad state and required attention. Resolved, That the attention of the Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments Committee be called to this

14-Maternity and Child Welfare- Read a letter from the Association of Municipal Corporations enclosing copy report of the Law Committee of the Association recommending that the Government should be urged to initiate to give Local Authorities in England the same powers in regard to Maternity and Child Welfare as were conferred on the Scotch and Irish Local Authorities by the Notification of Births (Extension) Act 1915, which empowered Authorities to make such arrangements as they think fit and as may be sanctioned by the Local Authority attending to the health of expectant mothers and of children under 5 years. Resolved. That the Borough Member be asked to support the representations made by the Association.

15- Measles- Read, a letter from the Local Government Board suggesting that all notified cases of Measles should be visited by a Health Visitor and provision made for a Nurse for such cases as are found to need assistance, as authorised by the Public Health (Measles and German Measles) Regulations, 1915, and for which expenditure the Board's grant was available. The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had engaged Nurse Gale to assist the cases and that no further assistance was at present required.

Read, a letter from the Clerk to the County Council asking if the Corporation wished to join in a scheme by which the County Council to provide 2 Nurses whose services would be available for the areas contributing to the scheme, in respect of cases of measles, whooping cough, epidemic diarrhoea, ophthalmic neonatorum, and puerperal fever. The contribution to the scheme would be at the rate of 10/- per 1,000 of the population. Resolved, That the proposal be not accepted.

16—Common Lodging-house—Shamrock Inn—The Inspector of Nuisances reported that the licence for this house had been given up, and it had been converted into a Common Lodging-house. He had inspected the premises and considered that they were suitable for the purpose. Resolved, That the premises be registered as a Common Lodging-house. Resolved, also, That Mrs. Evans be registered as the keeper of the same for one year from this date.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 19th November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors male, Green, Moore. Stewart and Wood (the Mayor in the chair).

17— Housing of the Working Classes Acts—Improvement Scheme—The representation and report of the Medical Officer of Health were further considered, and it was Resolved, That the houses included in the

representation be inspected by the Committee, and that a Meeting be held on Tuesday, the 4th December, at 2.15, at Exmouth Street, to inspect the houses in that neighbourhood.

18—Abattoir—The Borough Surveyor reported that the floors of the pens at the Abattoir were in a bad state and required paving. Resolved, That the 2 pens near the Abattoir building be paved with blue brick at an estimated cost of £8, and that the other pens be repaired with clinker

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19—Report of Farms Sub-Committee—The Farms Sub-Committee reported that they met on the 19th instant. Present The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Green, Stewart and Wood.

Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Wood be appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year. Farms Manager's Report—Read, the report of the Farms Manager. The number of livestock on the Farms on the 19th instant was 9 colts, 10 horses (not including 3 at the Depot), 3 calves, 130 head of cattle. 51 lambs, 60 sheep, and 14 pigs, all doing very well. Since the last Meeting 30 lambs, 30 sheep, 22 heifers, 2 steers, 1 cow in calf, calf and a cart horse had been purchased for £730 10s., and 6 heifers, 30 steers, 3 bullocks, 6 cows, 5 calves, 13 sheep, and 15 pigs had been sold for £1,305 15s. 11d.

Resolved, That the Farms Manager be authorised to purchase 2 new horse collars and 1 dozen apple trees.

Corn Production- Resolved. That the Council be recommended to comply with the request of the War Agricultural Sub. Committee to undertake the cultivation of 2 ½ acres of arable glebe land at Staverton, on the terms that the land should be granted rent free for 2 years, but subject to payment of rates. Resolved. That the proceedings of the Farms Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

STREET AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

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

2 — Plans Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Mann and Wilkins be appointed Representatives of this Committee on the Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Stores Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Stewart and Wilkins be appointed the Stores Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4 —Trees Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Baker, Councillors Mann, Stewart and Wilkins be appointed the Trees Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

5—Food Refuse—The Borough Surveyor reported that Messrs. Stroulger & Co., had given one month's notice to terminate their contract for the food refuse collected in the Borough, and submitted two tenders received in reference to an advertisement inserted by him. Resolved, That the tender of Mr. W. C. Prude of 2/6 per cwt (the highest) be accepted, subject to a contract being entered into, to be prepared by the Town Clerk.

6—Shoeing Horses—Read, a letter from Mr. T. J. Brain, asking for a further increase in the charge for Shoeing the Corporation horses from 7/- to 8/- per horse. Resolved, That the application be granted.

7—Road Stone—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had made application to the Road Stone Control Association for the road materials required up to the end of March next, and that an allotment had been made.

8—Housing Technical Conference—The Borough Surveyor reported that he had been asked by the Housing and Town Planning Council to be a member of the Technical Conference to advise the Government Department on matters affecting the structure of Workmen's dwellings after the war, and asked permission to be allowed to act. Most of the business would be conducted by correspondence, but he would be required to attend any special Meetings. Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be authorised accordingly.

9—Trolleys—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to obtain quotations for two horse trolleys.

10—London Road—Resolved, That the question of providing a new foundation to the North side of London Road from Hale's Road to Holy Apostles Church, be deferred for the present, and that the Borough Surveyor be instructed to tar macadam the same.

11—Clinker—The Borough Surveyor reported that the Road Board had cancelled the order for 2,000 tons of clinker owing to the difficulty of obtaining Railway wagons.

12—Shurdington Road—Read a letter from Mr. C. Brown suggesting that a danger signal, which should be illuminated at night, should be placed at the junction of Shurdington Road and Moorend Park Road. Resolved, That the this be not undertaken at present.

13—Trees—Read, a letter from Mrs. Witchell, asking for the removal of a lime tree opposite Clanfield, St. Mark's. Resolved, That the tree be not removed.

Read, a Memorial from Mr. A. J. de Havelland Bushnell and others, stating that in their opinion the trees in many of the streets were too numerous, and suggesting there should be a judicious thinning out and pollarding on an extensive scale. Resolved, That the memorialists be informed that instructions have already been given for the removal of trees, which will fully occupy the staff available until March next.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Monday, the 26th November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Horsley, Mann, Sawyer, Stewart and Wilkins (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

14—Borough Surveyor's Monthly Report re Highways—The Borough Surveyor reported the work completed by the Highways Department from the 19th October to the 22nd November, 1917 (both dates inclusive).

Ashes Collection and Disposal—During the five weeks ended the 15th November, 1917, 914 loads collected, 896 consumed, 18 tipped away. Total weight consumed, 1033 tons 10 cwt.

15—Trolleys—The Borough Surveyor submitted the quotations received by him for 2 Trolleys. Resolved, That the offer of Mr. E. Walker of Charlton Kings of a second-hand Trolley for 439 be accepted.

16—Asquith and Churchill Roads—Read, a letter from Mr. A. F. Bick, asking that Asquith Road should be taken over. Resolved. That the necessary notices be given declaring Asquith Road and Churchill Road to be highways.

17—Waste Paper—Read a letter from the Local Government Board calling attention to the urgent need for a more systematic collection of waste paper and also scrap metal and other inorganic waste, and asking to be furnished with information as to the steps taken in regard thereto. The Town Clerk submitted draft reply giving particulars of the collections of waste paper and house refuse etc. in the Borough Resolved, That the same be approved and sent to the Board.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT AND SPA COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 30th October, 1917: Present—Councillors Green, Pates, Sawyer, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Silk in the chair).

1—Spa Medical Committee—Drs. Kirkland, Johns, Hebblethwaite, Foster and Howell attended and conferred with the Committee on the various suggestions made by their Report, and the Committee agreed to endeavour to carry into effect various recommendations made by the Medical Committee.

E. C. SILK,

Chairman.

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At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 6th November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Green, Haddock, Pates, Silk and Stewart (Councillor Haddock in the chair).

2—Winter Garden—An application was made by the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company, Ltd., for the consent of the Corporation to the use of the building for assembling aeroplanes, on terms arranged with Mrs. Field. Resolved, That the draft letter submitted by the Town Clerk as settled by the Committee, be approved.

3—Montpellier Baths—Corner Shop and Cottage—Resolved, That these premises be let on a quarterly tenancy at £25 per annum to Messrs. E. J. Barrett and Sons, Ltd., and Mr. E. E. Pitchford, for use as a fruit and vegetable store, all rates and taxes to be paid by the Corporation.

4—Town Hall—Resolved, That the Town Clerk be authorised to make application for the extension of the Music and Dancing Licence for an entertainment in aid of the Belgravia Workrooms on the 22nd November.

P. HADDOCK,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Boulter, Green, Pates, Silk and Stewart (the Mayor in the chair).

5—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Haddock be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

6—Visitors—Resolved, That the following Members of the Committee be appointed Visitors, viz.:
Montpellier Baths—Councillors Green and Silk. Alstone Baths—Councillors Sawyer and Stewart. Town Hall and Gardens—Councillors Boulter and Pates. Montpellier Gardens—The Mayor and Councillor Haddock.

7—Montpellier Baths—The Borough Surveyor reported that the number of Medical Baths given from the 10th October to the 13th November, 1917, was 73, including 14 to wounded soldiers.

8—Spa Medical —The Committee considered the proposals discussed at the Conference with the Spa Medical Committee. Resolved, That the same be adjourned for further consideration at the next Meeting.

9 —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 1,853, and the number sold at the Montpellier Baths, Montpellier Gardens and Pittville Gardens was 174.

T. REES JONES,

Chairman.

ELECTRICITY AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Councillors Dodwell, Green, Horsley, Mann and Wood.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Green be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 22nd November, 1917: Present —The Mayor, Councillors Betteridge, Dodwell, Green, Mann and Wood (Councillor Green in the chair).

2 — Coal Contract—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that the existing Contract for Coal would terminate on November 30th. He stated the present Contractors, the Park Colliery Company, Ltd., were prepared to continue the Contract on the same terms, and he also mentioned other offers that he had received. Resolved, That the Contract with the Park Colliery Company, Ltd., be continued to the 31st March, 1919, subject to any addition or deduction imposed by the Coal Controller.

3—Application for Supply—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received an application for the supply of energy to the new Pulping Factory, Albion Street. The cost of extending the main and building a transformer chamber would be £100, and this would be paid by the Ministry of Food. Resolved, That the extension be made.

4—Electric Vehicle—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had tested the Electric Vehicle at the Maker's works and that it would shortly be delivered.

5--Maintenance of Batteries—The Borough Electrical Engineer reported that he had received a letter from the Tudor Accumulator Company, Ltd., stating that owing to the scarcity of lead and the restrictions imposed by the Ministry of Munitions, they would have to reduce the normal amount of their renewals of the batteries at the Electricity Works, but that they would restore the batteries to their full capacity when the supply became normal.

6—Staff—Applications from members of the Staff were received for increases of salary. Resolved, That the salary of Mr. C. G. Smith (Mains Superintendent) be increased to 67s. 6d. per week, and that the salary of Mr. J. M. Robb (Works Superintendent) be increased to 80s. 0d. per week.

E. C. GREEN,

Chairman.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Thursday, the 15th November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Margrett, Councillors Green, Pates and Wood (Alderman Margrett in the chair).

1-Chairman-Resolved-That Alderman Margrett be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year. Chairman

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

DAILY YIELD OF SPRINGS.

	For 30 days, ended 12th November, 1917.	Average for corresponding period During last 3 years
Hewletts Springs	303,000 gallons	231,000 gallons
Dowdeswell Springs	972,000 "	752,000 "
Leckhampton Springs	<u>91,000</u> "	<u>60,000</u> "
Total	1,366,000 "	1,043,000 "

CONTENTS OF RESERVOIRS

	Depth	Contents	Depth	Contents
		12th November 1917		12 th November, 1916
Hewletts		19,925,000 gallons		13,694,000 gallons
Dowdeswell	21ft. 6in.	30,715,000 "	24ft 6in	63,478,000 "
Leckhampton	12ft. 6in.	<u>1,687,000</u> "	9ft 0in	<u>1,215,000</u> "
Total storage		106,099,000 "		78,387,000 "

Pumping ceased at Sandford on the 20th ultimo and was discontinued at Tewkesbury for the supply of Cheltenham on the 19th ultimo.

3—Tewkesbury Works—The Borough Engineer recommended that a 2½-horse-power Wilton Petrol Engine, offered by Messrs. Walker and Sons, of Tewkesbury, for £13 10/- be purchased for driving the lathe at the Tewkesbury Works. Resolved, That the recommendation be. approved and adopted.

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

CHAS. H. MARGRETT,

Chairman.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 20th November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Aldermen Davies, Margrett, Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Green and Stewart (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

1 -Chairman Resolved, That Alderman Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

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

3—Fire Brigade—Report of Captain—The Captain reported that the Brigade was called to an outbreak of fire at 149, High Street, in the occupation of Mr. D. Davies. Damage about £100. Brigade expenses £3 5/-. Also on the 28th ultimo to an outbreak of fire at 10, Royal Crescent. Damage about £45. Brigade expenses £2 19.

Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That Aldermen Baker and Steel and Councillors Green and Stewart be appointed the Fire Brigade Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

4 --Motor Cab Licences—Read, an application from Mr. S. A. Sperry, of 225, High Street, for two Motor Cab Licences, and from the Oxford Garage Co., Portland Street for one licence. Resolved, That the applications be granted subject to inspection and satisfactory reports thereon.

Read, an application from the Bristol Tramways & Carriage Company, Limited, for additional motor cab licences. Resolved. That 12 additional licences be granted.

Fares—Read, an application from the Queen's Hotel Company, Limited, asking that the present scale of motor cab charges should be raised from 1/- to t/6 for the first mile or fraction of a mile. Resolved, That the application be not granted.

5—Committee Fixtures for 1918--Resolved, That the meetings of the Committees of the Council for 1918 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), viz.: —

THREE WEEKS PREVIOUS TO COUNCIL MEETING.

1st Week

Tuesday • • Public Library • • 4.55 p.m.

Wednesday .. Water • • 3 p.m.

Friday • • Town Improvement and Spa .. 3 p.m.

2nd Week.

Tuesday General Purposes and Watch • . 3 30 p.m.,

Wednesday Parks, Recreation Grounds and Allotments.. 11 a.m.

Thursday Electricity and Lighting • • 3 p.m.

Friday • • Burial Board 12.30 p.m.

Plans Sub-Committee 2.30 p.m. • •

Street and Highway (View) 3 p.m.

3rd Week.

Monday .. Street and Highway (Second Meeting) .. 3 p.m.

Tuesday Finance 3.30 p.m.

WEEK FOLLOWING WEEK OF COUNCIL MEETING.

Monday Farms Sub-Committee	2.45 p.m.
Public Health	3.15 p.m.
Tuesday • • Plans Sub-Committee • •	2.30 p.m.
Street and Highway	3 p.m.
Wednesday Art Gallery and Museum	12.30 p.m.

6--Public Lighting---Read, a memorial from Mr. H. Lemon and others, and also letters from Miss B. Roberts and Mr. E. Holt-Evans, asking for additional lighting in Parabola Road, Spread Eagle Terrace, and The Park respectively. Resolved, That in view of the Lighting Restriction Order, the Committee are unable to arrange for the lighting of additional gas lamps.

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7--Borough Arms— Read, a letter from the Wicliffe Cycle Company, asking for permission to use the Borough Arms on their bicycles. Resolved. That the application be not granted.

8--War Charities Act, 1916 —Read, an application from Mr. H. T. Rainger for registration of the Cheltenham Fund under the War Charities Act, 1916. Resolved, That a Certificate of Registration be granted. Cadet Corps

9—Retail Coal Prices Order, 1917—Read, a letter from the Cheltenham and District Coal Merchants' Association, asking that the maximum prices of sales of 2 cwt. or less to consumers at merchants' or dealers' shops or yards (other than depots, wharfs, or railway sidings), should be increased to 2/- per cwt. for Seconds House Coal and 1/11½d for Kitchen Coal, and also that a maximum price 41/- should be fixed for best Drawing Room Coal. (Mr. Pates attended the meeting). Resolved, That the maximum price for sales of 2 cwt. or less to consumers at dealers' shops or yards be increased as requested, and that the Town Clerk be instructed to give notice accordingly, but that the application as to Drawing Room Coal be not granted.

J. WAGHORNE.

Chairman.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Wednesday, the 14th November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Candle, Green and Stewart, and Mr. G. Dimmer (Alderman Davies in the chair).

1—Chairman-Resolved, That Alderman Davies be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Curator's Report—The Curator reported that there had been 1,434 visits to the Art Gallery and Museum since the 10th October last. (Corresponding period last year, 1,228.)

The following gifts had been received for the Museum: —

H. O. Nicholson Esq., —Bronze Medal to commemorate the visit of George III. to Cheltenham, in 1788.

Captain Alston, —Invitation to the Opening of the Crystal Palace, June 10th, 1854, to the High Bailiff of Cheltenham, (Mr. George Russell).

The Turner Walter Colours from the National Gallery had been re-hung on the screens in the Art Gallery.

Resolved, That an Engraving of "George III. at the Spa" be purchased at a cost of £2.

R. DAVIES,

Chairman.

PARKS. RECREATION GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillor Dodwell.

1---Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Baker 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 21st November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, The Deputy Mayor, Councillors Boulter and Dodwell (the Deputy Mayor in the chair).

2—Visitors—Resolved, That the following Members be appointed Visitors of the Recreation Grounds, Allotments, etc.: —

Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground—Alderman Baker and Councillor Dodwell.

Naunton Park Recreation Ground—The Deputy Mayor and Alderman Steel.

Whaddon Lane Recreation Ground—Councillors Sawyer and Taylor.

Grow Street Recreation Ground—Alderman Baker.

Folly Lane—Alderman Baker, Councillors Sawyer and Taylor.

Whaddon Lane Allotments—Alderman Steel and Councillor Dodwell.

Pittville Gardens—Councillors Boulter and Betteridge.

3-Promenade Bandstand—Resolved. That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have the piece of garden ground in the centre of the open space returfed at a cost of £3 13s.

4-Pittville Estate—Trees—Several letters were received asking either for the removal or lopping of trees on the Pittville Resolved. That the same be adjourned for the Committee to view.

5-Recreation Grounds—Football—Read. an application from the Naunton Park Association Football Club for permission to play football at the Naunton Park Recreation Ground. An application was also received from the Sunningend Junior Football Club to play at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved. That permission be granted subject to the usual conditions.

Organised Games—An application was received from the Head Mistress of the Dunalley Street Schools for permission for some of the scholars to play hockey at the Agg-Gardner Recreation Ground. Resolved, That the application be granted.

6—Grove Street Recreation Ground—The Medical Officer of Health having called attention to this condition of the Ground, Resolved, That the Deputy Mayor and Alderman Baker be asked to inspect the same and report to the next meeting.

7—Pittville Gardens—Wild Fowl—Resolved, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to make a substantial reduction in the number of wild fowl at Pittville.

JOHN D. BENDALL,

Chairman.

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BURIAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel, Councillors Caudle, Dodwell, Mann and Stewart.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Councillor Stewart be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on. Friday, the 23rd November, 1917—Present: The Mayor, Aldermen Baker and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Mann, and Stewart (Councillor Stewart in the chair).

2—Land adjoining Cemetery—The Town Clerk reported that the tenant was willing to convert this land into arable. The Borough Surveyor submitted a plan of the land which he recommended should be immediately taken into the Cemetery, leaving the remainder to be broken up. Resolved, That the portion of the fence be altered so as to include the land shewn on the plan, and that the remainder of the land be let to Mr. Denley on a yearly tenancy (subject to the right to take any additional land required for the Cemetery on a month's notice). Resolved also, That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to have two elm trees on the land felled and the others lopped and trimmed.

3—Grants of Grave Spaces—Resolved, That the Common Seal be affixed to Grants No. 5005 to 5013 (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 Phoebe Anne Stewart and Lionel Barnett. Headstones to graves of Frank Albert and Percival St. Clair Hawkins and Jemima Wells. Kerbing to grave of —. Smithies.

J. STEWART,

Chairman.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 13th November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Davies and Steel, Councillors Caudle, Green, Mann, Moore, Pates and Wilkins, Miss Fegan, Messrs. J. R. Claridge, J. R. Caudle, E. Gridley, A. Miles and E. C. Rogers (Alderman Steel in the chair).

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Steel be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

2—Appointment of Sub-Committee—Resolved, That the Chairman, Alderman Davies, Councillor Green, Miss Fegan, Messrs. W. R. Caries, F. J. Caudle and J. R. Claridge be appointed the Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

3—Librarian's Report—Read, the Monthly Report of the Librarian. Receipts: £7 9s. 6d. Presentations: Sir J. T. Agg-Gardner, M. P., (1 volume), H. Bubb, (136 volumes), J. W. Willis-Bund (pamphlet), Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce (8 Journals, 3 year Books and 1 pamphlet). The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Library during the month of October last was 2,102, and the number of volumes issued from the Lending Library was 8,582.

4— Natural Science Society Library—Read, a letter from the Natural Science Society forwarding the annual subscription of £3 3s. 0d., and asking that in view of depleted Membership, etc., that the annual subscription might be reduced. Resolved, That the subscription be reduced to £2 2s. 0d. per annum.

5—Library Association Conference—The Librarian submitted a report of the proceedings at the annual Meeting of the Library Association held in London from the 3rd-5th October last.

ROBT. STEEL,

Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At a Meeting of this Committee held on Friday, the 16th November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Alderman Steel, Councillors Horsley, Wood and Wilkins.

1—Chairman—Resolved, That Alderman Waghorne be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

R. OWEN SEACOME,

Town Clerk.

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At a meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday, the 27th November, 1917: Present—The Mayor, Aldermen Steel and Waghorne, Councillors Horsley, Silk, Wilkins and Wood (Alderman Waghorne in the chair).

2-General District Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th instant, on the collection of the second instalment of this Rate. Amount collected £5,185 17s. 10d. Leaving outstanding £19,763 8s. 2d.

3-Water Rate—Read, the Report of the Borough Accountant, dated the 27th instant, on the collection of this Rate for the half year ending the 25th March next. Amount collected £3,272 10s. 4d. Leaving outstanding £9,032 7s. 6d.

4-Loans—The Borough Accountant reported that he had received £250 and £54 on loan. Resolved. That Debentures be sealed and issued accordingly.

He also reported that he had arranged terms for the continuance of loans amounting to £8,900. Resolved. That the terms arranged be approved and that the Debentures be endorsed accordingly.

He also reported that he had arranged for the continuance of loans of £500 and £200 advanced on account of the Street Improvement Loan, the term for which had expired. Resolved, That the terms arranged be approved and that Debentures be sealed and issued in respect of other authorised loans.

5—Abstract of Accounts—The Borough Accountant submitted the tenders (3) received for printing the Abstract of Accounts for the year ending the 31st March last. Resolved, That the tender of Messrs. Harvey and Healing of 5/5 per page be accepted.

6—Borough Accountant's Department—Resolved, That the salary of Miss Moore, junior clerk, be increased to 12/6 per week.

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

In hand on the 23rd October last	5,908 17 9
Received since that date	<u>15,389 18 9</u>
	21,298 16 6
Paid since that date	<u>14,922 2 3</u>
	6,376 14 3
Being Sinking Fund Accounts	In hand 16,361 10 7
"Leslie Young Benefaction" Accounts	do. 154 15 4
Cultivation of Lands Order, 1916" Account.	do. <u>17 1 0</u>
	16,533 6 11
less General Accounts	Overdrawn. <u>10,156 12 8</u>
	In hand 6,376 14 3

J. WAGHORNE,

Chairman.